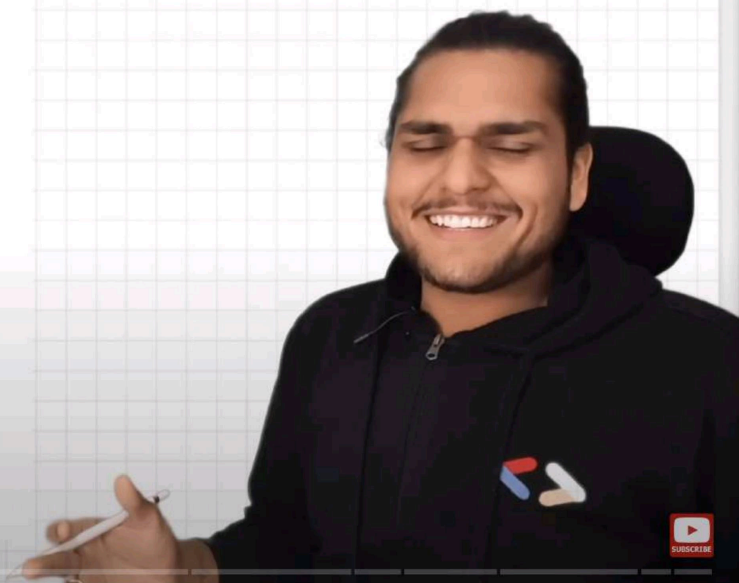


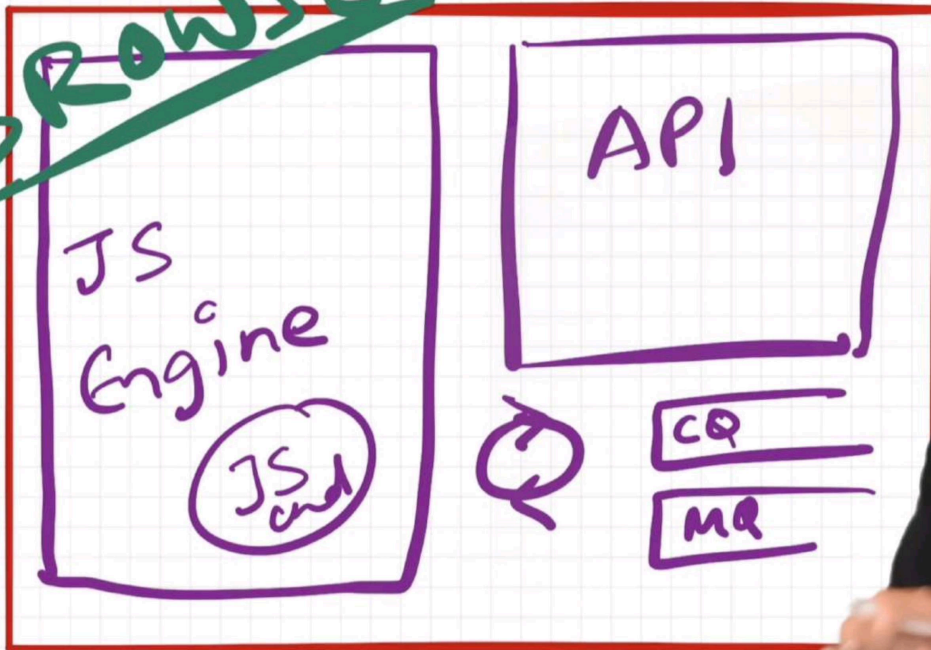
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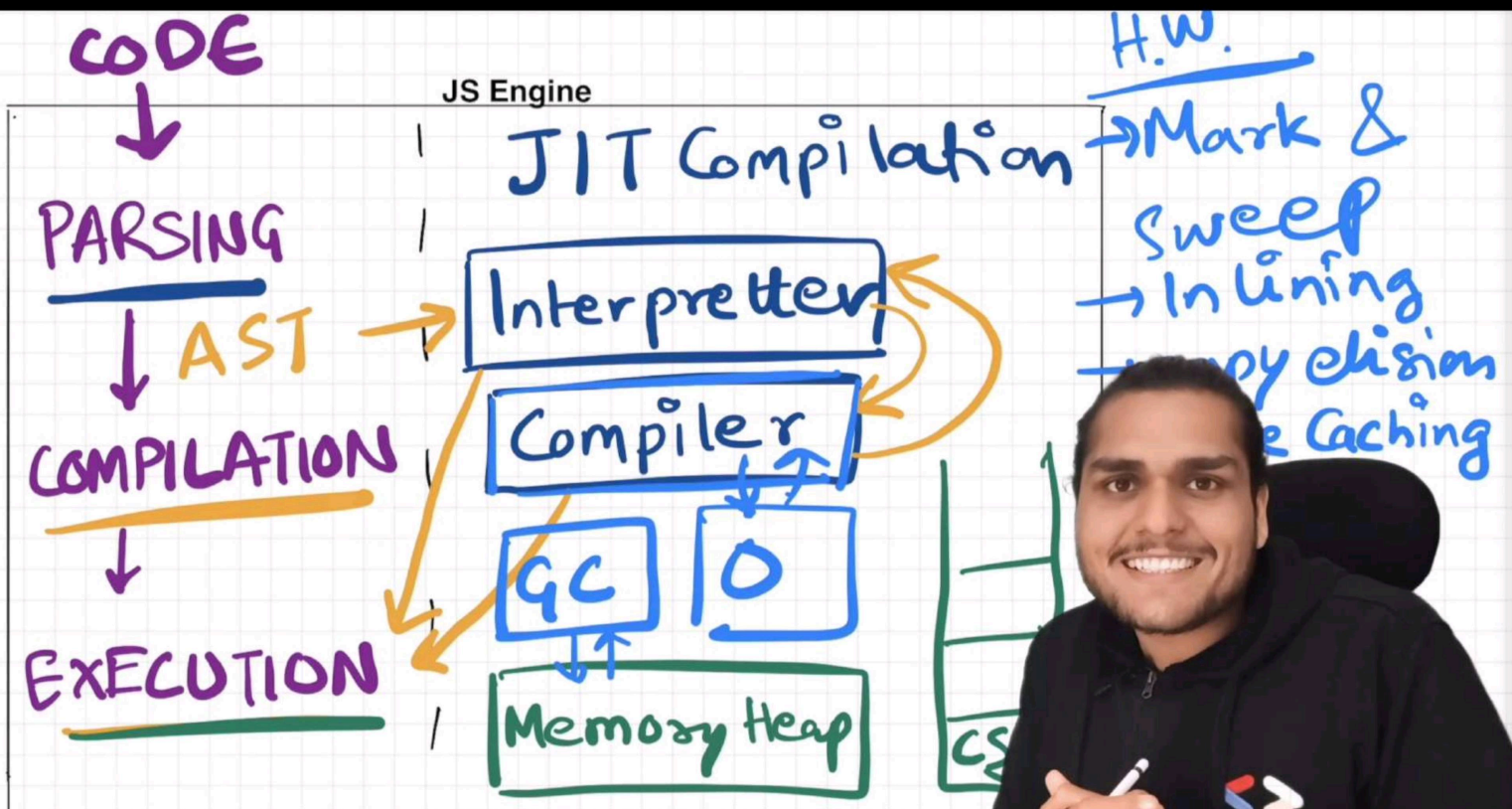


