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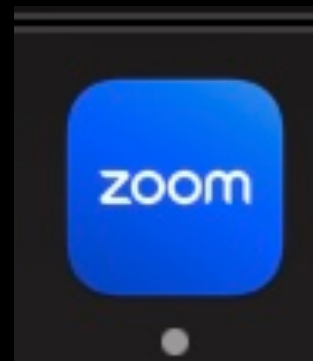
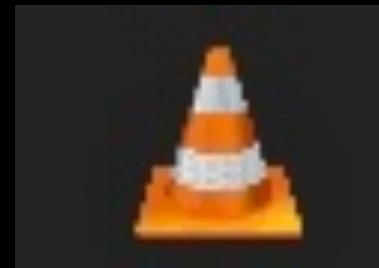
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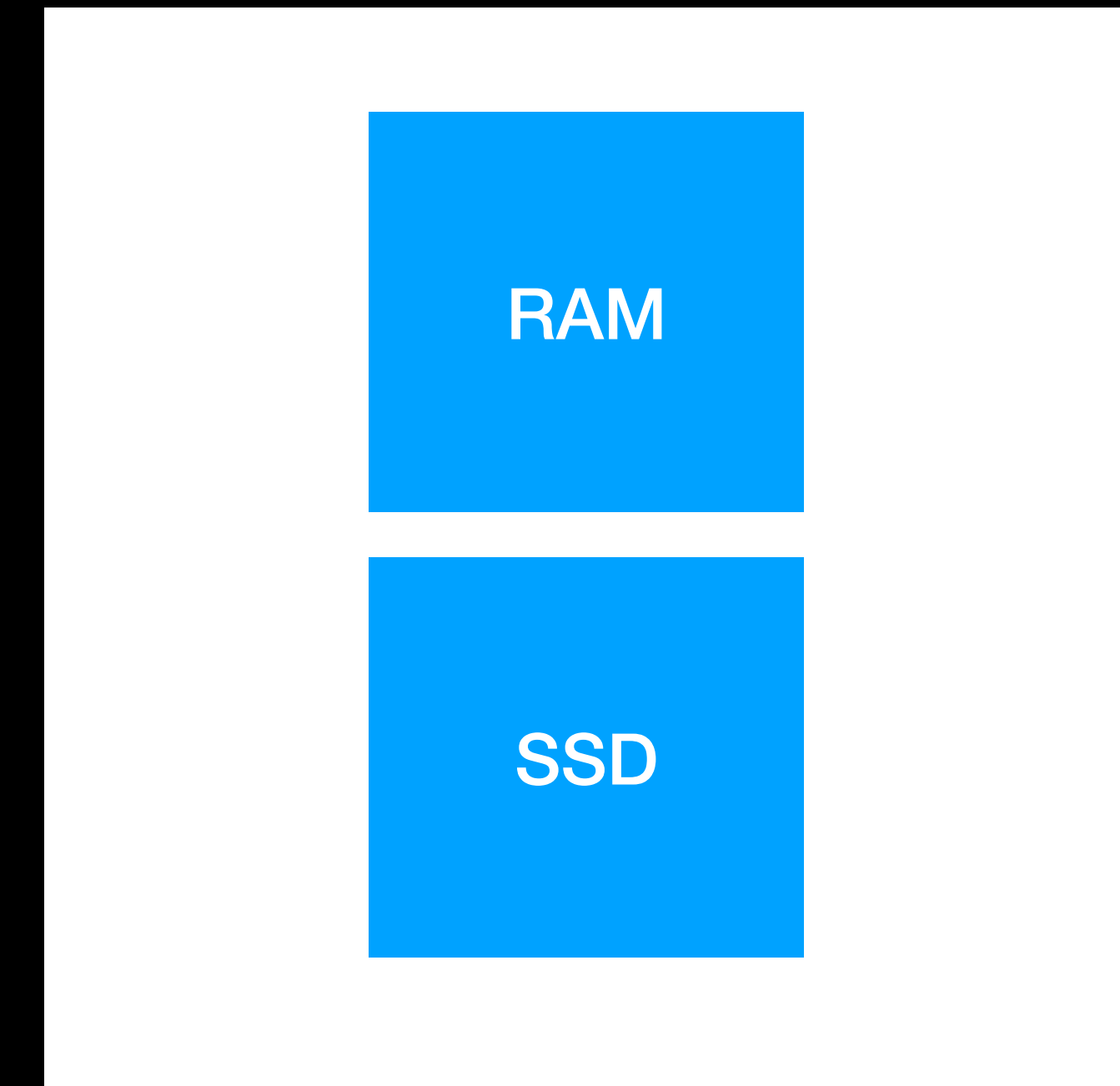
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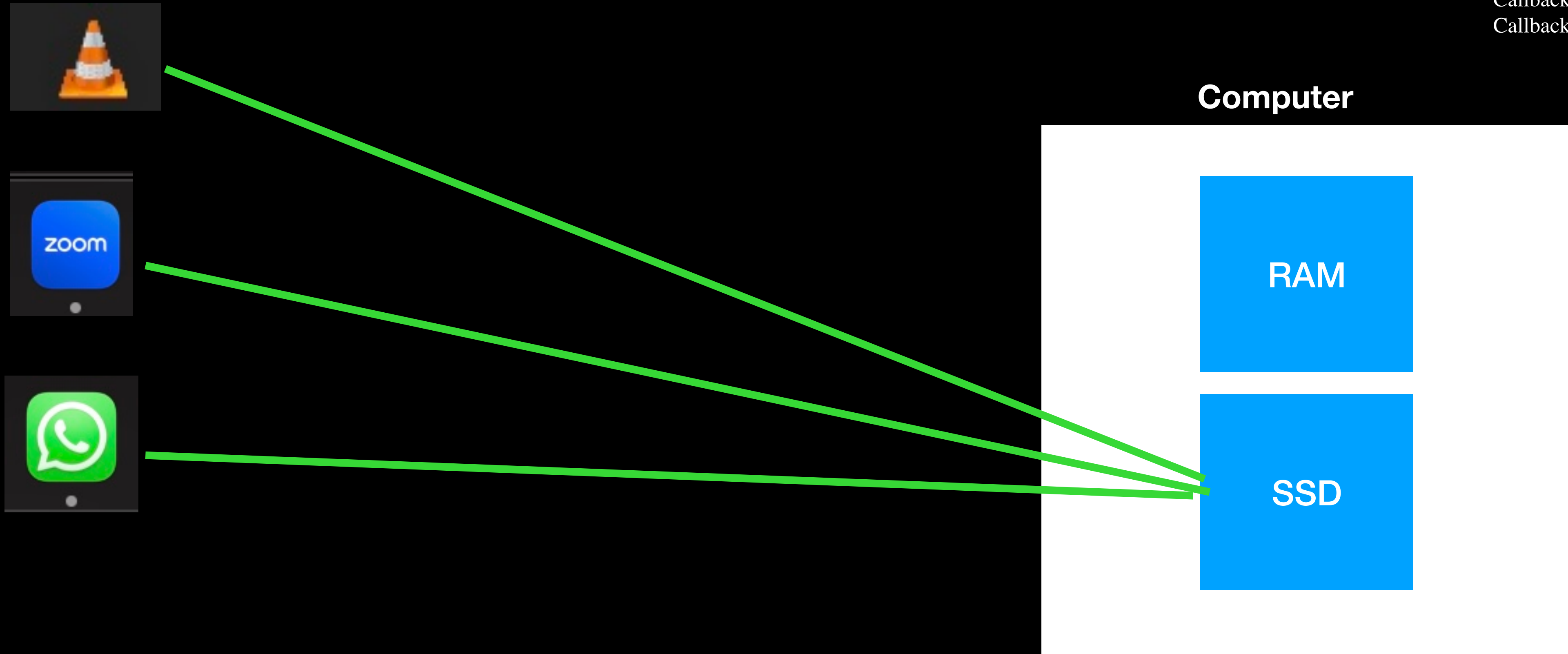
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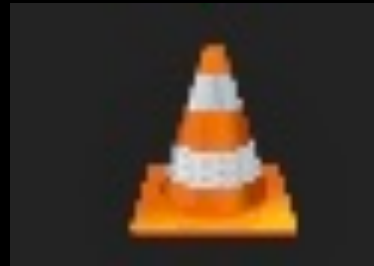
