

Dabbling with Deno

Tales from a web developer
playing with a new toy

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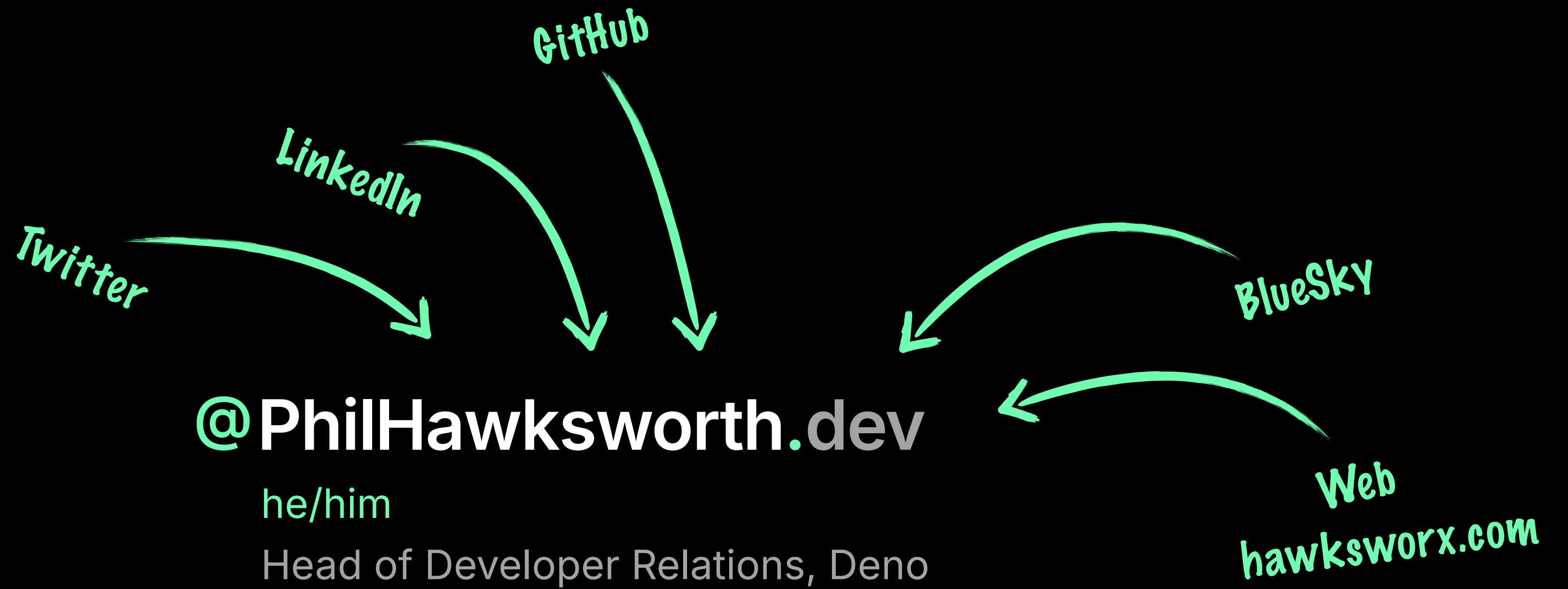


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Naming things is hard.

"node"



Naming things is hard.

```
"node".split("")
```



Naming things is hard.

```
"node".split("").sort()
```



Naming things is hard.

```
"node".split("").sort().join("")
```



Naming things is hard.

deno



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Tools and trends.

Some technologies come and go



Tools and trends.

Some technologies stick around



Tools and trends.

Some technologies become ubiquitous



Tools and trends.

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Frontend / Backend / Edges



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The pull of new interesting tools



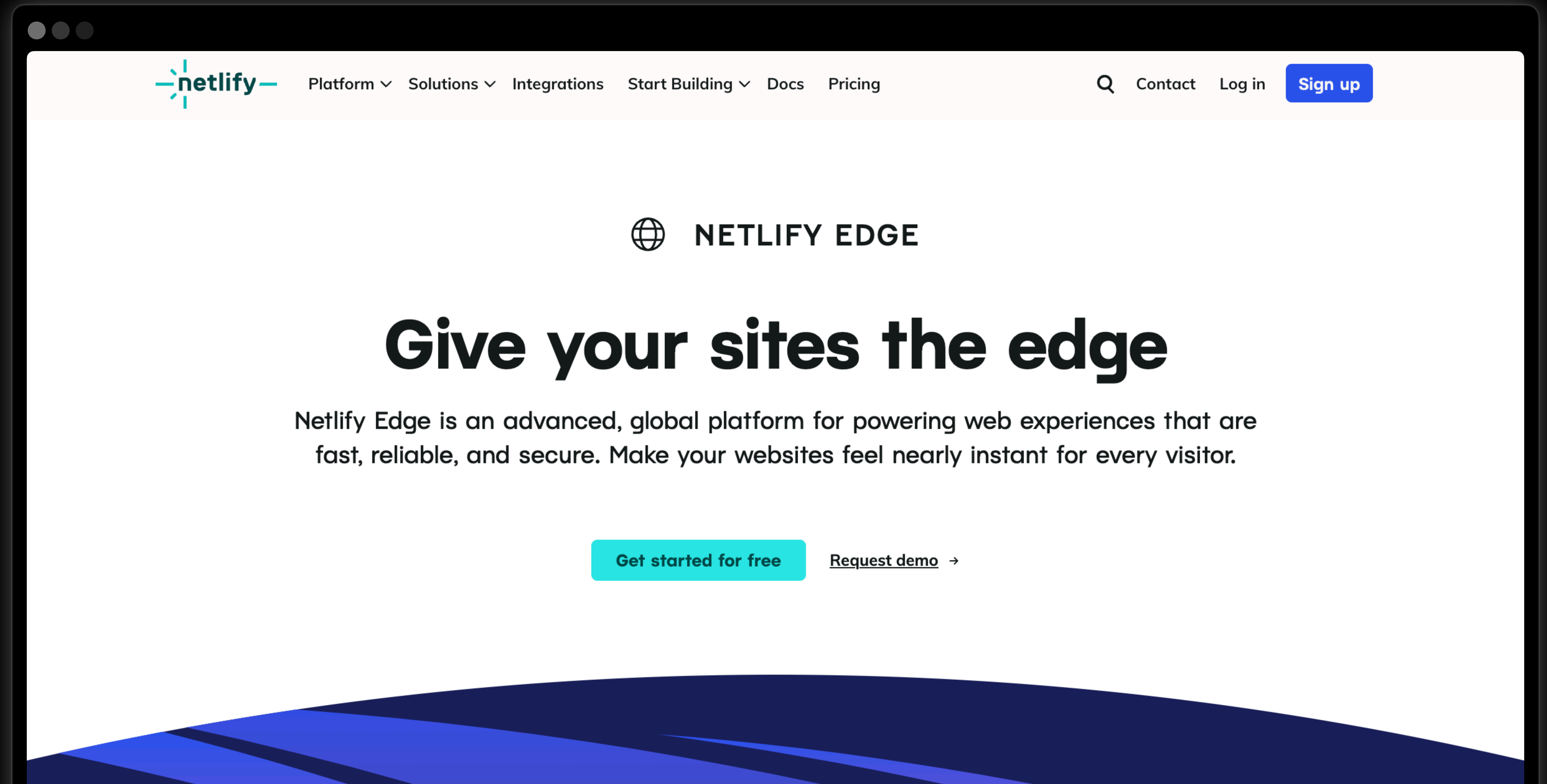
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I first tried Deno by accident



