



Node.js and You Simeon Bateman | Principle Instigator



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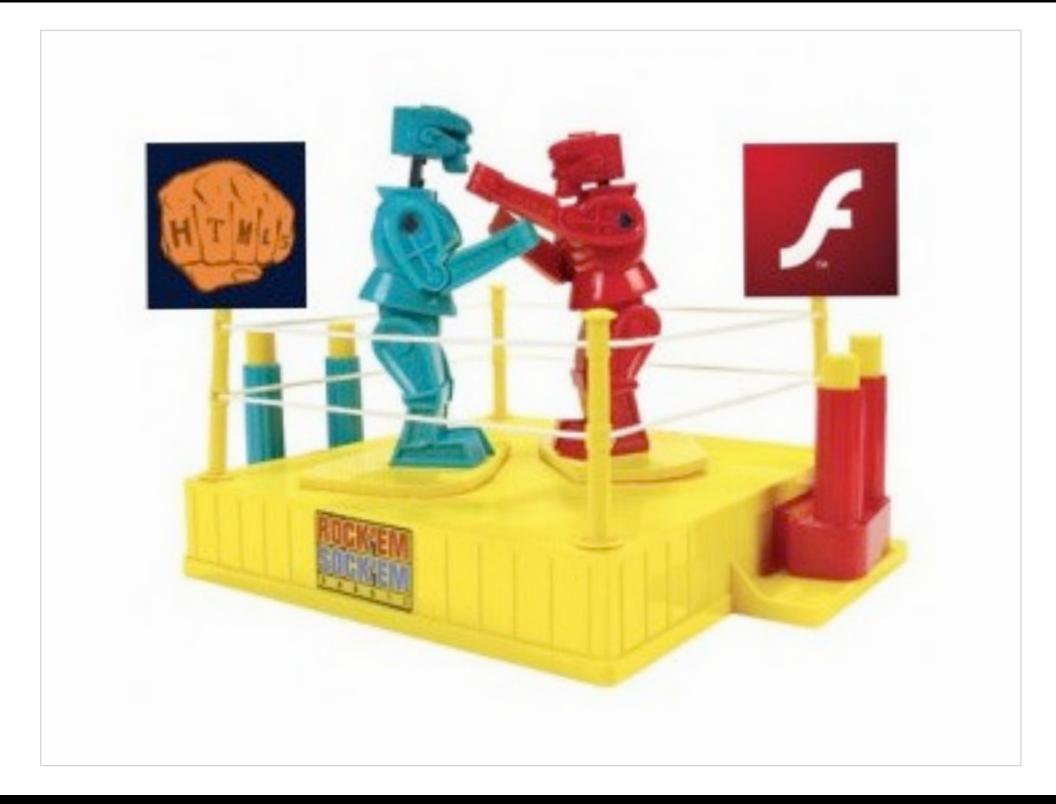
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- Building Web Applications since 98
- Developing Flex applications since 04
- Training Developers since 06
- Tech Junky My whole life

How Did We Get Here





Javascript



- Everybody has some experience with it
- Supports different programing styles
- Once upon a time browser differences were a challenge
- Amazing applications are being built in JS (Gmail)
- Many teams have separate front end and back end engineering teams
- · What if those teams could share one language.



Common JS



- http://www.commonjs.org/
- Create Common API for non browser implementations
- Defines Spec for
 - Modules
 - Class Libraries
 - "Export" functionality
 - System
 - * Standard Input and Output
 - Environmental Variables
 - Command Line Arguments
 - Packages
 - Distribution
 - Dependency Definition
 - Project Documentation
- 30 different Implementations currently