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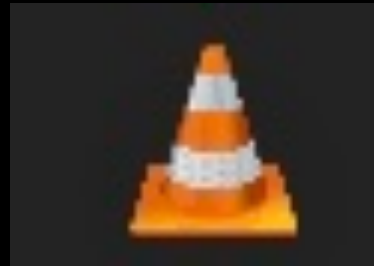
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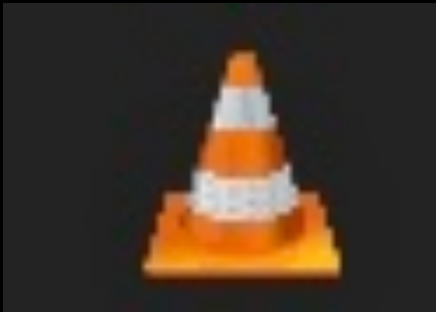
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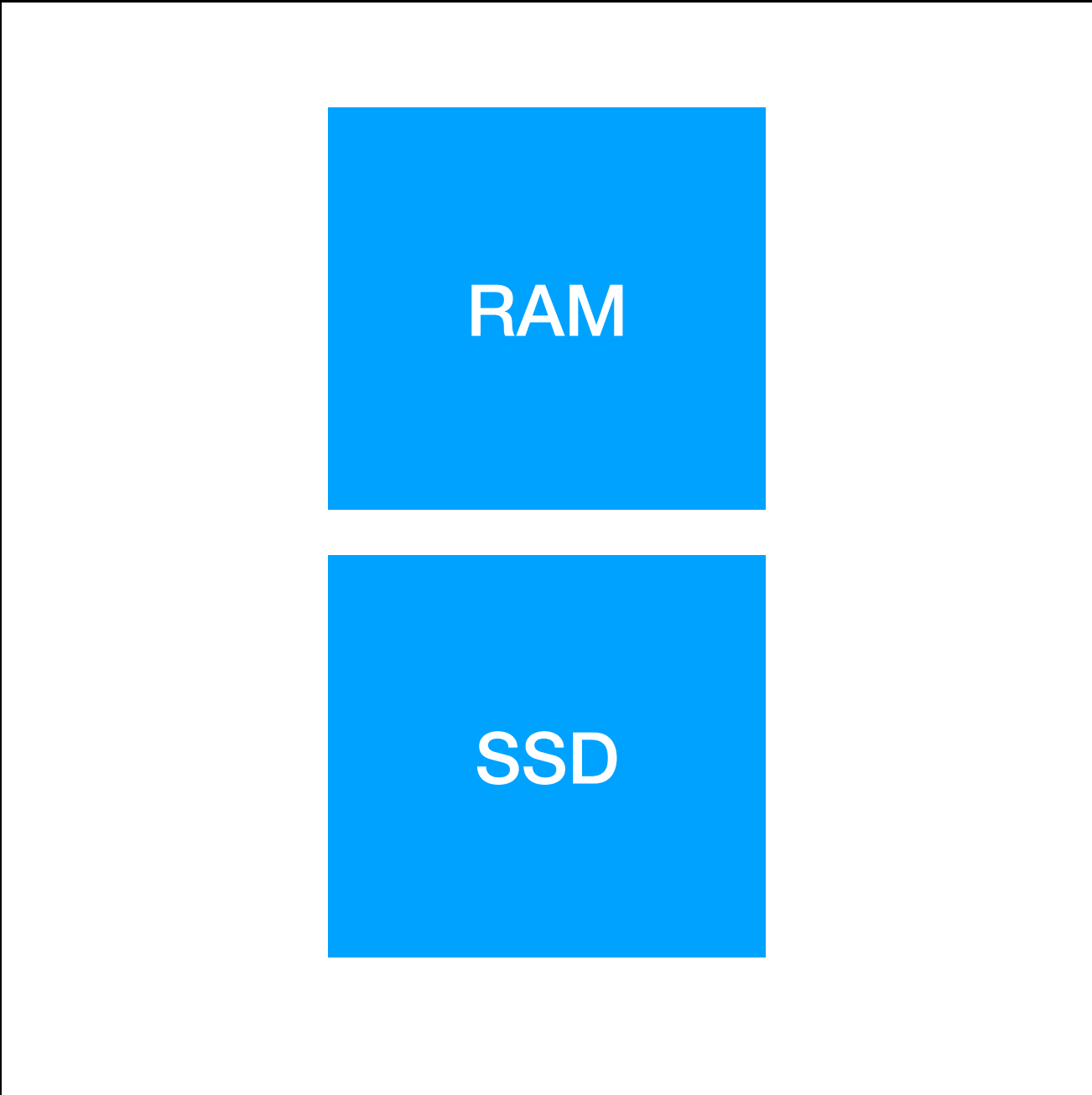
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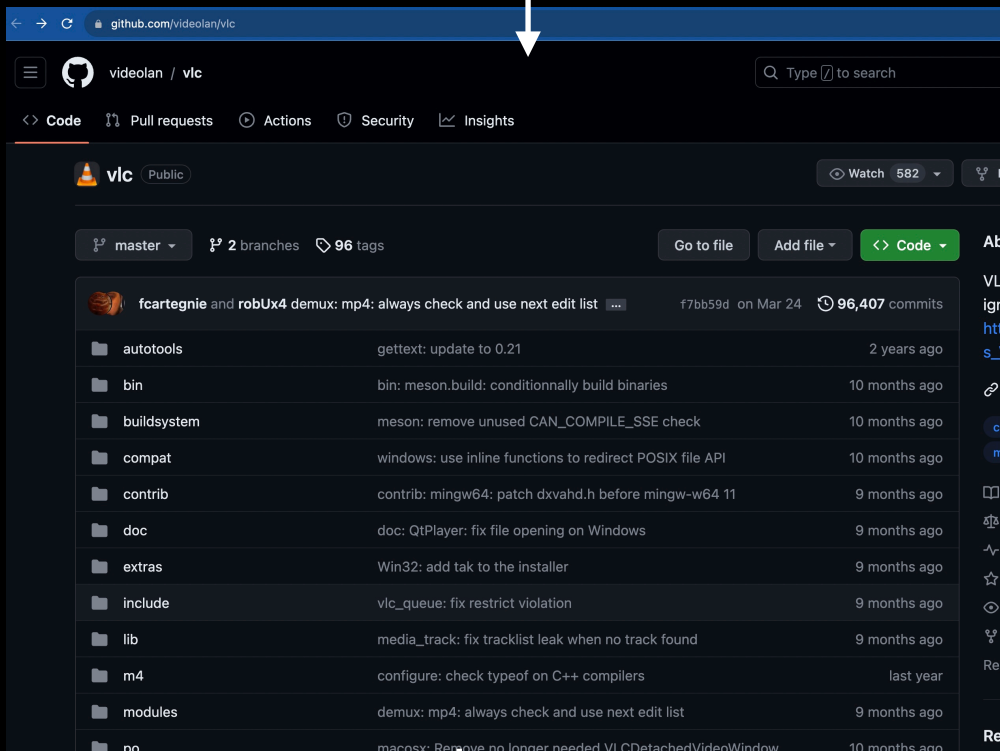
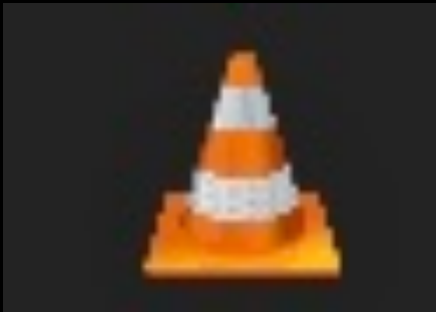
