



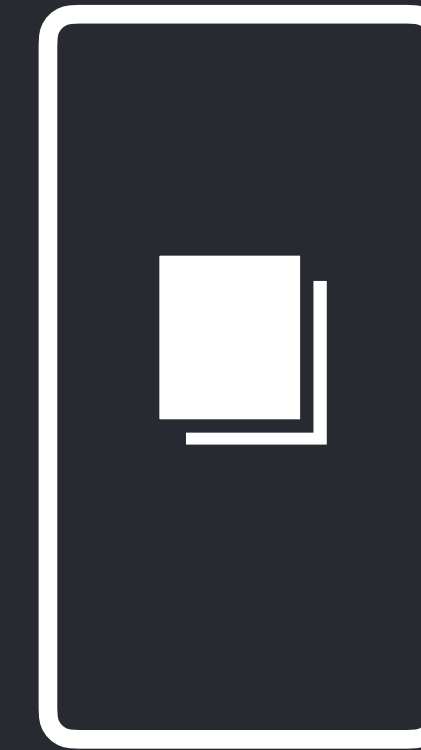
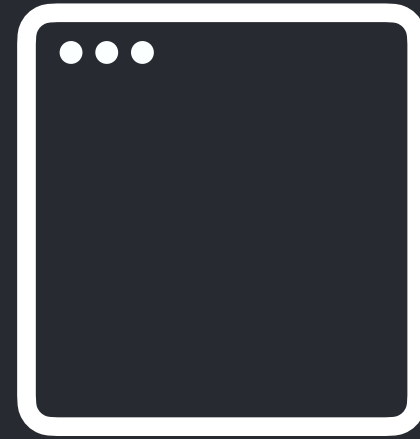
# INTRODUCTION TO JAMSTACK

PHIL HAWKSWORTH

*there are many*

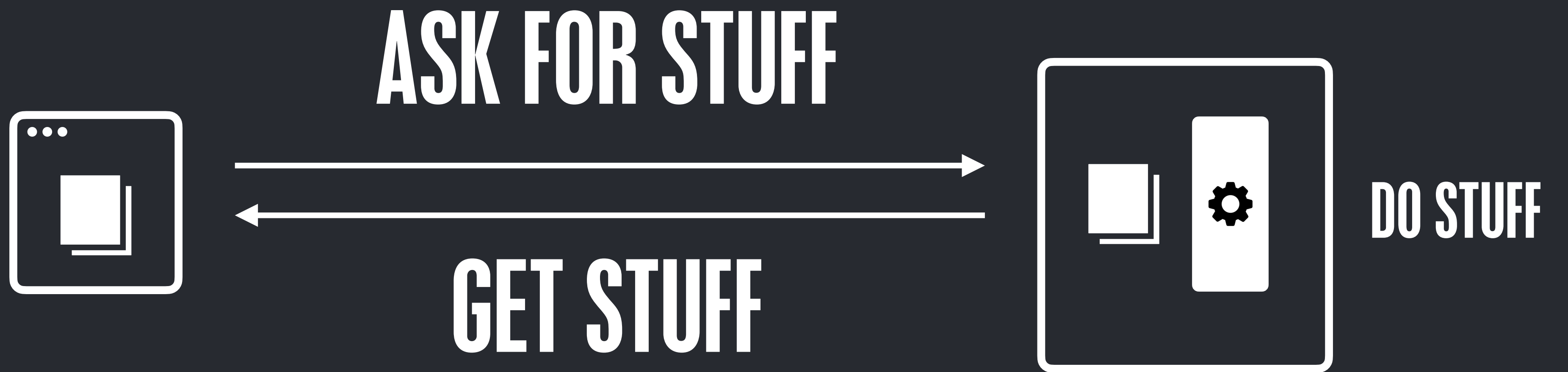
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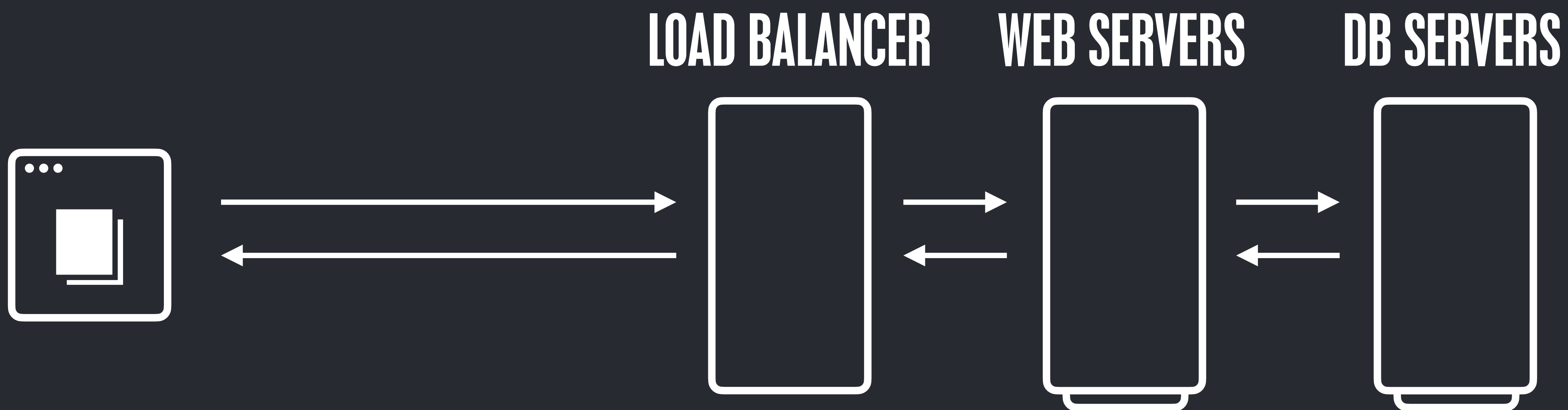
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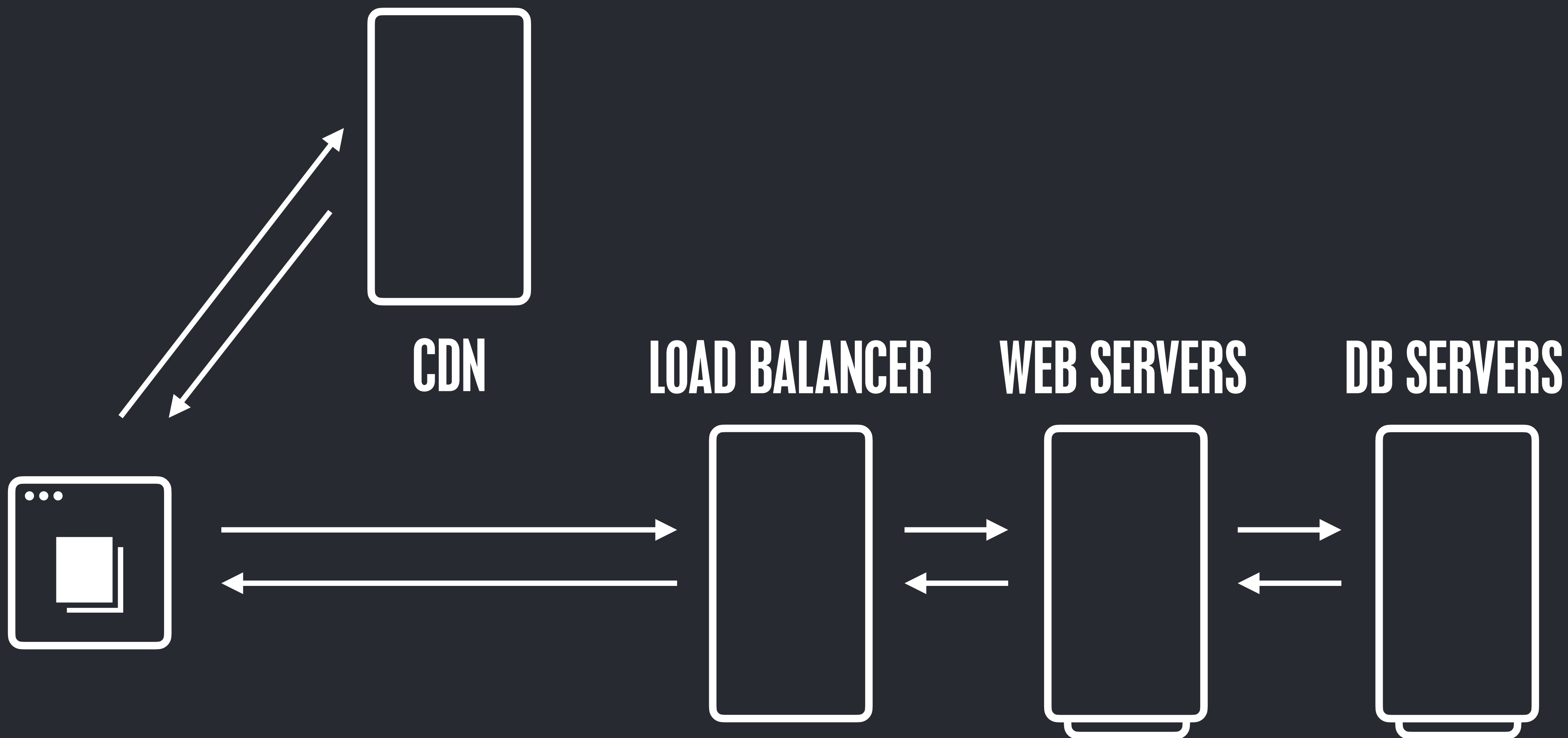












**IT GOT COMPLICATED**

*but luckily*

**WE'VE BEEN LEARNING  
AND BUILDING NEW TOOLS**

**BROWSERS GOT MORE CAPABLE  
PROCESSES MATURED  
TOOLING IMPROVED**

**WHAT IS THE JAMSTACK?**

*what does  
jamstack*

**STAND FOR?**

*what does  
jamstack*

**MEAN?**



*jamstack*

**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**

# *stack*

*the layers of technology which  
deliver your web site or application*

—————

*what does  
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**STAND FOR?**

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**MEAN?**

# *jamstack*

*Fast and secure sites and apps  
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or run web servers.*

# STACKS FOR DAYZ

AN / LAMP / MAMP / XAMP / ROR / WISA / MEAN

WISA / MEAN / LAMP / MAMP / XAMP / ROR /

**LAMPSTACK**



**WEB SERVER**

**HTTP ROUTING AND SERVING**

**PREPROCESSING**

**DATA ACCESS**

**OPERATING SYSTEM**



**APACHE**

**PHP**

**MYSQL**

**LINUX**

**WEB SERVER**

**HTTP ROUTING AND SERVING**

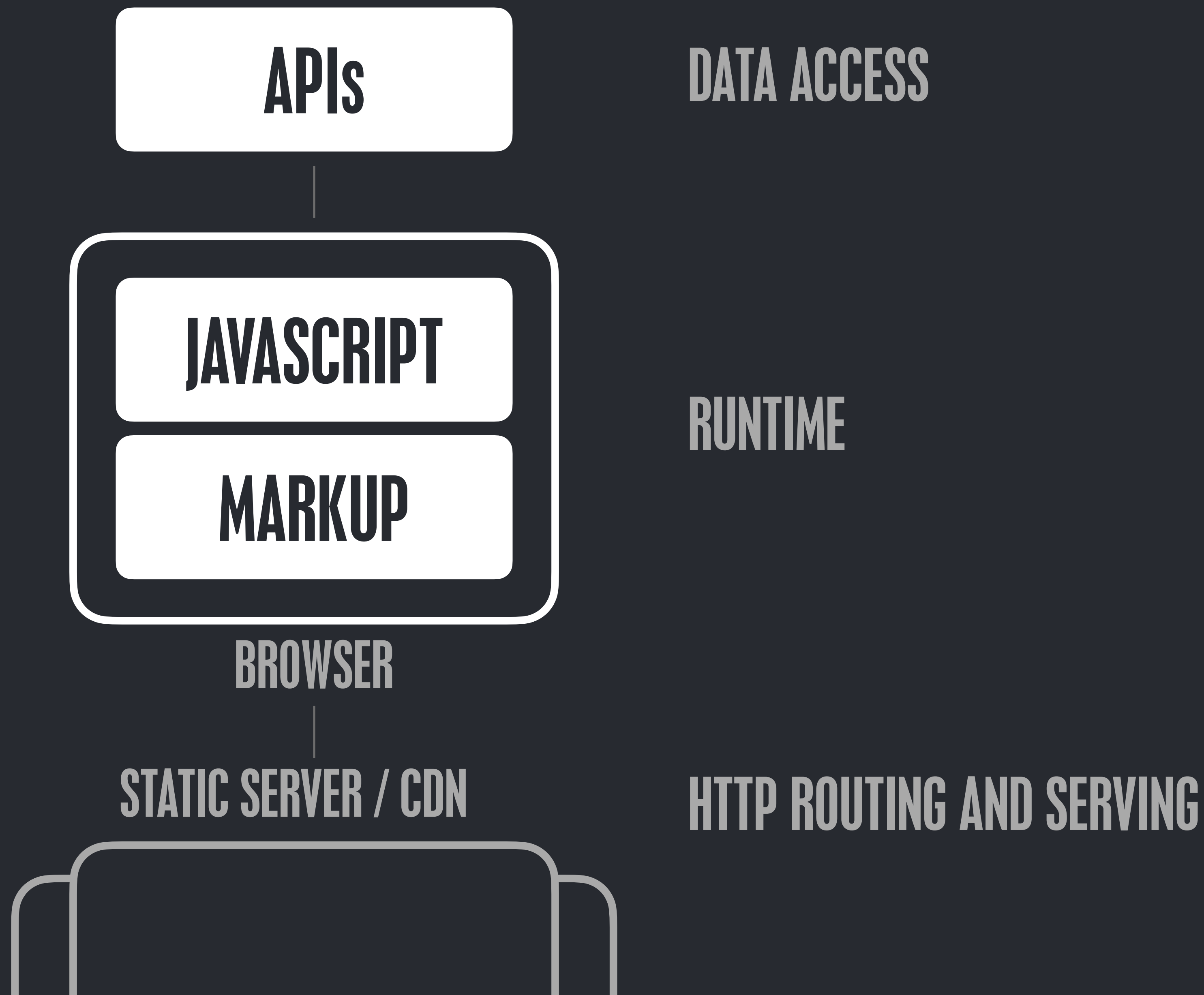
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**JAMSTACK**



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**PRE-RENDERED  
LEVERAGE THE BROWSER  
WITHOUT A WEBSERVER**

**APACHE**

**PHP**

**MYSQL**

**LINUX**

**WEB SERVER**

**WITH JAMSTACK**  
**THE STACK**  
**HAS MOVED**  
**UP A LEVEL**  
**TO THE BROWSER**

**APIs**

**JAVASCRIPT**

**MARKUP**

**BROWSER**



A black and white close-up portrait of Aaron Swartz, a young man with dark, wavy hair and a light beard, smiling and looking down and to the left. The image is the background for the text.