Node.js



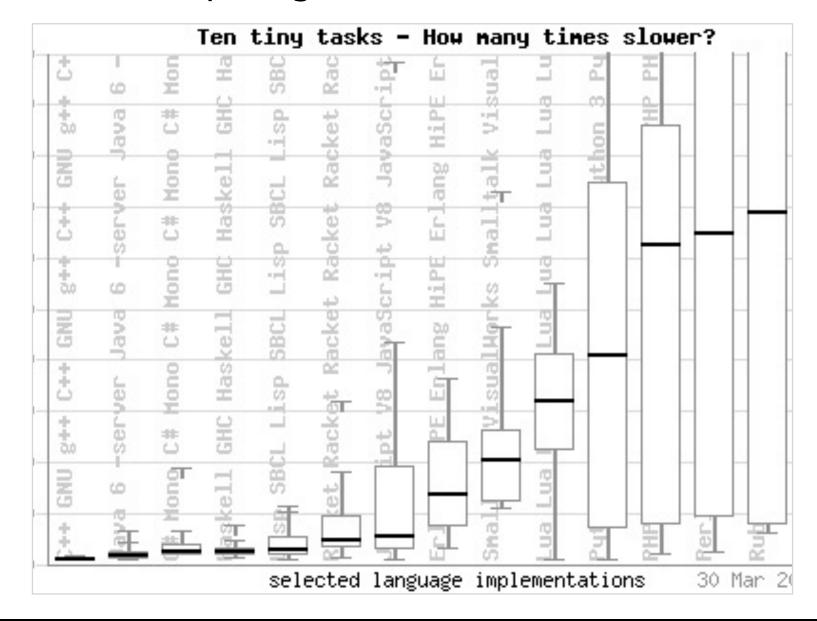
- http://nodejs.org
- Node.js is a non blocking event driven javascript environment
- Built by Ryan Dahl of Joyent
- Focuses on making http and networking first class parts of the environment.
- Runs on Linux, Solaris, OS X, and Window (in the unstable 0.5.x branch)
 - https://github.com/joyent/node/wiki/Installation



Node.js



- Asyncronous
- Event Driven
- Built on top of Google V8 Javascript Engine
- Its Fast!



