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## SLIDES FOR THEORY LECTURES

(DON'T SKIP THEM, THEY ARE SUPER  
IMPORTANT 🧐)



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# SECTION 2 — INTRODUCTION TO NODE.JS



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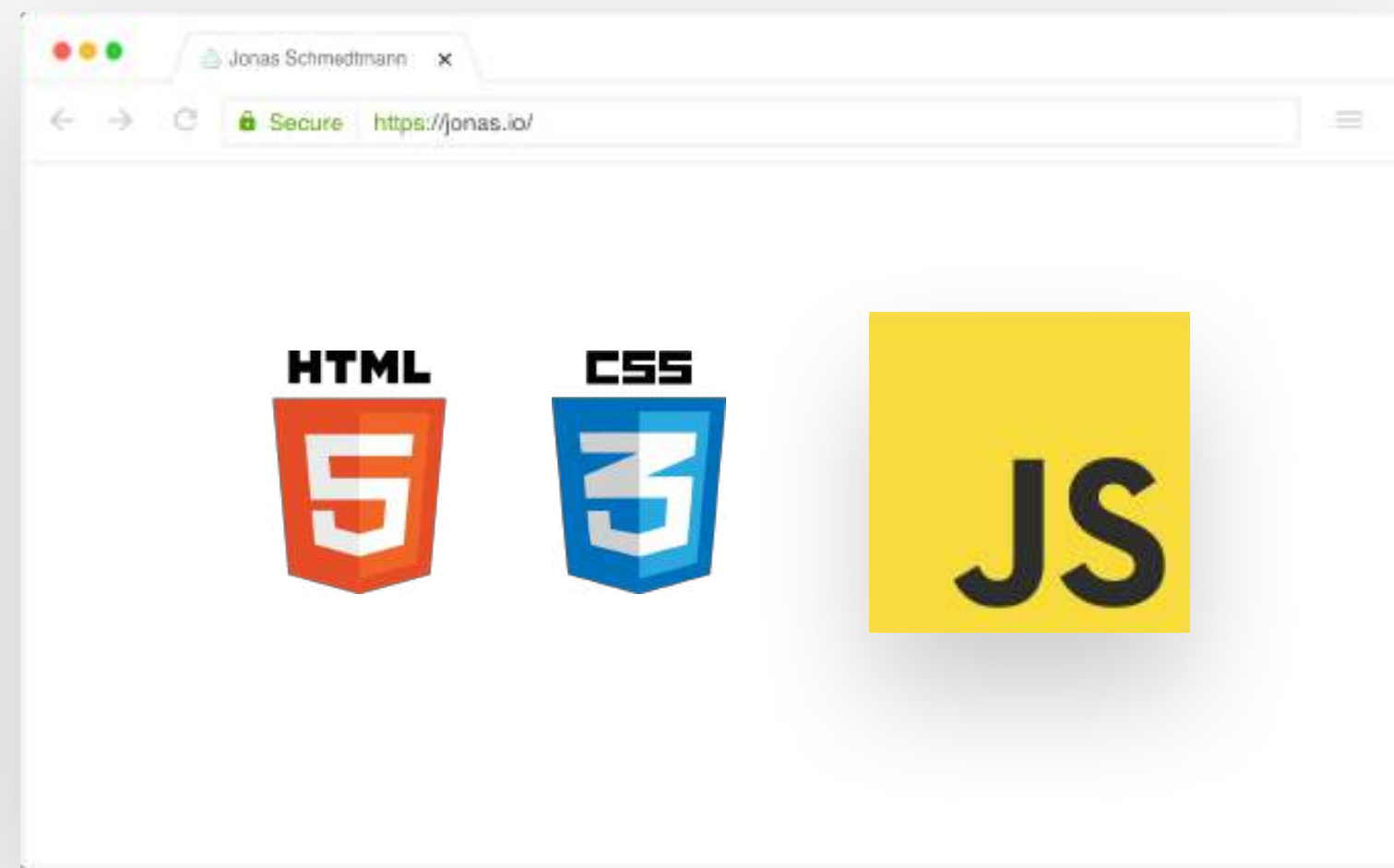


# WHAT IS NODE.JS?

NODE.JS

NODE.JS IS A JAVASCRIPT RUNTIME  
BUILT ON GOOGLE'S OPEN-SOURCE  
V8 JAVASCRIPT ENGINE. 🤔

# NODE.JS: JAVASCRIPT OUTSIDE OF THE BROWSER



BROWSER



NODE.JS

# JAVASCRIPT ON THE SERVER!

Perfect conditions for using Node.js  
as a web server





We can use JavaScript on the server-  
side of web development 😁



Build fast, highly scalable network  
applications (back-end)

# WHY AND WHEN TO USE NODE.JS?

## NODE.JS PROS

- 👉 Single-threaded, based on event driven, non-blocking I/O model 🤪😓
- 👉 Perfect for building **fast** and **scalable** data-intensive apps;
- 👉 Companies like **NETFLIX** **UBER**  **PayPal**  **eBay** have started using node in production;
- 👉 **JavaScript across the entire stack:** faster and more efficient development;
- 👉 **NPM:** huge library of open-source packages available for everyone for free;
- 👉 **Very active** developer community.

## USE NODE.JS

- 👉 API with database behind it (preferably NoSQL);
- 👉 Data streaming (think YouTube);
- 👉 Real-time chat application;
- 👉 Server-side web application.

## DON'T USE

- 👉 Applications with heavy server-side processing (CPU-intensive).









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BLOCKING AND NON-BLOCKING:  
ASYNCHRONOUS NATURE OF NODE.JS

# SYNCHRONOUS VS. ASYNCHRONOUS CODE (BLOCKING VS. NON-BLOCKING)

```
const fs = require('fs');  
  
// Blocking code execution  
const input = fs.readFileSync('input.txt', 'utf-8');  
console.log(input);
```

SYNCHRONOUS



BLOCKING



```
const fs = require('fs');  
  
// Non-blocking code execution  
fs.readFile('input.txt', 'utf-8', (err, data) => {  
  console.log(data);  
});  
console.log('Reading file...');
```

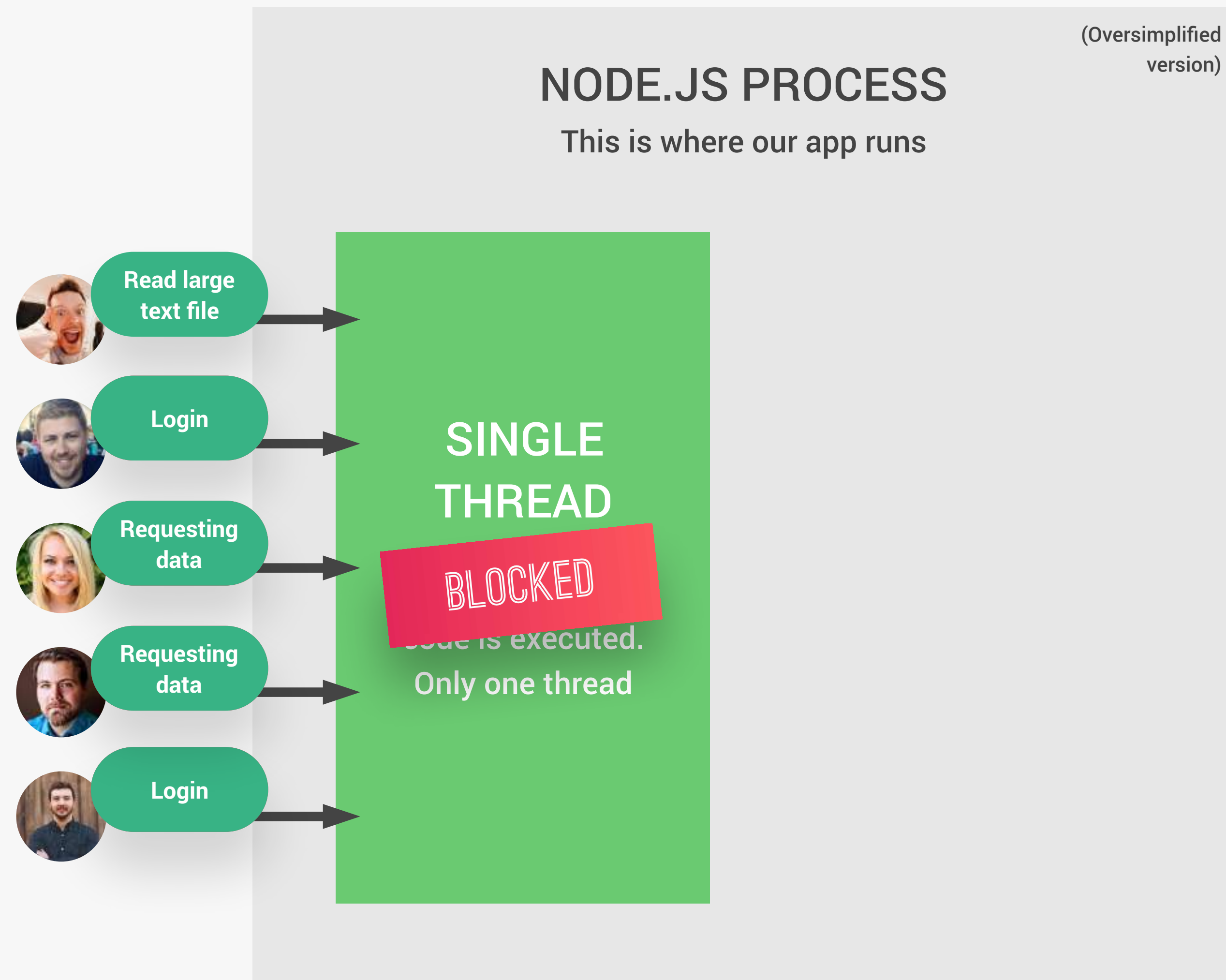
ASYNCHRONOUS



NON-BLOCKING



# THE ASYNCHRONOUS NATURE OF NODE.JS: AN OVERVIEW



SYNCHRONOUS  
WAY

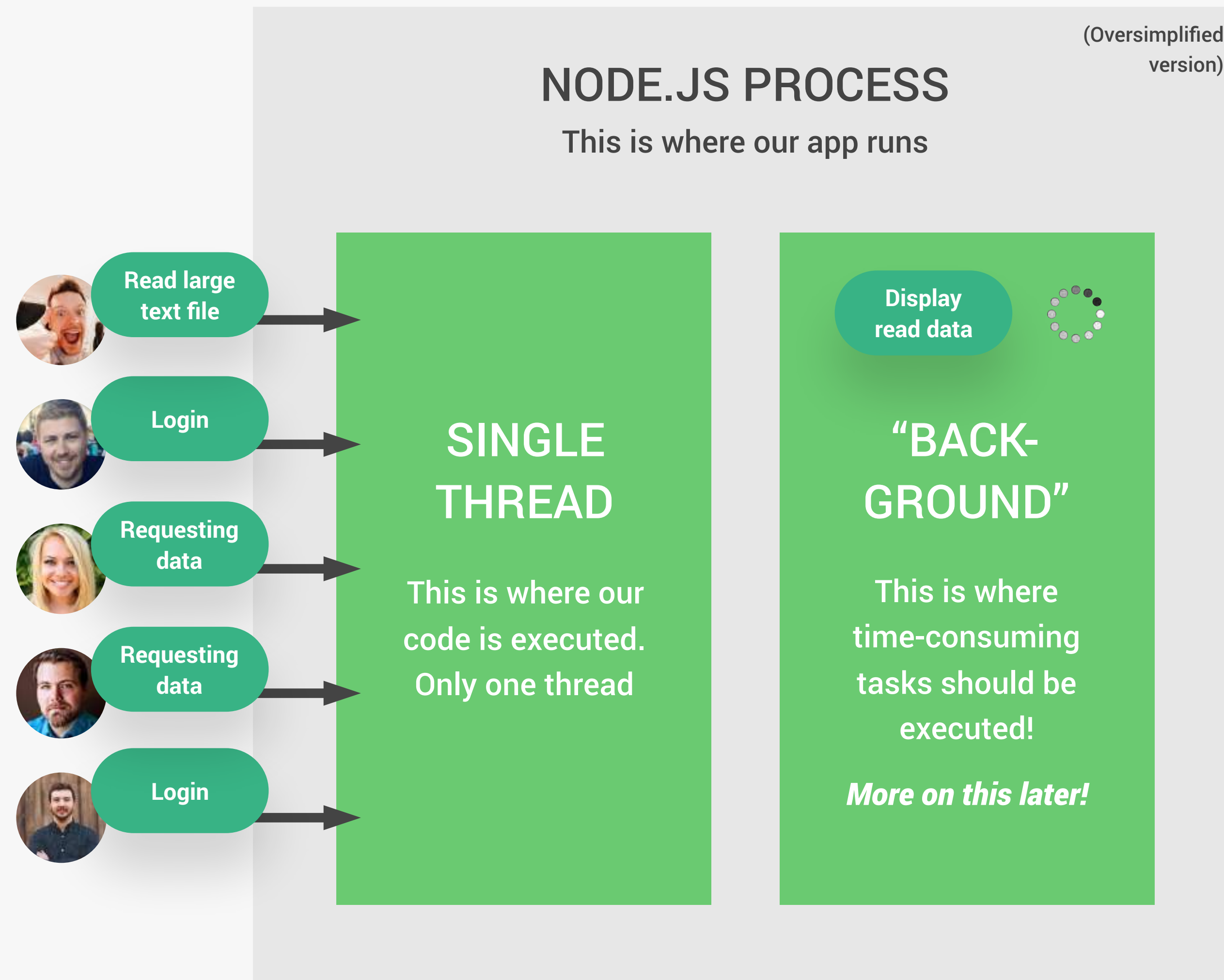
```
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console.log(input);
```

👉 It's **YOUR** job as a developer to avoid this kind of situation!



# THE ASYNCHRONOUS NATURE OF NODE.JS: AN OVERVIEW



ASYNCHRONOUS  
WAY

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const fs = require('fs');

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fs.readFile('input.txt', 'utf-8', (err, data) => {
  console.log(data);
});
console.log('Reading file...');
```

👉 Non-blocking I/O model

👉 This is why we use so many callback functions in Node.js

👉 Callbacks ≠ Asynchronous



# THE PROBLEM: CALLBACK HELL...

## CALLBACK HELL

```
const fs = require('fs');