# BAKE, DON'T FRY

— *Aaron Swartz*

*motives for*  
**PRE-RENDERING**

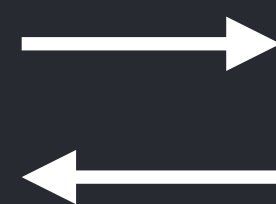
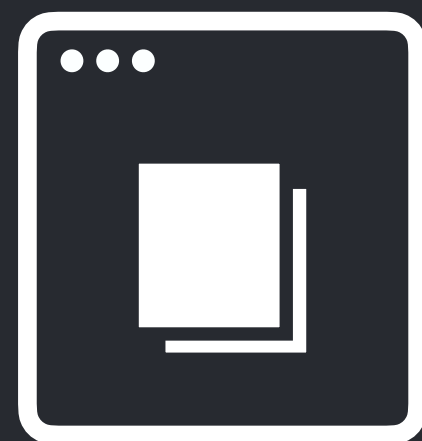
**DOING THE WORK NOW,  
SO YOUR SERVERS  
DON'T HAVE TO LATER**



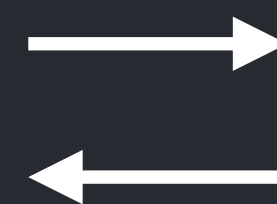
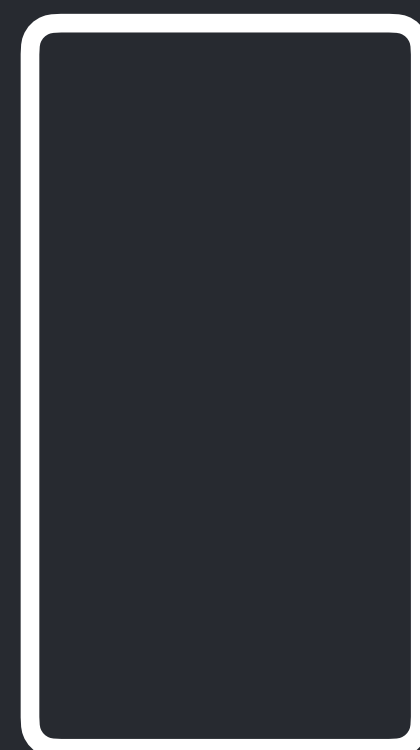
**PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN  
THE COMPLEXITY  
AND THE USER**

*this can*  
**SIMPLIFY  
DEPLOYMENTS**

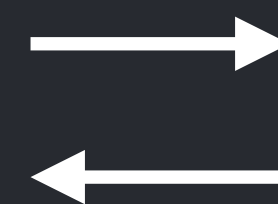
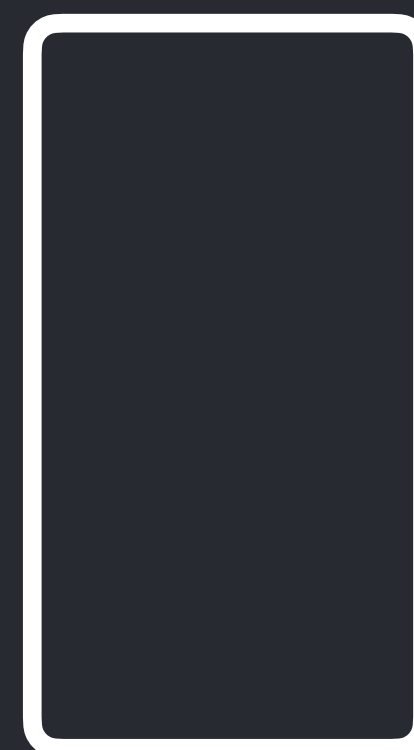
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**CDN**



**LOAD BALANCER**



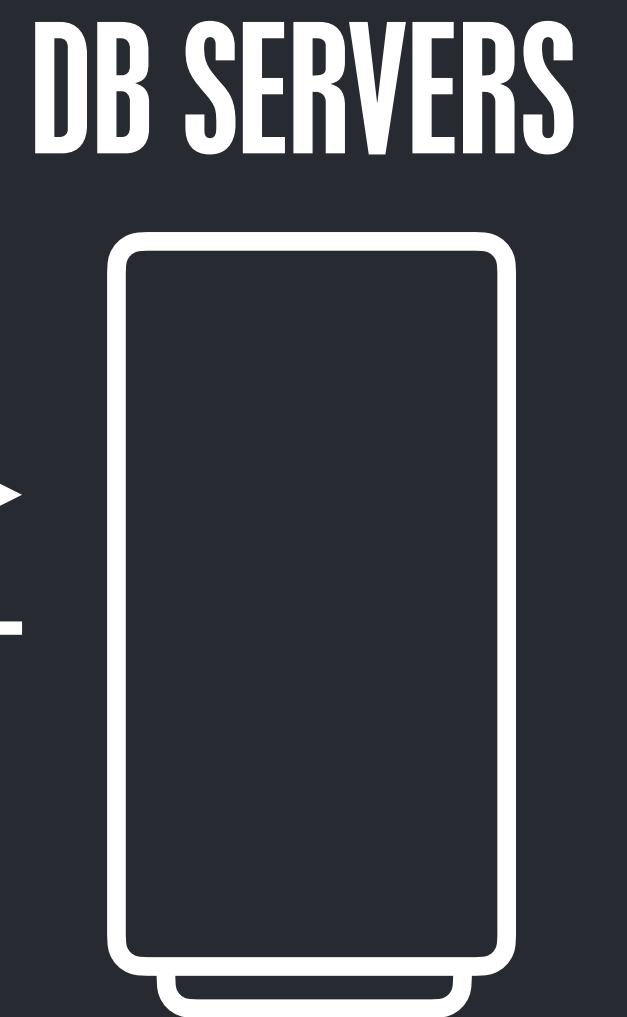
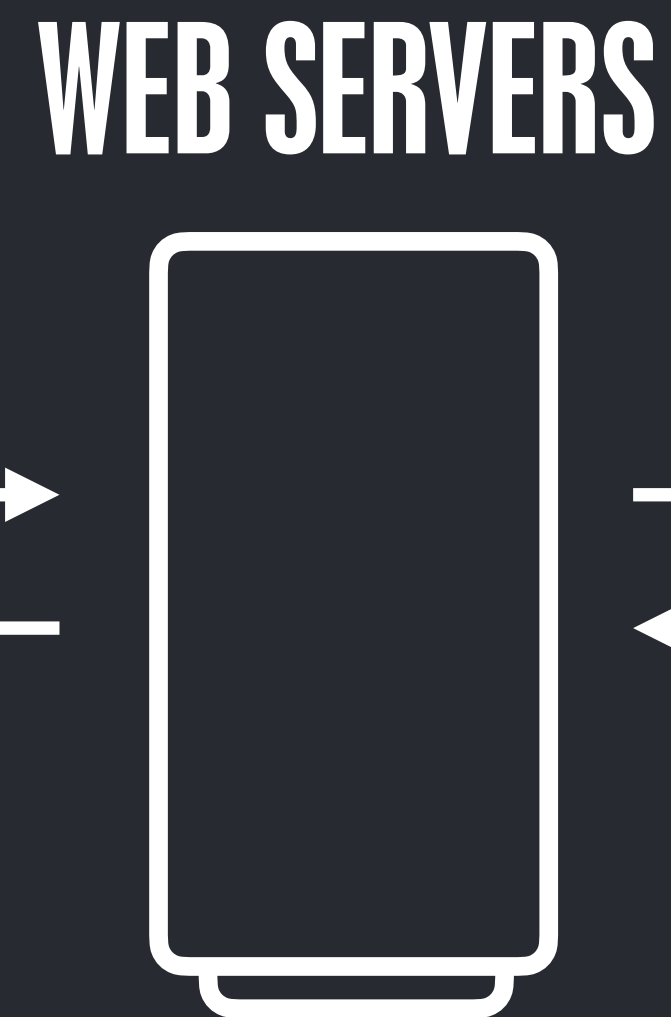
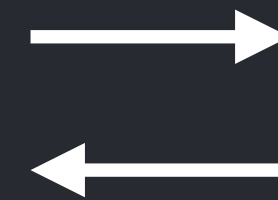
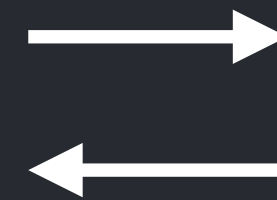
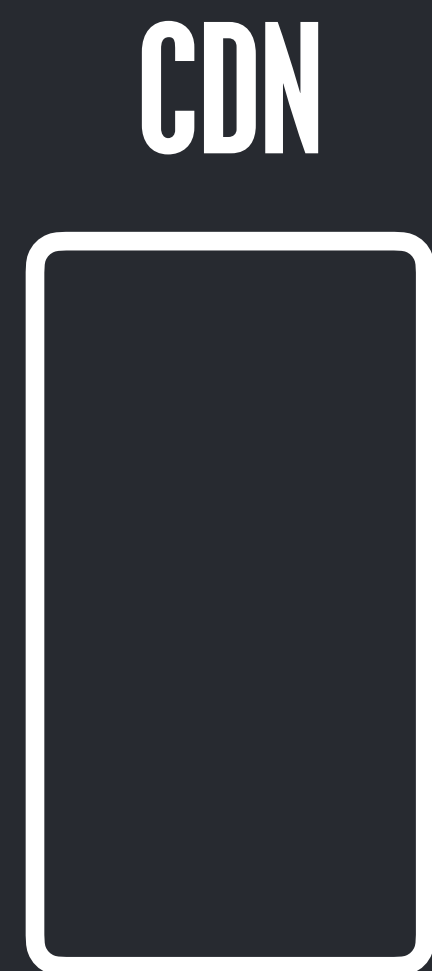
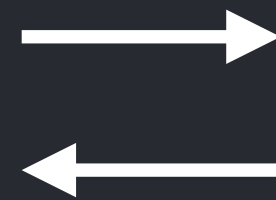
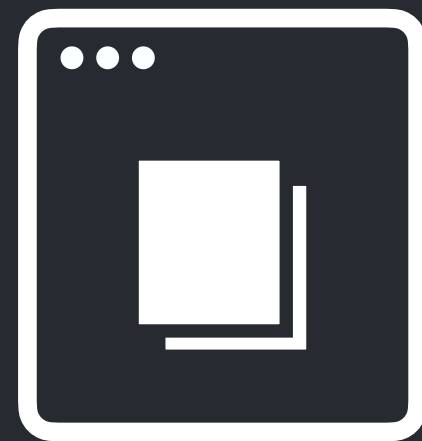
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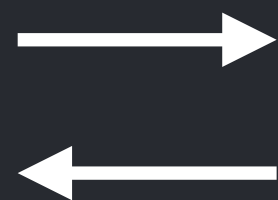
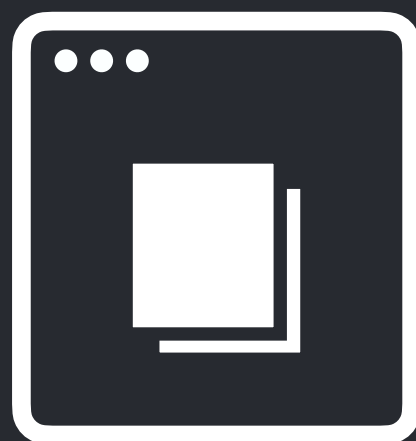
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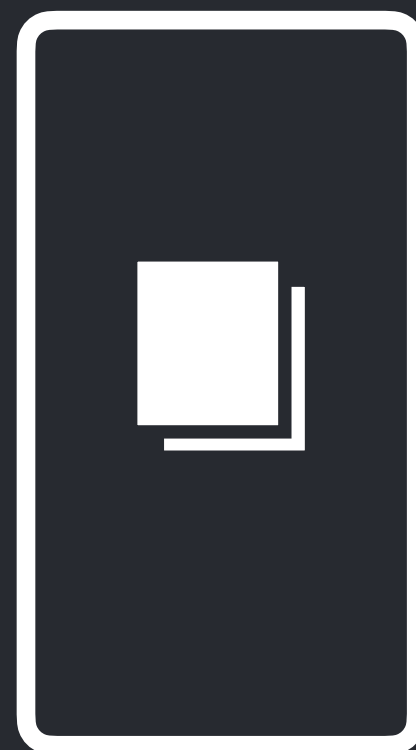
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VERSION CONTROL *for*  
EVERYTHING

# JAMSTACK ADVANTAGES



**SECURITY**



**PERFORMANCE**



**SCALE**

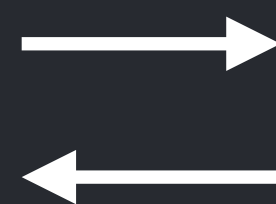
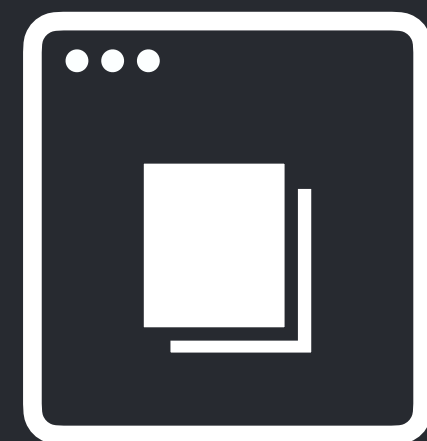


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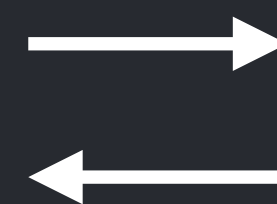
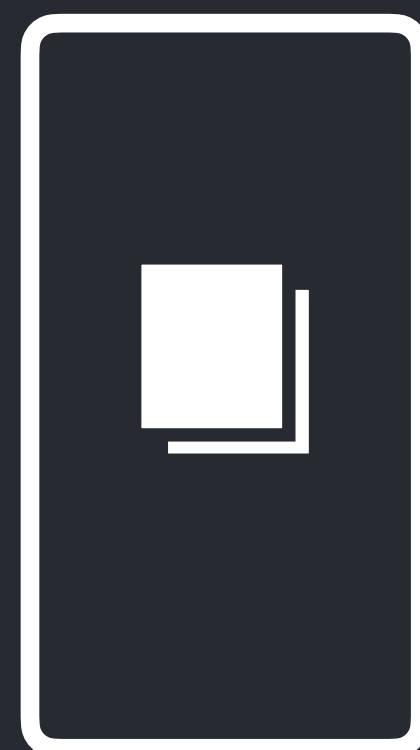


**A GREATLY REDUCED  
SURFACE AREA**

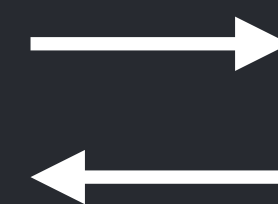
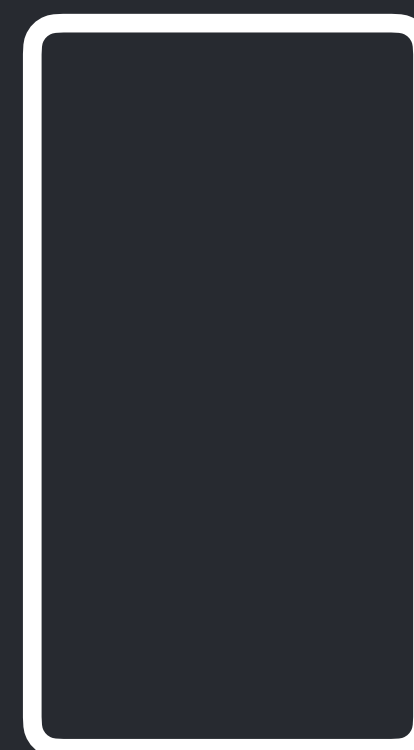
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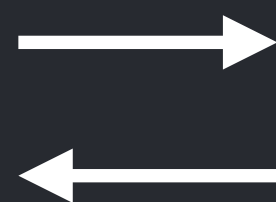
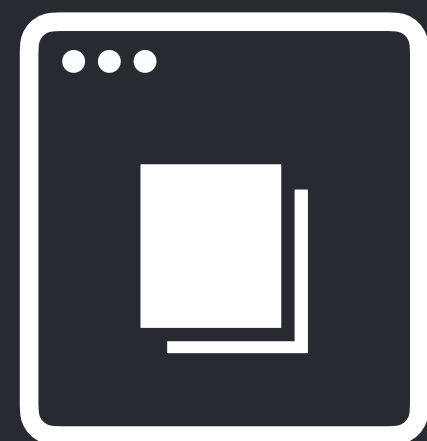
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**FAR FEWER  
MOVING PARTS  
TO ATTACK**

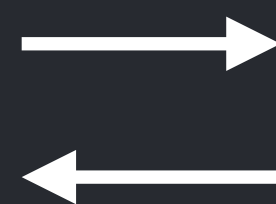
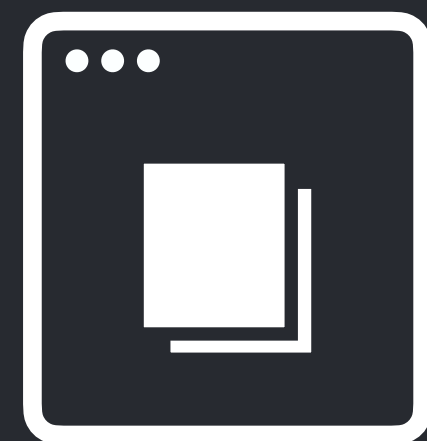


**PERFORMANCE**

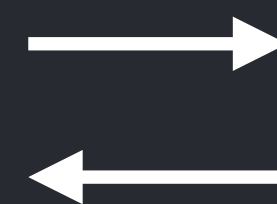
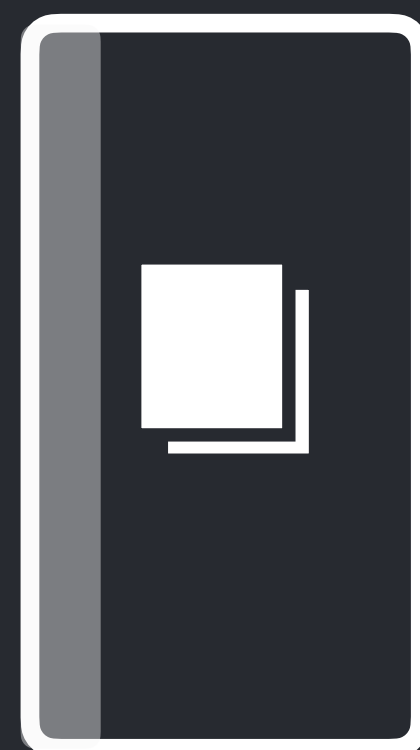
**TRADITIONAL STACKS**  
**ADD STATIC LAYERS**  
**IN ORDER TO IMPROVE**  
**PERFORMANCE**

