

State of Diagnostic Tools

for production environment in the Node.js ecosystem

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Production should look like this



But sometimes it feels like this



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```
# Expose V8 compiler information to perf
$ node --perf-basic-prof \
    --interpreted-frames-native-stack \
    --no-turbo-inlining \
    server.js

# Sample our server for 10 seconds
# at a frequency of 99Hz
$ perf record -F99 -g -p $(pgrep -x -n node) -- \
    sleep 10
$ perf script > result.perf
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```
const session = new require('inspector').Session();
session.connect();

app.get('/slow/', function slowHandler(req, res) {
  session.post('Profile.enable', () => {
    session.post('Profile.start', () => {
      heavyComputation.run();
      res.send({});
    });
    session.post('Profile.stop', (err, { profile }) => {
      fs.writeFileSync(`slow.cpuprofile`,
        JSON.stringify(profile));
    });
  });
});
```

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```
const heapProfiler = require('heap-profile');
// Start sampling
heapProfiler.start();

app.get('/leaker/' , function leakerHandler(req, res) {
  memoryLeaker.run();
  res.send({});

  // Write the current heap sample to leaker.heaprofile
  heapProfiler.write(`./leaker.heaprofile`);
});
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```
# Generate core.$PID of a running process
$ gcore $PID

# Will create a `core` file when node aborts
$ ulimit -c unlimited
# Tell node to abort on uncaught exceptions
$ node --abort-on-uncaught-exception \
server.js

# Open llnode
$ npx llnode node -c CORE-FILE
```

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```
$ node --require node-report \  
server.js
```

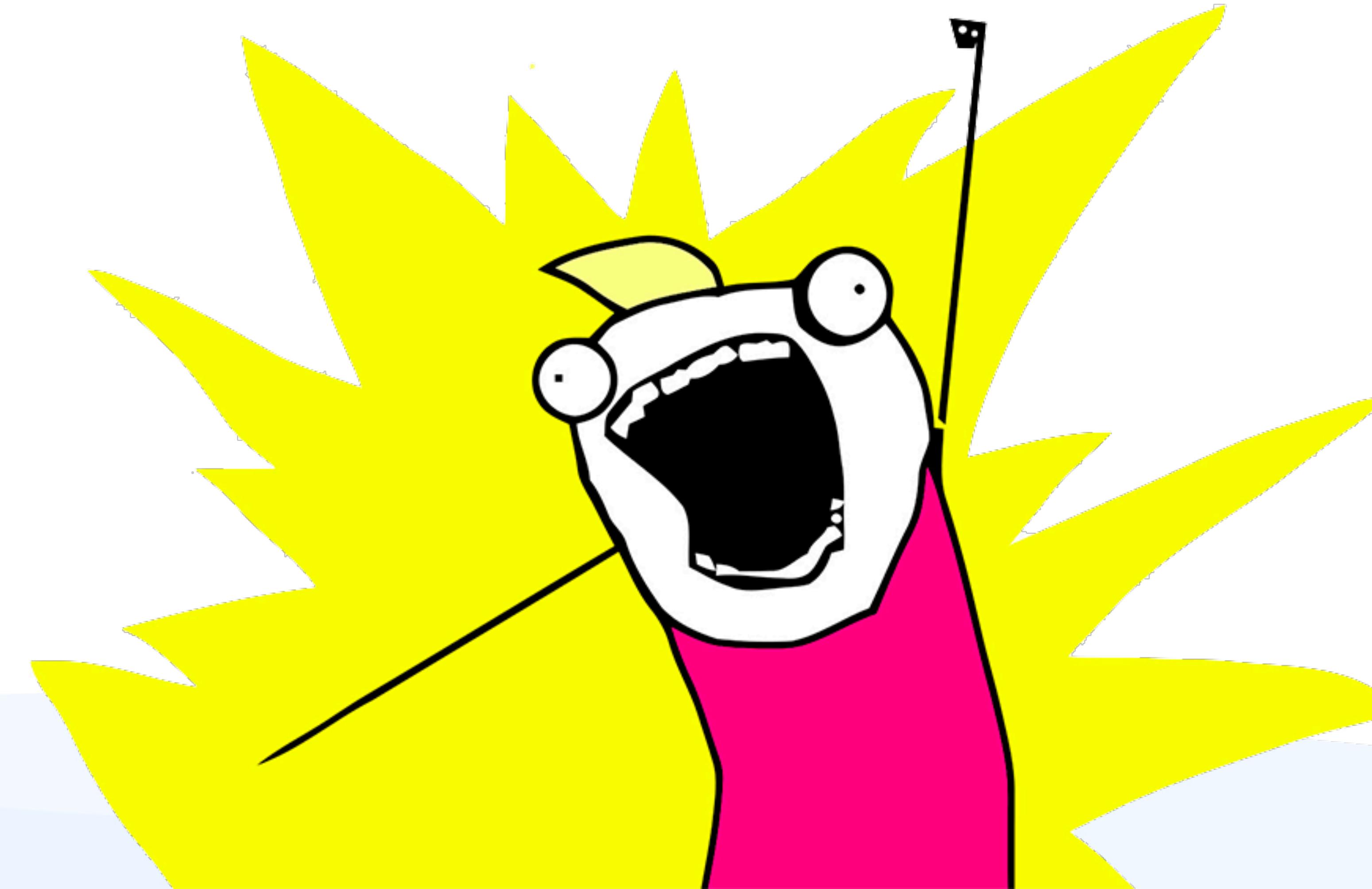
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```
const pino = require('pino')();  
  
app.addHook('onRequest', async (req, res) => {  
  pino.info(req); });  
app.addHook('onResponse', async (res) => {  
  pino.info(res); });  
  
app.listen(3000, (err, address) => {  
  pino.info({ address: address,  
    status: 'running'}); });
```

Now what?

INSTRUMENT ALL THE THINGS



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<https://github.com/mmarchini/nodejs-production-diagnostic-tools>

```
$ docker pull mmarchini/nodejs-production-diagnostic-tools:latest
```

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