

THE BROWSER HACKER'S GUIDE TO

*INSTANTLY*

**LOADING**



EVERYTHING

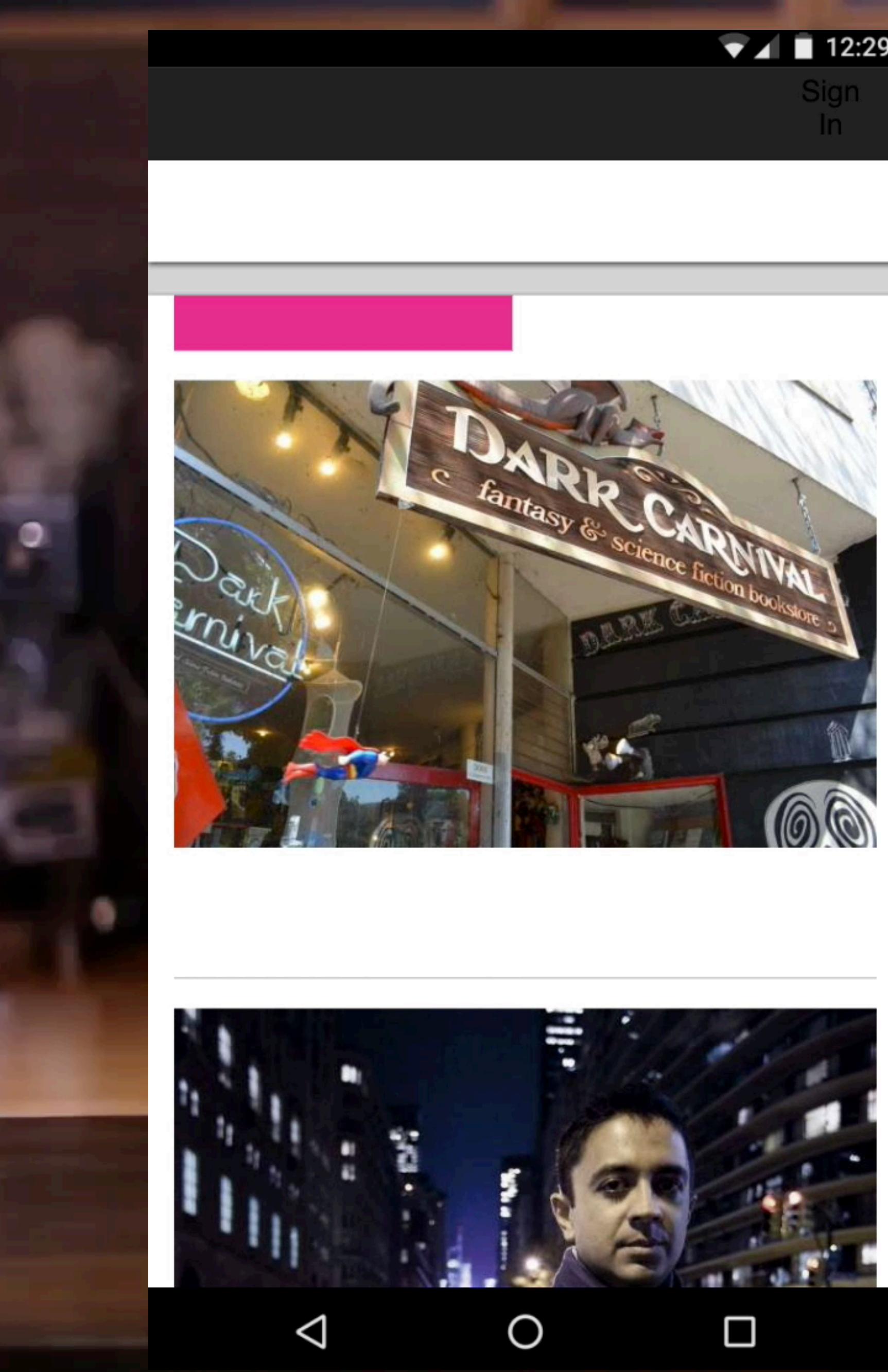
@addyosmani

# LOADING IS A USER JOURNEY WITH MANY DISPARATE EXPECTATIONS

YOU'VE PROBABLY HEARD TO REDUCE DNS LOOKUPS, REDUCE ROUND-TRIP TIMES, MINIMIZE REDIRECTS, ELIMINATE UNN

# LOADING IS SLOW BECAUSE OF...

the network, idling,  
JavaScript, CSS, parsing,  
compiling, third parties,  
parser blocking patterns,  
disk I/O, eviction, IPC jank,  
thermal throttling,  
RTTs, images, fonts,  
kitten GIFs...

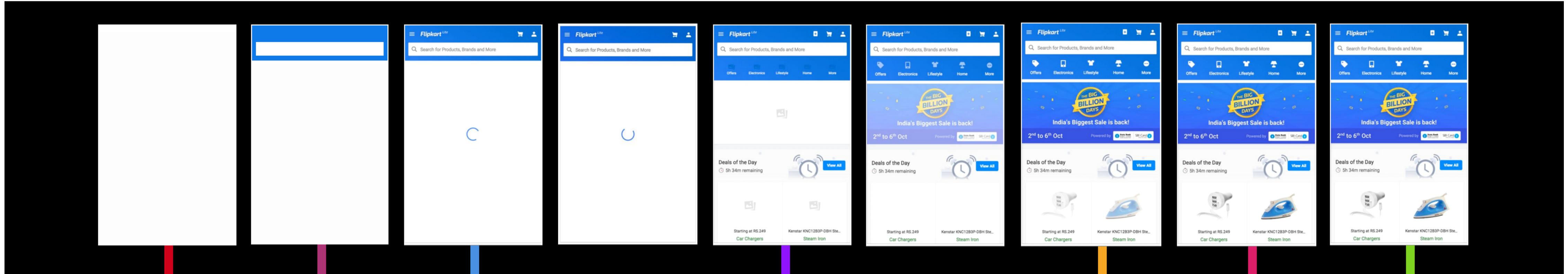


USERS LOOK FOR VISUAL FEEDBACK TO REASSURE  
THEM EVERYTHING IS WORKING AS EXPECTED.