fs.readFile('start.txt', 'utf-8', (err, data1) => {
  fs.readFile(`${data1}.txt`, 'utf-8', (err, data2) => {
    fs.readFile('append.txt', 'utf-8', (err, data3) => {
      fs.writeFile('final.txt', `${data2} ${data3}`, 'utf-8', (err) => {
        if (err) throw err;
        console.log('Your file has been saved :D');
      });
    });
  });
});
```

👉 **SOLUTION:** Using Promises or Async/Await [Optional Section]



# SECTION 3 – INTRODUCTION TO BACK-END WEB DEVELOPMENT



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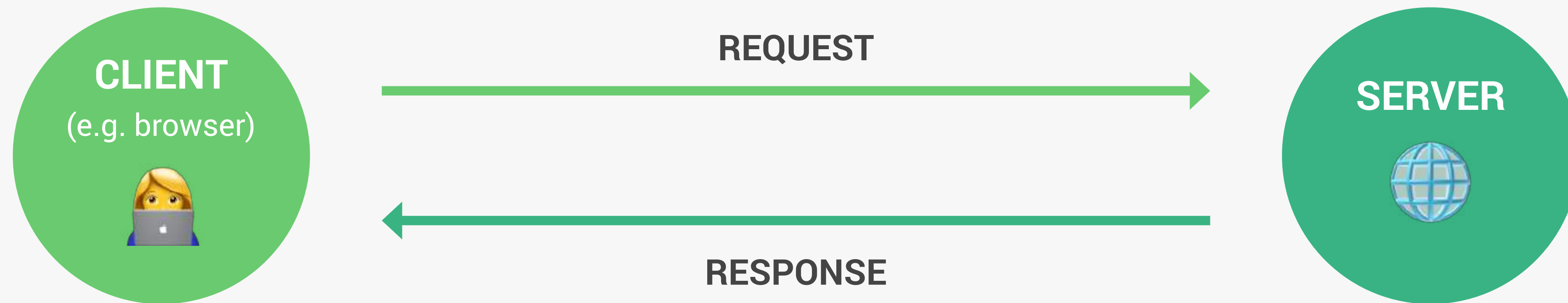
AN OVERVIEW OF HOW THE WEB WORKS



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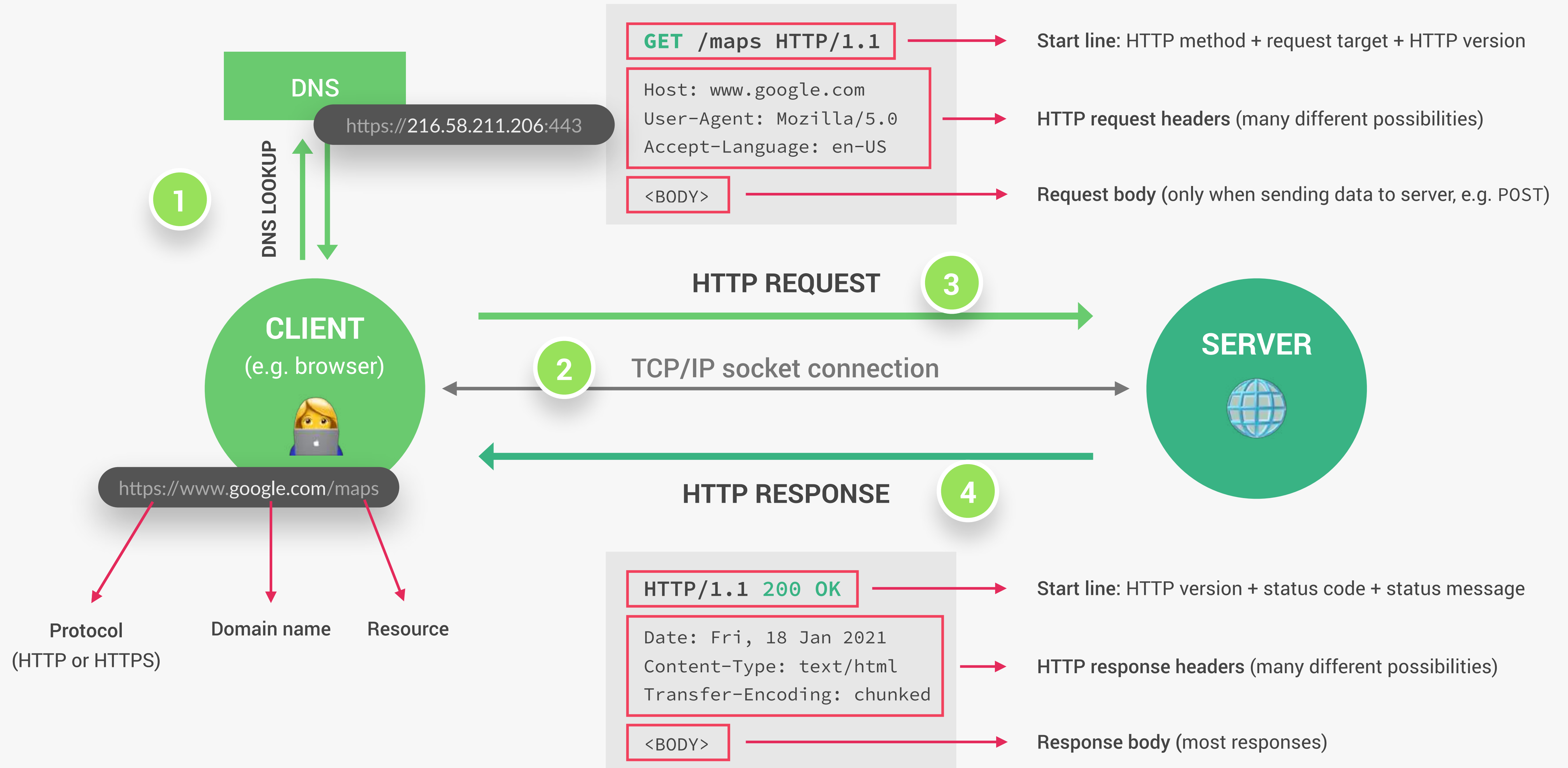
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👉 Request-response model or Client-server architecture

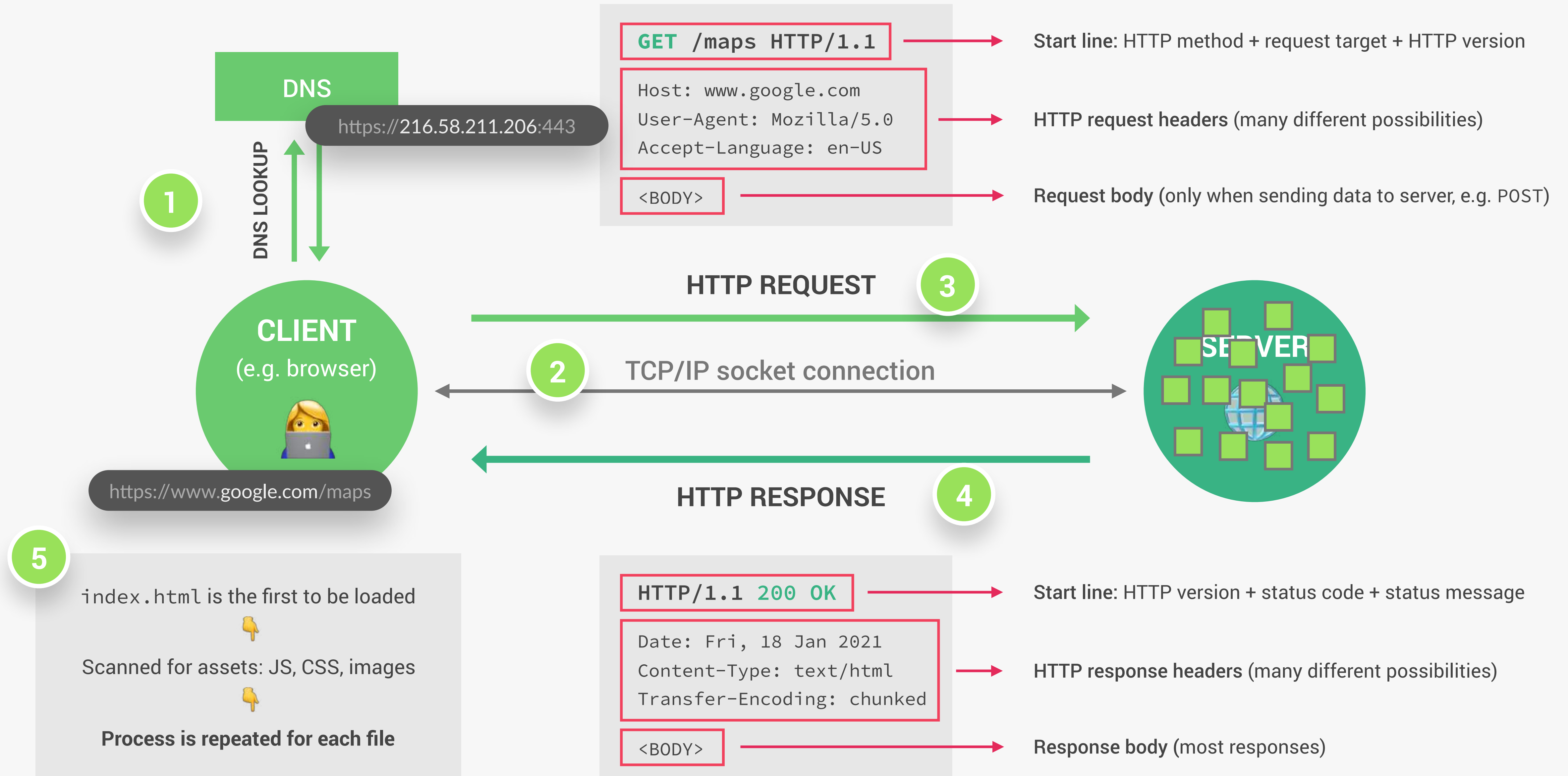




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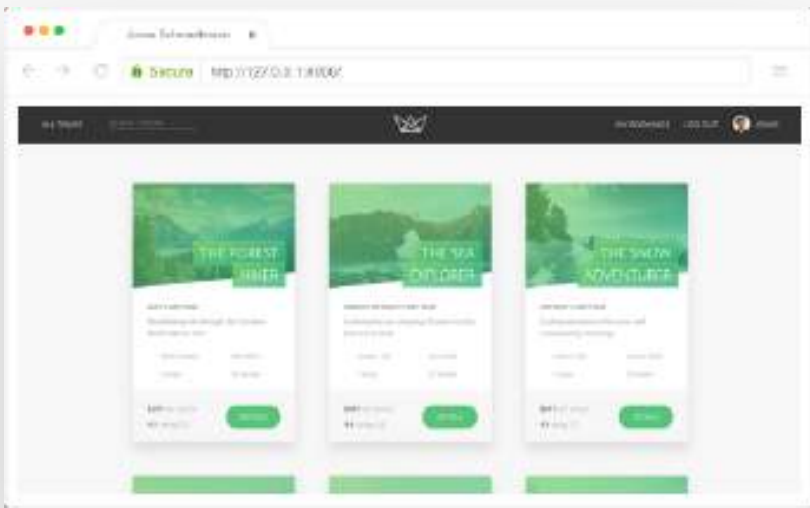
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# FRONT-END AND BACK-END

FRONT-END

BACK-END



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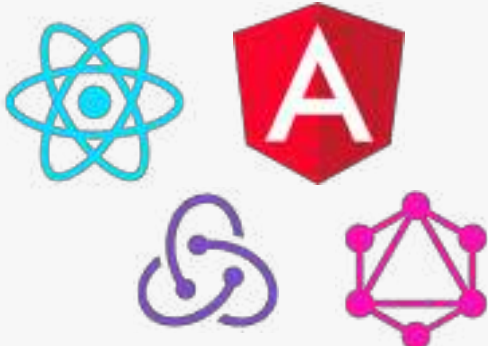
WEB SERVER

HTTP  
Server

App

DATABASE

Files



FRONT-END STACK



BACK-END STACK









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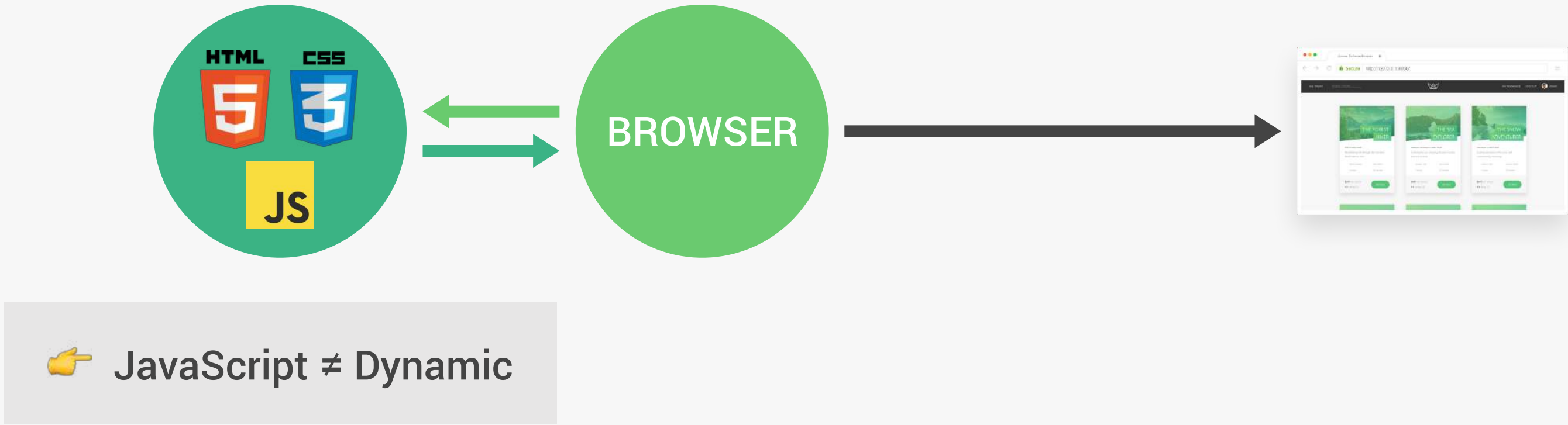
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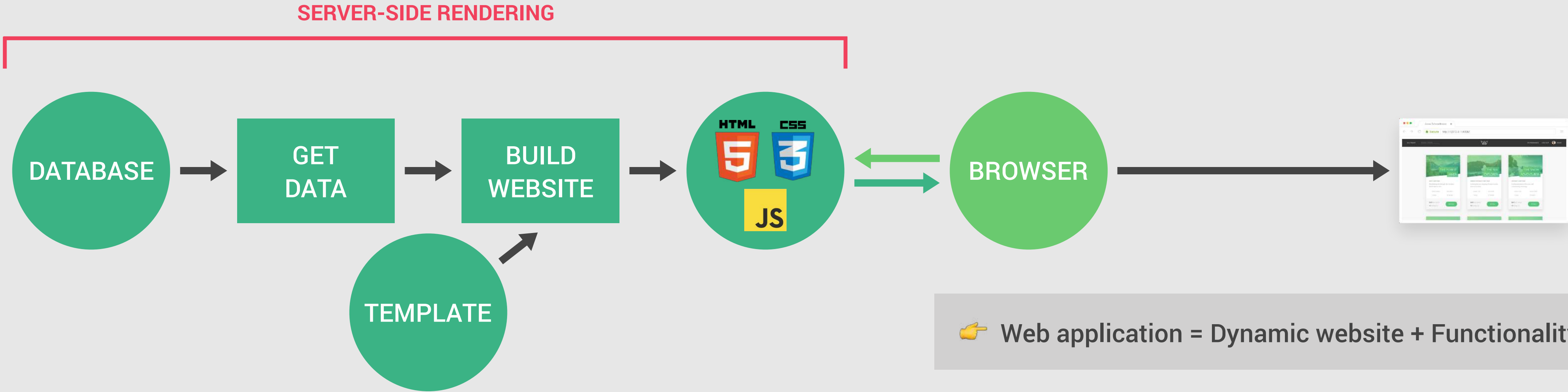
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# STATIC WEBSITES VS DYNAMIC WEBSITES

STATIC



DYNAMIC



# DYNAMIC WEBSITES VS API-POWERED WEBSITES

DYNAMIC

THIS COURSE 🚀💖

DATABASE

GET  
DATA

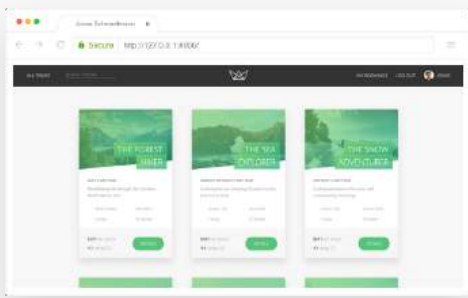
BUILD  
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TEMPLATE



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SERVER-SIDE RENDERED

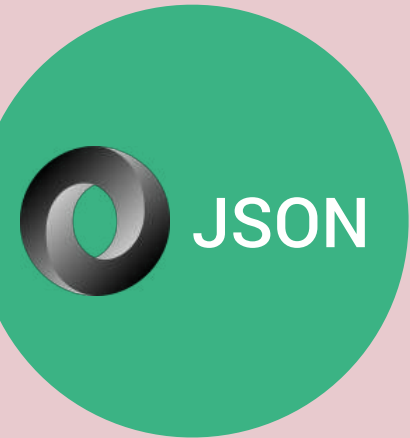


CLIENT-SIDE RENDERED

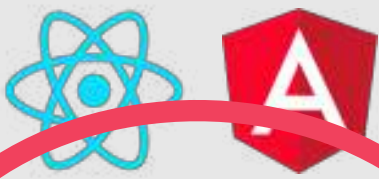
BUILDING API

DATABASE

GET  
DATA

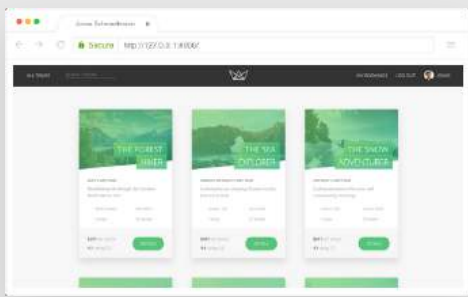


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CONSUMING API

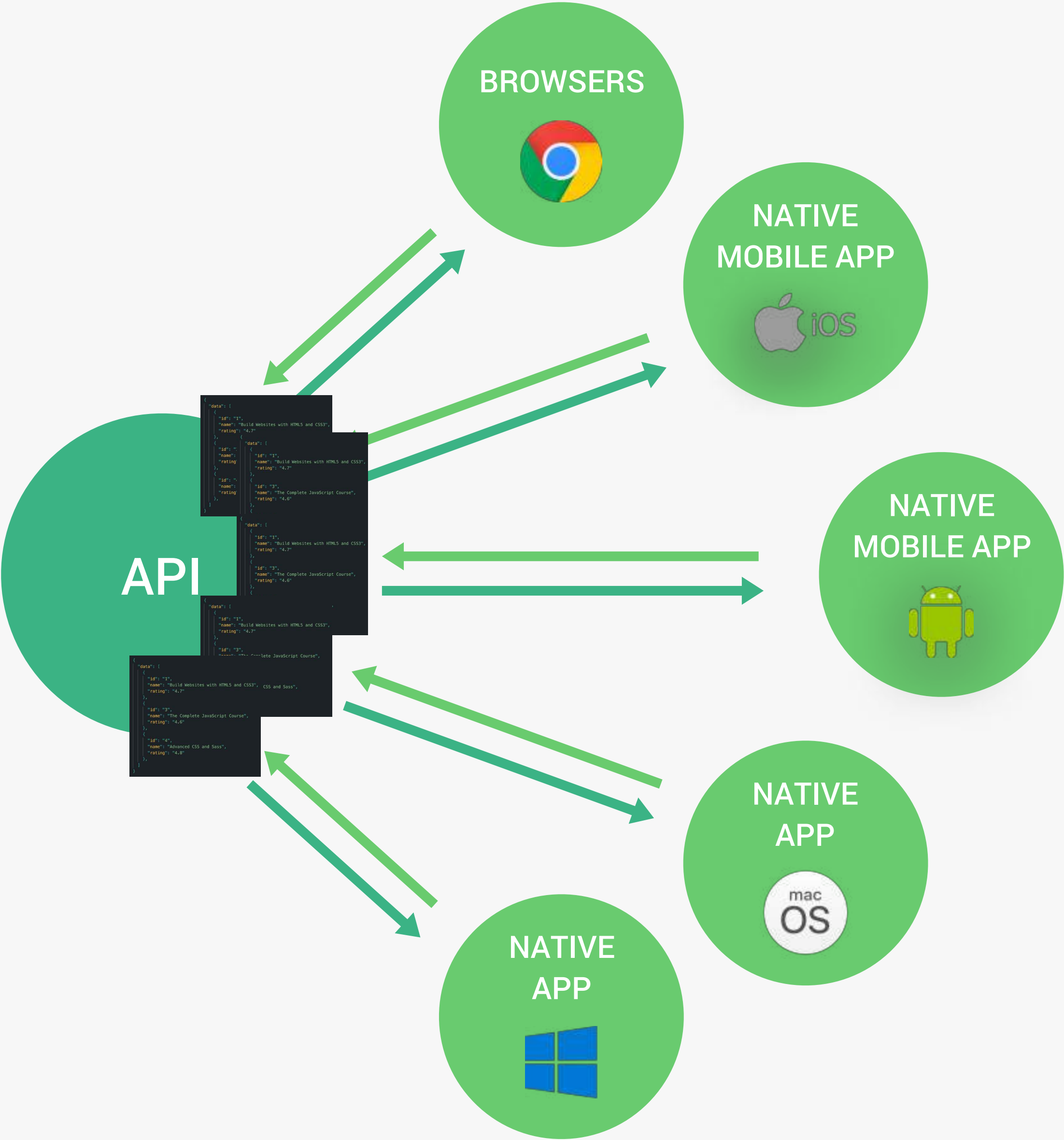
API

# ONE API, MANY CONSUMERS

<https://www.jonas.io/api/myCourseData>



