Introduction to Node.js



Atwood's Law

"any application that can be written in JavaScript, will eventually be written in JavaScript."

-- Jeff Atwood, Stack Overflow Co-founder. Source: http://blog.codinghorror. com/the-principle-of-least-power/





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- Fat arrows function
- Classes
- Destructuring
- Promises
- Modules
- Generators

What is Node.js

"Node.js is a JavaScript runtime built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine.

Node.js uses an **event-driven**, **non-blocking I/O** model that makes it lightweight and efficient."

Allows you to build scalable network applications using JavaScript on the serverside.



Blocking



Non blocking



Node.js App

- Run entirely in a single thread
- Passes I/O requests to the event loop, along with callbacks

Your code then:

- Goes to sleep
- Uses no system resources
- Will be notified via callback when I/O is complete

Event Loop



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Examples