# is it happening?

# is it useful?

# is it usable?



**Navigation  
begins**

Time to first  
byte

**First Paint**

The first non-blank  
paint on screen

**First  
Contentful  
Paint**

Navigation has  
successfully  
started

**First  
Meaningful  
Paint**

Page's primary  
content is visible

**Visually  
ready**

Page looks  
nearly done

**Time to  
Interactive**

Visually usable  
and engagable

**Fully  
Loaded**

End of  
load lifecycle

first Interactive  
consistently Interactive



GOAL

Time to Interactive

<5s

on an average mobile  
device over 3G

\*2s on repeat-load after Service Worker registered

# The average web page on mobile in 2017



16s  
**UNTIL INTERACTIVE**

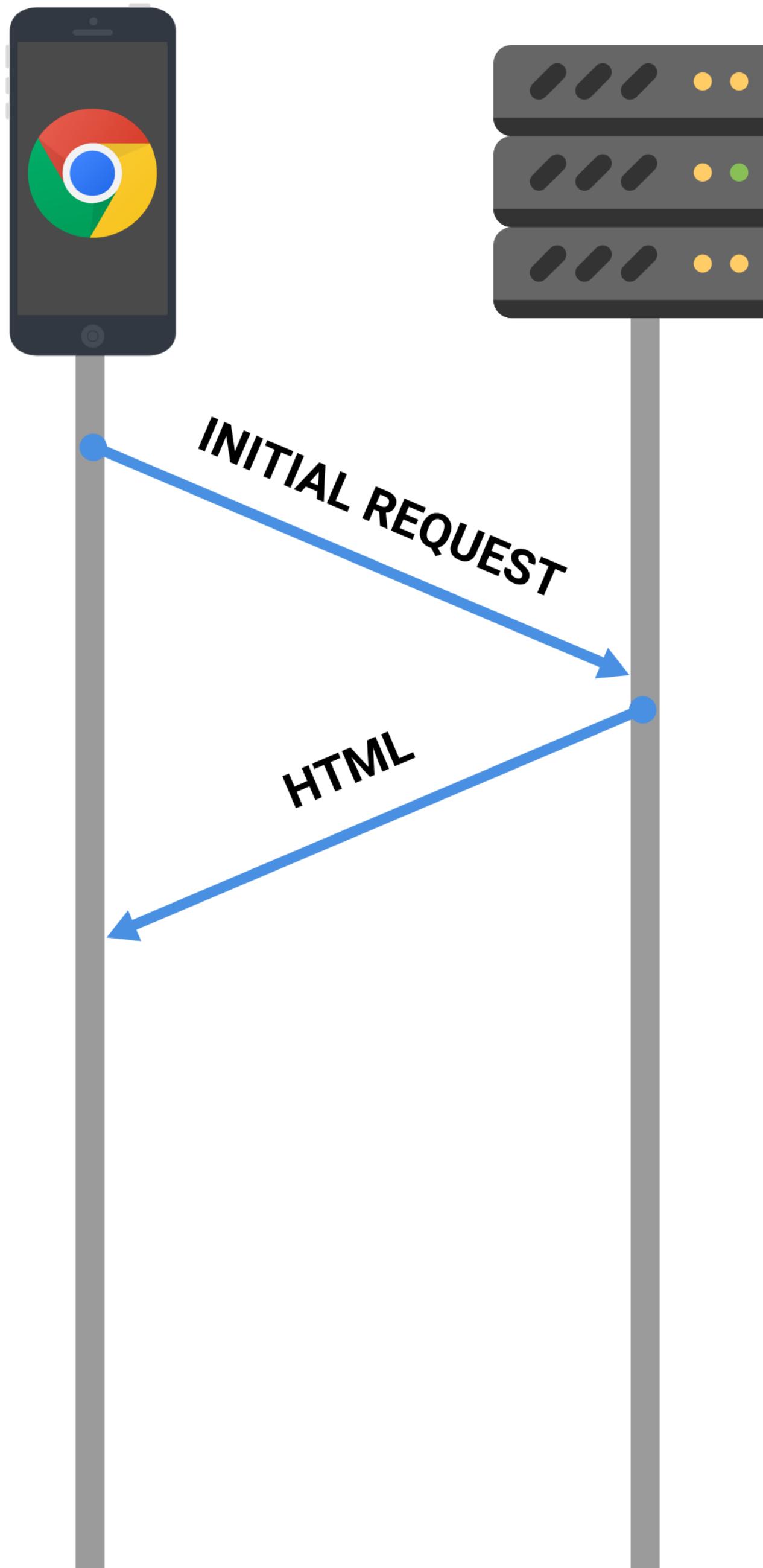


19s  
**FULLY LOADED**

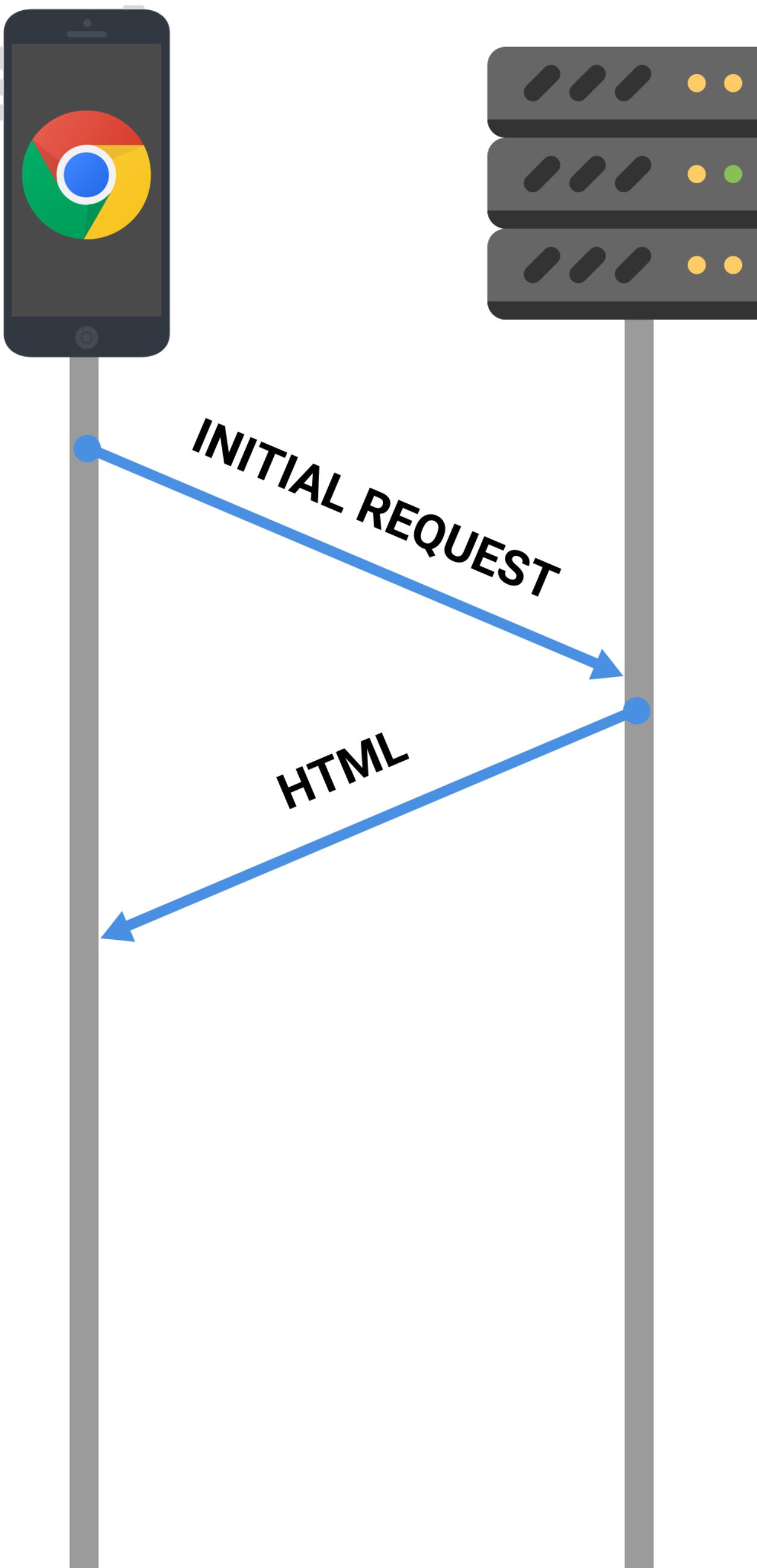


420KB  
**JAVASCRIPT**

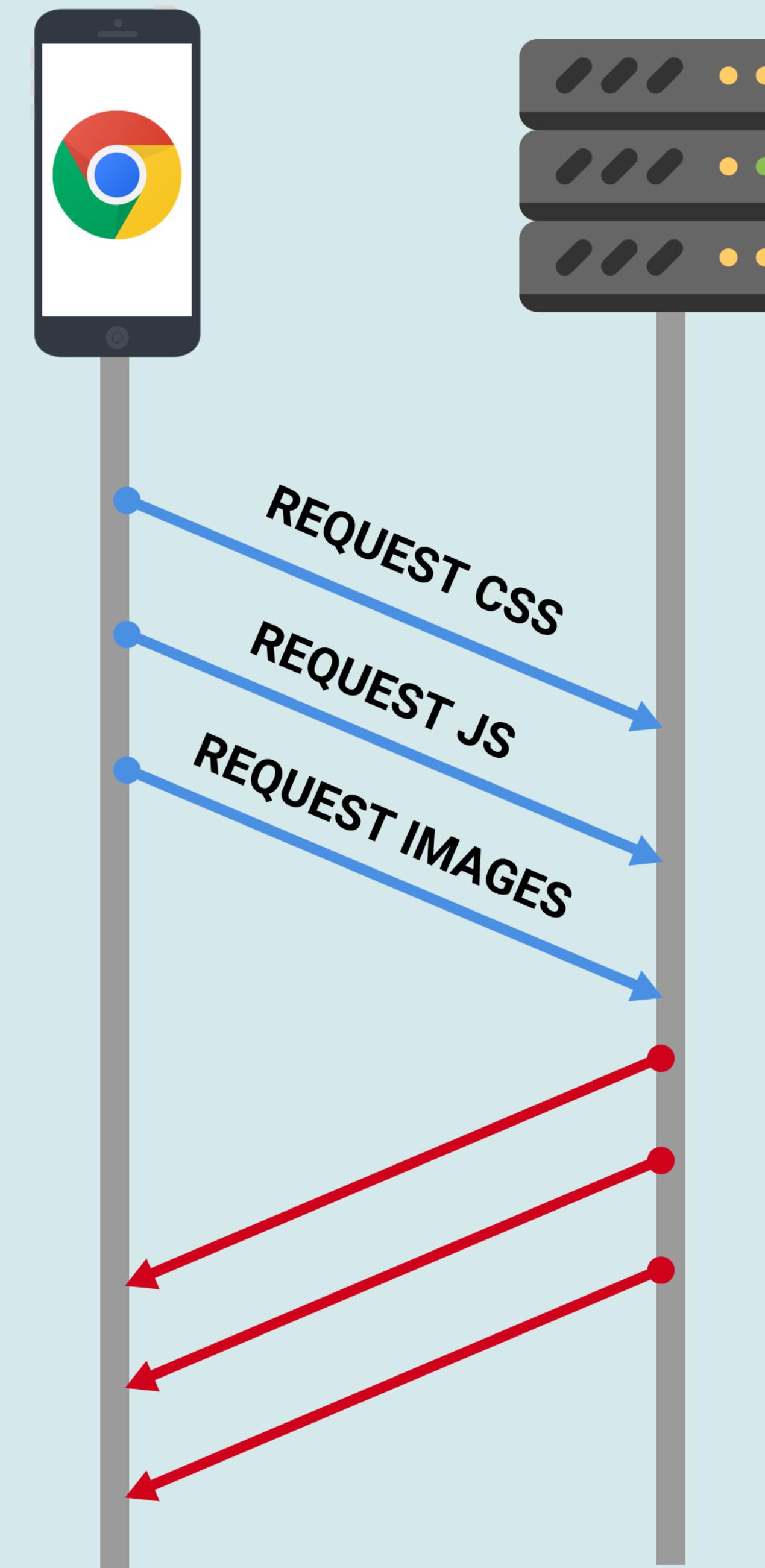
## First request



First request



Fetch resources



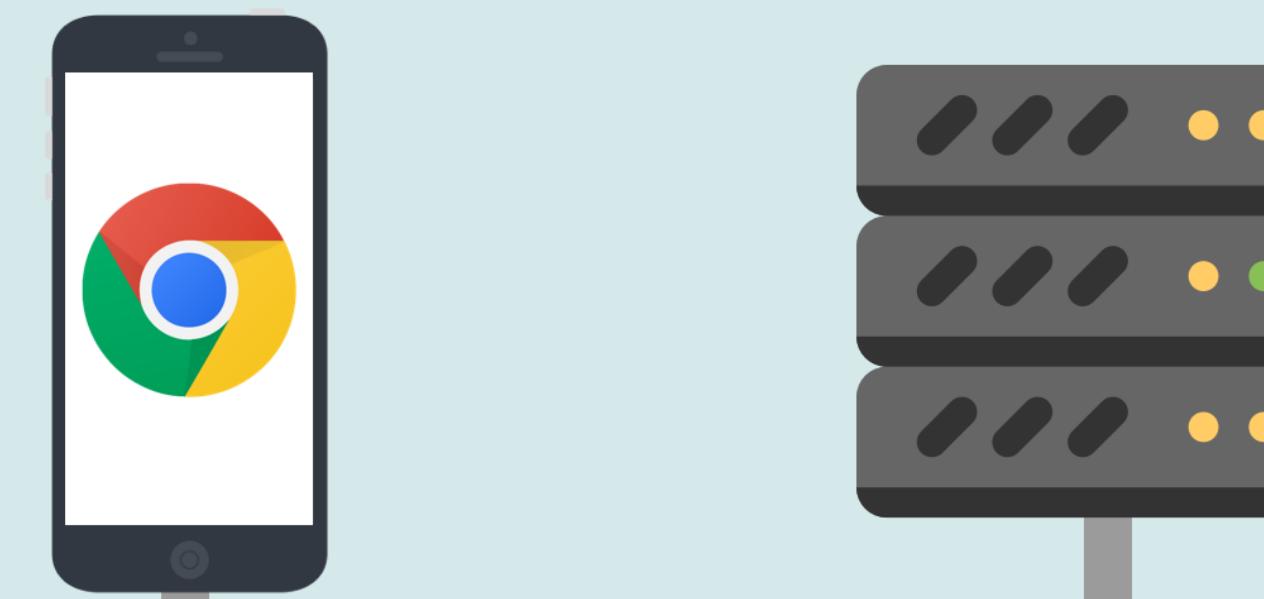
First request



*INITIAL REQUEST*

*HTML*

Fetch resources

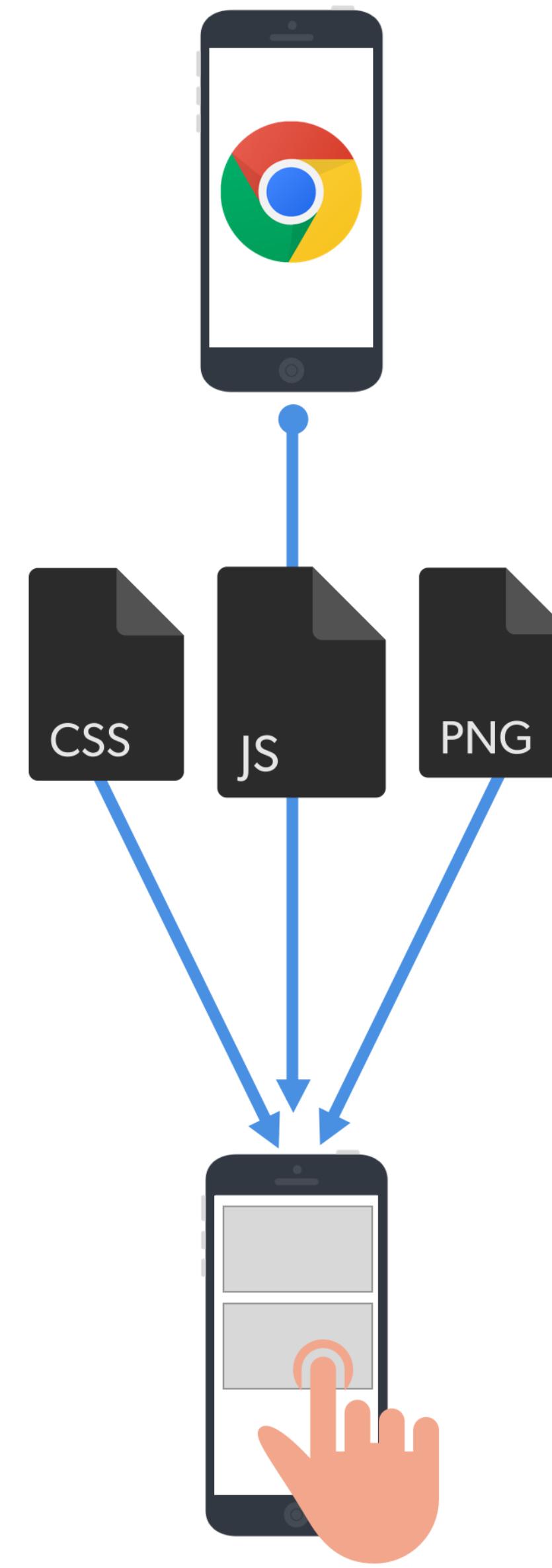


*REQUEST CSS*

*REQUEST JS*

*REQUEST IMAGES*

Parse, compile & render



*CSS*

*JS*

*PNG*

# JavaScript Start-up PERFORMANCE

Desktop

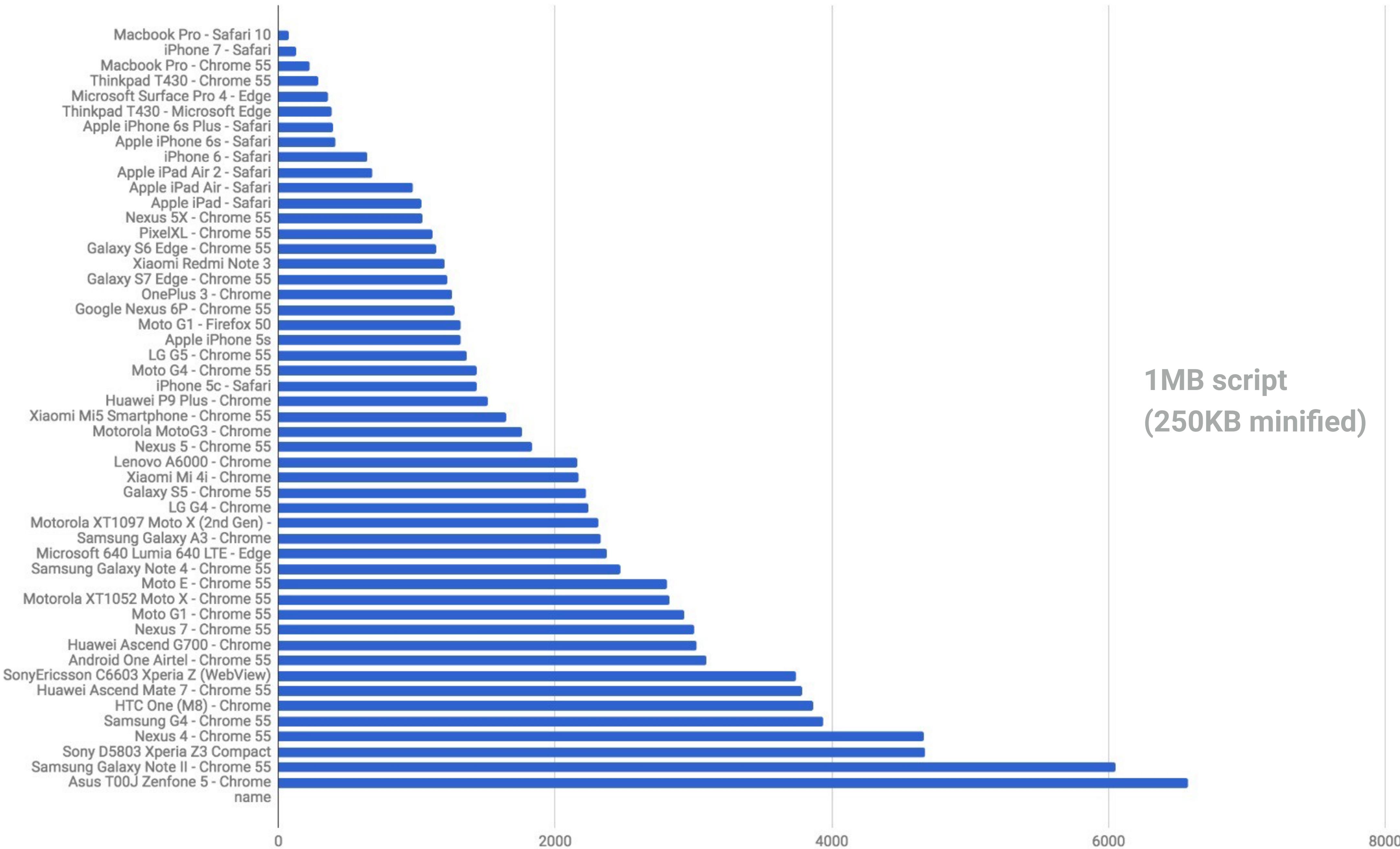
Self Time	Total Time	Activity
499.3ms 26.8%	499.3ms 26.8%	▼ [V8 Runtime]
228.1ms 12.2%	231.9ms 12.4%	► Parse
154.9ms 8.3%	155.1ms 8.3%	► Compile
19.3ms 1.0%	19.3ms 1.0%	► setTimeout
14.9ms 0.8%	18.4ms 1.0%	► split

Mobile (with slower CPU)

Self Time	Total Time	Activity
2483.2ms 32.2%	2483.2ms 32.2%	▼ [V8 Runtime]
1020.7ms 13.2%	1020.7ms 13.2%	► Parse
789.9ms 10.2%	790.3ms 10.2%	► Compile
136.5ms 1.8%	152.6ms 2.0%	► split
88.9ms 1.2%	88.9ms 1.2%	► setTimeout

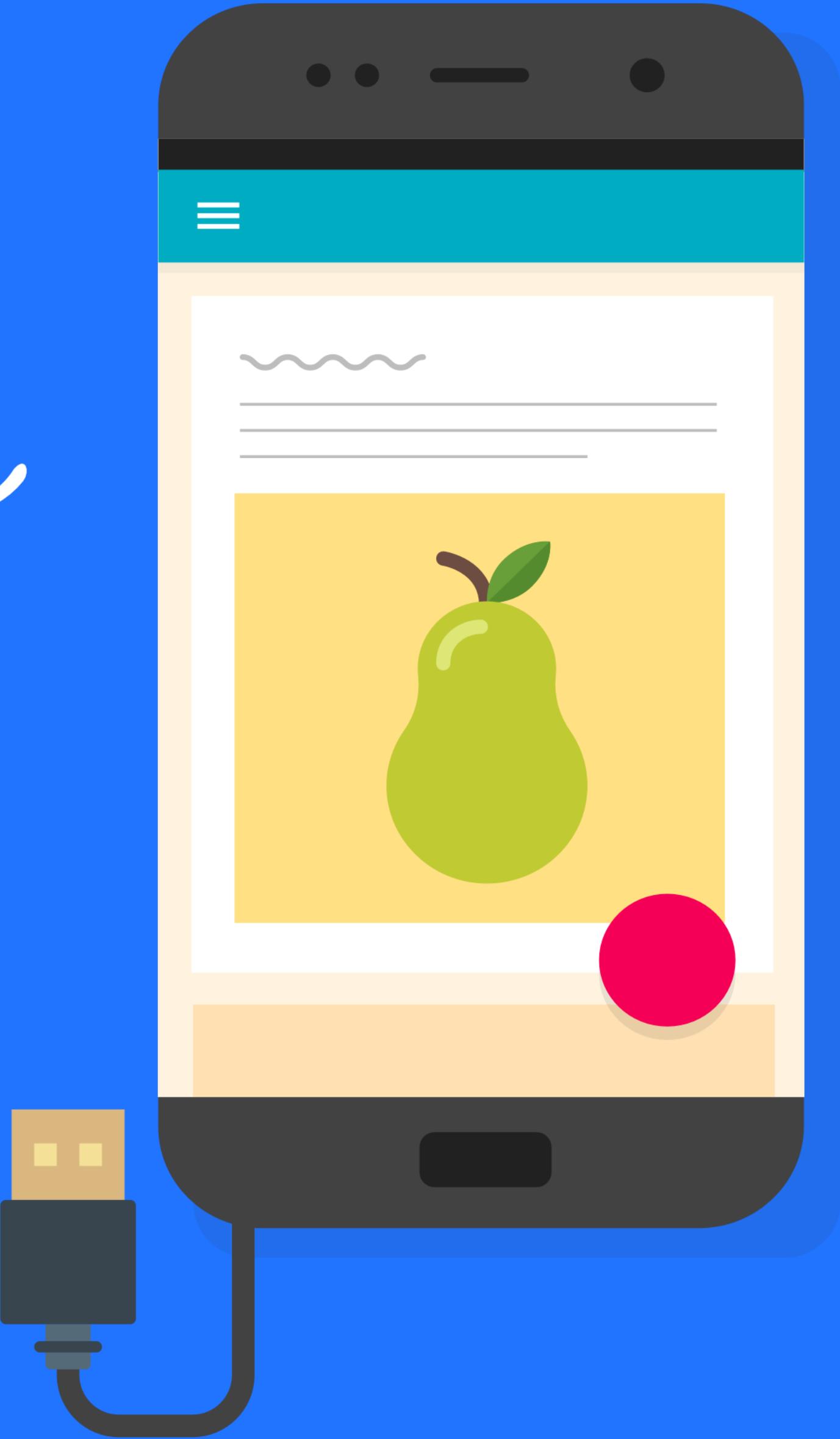
V8 Runtime Call Stats

# JS Parse Time On Mobile



*Test on real phones  
& real networks*

THERE'S NO SUBSTITUTE.



# about:inspect in Chrome DevTools



**Devices**

- Discover USB devices
- Discover network targets

[Open dedicated DevTools for Node](#)

**Nexus 5X #002E3F8F15989DD9**

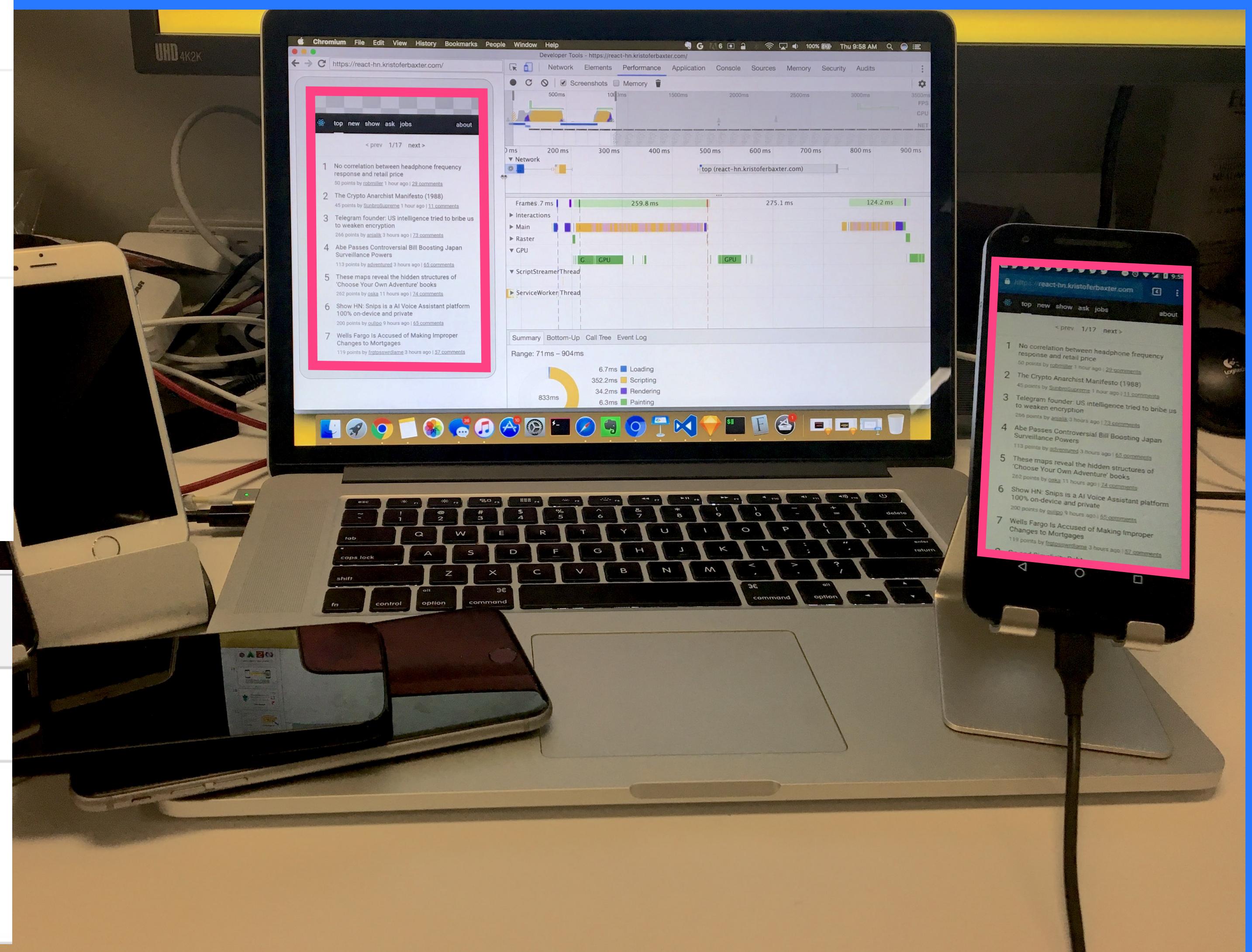
**Chrome (58.0.3029.83)** [Open tab with url](#) [Open](#)

React Hacker News <https://react-hn.kristoferbaxter.com/>  
[inspect](#) [focus tab](#) [reload](#) [close](#)

**Performance** [Console](#) [Sources](#) [»](#)

Network: Slow 3G ▾

CPU: No throttling ▾



## Apple iPhone 7 Plus vs Motorola Moto G4 Play

0  
Like

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G+1

Tweet

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x iPhone 7 Plus  
APPLE

clock speed  
**2.34**  
GHz

ram  
**3**  
GB

size  
**5.5**  
inches

resolution  
**400**  
ppi



Moto G4 Play  
MOTOROLA

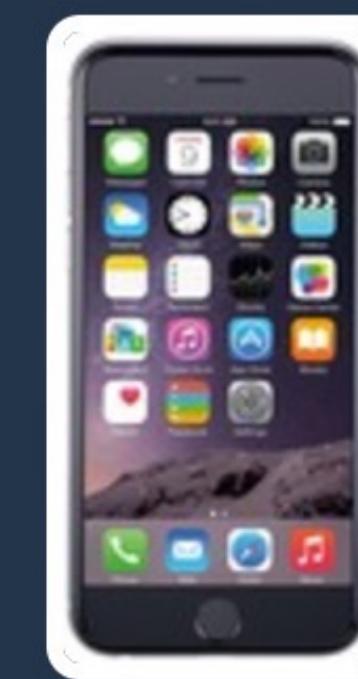
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GHz

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GB

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inches

resolution  
**293**  
ppi

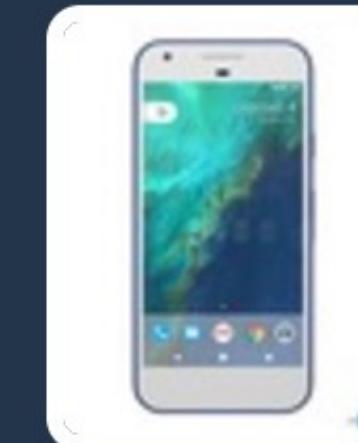
Compare against



iPhone 6  
APPLE



P9  
HUAWEI

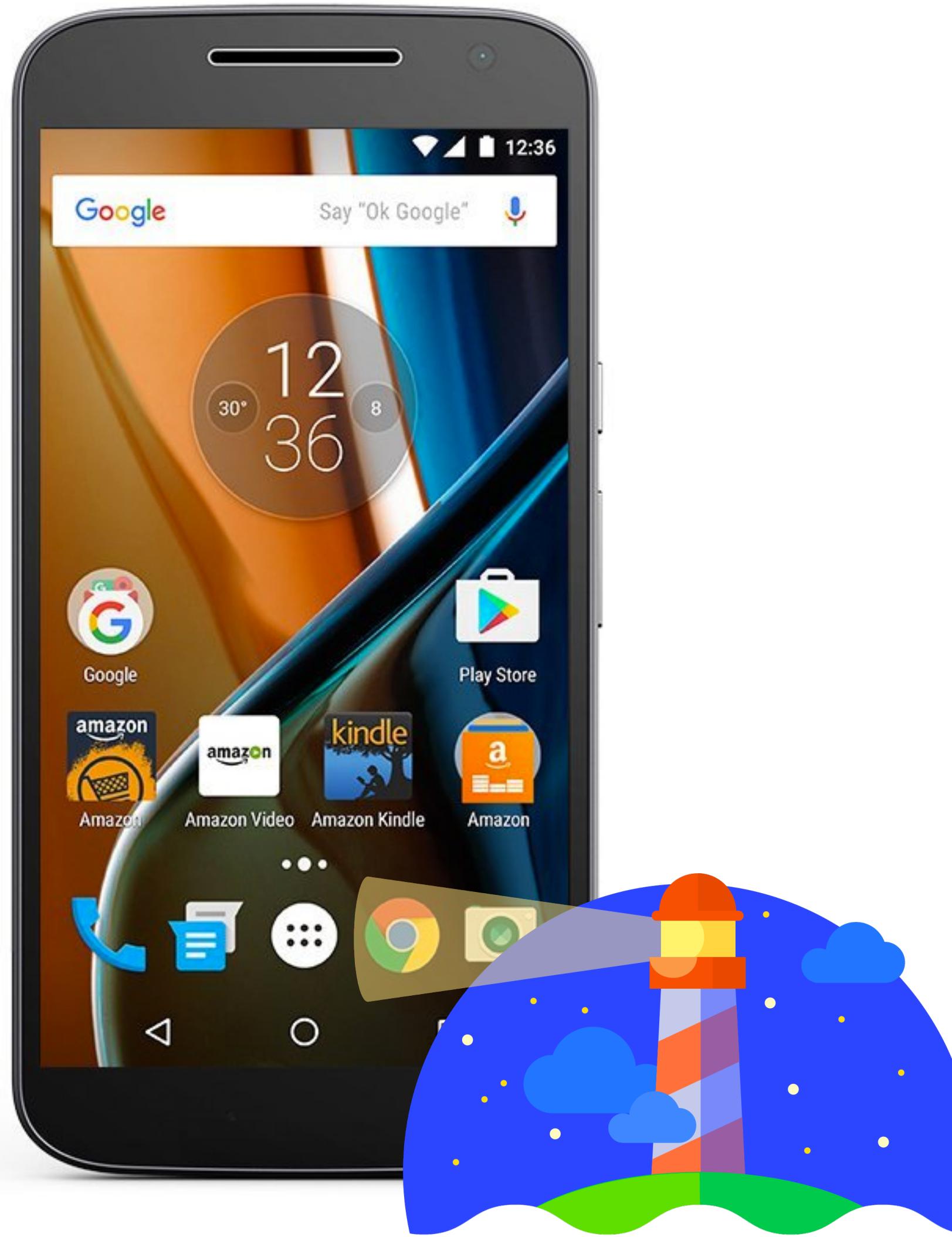


Pixel  
GOOGLE



Moto G5  
Plus  
MOTOROLA

# webpagetest.org/easy



Moto G4 + 3G

## Test a website's performance

Advanced Testing   Simple Testing   Visual Comparison   Traceroute

**https://react-hn.kristoferbaxter.com**

**Test Configuration:** Mobile - Emerging Markets

Chrome Beta on a Motorola G (gen 4) tested from Dulles, Virginia on a 400 Kbps 3G connection with 400ms of latency.

**Include Repeat View:**  (Loads the page, closes the browser and then loads the page again)

**Run Lighthouse Audit:**  (Mobile devices only)

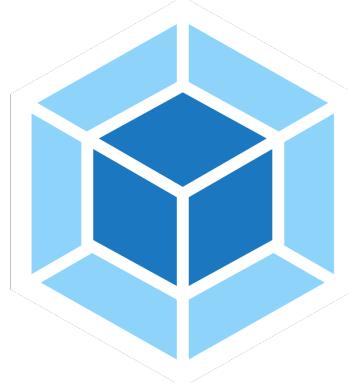
0.5s   1.0s   1.5s   2.0s   2.5s

0%   0%   0%   98%   100%

The screenshot shows the WebPageTest interface with a test configuration for a mobile device in emerging markets. The test was run on a Motorola G (gen 4) with Chrome Beta, tested from Dulles, Virginia, over a 400 Kbps 3G connection with 400ms latency. The interface includes options to include repeat views and run Lighthouse audits. Below the configuration, a timeline shows the loading progress from 0% to 100%, with major ticks at 0.5s, 1.0s, 1.5s, 2.0s, and 2.5s. The final result section displays a list of 6 news items from a news aggregator, each with a thumbnail, title, and a small snippet of text.

