

COMEDY

Actors for flexible NodeJS scalability

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15 years of development experience (Java, C++, JavaScript).

Developing SAYMON for 4,5 years, using NodeJS for backend.



NodeJS is single-threaded



Tools for NodeJS scaling

> CLUSTER

> PM2

> COMEDY



CLUSTER

```
let cluster = require('cluster');  
let http = require('http');  
let numCPUs = 4;  
  
if (cluster.isMaster) {  
    for (var i = 0; i < numCPUs; i++) {  
        cluster.fork();  
    }  
} else {  
    http.createServer(function(req, res) {  
        res.writeHead(200);  
        res.end('process ' + process.pid);  
    }).listen(8000);  
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PM2

```
[joni] ~/keymetrics/PM2 $ pm2 scale app +3
```

```
[PM2] Scaling up application
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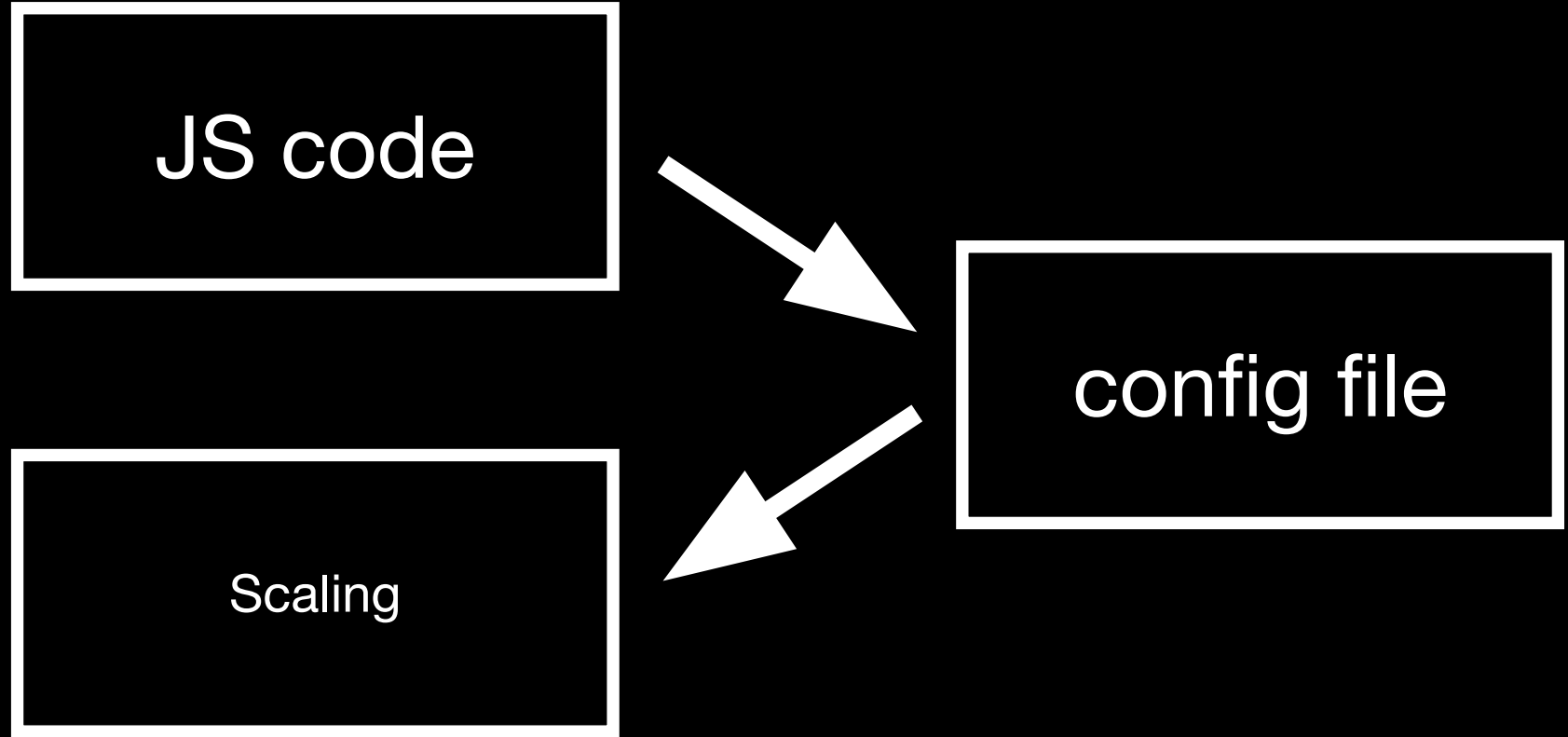
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App name	id	mode	pid	status	restart	uptime	memory
app	0	cluster	16660	online	0	12s	18.379 MB
app	1	cluster	16669	online	0	12s	20.359 MB
app	2	cluster	16692	online	0	12s	18.488 MB
app	3	cluster	16715	online	0	12s	18.383 MB
app	4	cluster	16779	online	0	0s	20.125 MB
app	5	cluster	16786	online	0	0s	18.082 MB
app	6	cluster	16809	online	0	0s	20.289 MB

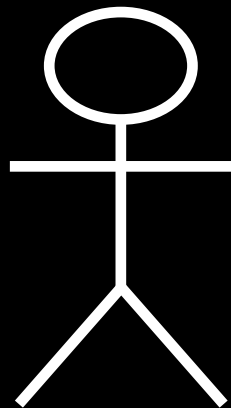


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WHAT IS AN ACTOR?