Blocking Architecture





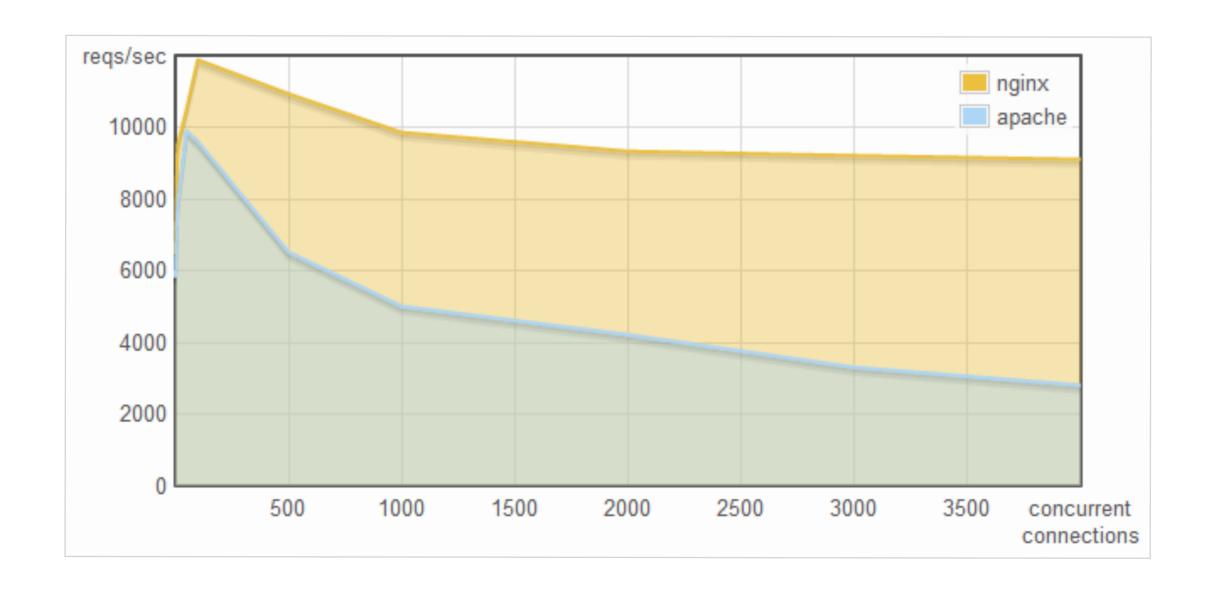
Non-Blocking Architecture





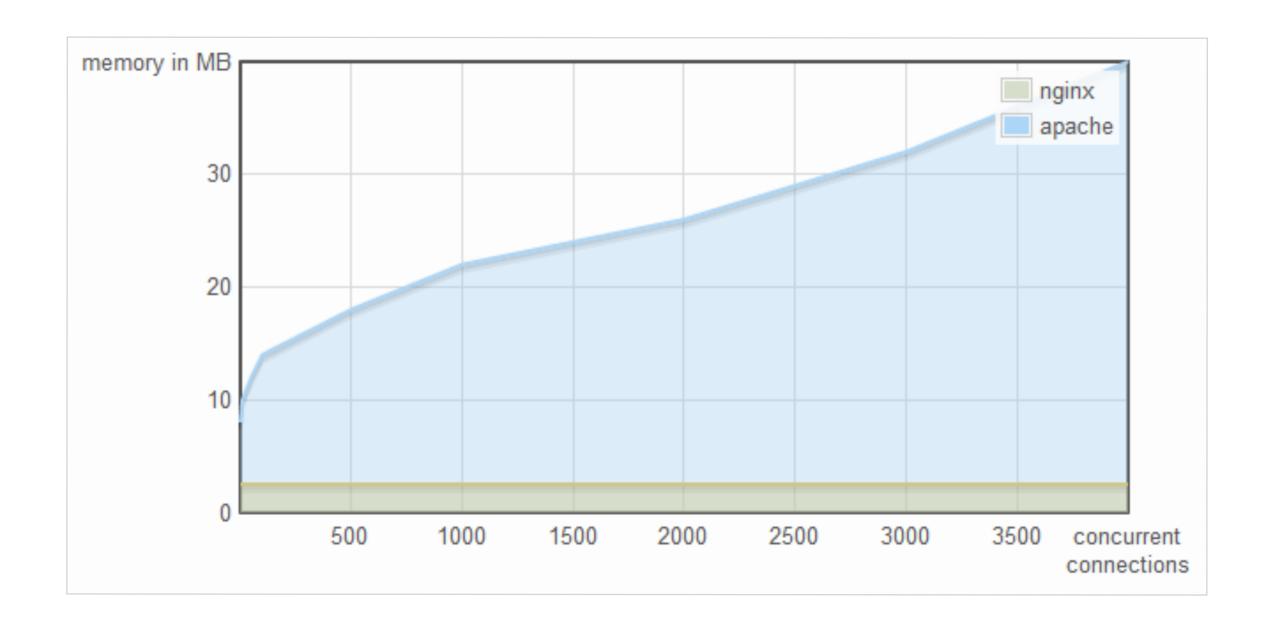
Non Blocking Connections





Memory use





Basic Node.js Demo

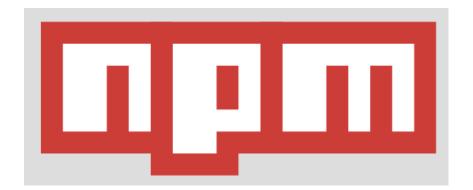


Build a HTTP web server

NPM



- Node Package Manager http://npmjs.org
- · Allows for installation of packages
- Manages dependencies
- Installation local for each project or globally
- Has helper for creating new package.json



Connect



Developed by Sencha http://senchalabs.github.com/connect/

Connect

- Adds the normal HTTP server functionality we are used to
- Includes
 - Logging
 - Session
 - Cookies
 - Body Parser
 - Static File Provider
 - Directory
 - vhost
 - favicon
 - Lots more ...

Connect Demo



- Build a static file server
 - · Often when building web applications, files need to be served from a web server to function correctly.
 - npm init.
 - Add Connect as a Dependency
 - npm install.

Express



- Developed by LearnBoost http://expressjs.com/
- Built on top of Connect to add developer friendly functionality
- Includes
 - Robust routing
 - Redirection helpers
 - Dynamic view helpers
 - Application level view options
 - Content negotiation
 - View rendering and partials support
 - Environment based configuration
 - Session based flash notifications





Express Demo



- Create Express application
 - npm init .
 - Add express as dependency
 - Create server.js and code away
- Generate application using Express
 - npm install express -g
 - express [foldername]



Socket.io



- Developed by LearnBoost http://socket.io/
- · Allows for real time push communication in node
- Supports WebSockets in the browsers that support them
 - Implements automatic failover to flash and polling
- Includes both server side and client side libraries
- Socket.IO is more than sockets
 - heartbeat
 - Multiple channels
 - set properties
 - rooms
 - broadcast



Socket.io Demo



Build simple chat server using Socket.io



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Q & A