Post ID	Title	Thumbnail	Comments
1	PAAS Comparison – Dokku vs. Flynn vs. Diesel vs. Kubernetes vs. Docker Swarm		44 points by <a href="#">jedimaster77</a> 7 hours ago   20 comments
2	FreeBSD 11.1-BETA1 Now Available		14 points by <a href="#">andill111</a> 1 hour ago   1 comment
3	It seems we have entered a new age of anxiety		54 points by <a href="#">doktor123</a> 1 hour ago   37 comments
4	A Faster SHA-3: KangarooTwelve Implementation in Go		8 points by <a href="#">tessellate</a> 1 hour ago   2 comments
5	Apple Is Trying To Make Your iMessages Even More Private		41 points by <a href="#">l00k00</a> 1 hour ago   22 comments
6	A Mathematician's Secret: We're Not All Geniuses		39 points by <a href="#">jedimaster77</a> 21 hours ago   26 comments

ONLY LOAD  
WHAT YOU NEED



# webpack

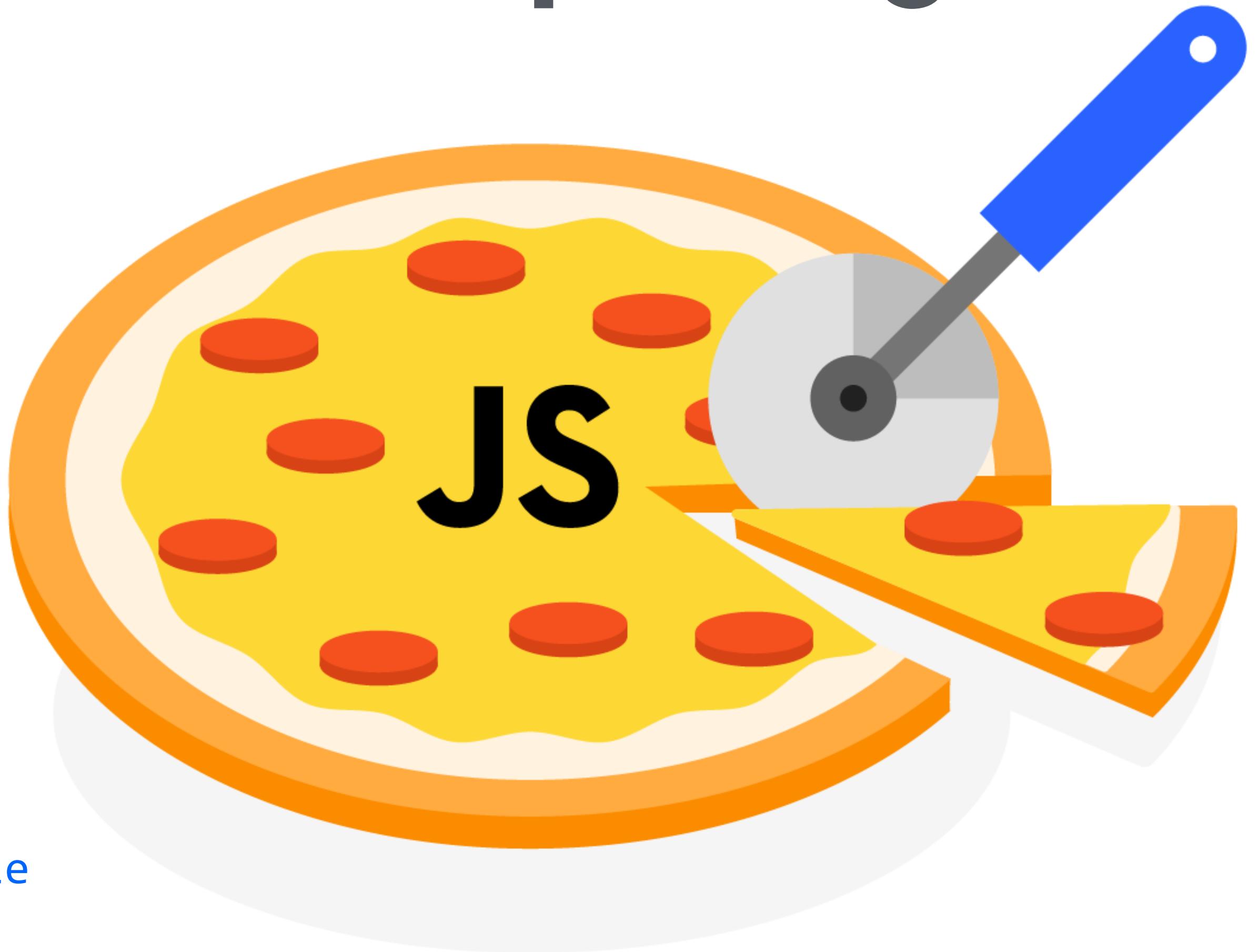
Webpack 2+

```
import('./UserProfile')
  .then(loadRoute(cb))
  .catch(errorLoading)
```

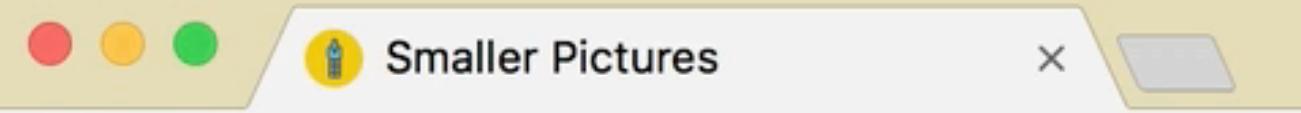
Webpack 1

```
// Defines a “split-point” for a separate bundle
require.ensure([], () => {
  const profile = require('./UserProfile', cb);
});
```

# Code-splitting



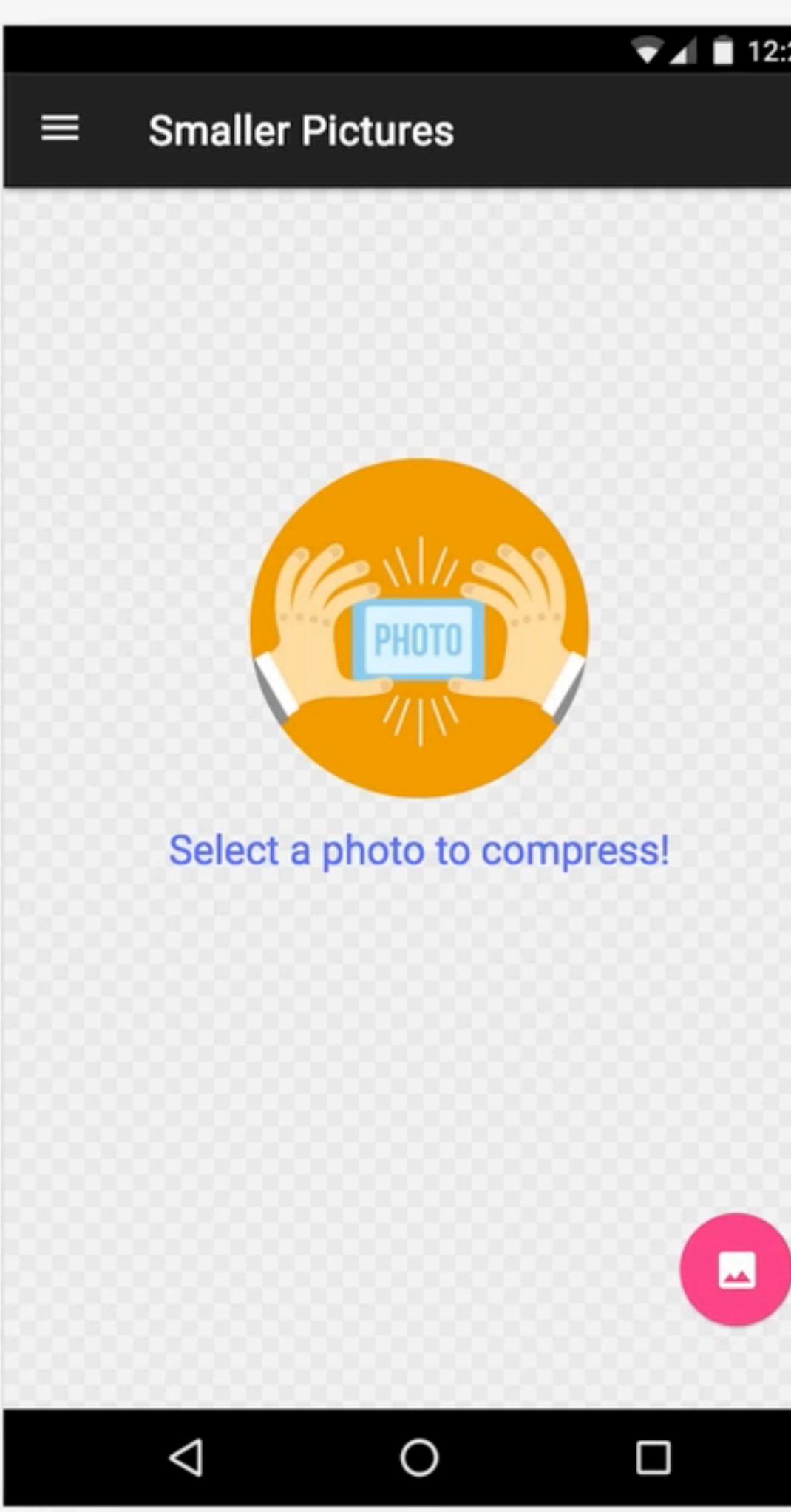
Also see [Splittable](#), [Closure Compiler](#) or [Browserify](#)



Person 1

Secure https://smaller-pictures.appspot.com

Nexus 5X ▾ 412 × 732 75% ▾



Elements Performance Network Application Console Sources Memory Security » ⋮ X

▶<head>...</head>  
...▼<body> == \$0  
  ▶<div class="mdl-layout\_\_container">...</div>

html body

⋮ Console Request blocking Coverage X

● C ⚡

URL	Type	Total Bytes	Unused Bytes	%
https://smaller-pict... /bundle.min.css	CSS	141 203	124 151	87.9 %
https://smaller-pictures.../main.min.js	JS	95 009	47 613	50.1 %
https://www.google-an... /analytics.js	JS	29 486	9 112	30.9 %
https://smaller-pictures.... /webfont.js	JS	16 587	4 025	24.3 %
https://smaller-pictures.appspot.c... /	CSS...	9 120	411	4.5 %
https://f.../css?family=Material+Icons	CSS	640	289	45.2 %

181 KB of 285 KB bytes are not used. (64%)

Styles Computed Event Listeners >

Filter :hov .cls +

**Do I need to split?  
Try Code Coverage  
in Chrome DevTools**

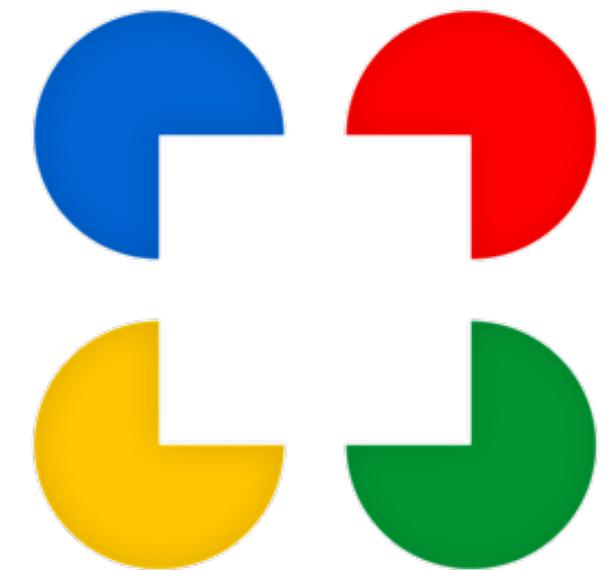
# Tree-shaking



```
// app.js  
import { a } from './module.js';
```

```
// module.js  
export function a () {}
```

```
export function b () {} X
```



# Only transpile what you need with

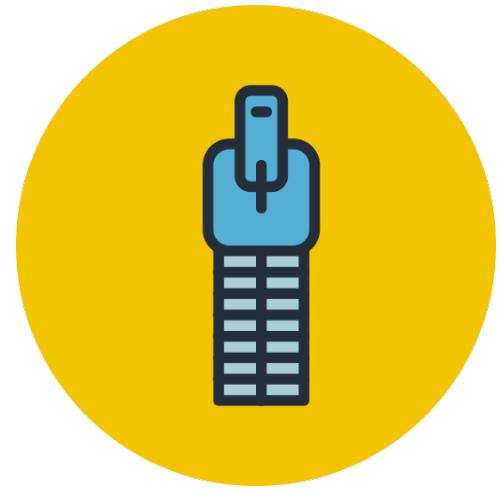


Use **babel-preset-env** to only transpile code for browsers that need it

```
{  
  "presets": [  
    ["env", {  
      "targets": {  
        "browsers": ["last 2 versions"]  
      }  
    }]  
  ]  
}
```



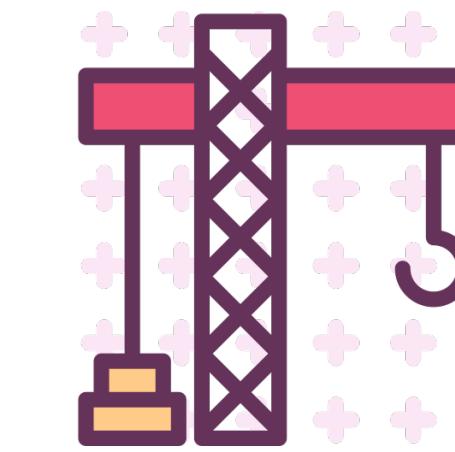
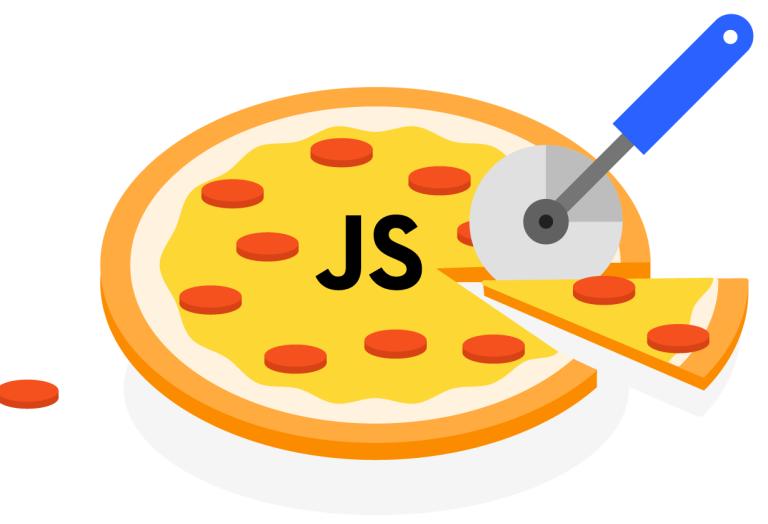
# **webpack** **workflow**



**Minify \_everything\_**  
Babelified ES5 w/Uglify  
ES2015+ with Babili  
css-loader + minimize:true



**Code-splitting**  
Dynamic import()  
Route-based chunking



**Tree-shaking**  
Webpack 2+ with Uglify  
RollUp  
DCE w/ Closure Compiler



**Optimize “Vendor” libs**  
`NODE_ENV=production`  
CommonsChunk + HashedModuleIdsPlugin()



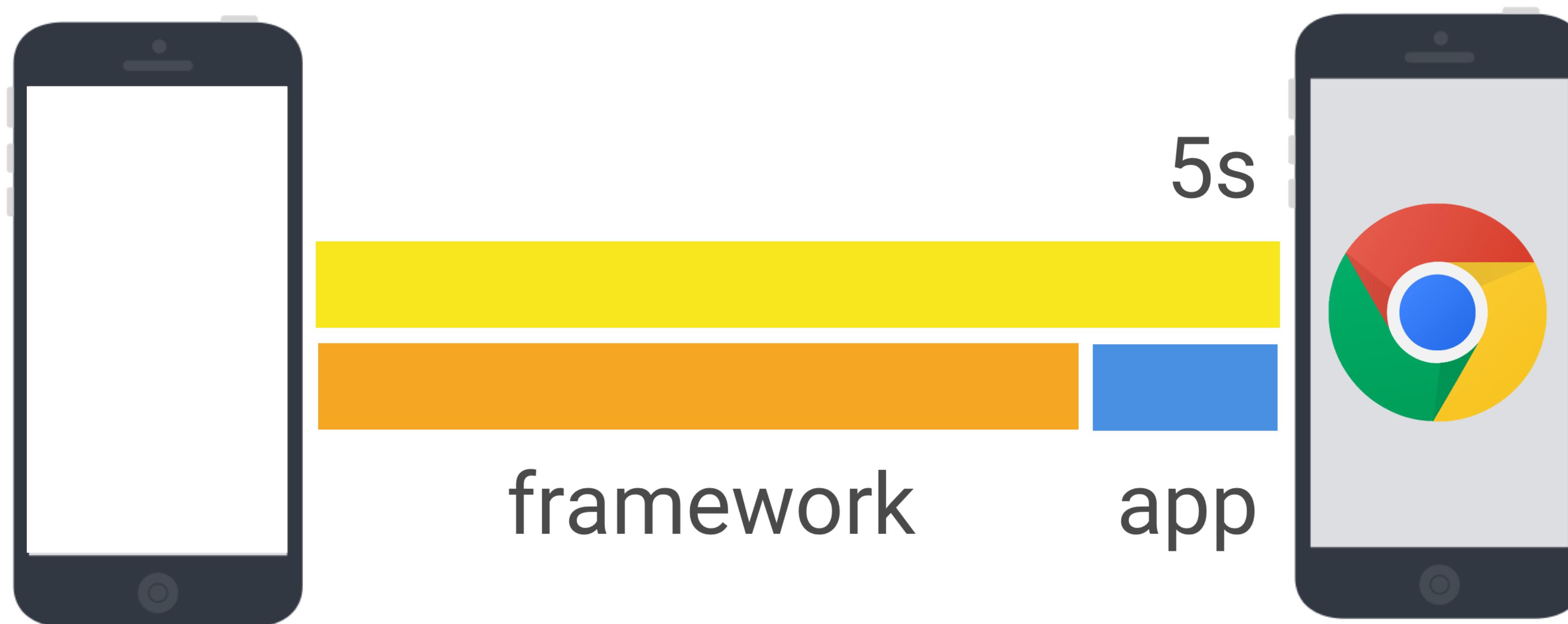
**Transpile less code**  
`babel-preset-env + modules:false`  
Browserlist  
`useBuiltIns: true`

**Scope Hoisting:**  
Webpack 3  
RollUp

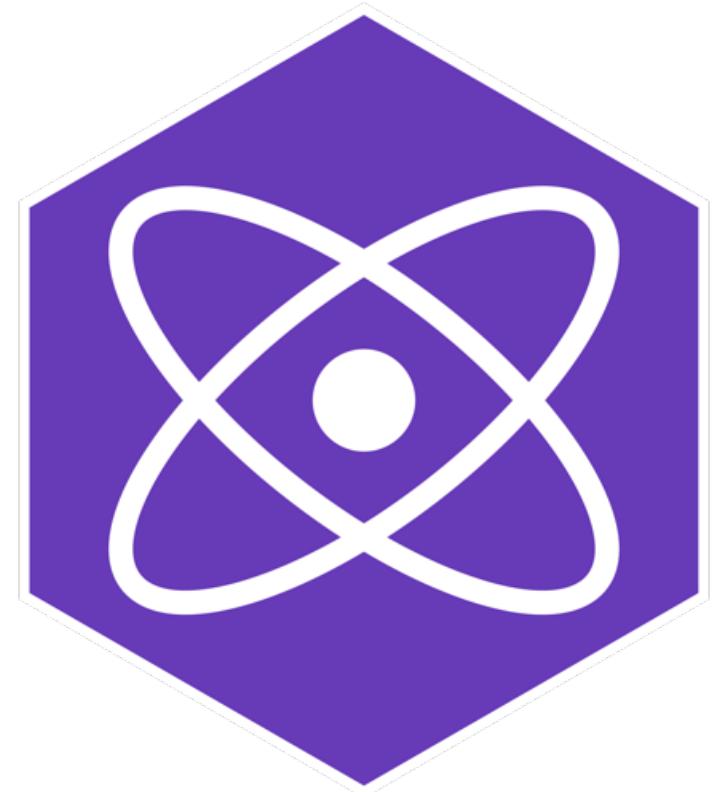
**Strip unused Lodash modules**  
`lodash-webpack-plugin`  
`babel-plugin-lodash`

**Fewer Moment.js locales**  
`ContextReplacementPlugin()`

The bloat of your **baseline** defines how much headroom you have for **app code**. How much is taken by your framework?