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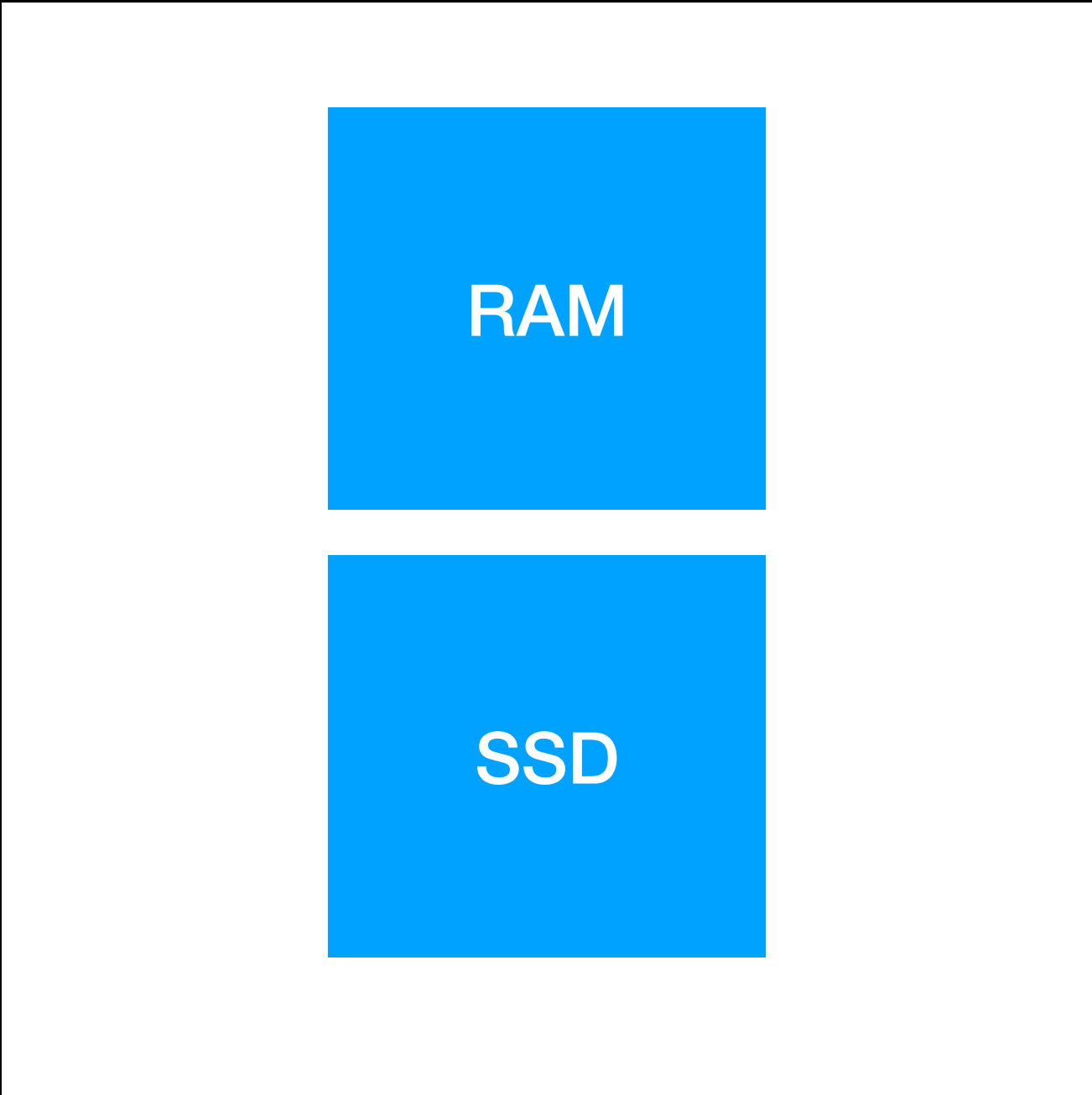
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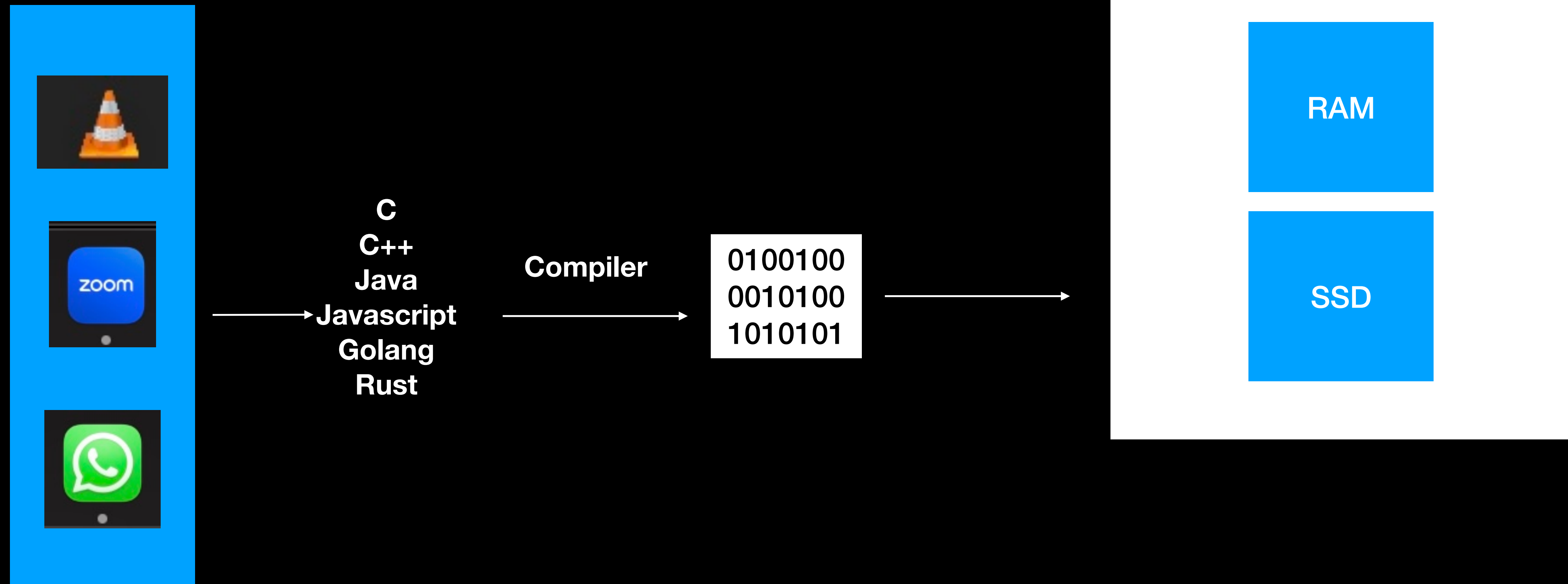
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1. Languages are used to write applications
2. Developers write high level code in these languages
3. Every language has a **compiler** which converts the developer code into 01