```
{
  "data": [
    {
      "id": "1",
      "name": "Build Websites with HTML5 and CSS3",
      "rating": "4.7"
    },
    {
      "id": "3",
      "name": "The Complete JavaScript Course",
      "rating": "4.6"
    },
    {
      "id": "4",
      "name": "Advanced CSS and Sass",
      "rating": "4.8"
    }
  ]
}
```







# SECTION 4 – HOW NODE.JS WORKS: A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES



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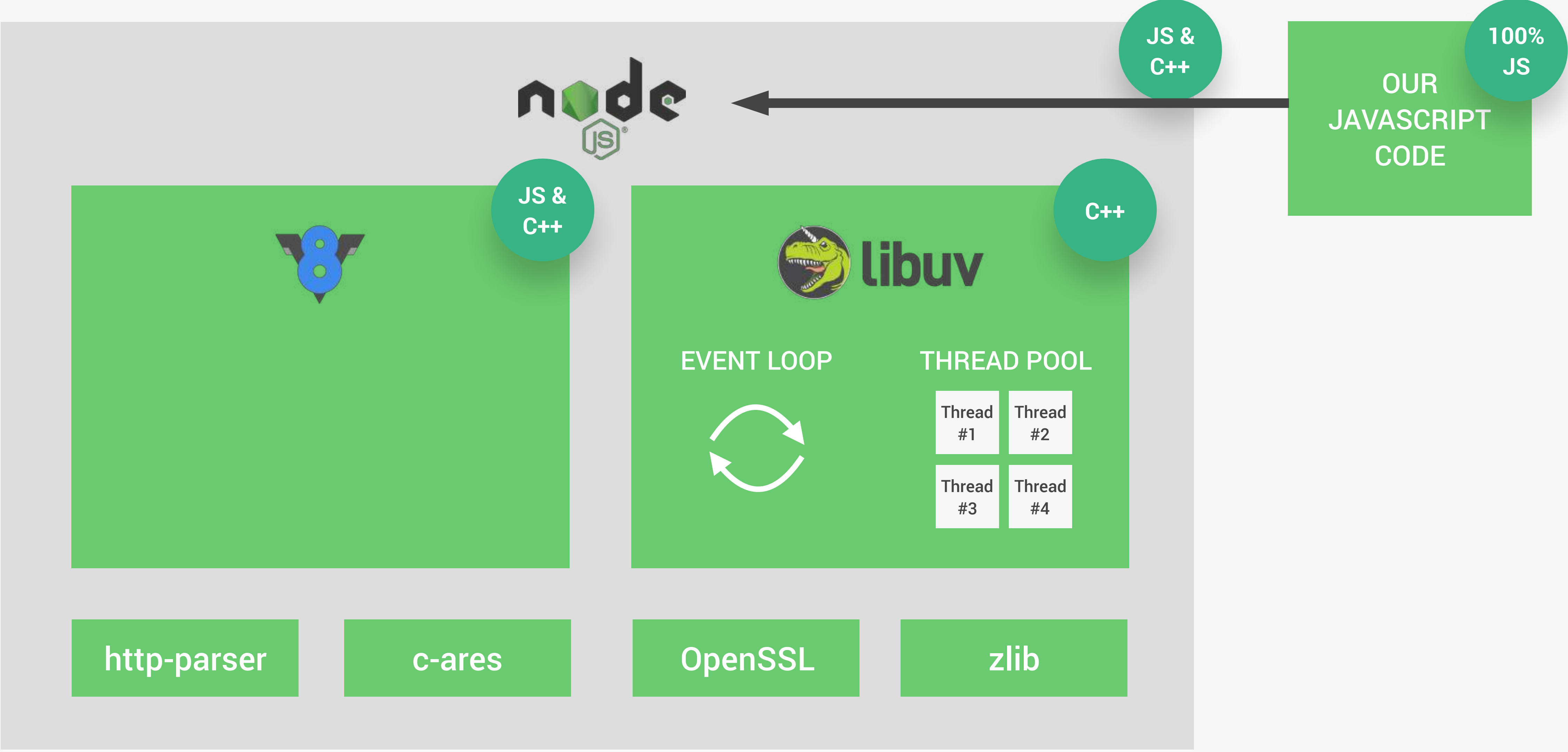
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# THE NODE.JS ARCHITECTURE BEHIND THE SCENES









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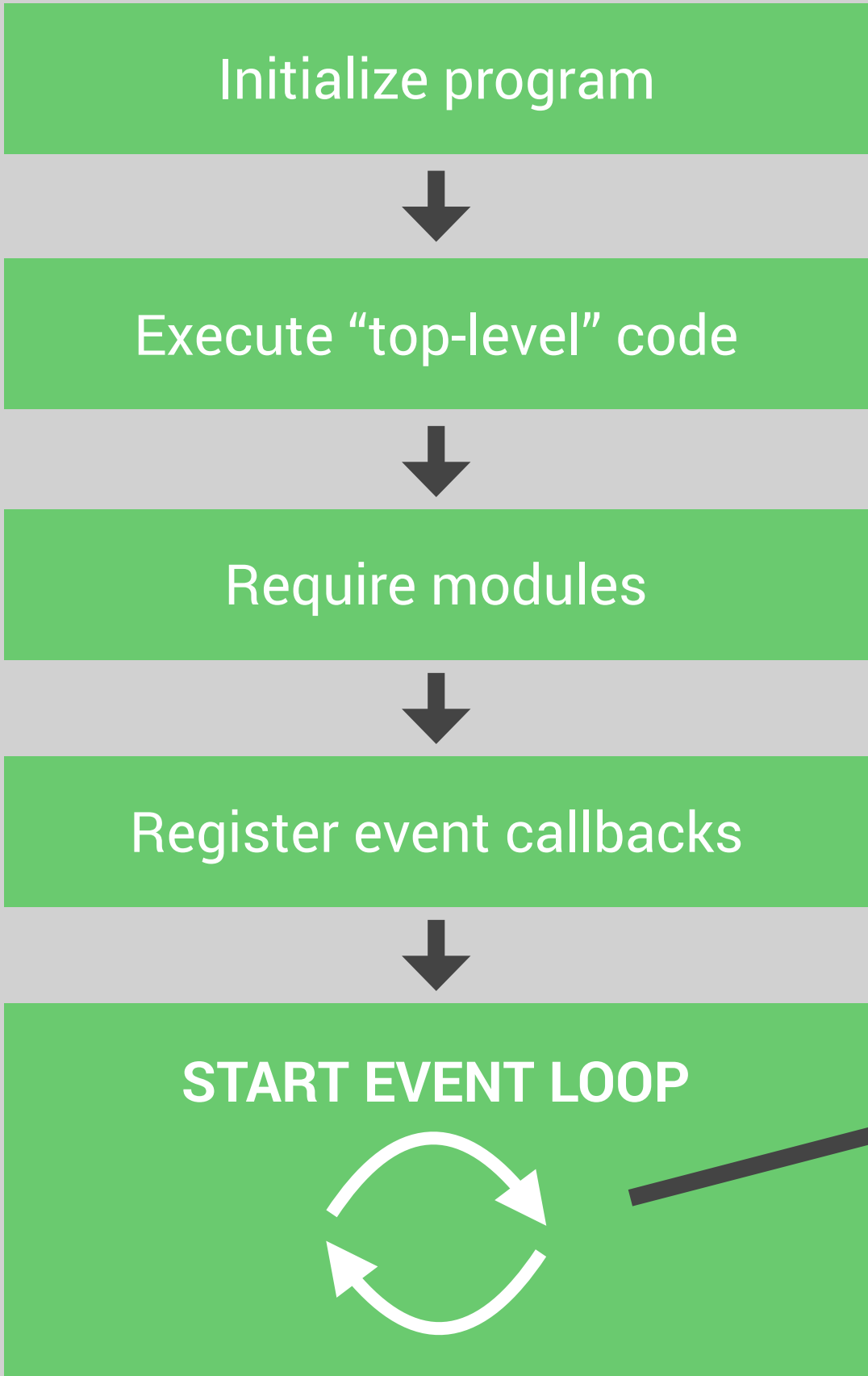
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PROCESSES, THREADS AND THE THREAD  
POOL

# NODE PROCESS AND THREADS

## NODE.JS PROCESS (Instance of a program in execution on a computer)

### SINGLE THREAD (Sequence of instructions)



OFFLOADING



### THREAD POOL:

- ➡ Additional 4 threads (or more)
- ➡ Offload work from the event loop
- ➡ Handle heavy ("expensive") tasks:
  - ➡ File system APIs
  - ➡ Cryptography
  - ➡ Compression
  - ➡ DNS lookups







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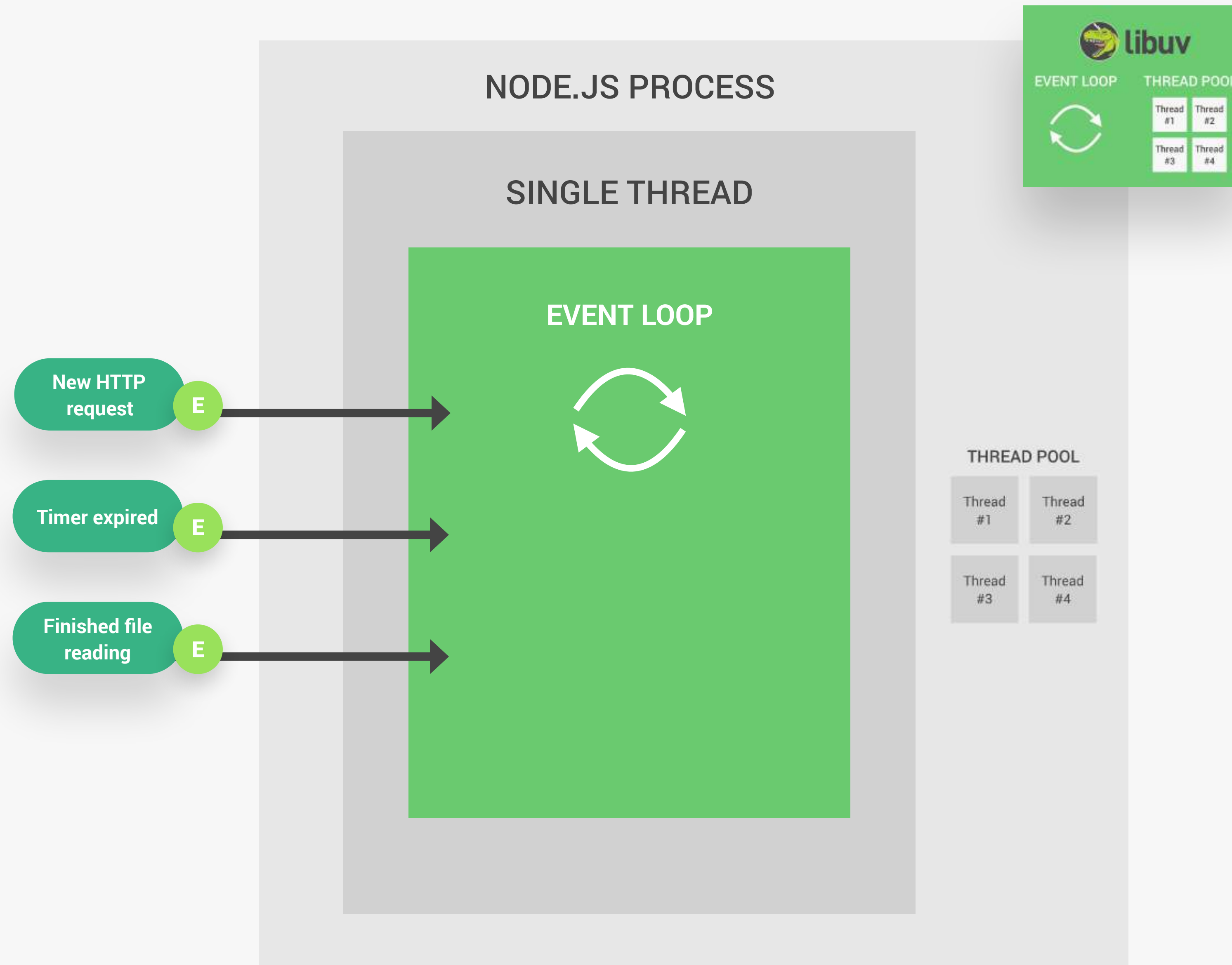
THE NODE.JS EVENT LOOP



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# THE HEART OF NODE.JS: THE EVENT LOOP

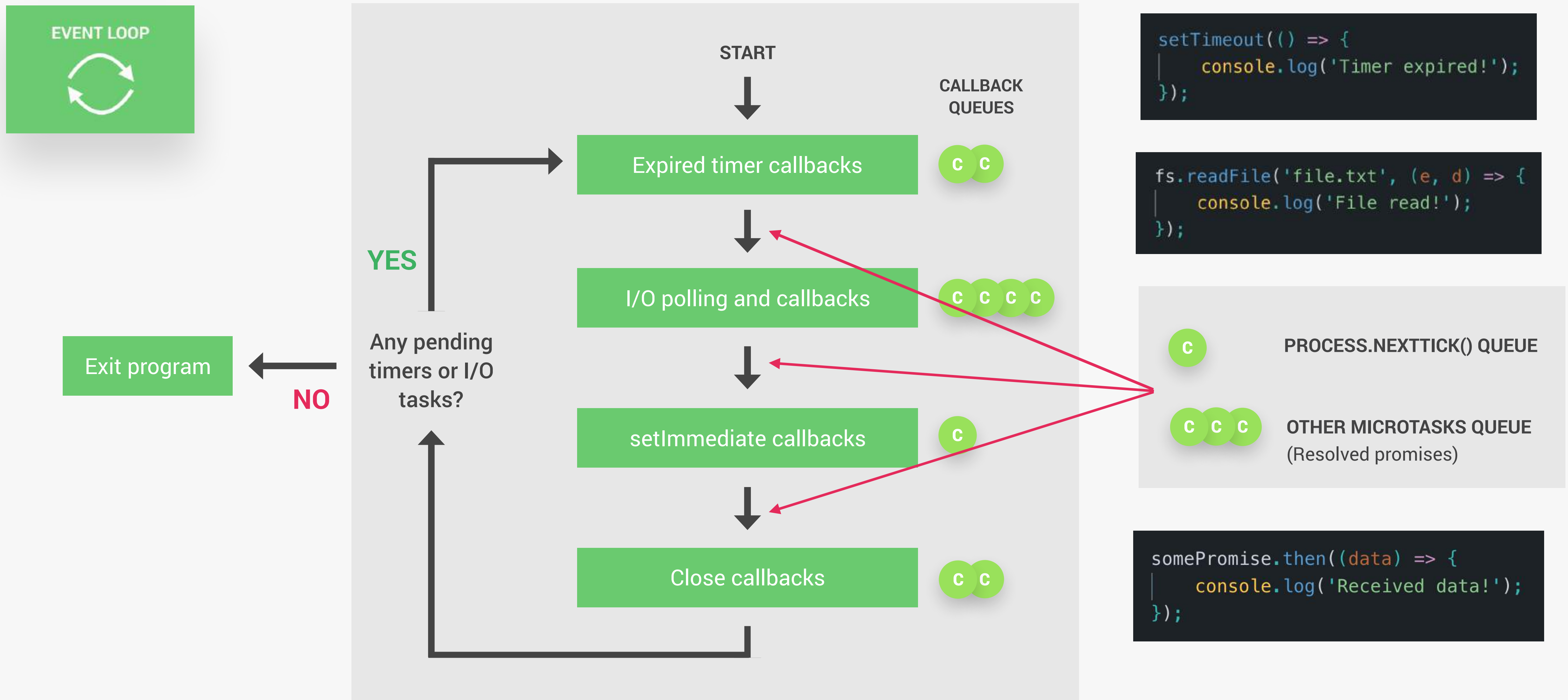


## EVENT LOOP:

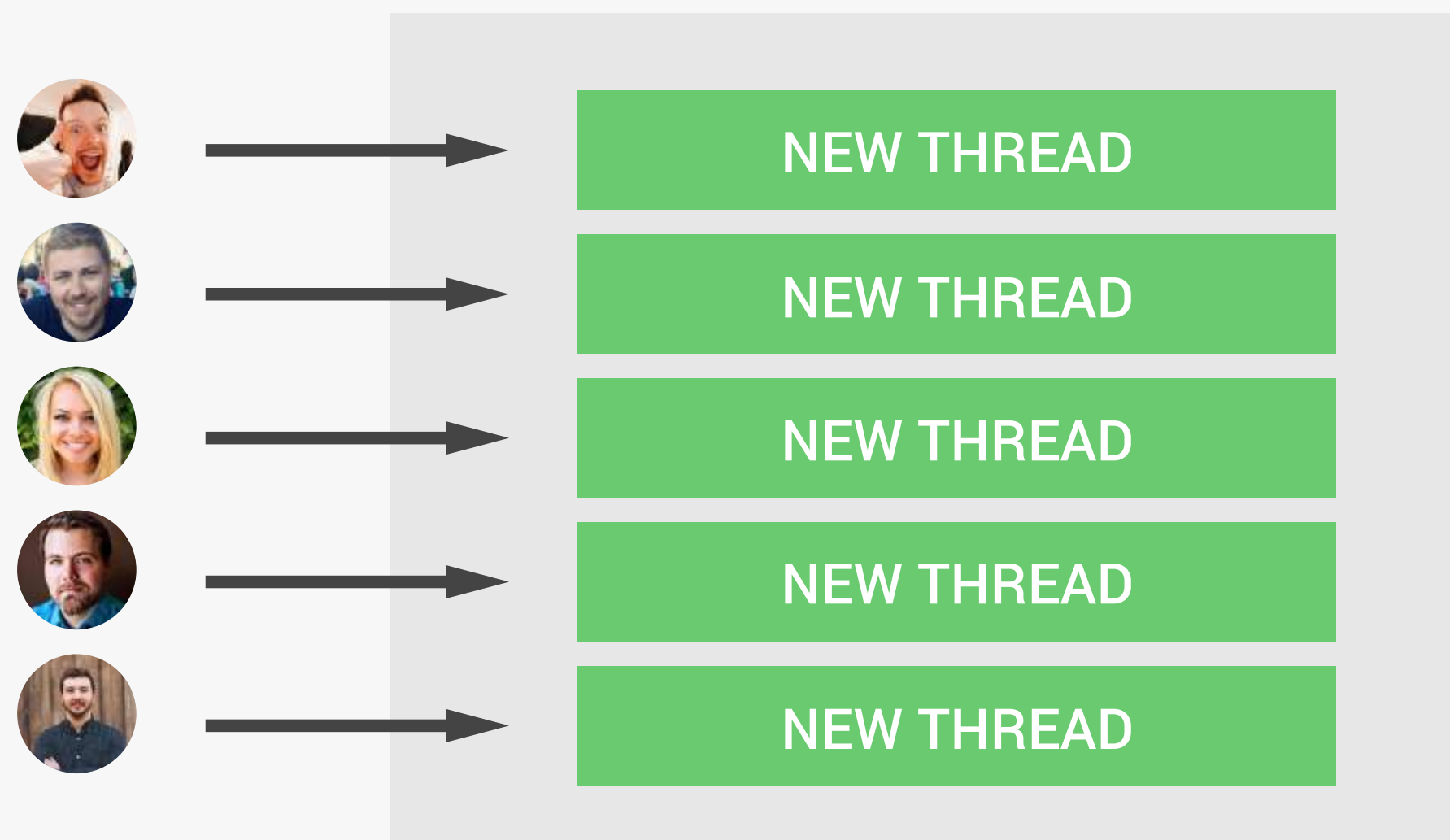
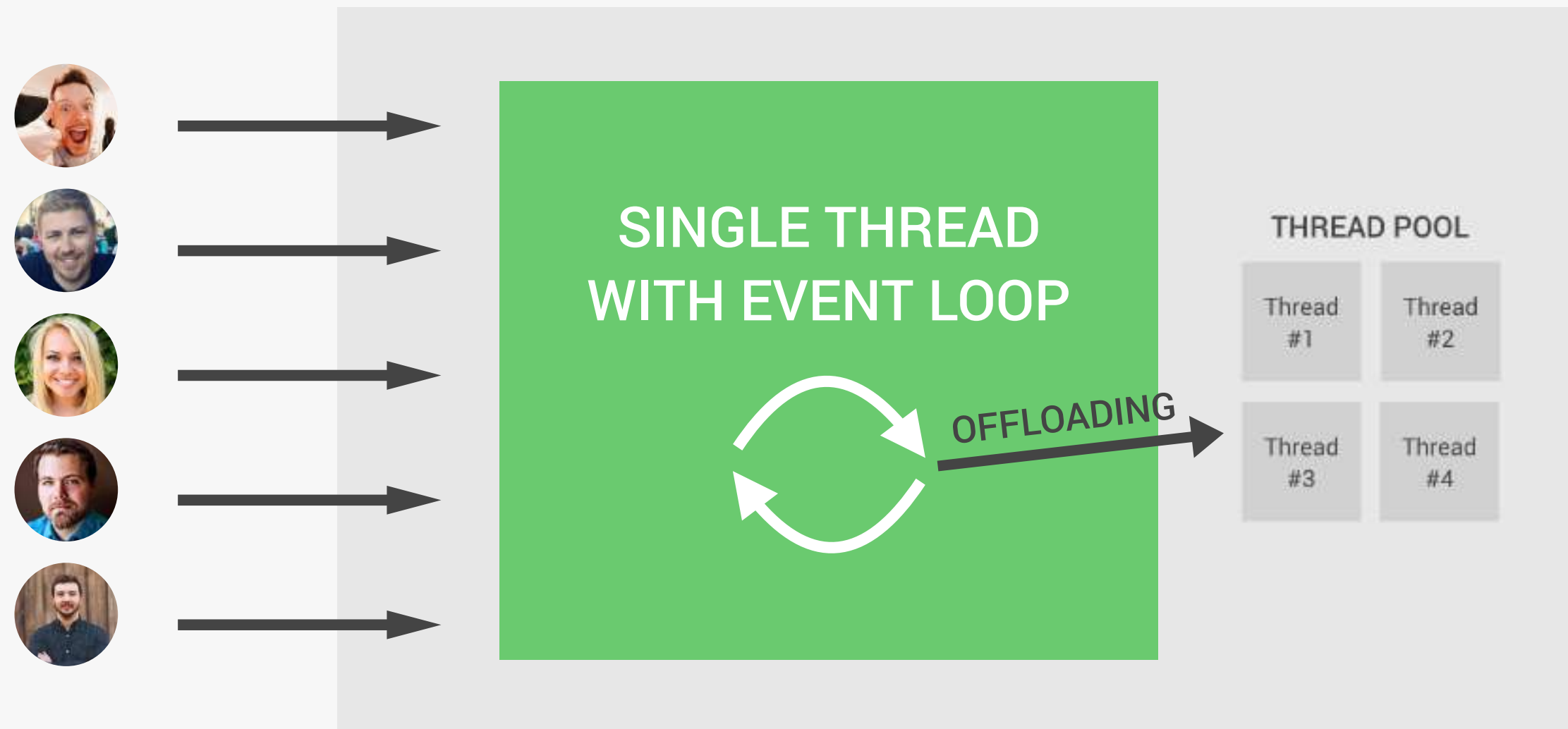
- 👉 All the application code that is inside **callback functions** (non-top-top-level code)
- 👉 Node.js is build around callback functions
- 👉 Event-driven architecture:
  - 👉 Events are emitted
  - 👉 Event loops picks them up
  - 👉 Callbacks are called
- 👉 Event loop does **orchestration**



# THE EVENT LOOP IN DETAIL



# SUMMARY OF THE EVENT LOOP: NODE VS. OTHERS



DON'T BLOCK!

- 👉 Don't use **sync** versions of functions in `fs`, `crypto` and `zlib` modules in your callback functions
- 👉 Don't perform complex calculations (e.g. loops inside loops)
- 👉 Be careful with JSON in large objects
- 👉 Don't use too complex regular expressions (e.g. nested quantifiers)





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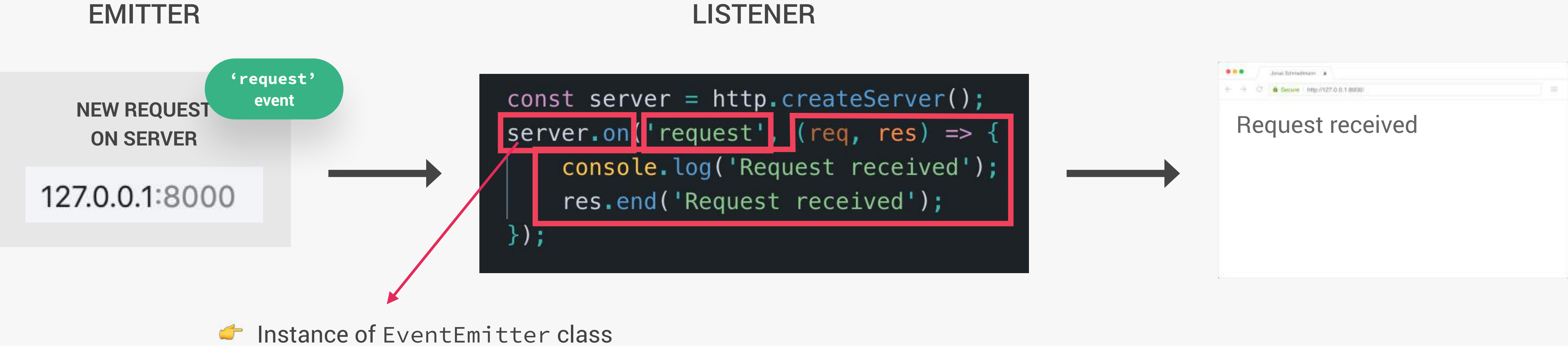
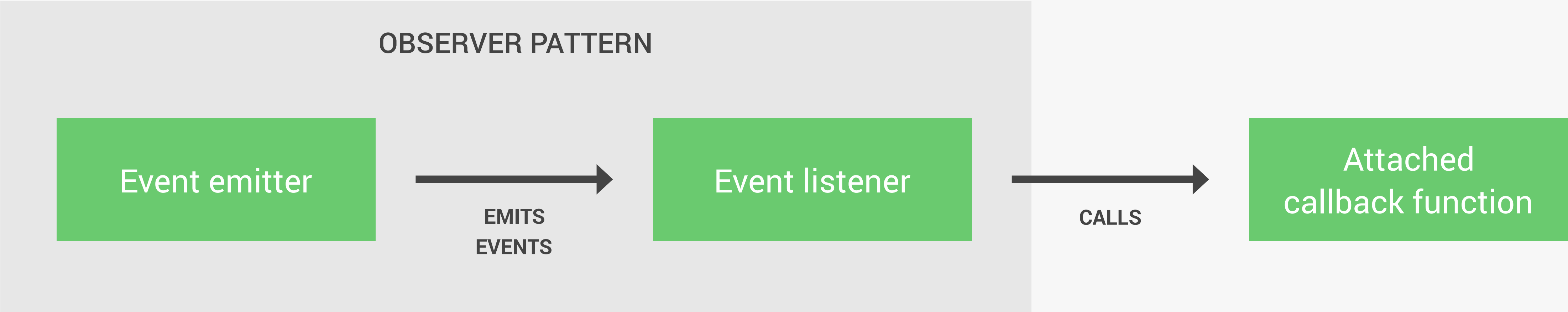
EVENTS AND EVENT-DRIVEN  
ARCHITECTURE



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# THE EVENT-DRIVEN ARCHITECTURE









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INTRODUCTION TO STREAMS

# WHAT ARE STREAMS?

## STREAMS

Used to process (read and write) data piece by piece (chunks), without completing the whole read or write operation, and therefore without keeping all the data in memory.



- 👉 Perfect for handling large volumes of data, for example videos;
- 👉 More efficient data processing in terms of memory (no need to keep all data in memory) and time (we don't have to wait until all the data is available).

# NODE.JS STREAMS FUNDAMENTALS

👉 Streams are instances of the `EventEmitter` class!

DESCRIPTION  
👉

EXAMPLE  
👉

IMPORTANT EVENTS  
👉

IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS  
👉

READABLE STREAMS

Streams from which we can read (consume) data

- 👉 http requests
- 👉 fs read streams

- 👉 data
- 👉 end

- 👉 pipe()
- 👉 read()

WRITABLE STREAMS

Streams to which we can write data

- 👉 http responses
- 👉 fs write streams

- 👉 drain
- 👉 finish

- 👉 write()
- 👉 end()

DUPLEX STREAMS

Streams that are both readable and writable

- 👉 net web socket

CONSUME STREAMS

TRANSFORM STREAMS

Duplex streams that transform data as it is written or read

- 👉 zlib Gzip creation







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HOW REQUIRING MODULES REALLY WORKS

# THE COMMONJS MODULE SYSTEM

- 👉 Each JavaScript file is treated as a separate module;
- 👉 Node.js uses the **CommonJS module system**: `require()`, `exports` or `module.exports`;
- 👉 **ES module system** is used in browsers: `import/export`;
- 👉 There have been attempts to bring ES modules to node.js (`.mjs`).