# Plenty of lightweight options for mobile



PREACT



Lower total cost on size + parse times from the get-go

# ATTACK OF THE THIRD PARTY SCRIPTS

**THE VERGE**

TECH ▾ SCIENCE ▾ CULTURE ▾ MORE ▾

**COMMUTING AT 700MPH WITHOUT WINGS. IT'S AWESOME.**

loop **ETE** connectivity **DISCOVER MORE** >

THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION

**With Whole Foods purchase, Amazon is one step closer to the Everything Store**

by Jacob Kastrenakes and Lauren Goode

The Last Night was one of E3's most dazzling games — and also its most frustrating

by Adi Robertson

# Third-party Badging Request Blocking

storage.selectmedia.asia  
Selectmedia International LTD.  
[Report mismatch](#)

Nar	Status	Type	Size	Time
SI Hitachi.Jan17.mp4	206	media	624 KB	100 ms
VXC_LIN_002_v4-1_FINAL_CONFORM...	200	webp	552 KB	100 ms
vrg_header_purpleReef.0.jpg	200	jpeg	363 KB	100 ms
tldr-logo.1473954443.png	200	png	173 KB	100 ms
AVmanager.js	200	script	1 KB	100 ms
KD controltag.js.2b39b1cbcb1e3e057...	200	script	1 KB	100 ms

323 requests | 3.8 MB transferred | Finish: 36.59 s | DOMContentLoaded: 414 ms | Load: 1.92 s

⋮ Console What's New Coverage Request blocking ×

Enable request blocking + ⚡

infinityid.condenastdigital.com

beacon.krxd.net

cdn0.vox-cdn.com/uploads/chorus\_image/image/50858597/tldr-logo.1473954443.png

Byte savings @

Google



# Display Ads from Google now served using Brotli compression!

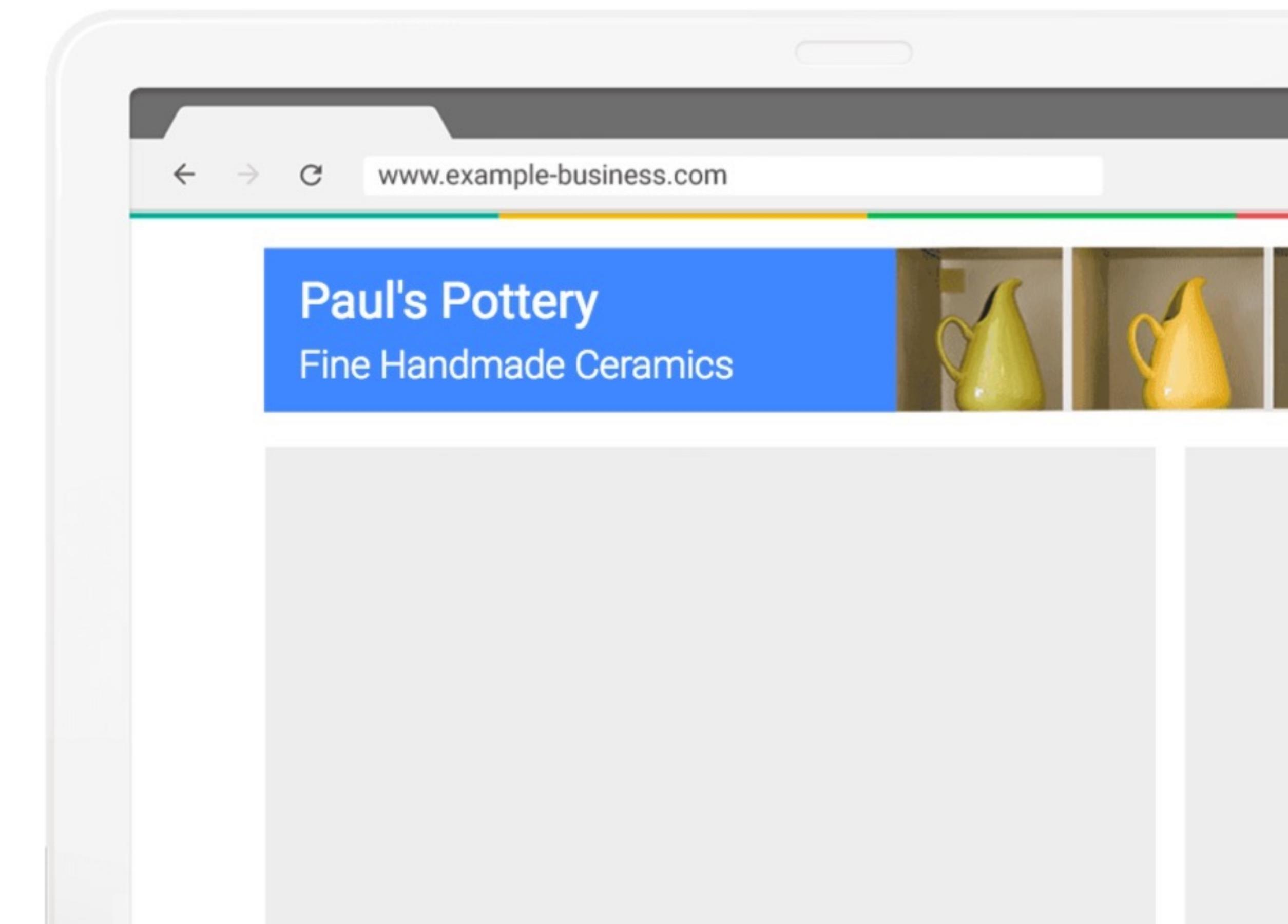
<https://developers.googleblog.com/>

Brotli

Data-savings up to

40%

15% in aggregate over gzip



# Brotli



Google Play

**1.5 petabytes (million gigs) saved a day**

[bit.ly/playstore-brotli](http://bit.ly/playstore-brotli)



**Improved load time by 7% in India & 4% U.S**

[bit.ly/linkedin-brotli](http://bit.ly/linkedin-brotli)



**Decreased the size of static assets by 20%**

[bit.ly/dropbox-brotli](http://bit.ly/dropbox-brotli)

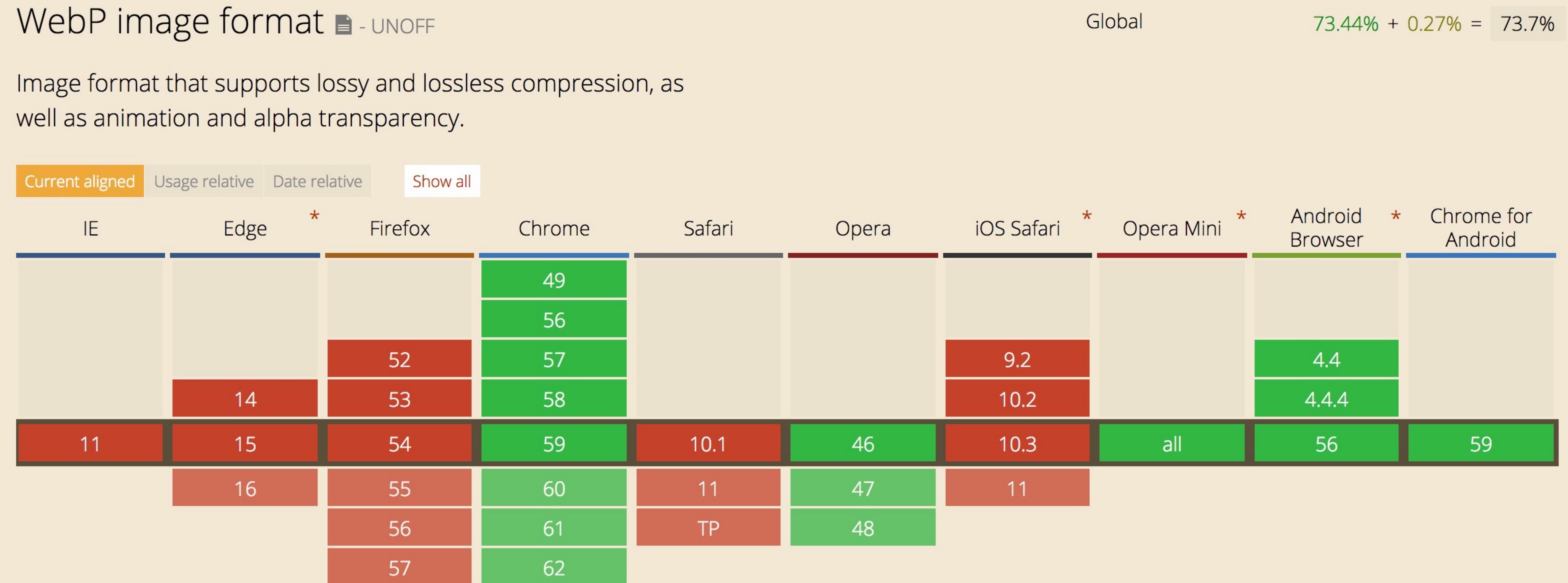


**17% improvement for largest JS bundles**

[bit.ly/certsimple-brotli](http://bit.ly/certsimple-brotli)

# 30% smaller than JPEG 25% smaller than PNG

# WebP



25-30%

savings for WebP on average (26% lossless)

[bit.ly/webp-format](http://bit.ly/webp-format)

/ WebP



Google Play



Data Saver + Web Store

Serving over 43B image requests a day

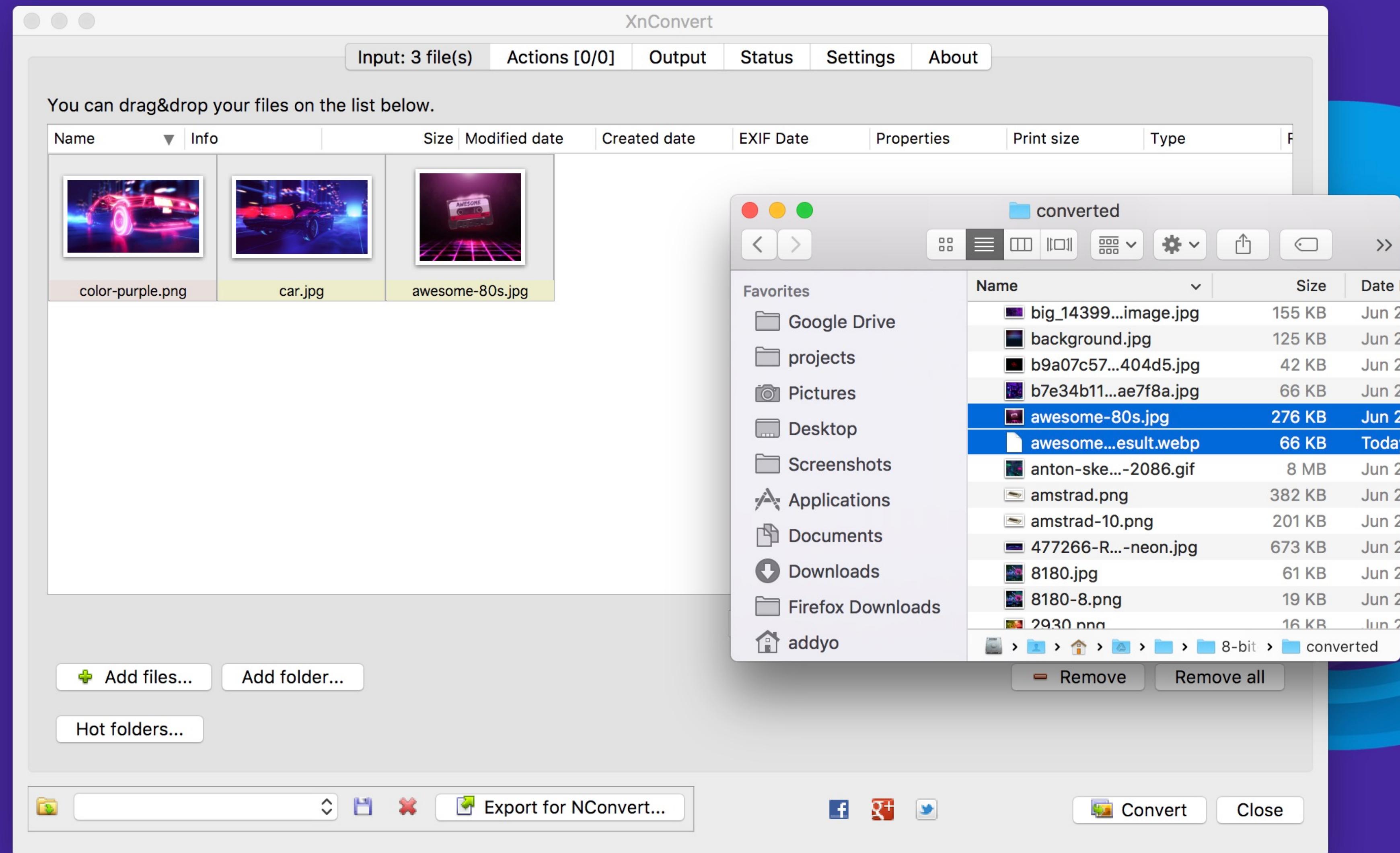
# XNConvert

Windows/Mac/Linux  
Can convert in batch  
Supports most formats

Alternatively:

imagemin  
Pixelmator  
ImageMagick  
GIMP  
Leptonica

# / WebP Conversion

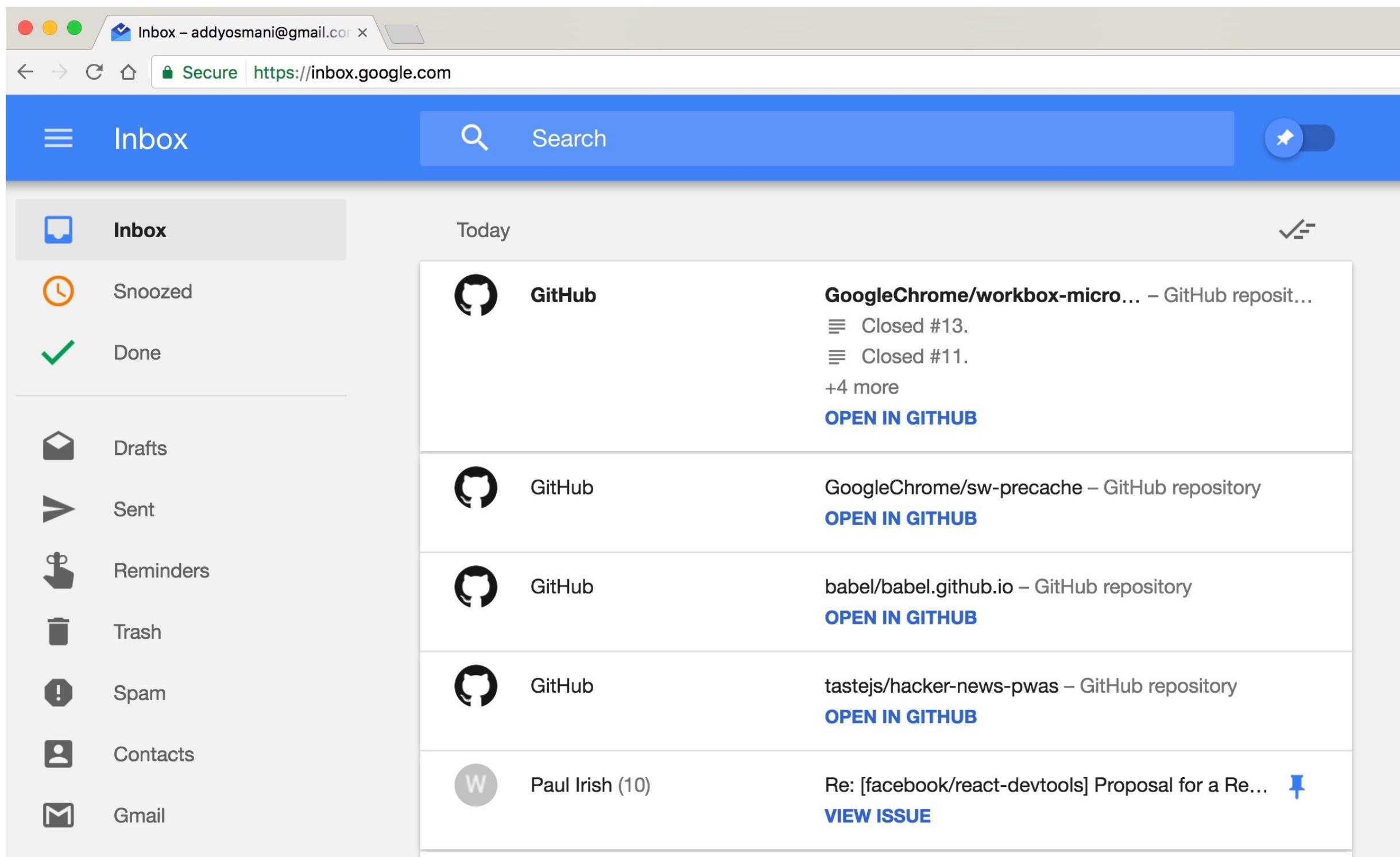


# / WebP Serving

```
<picture>
  <!-- Chrome: WebP -->
  <source srcset="photo.webp" type="image/webp">
  <!-- Edge: JPEG-XR -->
  <source srcset="photo.jxr" type="image/vnd.ms-photo">
  <!-- Safari: JPEG 2000 -->
  <source srcset="photo.jp2" type="image/jp2">
  <!-- Firefox: Fallback -->
  <img srcset="photo.jpg">
</picture>
```

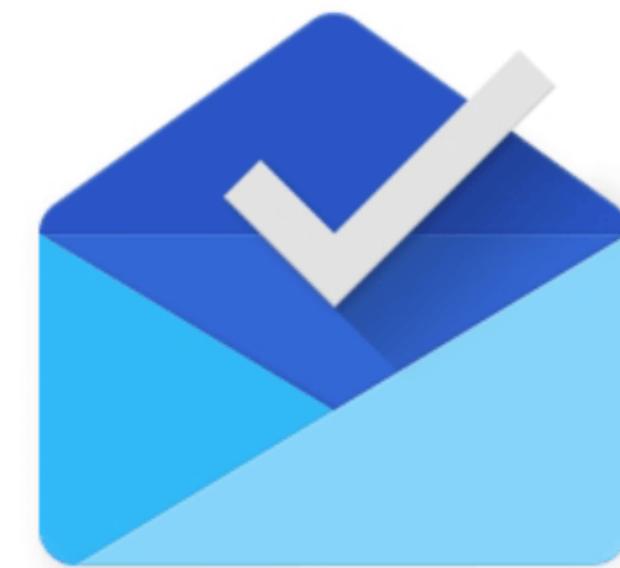
Or use the Accept header + .htaccess to serve WebP if a browser supports it and it exists on disk.

10%  
improvement in Time-to-Interactive



Inbox by Gmail

# Service Workers



Inbox  
by Gmail

# CACHE AGGRESSIVELY

# HTTP Caching Checklist

[bit.ly/caching-checklist](http://bit.ly/caching-checklist)

1. Use consistent URLs and minimize resource churn
2. Provide a validation token (ETag) to avoid transferring unchanged bytes
3. Identify resources that can be cached by intermediaries (like CDNs)
4. Determine the optimal cache lifetime of resources (max-age)
5. Consider a Service Worker for more control over your repeat visit caching

ORDER LOADING  
THOUGHTFULLY

Let's hack



EXPLORER

OPEN EDITORS

- ResourceFetcher.cpp src/third\_party/WebKit/...

CHROMIUM

- MemoryCache.h
- MemoryCacheCorrectnessTest.cpp
- MemoryCacheTest.cpp
- PreloadKey.h
- RawResource.cpp
- RawResource.h
- RawResourceTest.cpp
- Resource.cpp
- Resource.h

ResourceFetcher.cpp

```

120
121     ResourceLoadPriority TypeToPriority(Resource::Type type) {
122         switch (type) {
123             case Resource::kMainResource:
124             case Resource::kCSSStyleSheet:
125             case Resource::kFont:
126                 // Also parser-blocking scripts (set explicitly in loadPriority)
127             return kResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh;
128             case Resource::kXSLStyleSheet:
129                 DCHECK(RuntimeEnabledFeatures::xsltEnabled());
130             case Resource::kRaw:
131             case Resource::kImportResource:
132             case Resource::kScript:
133                 // Also visible resources/images (set explicitly in loadPriority)
134
135             case Resource::kImage:
136             case Resource::kTextTrack:
137             case Resource::kMedia:
138             case Resource::kSVGDocument:
139                 // Also async scripts (set explicitly in loadPriority)
140             return kResourceLoadPriorityLow;
141             case Resource::kLinkPrefetch:
142                 return kResourceLoadPriorityVeryLow;
143
144         }
145
146         NOTREACHED();
147
148     }
149
150     return kResourceLoadPriorityUnresolved;
151
152 }
```

# ResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh

ResourceFetcher.h

ResourceFetcherTest.cpp

ResourceLoader.cpp

ResourceLoader.h

ResourceLoaderOptions.h

ResourceLoaderOptionsTest.c...

ResourceLoadInfo.h

ResourceLoadingLog.h

ResourceLoadPriority.h

ResourceLoadTiming.cpp

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```

	Layout-blocking	Load in layout-blocking phase	Load one-at-a-time in layout-blocking phase		
Net Priority	Highest	Medium	Low	Lowest	Idle
Blink Priority	VeryHigh	High	Medium	Low	VeryLow
DevTools Priority	Highest	High	Medium	Low	Lowest
	Main Resource				
	CSS (match)				CSS (mismatch)
		Script (early** or not from preload scanner)	Script (late**)	Script (async)	
	Font	Font (preload)			
		Import			
		Image (in viewport)		Image	
				Media	

JSConf EU 2017

2017.jsconf.eu

Nexus 5X ▾ 412 x 732 75% ▾

Network Elements Performance Application Console Sources Memory Security ▾

12 ms 716 ms 1.04 s 1.05 s 1.06 s 1.19 s 1.57 s 1.69 s 1.76 s 1.95 s 2.97 s 2.99 s 3.02 s

JSConf.EU JSConf.EU

● 🔍 View: Preset: Preserve log Disable cache Offline WebPageTest 3G (300r)

Filter Regex Hide data URLs All XHR JS CSS Img Media Font Doc WS Manifest Other

500 ms 1000 ms 1500 ms 2000 ms 2500 ms 3000 ms 3500 ms 4000 ms 4500 ms

SCHEDULE

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48 requests | 491 KB transferred | Finish: 3.86 s | DOMContentLoaded: 1.91 s | Load: 3.87 s

Name	Protocol	Type	Size	Time	Priority	Waterfall
2017.jsconf.eu	http/1.1	document	6.9 KB	335 ms	Highest	
screen.css	http/1.1	stylesheet	5.8 KB	359 ms	Highest	
ekp1paj.js	h2	script	7.8 KB	374 ms	High	
heroku.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.0 KB	315 ms	Low	
projecta.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	1.8 KB	322 ms	Low	
saucelabs.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.4 KB	315 ms	Low	
sencha.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	4.2 KB	328 ms	Low	
twilio.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	1.2 KB	307 ms	Low	
zalando.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.3 KB	314 ms	Low	
ebaytech.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	41.3 KB	594 ms	Low	
nearform.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.7 KB	330 ms	Low	
ableton.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.0 KB	336 ms	Low	
home24.svg	http/1.1	svg+xml	2.5 KB	337 ms	Low	



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126                 // Also parser-blocking scripts (set explicitly in loadPriority)
127             return kResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh;
128             case Resource::kXSLStyleSheet:
129                 DCHECK(RuntimeEnabledFeatures::xsltEnabled());
130             case Resource::kRaw:
131             case Resource::kImportResource:
132             case Resource::kScript:
133                 // Also visible resources/images (set explicitly in loadPriority)
```

# ResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh

- ResourceFetcher.h
- ResourceFetcherTest.cpp
- ResourceLoader.cpp
- ResourceLoader.h
- ResourceLoaderOptions.h
- ResourceLoaderOptionsTest.c...
- ResourceLoadInfo.h
- ResourceLoadingLog.h
- ResourceLoadPriority.h
- ResourceLoadTiming.cpp