# CACHING

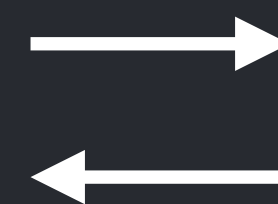
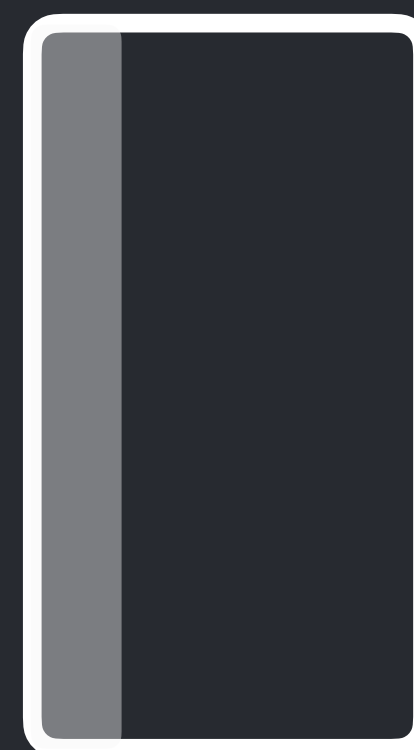
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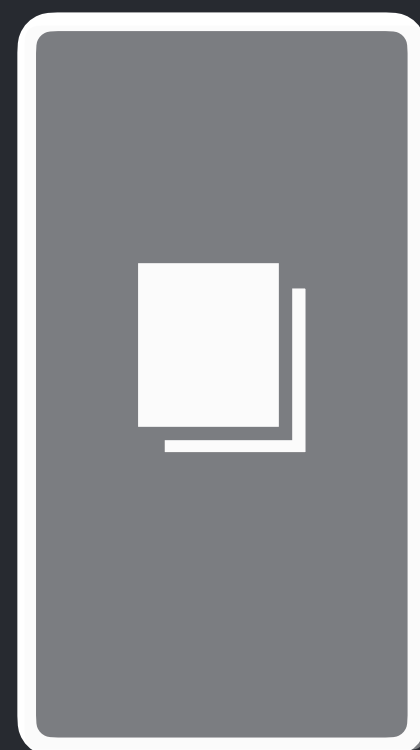
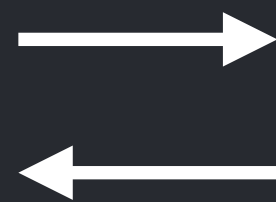
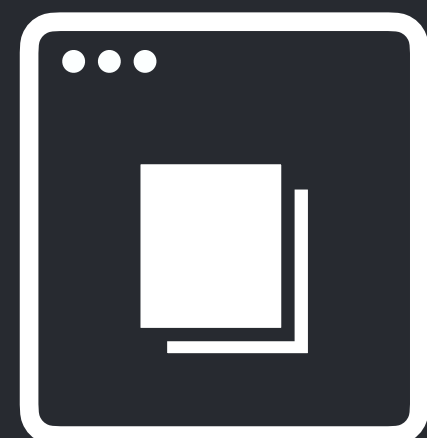
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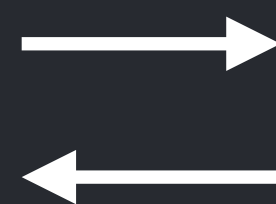
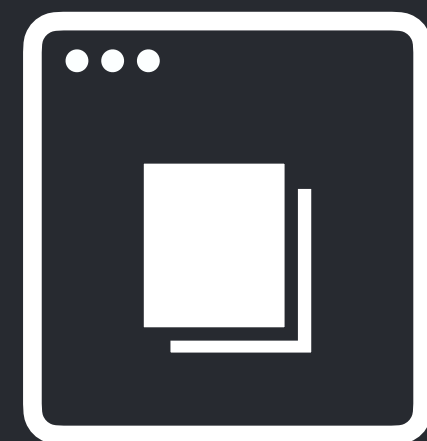


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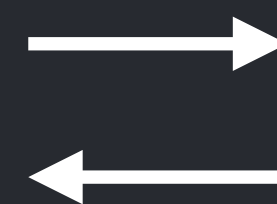
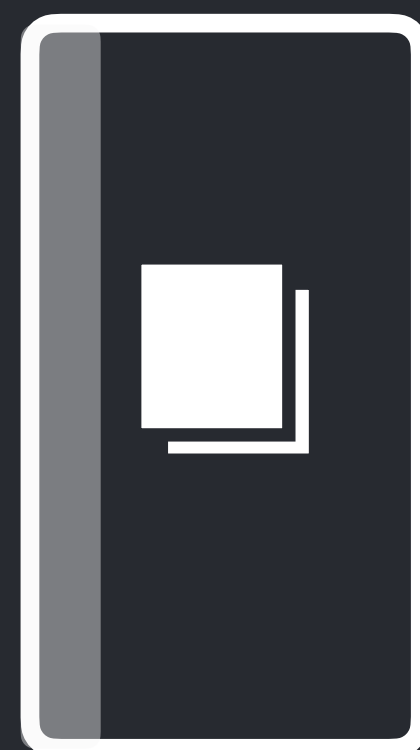


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**ADD INFRASTRUCTURE**  
**IN ORDER TO SCALE**

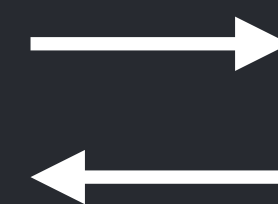
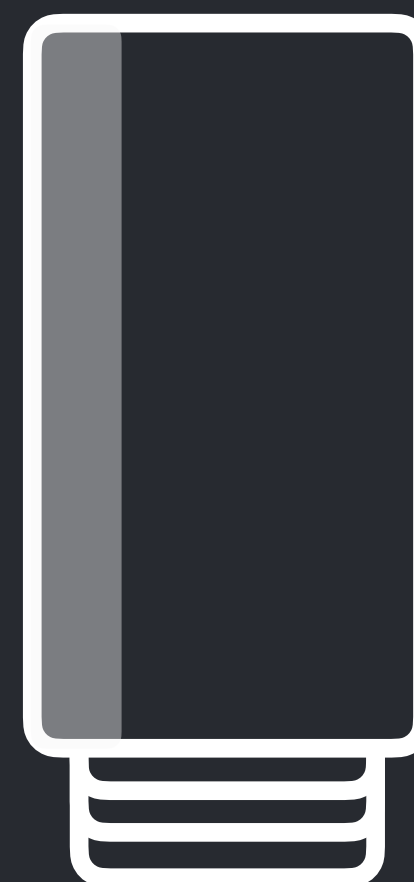
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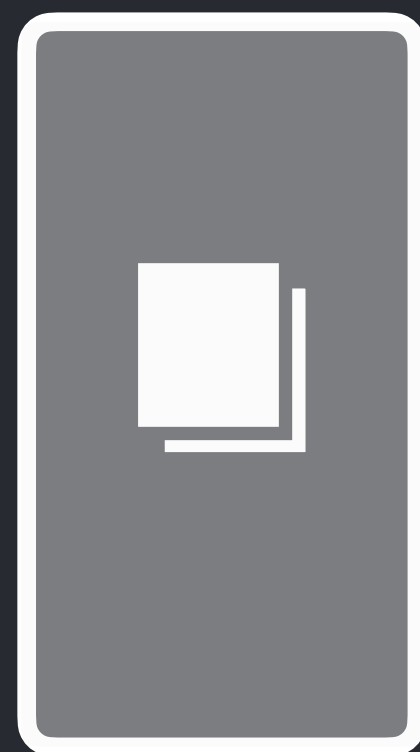
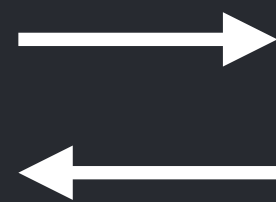
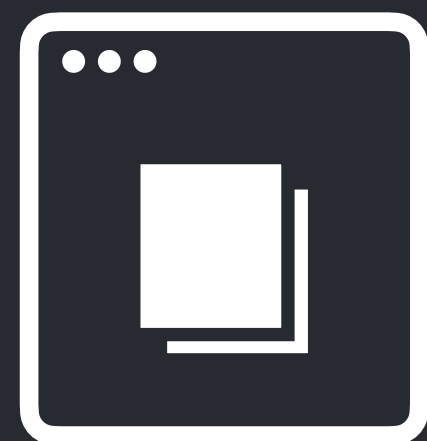
WEB SERVERS



DB SERVERS



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*ok, but...*



*but luckily*

**WE'VE BEEN LEARNING  
AND BUILDING NEW TOOLS**

*enablers*

**STATIC SITE GENERATORS  
TOOLING AN AUTOMATION  
BROWSER CAPABILITIES  
SERVICES AND THE API ECONOMY**

# *what will we make?*

1. **SIMPLY A STATIC SITE** (32:14)
2. **JAVASCRIPT TO RENDER CONTENT** (40:40)
3. **TEMPLATING AND ABSTRACTION WITH A STATIC SITE GENERATOR** (52:21)
4. **CONTENT SOURCED FROM AN API AT BUILD TIME** (1:24:09)
5. **LOCALISED CONTENT RENDERED AT BUILD TIME, ROUTED AT THE CDN** (2:02:17)
6. **CLIENT-SIDE RENDER OF TARGETED CONTENT WITH BROWSER AND CONTENT APIS** (2:28:08)
7. **BONUS: HOW TO GRADUALLY INTRODUCE THE JAMSTACK TO YOUR EXISTING INFRA** (3:19:50)

# EXAMPLE

**NUMBER 1 - ALL STATIC**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX1**

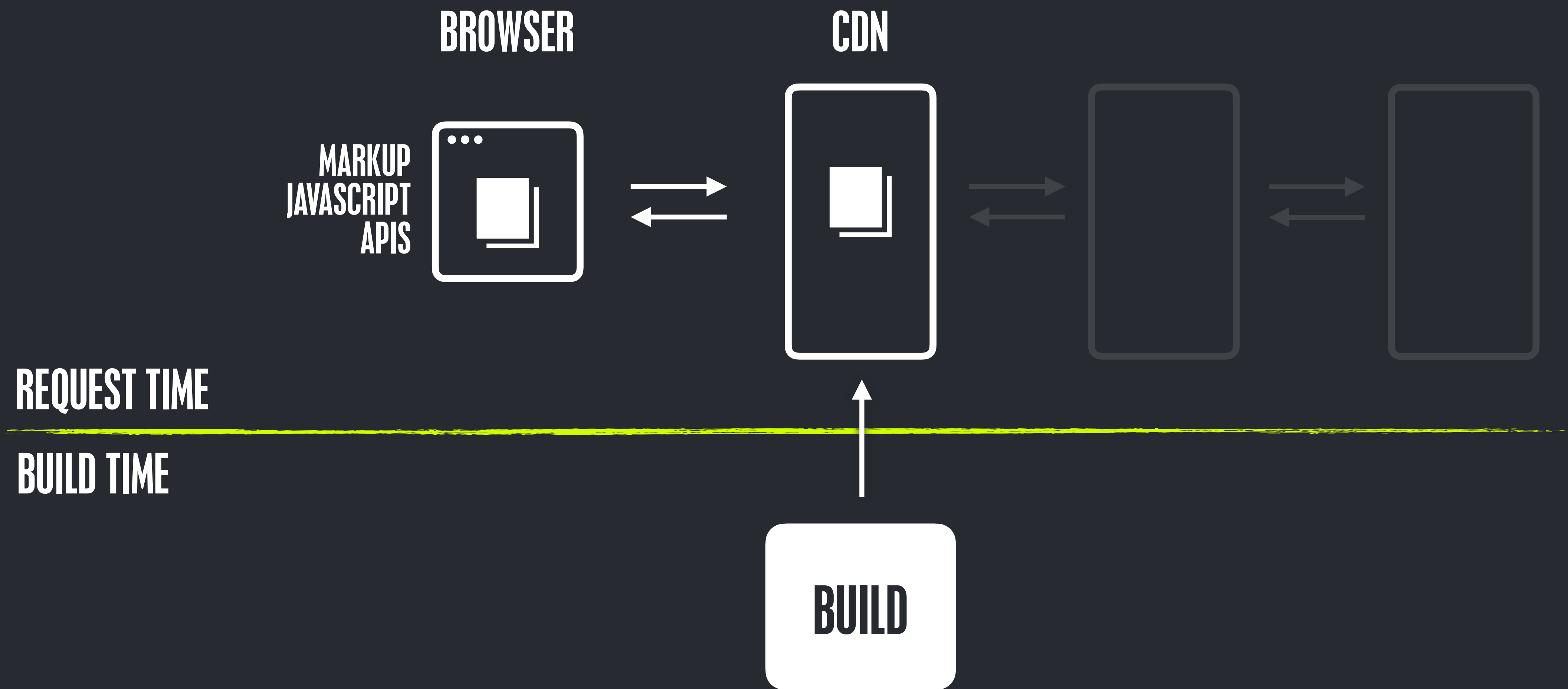


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**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**



**WAS THAT JAMSTACK?**

**A QUICK SENSE CHECK**

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*yep!*

# EXAMPLE

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## NUMBER 2 - ADDING JAVASCRIPT

FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX2



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**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**

# RENDERING

# CLIENT-SIDE RENDERING

**SERVER-SIDE RENDERING  
(REQUEST TIME)**

**SERVER-SIDE RENDERING  
(BUILD TIME)**

# CLIENT-SIDE RENDERING

JAVASCRIPT IN THE BROWSER  
MANIPULATES THE DOM

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**SERVER-SIDE RENDERING**  
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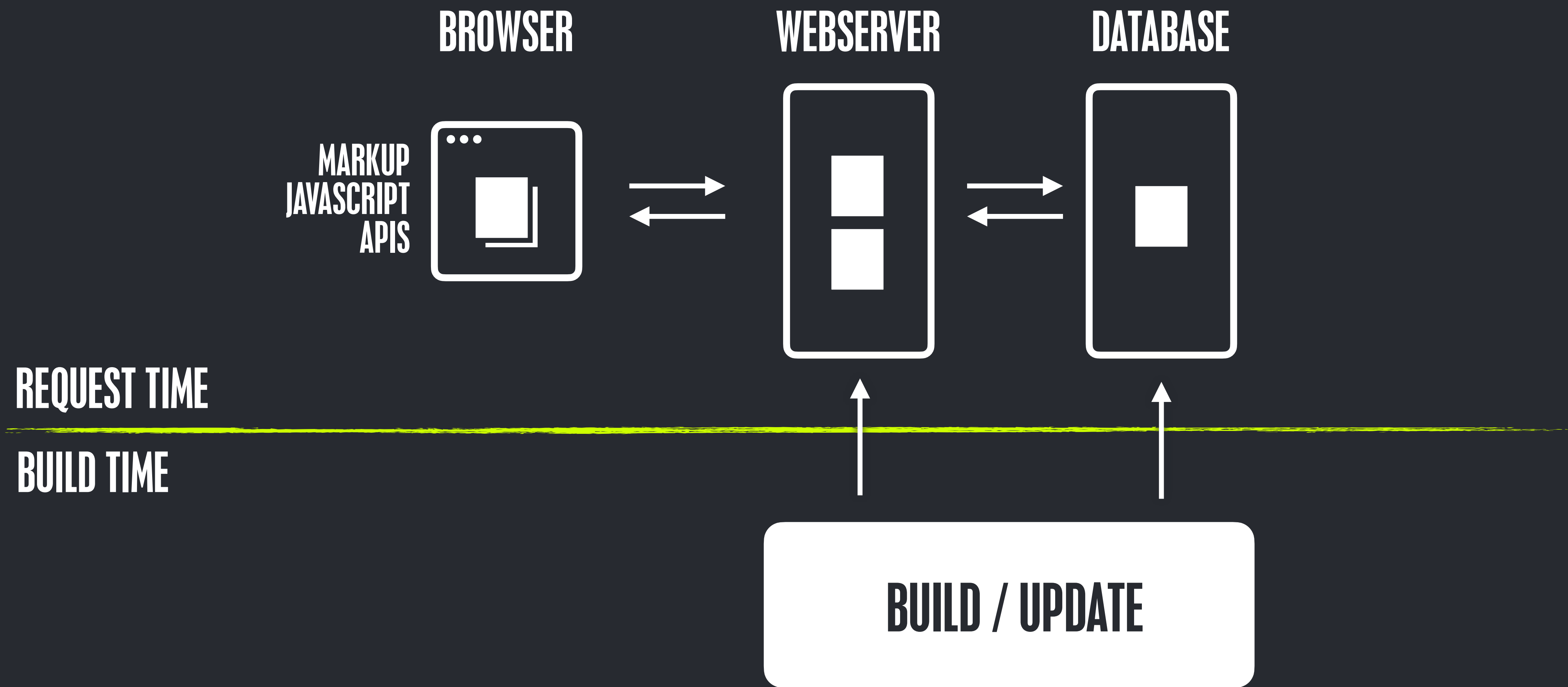
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GENERATE MARKUP ON REQUEST  
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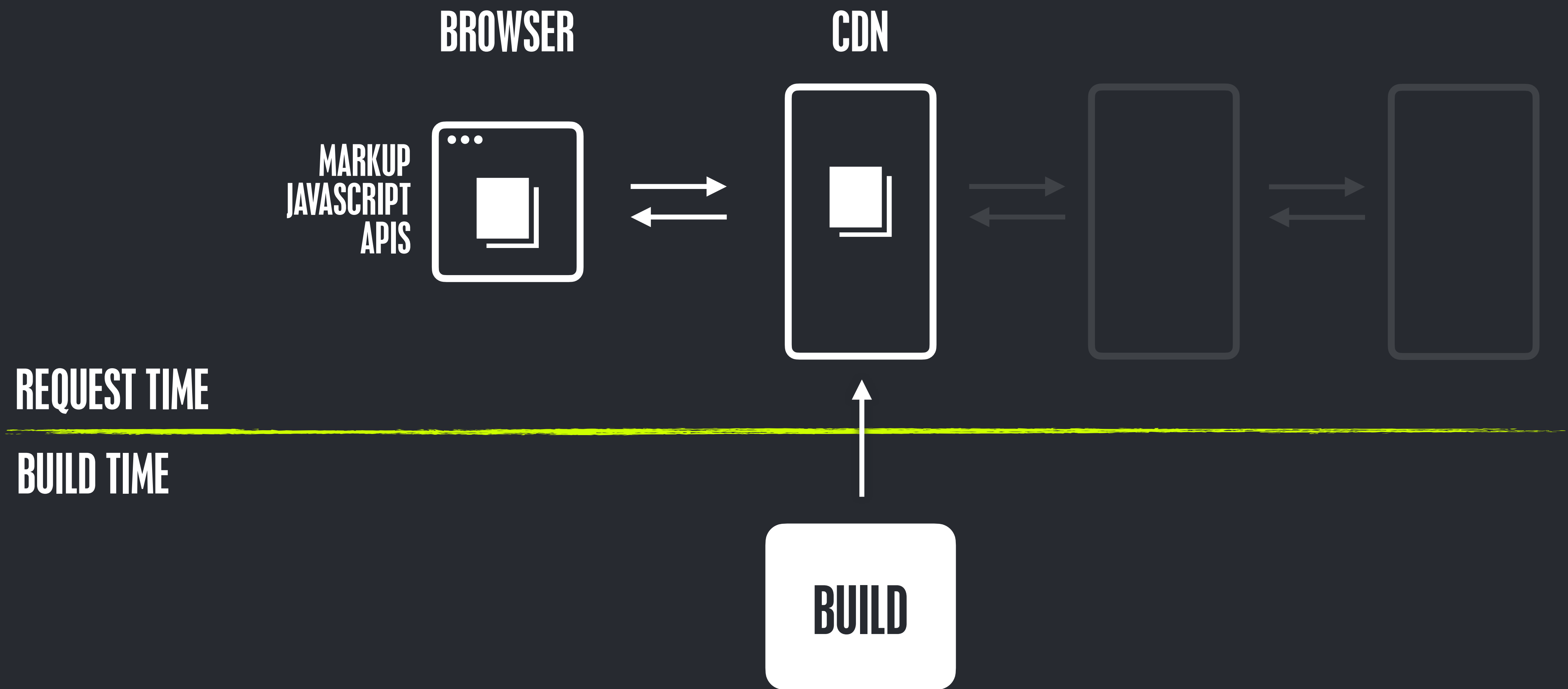
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# EXAMPLE

