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Hands-on WebAssembly

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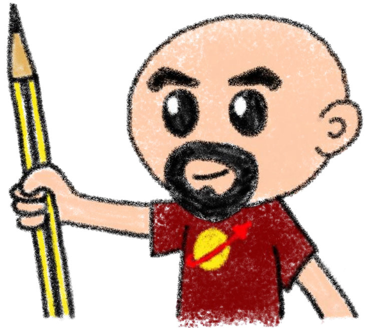
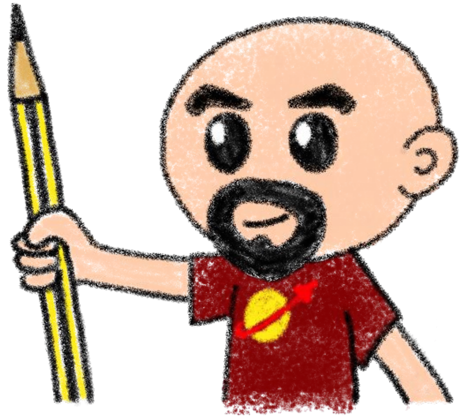


Who are we?

Introducing myself and introducing ~~OVH~~ OVHcloud



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Google Developers Experts 2019

Web Technologies GDE

Flutter

OVHcloud: A global leader

- Web Cloud & Telcom
- Private Cloud
- Public Cloud
- Storage
- Network & Security

30 Data Centers
in 12 locations

34 Points of Presence
on a 20 TBPS Bandwidth Network

2200 Employees
worldwide

115K Private Cloud
VMS running

300K Public Cloud
instances running

380K Physical Servers
running in our data centers

1 Million+ Servers
produced since 1999

1.5 Million Customers
across 132 countries

3.8 Million Websites
hosting

1.5 Billion Euros Invested
since 2016

P.U.E. 1.09
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20+ Years in Business
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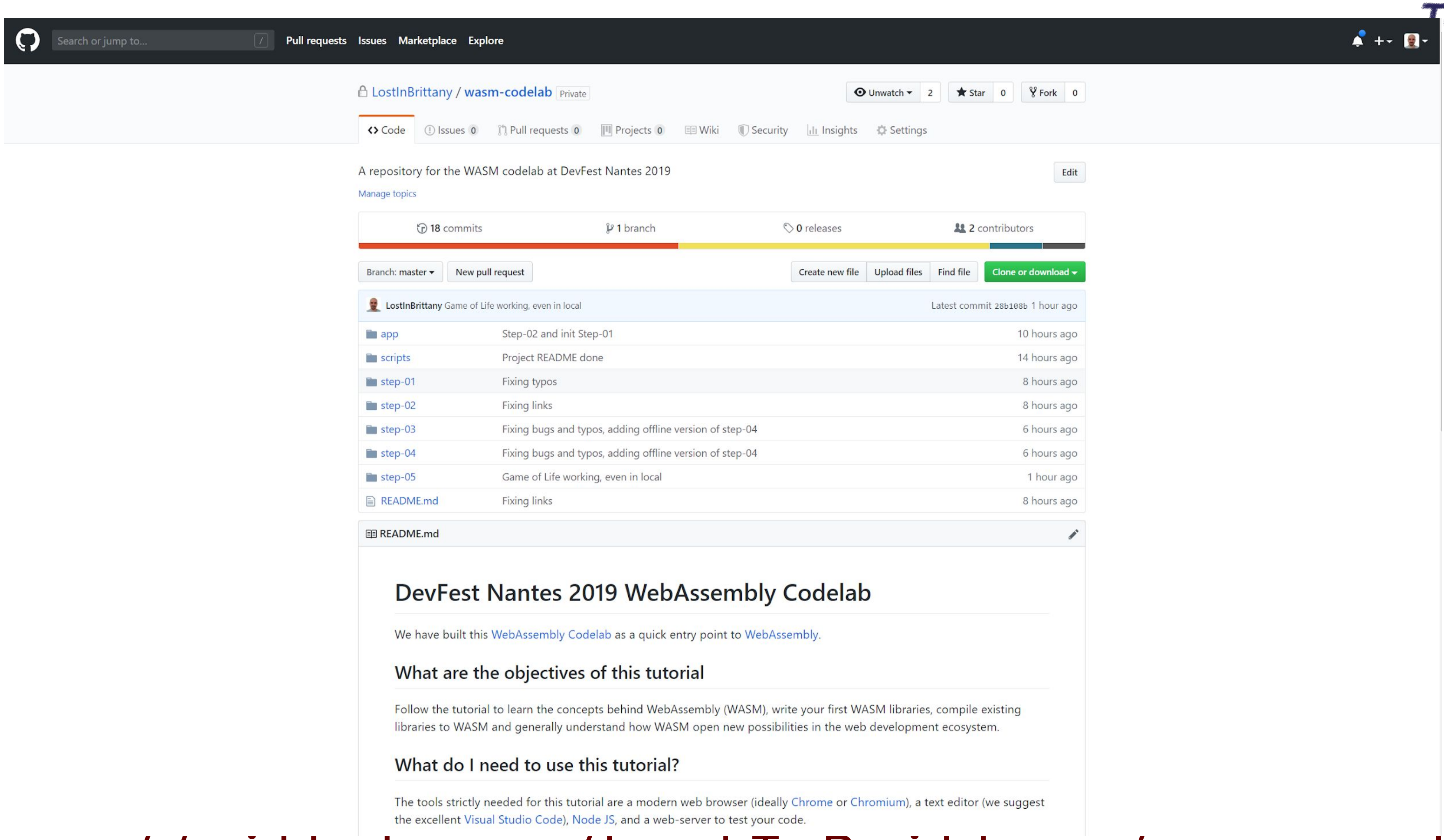
How is the codelab structured?

What are we coding today?

A GitHub repository



LostInBrittany / wasm-codelab Private

A repository for the WASM codelab at DevFest Nantes 2019

18 commits · 1 branch · 0 releases · 2 contributors

LostInBrittany Game of Life working, even in local — Latest commit 28b108b 1 hour ago

app	Step-02 and init Step-01	10 hours ago
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step-01	Fixing typos	8 hours ago
step-02	Fixing links	8 hours ago
step-03	Fixing bugs and typos, adding offline version of step-04	6 hours ago
step-04	Fixing bugs and typos, adding offline version of step-04	6 hours ago
step-05	Game of Life working, even in local	1 hour ago
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README.md

DevFest Nantes 2019 WebAssembly Codelab

We have built this WebAssembly Codelab as a quick entry point to WebAssembly.

What are the objectives of this tutorial

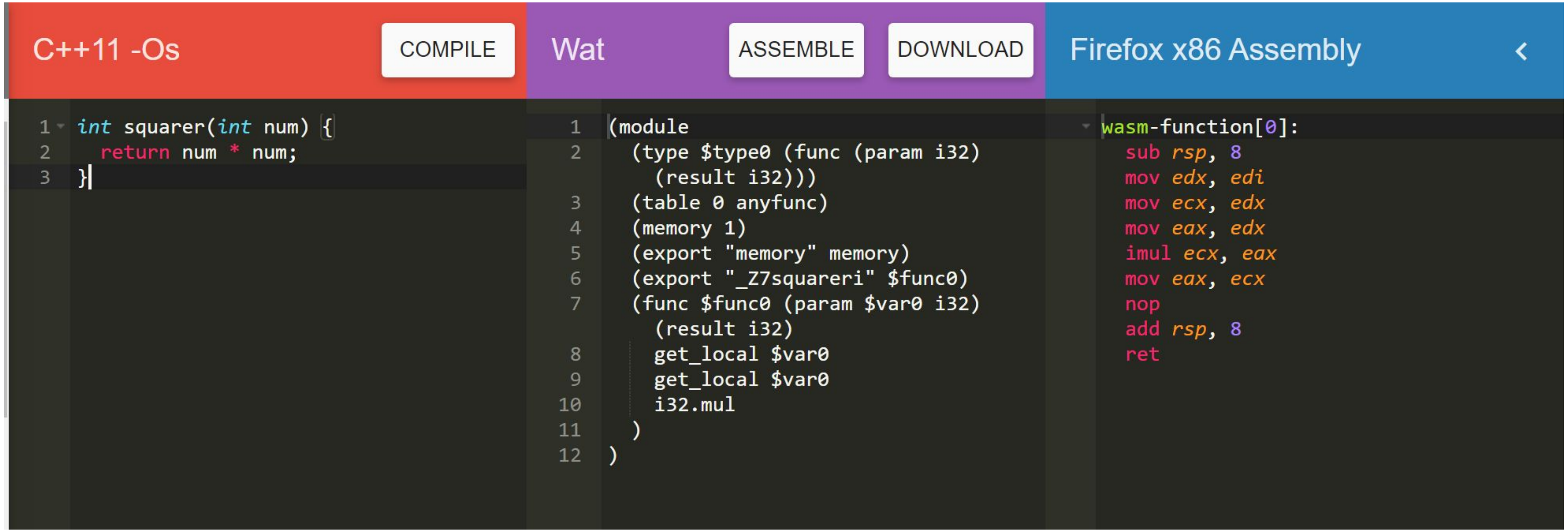
Follow the tutorial to learn the concepts behind WebAssembly (WASM), write your first WASM libraries, compile existing libraries to WASM and generally understand how WASM open new possibilities in the web development ecosystem.

What do I need to use this tutorial?

The tools strictly needed for this tutorial are a modern web browser (ideally Chrome or Chromium), a text editor (we suggest the excellent Visual Studio Code), Node JS, and a web-server to test your code.

https://github.com/LostInBrittany/wasm-codelab

Nothing to install



```cpp
int squarer(int num) {
  return num * num;
}
```

```
(module
  (type $type0 (func (param i32)
    (result i32)))
  (table 0 anyfunc)
  (memory 1)
  (export "memory" memory)
  (export "_Z7squareri" $func0)
  (func $func0 (param $var0 i32)
    (result i32)
    get_local $var0
    get_local $var0
    i32.mul
  )
)
```

```
wasm-function[0]:
  sub rsp, 8
  mov edx, edi
  mov ecx, edx
  mov eax, edx
  imul ecx, eax
  mov eax, ecx
  nop
  add rsp, 8
  ret
```

Using WebAssembly Explorer
and WebAssembly Studio

Only additional tool: a web server

python™

node JS

NGINX

Because of the browser security model

Procedure: follow the steps

Step by step

But before coding, let's speak

What's this WebAssembly thing?

Did I say WebAssembly?

Wasm for friends...

WebAssembly, what's that?

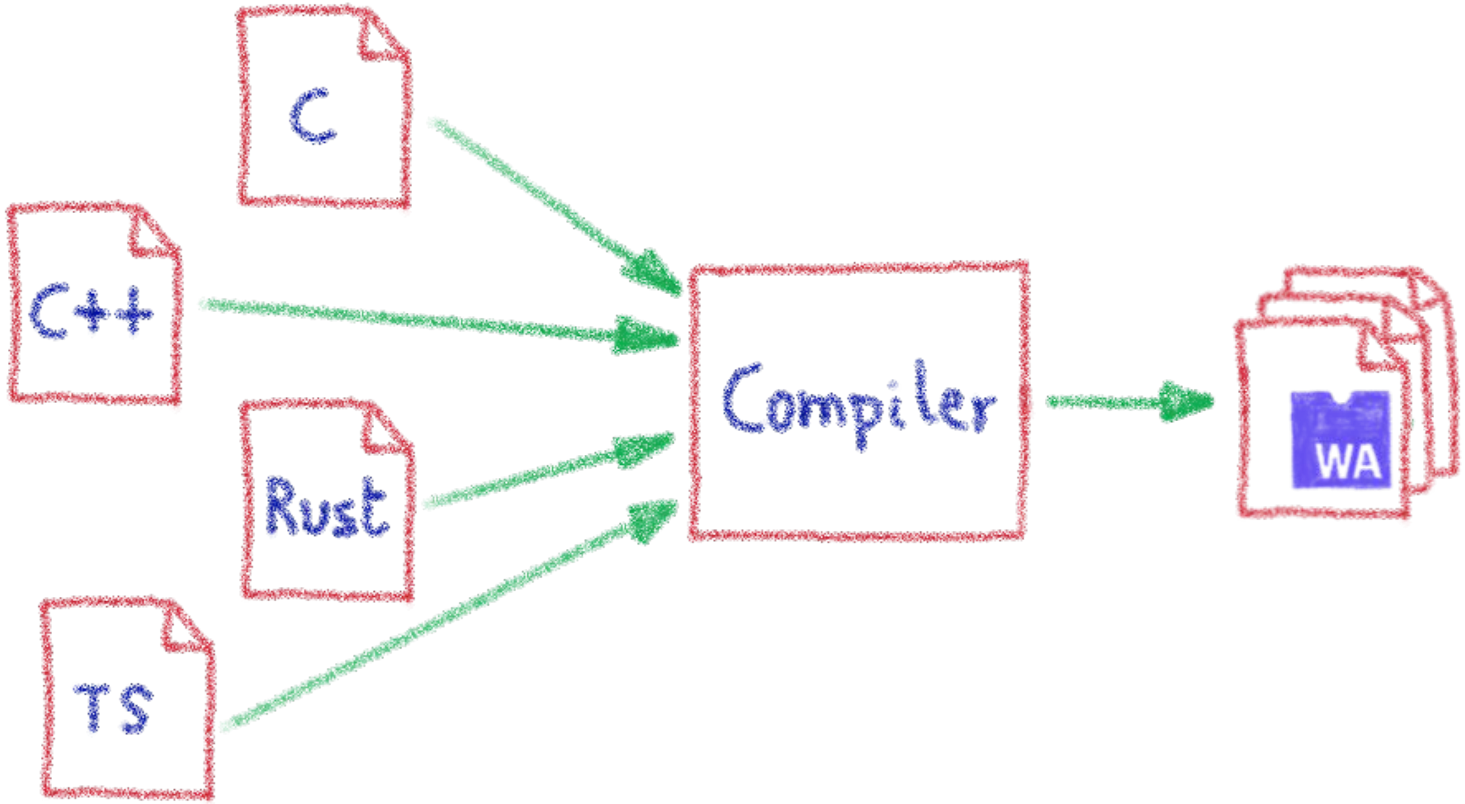
What's WASM ?

Does it replace JS ?

Can I code webapps in Rust?