JavaScript Runtime Environment

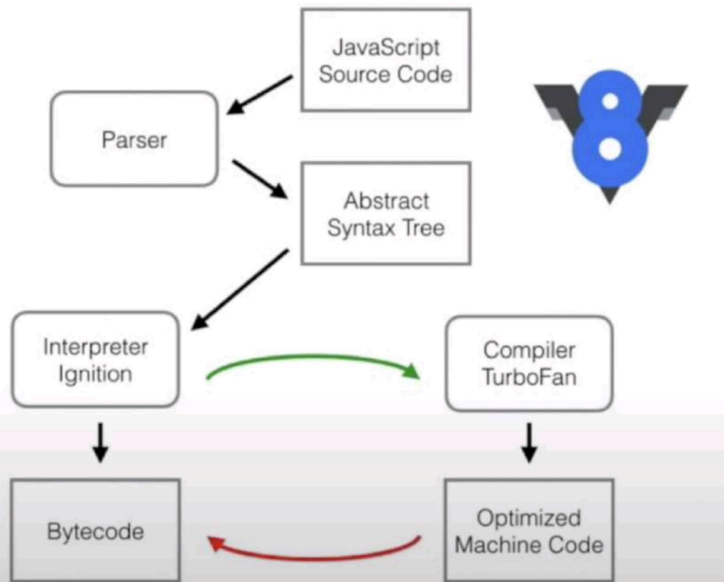
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Node.js