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```
export default async () => {  
  return new Response("Hello, World!", {  
    headers: {  
      "content-type": "text/html"  
    }  
  });  
};
```

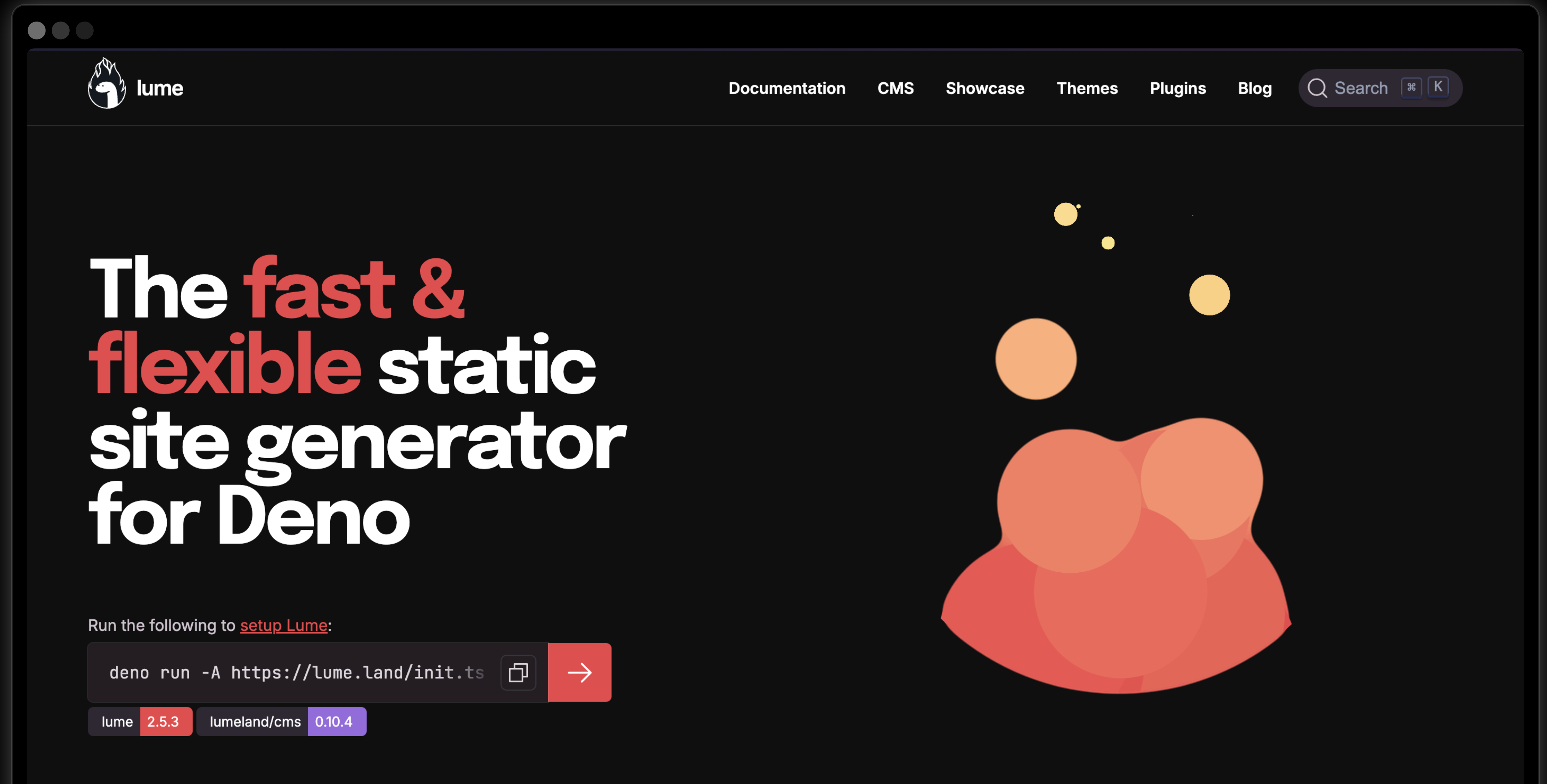

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A gateway drug took me deeper



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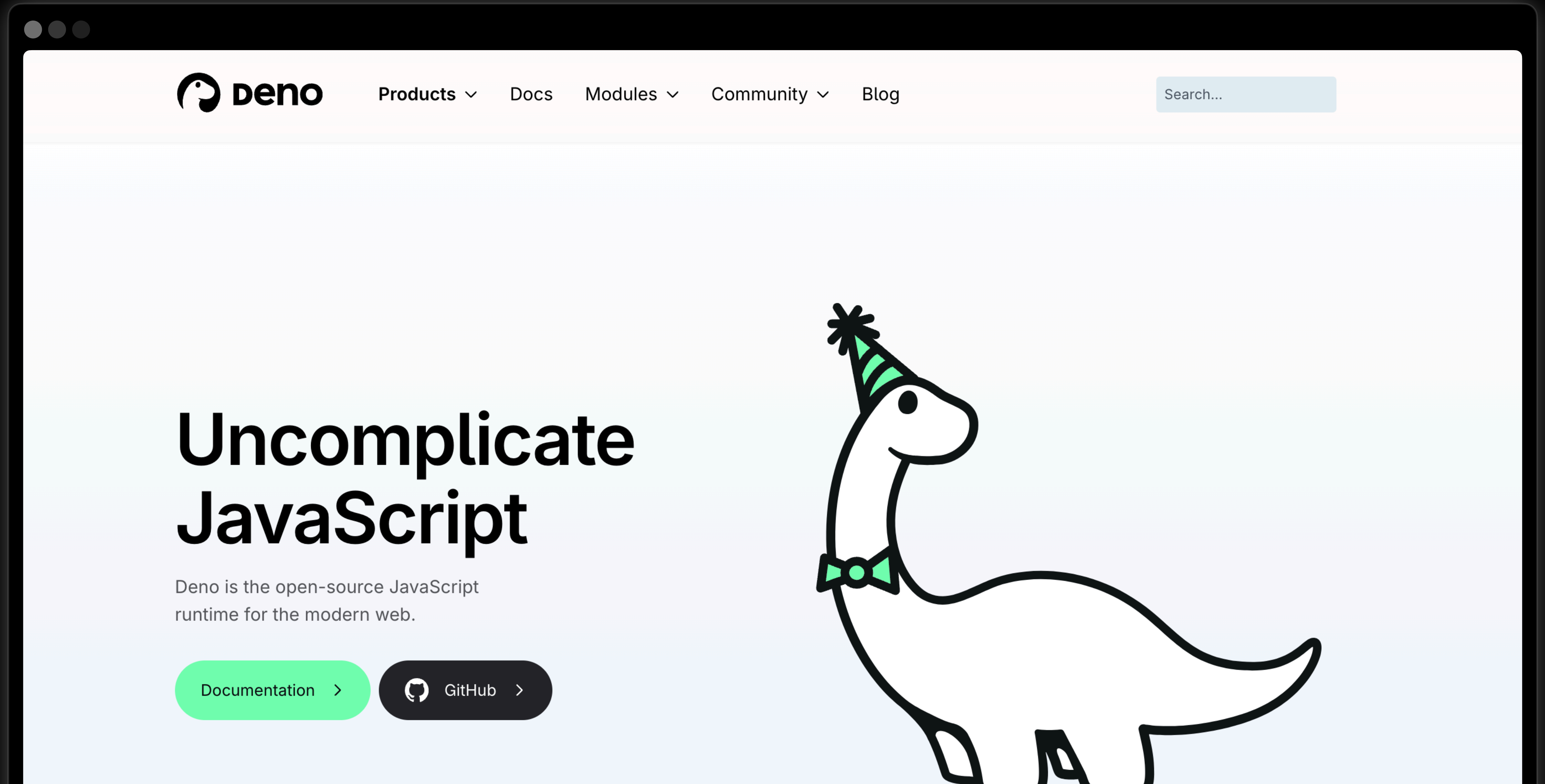
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Run the following to setup Lume:

```
deno run -A https://lume.land/init.ts
```





Install Deno v2.2.4

MacOS/Linux

Windows

```
curl -fsSL https://deno.land/install.sh | sh
```



Deno first contact.



```
> deno _
```


Um..what is Deno?



What is Deno?

1. Hosting platform
2. JavaScript runtime
3. TypeScript toolchain
4. Package manager
5. Task runner
6. Testing tool
7. Linter, formatter
8. Benchmarking tool
9. Compiler



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What got me intrigued?



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**An API design based
on web standards**



What is Deno?

It's web standards.
I know this.




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Familiar APIs

Heavily based on web standards
there is less re-learning required

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A signal object that allows you to communic
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The URL interface represents an object providing standard URL parsing, and manipulating URLs in Deno.
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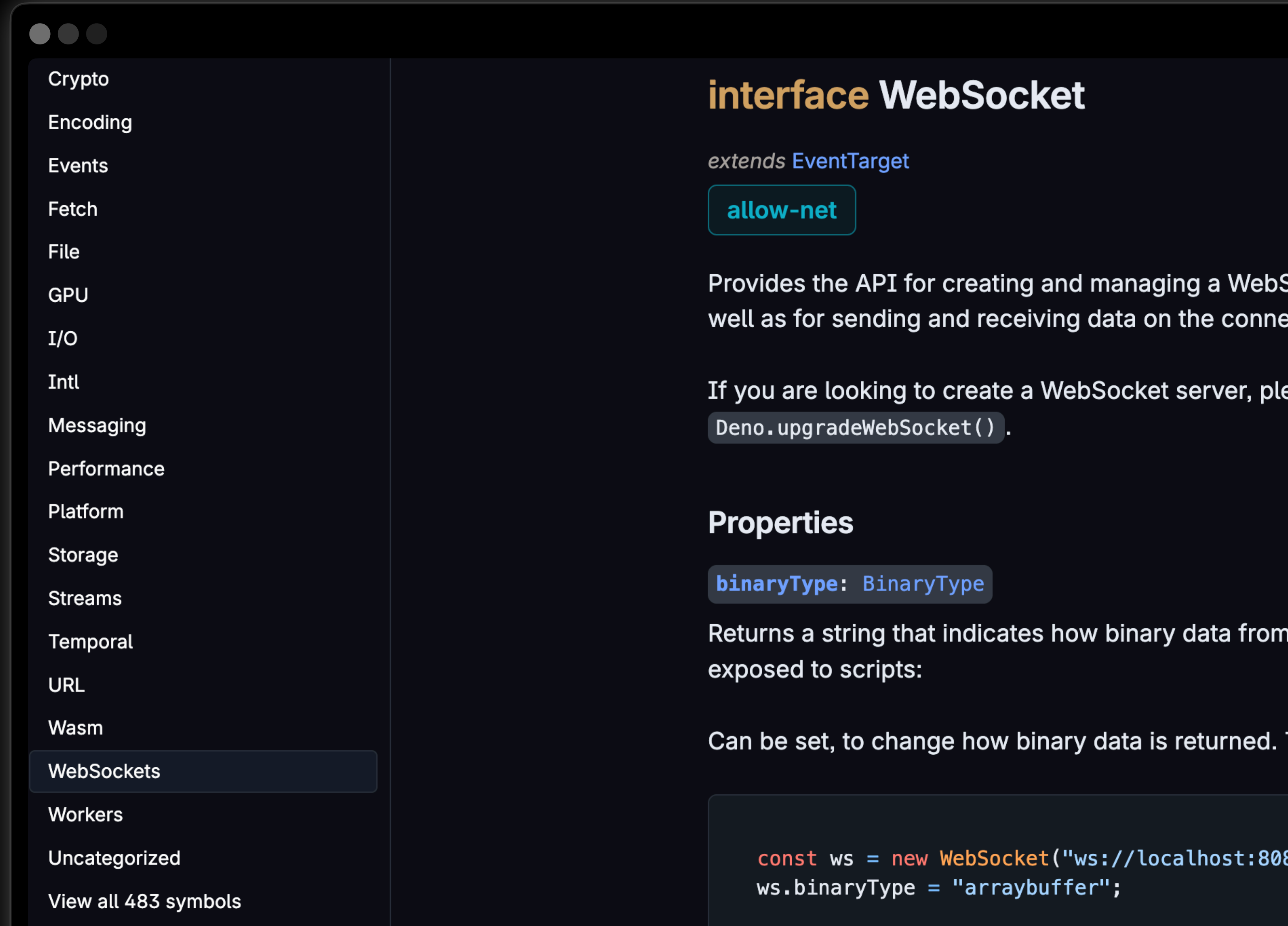
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The screenshot shows the Deno documentation website. On the left is a sidebar with a list of categories: Crypto, Encoding, Events, Fetch, File, GPU, I/O, Intl, Messaging, Performance, Platform, Storage, Streams, Temporal, URL, Wasm, WebSockets (highlighted), Workers, Uncategorized, and a link to 'View all 483 symbols'. The main content area displays the 'interface WebSocket' page. It includes the text 'extends EventTarget', a button labeled 'allow-net', a description: 'Provides the API for creating and managing a WebSocket well as for sending and receiving data on the connection', and a note: 'If you are looking to create a WebSocket server, please see Deno.upgradeWebSocket().'. Below this is a 'Properties' section with a highlighted property 'binaryType: BinaryType' and its description: 'Returns a string that indicates how binary data from the connection is exposed to scripts: Can be set, to change how binary data is returned.'. At the bottom, a code block shows:

```
const ws = new WebSocket("ws://localhost:8080");
ws.binaryType = "arraybuffer";
```

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Shallow on-ramp



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A familiar entry point for
those familiar with node



```
node main.js
```



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```
npm init
```



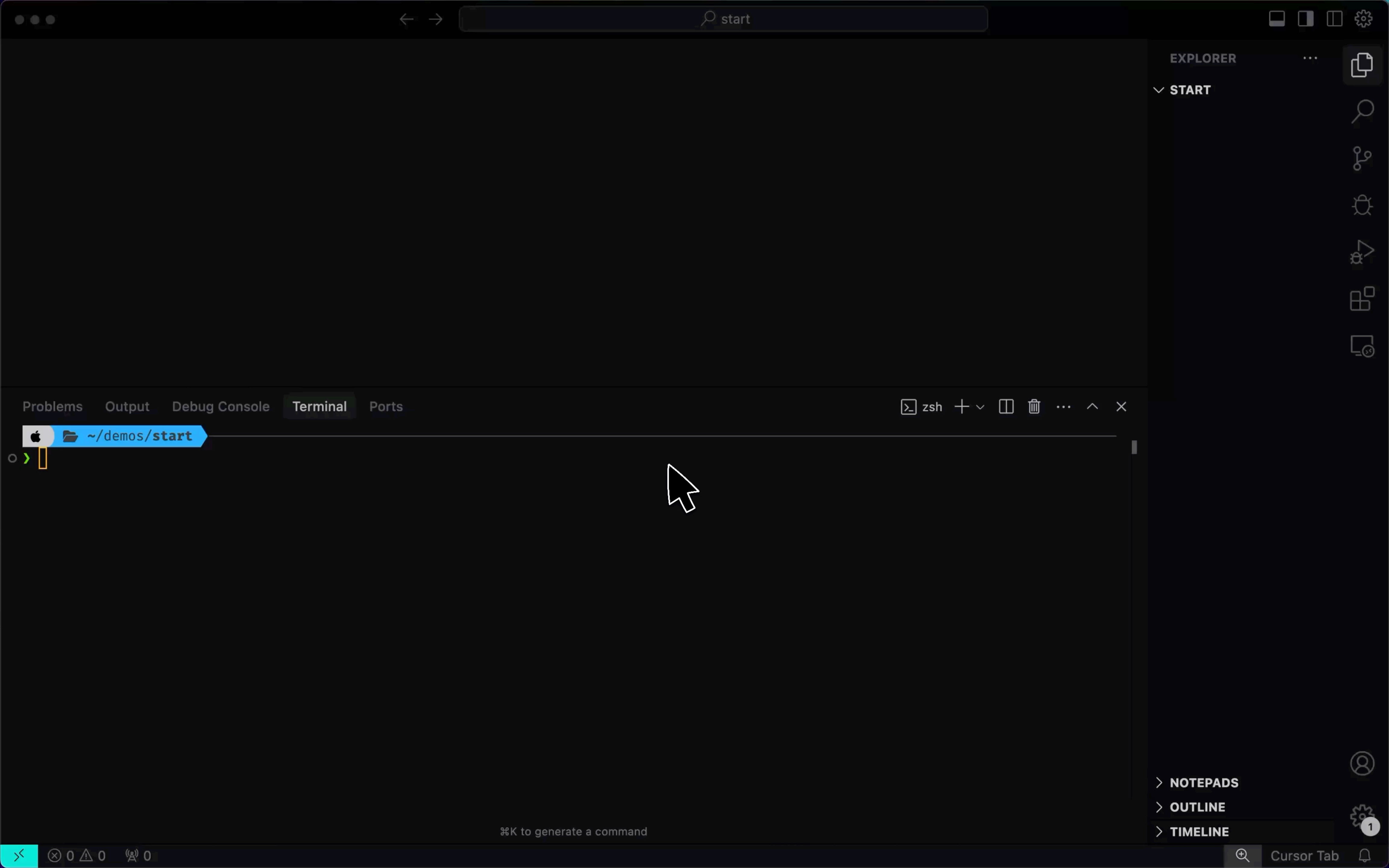
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Deno for Visual Studio Code

<https://deno.co/vscode>



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```
npm install
```



Deno first contact.

 main.ts

```
import * as emoji from "node-emoji";

console.log(
  emoji.emojiify(`:sauropod: :heart: npm`)
);
```

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deno run main.ts
```

  npm



Dependency management.