```
require('test-module');
```

Where does it come from?

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REQUIRE() A MODULE

```
require('test-module');
```

RESOLVING &  
LOADING

WRAPPING

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RETURNING  
EXPORTS

CACHING

👉 Core modules

```
require('http');
```

👉 Developer modules

```
require('./lib/controller');
```

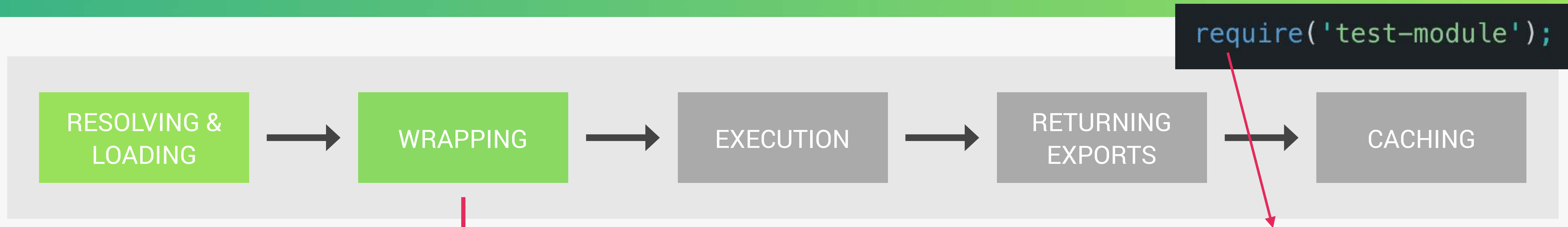
👉 3rd-party modules (from NPM)

```
require('express');
```

## PATH RESOLVING: HOW NODE DECIDES WHICH MODULE TO LOAD

- 1 Start with **core modules**;
- 2 If begins with `./` or `../` 👉 Try to **load developer module**;
- 3 If no file found 👉 Try to **find folder** with `index.js` in it;
- 4 Else 👉 Go to **node\_modules/** and try to find module there.

# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REQUIRE() A MODULE