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Compiler

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What are compilers - Compilers convert high level developer friendly code into 0s and 1s

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Compiler

Lets see it in action - The C++ compiler is called g++

Step 1 - write code

```
#include <stdio.h>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << "hello world" << endl;
    return 0;
}
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Step 2 - Compile code

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→ 100xdevs g++ a.cpp -o temp
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```

Step 2 - Compile code

```
100xdevs g++ a.cpp -o temp
```

Step 3 - Run the code (put it in ram)

```
→ 100xdevs ./temp
hello world
```

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But JS is different (interpreted)

Step 1 - write code

```
index.html (11 lines)  
console.log("Hello world");  
    

```

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Step 1 - write code

```
vim (nvim)  
console.log("Hello world");  
|
```

Step 2 - Run code

```
..ects/100xdevs (-ZSH)  
→ 100xdevs node a.js  
Hello world  
100 x
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Compiled languages

1. First need to compile, then need to run
2. Usually don't compile if there is an error in the code
3. Example - C++, Java, Rust, Golang

Interpreted Languages

1. Usually go line by line
2. Can run partially if the error comes later
3. Example - Javascript, Python

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Lets write some code

Please sign up on repl.it

Why repl.it? - It's lets you compile (or interpret?)
javascript code without having it locally on your machine
lets try to run the hello world program