Dependency management.



Dependencies cached globally




Dependency management.



```
deno install
```



Dependency management.



```
deno add
```



Dependency management.



```
deno add npm:node-emoji
```



Dependency management.

 deno.json

```
"imports": {  
  "react": "npm:react@18.2.0",  
  "vite": "npm:vite@^6.2.4",  
  "@std/assert": "jsr:@std/assert@1.0.12",  
  "node-emoji": "npm:node-emoji@^2.2.0",  
}
```


Dependency management.

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Dependency management.



```
deno outdated
```



← → outdated

Untitled-1 deno.json ×

deno.json > {} imports

2 "tasks": {

3 "dev": "deno run --watch main.ts"

4 },

5 "imports": {

6 "react": "npm:react@18.2.0",

7 "vite": "npm:vite@^4.5.9",

8 "@std/assert": "jsr:@std/assert@1.0.0"

9 }

10 }

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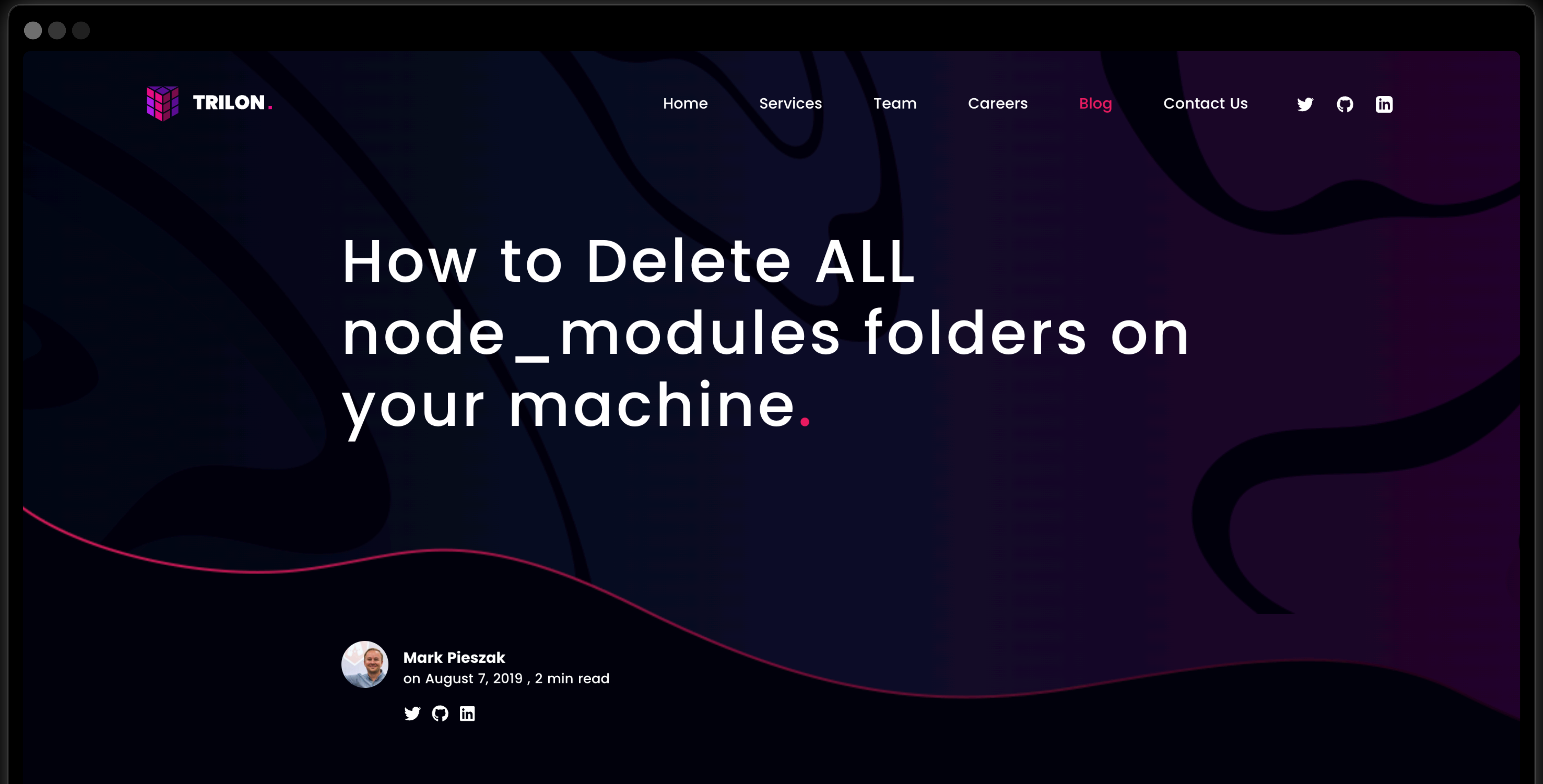