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**NUMBER 3 - BUILDING WITH AN SSG**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX3**

# PREREQUISITES

**GIT INSTALLED (FREE)**

**GIT-SCM.COM**

**NODEJS INSTALLED (FREE)**

**NODEJS.ORG**

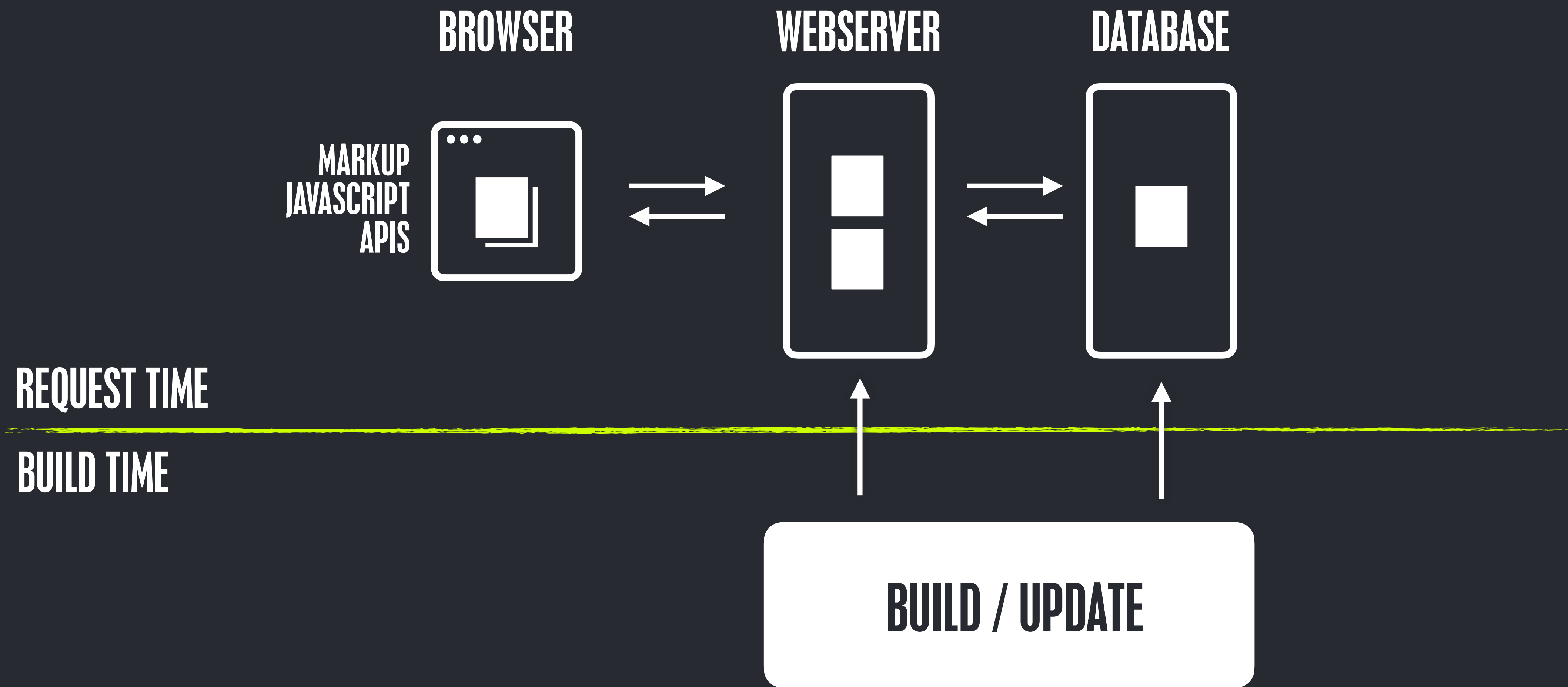
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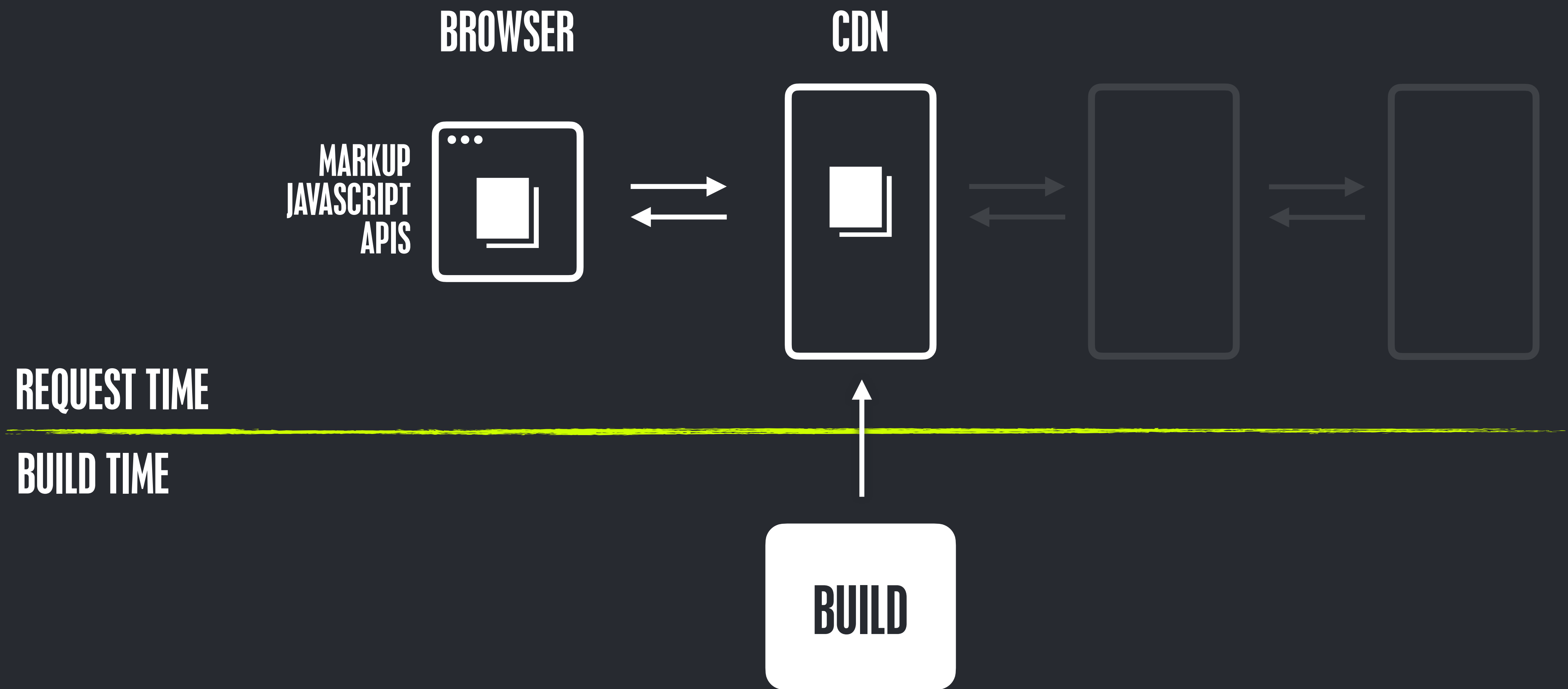
**GITHUB.COM**

**NETLIFY ACCOUNT (FREE)**

**NETLIFY.COM**







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# **BUILD AUTOMATION** *using a* **STATIC SITE GENERATOR**

HOW TO CHOOSE?

*the right*

SSG

# STATICGEN.COM

StaticGen | Top Open Source S

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https://www.staticgen.com

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StaticGen

A List of Static Site Generators for JAMstack Sites

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Get started with one click!

For generators with the "Deploy to Netlify" button, you can

**LANGUAGE  
WORKFLOW  
PERFORMANCE  
ARCHITECTURE  
OUTPUT CONTROL  
ADOPTION**

OUR SSG FOR TODAY  
ELEVENTY





# WHY ELEVENTY?

LOGICAL ARCHITECTURE

FLEXIBLE TEMPLATING

NOTHING YOU DON'T ASK FOR

JAVASCRIPT ALL THE WAY DOWN

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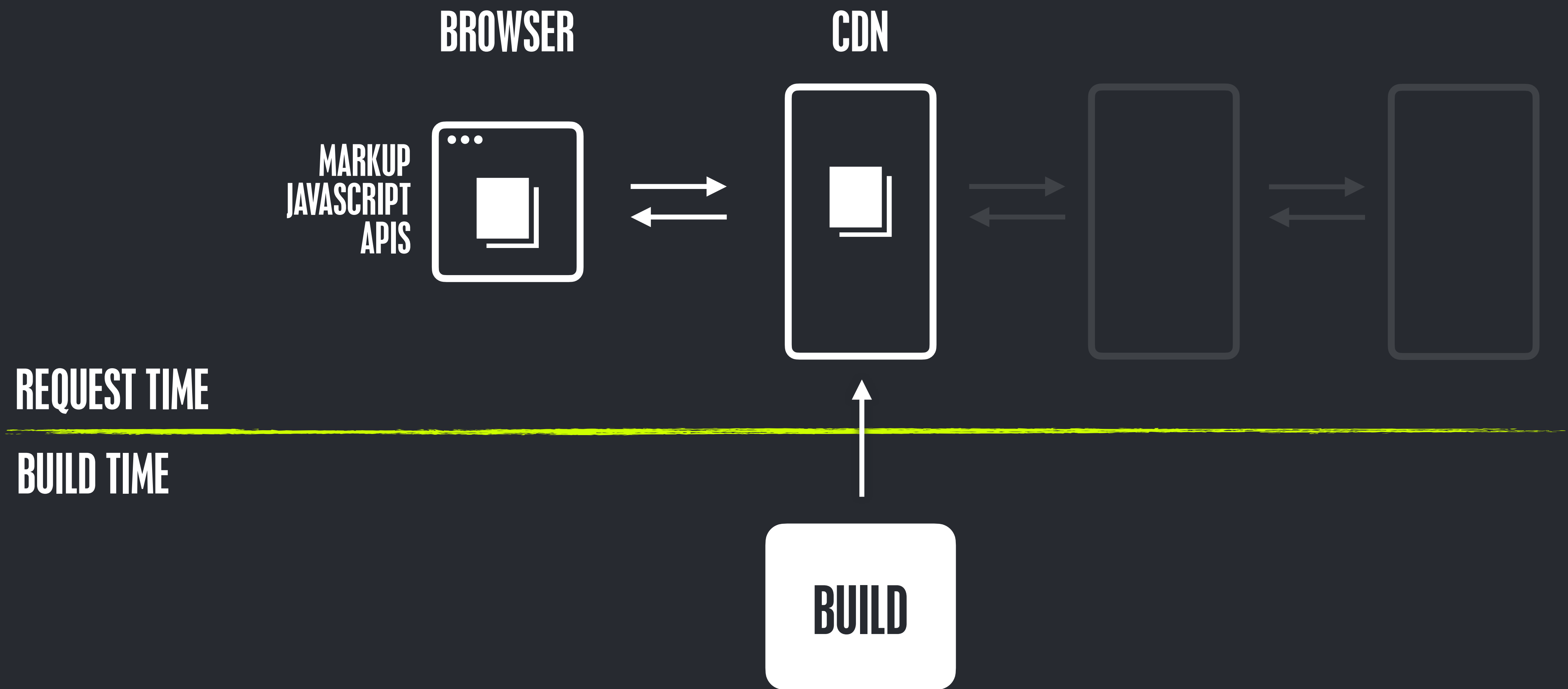
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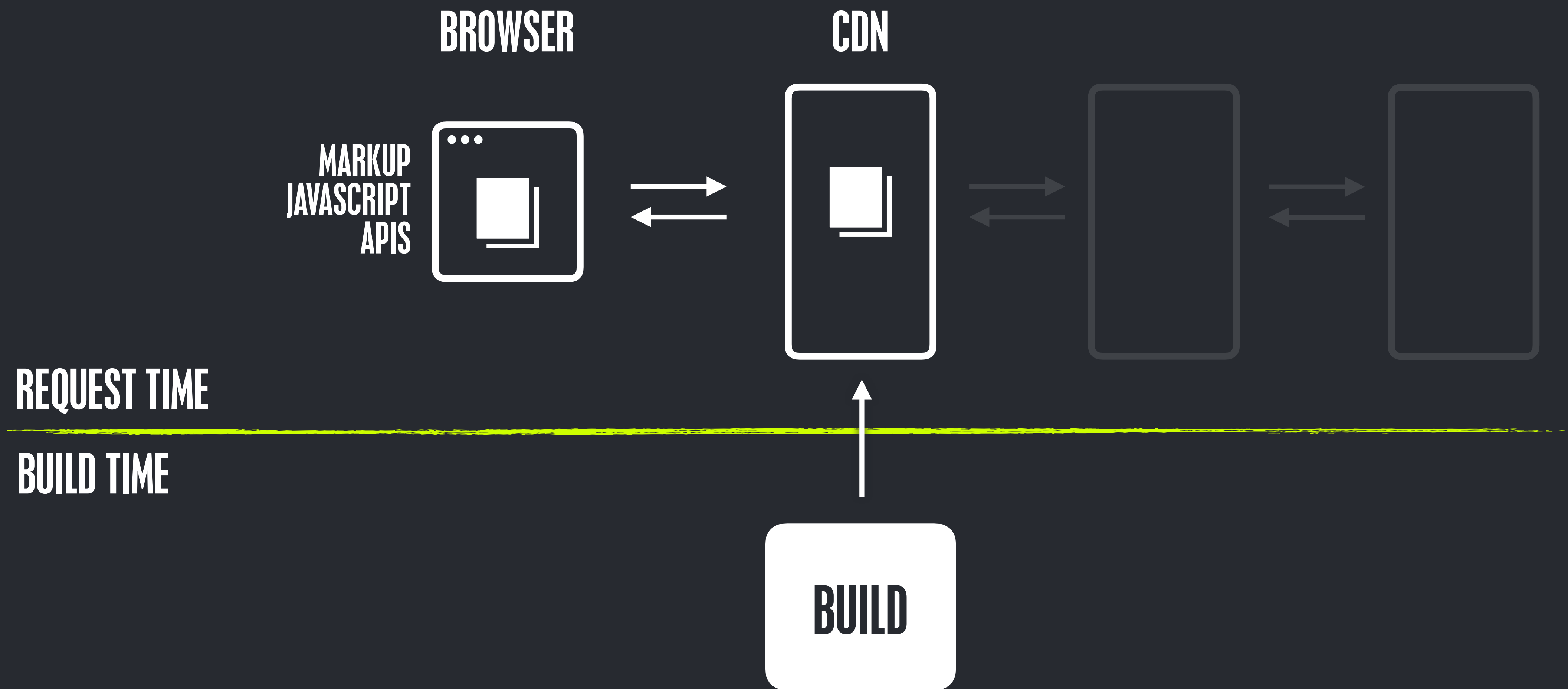
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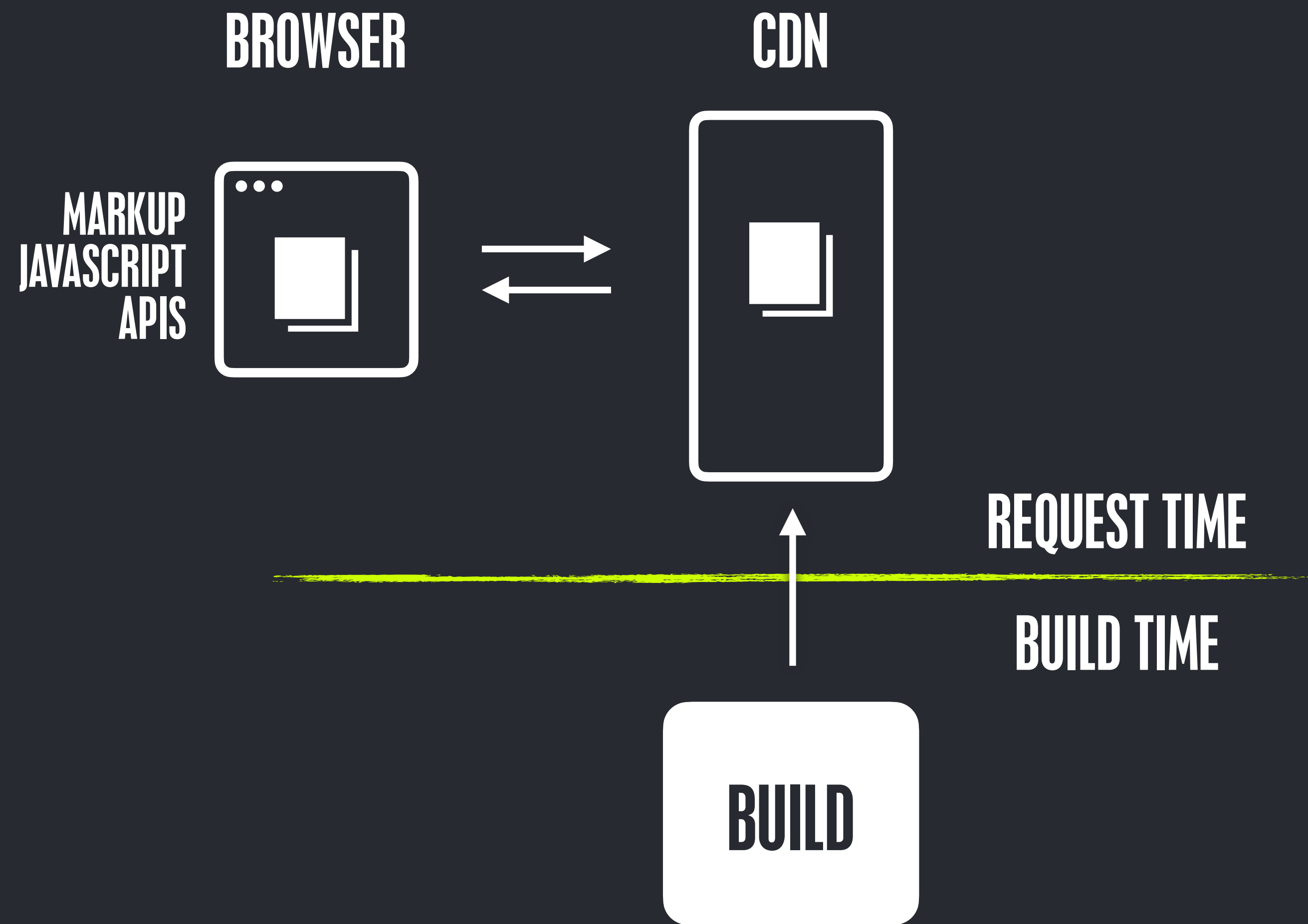
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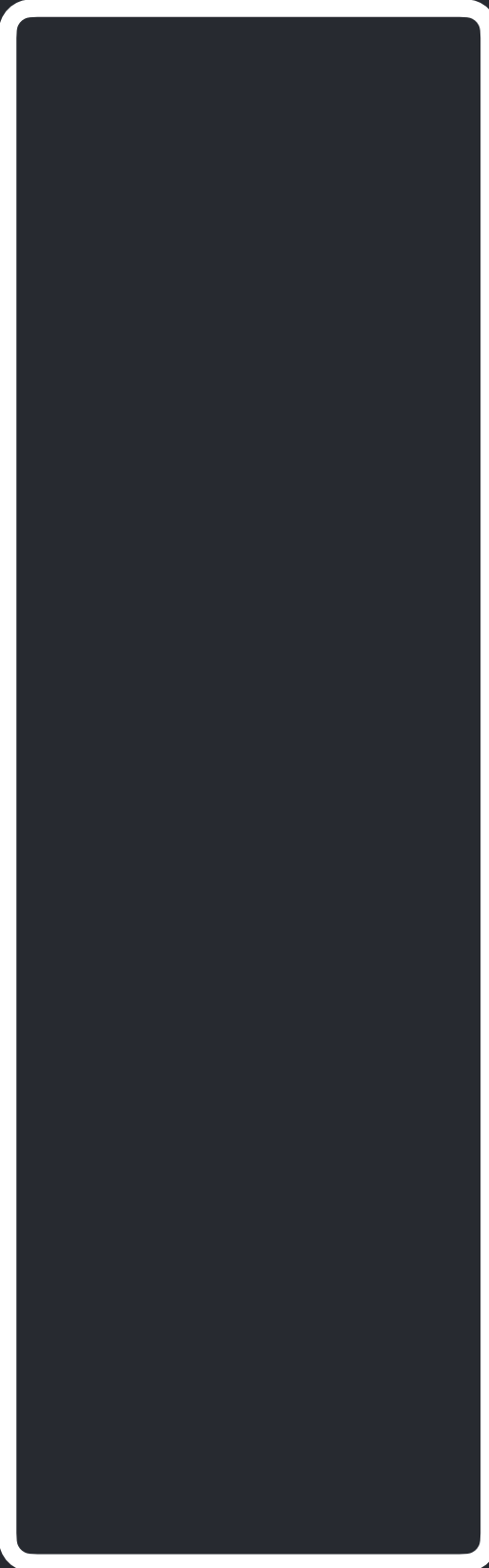
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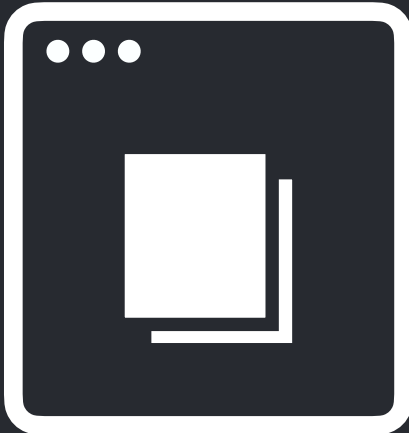