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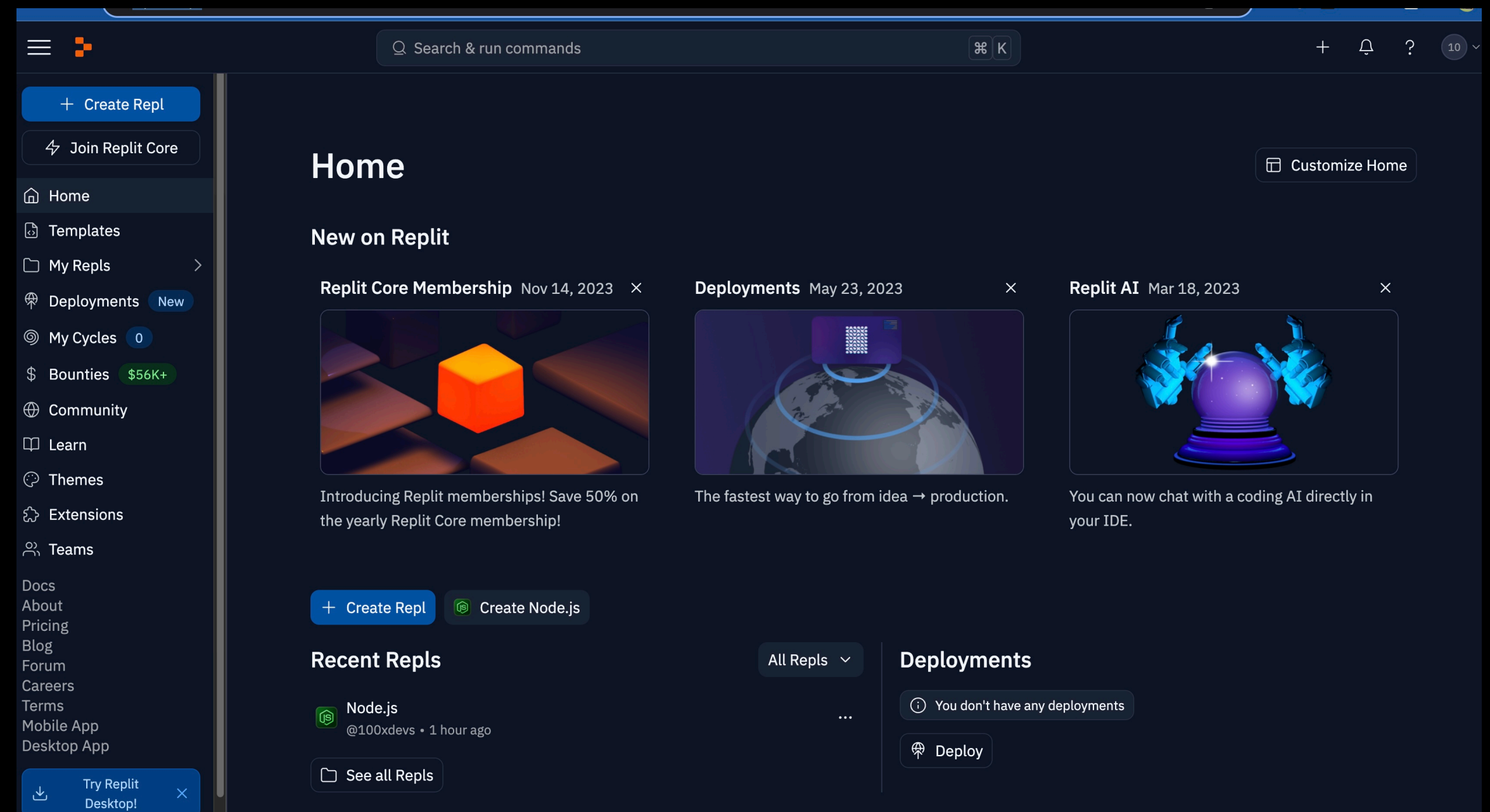
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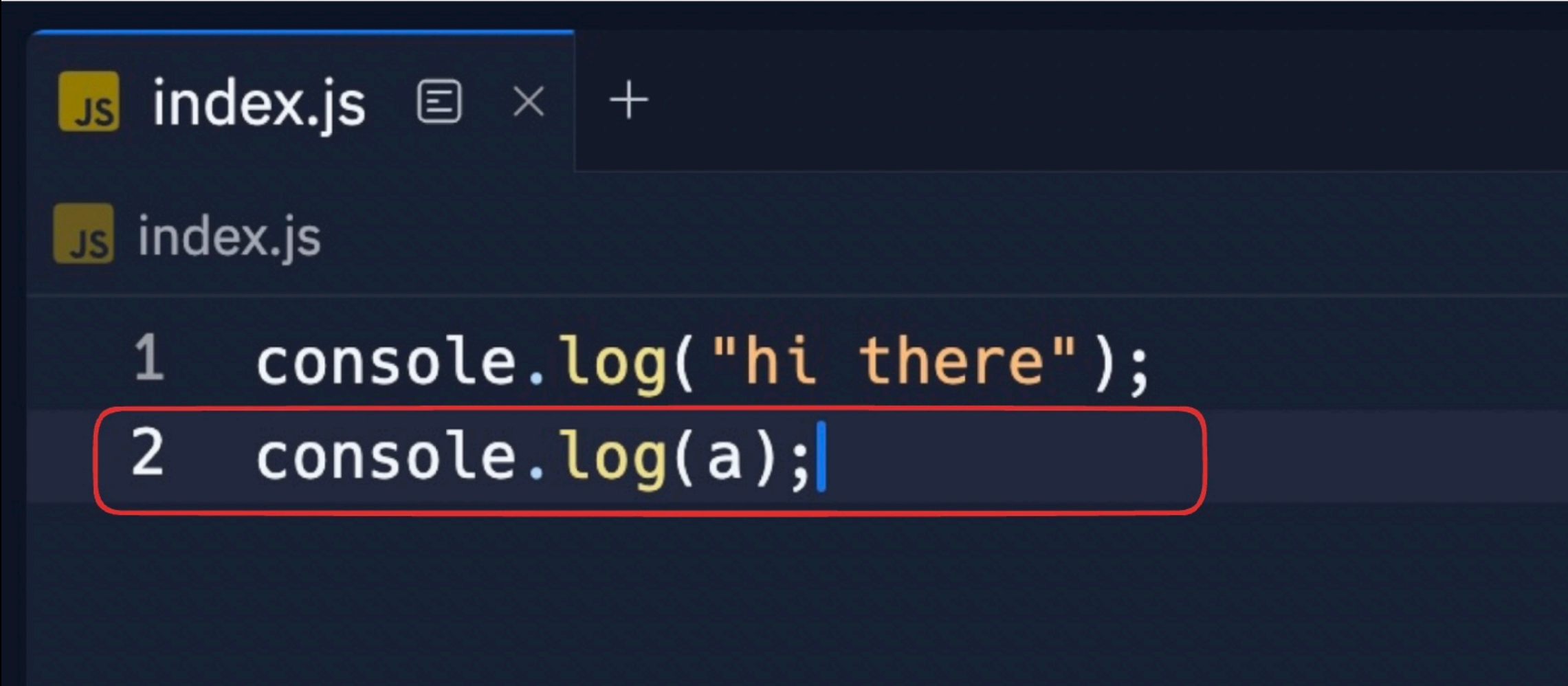
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```



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Lets write some code

Now run this code



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Lets write some code

Same code for C++

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    cout << "hello world" << endl;
    cout << a << endl;

    return 0;
}
```

```
→ 100xdevs g++ a.cpp -o temp
a.cpp:8:11: error: use of undeclared identifier 'a'
    cout << a << endl;
           ^
1 error generated.
→ 100xdevs
```

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JS is an interpreted language

C++ is a compiled language

Interpreted languages go line by line while executing, can partially run until an error comes

Why is JS better than other languages

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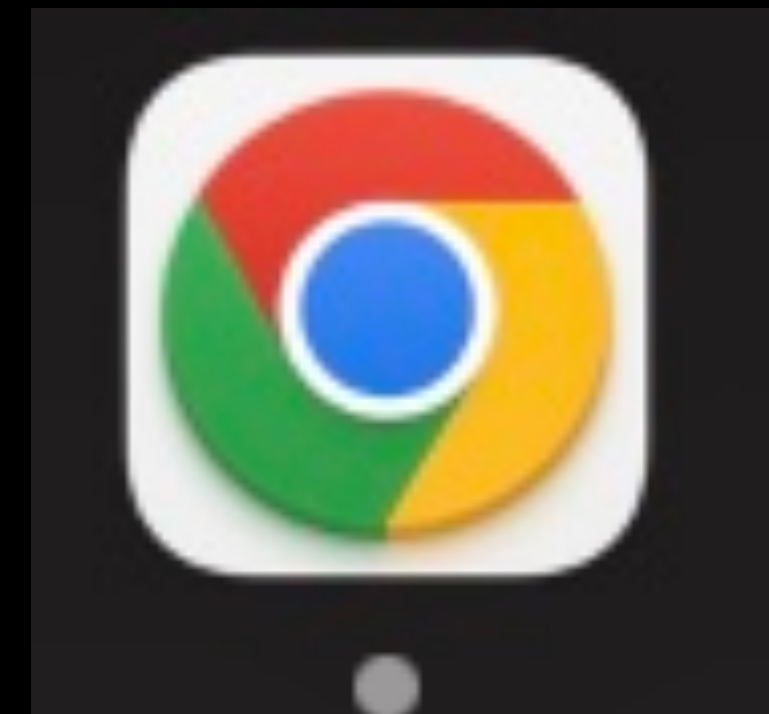
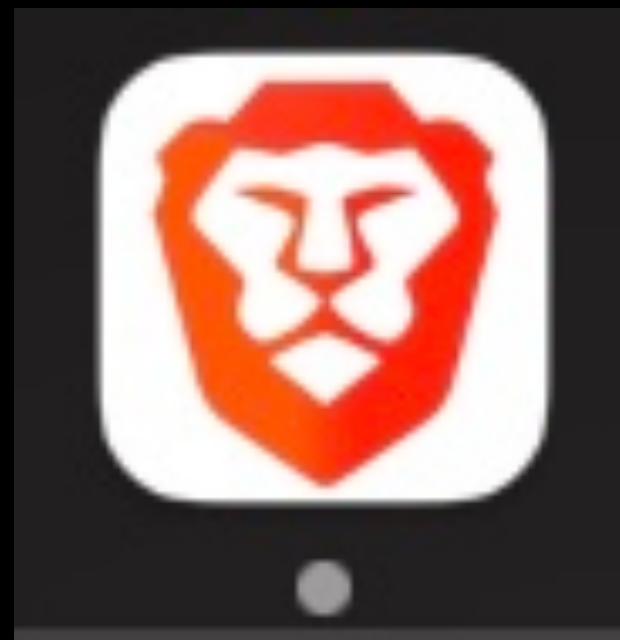
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Browsers can only understand HTML/CSS/JS (not technically true)

Thanks to Node.js , Javascript can also be used for “Backend Development”



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C++

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;

int main() {
    int number = 5;           // Declaration of an integer variable
    number = "Hello";        // This will cause a compile-time error

    cout << number << endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Benefits - More strict code

Javascript