Dependencies cached globally



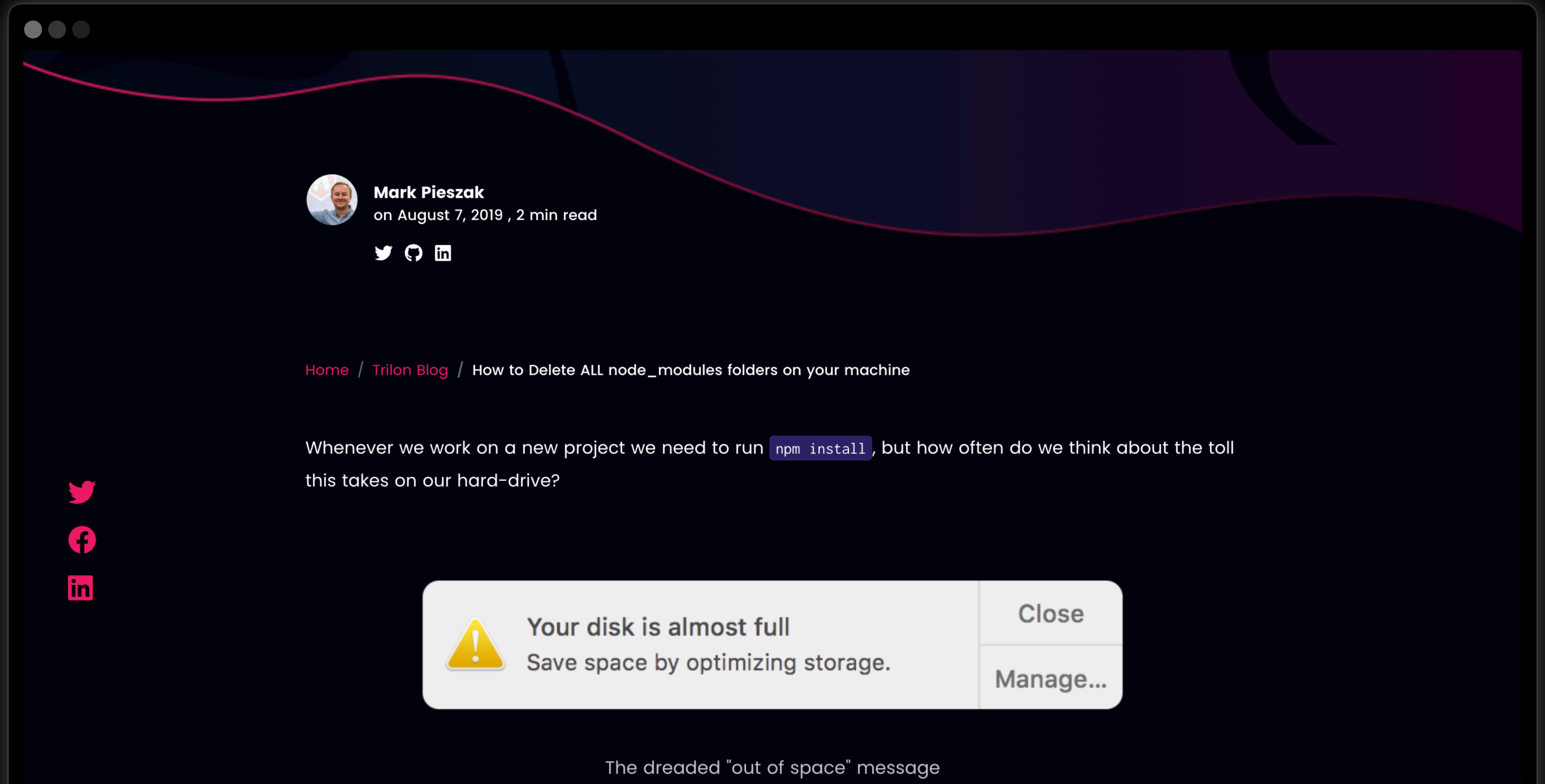
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This script is actually very similar to the one above, but we're going to be utilizing `rm -rf` to completely delete them.

WARNING: This process is irreversible!

Mac / Linux:



```
$ cd documents  
$ find . -name 'node_modules' -type d -prune -print -exec rm -rf '{}' \;
```

Windows:

```
$ cd documents  
$ FOR /d /r . %d in (node_modules) DO @IF EXIST "%d" rm -rf "%d"
```


Dependency management.




```
> deno clean
```



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.devcontainer	[WIP] Feedback mechanism (#1095)	4 months ago	
.github/workflows	add update_lint_rules task to update_versions workflow (...)	last month	
.vscode	Fix examples sort order (#721)	7 months ago	
404	Homepage components (#1556)	3 weeks ago	
_components	fix: missing active status for sub nav (#1584)	last week	
_includes	Og url update (#1579)	2 weeks ago	
deploy	fix: Cron configuration example (#1590)	4 days ago	
examples	fix look of link (#1596)	3 days ago	
lint	show how to include or exclude any lint rule in deno.json (...)	3 weeks ago	
markdown-it	fix: restore copy button in tabs (#1326)	2 months ago	
middleware	updating sidebar styles (#1406)	last month	
reference	move tags to after codeblock (#1562)	2 weeks ago	
reference_gen	bump node types to 22.13.10 (#1591)	4 days ago	
runtime	adding section clarifying testing permissions object (#15...	last week	
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Languages

Task runner.