**DATA SOURCE**

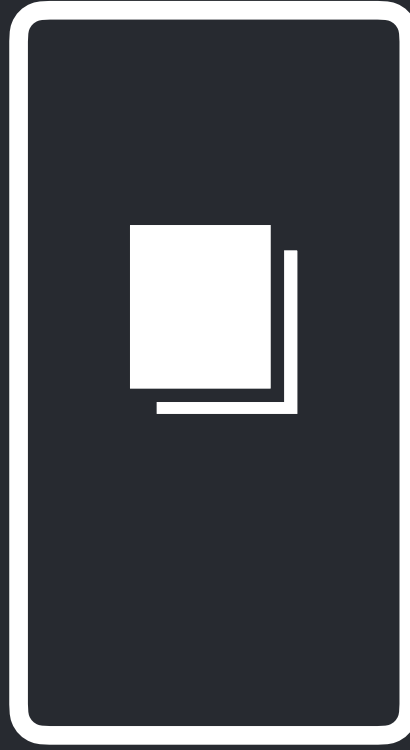


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**MARKUP  
JAVASCRIPT  
APIS**



**CDN**



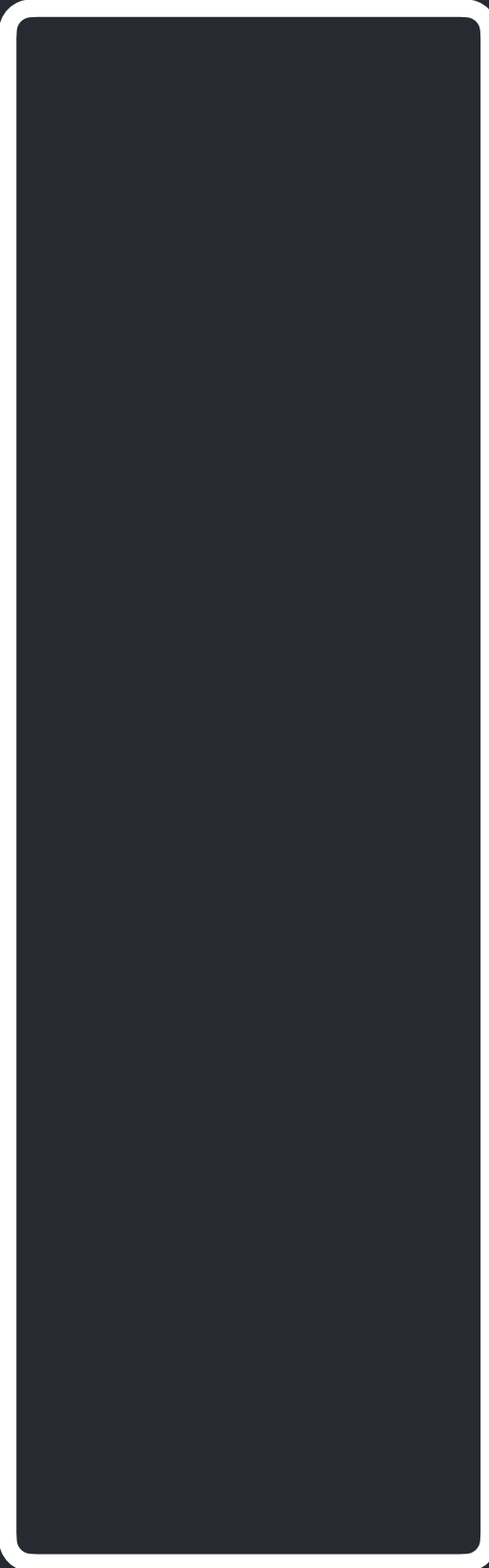
**REQUEST TIME**

**BUILD TIME**

**BUILD**

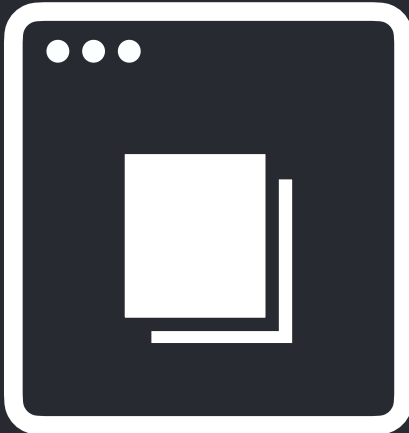


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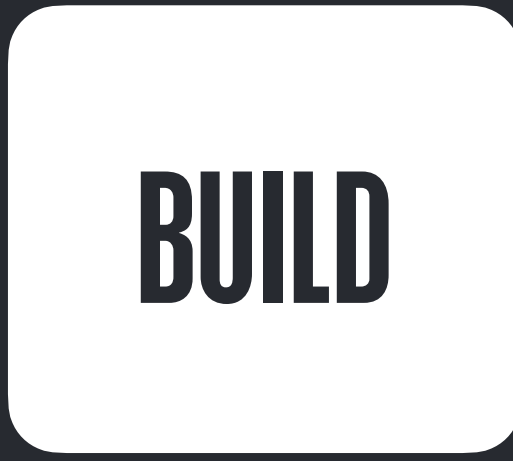
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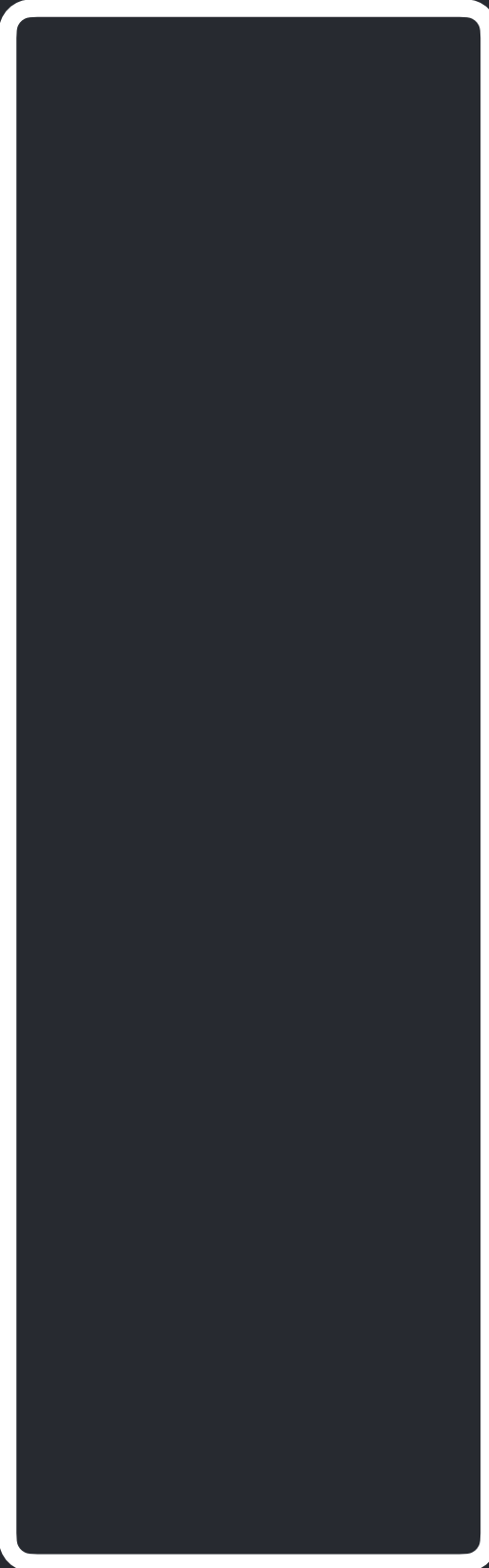
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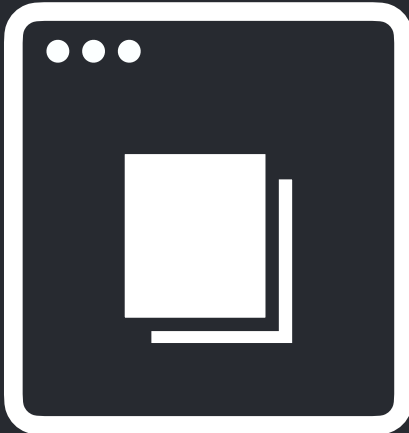
- 1. USE DATA IN OUR SSG**
- 2. REQUEST DATA FROM AND API**
- 3. GET DATA IN DEV AND IN OUR DEPLOYMENTS**

**DATA SOURCE**



**BROWSER**

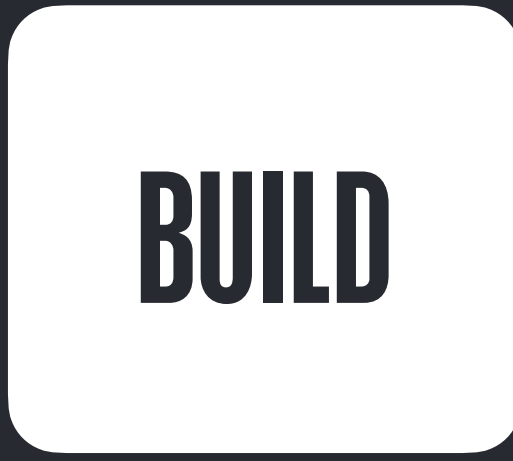
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JAVASCRIPT  
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**CDN**



**API**



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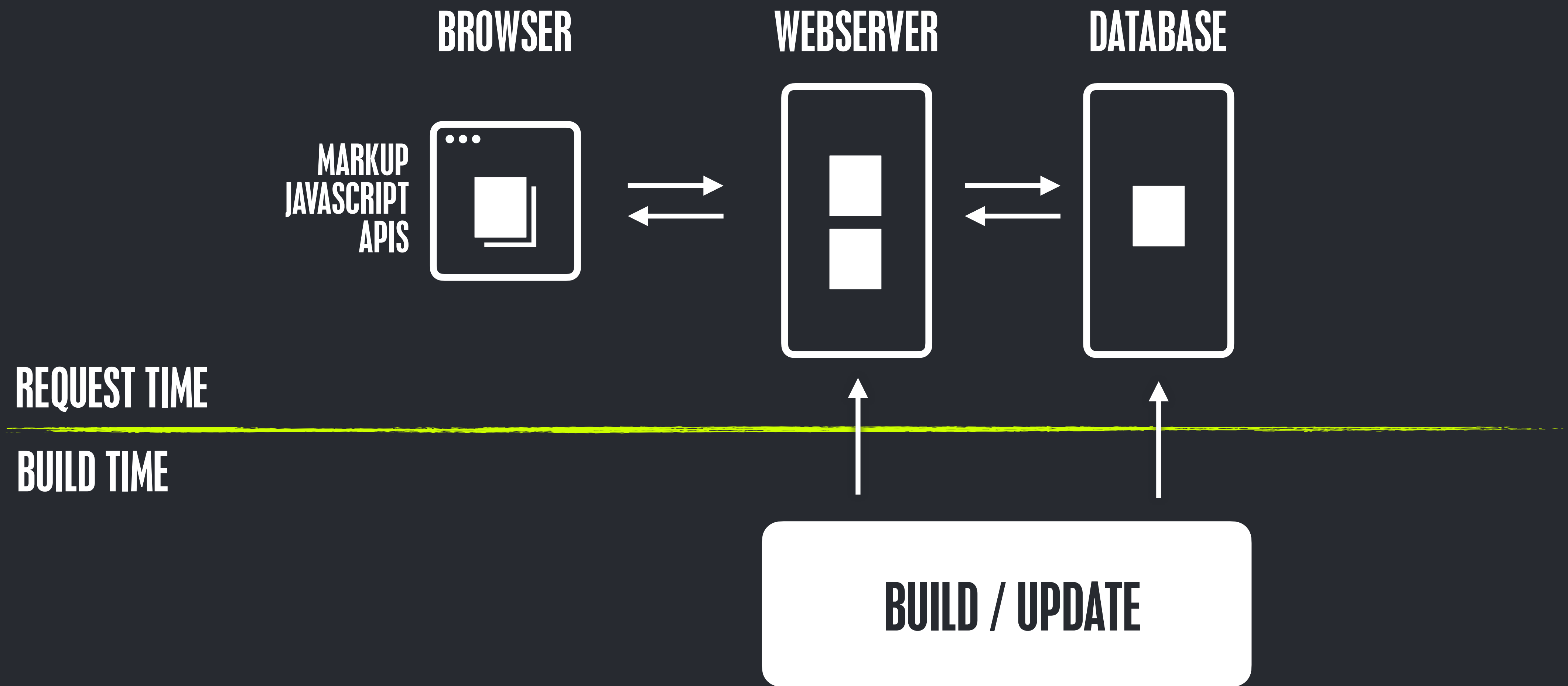
**BUILD TIME**