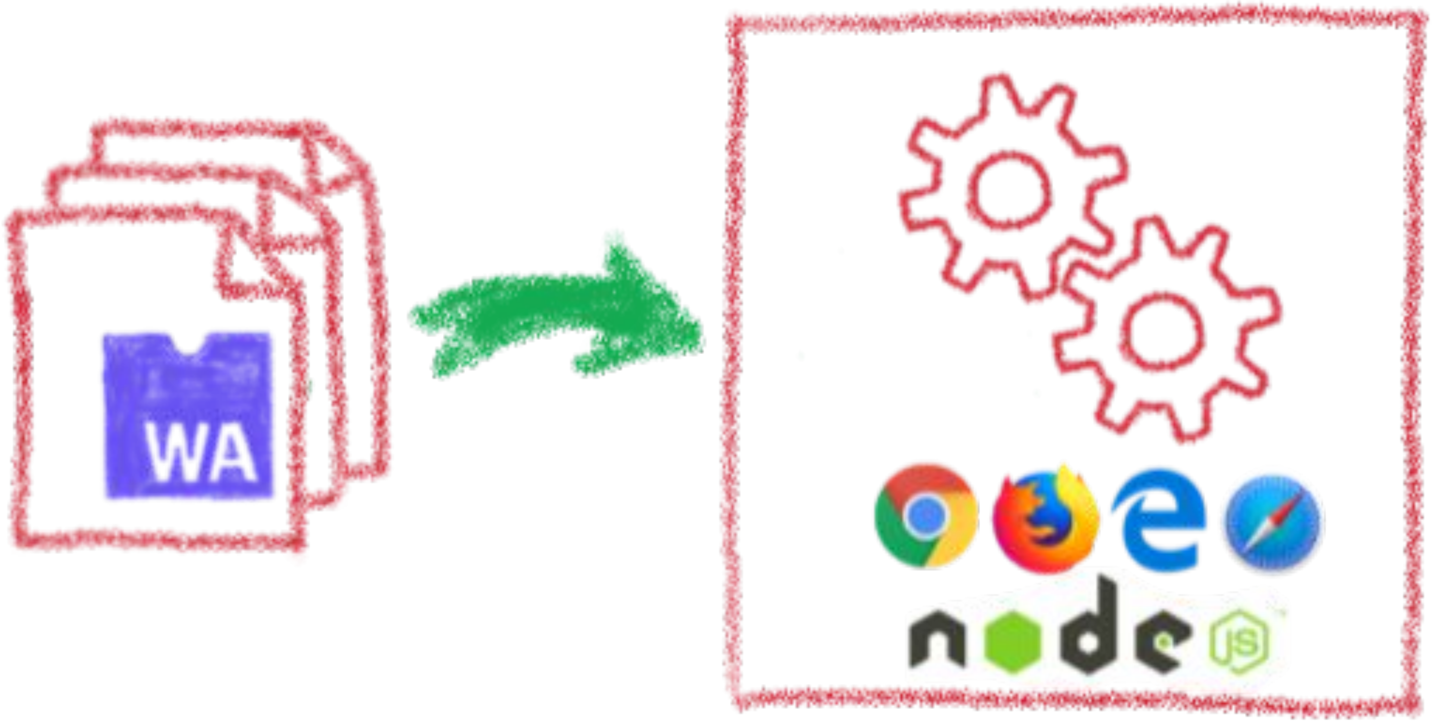
Is HTML/CSS/JS stack obsolete ?

A low-level binary format



Not a programming language, a compilation target

That runs on a stack-based virtual machine



A portable binary format that runs on all modern browsers… but also on NodeJS and elsewhere!!

With several key advantages

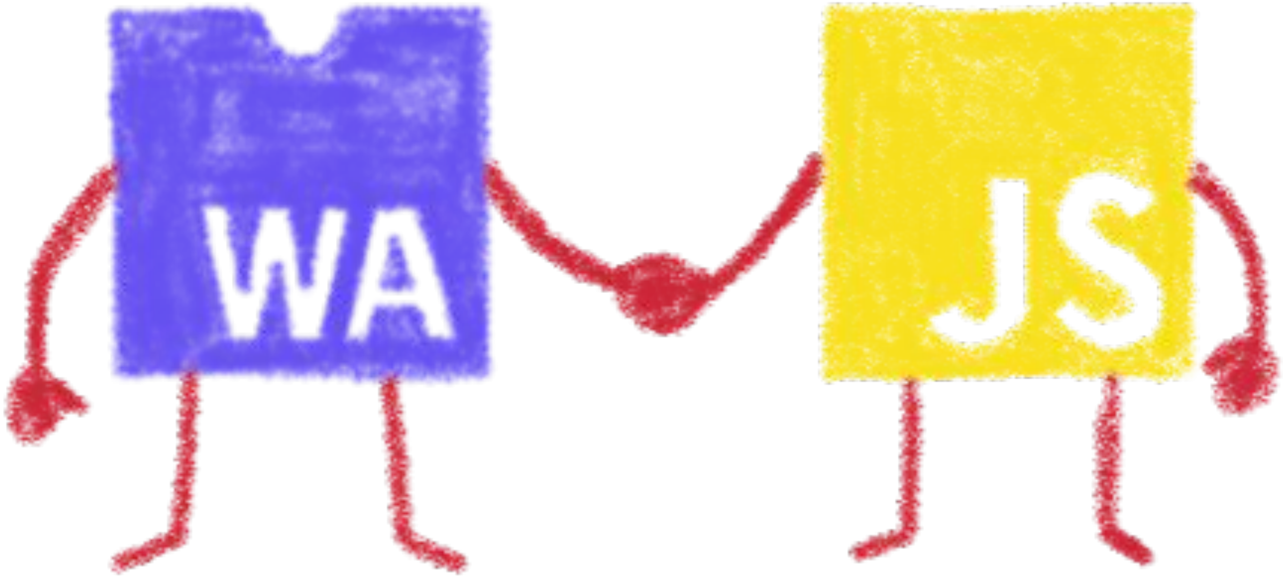
Fast & Efficient ⚡

🔒 Memory-safe & Sandboxed

Open & Deboggable 📄

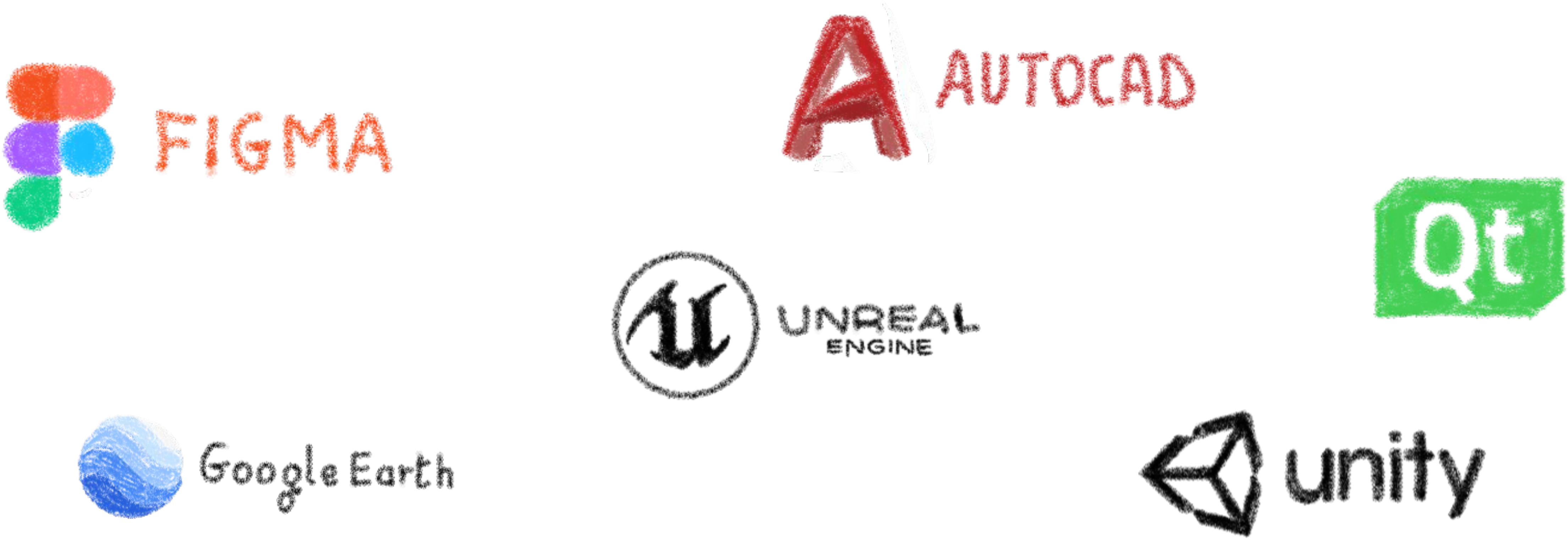
www Part of the Web Platform

But above all...



Wasm is not meant to replace JavaScript

Who is using WebAssembly today?



And many more others...

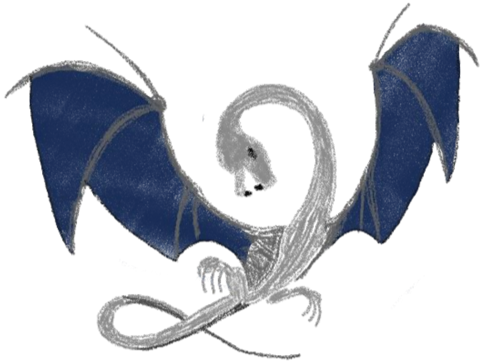
Java
Applets

MACROMEDIA
FLASH

A bit of history

Remembering the past
to better understand the present

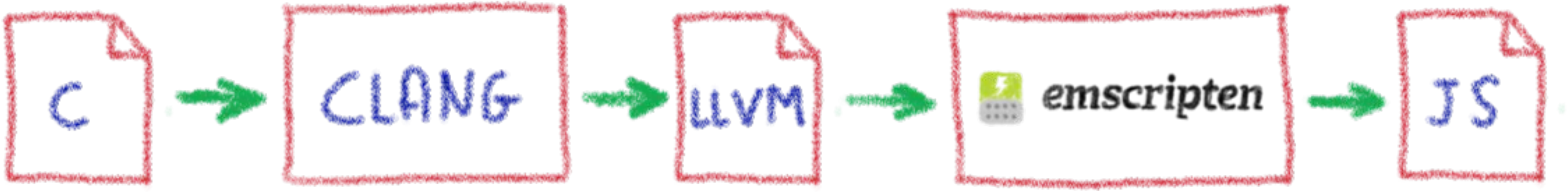
emscripten

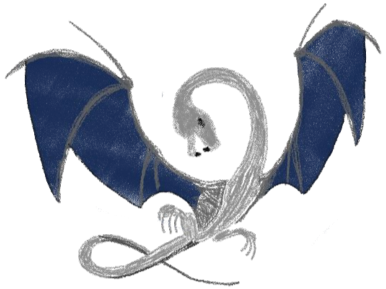


Executing other languages in the browser

A long story, with many failures...

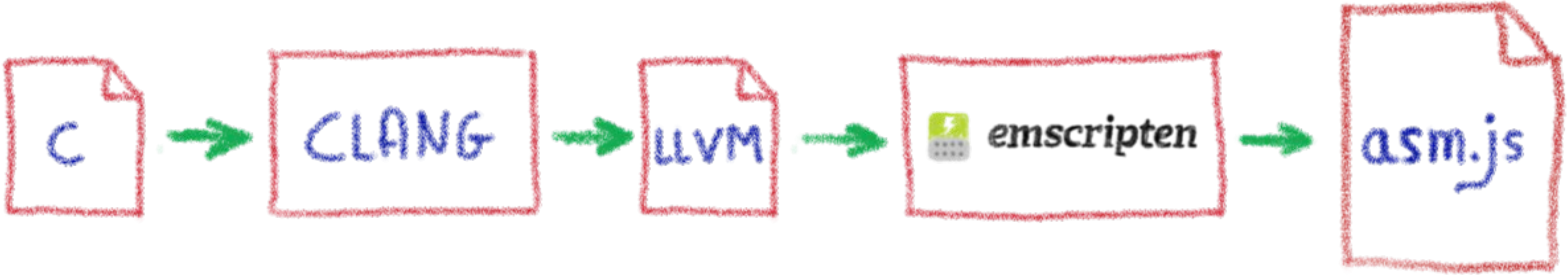
2012 - From C to JS: enter emscripten





Passing by LLVM pivot

2013 - Generated JS is slow...