```
let number = 5;           // Variable initially holds a number
number = "Hello";         // Variable now holds a string

console.log(number);      // Outputs: "Hello"
```

Benefits - Can move fast

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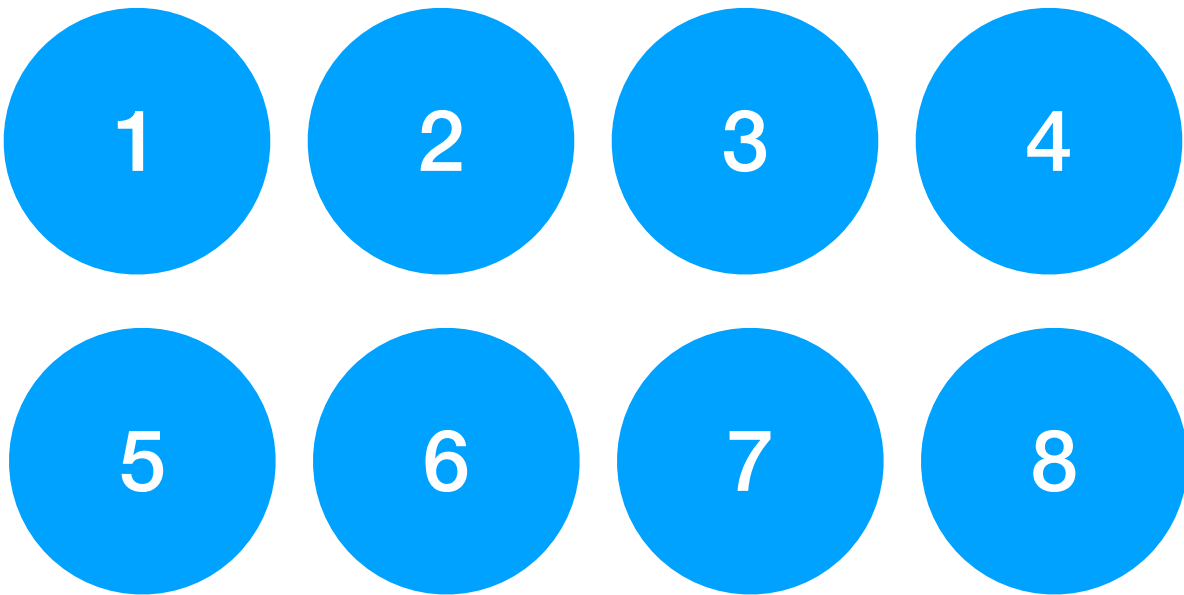
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Mac Machine

Hardware Overview:

Model Name:	MacBook Pro
Model Identifier:	MacBookPro18,2
Chip:	Apple M1 Max
Total Number of Cores:	10 (8 performance and 2 efficiency)
Memory:	32 GB
System Firmware Version:	7450.141.1



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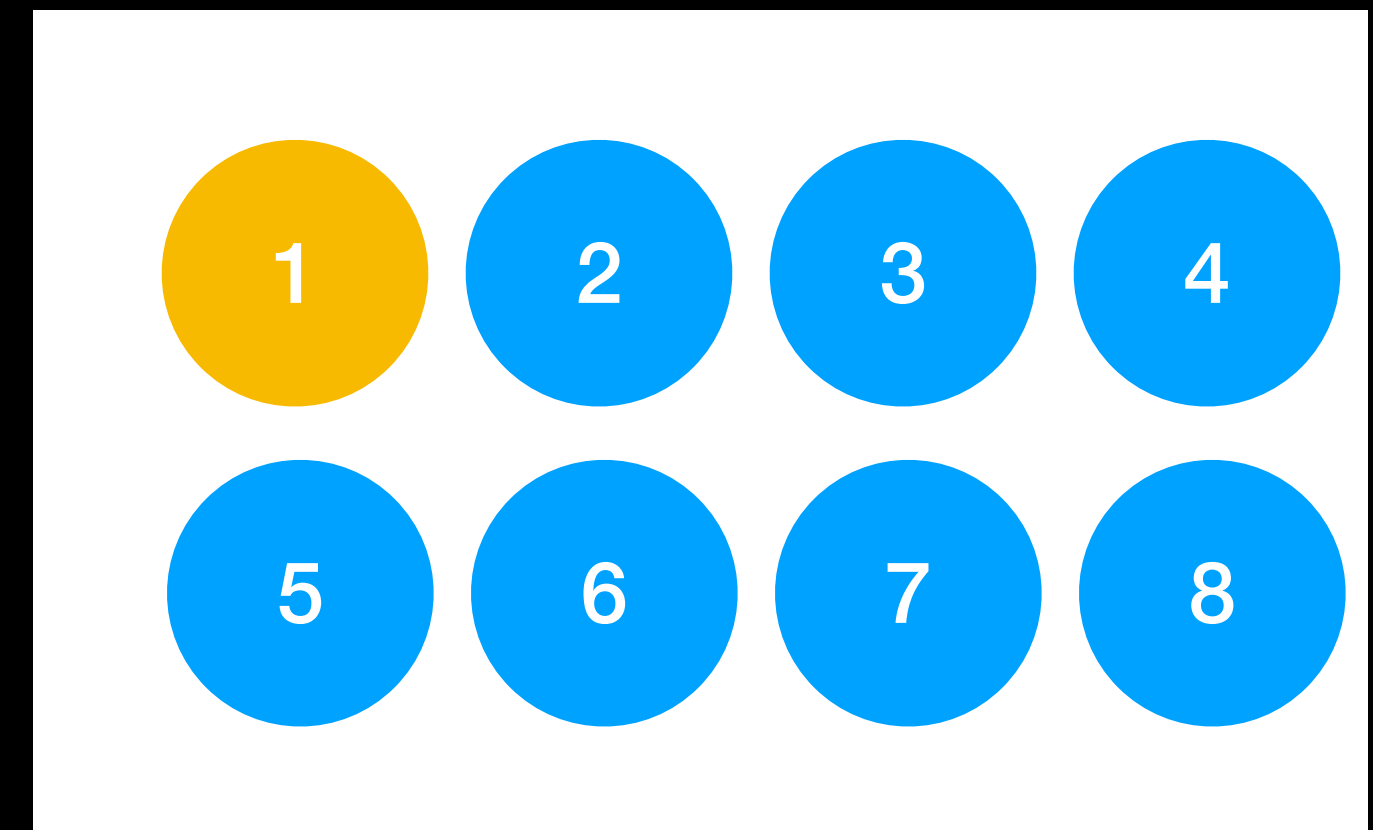
JS can only use one of these at a time

It is *single threaded*

**This is why it is considered to be a bad language for
scalable systems**

There is a way to make it use all cores of your machine

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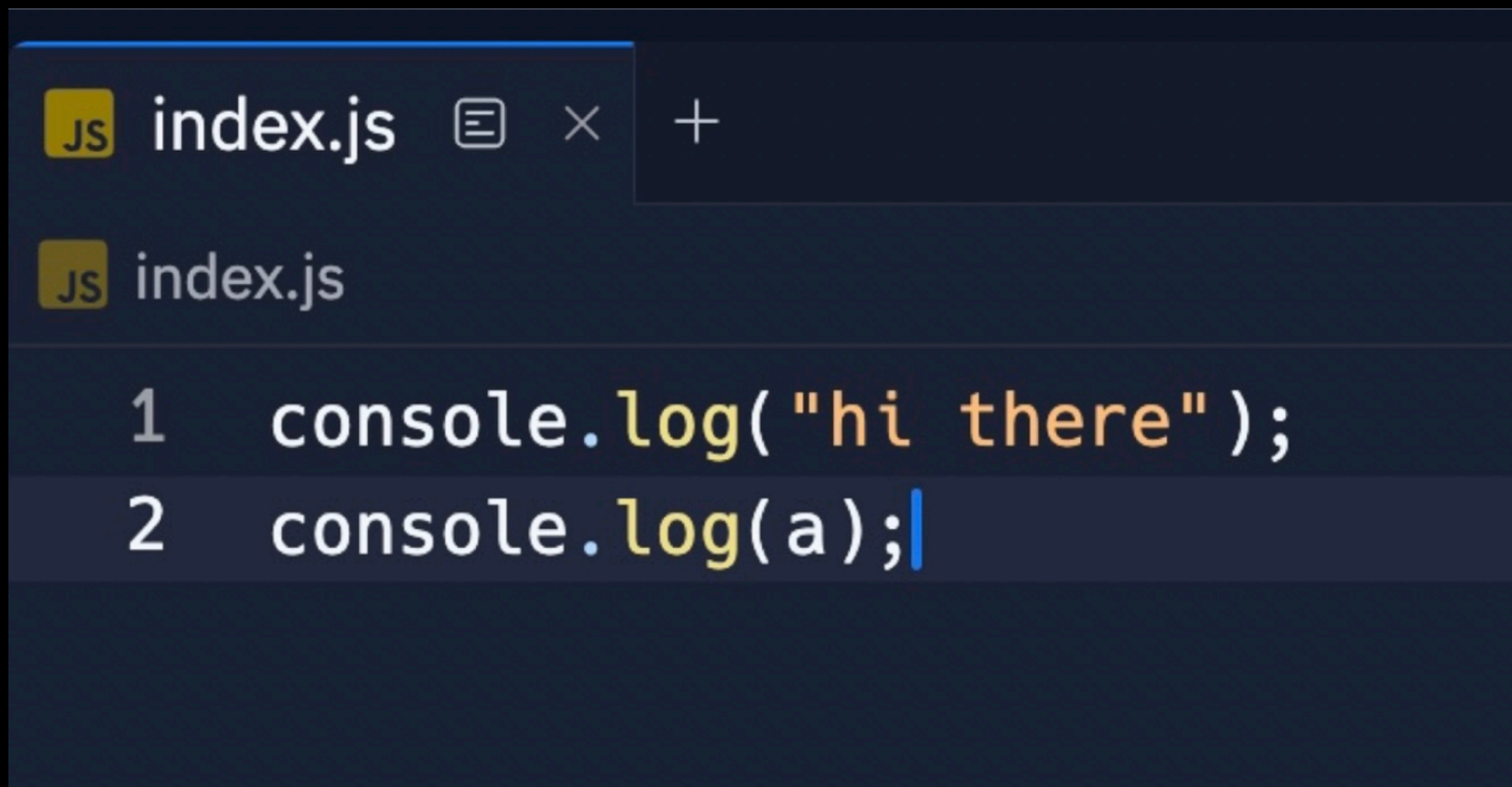
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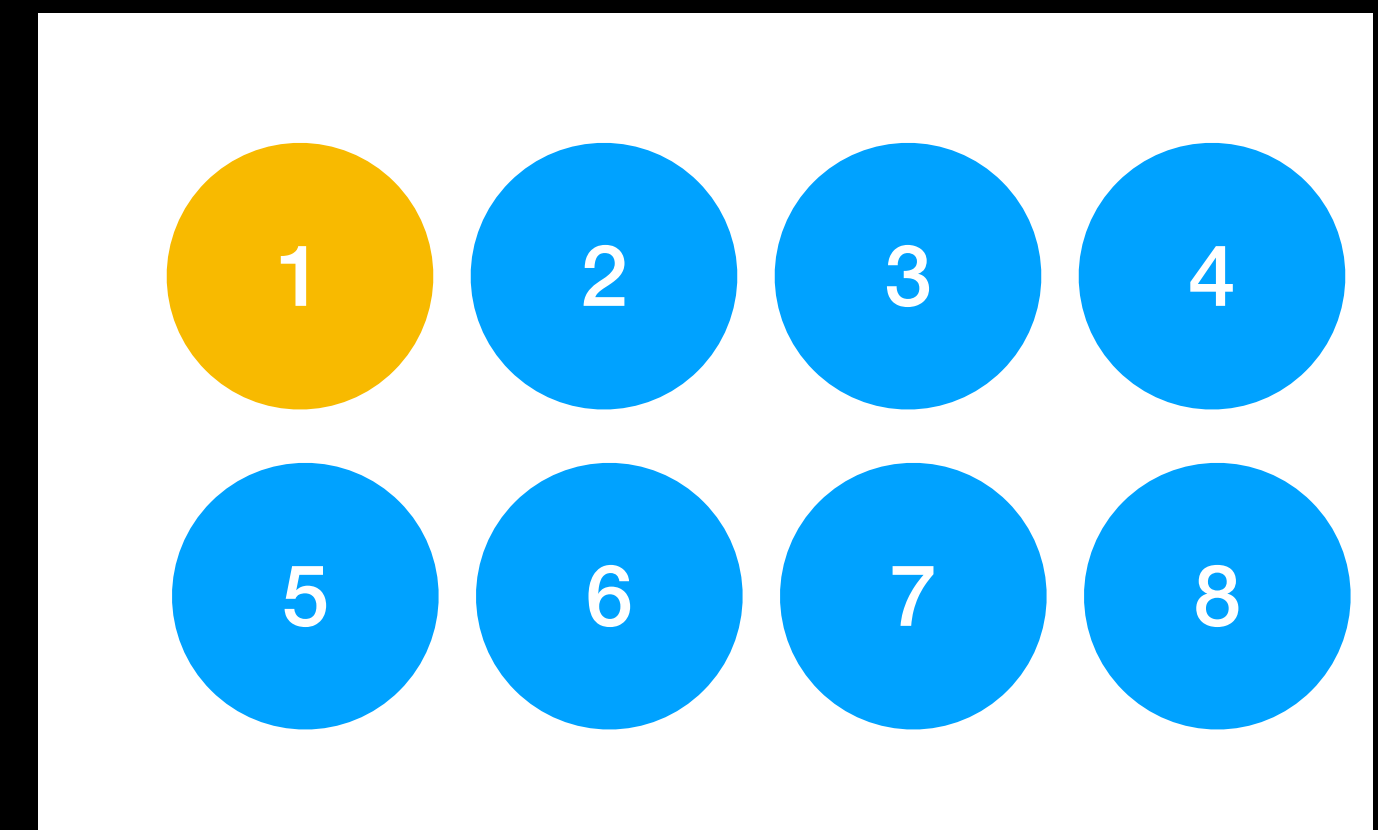
**More practically, JS runs line by line and only
One line runs at a time**



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Variables (let, var, const)

Data types - strings, numbers and booleans

If/else

Loops - For loop

Let's write some code -

1. Write the program to greet a person given their first and last name

2. Write a program that greets a person based on their gender. (If else)

3. Write a program that counts from 0 - 1000 and prints (for loop)

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1. Arrays

2. Objects

Let's write some code -

1. Write a program prints all the even numbers in an array

2. Write a program to print the biggest number in an array

3. Write a program that prints all the male people's first name given a complex object

4. Write a program that reverses all the elements of an array

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Functions let you

1. Abstract out logic in your program
2. Take arguments as an input
3. Return a value as an output
4. You can think of them as an independent program that is supposed to do something given an input
5. Functions CAN take other functions as input - this will confuse you (callbacks)

Let's write some code -

1. Write a function that finds the sum of two numbers
2. Write another function that displays this result in a pretty format
3. Write another function that takes this sum and prints it in passive tense

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<https://gist.github.com/hkirat/898ac1da32b6b347a8c0c3e73e1c0666>

JS index.js > ...