*jamstack*

**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**

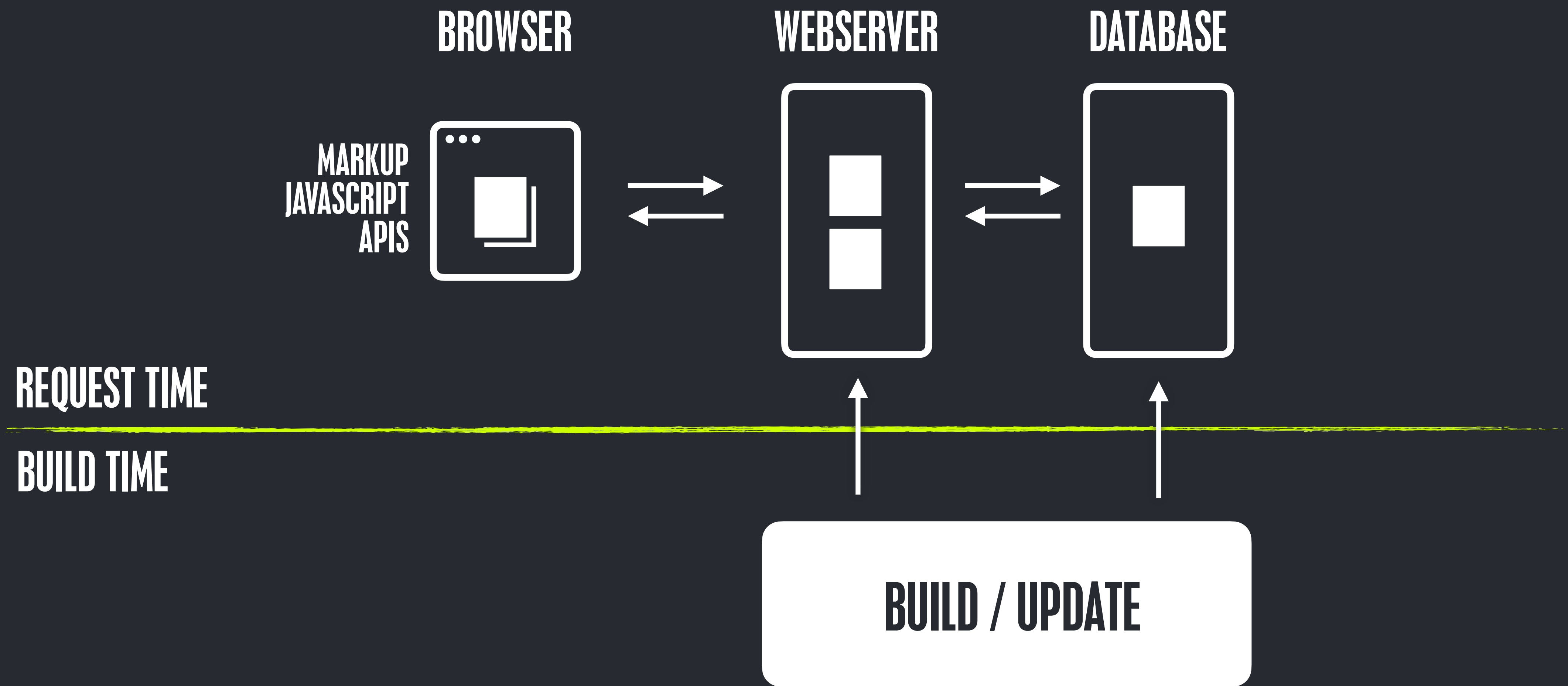
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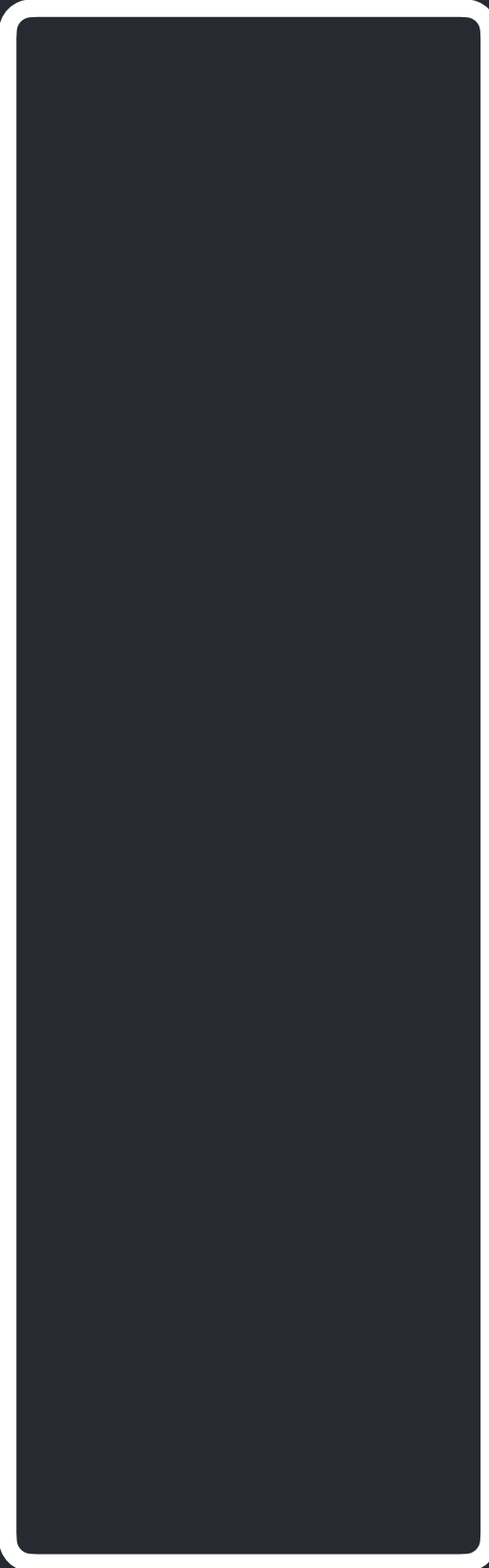


# *static site generators*

**APPLY STRUCTURED DATA  
TO TEMPLATES  
IN ORDER TO CREATE  
VIEWS AND ASSETS**

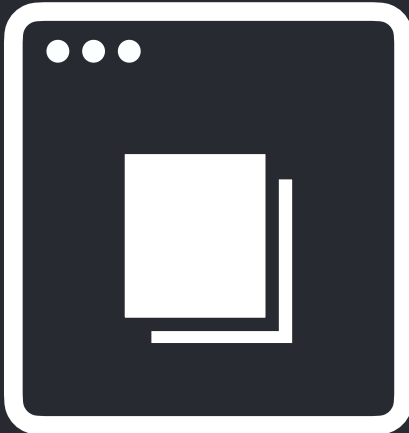


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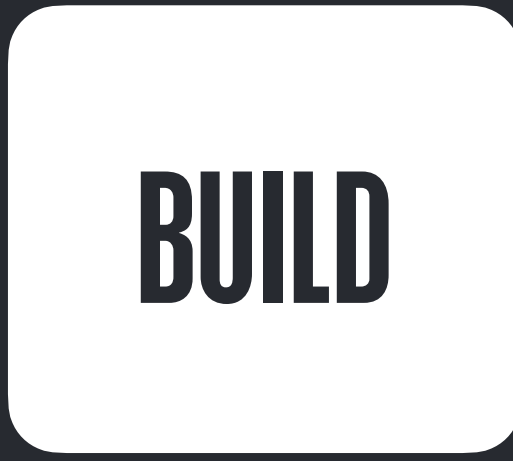
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**REQUEST TIME**

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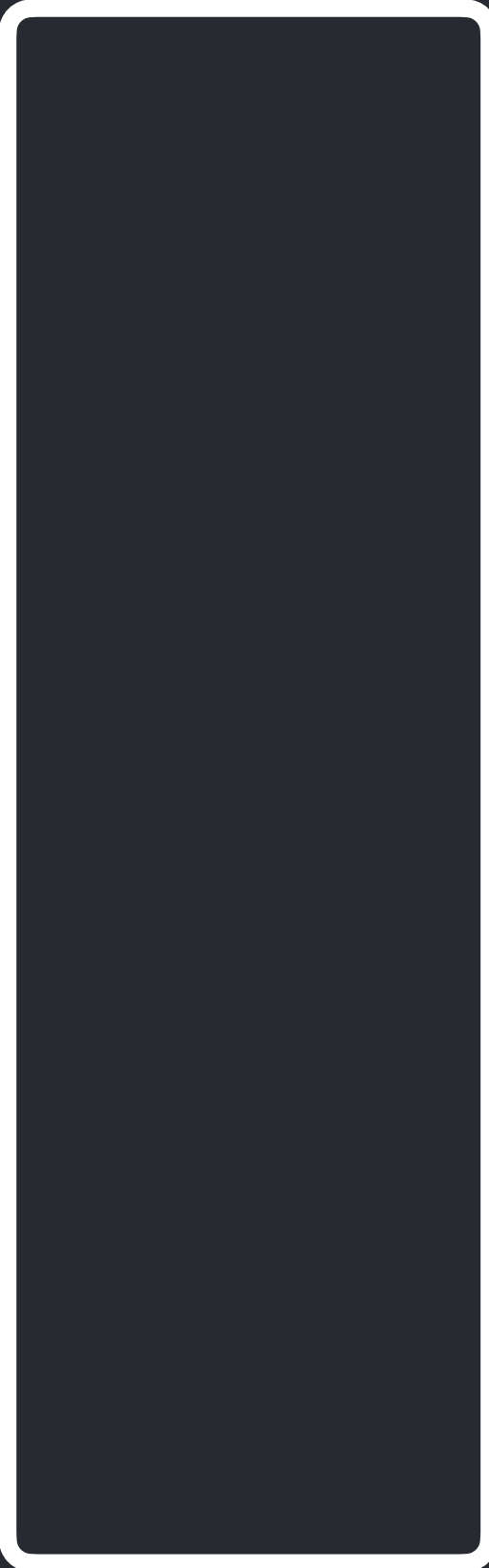


**UNIVERSAL   LOCALIZED   TARGETED   PERSONALIZED**

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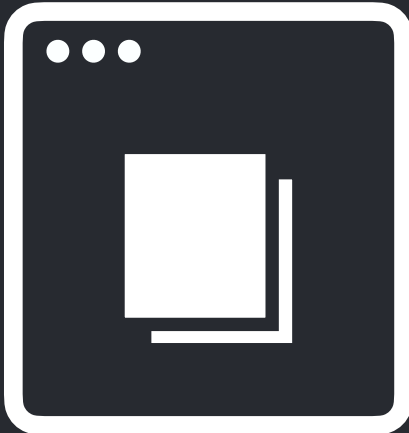
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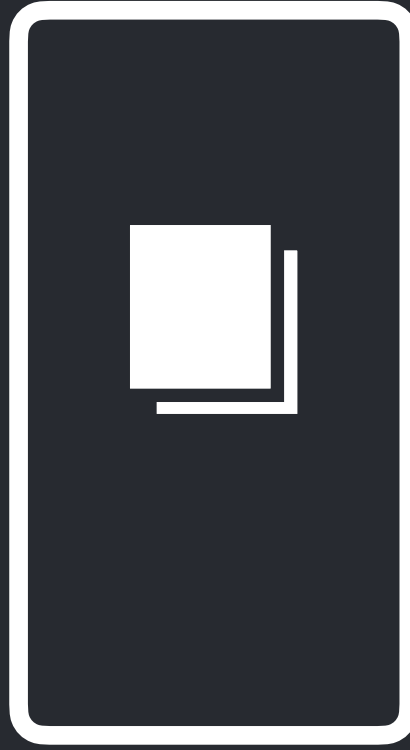