Let's use only a strict subset of JS: asm.js

Only features adapted to AOT optimization

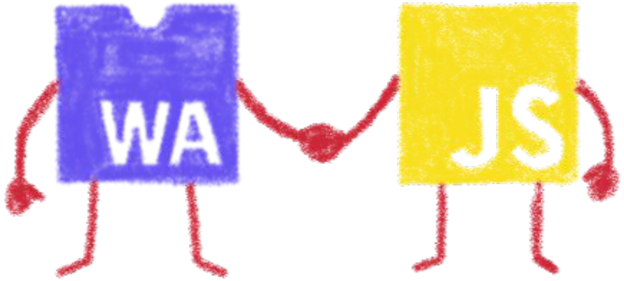
WebAssembly project

mozilla
Google
Microsoft
W3C

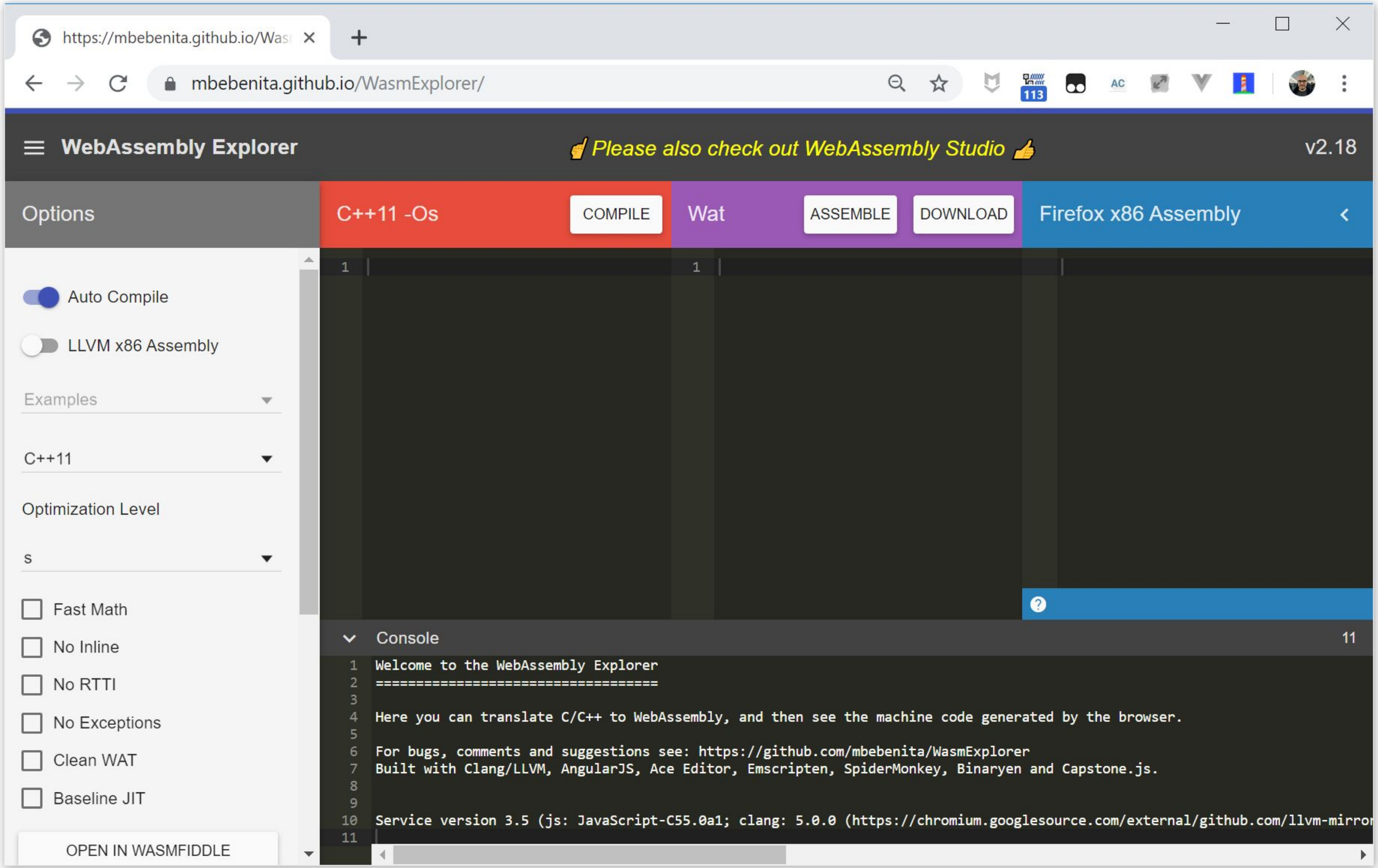
Joint effort

Hello W(asm)orld

My first WebAssembly program



I don't want to install a compiler now...



- Auto Compile: on
- LLVM x86 Assembly: off
- Examples
- C++11
- Optimization Level: s
- □ Fast Math
- □ No Inline
- □ No RTTI
- □ No Exceptions
- □ Clean WAT
- □ Baseline JIT

```
Welcome to the WebAssembly Explorer
===================================

Here you can translate C/C++ to WebAssembly, and then see the machine code generated by the browser.

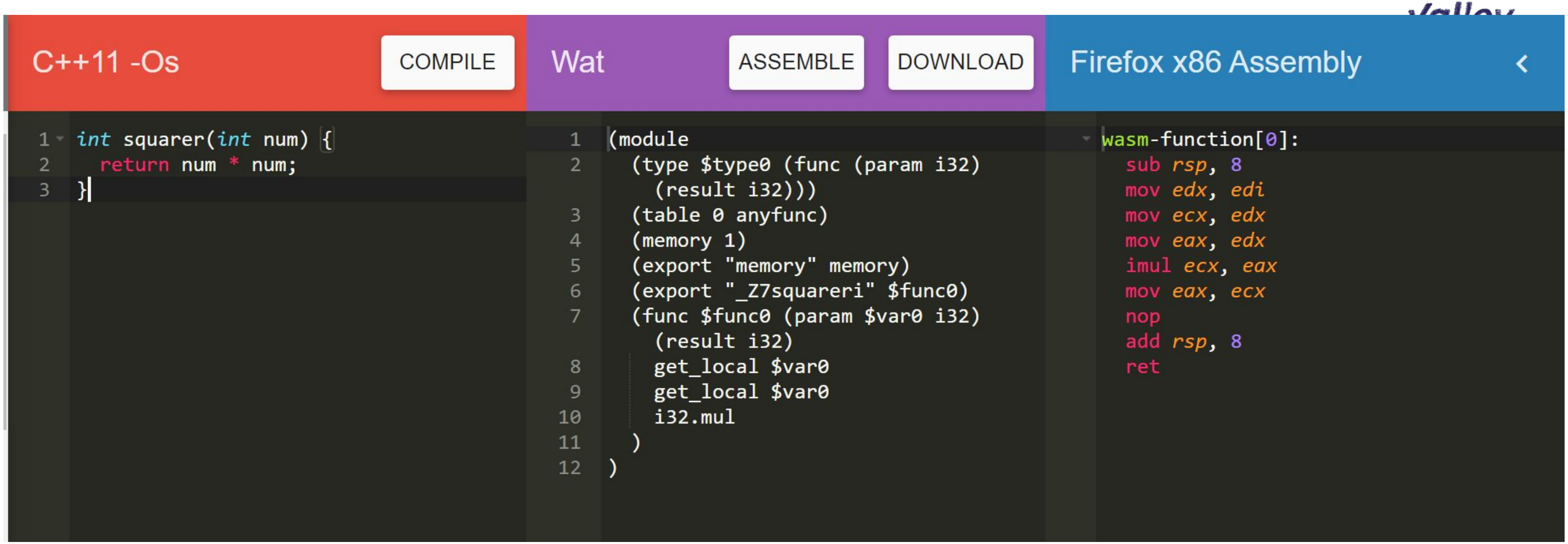
For bugs, comments and suggestions see: https://github.com/mbebenita/WasmExplorer
Built with Clang/LLVM, AngularJS, Ace Editor, Emscripten, SpiderMonkey, Binaryen and Capstone.js.


Service version 3.5 (js: JavaScript-C55.0a1; clang: 5.0.0 (https://chromium.googlesource.com/external/github.com/llvm-mirro
```

Let's use Wasm Explorer

https://mbebenita.github.io/WasmExplorer/

Let's begin with the a simple function



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  mov eax, edx
  imul ecx, eax
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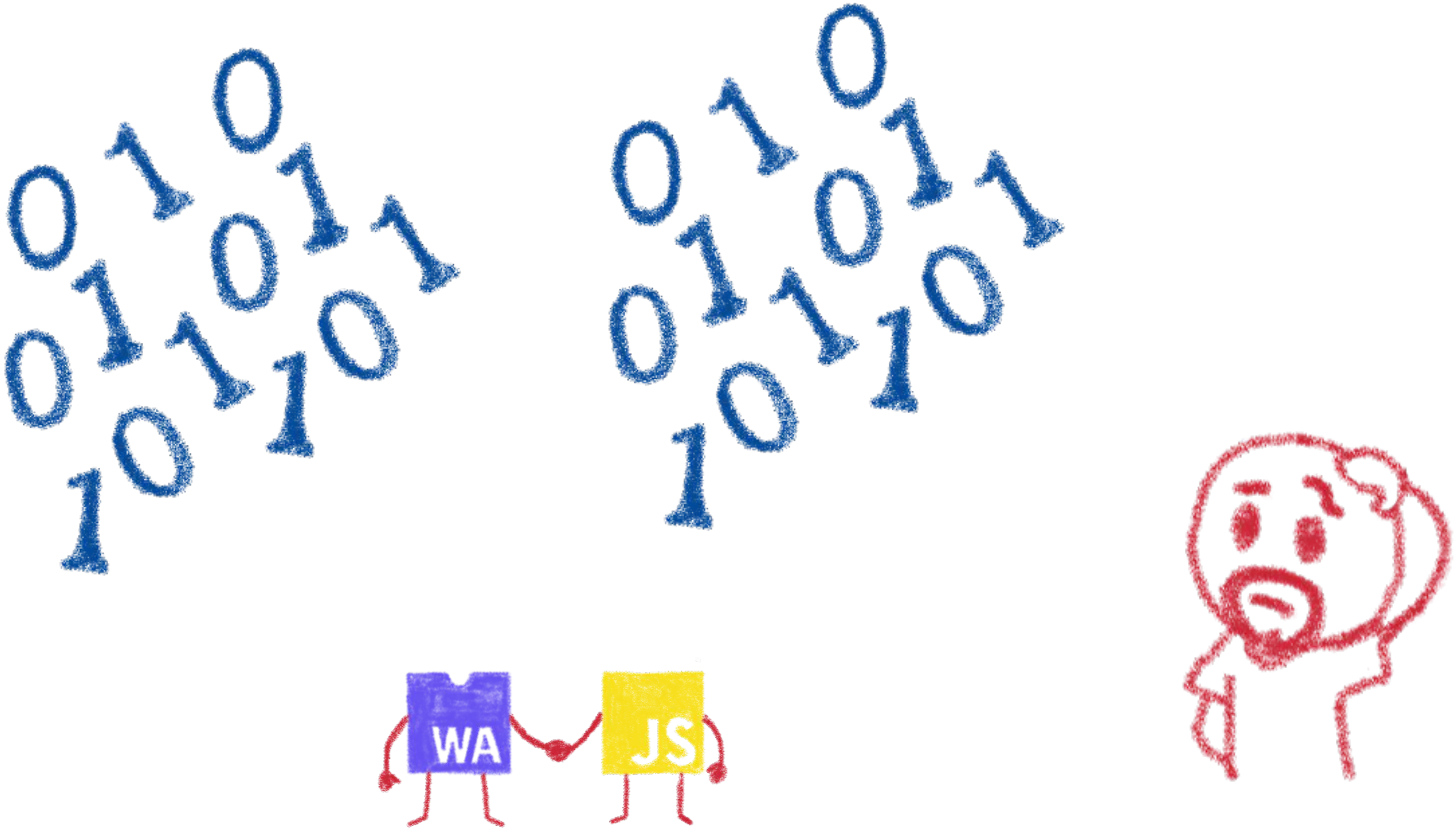
  nop
  add rsp, 8
  ret
```

WAT: WebAssembly Text Format

Human readable version of the `.wasm` binary

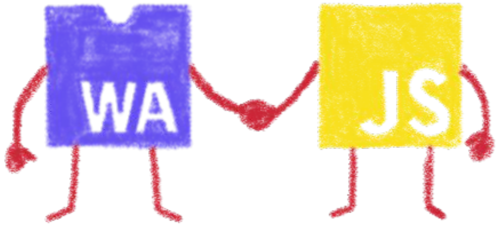
Download the binary .wasm file



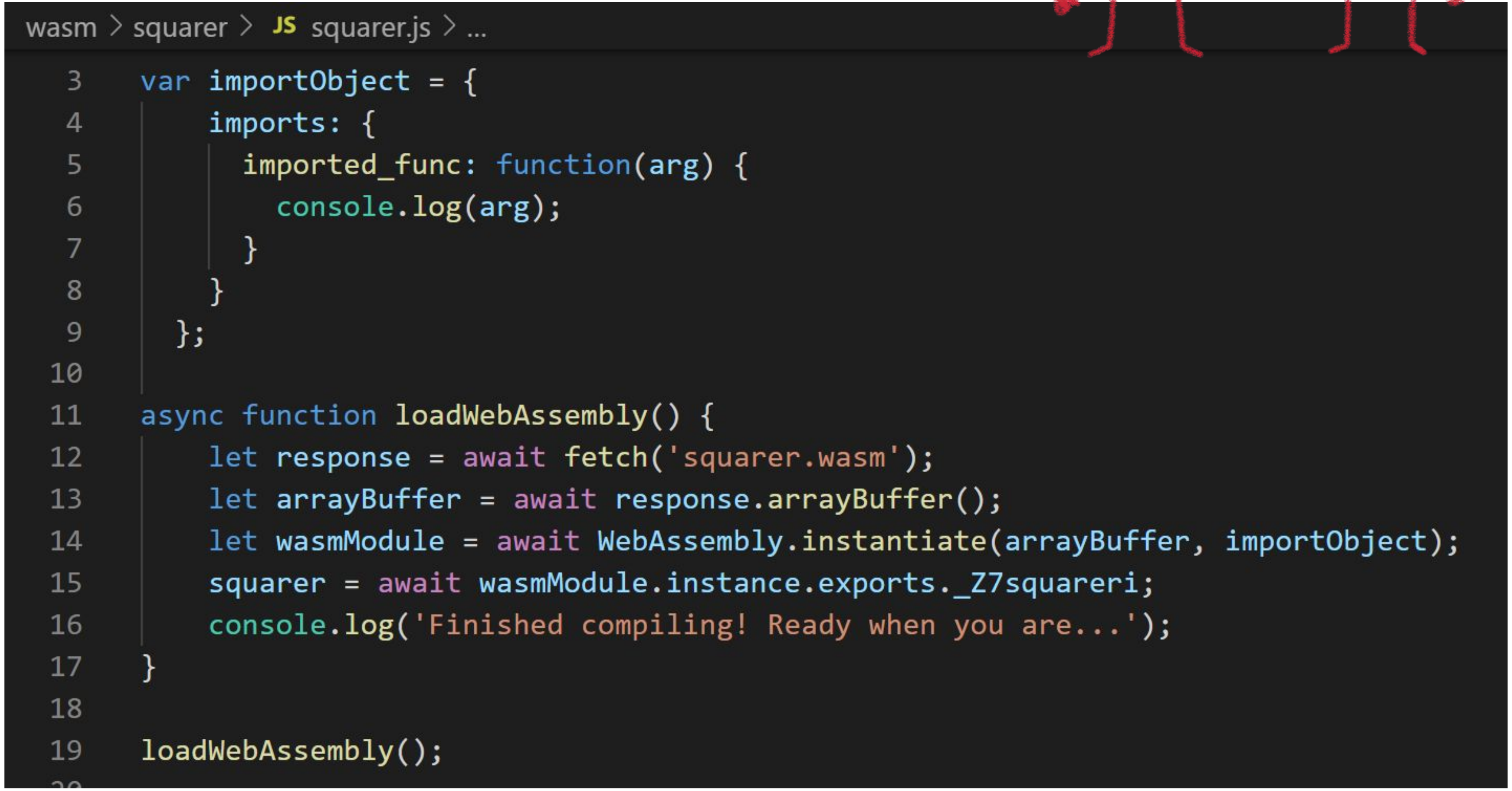
Now we need to call it from JS...

Instantiating the Wasm

1. Get the `.wasm` binary file into an array buffer
2. Compile the bytes into a WebAssembly module
3. Instantiate the WebAssembly module



Instantiating the WASM

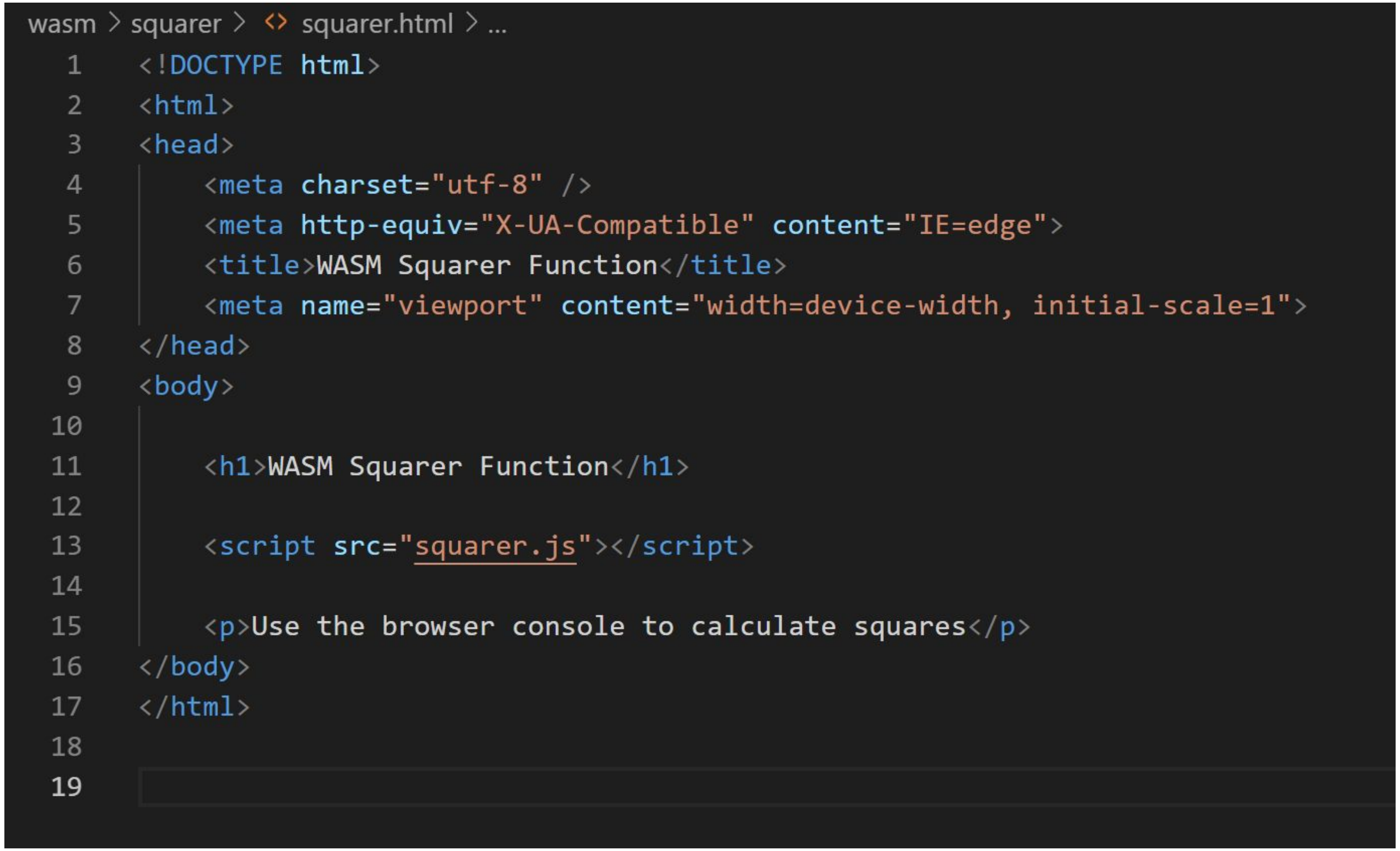