```
require('test-module');
```

*Where does it come from?*

```
(function exports require module __filename __dirname {  
  // Module code lives here...  
});
```

- 👉 **require**: function to require modules;
- 👉 **module**: reference to the current module;
- 👉 **exports**: a reference to `module.exports`, used to export object from a module;
- 👉 **\_\_filename**: absolute path of the current module's file;
- 👉 **\_\_dirname**: directory name of the current module.



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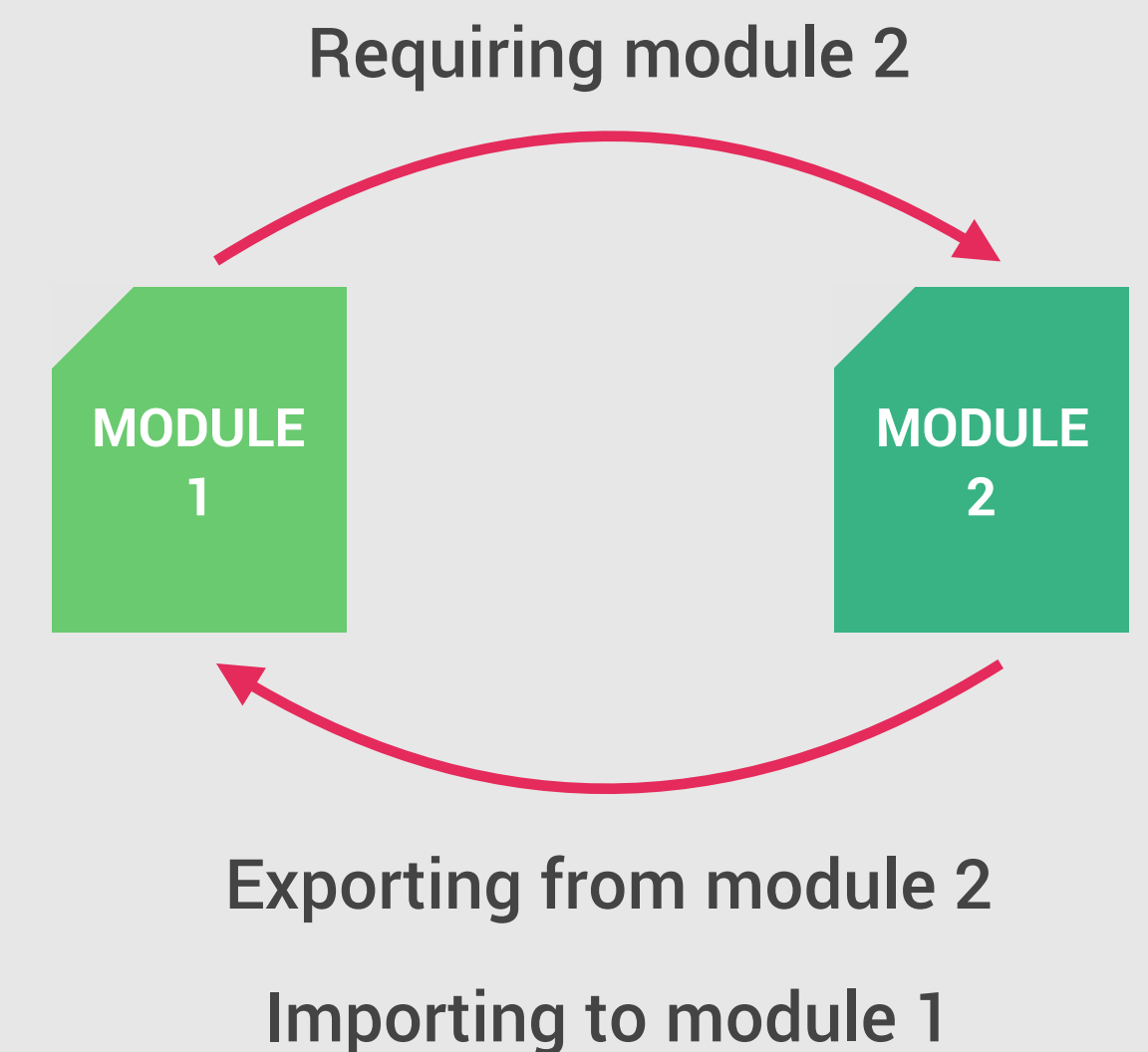
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- 👉 `require` function returns **exports** of the required module;
- 👉 `module.exports` is the returned object (important!);
- 👉 Use `module.exports` to export one single variable, e.g. one class or one function (`module.exports = Calculator`);
- 👉 Use `exports` to export multiple named variables (`exports.add = (a, b) => a + b`);
- 👉 This is how we import data from one module into another;





# WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REQUIRE() A MODULE

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EXPRESS: LET'S START  
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WHAT IS EXPRESS?

# WHAT IS EXPRESS, AND WHY USE IT?

Express



- 👉 Express is a minimal node.js framework, a higher level of abstraction;
- 👉 Express contains a very robust set of features: **complex routing, easier handling of requests and responses, middleware, server-side rendering, etc.;**
- 👉 Express allows for rapid development of node.js applications: *we don't have to re-invent the wheel;*
- 👉 Express makes it easier to organize our application into the MVC architecture.







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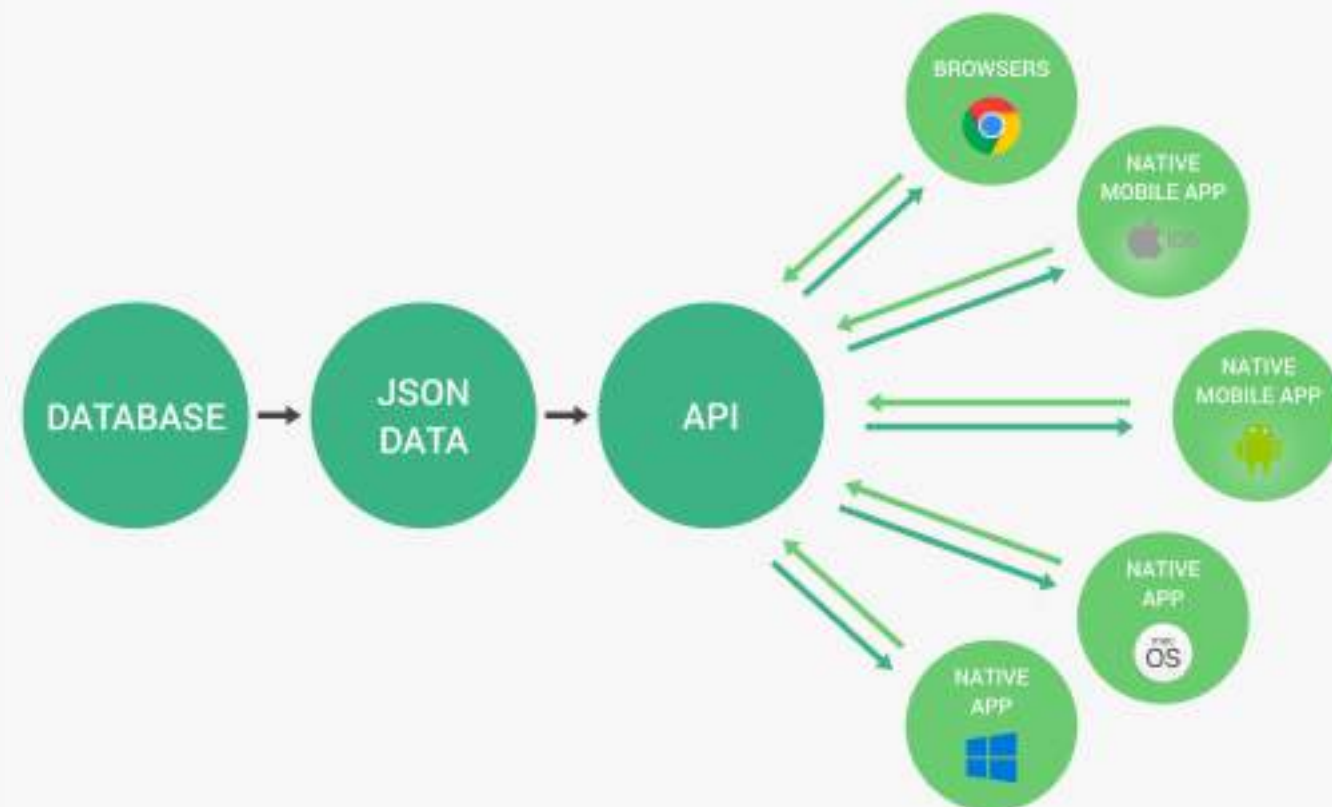
APIS AND RESTFUL API DESIGN

# WHAT IS AN API ANYWAY?

## API

**A**pplication **P**rogramming **I**nterface: a piece of software that can be used by another piece of software, in order to allow applications to talk to each other.

### 👉 Web APIs



### 👉 But, “Application” can be other things:

- 👉 Node.js’ fs or http APIs (“node APIs”);
- 👉 Browser’s DOM JavaScript API;
- 👉 With object-oriented programming, when exposing methods to the public, we’re creating an API;
- 👉 ...

# THE REST ARCHITECTURE

1

Separate API into logical **resources**

2

Expose structured, **resource-based URLs**

3

Use **HTTP methods** (verbs)

4

Send data as **JSON**  
(usually)

5

Be **stateless**

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👉 **Resource:** Object or representation of something, which has data associated to it. Any information that can be **named** can be a resource.

tours

users

reviews

URL

`https://www.natours.com/addNewTour`

ENDPOINT

`/getTour`

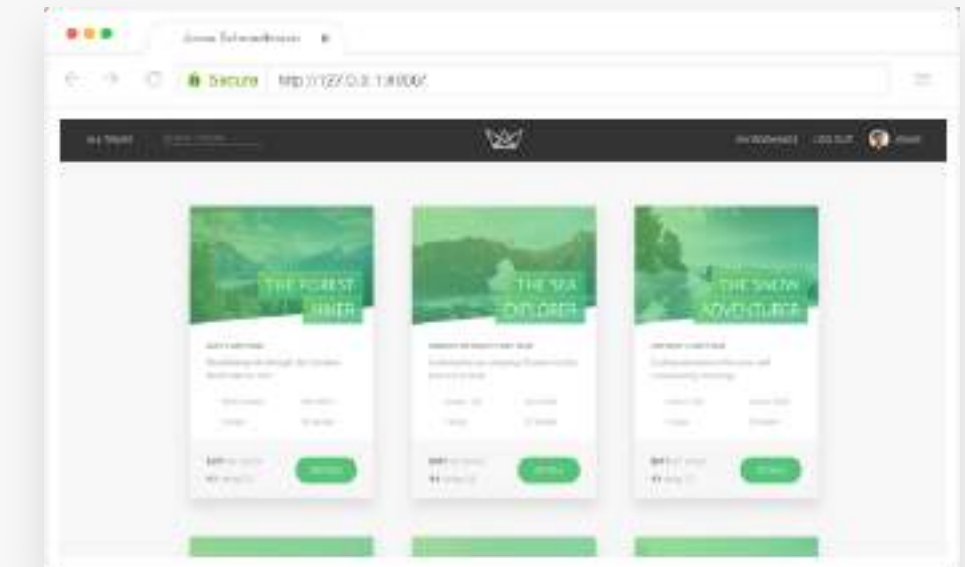
`/updateTour`

**BAD**



`/getToursByUser`

`/deleteToursByUser`

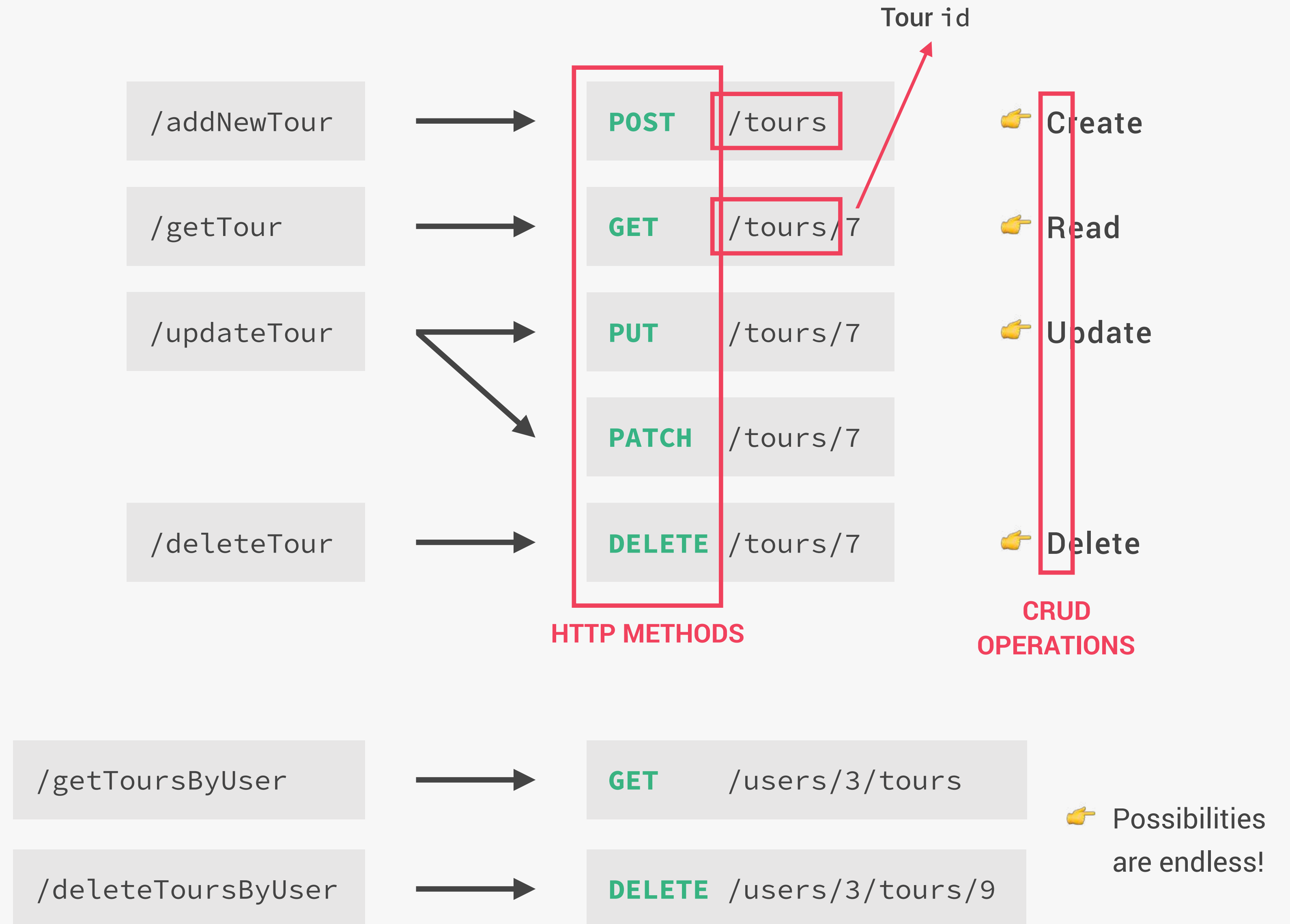


👉 Endpoints should contain **only resources** (nouns), and use **HTTP methods** for actions!



# THE REST ARCHITECTURE

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RESPONSE  
FORMATTING

👉 JSend

```
{
  "status": "sucess",
  "data": {
    "id": 5,
    "tourName": "The Park Camper",
    "rating": "4.9",
    "guides": [
      {
        "name": "Steven Miller",
        "role": "Lead Guide"
      },
      {
        "name": "Lisa Brown",
        "role": "Tour Guide"
      }
    ]
  }
}
```

👉 JSON:API

👉 OData JSON Protocol

👉 ...

<https://www.natours.com/tours/5>

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👉 **Stateless RESTful API:** All state is handled **on the client**. This means that each request must contain **all** the information necessary to process a certain request. The server should **not** have to remember previous requests.

👉 **Examples of state:**

loggedIn

currentPage

currentPage = 5

**GET** /tours/nextPage

**BAD**

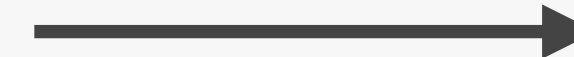


WEB  
SERVER

nextPage = currentPage + 1  
send(nextPage)

STATE ON SERVER

**GET** /tours/page/6



WEB  
SERVER

send(6)

STATE COMING FROM CLIENT





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## SECTION

EXPRESS: LET'S START BUILDING THE  
NATOURS API!

## LECTURE

MIDDLEWARE AND THE REQUEST-  
RESPONSE CYCLE



# THE ESSENCE OF EXPRESS DEVELOPMENT: THE REQUEST-RESPONSE CYCLE

👉 “Everything is middleware” (even routers)

👉 “Pipeline”

👉 Order as defined in the code!

MIDDLEWARE STACK



👉 E.g: parsing body

👉 E.g: logging

👉 E.g: setting headers

👉 E.g: router

REQUEST-RESPONSE CYCLE



# SECTION 7 — INTRODUCTION TO MONGODB



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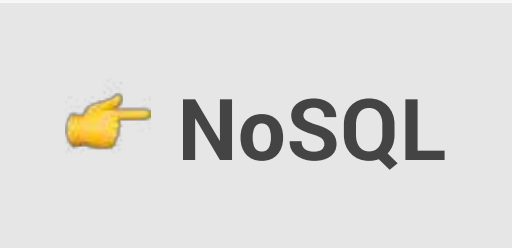
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WHAT IS MONGODB?

# MONGODB: AN OVERVIEW

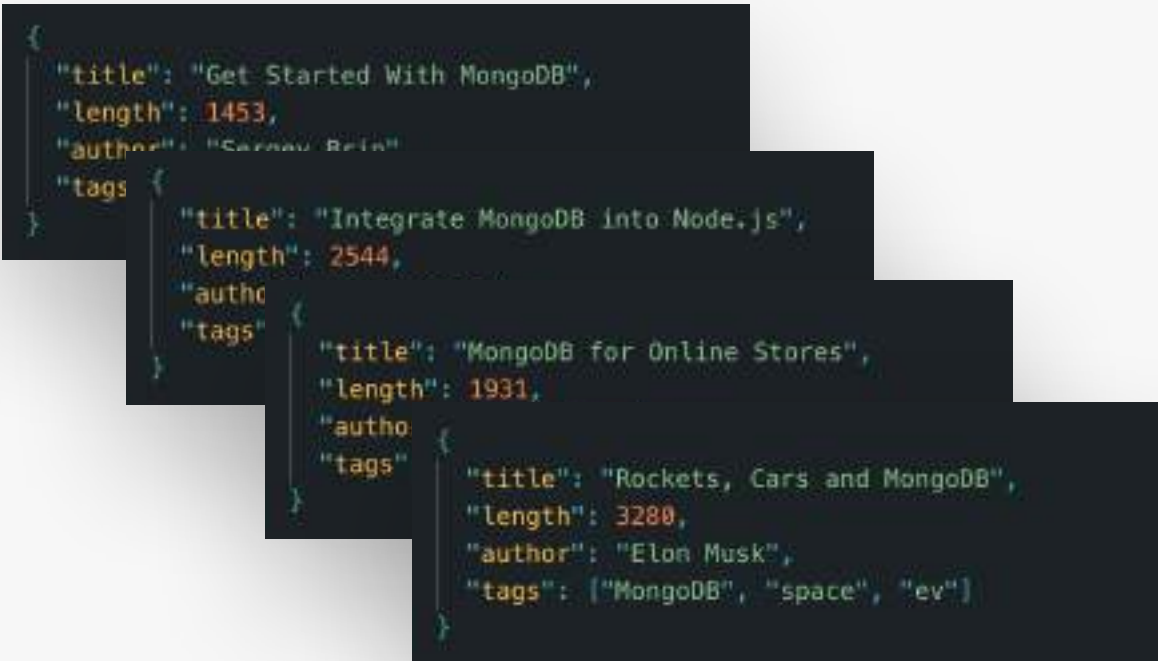


DATABASE



COLLECTIONS  
("Tables")

- blog
- users
- reviews



DOCUMENTS  
("Rows")

- post
- user
- review



# WHAT IS MONGODB?

MONGODB

*"MongoDB is a document database with the scalability and flexibility that you want with the querying and indexing that you need"*

## KEY MONGODB FEATURES:



- 👉 **Document based:** MongoDB stores data in documents (field-value pair data structures, NoSQL);
- 👉 **Scalable:** Very easy to distribute data across multiple machines as your users and amount of data grows;
- 👉 **Flexible:** No document data schema required, so each document can have different number and type of fields;
- 👉 **Performant:** Embedded data models, indexing, sharding, flexible documents, native duplication, etc.
- 👉 Free and open-source, published under the SSPL License.

# DOCUMENTS, BSON AND EMBEDDING

## DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

👉 **BSON:** Data format MongoDB uses for data storage. Like JSON, **but typed**. So MongoDB documents are typed.

Unique ID

Fields

Embedded documents

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId('9375209372634926'),
  "title": "Rockets, Cars and MongoDB",
  "author": "Elon Musk",
  "length": 3280,
  "published": true,
  "tags": ["MongoDB", "space", "ev"],
  "comments": [
    { "author": "Jonas", "text": "Interesting stuff!" },
    { "author": "Bill", "text": "How did oyu do it?" },
    { "author": "Jeff", "text": "My rockets are better" }
  ]
}
```

Values (typed)

👉 **Embedding/Denormalizing:** Including related data into a single document. This allows for quicker access and easier data models (it's not always the best solution though).

## RELATIONAL DATABASE

Column

id	title	author	length	published	tags	comments
1	Rockets...	Elon Musk	3280	TRUE	-	-

"JOIN tables"  
Reference by  
comments\_id

id	autor	text
1	Jonas	Interesting stuff!
2	Bill	How do you do it?
3	Jeff	My rockets are better

👉 **Data is always normalized**



# SECTION 8 — USING MONGODB WITH MONGOOSE



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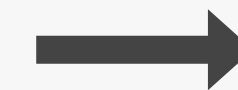
# WHAT IS MONGOOSE, AND WHY USE IT?

mongoose

 mongoDB

- 👉 Mongoose is an Object Data Modeling (ODM) library for MongoDB and Node.js, a higher level of abstraction;
- 👉 Mongoose allows for rapid and simple development of mongoDB database interactions;
- 👉 Features: schemas to model data and relationships, easy data validation, simple query API, middleware, etc;
- 👉 **Mongoose schema:** where we model our data, by describing the structure of the data, default values, and validation;
- 👉 **Mongoose model:** a wrapper for the schema, providing an interface to the database for CRUD operations.