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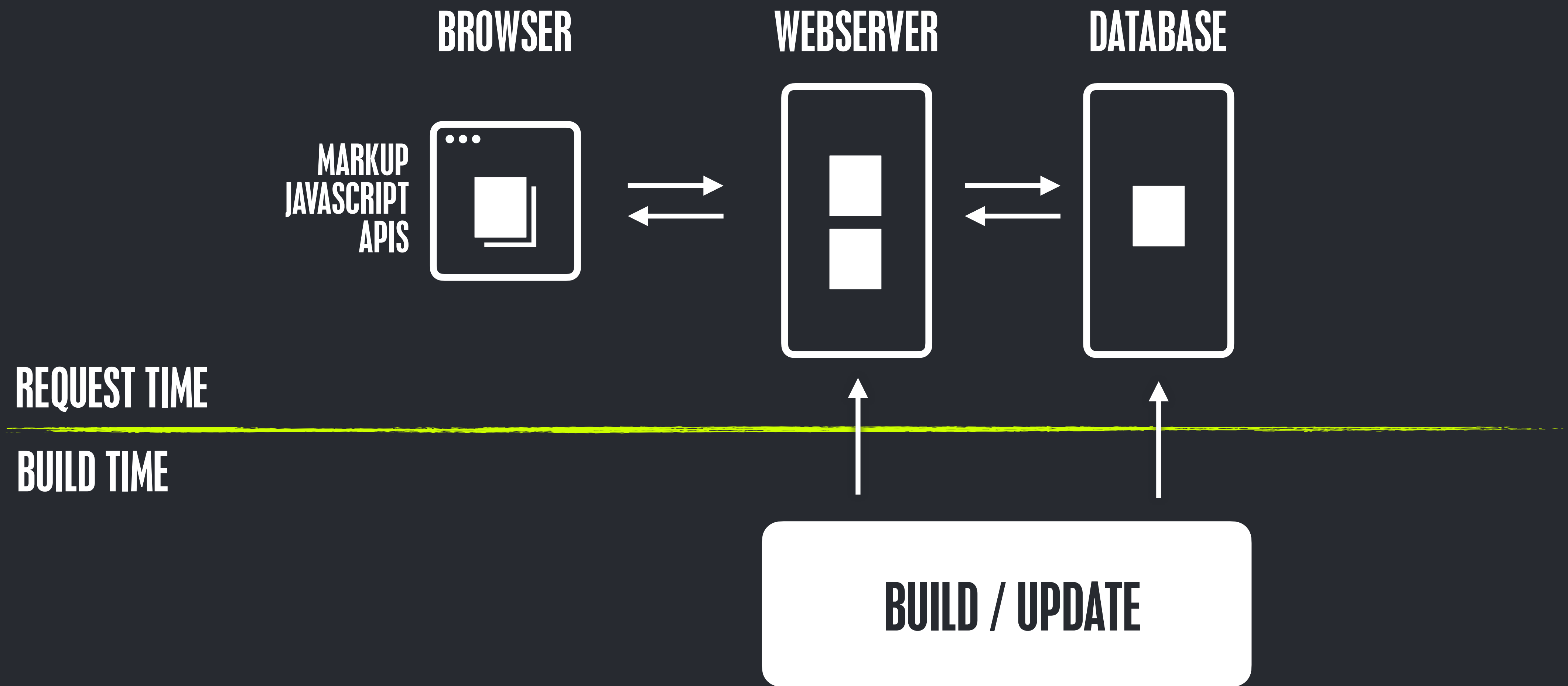
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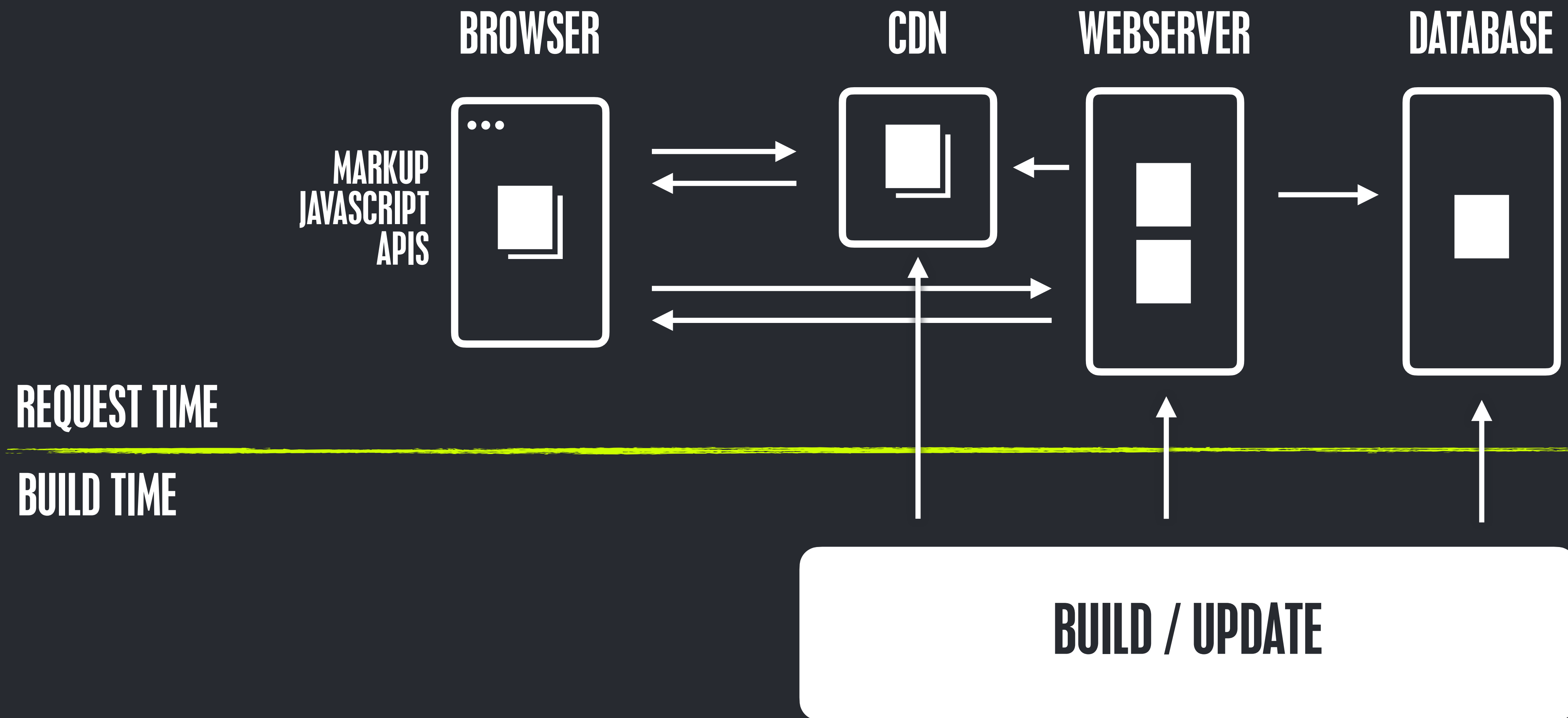
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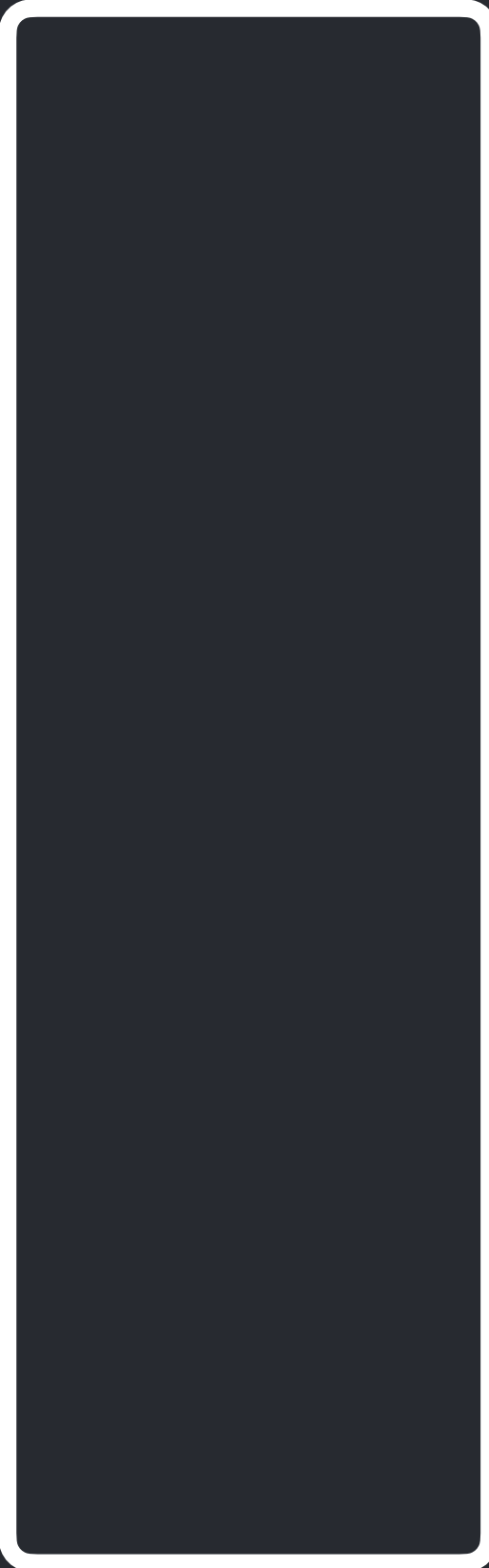






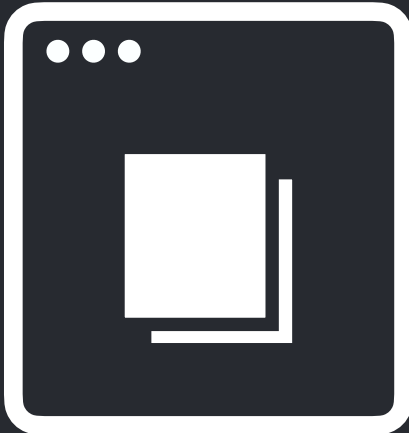


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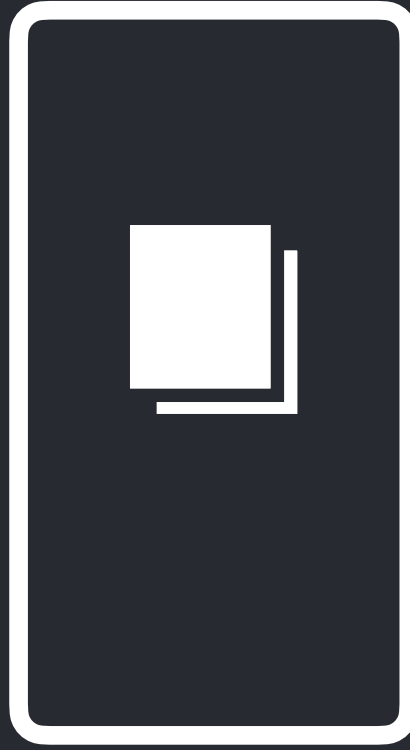


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**API**



**REQUEST TIME**

**BUILD TIME**



# **EXAMPLE**

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## **NUMBER 5 - GENERATING LOCALIZED CONTENT**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX5**

- 1. GENERATE VIEWS FOR MANY LOCALES**
- 2. ROUTE TRAFFIC AT THE CDN**
- 3. GENERATE OUR CDN CONFIG**



**UNIVERSAL   LOCALIZED   TARGETED   PERSONALIZED**

**WAS THAT JAMSTACK?**

**A QUICK SENSE CHECK**

*jamstack*

**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**

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*yep!*

# CLIENT-SIDE RENDERING

JAVASCRIPT IN THE BROWSER  
MANIPULATES THE DOM

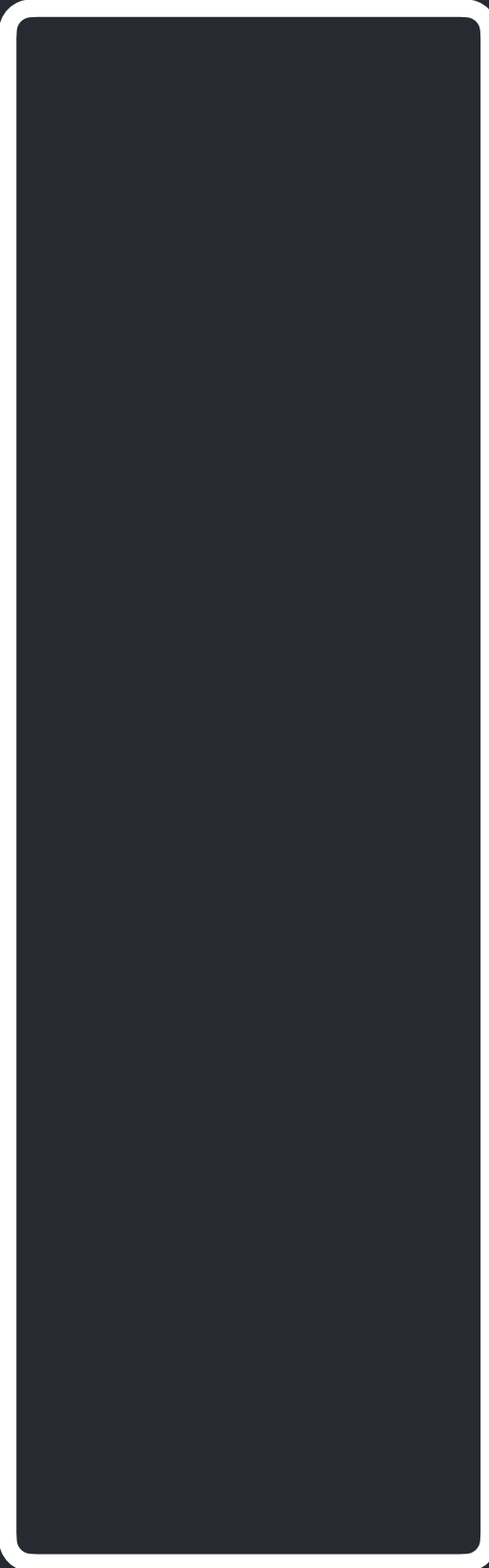
## SERVER-SIDE RENDERING (REQUEST TIME)

GENERATE MARKUP ON REQUEST  
IN THE SERVER AND TRANSMIT TO  
THE CLIENT

## SERVER-SIDE RENDERING (BUILD TIME)

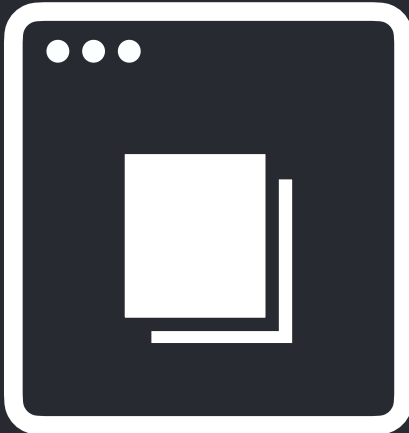
GENERATE MARKUP AT BUILD TIME SO  
THAT IT IS READY TO TRANSMIT TO  
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**DATA SOURCE**



**BROWSER**

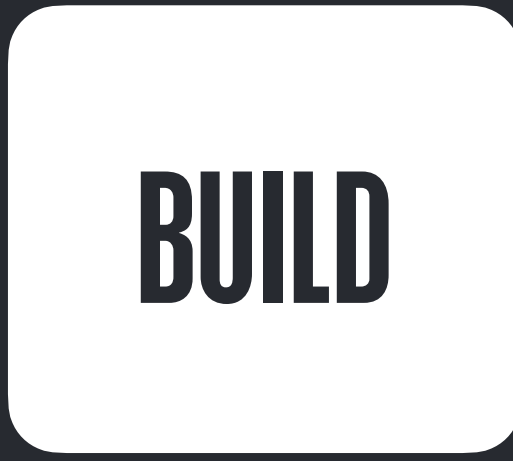
**MARKUP  
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**CDN**



**API**

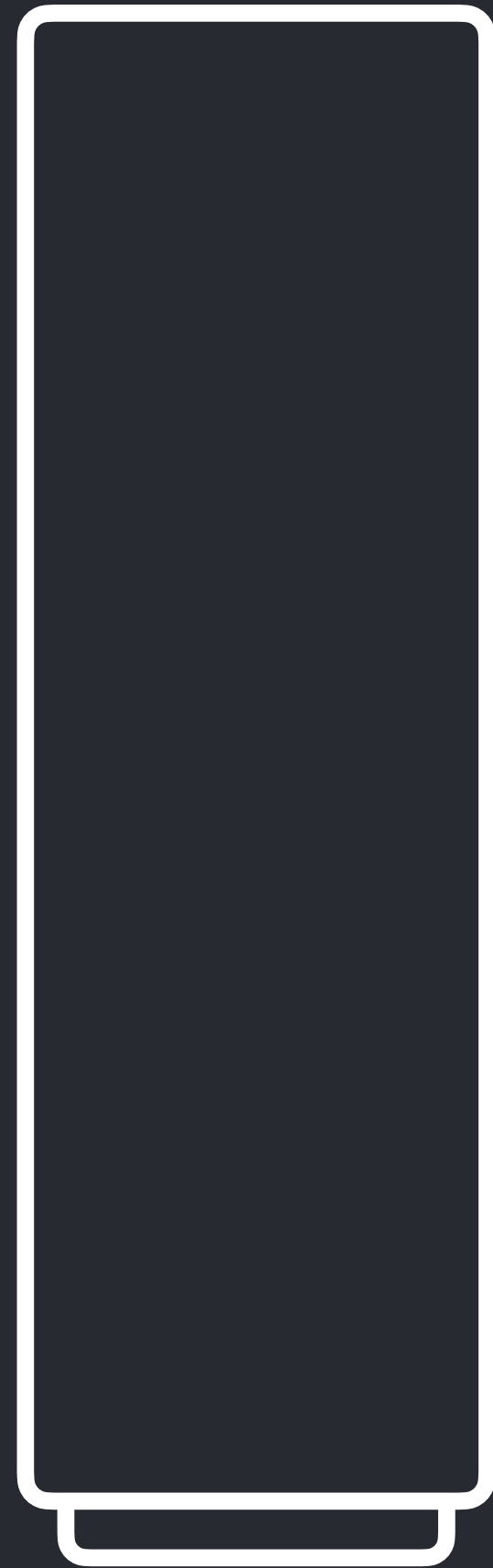


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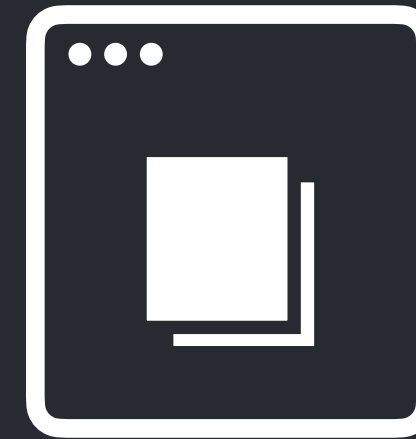
**DATA SOURCES**



**API**



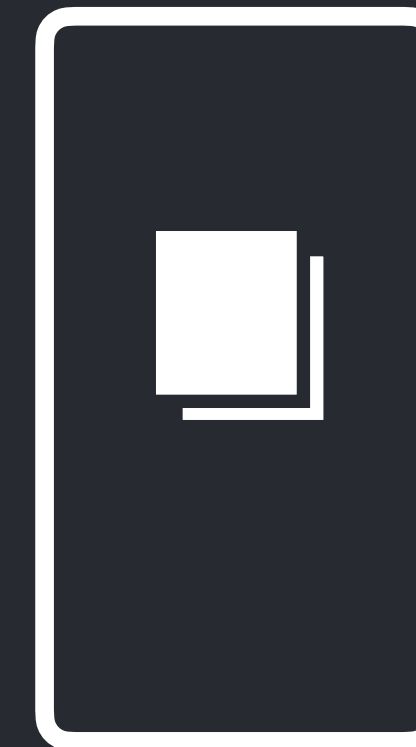
**MARKUP  
JAVASCRIPT  
APIS**



**BROWSER**



**CDN**



**REQUEST TIME**

**BUILD TIME**

**API**



**BUILD**



- 1. CLIENT-SIDE RENDERING**
- 2. CLIENT-SIDE API CALLS**
- 3. BROWSER APIS**
- 4. SERVERLESS APIS**

**...USING PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT**

# PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT

1. DECIDE ON WHAT IS CRITICAL TO THE EXPERIENCE
2. DELIVER AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE USING A LITTLE AS POSSIBLE
3. DETECT SUPPORTED FEATURES AND ENHANCE WHERE POSSIBLE