```
var importObject = {
    imports: {
      imported_func: function(arg) {
        console.log(arg);
      }
    }
  };

async function loadWebAssembly() {
    let response = await fetch('squarer.wasm');
    let arrayBuffer = await response.arrayBuffer();
    let wasmModule = await WebAssembly.instantiate(arrayBuffer, importObject);
    squarer = await wasmModule.instance.exports._Z7squareri;
    console.log('Finished compiling! Ready when you are...');
}

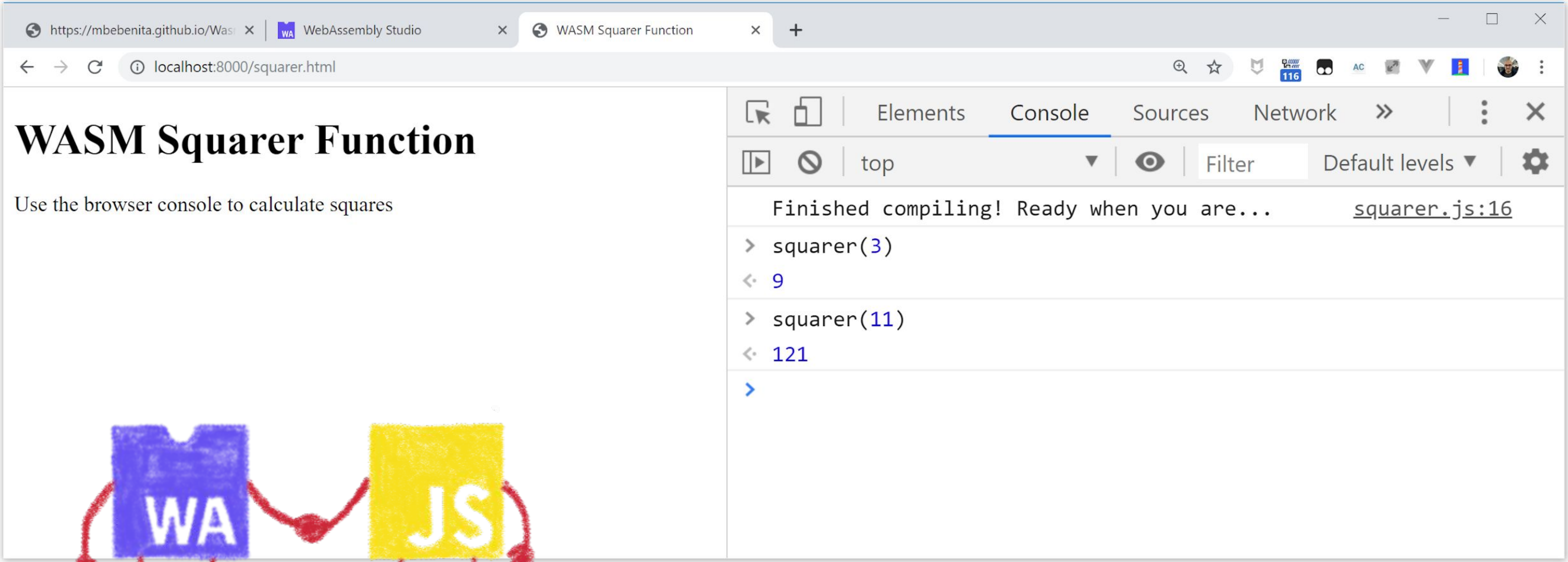
loadWebAssembly();
```

Loading the squarer function



```html
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8" />
    <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
    <title>WASM Squarer Function</title>
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1">
</head>
<body>

    <h1>WASM Squarer Function</h1>

    <script src="squarer.js"></script>

    <p>Use the browser console to calculate squares</p>
</body>
</html>

```

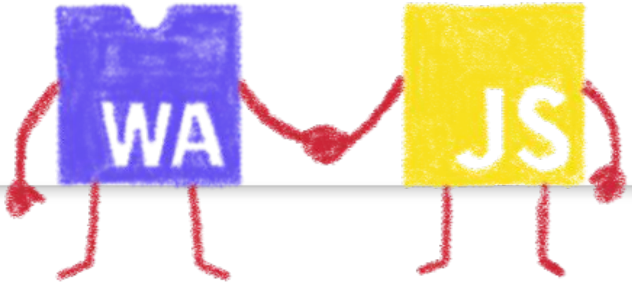
Using it!



WASM Squarer Function

Use the browser console to calculate squares