```
1  function sum(num1, num2) {  
2    let result = num1 + num2;  
3    return result;  
4  }  
5  
6  function displayResult(data) {  
7    console.log("Result of the sum is : " + data);  
8  }  
9  
10 function displayResultPassive(data) {  
11   console.log("Sum's result is : " + data);  
12 }  
13  
14 // You are only allowed to call one function after this  
15 // How will you displayResult of a sum
```

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Synchronous

All the code we've written until now
All code running line by line (hence sync)

Asynchronous

Asynchronous functions in programming are those that allow a program to start a potentially long-running operation and continue executing other tasks without waiting for that operation to complete. This is particularly important in environments like web browsers or Node.js, where waiting for an operation to finish (like fetching data from a server or reading a large file) could make the application unresponsive.

Callback functions, event loops, callback queue

Synchronous vs Asynchronous functions

Synchronous

```
function sum() {  
  let ans = 0;  
  for (let i = 0; i < 1000; i++) {  
    ans = ans + i;  
  }  
  return ans;  
}
```

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Synchronous vs Asynchronous functions

Asynchronous (setTimeout)

JS index.js > f fetchData > ...

```
1  function fetchData() {  
2    console.log('Requesting data from the ChatGPT server...');  
3  
4    setTimeout(() => {  
5      console.log('Data received from the ChatGPT server: []');  
6    }, 3000);  
7  }  
8  
9  fetchData();
```

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Better example

```
JS index.js > ...  
1  
2 ✓ setTimeout(function timeout() {  
3   |   console.log("Click the button!");  
4   | }, 1000);  
5  
6   // Expensive operation (takes more than 1s)  
7   let sum = 0;  
8 ✓ for (let i = 0; i<100000000000; i++) {  
9   |   sum = sum + 10;  
10  | }  
11
```

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Network calls

File system calls

Database calls

setInterval

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Disclaimer - This is going to be overwhelming, especially for beginners
Please don't worry if you don't understand the next section, we don't need it for a while

Callback hell, Promises

<https://gist.github.com/hkirat/502ea4573a045804be95083ce5af94dc>

```
// Function to simulate downloading data
function downloadData(callback) {
    setTimeout(function() {
        console.log("Data downloaded");
        callback("Downloaded Data");
    }, 1000);
}

// Function to simulate processing the downloaded data
function processData(data, callback) {
    setTimeout(function() {
        console.log("Data processed");
        callback("Processed " + data);
    }, 1000);
}

// Initiating the process
downloadData(function(downloadedData) {
    processData(downloadedData, function(processedData) {
        console.log("Final result: " + processedData);
    });
});
```

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```
// Function to simulate downloading data, now returns a Promise
function downloadData() {
  return new Promise(function(resolve) {
    setTimeout(function() {
      console.log("Data downloaded");
      resolve("Downloaded Data");
    }, 1000);
  });
}

// Function to simulate processing the downloaded data, now returns a Promise
function processData(data) {
  return new Promise(function(resolve) {
    setTimeout(function() {
      console.log("Data processed");
      resolve("Processed " + data);
    }, 1000);
  });
}

// Using Promises to handle the asynchronous operations
downloadData()
  .then(processData)
  .then(function(finalResult) {
    console.log("Final result: " + finalResult);
  })
  .catch(function(error) {
    console.error("An error occurred:", error);
  });
```

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Async await syntax in promises

Next week/offline video

Assignments

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For today -

1. Create a counter in Javascript (counts down from 30 to 0)
2. Calculate the time it takes between a setTimeout call and the inner function actually running
3. Create a terminal clock (HH:MM:SS)

There will be a video on how to install node.js and run tests locally for the main assignments for this week