SCHEMA



MODEL





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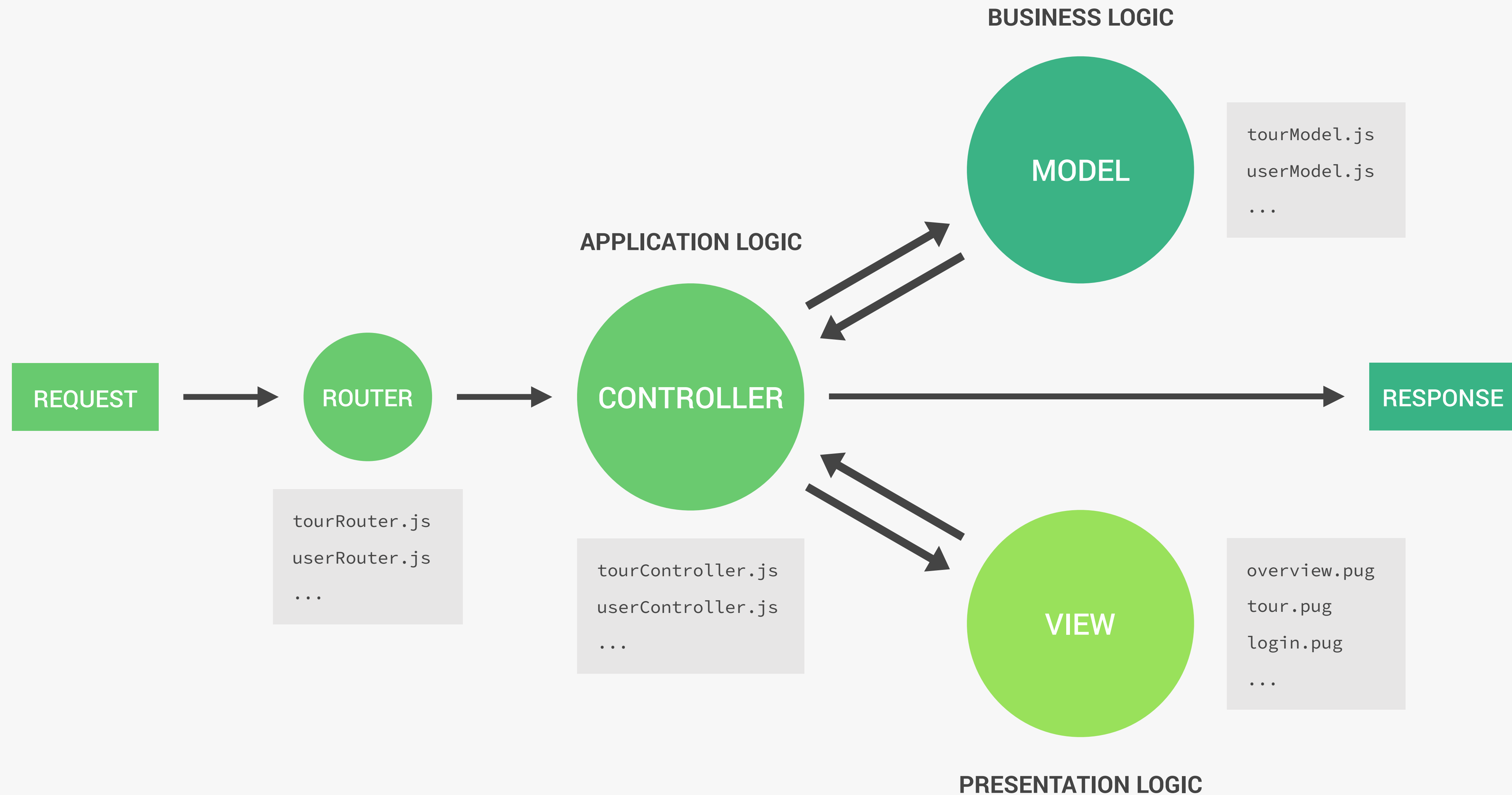
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INTRO TO BACK-END ARCHITECTURE:  
MVC, TYPES OF LOGIC, AND MORE

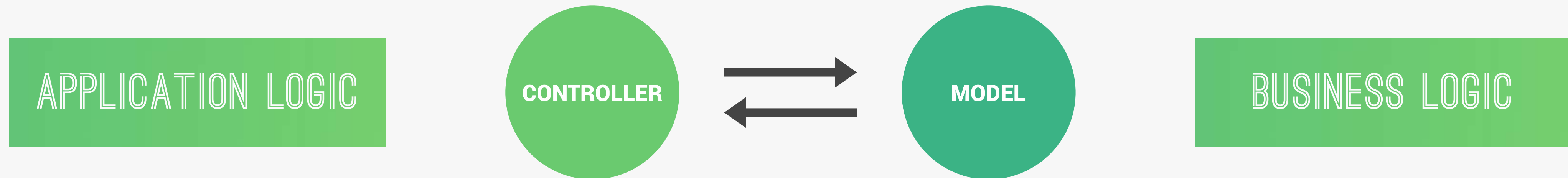


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# MVC ARCHITECTURE IN OUR EXPRESS APP



# APPLICATION VS. BUSINESS LOGIC



- 👉 Code that is only concerned about the application's implementation, not the underlying business problem we're trying to solve (e.g. showing and selling tours);
- 👉 Concerned about managing requests and responses;
- 👉 About the app's more technical aspects;
- 👉 Bridge between model and view layers.

- 👉 Code that actually solves the business problem we set out to solve;
- 👉 Directly related to business rules, how the business works, and business needs;
- 👉 Examples:
  - 👉 Creating new tours in the database;
  - 👉 Checking if user's password is correct;
  - 👉 Validating user input data;
  - 👉 Ensuring only users who bought a tour can review it.

👉 **Fat models/thin controllers:** offload as much logic as possible into the models, and keep the controllers as simple and lean as possible.





# SECTION 9 – ERROR HANDLING WITH EXPRESS



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AN OVERVIEW OF ERROR HANDLING



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# ERROR HANDLING IN EXPRESS: AN OVERVIEW

## OPERATIONAL ERRORS

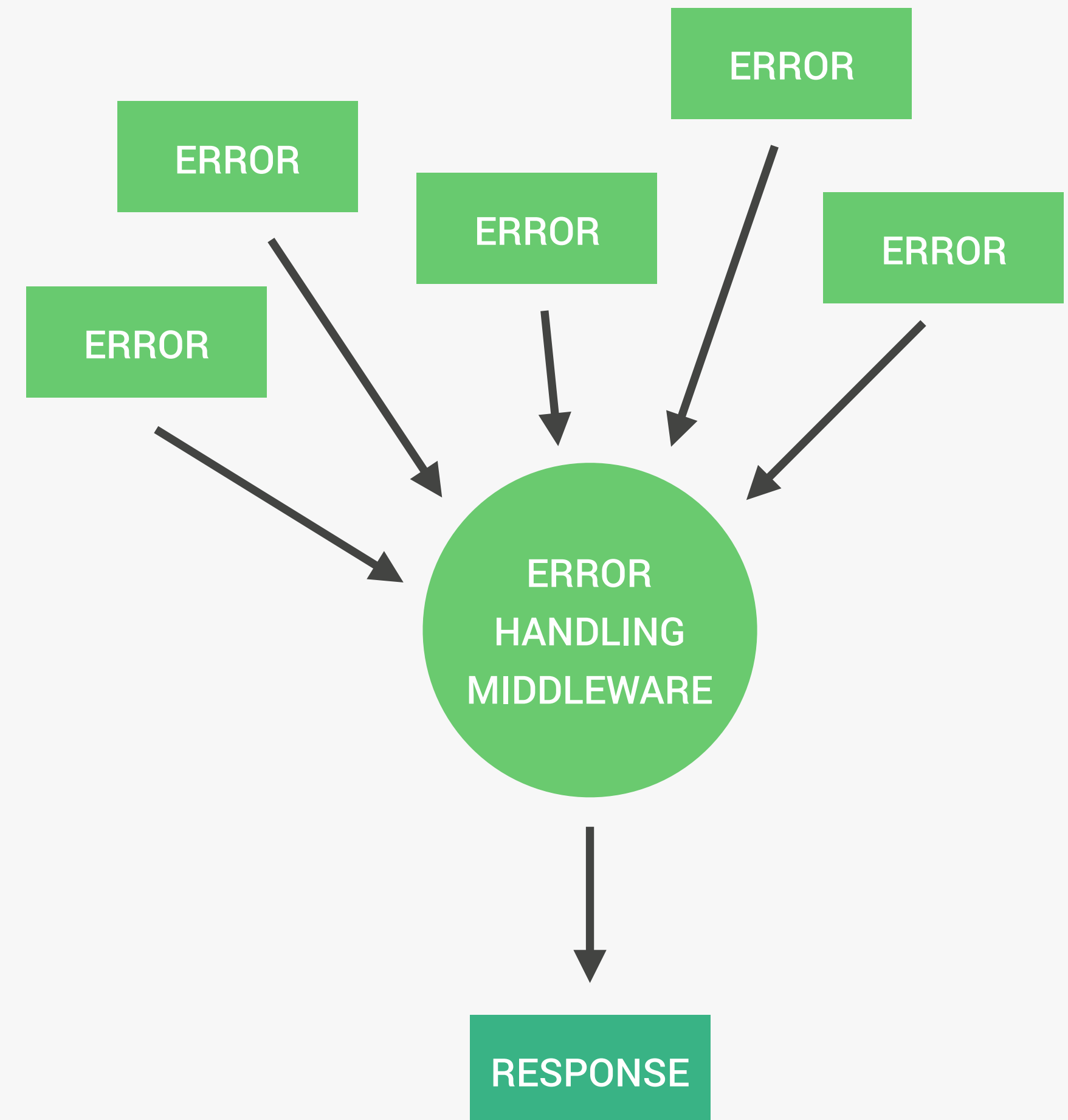
Problems that we can predict will happen at some point, so we just need to handle them in advance.

- 👉 Invalid path accessed;
- 👉 Invalid user input (validator error from mongoose);
- 👉 Failed to connect to server;
- 👉 Failed to connect to database;
- 👉 Request timeout;
- 👉 Etc...

## PROGRAMMING ERRORS

Bugs that we developers introduce into our code. Difficult to find and handle.

- 👉 Reading properties on undefined;
- 👉 Passing a number where an object is expected;
- 👉 Using `await` without `async`;
- 👉 Using `req.query` instead of `req.body`;
- 👉 Etc...







# SECTION 10 – AUTHENTICATION, AUTHORIZATION AND SECURITY



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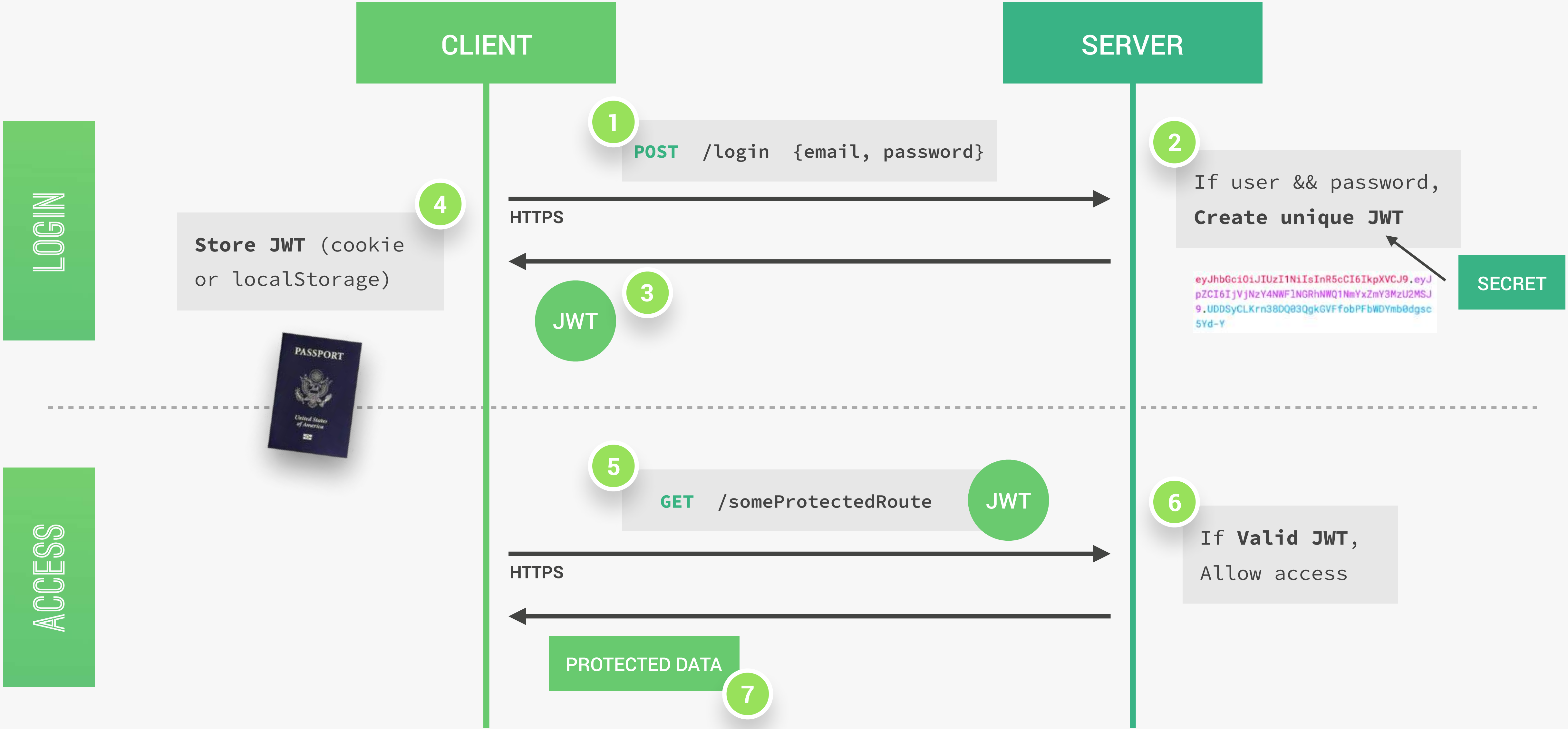
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HOW AUTHENTICATION WITH JWT WORKS



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# HOW JSON WEB TOKEN (JWT) AUTHENTICATION WORKS



# WHAT A JWT LOOKS LIKE



### Encoded

PASTE A TOKEN HERE

```
eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpZCI6IjVjNzY4NWFlNGRhNWQ1NmYxZmY3MzU2MSJ9.UDDSyCLKrn38DQ03QgkGVFfobPFbWDYmb0dgsc5Yd-Y
```

### Decoded

EDIT THE PAYLOAD AND SECRET

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

```
{  
  "alg": "HS256",  
  "typ": "JWT"  
}
```

PAYLOAD: DATA

```
{  
  "id": "5c7685ae4da5d56f1ff73561"  
}
```

VERIFY SIGNATURE

```
HMACSHA256(  
  base64UrlEncode(header) + "." +  
  base64UrlEncode(payload),  
  my-very-secret-secre  
) ☐ secret base64 encoded
```

SECRET

eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJpZCI6IjVjNzY4NWFlNGRhNWQ1NmYxZmY3MzU2MSJ9.UDDSyCLKrn38DQ03QgkGVFfobPFbWDYmb0dgsc5Yd-Y