```
Finished compiling! Ready when you are...        squarer.js:16
> squarer(3)
< 9
> squarer(11)
< 121
>
```



Directly from the browser console
(it's a simple demo...)

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You sold us a codelab!

Stop speaking and let us code

You can do steps 01 and 02 now

Let's code, mates!

Some use cases

What can I do with it?

Tapping into other languages ecosystems

OptiPNG (c)

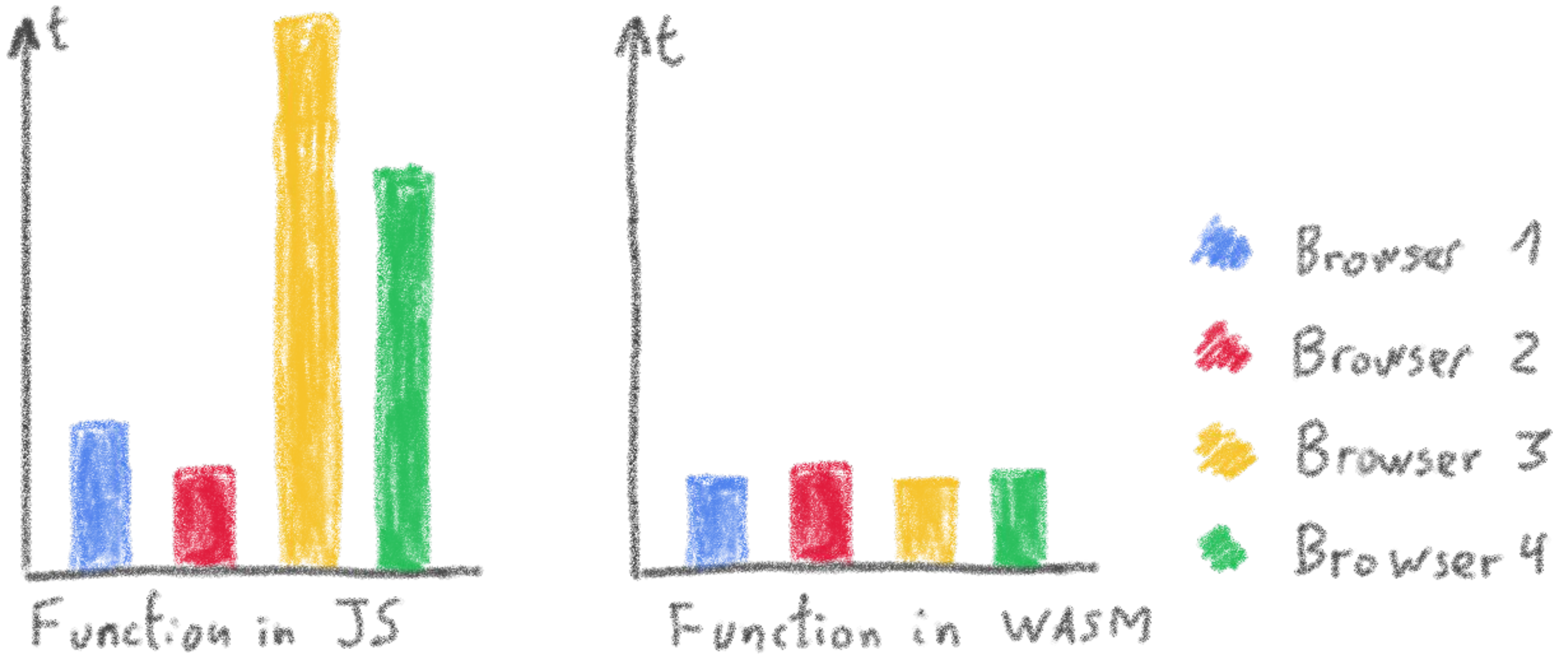
Resize (Rust)

MozJPEG (C++)

webp (c)

Don't rewrite libs anymore

Replacing problematic JS bits

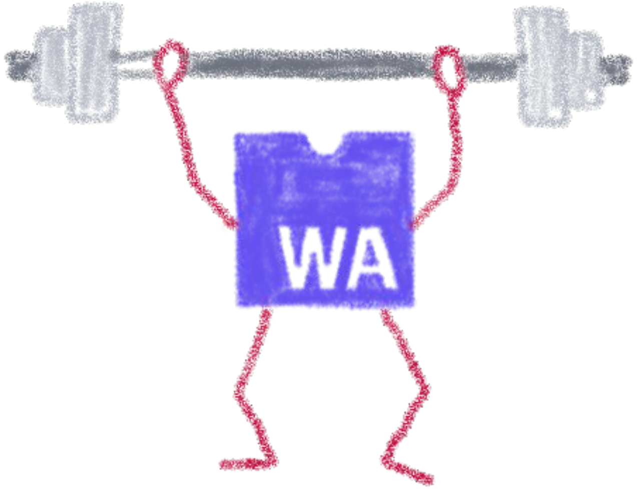


Predictable performance

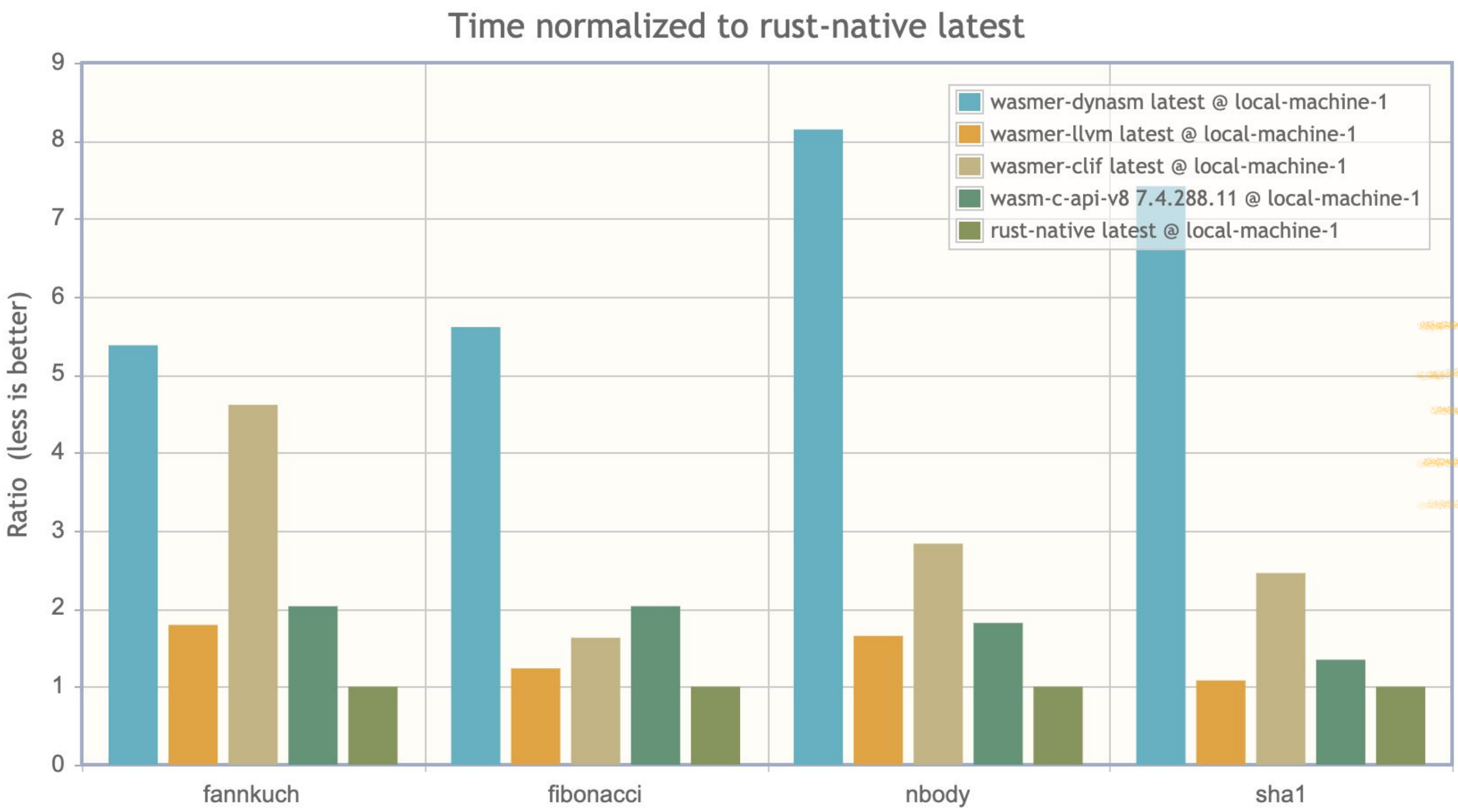
Same peak performance, but less variation

Features of Wasm

Why is everybody looking at it?



Near native speed



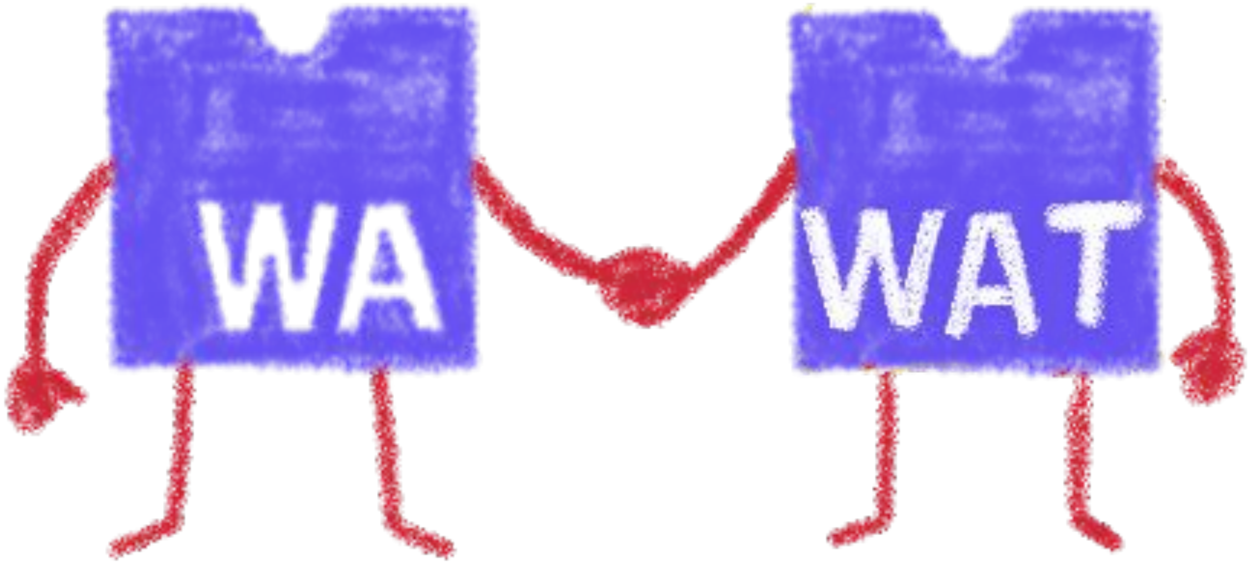
Time normalized to rust-native latest

https://medium.com/wasmer/benchmarking-webassembly-runtimes-18497ce0d76e

Highly portable

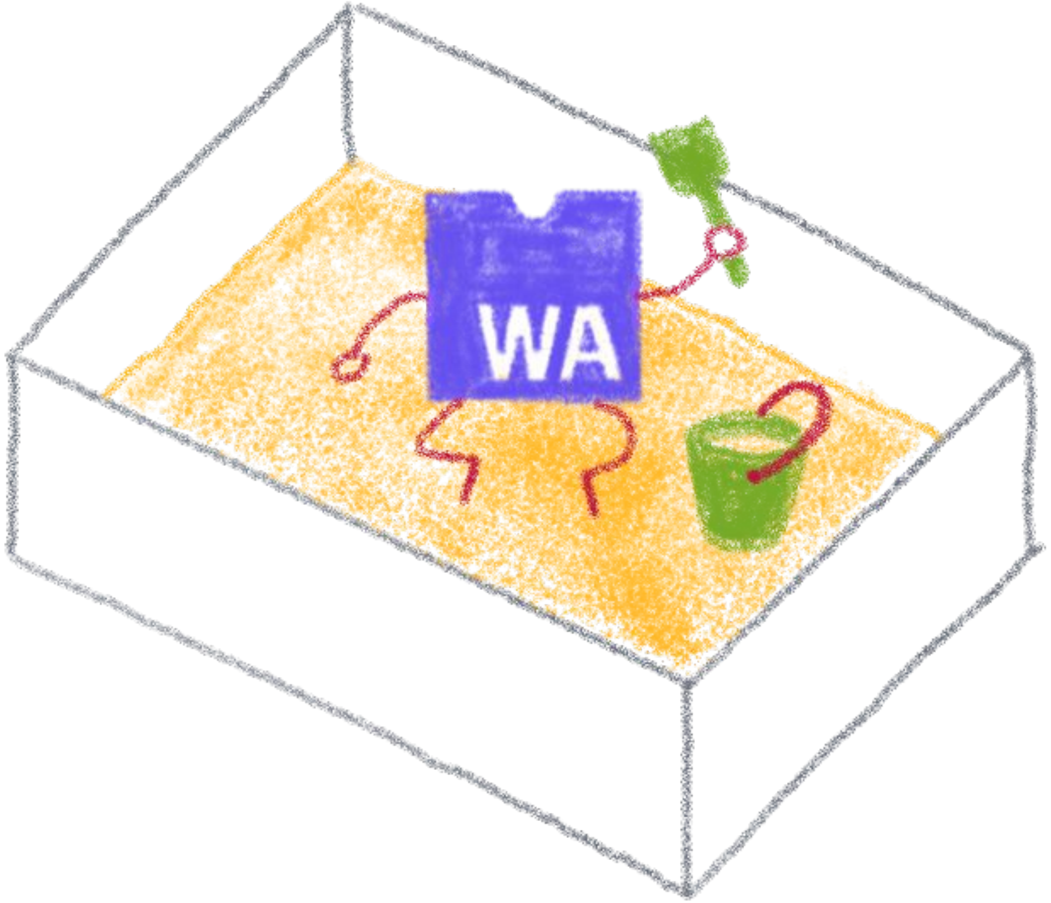
It can be run almost everywhere...

Readable and debuggable



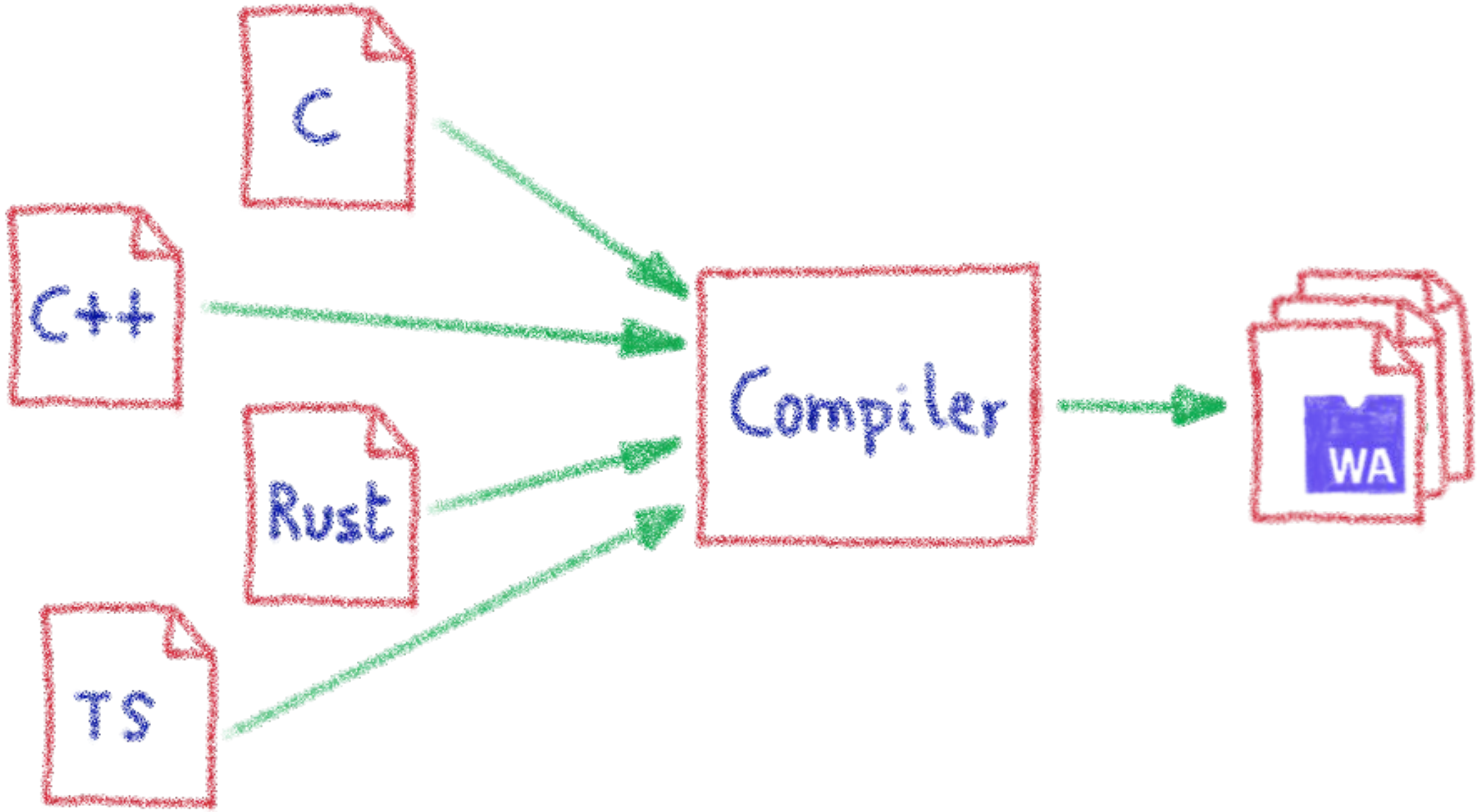
Each .wasm file with it .wat companion file

Memory safe & secure



Running in a fully sandboxed environment

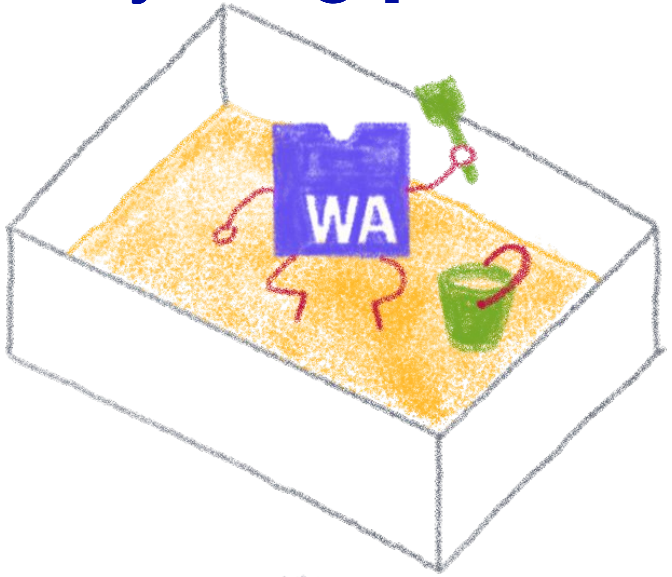
Accepting many source languages



And more and more...

Some constraints