V8 JS Engine:



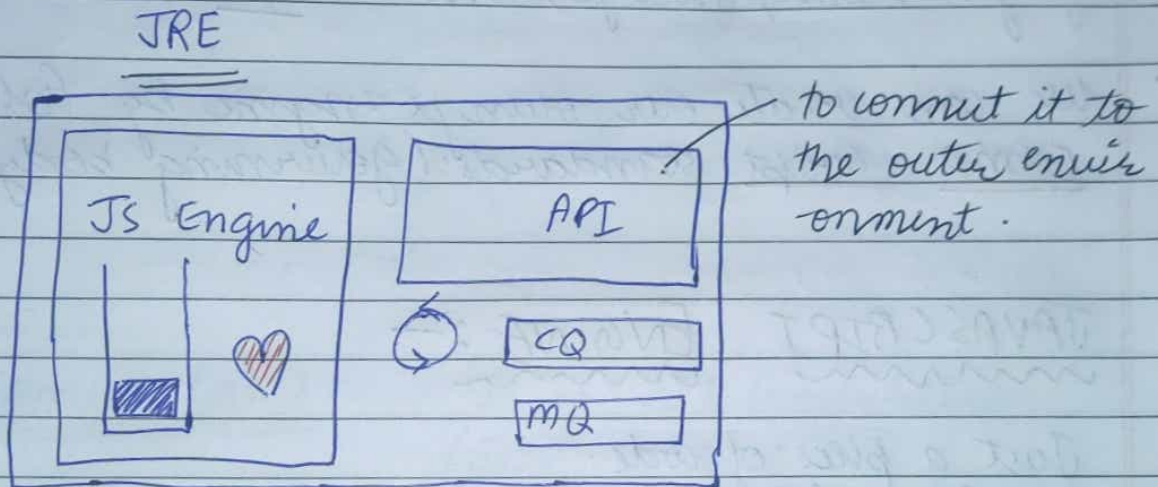
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JS Engine & JRE

JS can run on smart watch, browser, server, light bulb, robot due to JRE



Big container containing all things to run a js code.



- JRE is not possible without JS Engine
- Browser can execute js code because it has JRE
- Every browser has its own JRE.
- Node.js itself is an open JRE.

Example: for running js in water cooler, we need JRE in it. It can have a js engine & API such as `getWaterLevel()`, we can use in JS engine through a global object.

- API can be different or similar in different JRE such as browser JRE & node



API



localStorage



different for it.

→ Also setTimeout & console are present in both, but they are implemented differently

Lists of JS engine:

Microsoft edge - Chakra

Mozilla Firefox - Spider monkey

Google Chrome, Node.js, Deno - V8

first js engine in netscape nav.

* We can create our own js engine by following ECMA script standards. (governing body.)

JAVASCRIPT ENGINE :-

Just a piece of code.

V8 is written in C++.

I/P (high level code)

→ O/P

(binary machine level code)

JS Engine architecture:

Code



(I) PARSING (tokenization, Syntax tree form)



(II) compilation (Interpreter, Compiler)

↗ optimize ↘



(both go hand in hand)

(III) Execution

(uses memory heap & call stack.)

(I) Parsing: 1) Broken down into Tokens

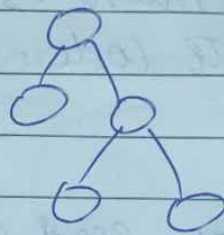
example: let a = 7



different tokens.

2) Syntax parser - Convert code to AST
(Abstract Syntax tree)

AST →



astexplorer.net

(II) Compilation: JS is JIT compilation
(Just in time)

Interpreter: compile program line by line

Compiler: Optimize the code, regenerate,
make executable & then execute.
(performance improvement)

↓
Efficient

↳ Code is fast

(JS can behave like both,
depending on JRE.)

