

# WEB SOCKETS



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A dark blue background featuring a white line-art wireframe of a city skyline with various skyscrapers and buildings.

# **A BRIEF HISTORY OF WEB APPLICATIONS**

# **PART I**



# 1992: RESEARCH PAPERS



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# World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) (p5 of 15)  
information appears in a manner consistent with author  
intent. Read about the [Accessible Rich Internet Applications  
Working Group](#) and the [Web Accessibility Initiative \(WAI\)](#).

Comments are welcome through 16 November 2018.

Call for Review: Pointer Events Level 2 is a W3C Proposed  
Recommendation

16 October 2018 | [Archive](#)

The [Pointer Events Working Group](#) has published a Proposed  
Recommendation of [Pointer Events Level 2](#). The features in  
this specification extend or modify those found in Pointer  
Events, a W3C Recommendation that describes events and  
related interfaces for handling hardware agnostic pointer  
input from devices including a mouse, pen, touchscreen, etc.  
For compatibility with existing mouse based content, this  
specification also describes a mapping to fire Mouse Events  
for other pointer device types.

Comments are welcome through 13 November 2018.

Upcoming Workshop: Web Standardization for Graph Data

15 October 2018 | [Archive](#)

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Arrow keys: Up and Down to move. Right to follow a link; Left to go back.  
H)elp O)ptions P)rint G)o M)ain screen Q)uit /=search [delete]=history list

```
GET /~tbernerslee/cern.html HTTP/0.9
```

```
HTTP/0.9 200 OK
```

```
Content-Type: text/html
```

```
<HTML>
```

```
  <HEAD>
```

```
    <TITLE>CERN - A Research Paper</TITLE>
```

```
  </HEAD>
```

```
  <BODY>
```

```
    <BLINK>It is pronounced NOO-klee-ur</BLINK>
```

```
  </BODY>
```

```
</HTML>
```





# 1999: SERVER-SIDE RENDERING



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**GET /HTTP/1.0**

Content-Length: 0

Accept: \*/\*

Cookie: trackmeplease=ohyes;itsthe=90s

**HTTP/1.0 200 OK**

Content-Type: text/html

Content-Length: 32768

SetCookie: okay;iwill=trackyou;itsthe=90s

<!-- web32.hotbot.com; generated in 9.7s blistering seconds -->

<html><head><title><meta name="keywords"

value="hotbot,lycos,search,whatever-is-google">

<title>Hotbot So Awesome Lol</title><head><body>...



**2006:  
AJAX**



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**GET /v1/index.html**

**GET /v1/data**

**GET /v1/data?since=201810261130**

**GET /v1/data?since=201810261135**

**GET /v1/data?since=201810261140**

**...**





**2007:  
COMET**



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GET /v1/index.html

GET /v1/data/pipe <----- never "closes"



# 2011: WEB SOCKETS



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GET /v1/index.html

GET /v1/data

GET /v1/events HTTP/1.1

Upgrade: websocket

Connection: Upgrade

Sec-WebSocket-Key: x3JJHMBDL1EzLkh9GBhXDw==

Sec-WebSocket-Version: 13

Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: firehose

Origin: http://example.com

HTTP/1.1 101 Switching Protocols

Upgrade: websocket

Connection: Upgrade

Sec-WebSocket-Key: HSmrc0sMlYUkAGmm5OPpG2HaGWk=

Sec-WebSocket-Protocol: firehose



The background of the left half of the image is a dark blue gradient. Overlaid on this is a white line-art sketch of a city skyline, featuring several tall buildings with intricate scaffolding and structural details. A bright beam of light originates from the top left and shines down towards the center of the text.