Still a young platform…



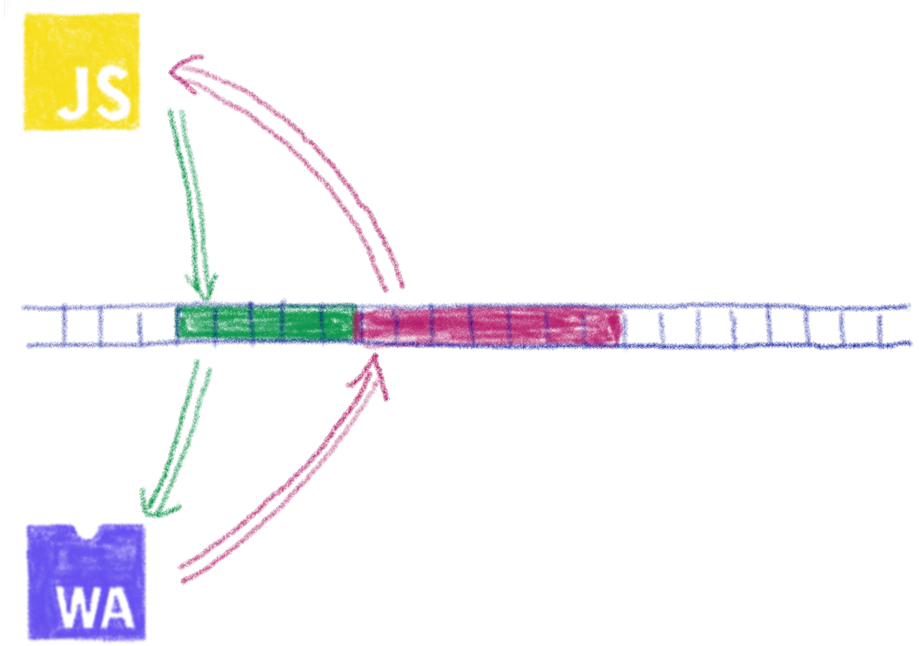
Native WASM types are limited

WASM currently has four available types:

- `i32`: 32-bit integer
- `i64`: 64-bit integer
- `f32`: 32-bit float
- `f64`: 64-bit float

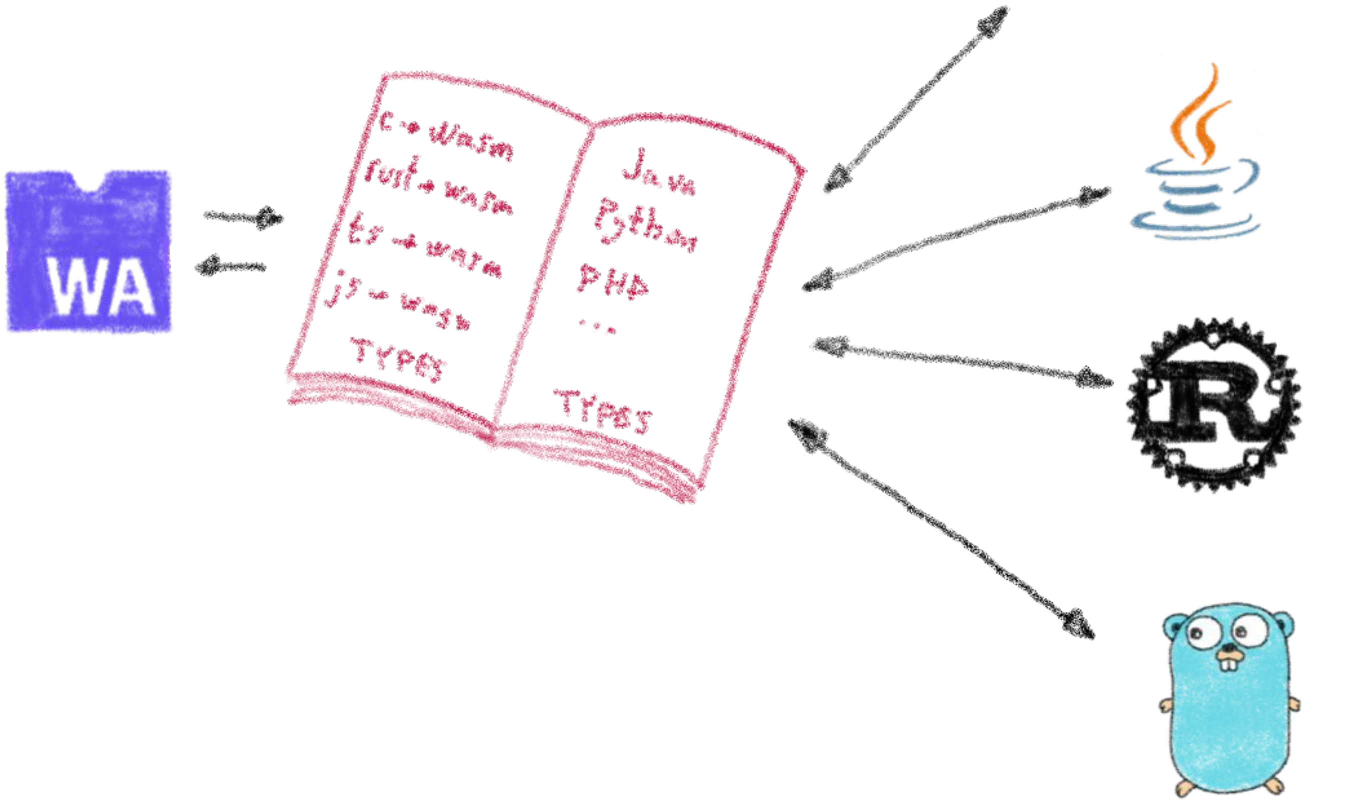
Types from languages compiled to WASM are mapped to these types

How can we share data?



Using the same data in WASM and JS?
Shared linear memory between them,
and serializing the data to one Wasm types

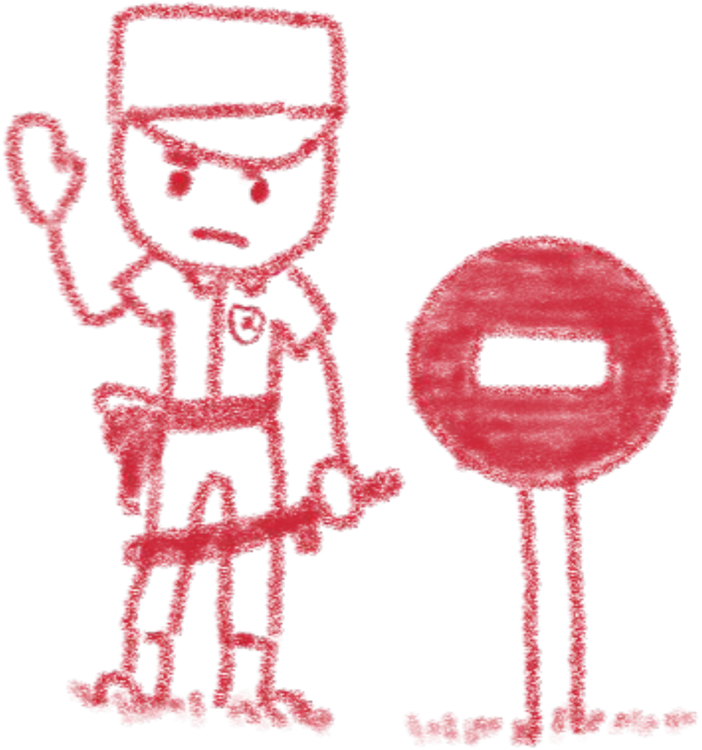
Solution is coming: Interface types



Beautiful description at:

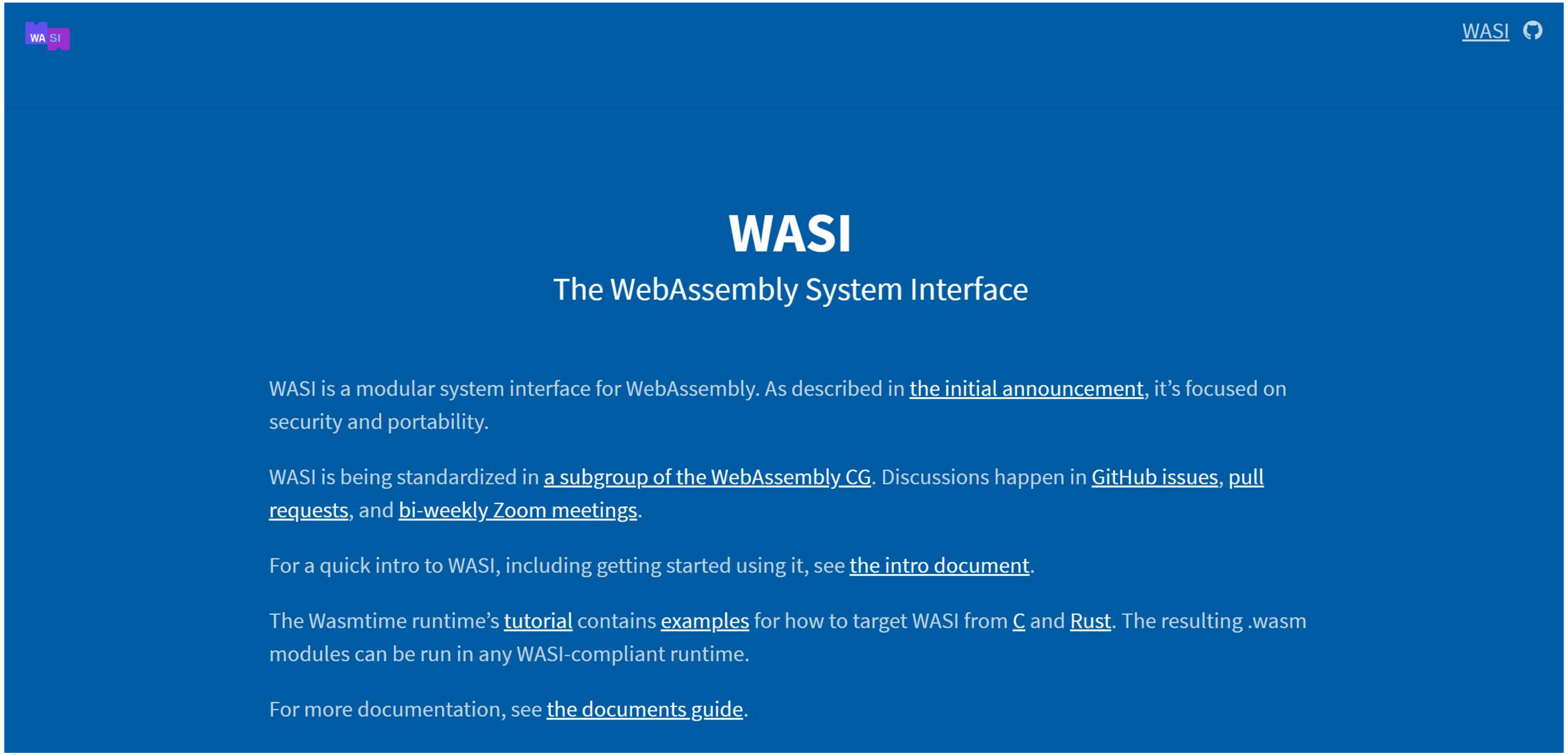
https://hacks.mozilla.org/2019/08/webassembly-interface-types

No outside access



By design, communication is done using the shared linear memory only

Solution exists: WASI



WASI

The WebAssembly System Interface

WASI is a modular system interface for WebAssembly. As described in the initial announcement, it's focused on security and portability.

WASI is being standardized in a subgroup of the WebAssembly CG. Discussions happen in GitHub issues, pull requests, and bi-weekly Zoom meetings.

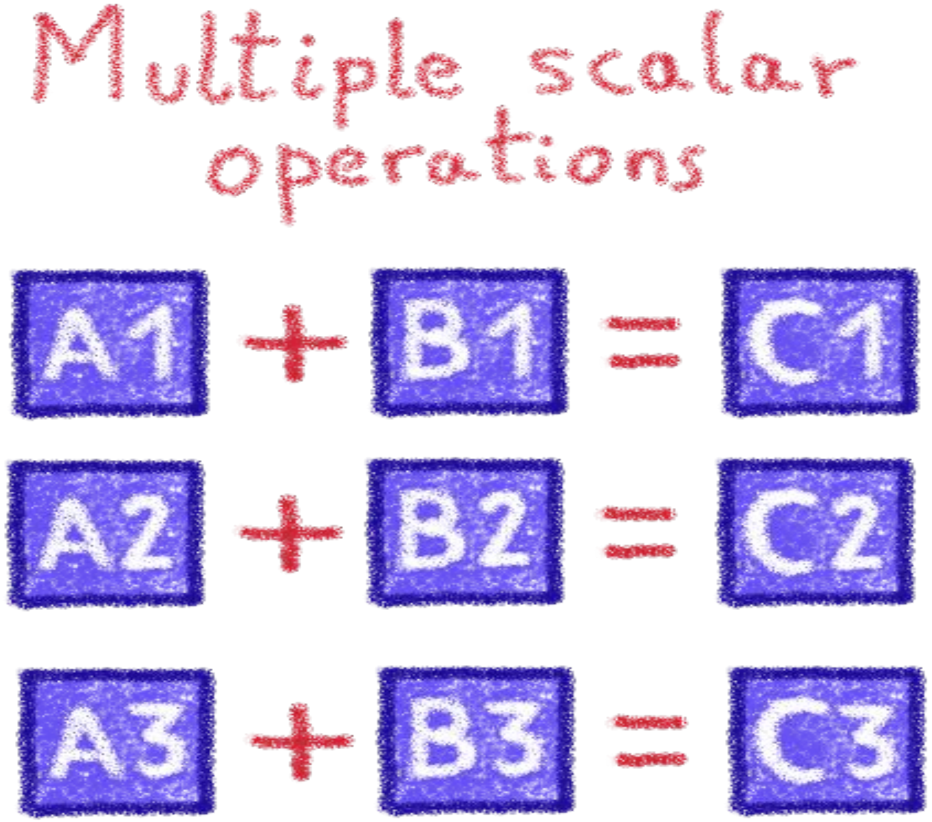
For a quick intro to WASI, including getting started using it, see the intro document.

The Wasmtime runtime's tutorial contains examples for how to target WASI from C and Rust. The resulting .wasm modules can be run in any WASI-compliant runtime.