```
140     case Resource::kImage:
141     case Resource::kTextTrack:
142     case Resource::kMedia:
143     case Resource::kSVGDocument:
144         // Also async scripts (set explicitly in loadPriority)
145         return kResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh;
146     case Resource::kLinkPrefetch:
147         return kResourceLoadPriorityVeryHigh;
148     }
149     NOTREACHED();
150     return kResourceLoadPriorityUnresolved;
```



# FLUENTinum

# Original

1: original  
(Edit)

4.5s

5.0s

5.5s

6.0s

6.5s

0%

0%

86%

86%

86%

# Everything is high priority

2: high-prio-ever  
ything  
(Edit)

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0%

0%

86%

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0%

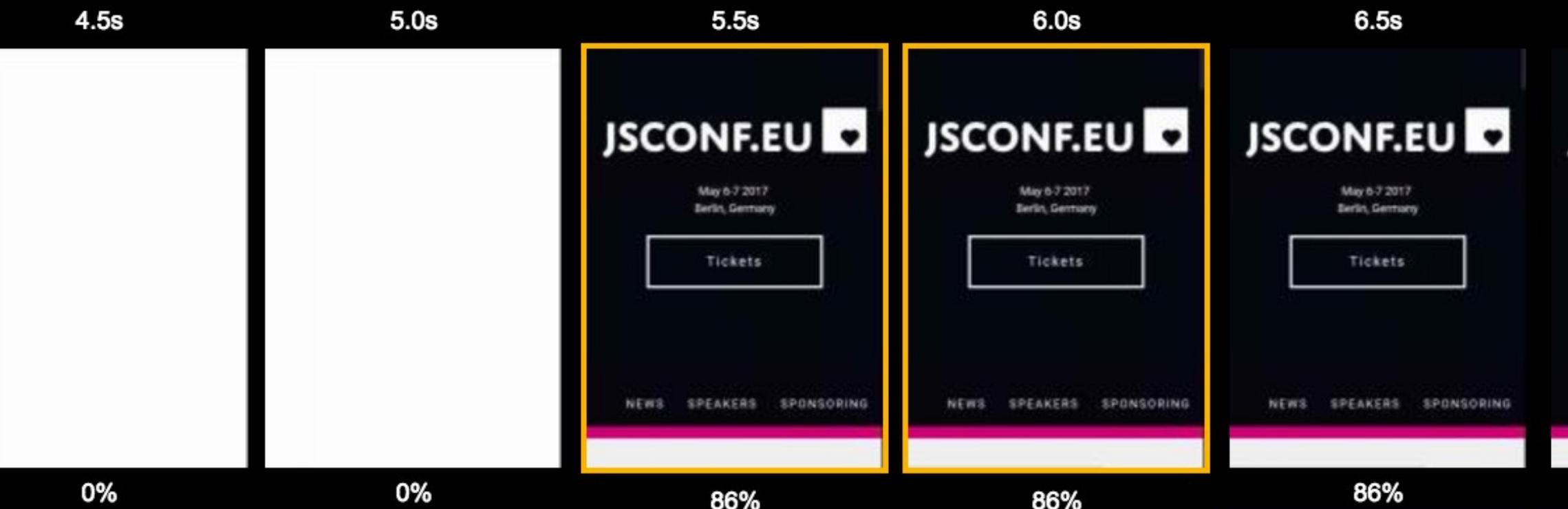
0%

0%

86%

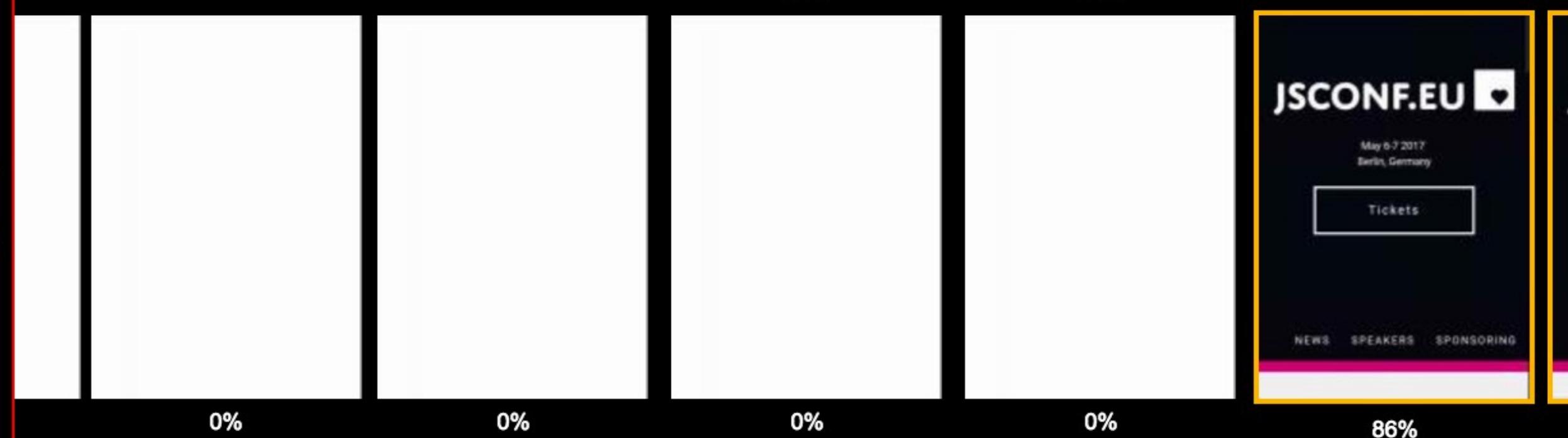
# Original

1: original  
(Edit)



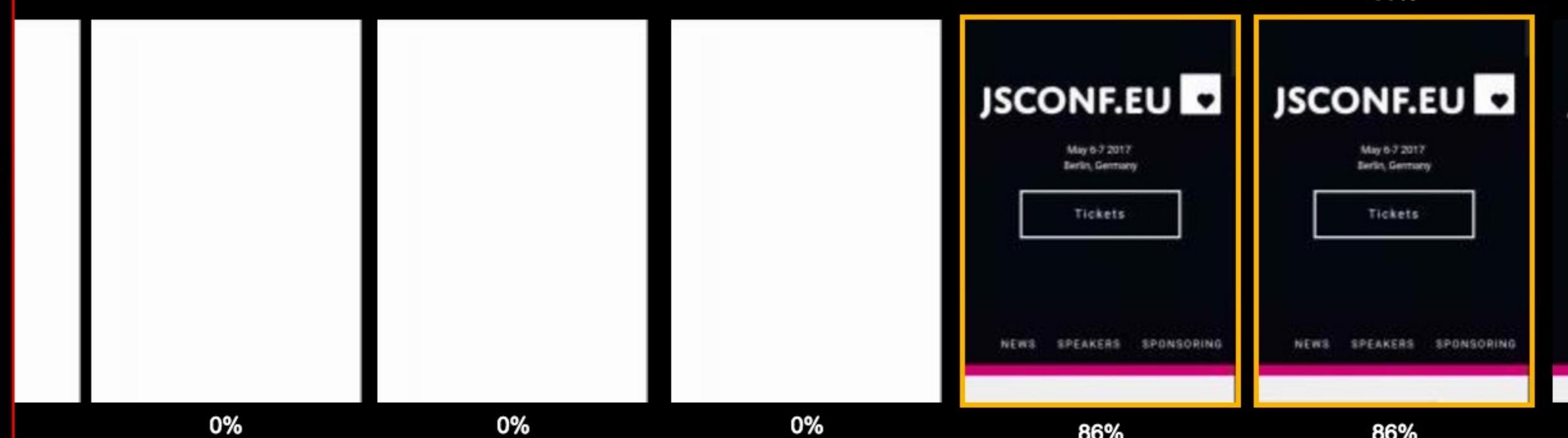
# Everything is high priority

2: high-prio-everything  
(Edit)



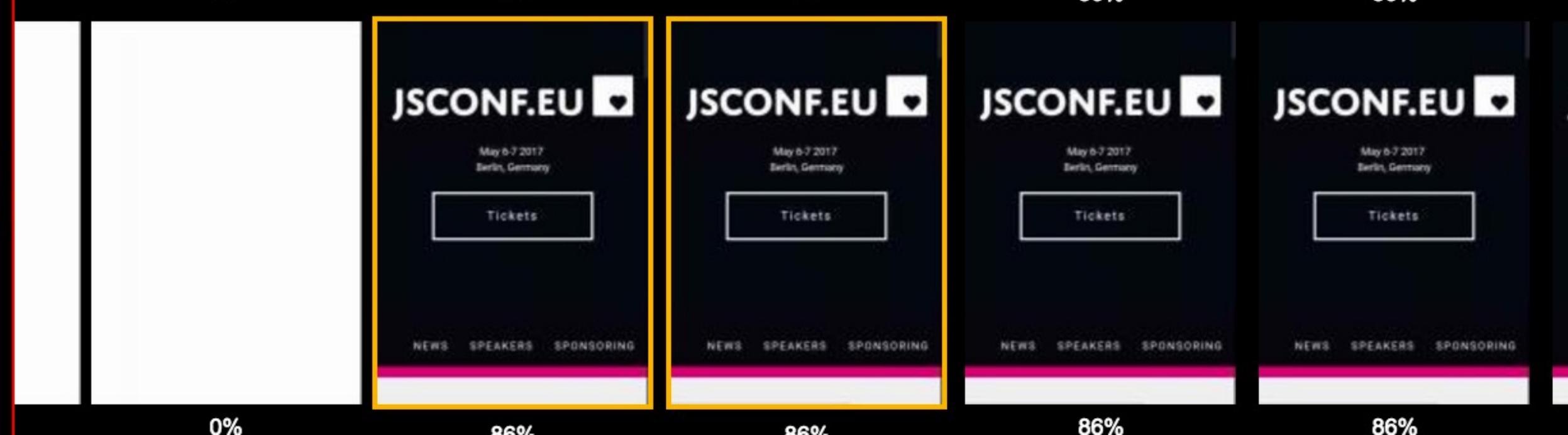
# JS + CSS is high priority

3: preload-script-s  
(Edit)



# CSS + fonts are high prio

4: jsconf2017-css-header.firebaseioapp.com/  
(Edit)



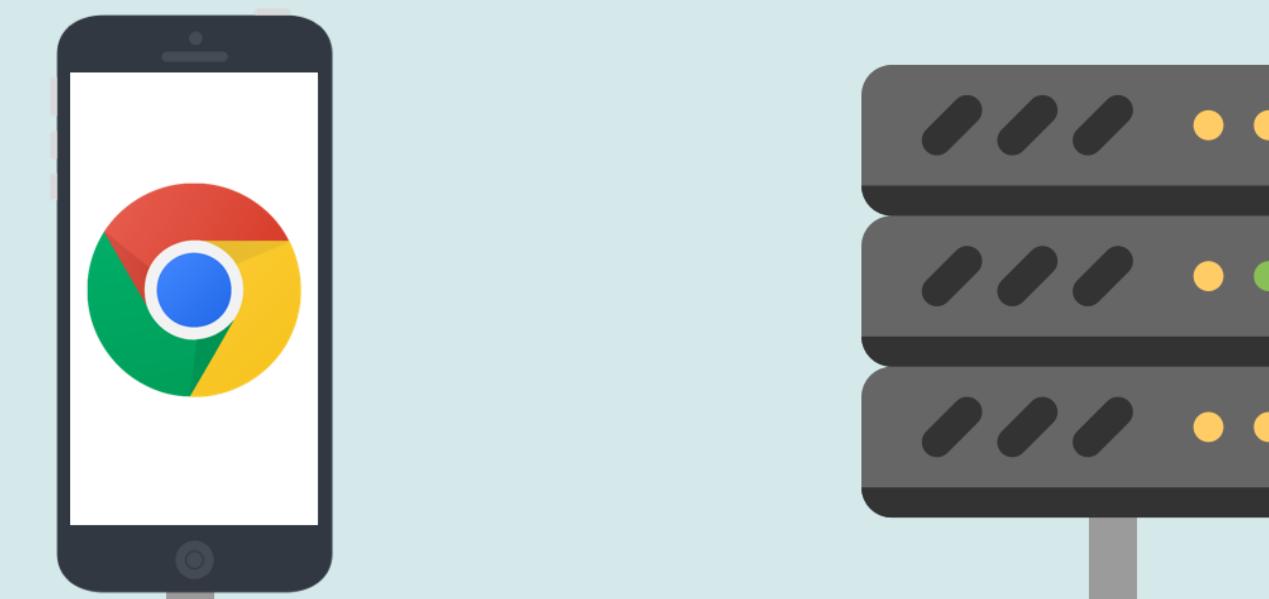
**FIRST DO IT.  
THEN DO IT RIGHT.  
THEN DO IT BETTER.**



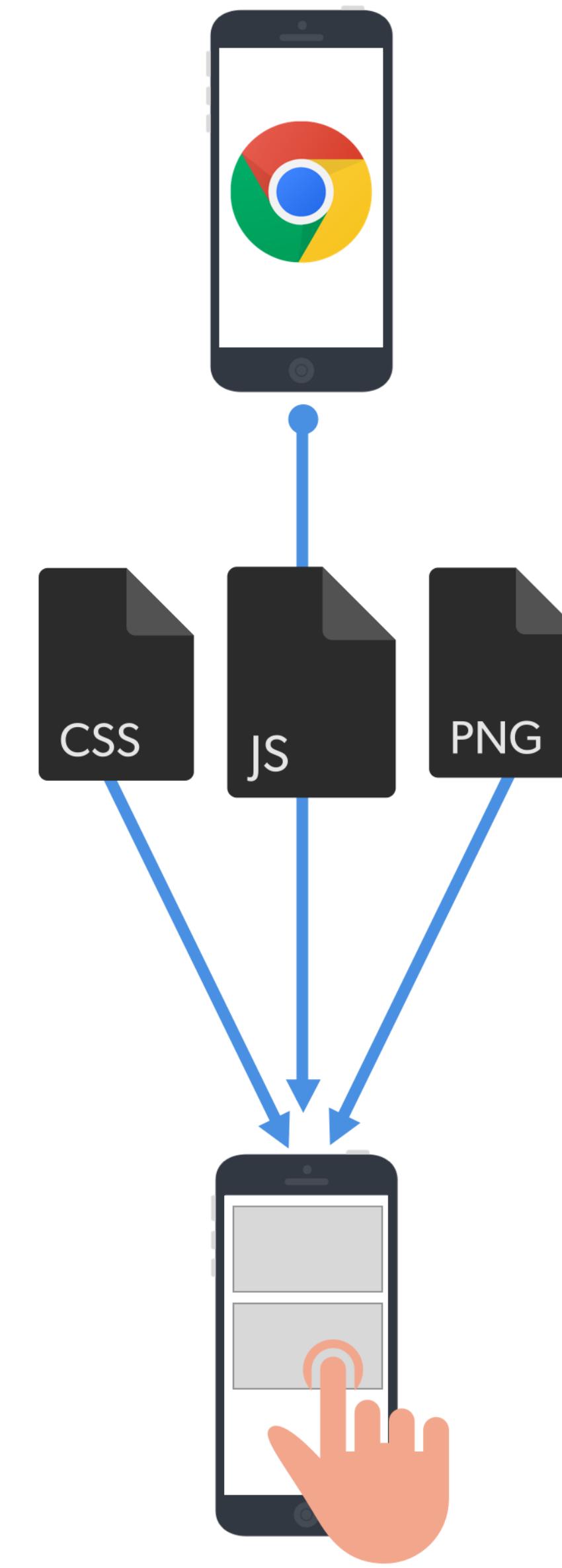
First request



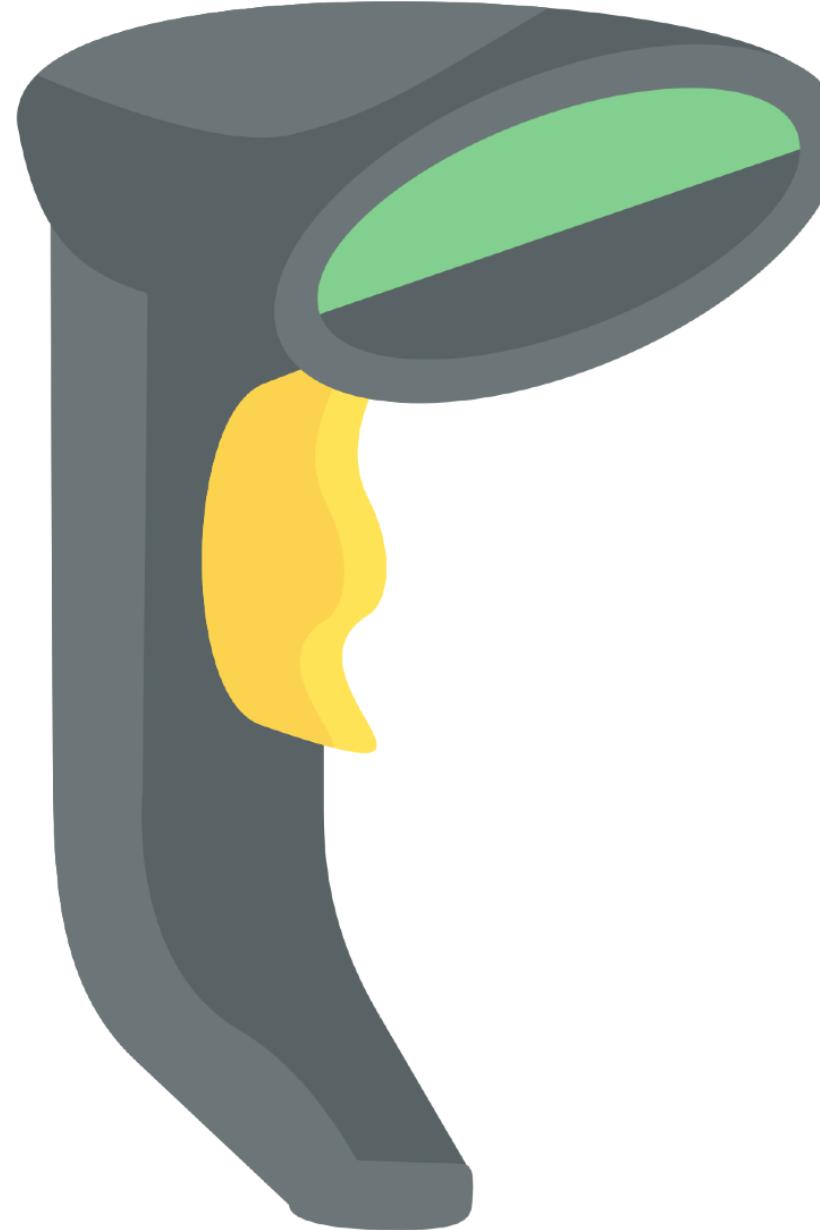
Fetch resources



Parse, compile & render

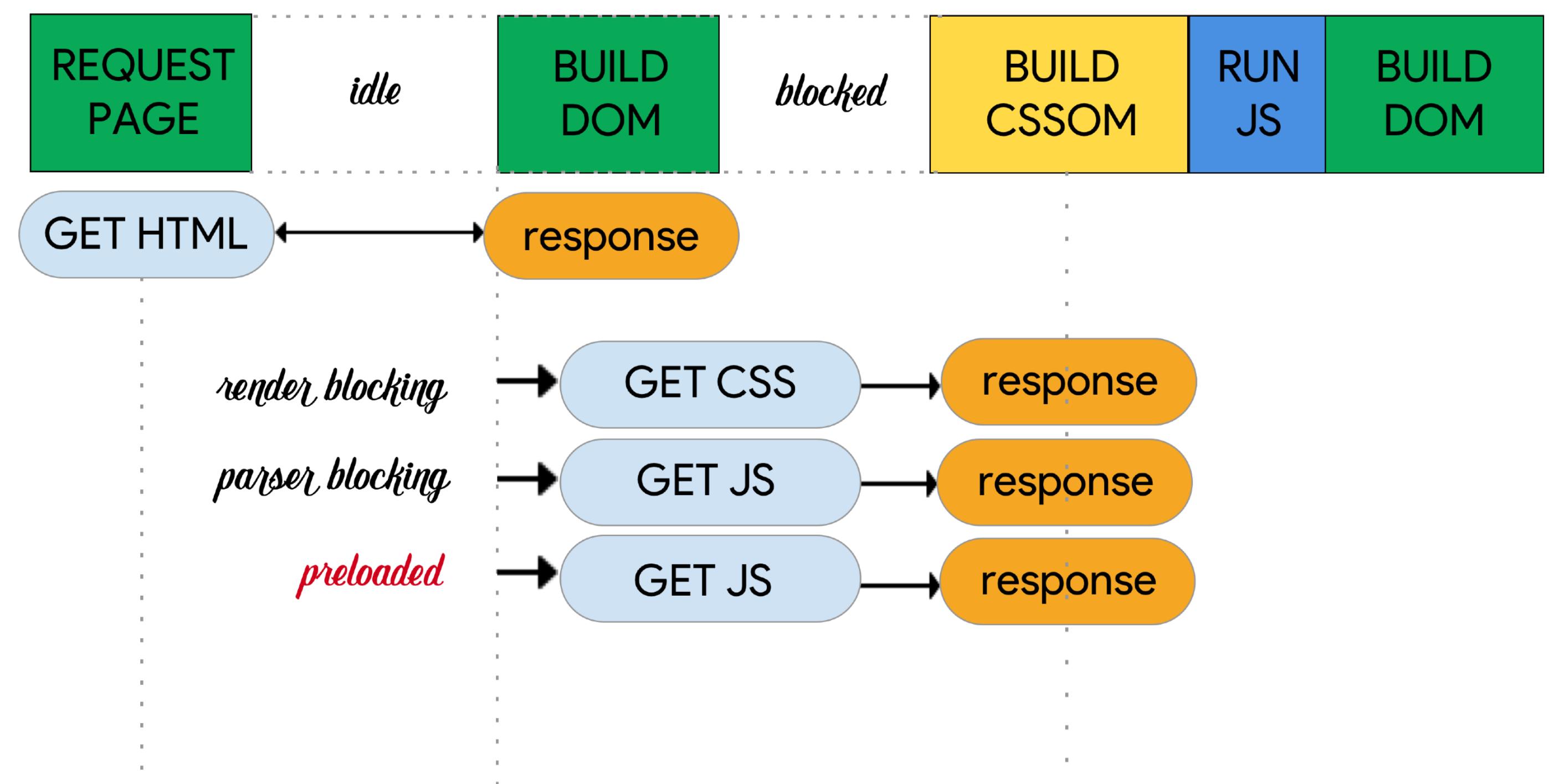


# PRELOAD SCANNER



DOCUMENT PARSER BLOCKED? PRELOAD SCANNER LOOKS  
AHEAD FOR RESOURCES WE CAN DOWNLOAD