- > receives messages
- > sends messages
- > spawns child actors



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JS code

```
var actors = require('comedy');

// Actor definition class.

class MyActor {
  sayHello(to) {
    console.log(`Hello, ${to}!`);
  }
}

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  .rootActor()
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Config file

```
{  
  "MyActor": {  
    "mode": "forked",  
    "clusterSize": 3  
  }  
}
```



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Result

```
$ ps ax | grep node
```

```
11031 ?          S1      0:00 node /tmp/simple-class.js
11041 ?          S1      0:00 node /tmp/forked-actor-worker.js MyActor
11046 ?          S1      0:00 node /tmp/forked-actor-worker.js MyActor
11048 ?          S1      0:00 node /tmp/forked-actor-worker.js MyActor
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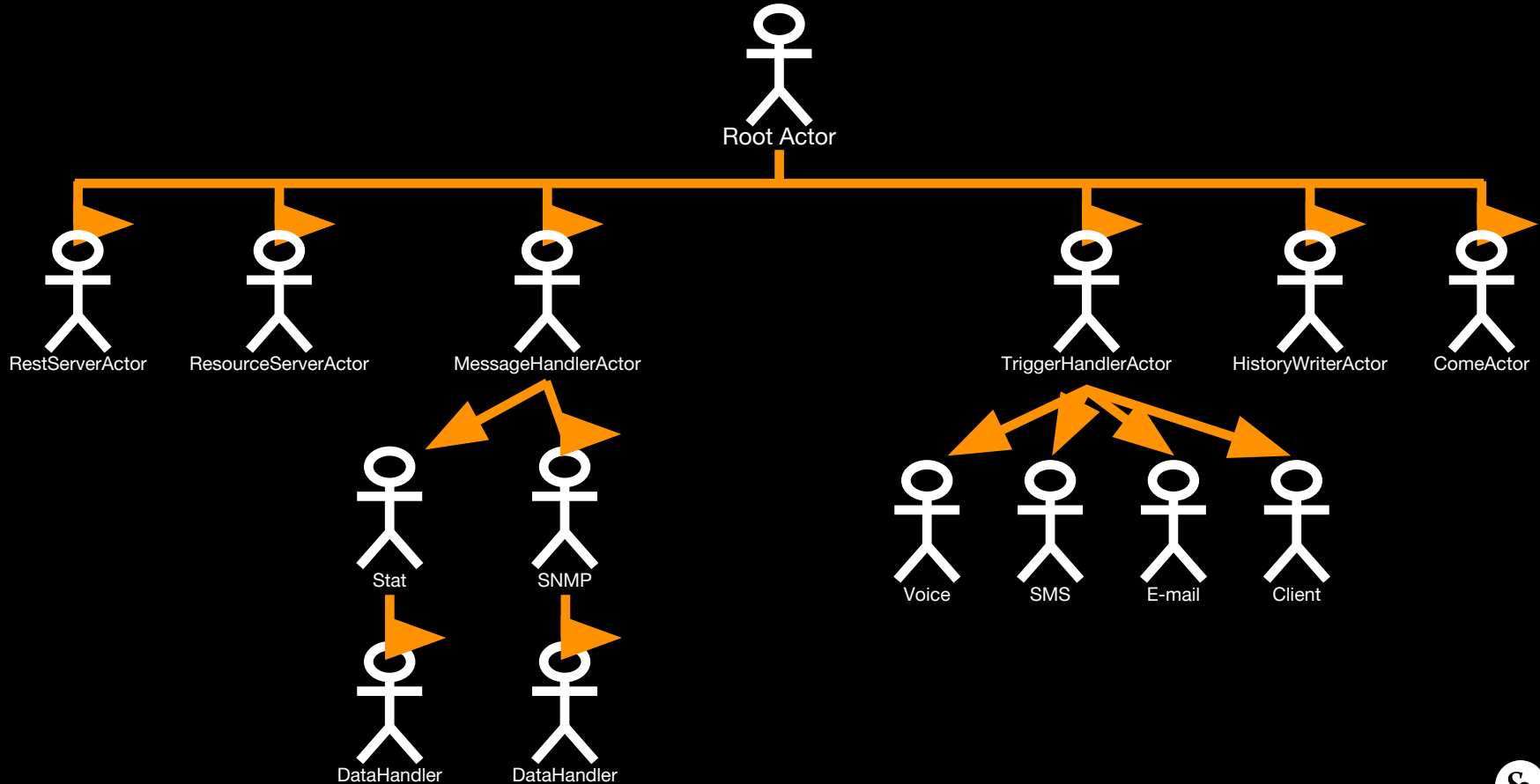