For more documentation, see the documents guide.

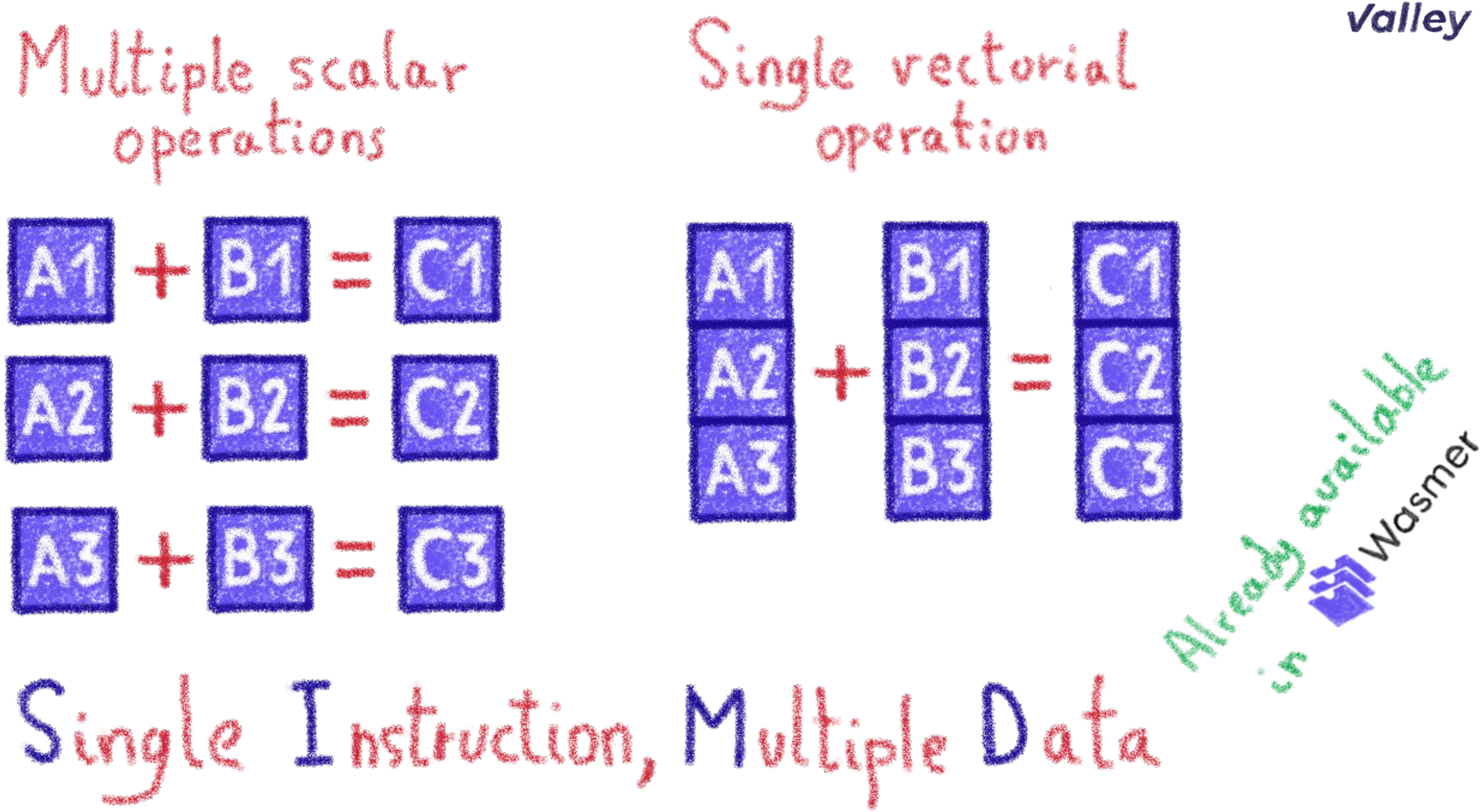
Already available in Wasmer

Mono-thread and scalar operations only



Not the most efficient way...

Solution exists: SIMD



Multiple scalar operations

A1 + B1 = C1

A2 + B2 = C2

A3 + B3 = C3

Single vectorial operation

$$\begin{bmatrix} A1 \\ A2 \\ A3 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} B1 \\ B2 \\ B3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} C1 \\ C2 \\ C3 \end{bmatrix}$$

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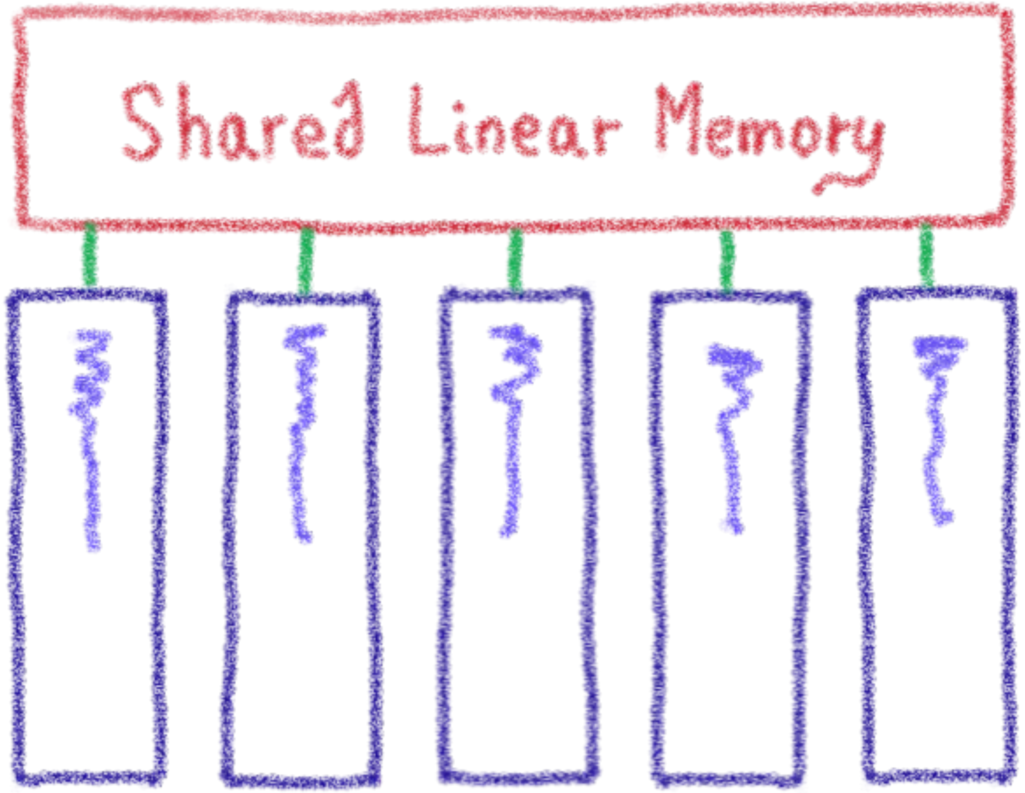
Single Instruction, Multiple Data

Solutions are coming too: Wasm Threads



Threads on Web Workers
with shared linear memory

Incoming proposals: Garbage collector

And exception handling

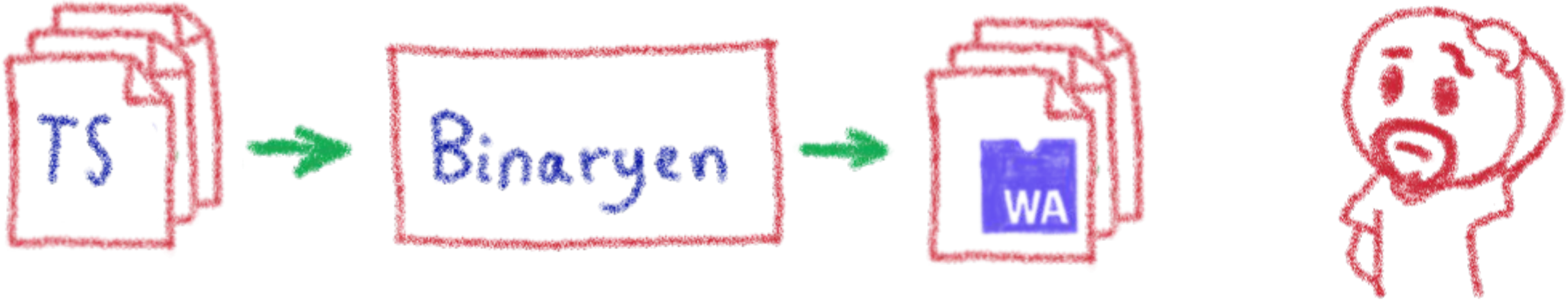
You can do steps 03 and 04 now

Let's code, mates!

AssemblyScript

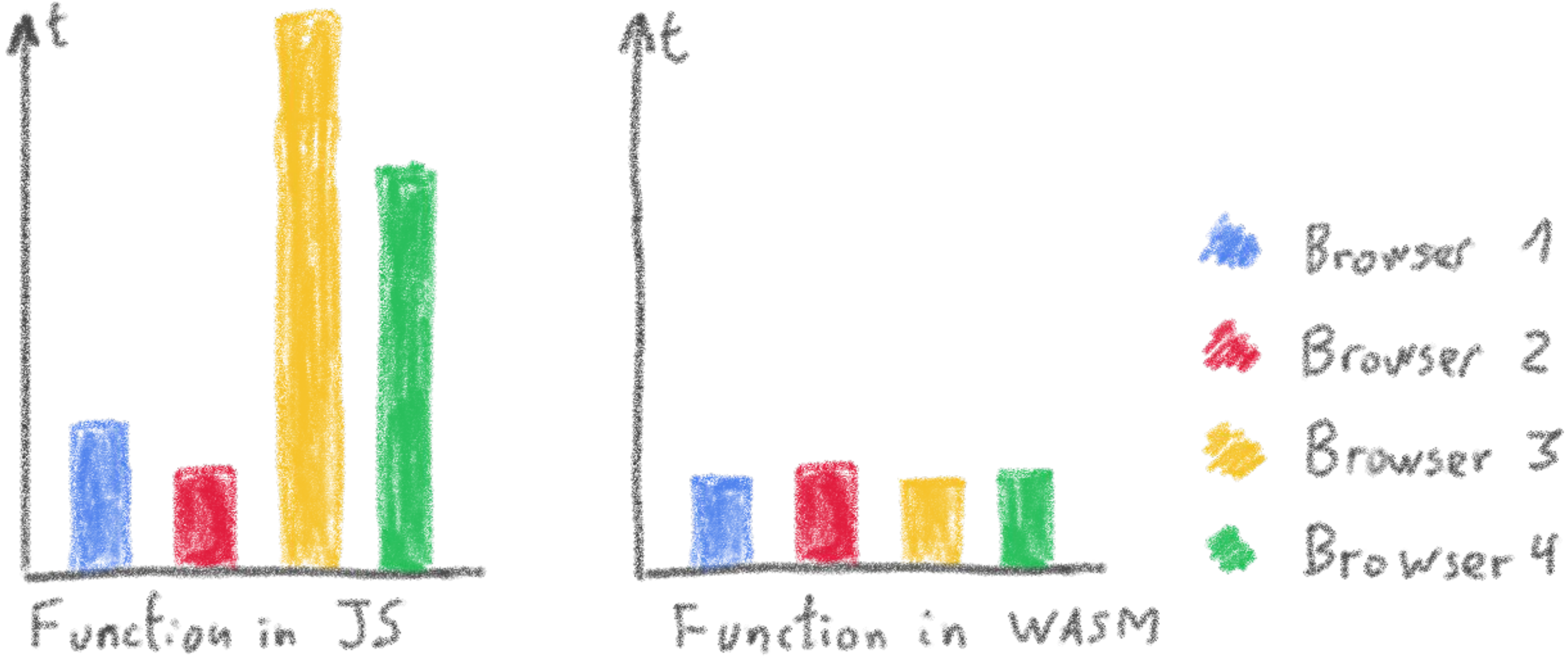
Writing WASM without learning a new language

TypeScript subset compiled to WASM



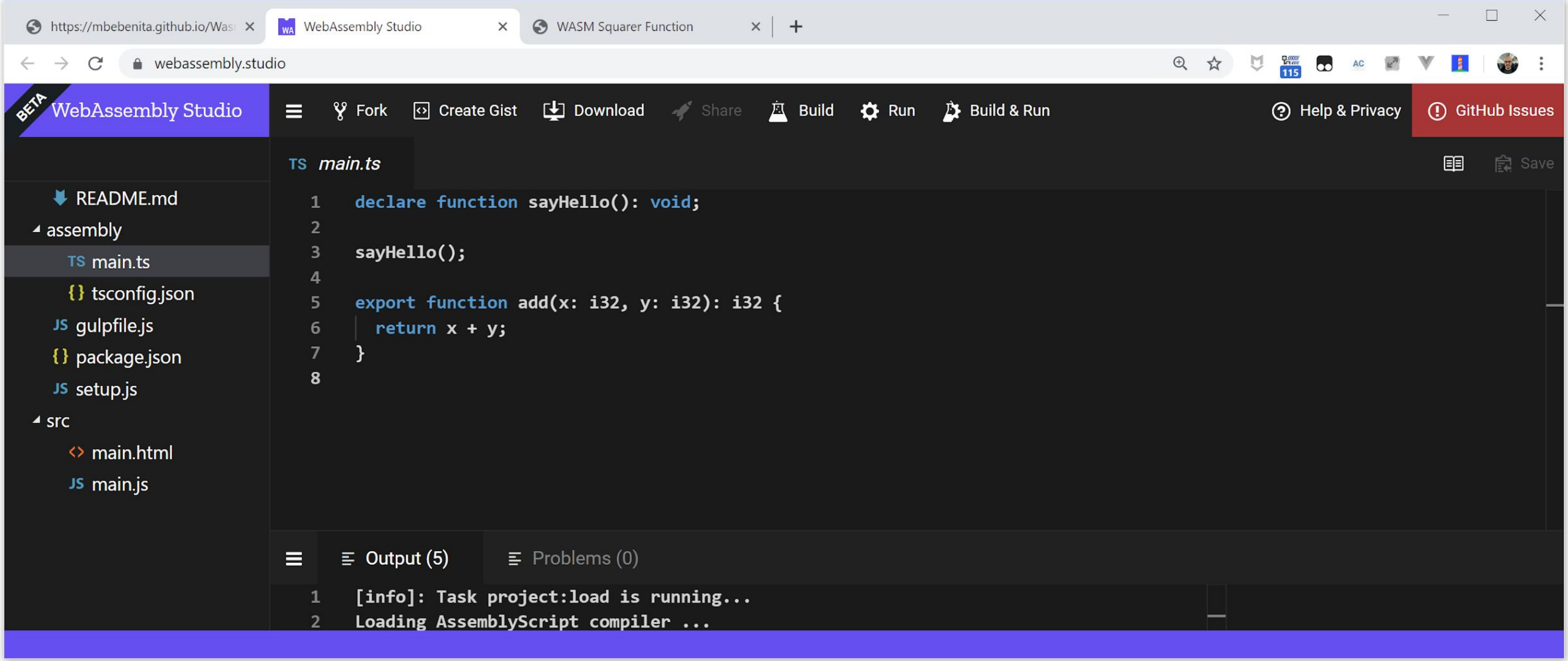
Why would I want to compile TypeScript to WASM?

Ahead of Time compiled TypeScript



More predictable performance

Avoiding the dynamicness of JavaScript

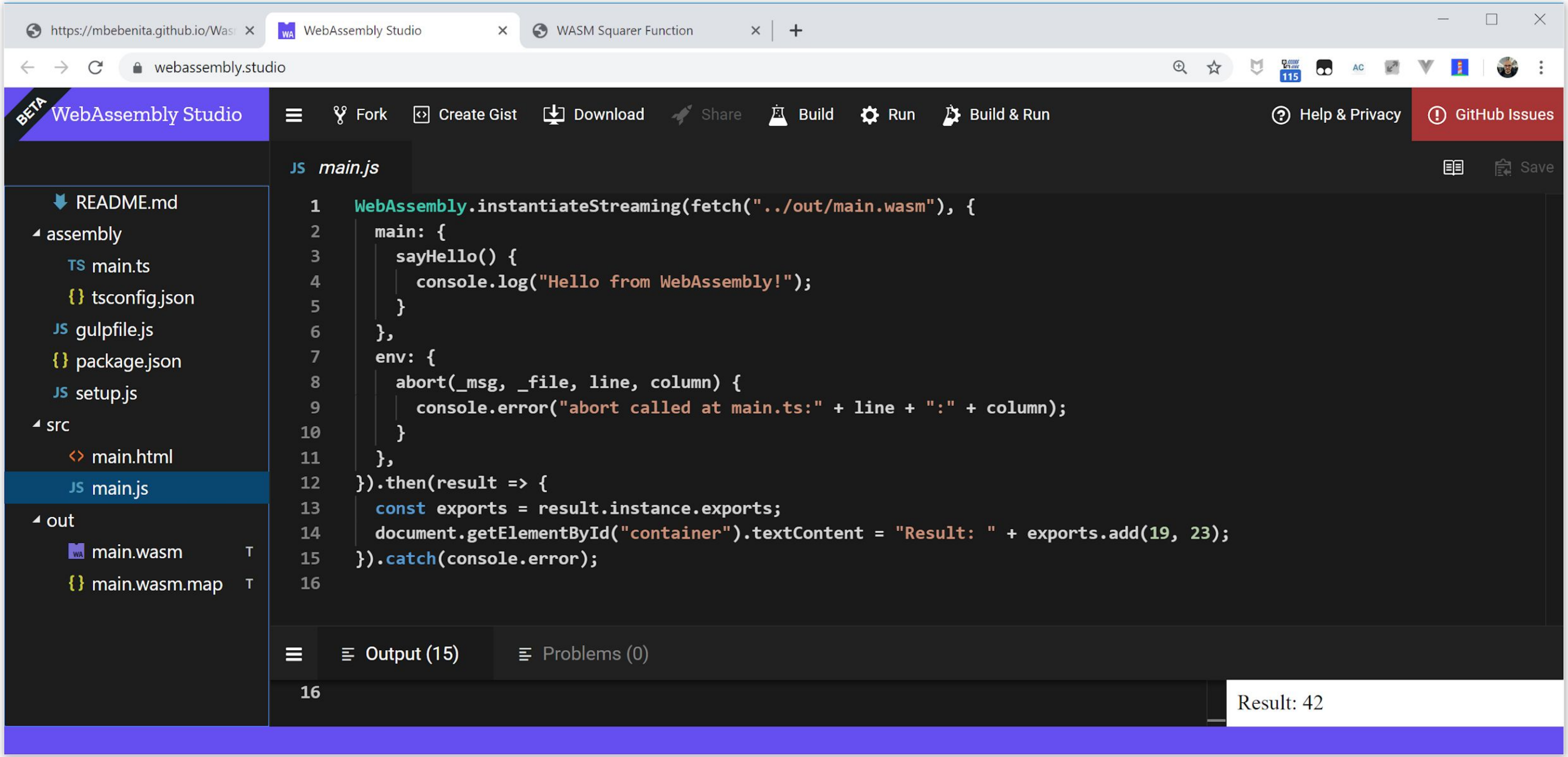