HEADER: ALGORITHM & TOKEN TYPE

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PAYLOAD: DATA

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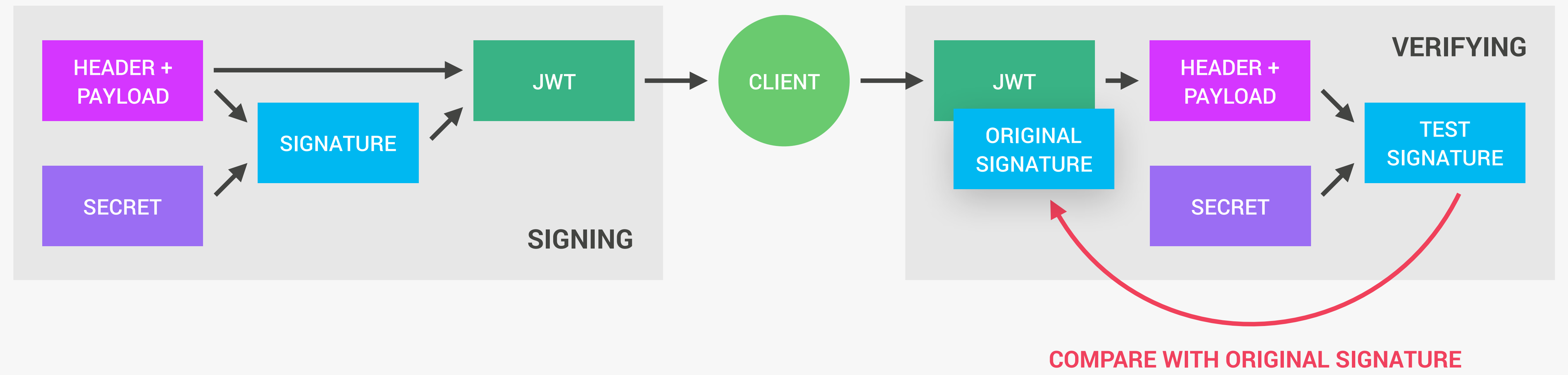
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) ☐ secret base64 encoded
```

SECRET



# HOW SIGNING AND VERIFYING WORKS



test signature == signature 🖐 Data has not been modified 🖐 **Authenticated**

test signature != signature 🖐 Data has been modified 🖐 **Not authenticated**

🖐 Without the secret, one will be able to manipulate the JWT data, because they cannot create a valid signature for the new data!







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SECURITY BEST PRACTICES



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# SECURITY BEST PRACTICES AND SUGGESTIONS

## 👉 COMPROMISED DATABASE

- ✅ Strongly encrypt passwords with salt and hash (bcrypt)
- ✅ Strongly encrypt password reset tokens (SHA 256)

## 👉 BRUTE FORCE ATTACKS

- ✅ Use bcrypt (to make login requests slow)
- 🔽 Implement rate limiting (express-rate-limit)
- 🔬 Implement maximum login attempts

## 👉 CROSS-SITE SCRIPTING (XSS) ATTACKS

- 🔽 Store JWT in HTTPOnly cookies
- 🔽 Sanitize user input data
- 🔽 Set special HTTP headers (helmet package)

## 👉 DENIAL-OF-SERVICE (DOS) ATTACK

- 🔽 Implement rate limiting (express-rate-limit)
- 🔽 Limit body payload (in body-parser)
- ✅ Avoid evil regular expressions

## 👉 NOSQL QUERY INJECTION

- ✅ Use mongoose for MongoDB (because of SchemaTypes)
- 🔽 Sanitize user input data

## 👉 OTHER BEST PRACTICES AND SUGGESTIONS

- ✅ Always use HTTPS
- ✅ Create random password reset tokens with expiry dates
- ✅ Deny access to JWT after password change
- ✅ Don't commit sensitive config data to Git
- ✅ Don't send error details to clients
- 🔬 Prevent Cross-Site Request Forgery (csrf package)
- 🔬 Require re-authentication before a high-value action
- 🔬 Implement a blacklist of untrusted JWT
- 🔬 Confirm user email address after first creating account
- 🔬 Keep user logged in with refresh tokens
- 🔬 Implement two-factor authentication
- 🔽 Prevent parameter pollution causing Uncaught Exceptions



# SECTION 11 — MODELLING DATA AND ADVANCED MONGOOSE





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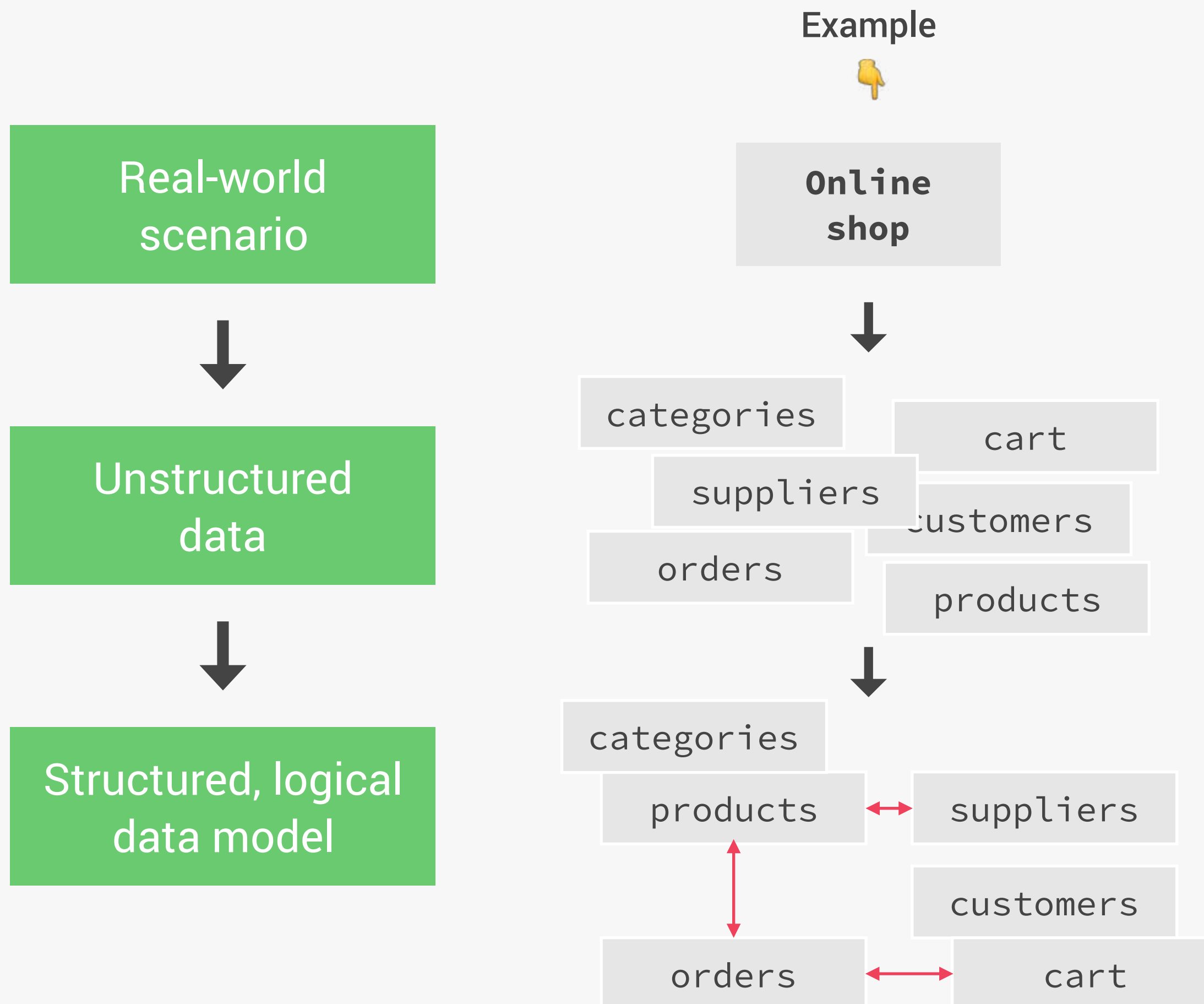
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MONGODB DATA MODELLING

# "DATA... WHAT? 🤔"

## DATA MODELLING



1

Different types of **relationships** between data

2

**Referencing**/normalization vs. **embedding**/denormalization

3

**Embedding** or **referencing** other documents?

4

**Types** of referencing

# 1. TYPES OF RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DATA

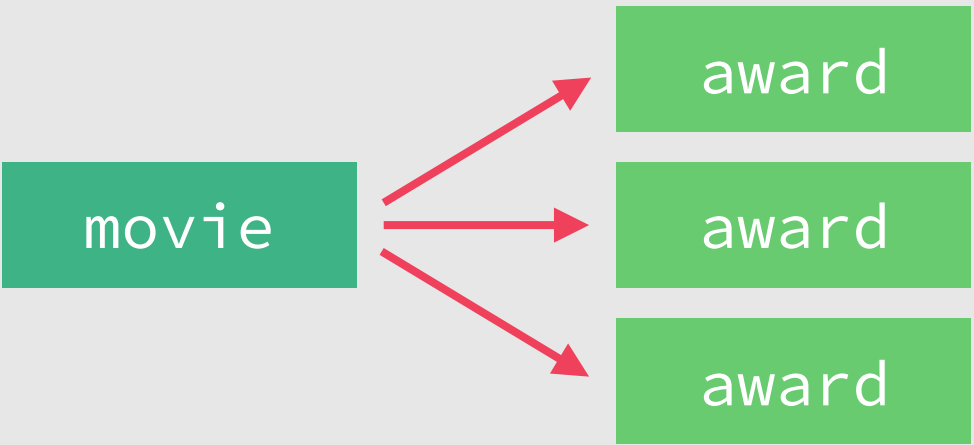
1:1



(1 movie can only have 1 name)

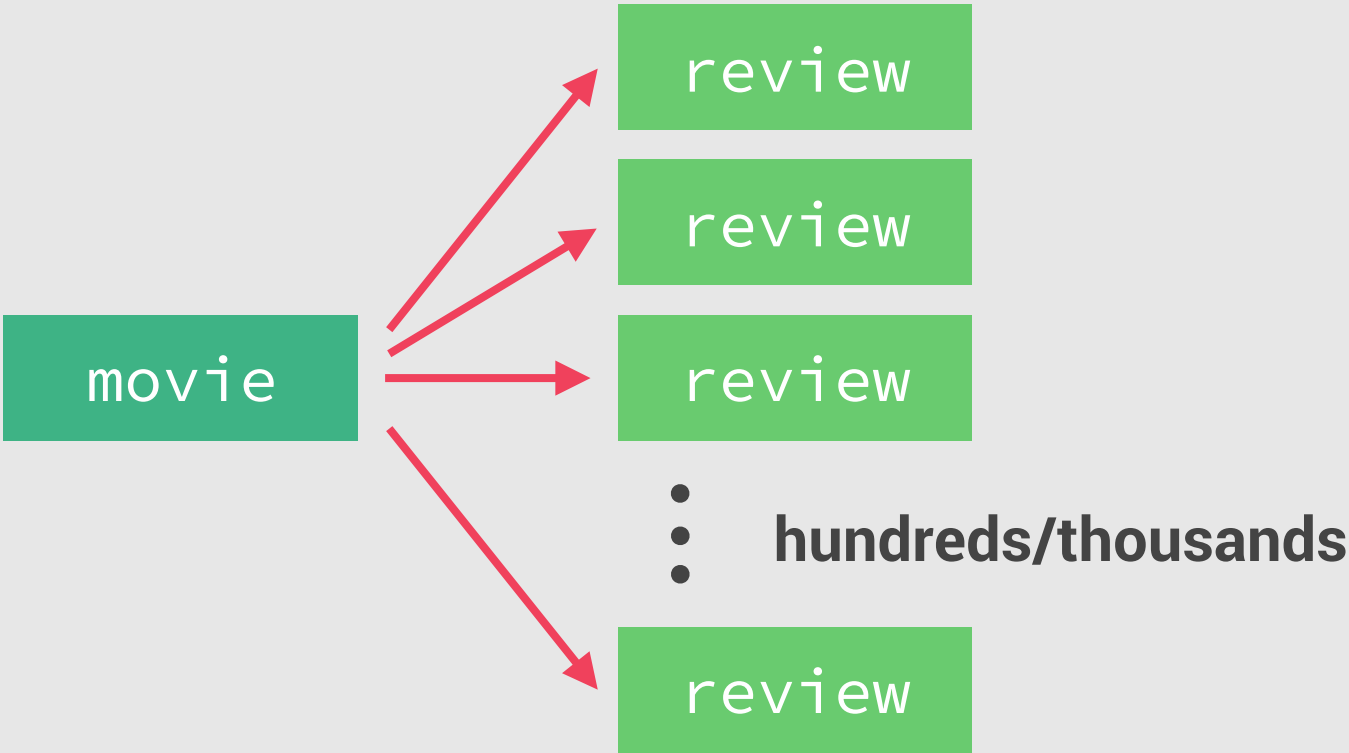
1:MANY

👉 1:FEW

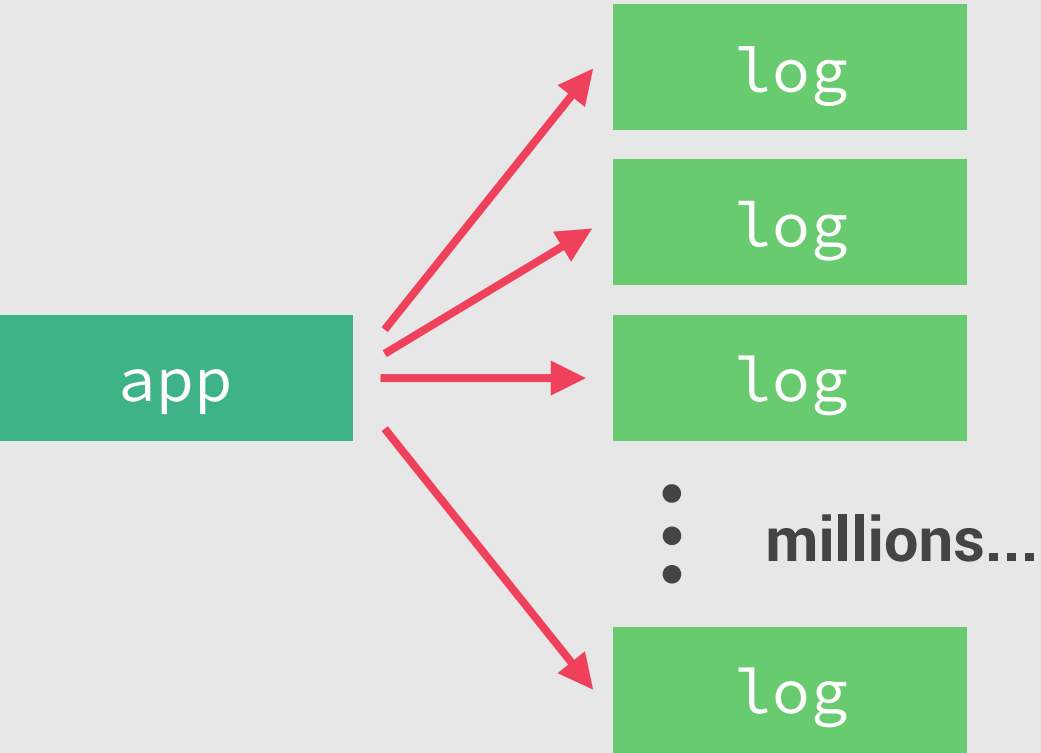


(1 movie can win **many** awards)

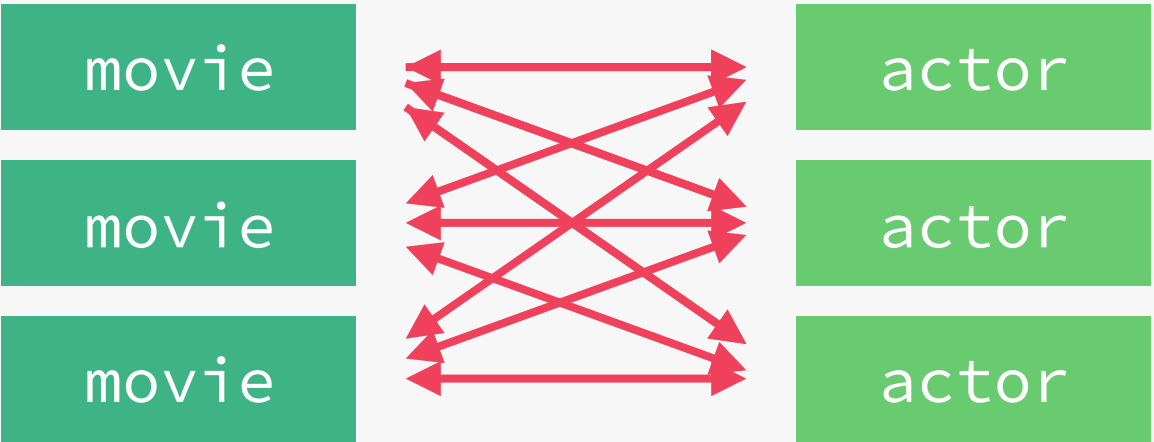
👉 1:MANY



👉 1:TON



MANY:MANY



(One movie can have **many** actors, but one actor can also play in **many** movies)



# 2. REFERENCING VS. EMBEDDING

## REFERENCED / NORMALIZED

movie

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId('222'),
  "title": "Interstellar",
  "releaseYear": 2014,
  "actors": [
    ObjectId('555'),
    ObjectId('777')
  ]
}
```

Referencing  
(child)

actor

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId('555'),
  "name": "Matthew McConaughey",
  "age": 50,
  "born": "Uvalde, USA"
}
```

actor

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId('777'),
  "name": "Anne Hathaway",
  "age": 37,
  "born": "NYC, USA"
}
```

## EMBEDDED / DENORMALIZED

movie

```
{
  "_id": ObjectId('222'),
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  "releaseYear": 2014,
  "actors": [
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      "name": "Matthew McConaughey",
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    },
    {
      "name": "Anne Hathaway",
      "age": 37,
      "born": "NYC, USA"
    }
  ]
}
```

Main  
document

Embedded  
documents

EMBEDDING/  
DENORMALIZATION

REFERENCING /  
NORMALIZATION

- 👍 Performance: it's easier to query each document on its own
- 👎 We need 2 queries to get data from referenced document

- 👍 Performance: we can get all the information in one query
- 👎 Impossible to query the embedded document on its own

# 3. WHEN TO EMBED AND WHEN TO REFERENCE? A PRACTICAL FRAMEWORK

👉 Combine all 3 criteria to take decision!

EMBEDDING

REFERENCING

1

## RELATIONSHIP TYPE

(How two datasets are related to each other)

- 👉 1:FEW
- 👉 1:MANY

- 👉 1:MANY
- 👉 1:TON
- 👉 MANY:MANY

Movies + Images (100)

?

2

## DATA ACCESS PATTERNS

(How often data is read and written. Read/write ratio)

- 👉 Data is mostly **read**
- 👉 Data does **not** change quickly
- 👉 (**High** read/write ratio)

Movies + Images

- 👉 Data is **updated** a lot
- 👉 (**Low** read/write ratio)

Movies + Reviews

3

## DATA CLOSENESS

(How “much” the data is related, how we want to query)

- 👉 Datasets **really** belong together

User + Email Addresses

- 👉 We frequently need to query both datasets **on their own**

Movies + Images



# 4. TYPES OF REFERENCING

## CHILD REFERENCING



👉 1:FEW

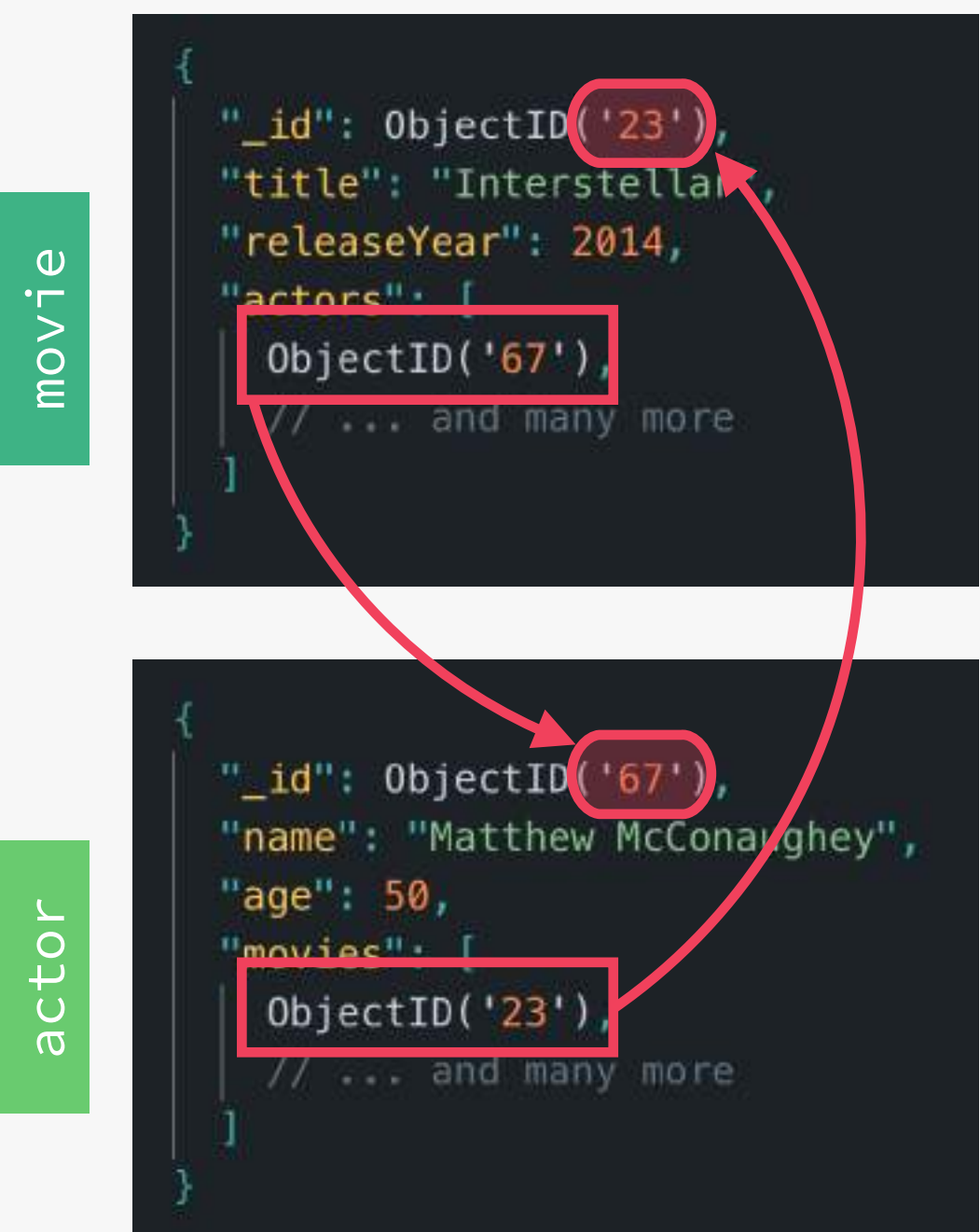
## PARENT REFERENCING



👉 1:MANY

👉 1:TON

## TWO-WAY REFERENCING



👉 MANY:MANY



# SUMMARY 🎉

- 👉 The most important principle is: Structure your data to **match the ways that your application queries and updates data**;
- 👉 In other words: Identify the questions that arise from your **application's use cases** first, and then model your data so that the **questions can get answered** in the most efficient way;
- 👉 In general, **always favor embedding**, unless there is a good reason not to embed. Especially on 1:FEW and 1:MANY relationships;
- 👉 A 1:TON or a MANY:MANY relationship is usually a good reason to **reference** instead of embedding;
- 👉 Also, favor **referencing** when data is updated a lot and if you need to frequently access a dataset on its own;
- 👉 Use **embedding** when data is mostly read but rarely updated, and when two datasets belong intrinsically together;
- 👉 Don't allow arrays to grow indefinitely. Therefore, if you need to normalize, use **child referencing** for 1:MANY relationships, and **parent referencing** for 1:TON relationships;
- 👉 Use **two-way referencing** for MANY:MANY relationships.