```
<html>
  <head>
    <link href="style.css" rel="stylesheet">
    <script src="a.js"></script>
    <script src="b.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>...</body>
</html>
```





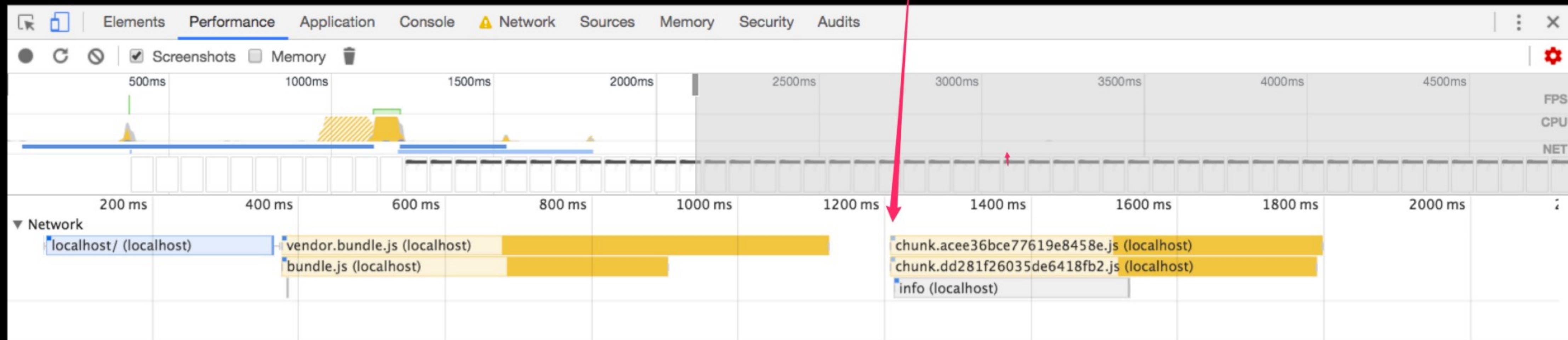
**OPENWORLD**

# <link rel="preload">

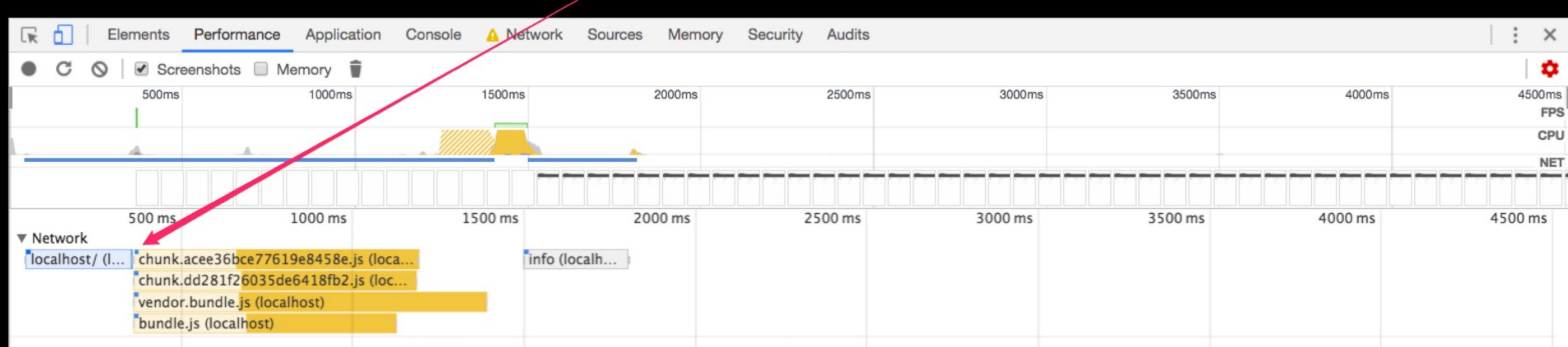
```
<head>
<link rel="preload" as="script" href="1.js">
<link rel="preload" as="script" href="2.js">
<link rel="preload" as="script" href="3.js">
..
```

Link: 1.js; rel="preload"; as="script"

## Before preload, the network request started here

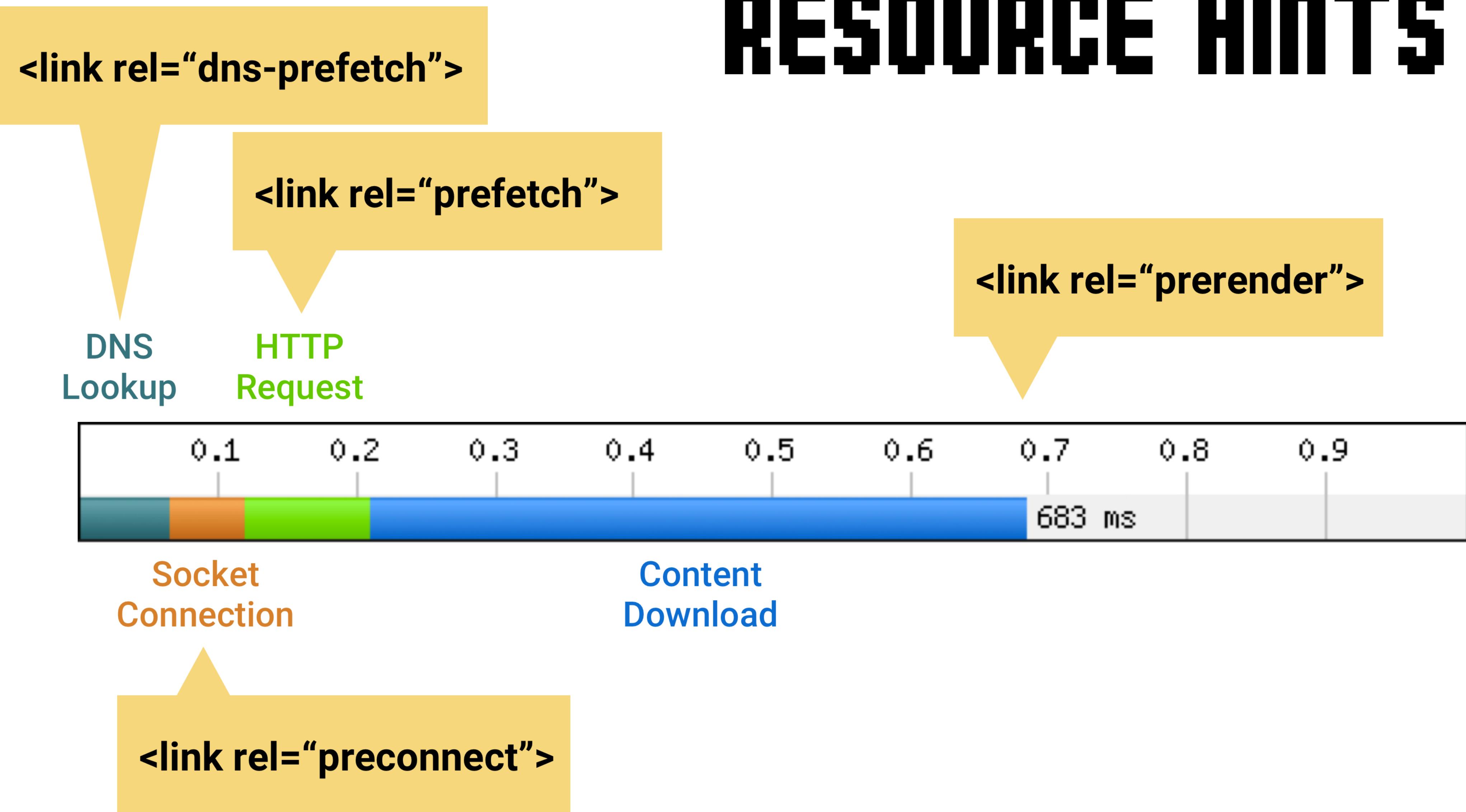


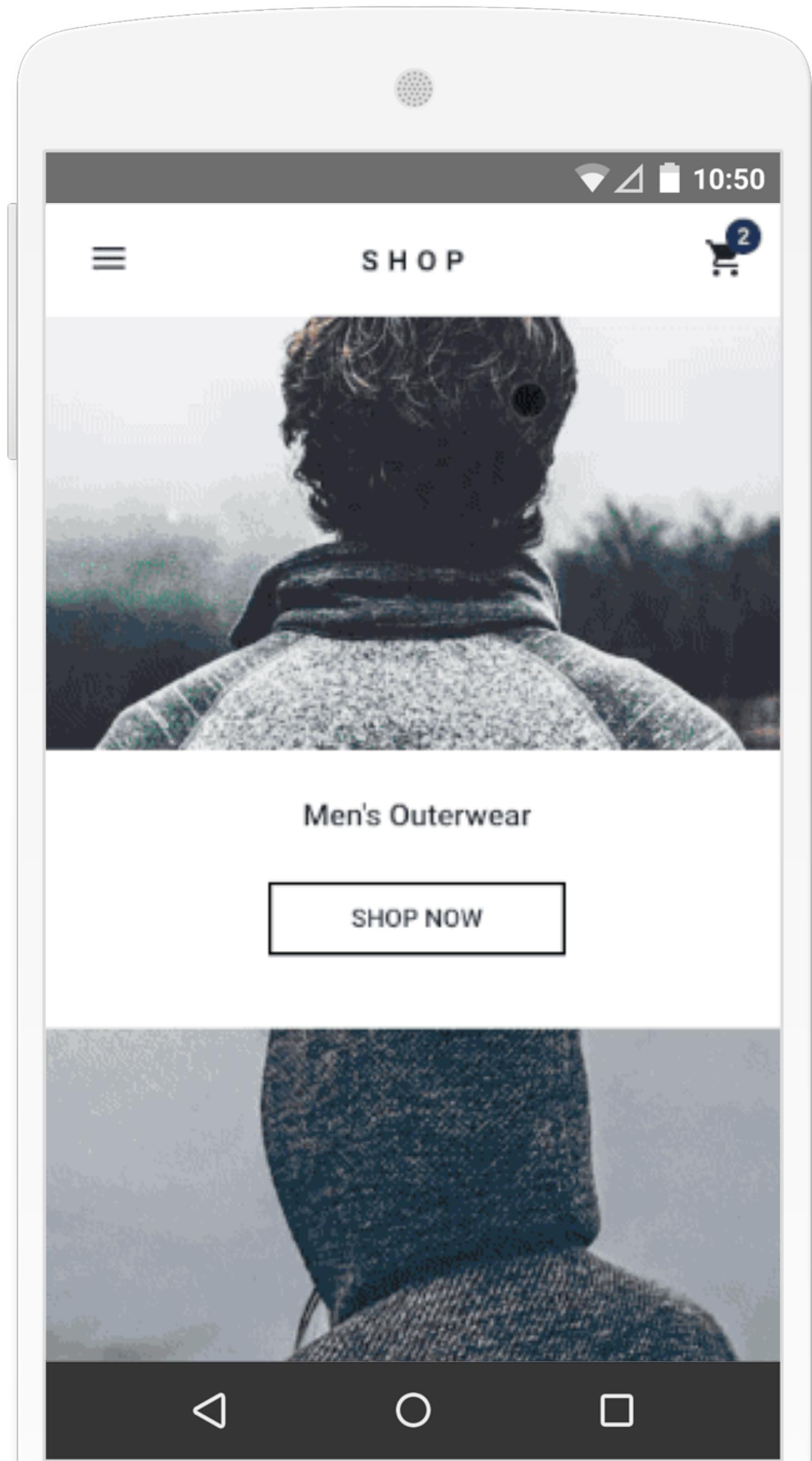
## After preload, it has shifted left - right at parse time