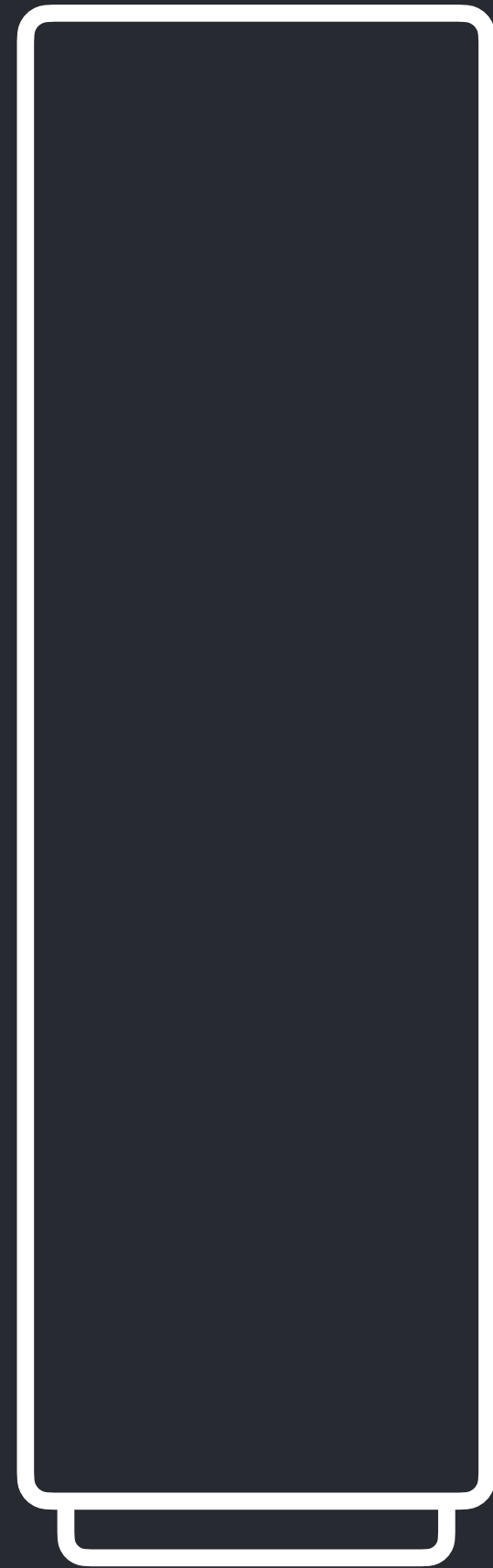
# EXAMPLE

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## NUMBER 6 - CLIENT-SIDE API CALLS

FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX6

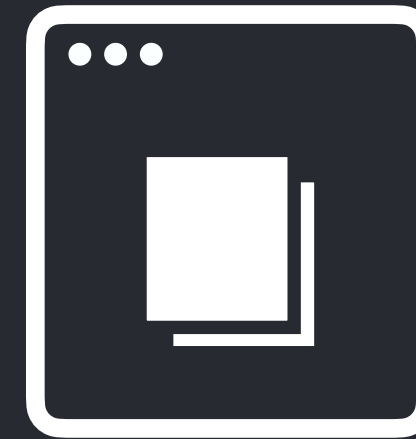
**DATA SOURCES**



**API**



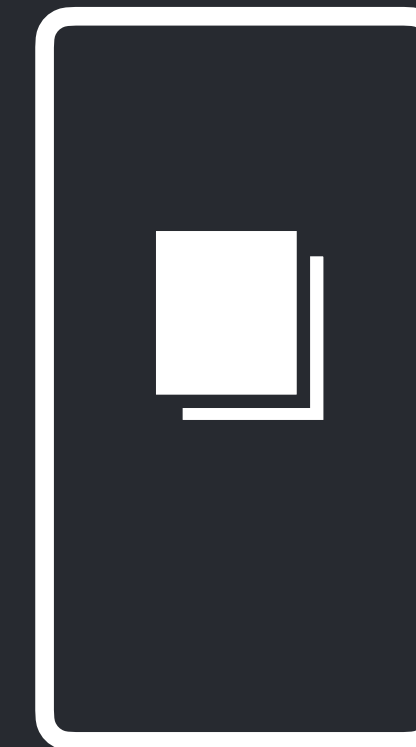
**MARKUP  
JAVASCRIPT  
APIS**



**BROWSER**



**CDN**



**REQUEST TIME**

**BUILD TIME**

**API**



**BUILD**





# CLIENT-SIDE RENDERING

JAVASCRIPT IN THE BROWSER  
MANIPULATES THE DOM

## SERVER-SIDE RENDERING (REQUEST TIME)

GENERATE MARKUP ON REQUEST  
IN THE SERVER AND TRANSMIT TO  
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## SERVER-SIDE RENDERING (BUILD TIME)

GENERATE MARKUP AT BUILD TIME SO  
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**WAS THAT JAMSTACK?**

**A QUICK SENSE CHECK**

*yep!*

**TIME**  
*for a*  
**RECAP**

*what did we make?*

1. **SIMPLY A STATIC SITE**
2. **JAVASCRIPT TO RENDER CONTENT**
3. **TEMPLATING AND ABSTRACTION WITH A STATIC SITE GENERATOR**
4. **CONTENT SOURCED FROM AN API AT BUILD TIME**
5. **LOCALISED CONTENT RENDERED AT BUILD TIME, ROUTED AT THE CDN**
6. **CLIENT-SIDE RENDER OF TARGETED CONTENT WITH BROWSER AND CONTENT APIS**

*jamstack*

**JAVASCRIPT / API / MARKUP**

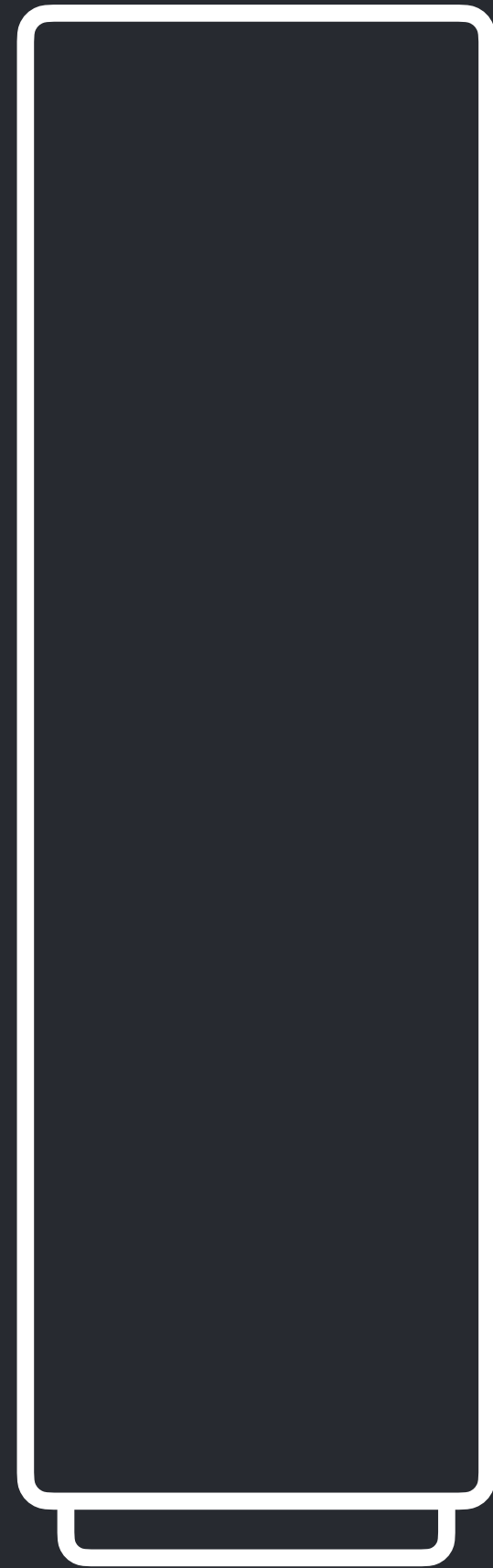
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**EASIER TO  
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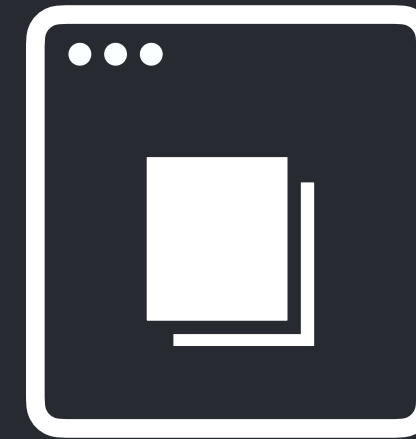
**DATA SOURCES**



**API**



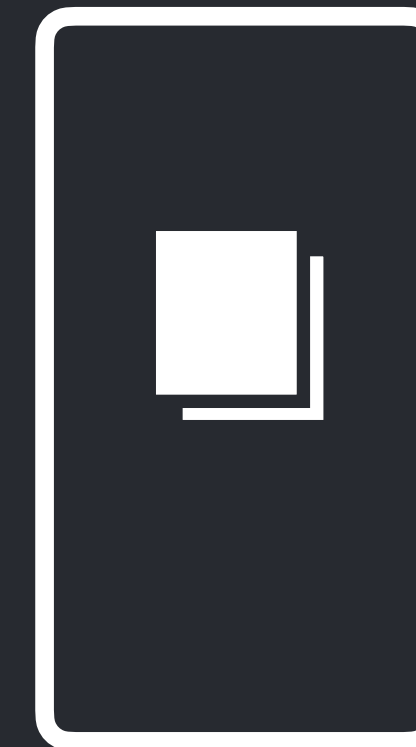
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**BROWSER**



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**REQUEST TIME**

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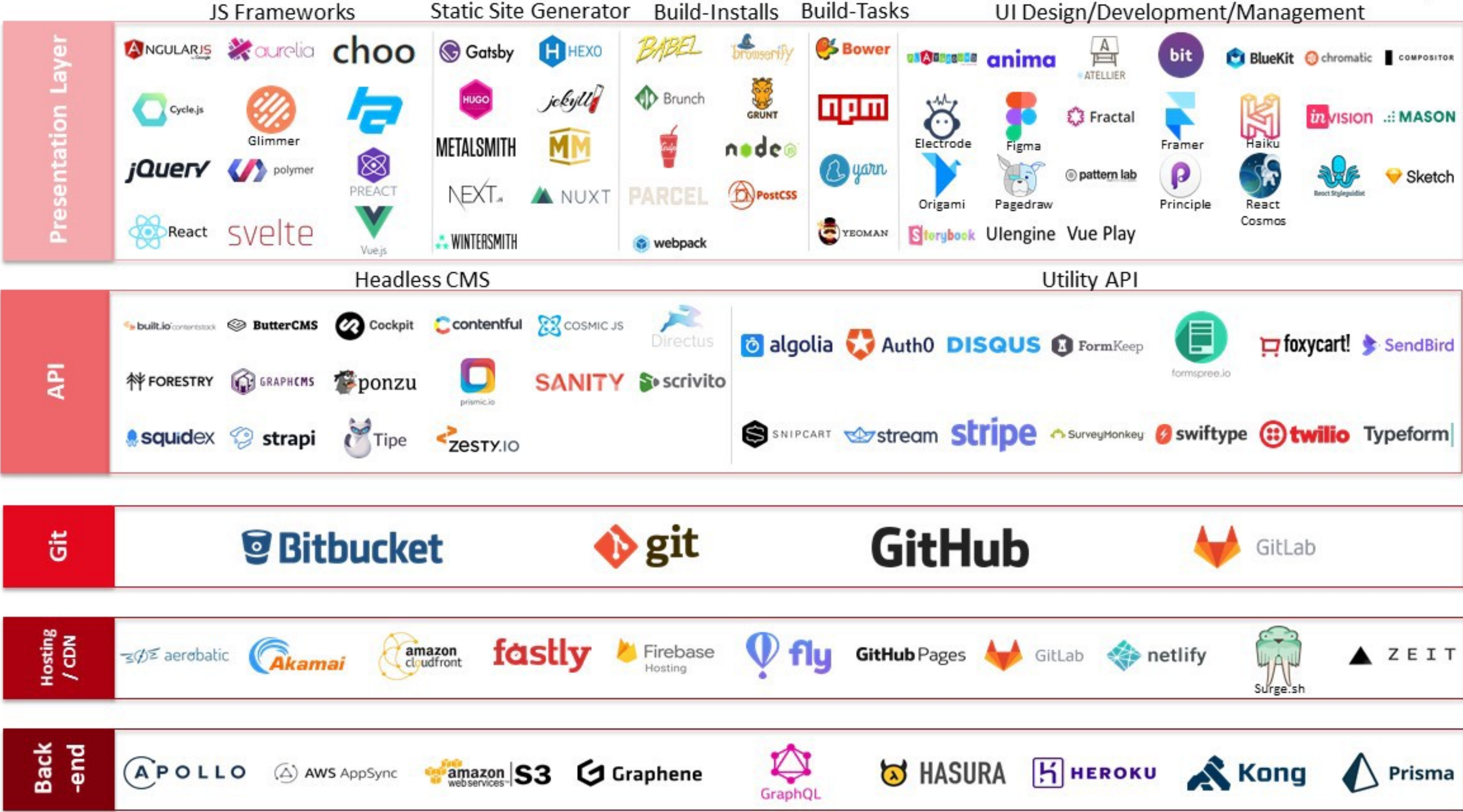
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**THE GROWING ECOSYSTEM OF  
TOOLS AND SERVICES MOVES  
US BEYOND STATIC**

# JAMstack Ecosystem



Astasia Myers



*but...*

**HOW DO WE  
GET THERE?**



A high-contrast, black and white photograph of a dark, choppy ocean surface. The water is covered in small, rhythmic waves and ripples, creating a textured appearance. The lighting is dramatic, with highlights on the crests of the waves and deep shadows in the troughs. Centered over the image is the text "LET'S NOT TRY TO BOIL THE OCEAN" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

**LET'S NOT TRY TO  
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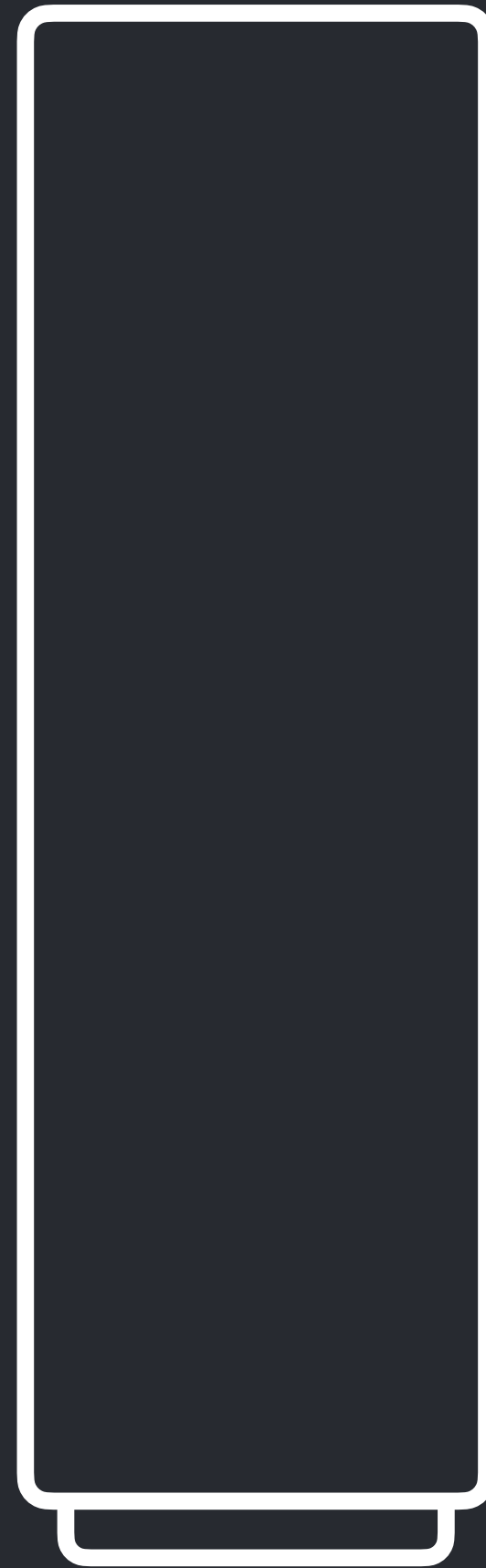




**THE FIRST STEP  
NEED NOT  
BE A GIANT LEAP**



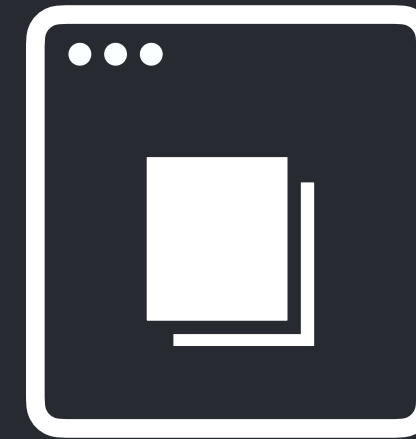
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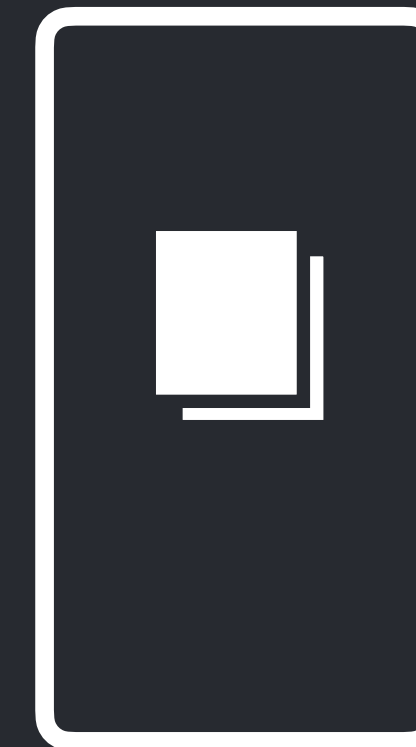
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**API**



**BUILD**





# RESOURCES

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**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX1**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX2**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX3**

**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / EX4**

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**FINDTHAT.AT / JAMSTACK / SLACK**

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**THANKS**

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