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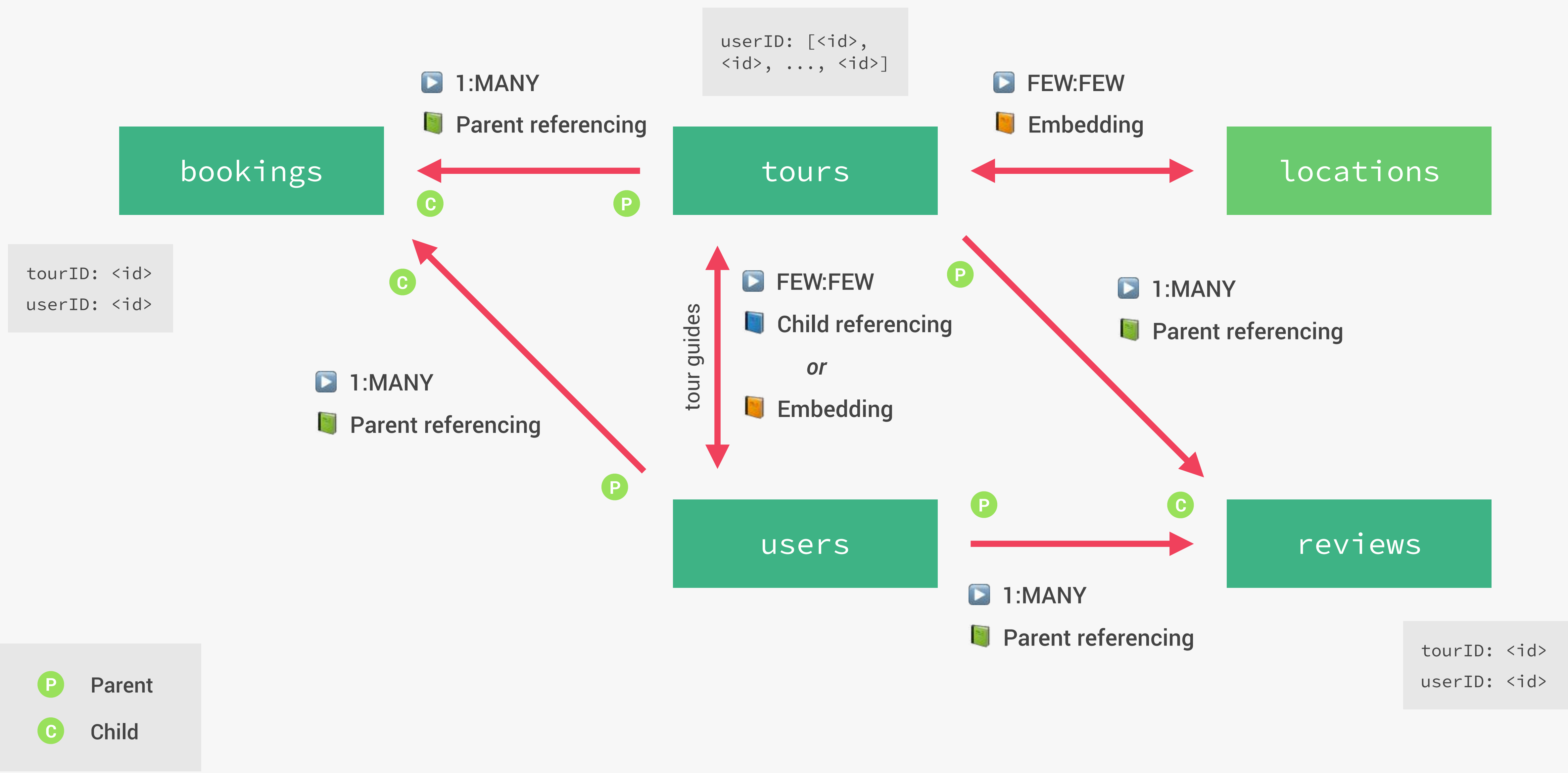
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DESIGNING OUR DATA MODEL

# THE NATOURS DATA MODEL







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ADVANCED FEATURES:

PAYMENTS, EMAIL,

FILE UPLOADS



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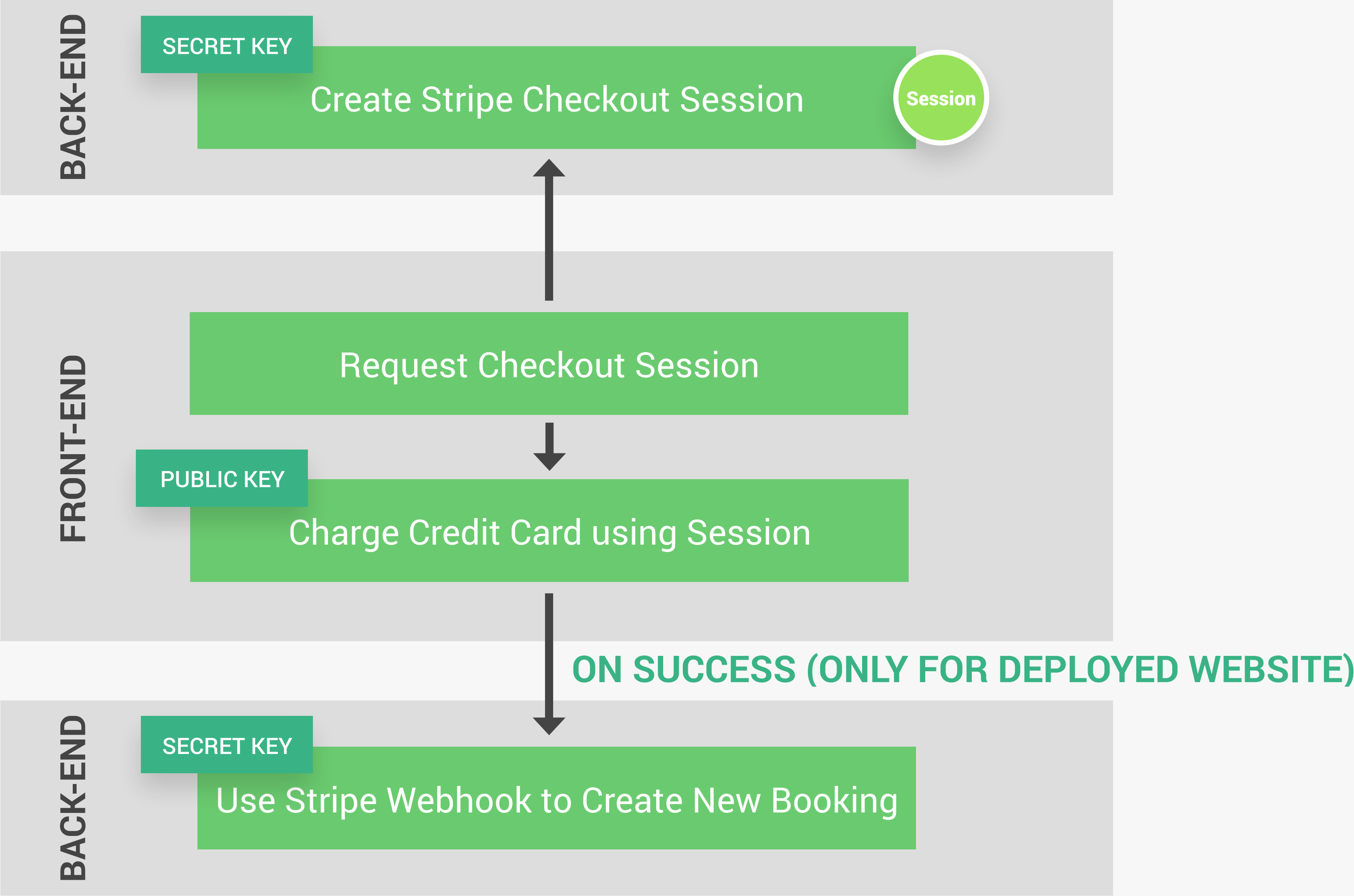
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CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS WITH STRIPE

# STRIPE WORKFLOW









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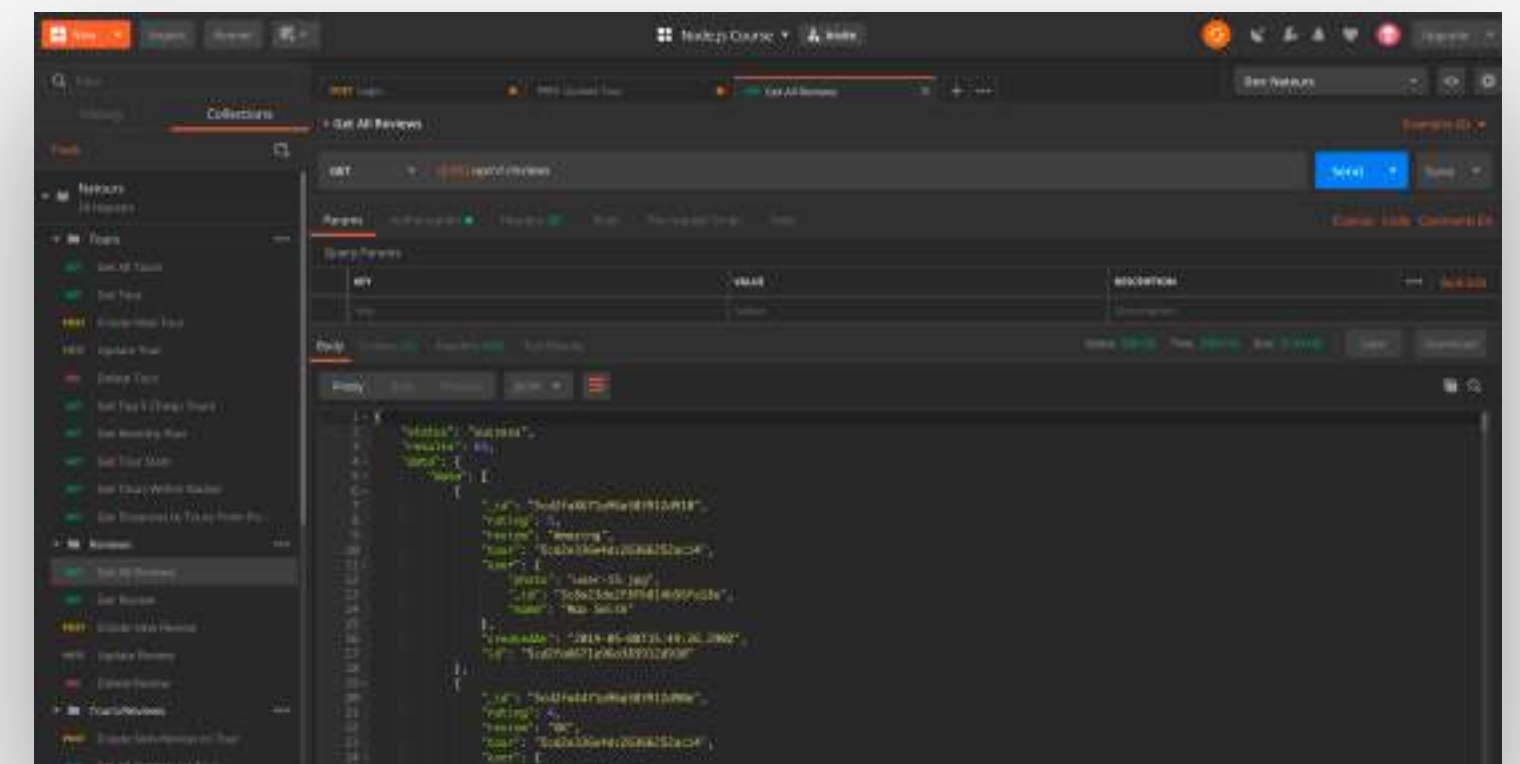
FINAL CONSIDERATIONS



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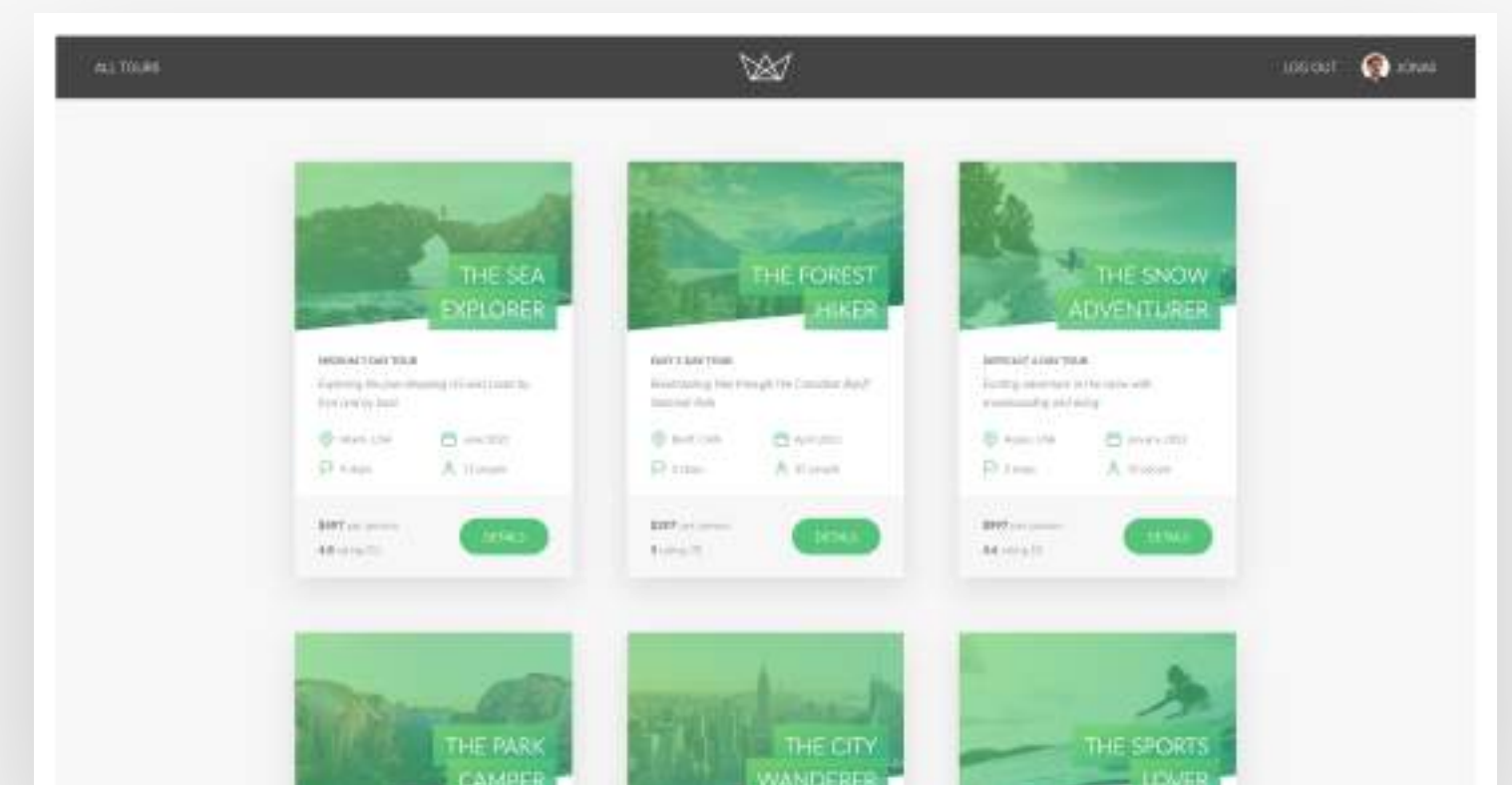
# CHALLENGES (API) 🧐

- 👉 Implement restriction that users can only review a tour **that they have actually booked**;
- 👉 Implement nested **booking** routes: `/tours/:id/bookings` and `/users/:id/bookings`;
- 👉 **Improve tour dates**: add a participants and a soldOut field to each date. A date then becomes like an instance of the tour. Then, when a user books, they need to select one of the dates. A new booking will increase the number of participants in the date, until it is booked out (`participants > maxGroupSize`). So, when a user wants to book, you need to check if tour on the selected date is still available;
- 👉 Implement **advanced authentication features**: confirm user email, keep users logged in with refresh tokens, two-factor authentication, etc.



# CHALLENGES (WEBSITE) 🧐

- 👉 Implement a **sign up** form, similar to the login form;
- 👉 On the tour detail page, if a user has taken a tour, allow them **add a review directly on the website**. Implement a form for this;
- 👉 **Hide the entire booking section** on the tour detail page if current user has already booked the tour (also prevent duplicate bookings on the model);
- 👉 Implement **“like tour”** functionality, with favourite tour page;
- 👉 On the user account page, implement the **“My Reviews”** page, where all reviews are displayed, and a user can edit them. *(If you know React 🦄, this would be an amazing way to use the Natours API and train your skills!);*
- 👉 For administrators, implement all the **“Manage”** pages, where they can CRUD (create, read, update, delete) tours, users, reviews, and bookings.





END