```typescript
declare function sayHello(): void;

sayHello();

export function add(x: i32, y: i32): i32 {
  return x + y;
}
```

```
[info]: Task project:load is running...
Loading AssemblyScript compiler ...
```

More specific integer and floating point types

Objects cannot flow in and out of WASM yet



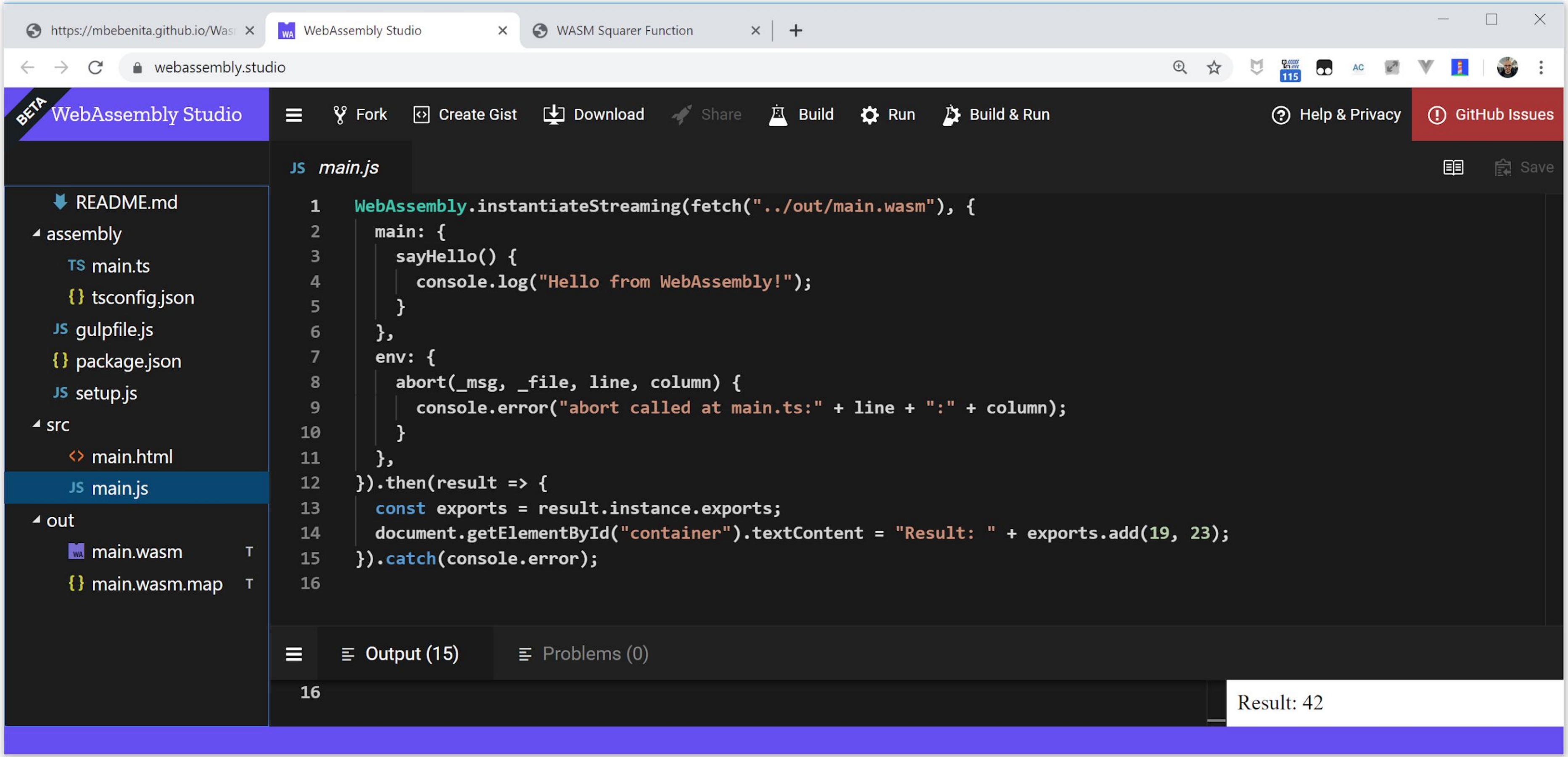
```js
WebAssembly.instantiateStreaming(fetch("../out/main.wasm"), {
  main: {
    sayHello() {
      console.log("Hello from WebAssembly!");
    }
  },
  env: {
    abort(_msg, _file, line, column) {
      console.error("abort called at main.ts:" + line + ":" + column);
    }
  },
}).then(result => {
  const exports = result.instance.exports;
  document.getElementById("container").textContent = "Result: " + exports.add(19, 23);
}).catch(console.error);
```

```
16
```

```
Result: 42
```

Using a loader to write/read them to/from memory

No direct access to DOM



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Glue code using exports/imports to/from JavaScript

You can do step 05 now

Let's code, mates!

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WebAssembly ❤️ Web Components

How to hide the complexity and remove friction

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The 3 minutes context

What the heck are web component?

Web Components

Web standard W3C

Web Components

Available in all modern browsers:

Firefox, Safari, Chrome

Web Components

Create your own HTML tags

Encapsulating look and behavior

Web Components

Fully interoperable

With other web components, with any framework

Web Components

CUSTOM ELEMENTS

SHADOW DOM

TEMPLATES

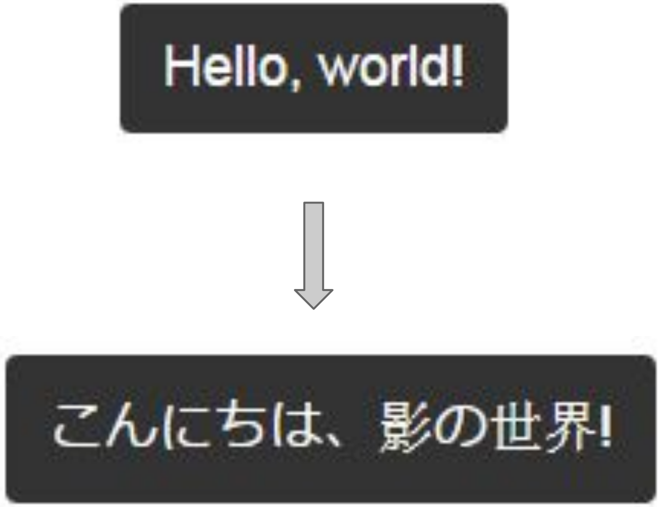
Custom Element

</> To define your own HTML tag

```
<body>
  ...
  <script>
    window.customElements.define('my-element',
      class extends HTMLElement {...});
  </script>
  <my-element></my-element>
</body>
```

Shadow DOM

To encapsulate subtree and style in an element



Hello, world!

こんにちは、影の世界!

```
<button>Hello, world!</button>
<script>
var host = document.querySelector('button');
const shadowRoot = host.attachShadow({mode:'open'});
shadowRoot.textContent = 'こんにちは、影の世界!';
</script>
```

Template

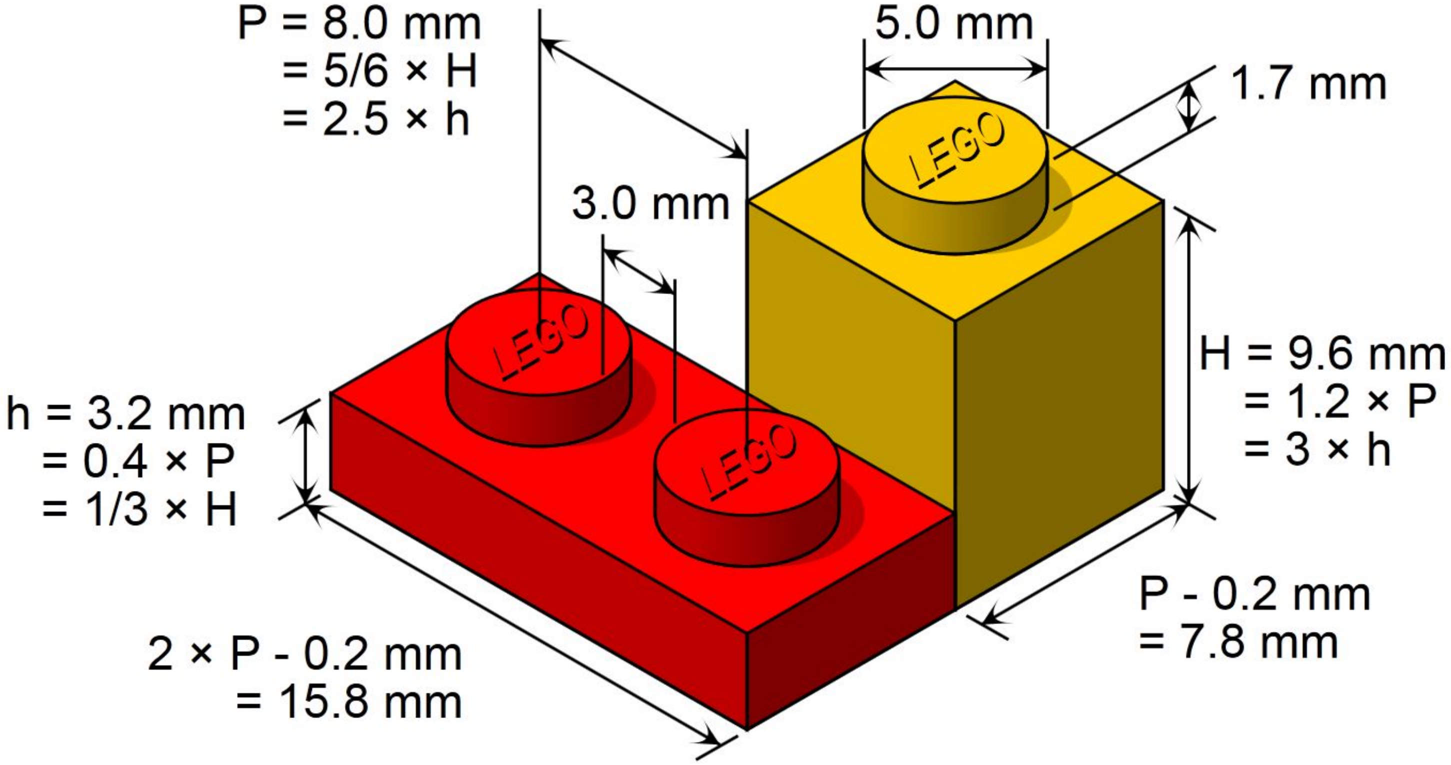
To have clonable document template

```
<template id="mytemplate">
  <img src="" alt="great image">
  <div class="comment"></div>
</template>

var t = document.querySelector('#mytemplate');
// Populate the src at runtime.
t.content.querySelector('img').src = 'logo.png';
var clone = document.importNode(t.content, true);
document.body.appendChild(clone);
```

But in fact, it’s just an element…

- Attributes
- Properties
- Methods
- Events



You can do step 06 and 07 now

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That's all, folks!

Thank you all!