Running tasks.



```
npm run dev
```



Running tasks.



```
deno run dev
```

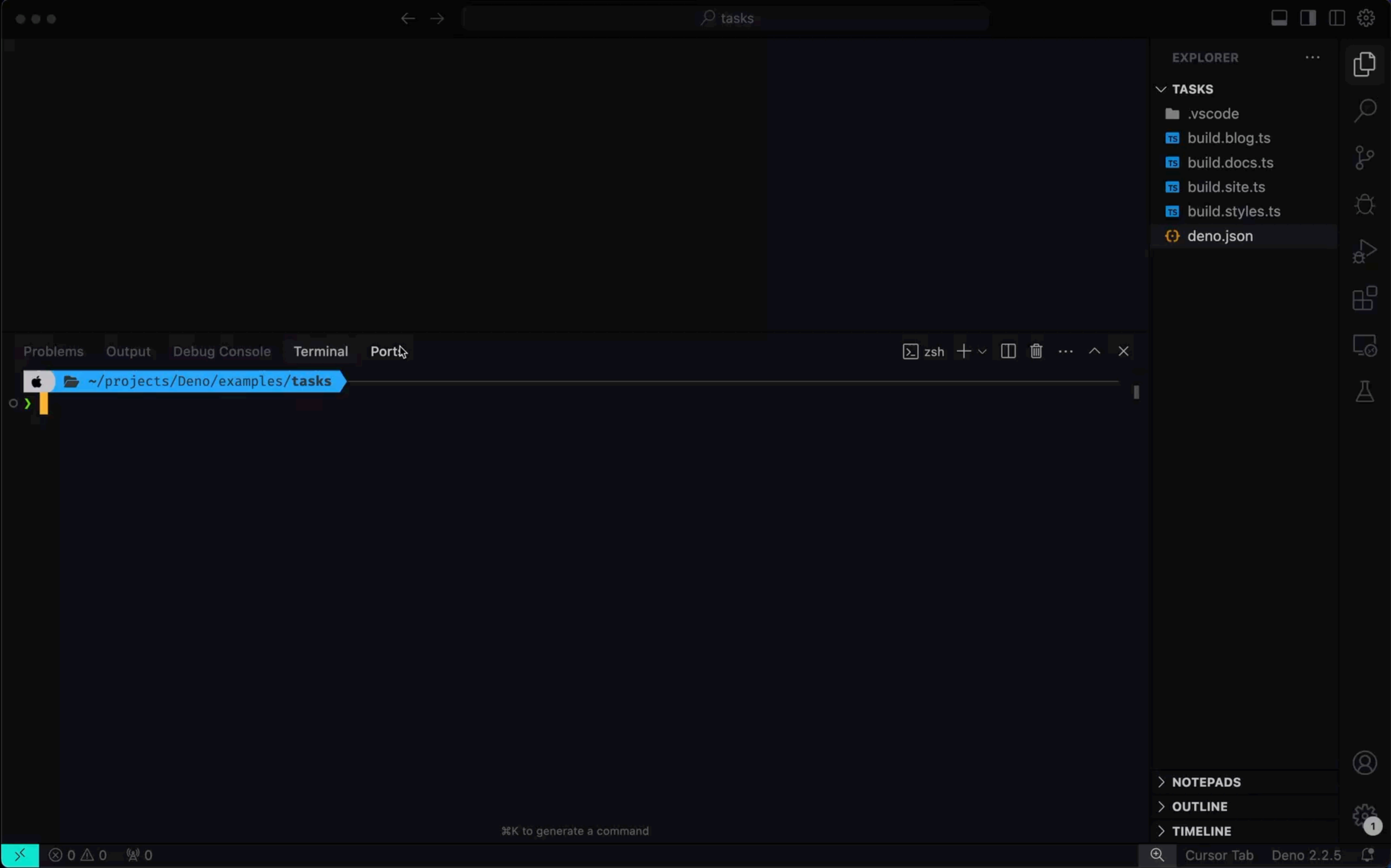


Running tasks.



```
deno task dev
```





Test runner.