→ Firstly JS run on interpreter, but now modern browsers & JS engines use a compiler & an interpreter both. (JIT)

* Best of both worlds.

→ for faster execution of programs in browser, interpreter are used to execute program fast & also compiler are executed simultaneously to optimize our program on runtime / JIT / or AOT (Ahead of time)

↓
Compiler take a code before execution & optimize it as much as it can & provide byte code.

(III) Contain memory heap and call stack

↳ place where all the memory is present.

Garbage collector: tries to free memory, whenever possible.
whenever a function is not being used, or we clear the timeout.
uses Mark and Sweep algorithm* (popular)

Other optimization: (compiler does for code)

- i) Inlining
- ii) Copy elision
- iii) Inline caching

→ Every company want to make their js engine as fast as possible.

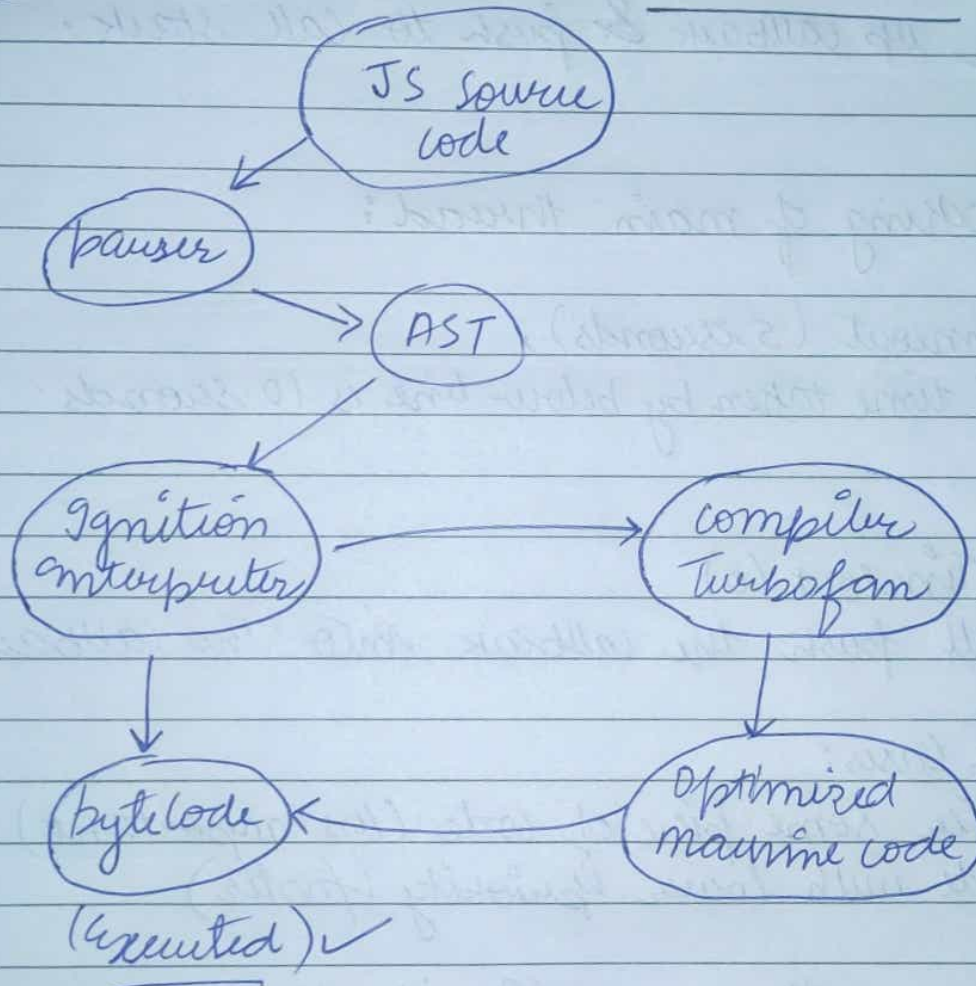
Fastest ever → V8

About V8:

Interpreter : Ignition

Optimizing compiler : Turbofan

V8 architecture ~~architecture~~ architecture :



Read from official V8 website

Quinn : Garbage collector of V8
(uses mark & sweep algo.)

allpam : Garbage collector (for another purpose)