**SO WHAT CAN  
WE DO WITH  
WEB SOCKETS?**

**A DEMO**

**CECI N'EST PAS UN SLIDE**



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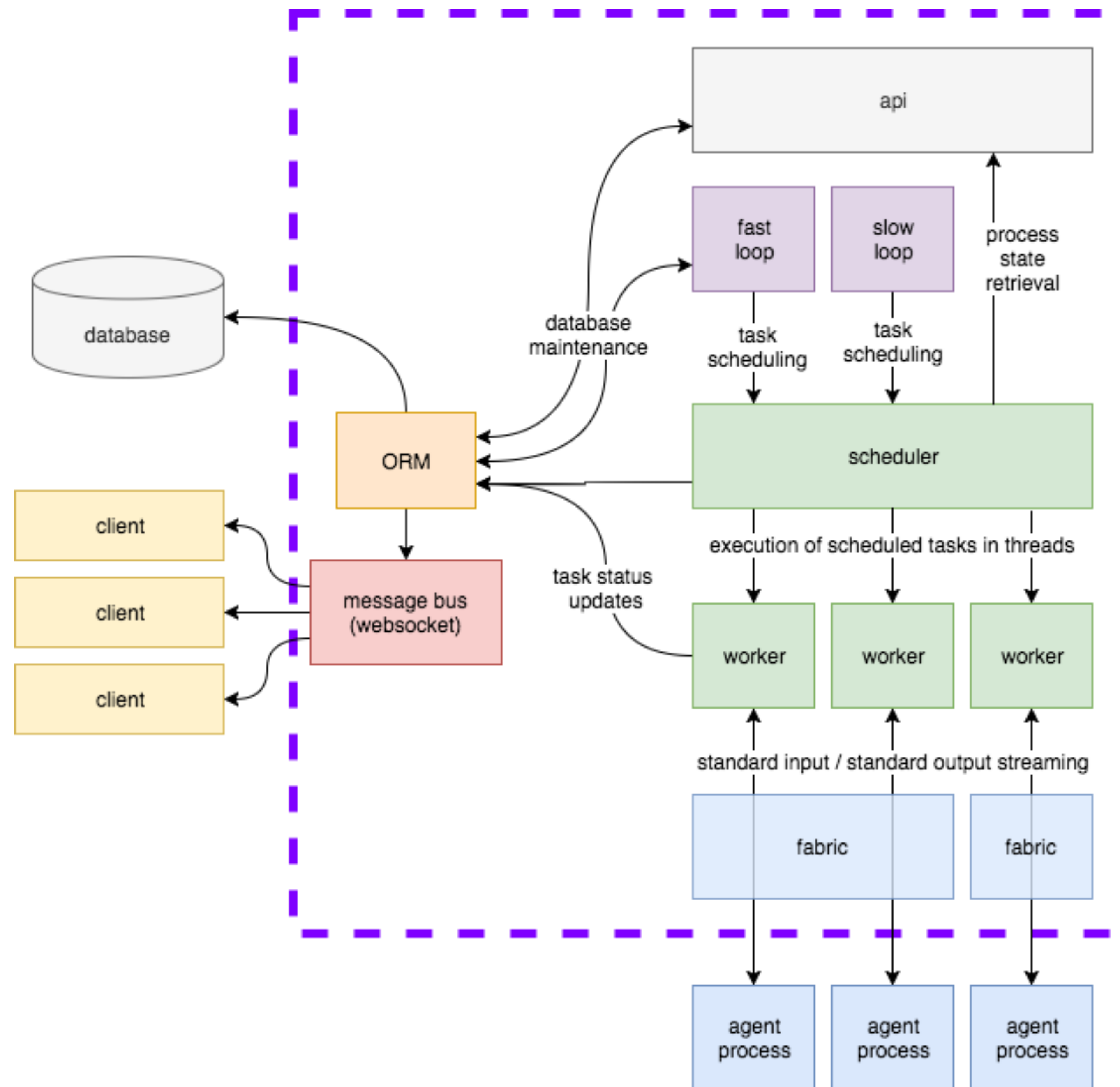