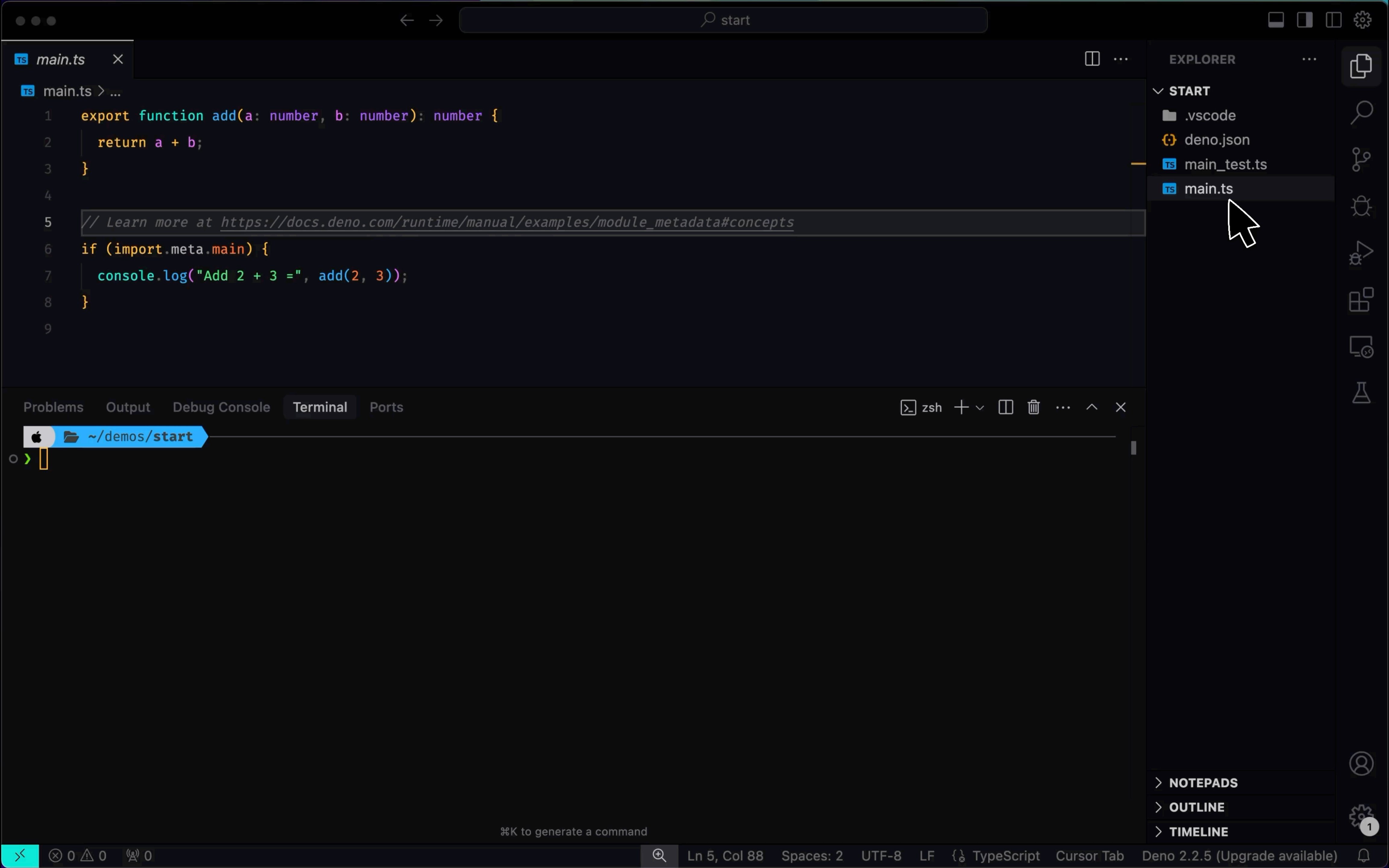


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```
deno test
```





Test framework.


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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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Testing

Deno provides a built-in test runner for writing and running tests in both JavaScript and TypeScript. This makes it easy to ensure your code is reliable and functions as expected without needing to install any additional dependencies or tools. The `deno test` runner allows you fine-grained control over permissions for each test, ensuring that code does not do anything unexpected.

In addition to the built-in test runner, you can also use other test runners from the JS ecosystem, such as Jest, Mocha, or AVA, with Deno. We will not cover these in this document however.

Writing Tests

To define a test in Deno, you use the `Deno.test()` function. Here are some examples:

my_test.ts

```
import { assertEquals } from "jsr:@std/assert";

Deno.test("simple test", () => {
  const x = 1 + 2;
  assertEquals(x, 3);
});

import { delay } from "jsr:@std/async";

Deno.test("async test", async () => {
  const x = 1 + 2;
  await delay(100);
  assertEquals(x, 3);
});
```

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This guide builds on the [basics of testing in Deno](#) to focus specifically on mocking techniques that help you isolate your code during testing.

For effective unit testing, you'll often need to "mock" the data that your code interacts with. Mocking is a technique used in testing where you replace real data with simulated versions that you can control. This is particularly useful when testing components that interact with external services, such as APIs or databases.

Deno provides [helpful mocking utilities](#) through the Deno Standard Library, making your tests easier to write, more reliable and faster.

Spying

In Deno, you can `spy` on a function to track how it's called during test execution. Spies don't change how a function behaves, but they record important details like how many times the function was called and what arguments were passed to it.

By using spies, you can verify that your code interacts correctly with its dependencies without setting up complex infrastructure.

In the following example we will test a function called `saveUser()` , which takes a user object and a database object and calls the database's `save` method:

```
import { assertEquals } from "jsr:@std/assert";
import { assertSpyCalls, spy } from "jsr:@std/testing/mock";

// Define types for better code quality
interface User {
  name: string;
}
```

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Real-world example

TypeScript toolchain.



JavaScript toolchain.



Development toolchain.



Toolchain.

It's already built in



Toolchain.



```
deno main.js
```



Toolchain.



```
deno main.ts
```



Toolchain.



```
deno check
```



Toolchain.



```
deno types
```



Toolchain.



```
deno fmt
```



Toolchain.



```
deno lint
```





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List of rules

These lint rules are provided by the `deno lint` command. You can enable sets of rules in `deno.json(c)` by adding their tags (e.g. `recommended`, `react`) to the `lint.rules.tags` array.

If no tag is provided, then the **recommended** set of rules will be enabled by default.

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✓ Recommended



Fresh

</> JSX



React



adjacent-overload-signatures

Requires overload signatures to be adjacent to each other. [Details](#)

ban-ts-comment

Why I'm excited.



Reasons to be excited.

Simplification and unification of tools



Reasons to be excited.

Regular improvements



Reasons to be excited.

I kinda sorta know most of it already



Reasons to be excited.

Lower friction and fewer quirks



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Security and performance



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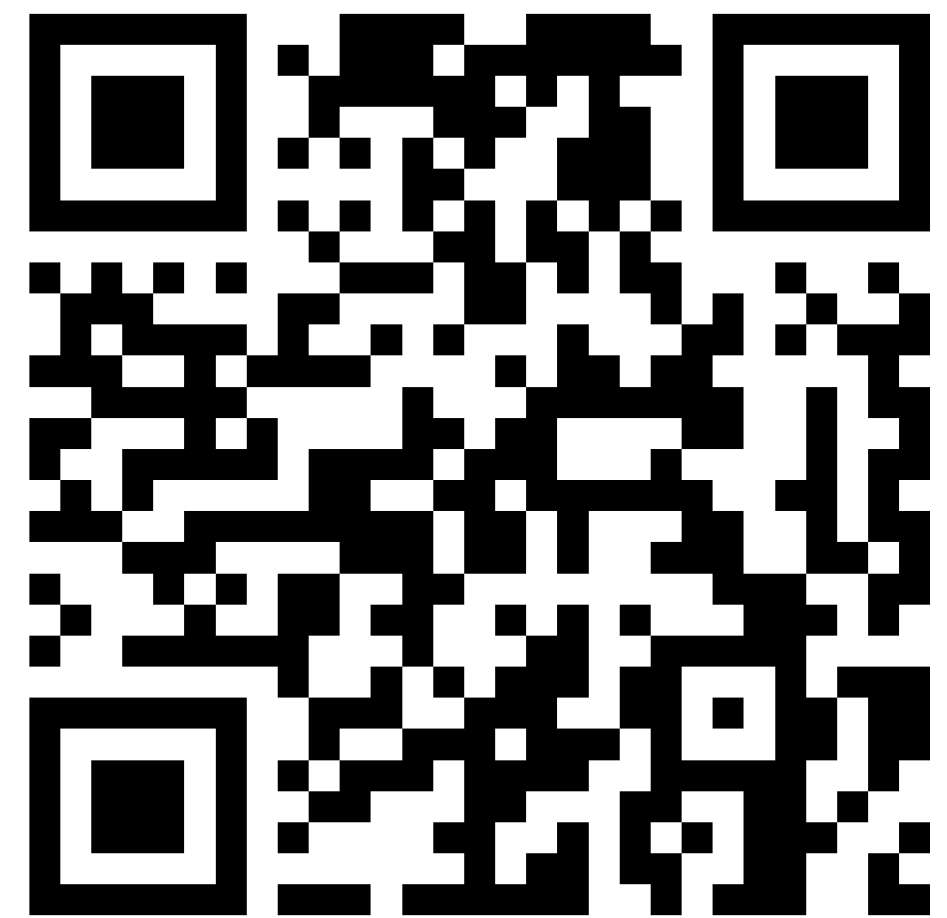
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Thanks.

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