```
<link rel="preload" href="/chunk.acee36bce77619e8458e.js" as="script">
<link rel="preload" href="/chunk.dd281f26035de6418fb2.js" as="script">
```

# RESOURCE HINTS

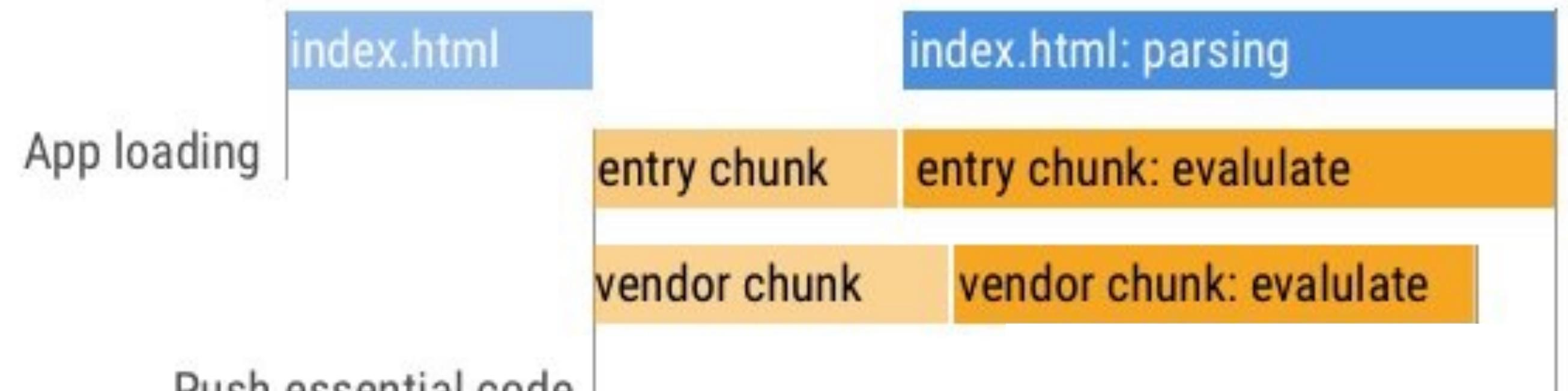




**DRPLA**  
**FATZ**

# PRPL

**Push** the minimal code for initial route



Push essential code

**Render** the initial route

Navigate next route

Cache remaining resources

route-1 chunk: evaluate

route-1-1

route-1-1 chunk: evaluate

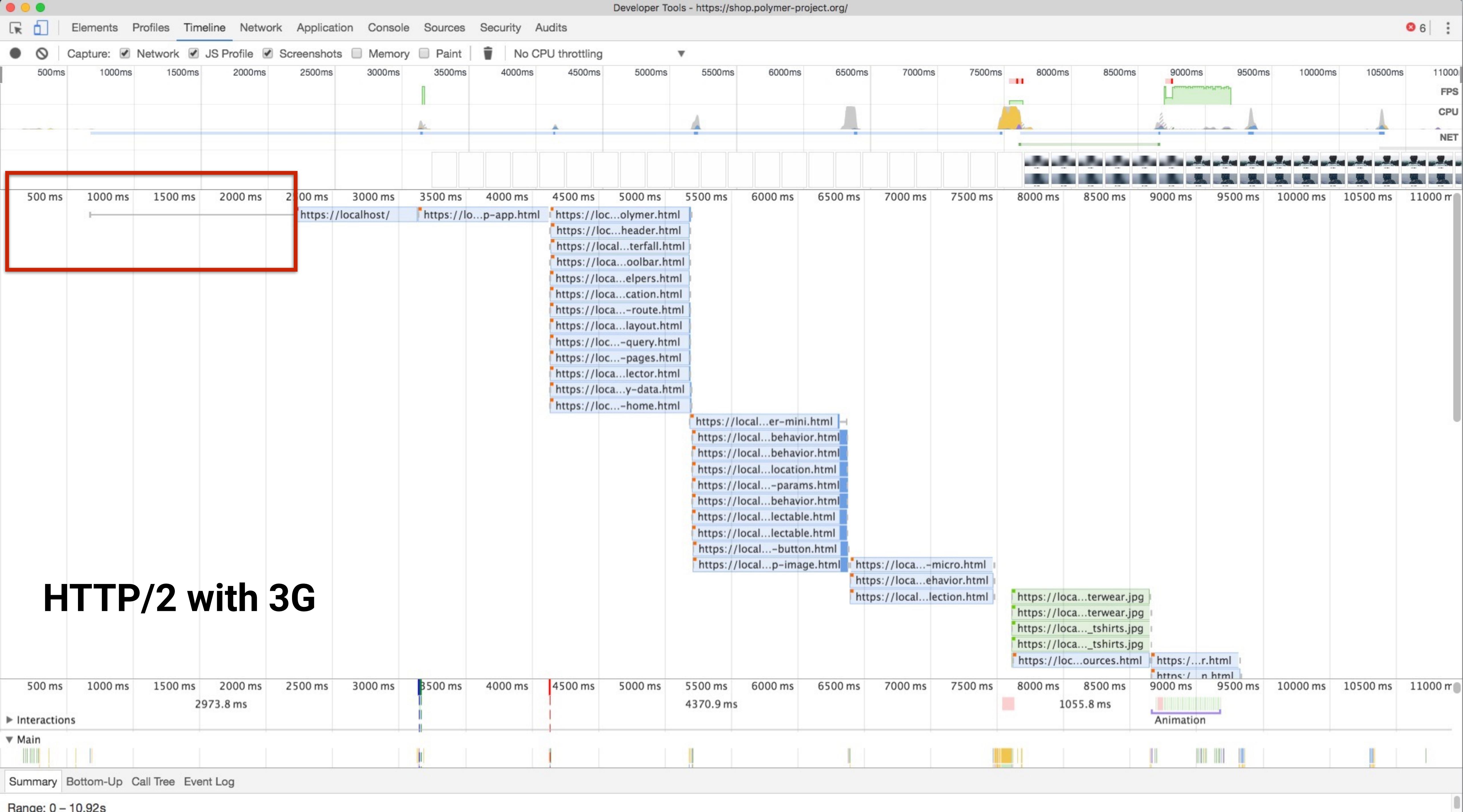
Navigate other route

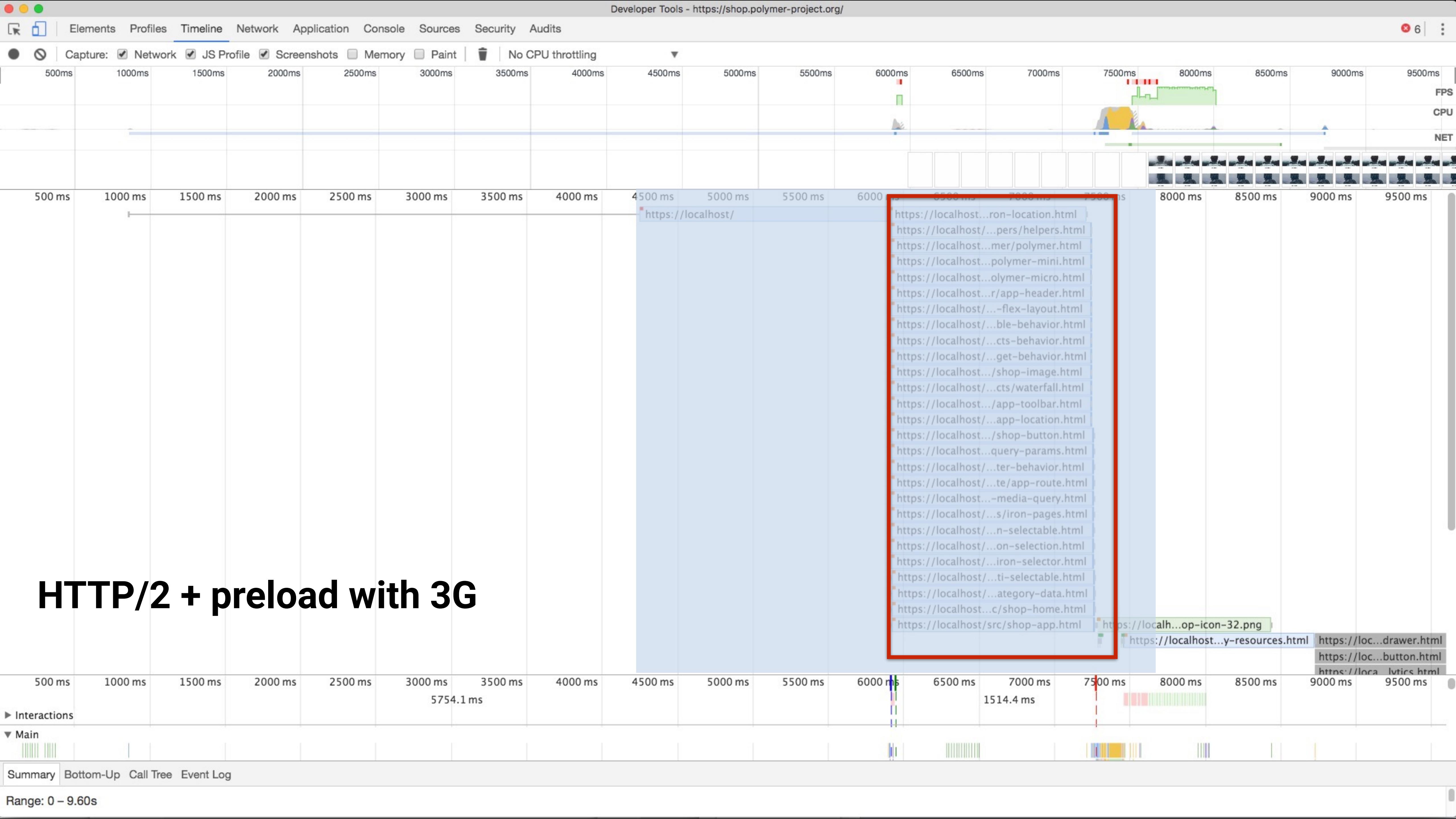
**Pre-cache** by Service Worker

chunks

images.png

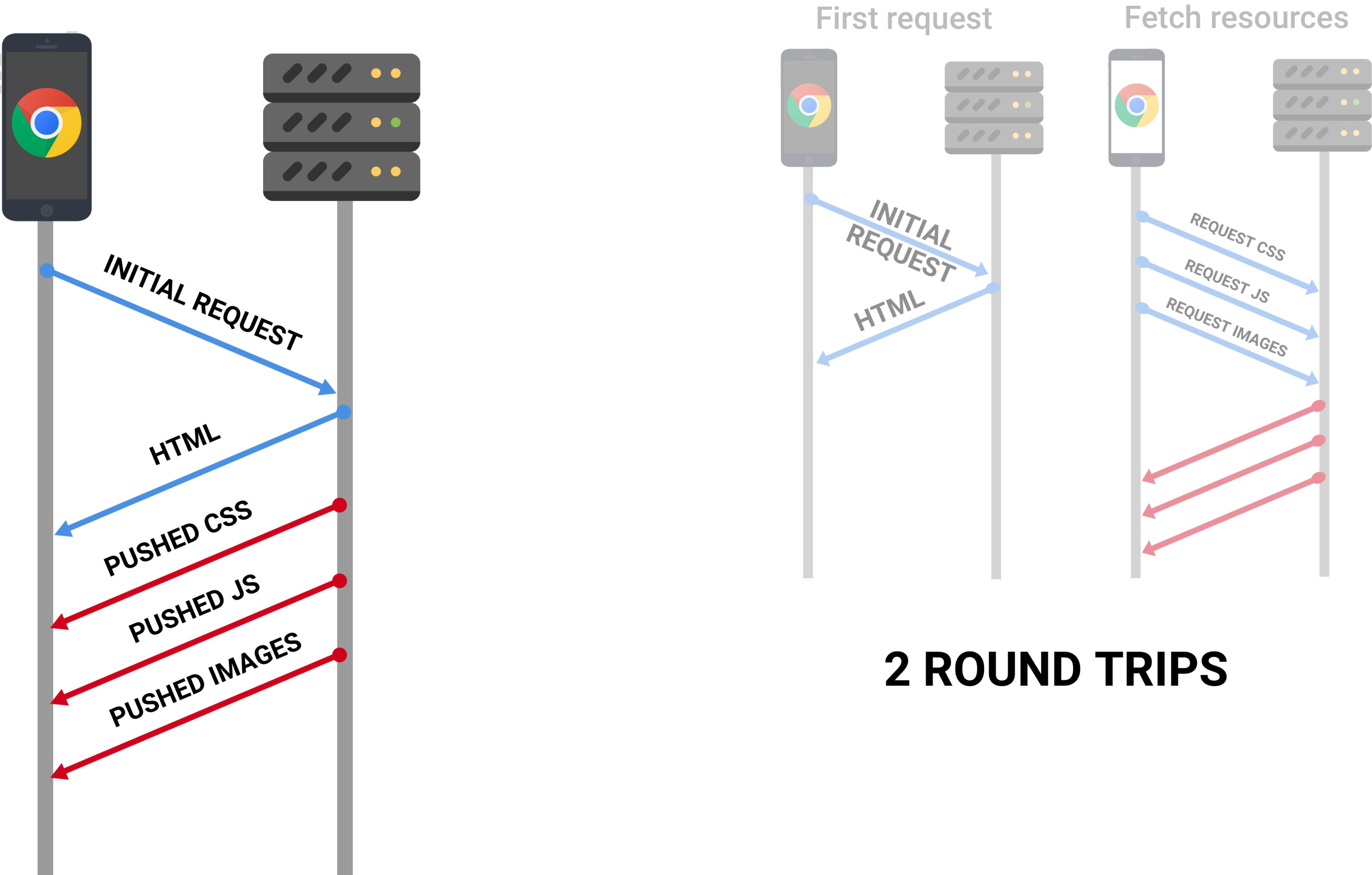
[bit.ly/prpl-pattern](http://bit.ly/prpl-pattern)



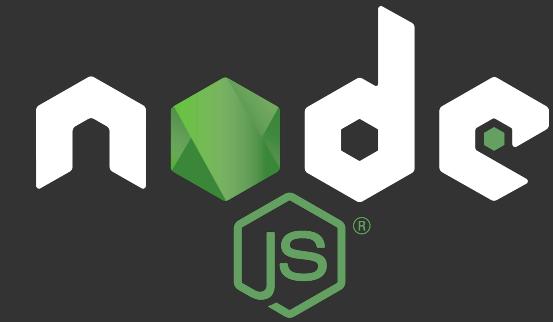


**hip  
duke**

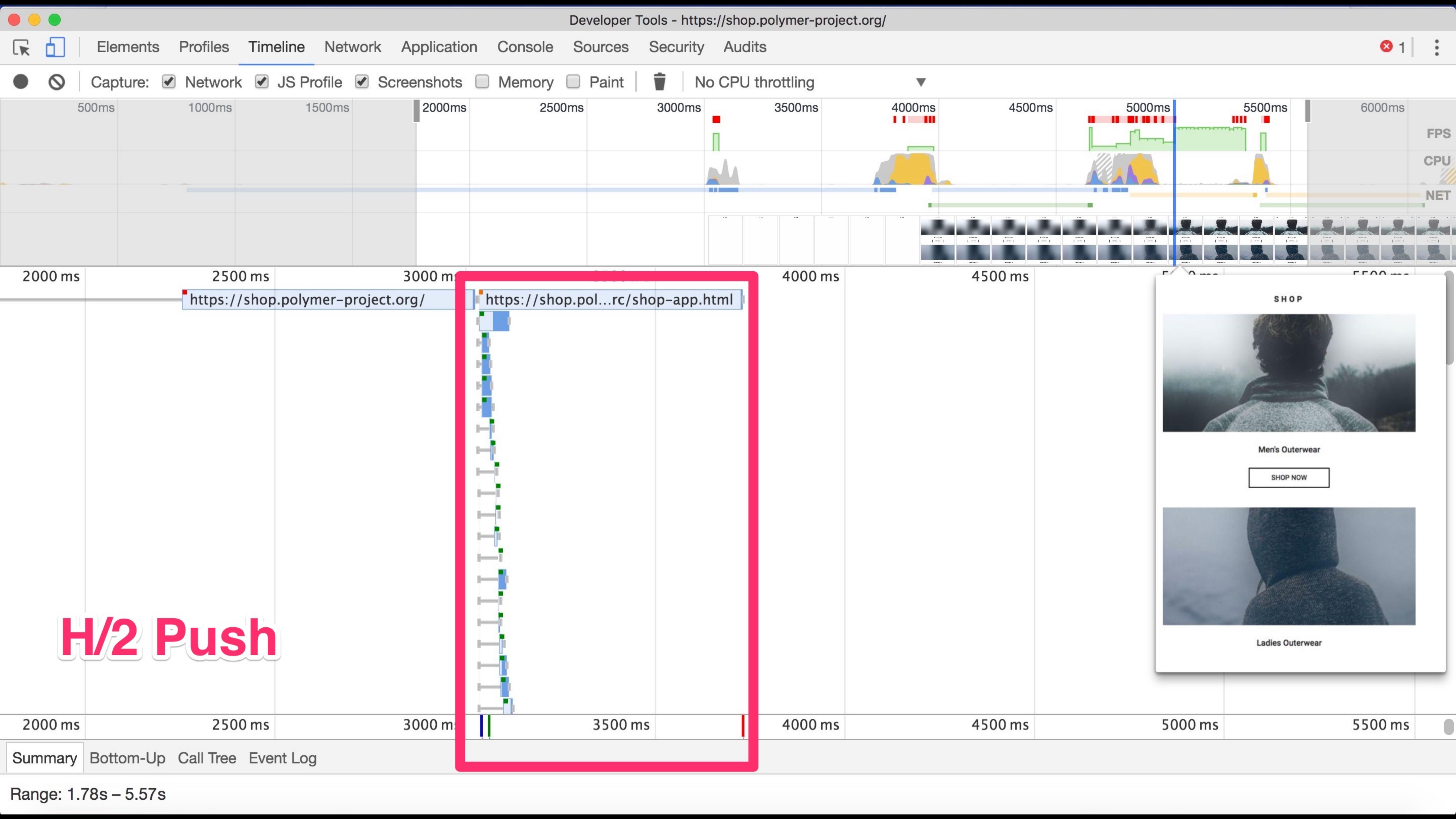
## H/2 Server Push



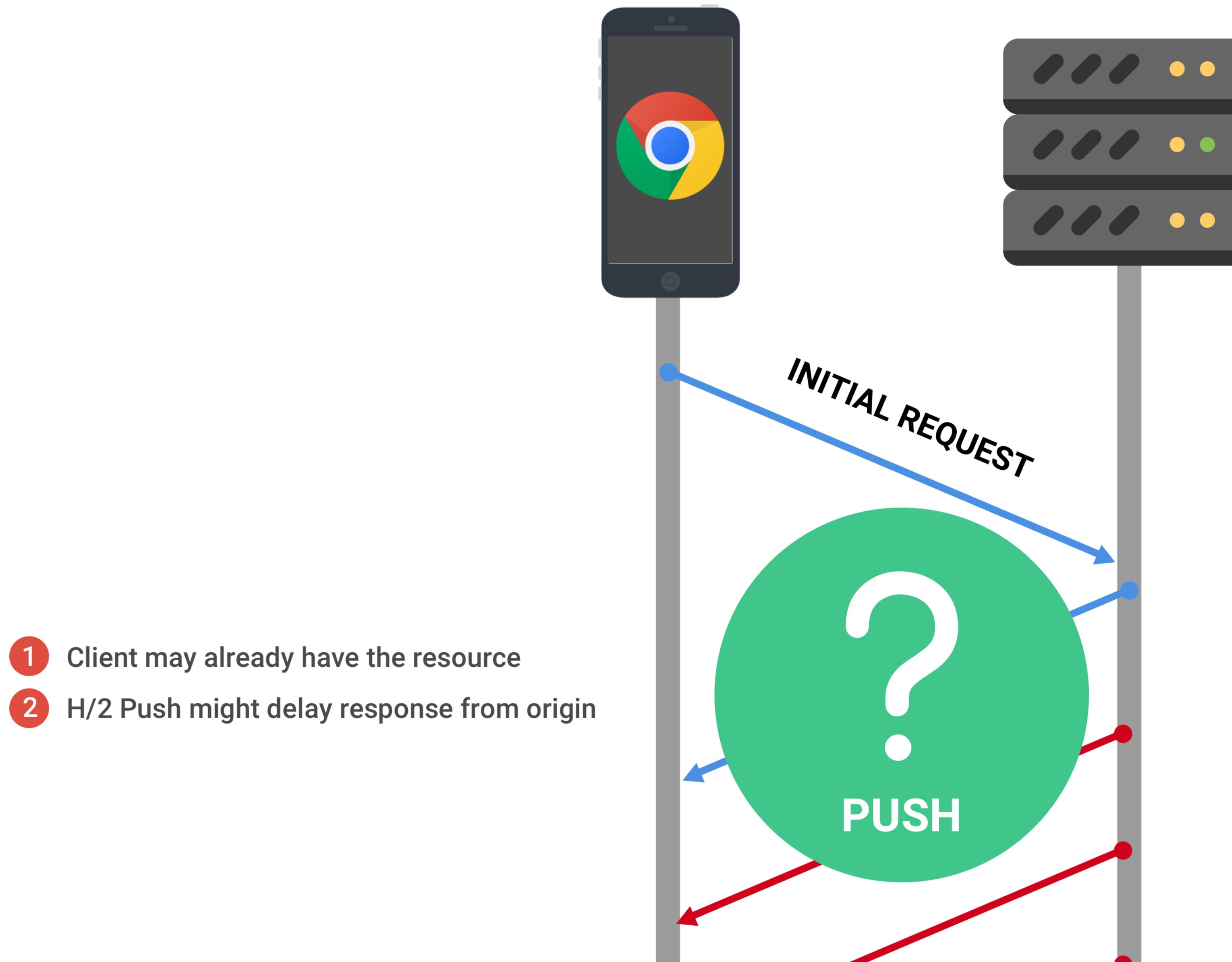
# Express + HTTP/2 Push Headers



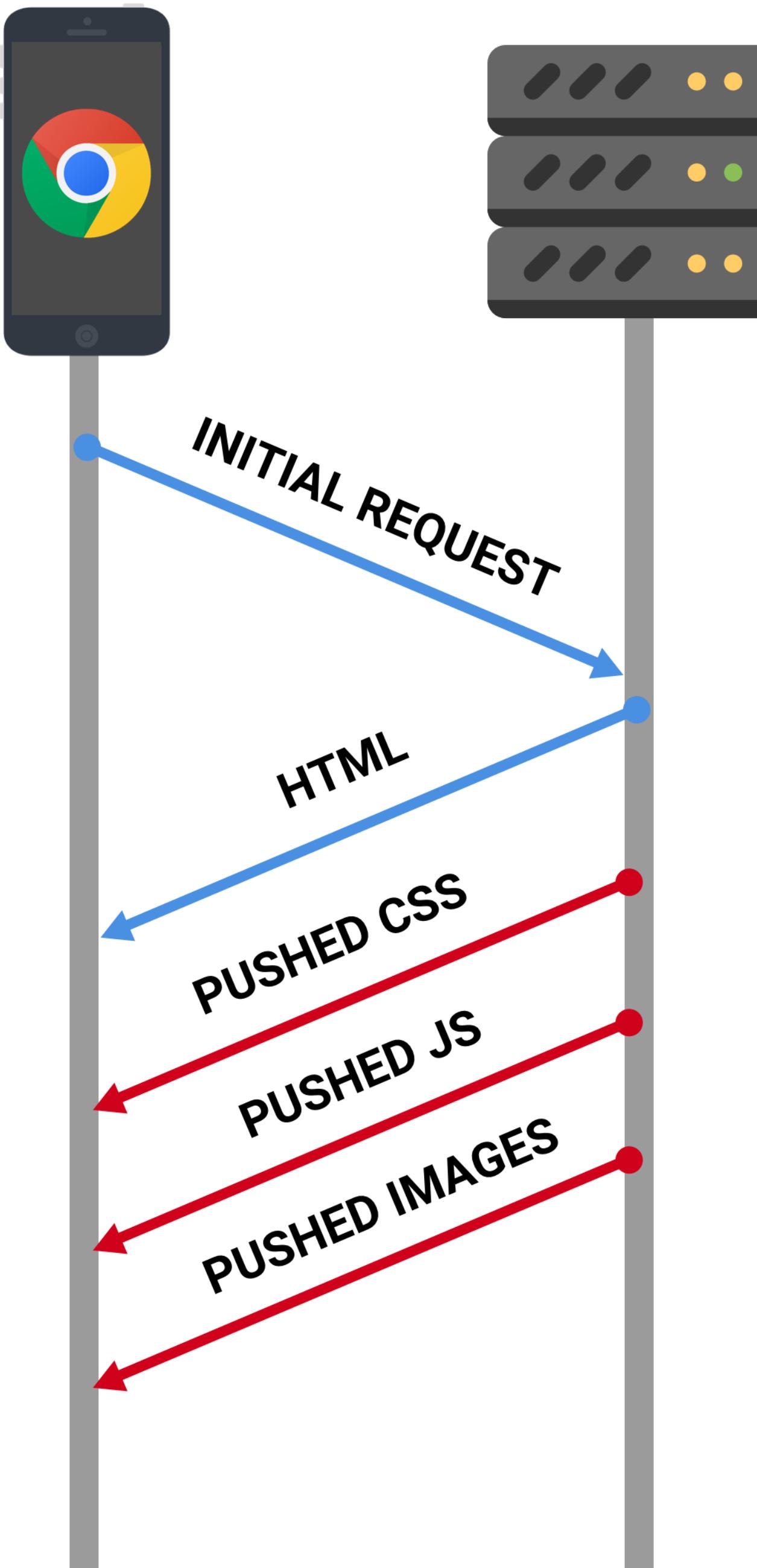
```
const express = require('express'),  
let app = express();  
  
app  
.use('/js', express.static('js'))  
.get('/', function (req, res) {  
  res.set('Link', `  
    </style.css>; rel=preload; as='style' ,  
    </js/vendor.bundle.js>; rel=preload; as='script' ,  
    </js/app.bundle.js>; rel=preload; as='script'`)  
})
```



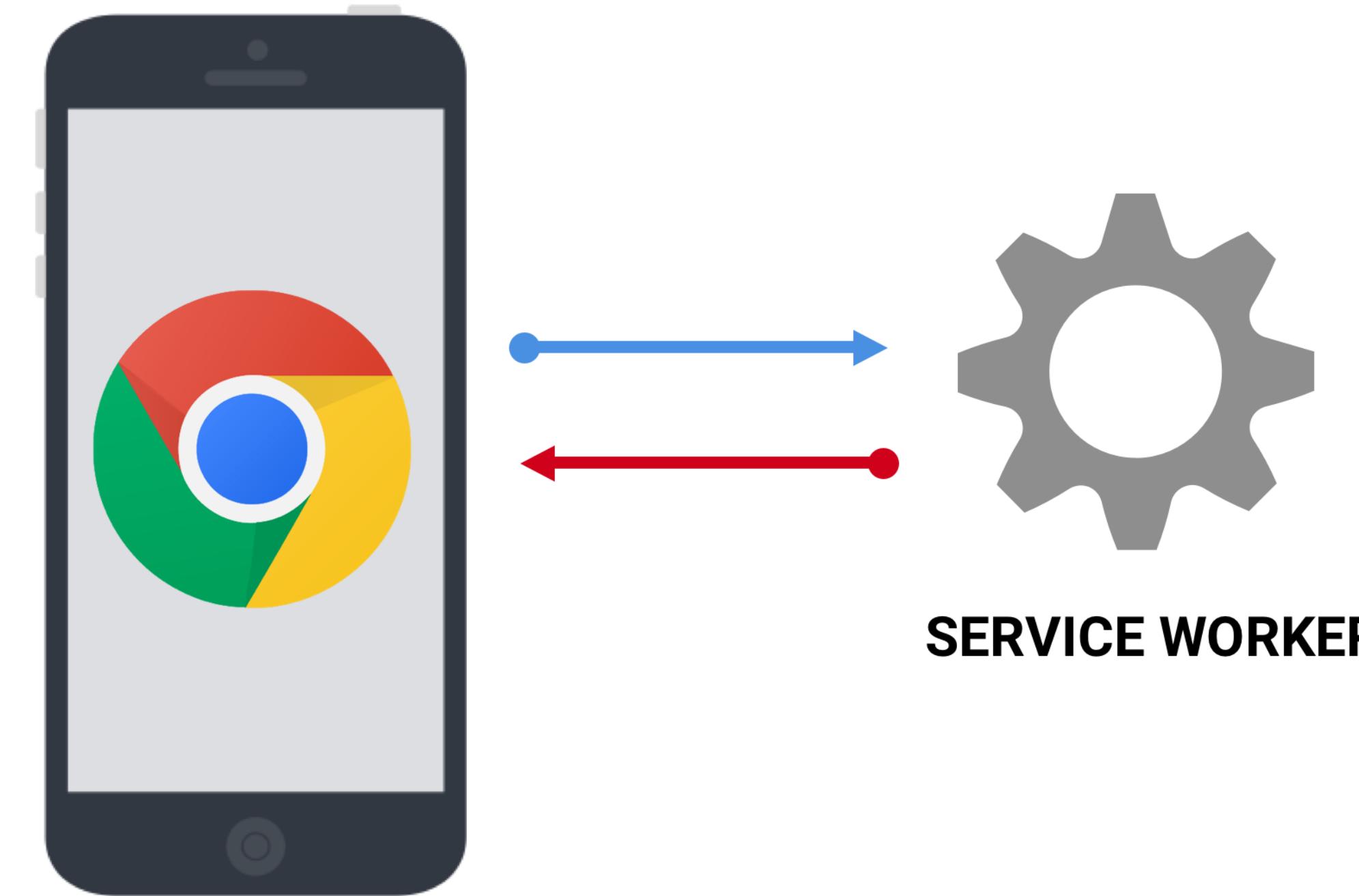
# When can we run into problems?



## INITIAL LOAD



## FUTURE LOADS



**H/2 Server Push + Service Worker**

## Alternatively: Track cache content using cookies



```
if (supports_http2() && !http_cached('/app.js')) {  
    header('link:</app.js>; rel=preload; as=script');  
    setcookie('/app.js', 'is-cached', 0, '/');  
}
```

Alternatively: Track cache content using cookies