SCALING WITH ACTORS

- > Describe your app in terms of actors (hierarchy)
- > Configure actors with config file



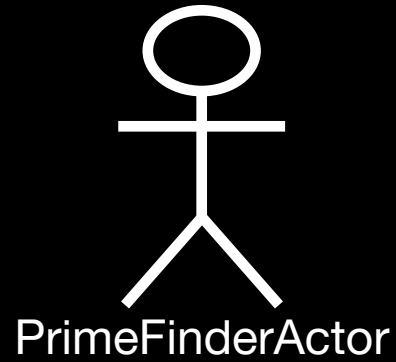
ACTOR HIERARCHY EXAMPLE

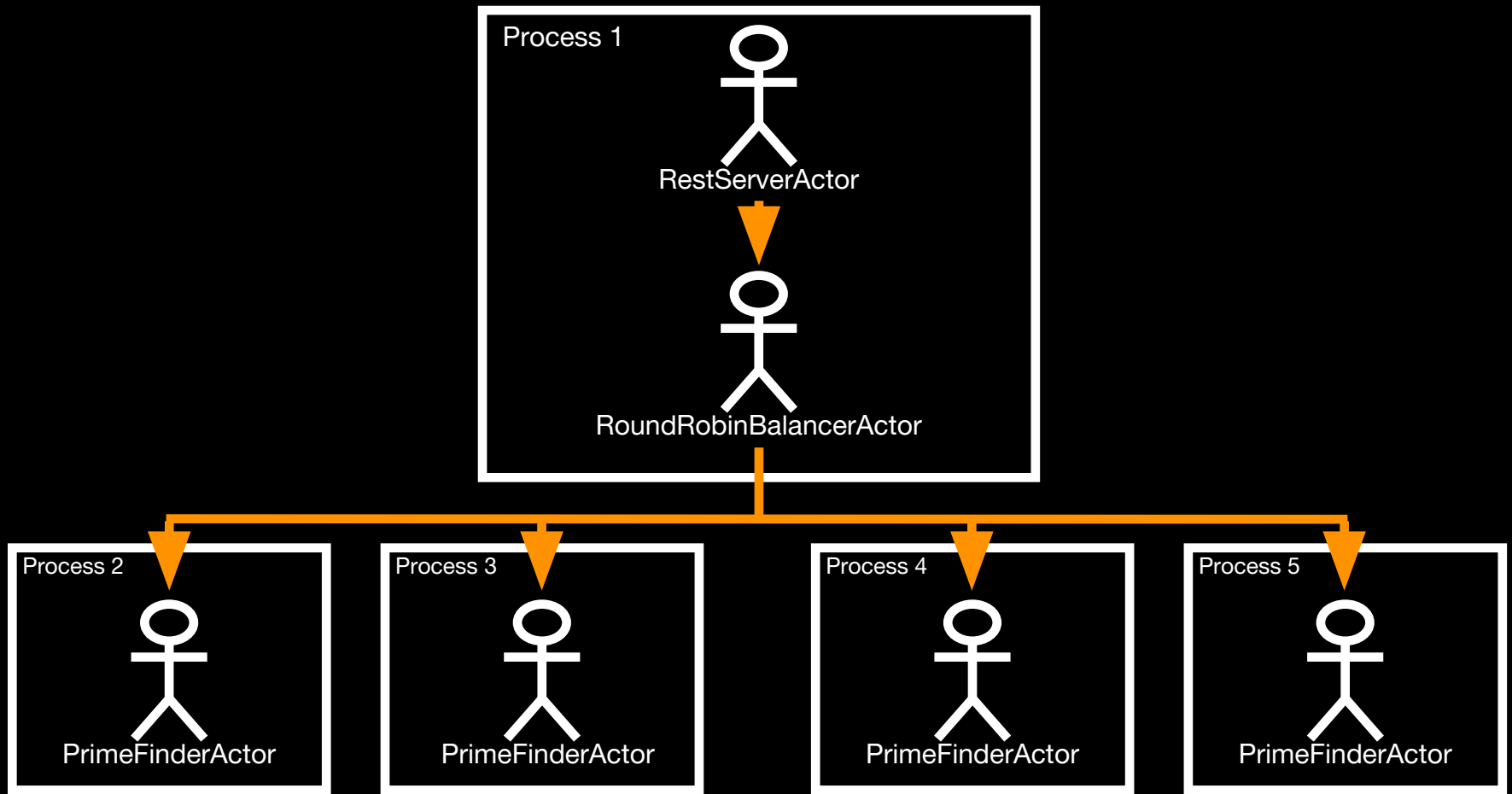


DEMO

github.com/untu/comedy-presentation







Host 1

Process 1

RestServerActor

RoundRobinBalancerActor

Host 2

Process 2

PrimeFinderActor

Process 3

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Process 4

PrimeFinderActor

Process 5

PrimeFinderActor

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