# NEW PARADIGM FOR SHIELD

GET */v2/bearings*

GET */v2/events*





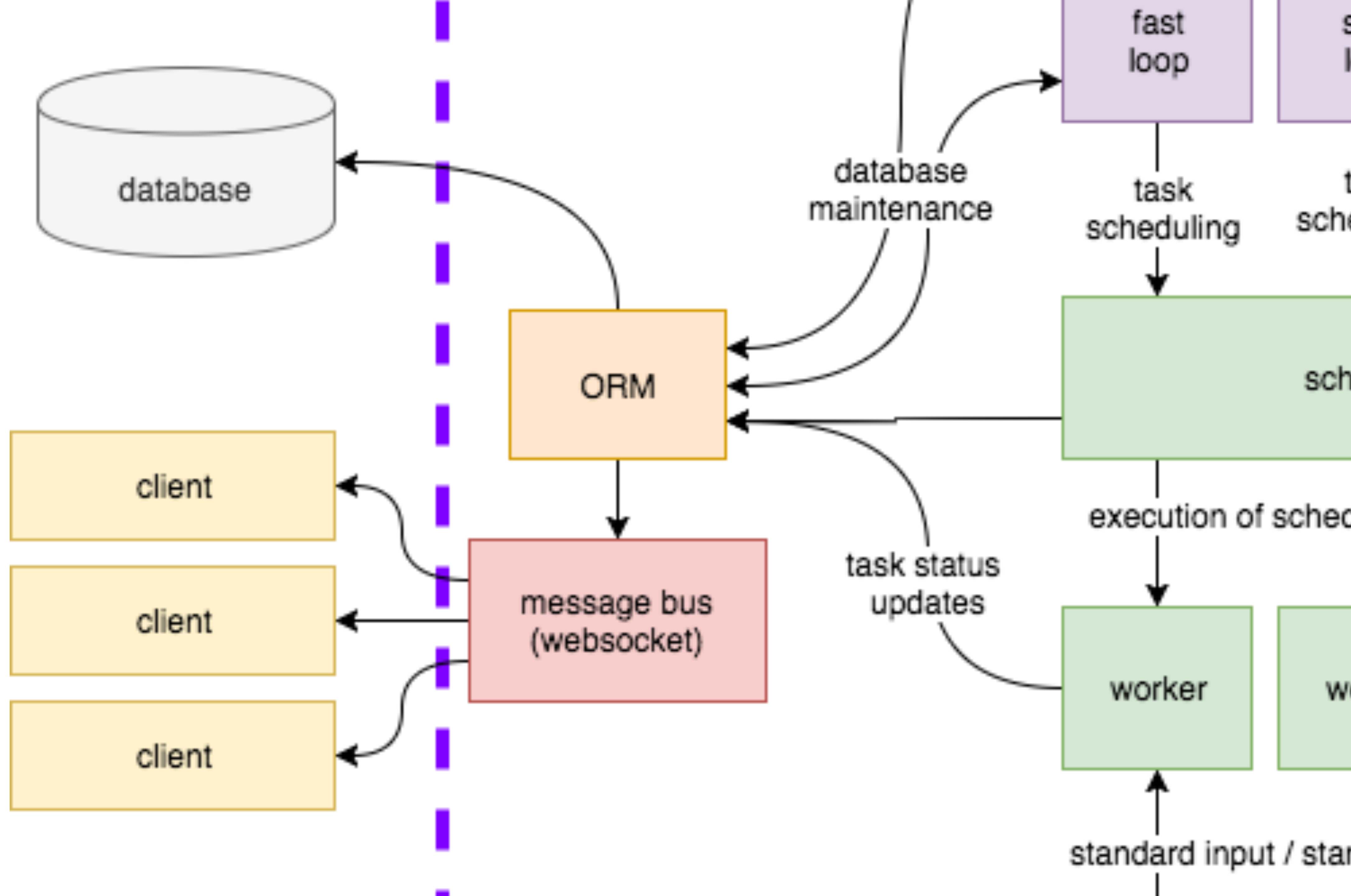
# THE **MESSAGE** BUS (HONK, HONK!)



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# EASY PEASY



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```
type WebSocket struct {
    conn *websocket.Conn
}

func (r *Request) Upgrade() *WebSocket {
    log.Debugf("%s upgrading to WebSockets", r)

    upgrader := websocket.Upgrader{
        CheckOrigin: func(r *http.Request) bool { return true },
    }

    conn, err := upgrader.Upgrade(r.w, r.Req, nil)
    if err != nil {
        r.Fail(0ops(err, "an unknown error has occurred"))
        return nil
    }

    return &WebSocket{
        conn: conn,
    }
}

func (ws *WebSocket) Discard() {
    for {
        if _, _, err := ws.conn.NextReader(); err != nil {
            log.Infof("discarding message from ws client...")
            ws.conn.Close()
            break
        }
    }
}

func (ws *WebSocket) Write(b []byte) error {
    return ws.conn.WriteMessage(websocket.TextMessage, b)
}
```

# EASY PEASY

```
ws = new WebSocket(url);

ws.onopen = function () {
  console.log('all socketed up!');
};

ws.onclose = function () {
  console.log('websocket closing...');
};

ws.onerror = function () {
  console.log('oops...');
};

ws.onmessage = function (m) {
  try {
    process(JSON.parse(m.data));
  } catch (e) {
    console.log("unable to parse event '%s' from stream: ", m.data, e);
  }
};
```





# THINGS YOU CAN USE WEBSOCKETS FOR:

**A CHAT SYSTEM!**

**AN EVENT STREAM!**

**SKYRIM IN THE BROWSER?**

**TAILING LOGS...**



**PAT HAS QUESTIONS  
(I JUST KNOW HE DOES)**



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