```
function http_cached($filename) {  
    if ('is-cached' === $_COOKIE[$filename]) {  
        return true;  
    } else {  
        return false;  
    }  
}
```

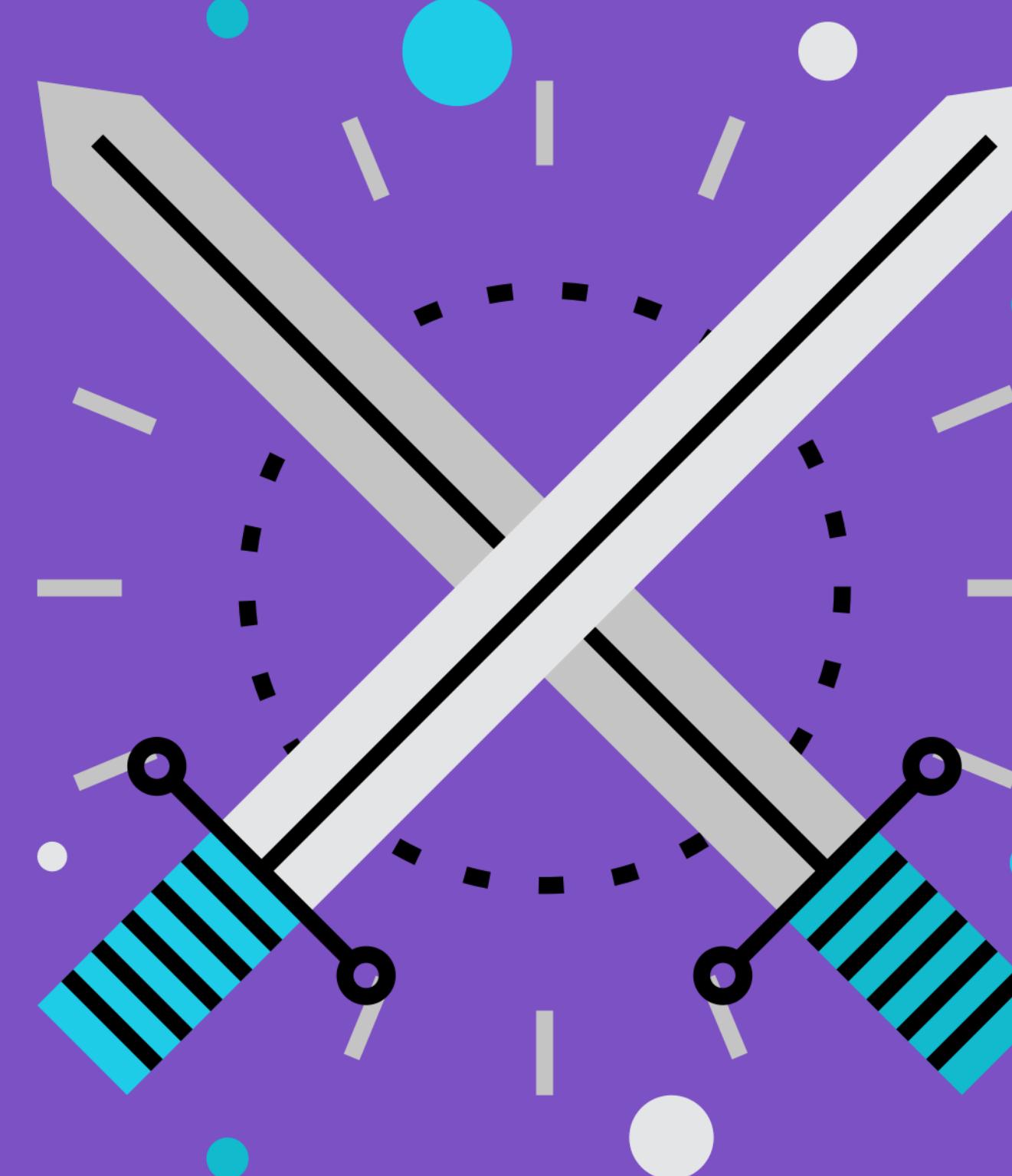
**H2O** Try CASPer  
the optimized HTTP/1.x, HTTP/2 server

# PUSH VS. PRELOAD

Cuts out an RTT

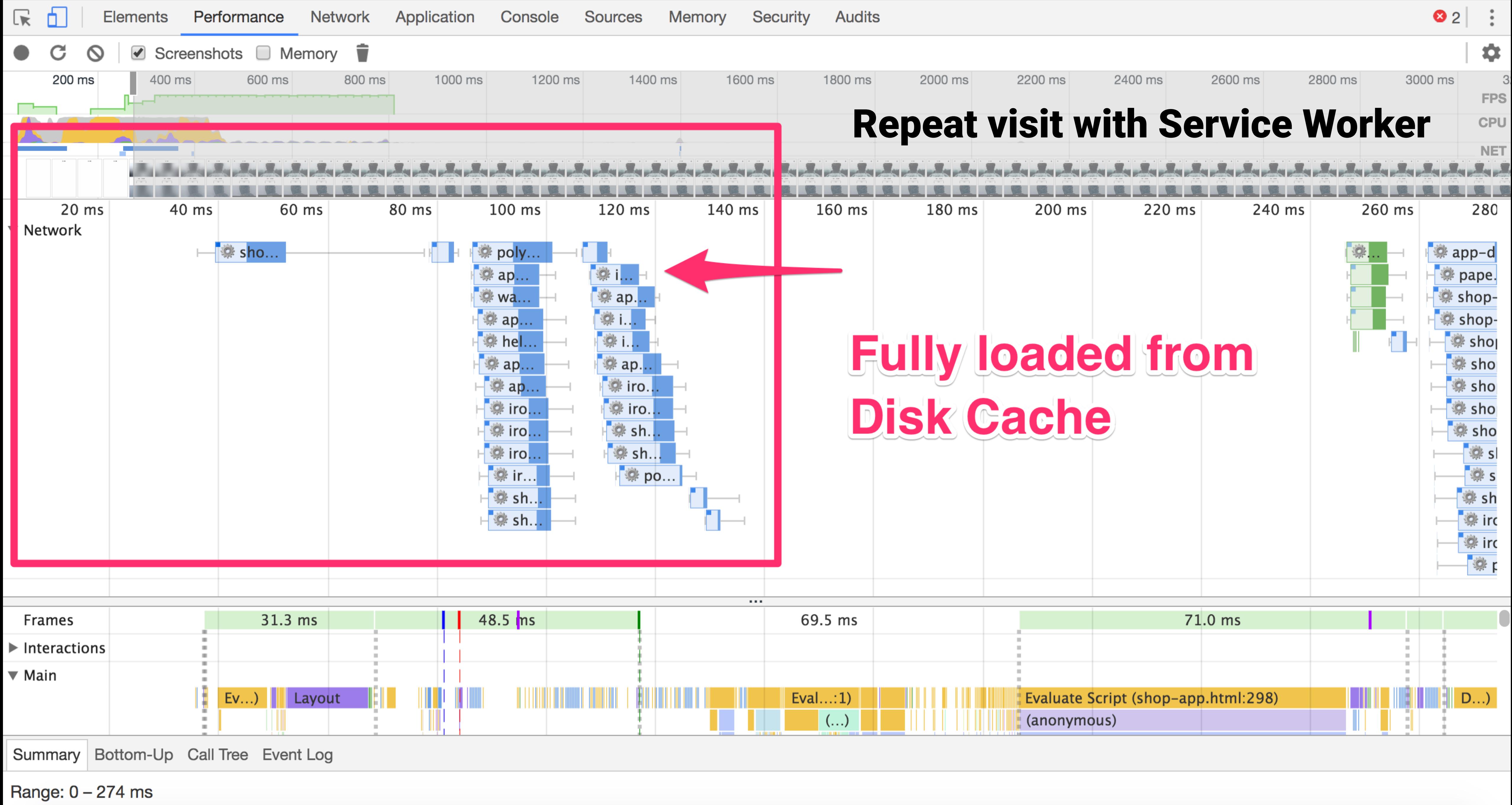
Useful if you have a Service Worker or Cache Digests

Not cache aware  
No prioritization



Move resource download time closer to initial request

Cross-origin  
Cache & cookies  
Load/error events  
Content negotiation



# Next: Differential Serving based on browser compatibility?

**HTTP/2 works better when resources are more granular (unbundled)**

Serve an unbundled build for server/browser combinations supporting HTTP/2. Trigger delivery with `<link rel="preload">` or HTTP/2 Push

**HTTP/1 works better when resources are concatenated (bundled)**

Serve a bundled build to minimize round-trips to get the app running on server/browser combinations that don't support HTTP/2 Push

# Debugging: HTTP/2 Server Push in DevTools



Name	Headers	Preview	Response	Cookies	Timing
hn.kristoferbaxter.com					
bundle.application.e61940299d08...					
favicon.png					
sw.js					
bundle.ItemHome.aa603a8d1a...					
bundle.AboutHome.77fcdd715...					
bundle.UserHome.79bca5f249...					
bundle.application.e61940299d...					
manifest.json?__uncache=5%2...					
shell?__uncache=5%2F24%2F...					

Queued at 136.56 ms  
Started at 136.80 ms

Server Push

Receiving Push

Resource Scheduling

Queueing

Request/Response

Reading Push

[Explanation](#)

TIME 11.71 ms

TIME 0.24 ms

TIME 3.72 ms

4.46 ms

10 requests | 19.9 KB transferred | Fini...

# Debugging: HTTP/2 Server Push in DevTools



Screenshot of the Google Chrome DevTools Network tab showing a request for 'http2-server-push-demo.keksi.io'. The 'Headers' section is highlighted with a red box around the 'link' header value.

**link: </image.jpg>; rel=preload; as=image**

Name	Headers	Preview	Response	Cookies	Timing
http2-server-push-demo.keksi.io	<b>content-type: text/html; charset=UTF-8</b> <b>date: Tue, 13 Jun 2017 06:15:15 GMT</b> <b>link: &lt;/image.jpg&gt;; rel=preload; as=image</b> <b>server: cloudflare-nginx</b> <b>status: 200</b> <b>strict-transport-security: max-age=31536000; includeSubDomains; preload</b> <b>vary: Accept-Encoding</b> <b>x-content-type-options: nosniff</b> <b>x-frame-options: DENY</b> <b>x-xss-protection: 1; mode=block</b>				
image.jpg					
style.css					
main.js					
ga.js					
cloudflare.min.js					
_utm.gif?utmwv=5.6.7&utms=4&...					

7 requests | 1.4 KB transferred | Finish...

# HTTP/2 Server Push Rules Of Thumb

[bit.ly/h2push](http://bit.ly/h2push)

1. Push just enough resources to **fill idle network time**, and no more.
2. Push resources in **evaluation-dependence** order.
3. Consider using strategies to track the **client-side cache**.
4. Use the **right cookies** when pushing resources.
5. Use server push to fill the initial cwnd. Consider **preload links** to reveal remaining critical resources.



Jake Archibald wrote...

# HTTP/2 push is tougher than I thought

Posted 30 May 2017

"HTTP/2 push will solve that" is something I've heard a lot when it comes to page load performance problems, but I didn't know much about it, so I decided to dig in.

HTTP/2 push is more complicated and low-level than I initially thought, but what really caught me off-guard is how inconsistent it is between browsers – I'd assumed it was a done deal & totally ready for production.

This isn't an "HTTP/2 push is a douchebag" hatchet job – I think HTTP/2 push is really powerful and will improve over time, but I no longer think it's a silver bullet from a golden gun.

## Map of fetching

Between your page and the destination server there's a series of caches & things that can



Hello, I'm Jake and that is my face. I'm a developer advocate for Google Chrome.

### Elsewhere

 Twitter

 Lanyrd

 Github

 Google+

 Flickr

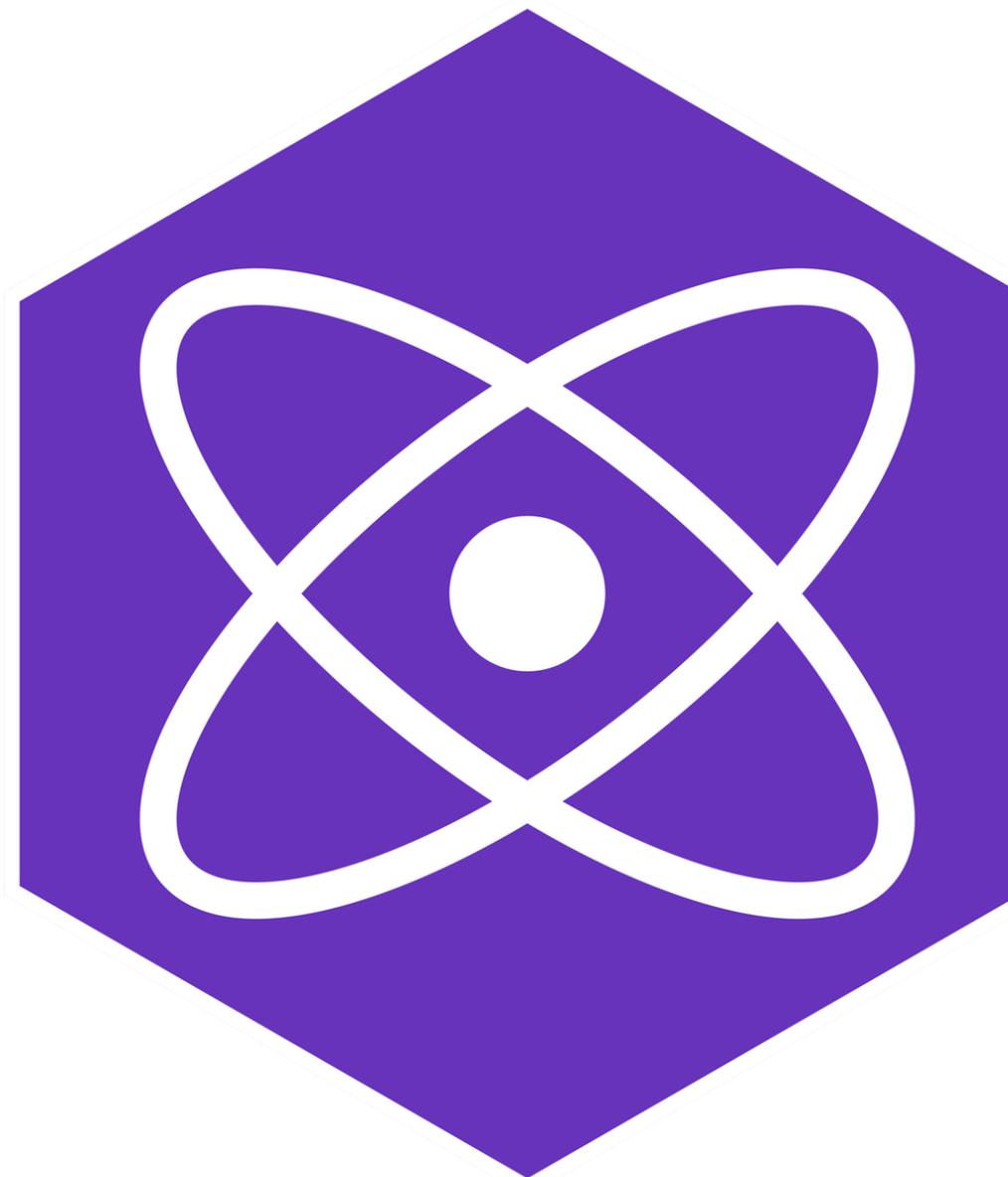
### Contact

Feel free to [throw me an email](#), unless you're a recruiter, in which case destroy every email-capable device you own to prevent this possibility.

# PRPL In-A-Box



Polymer App  
Toolbox

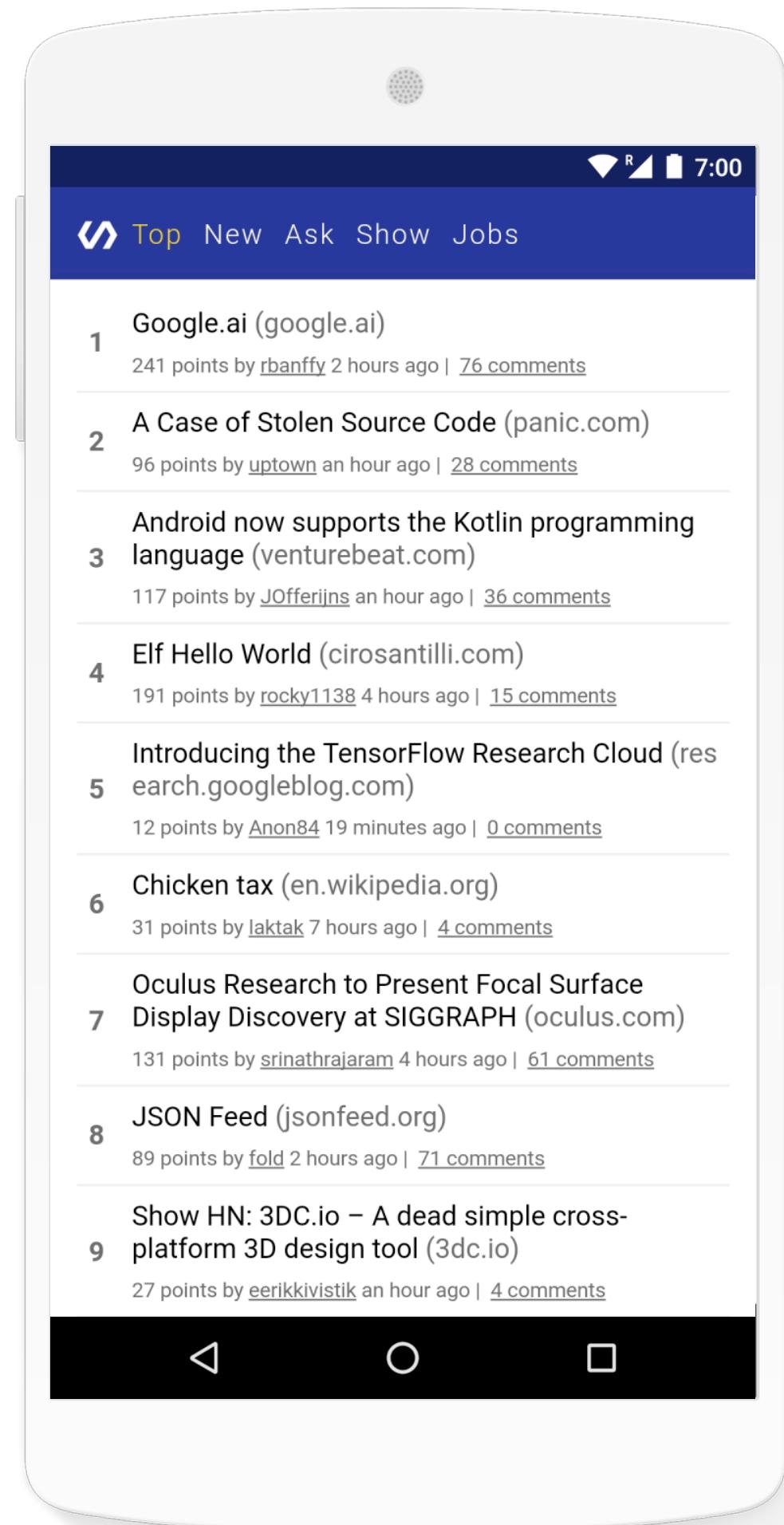
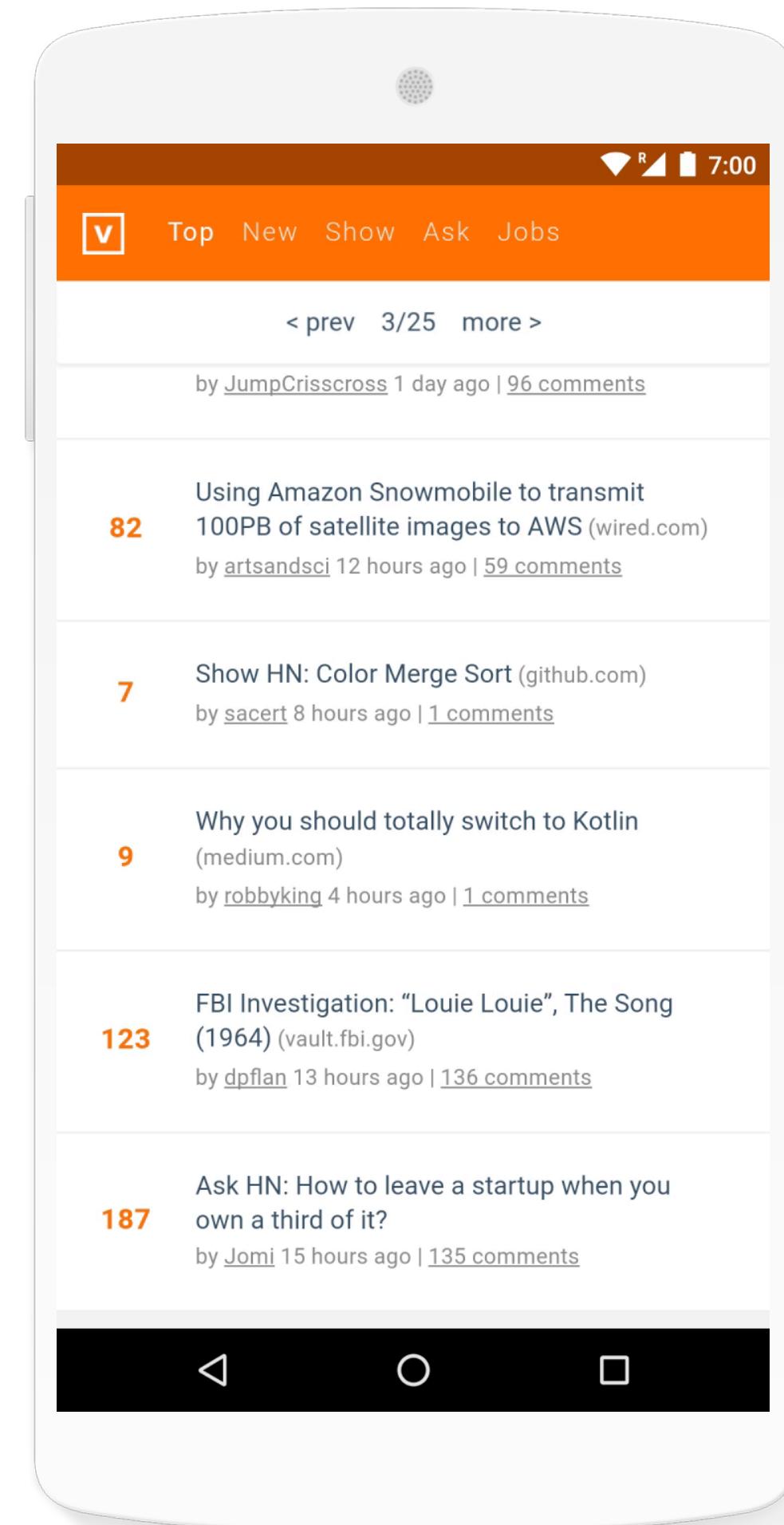
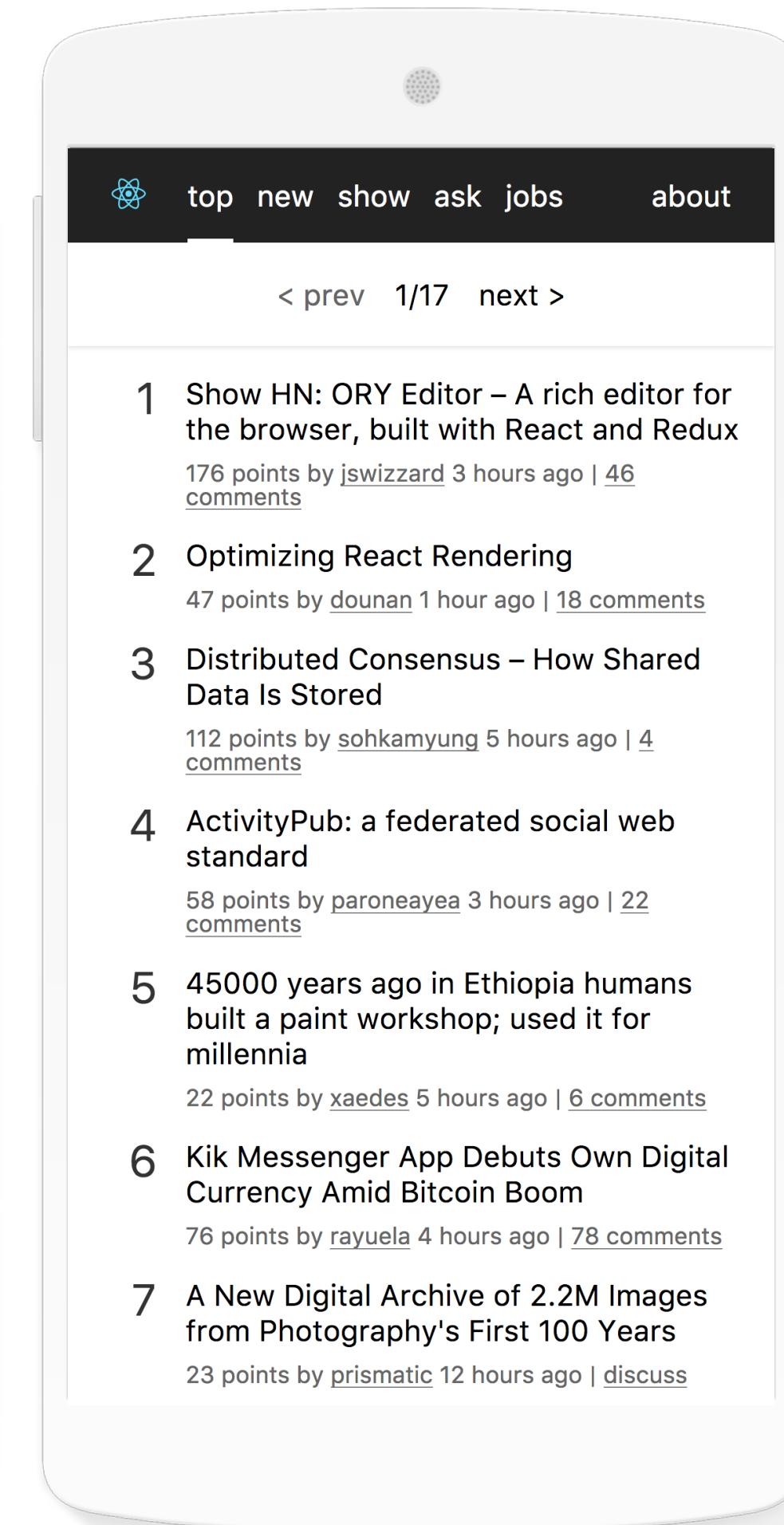
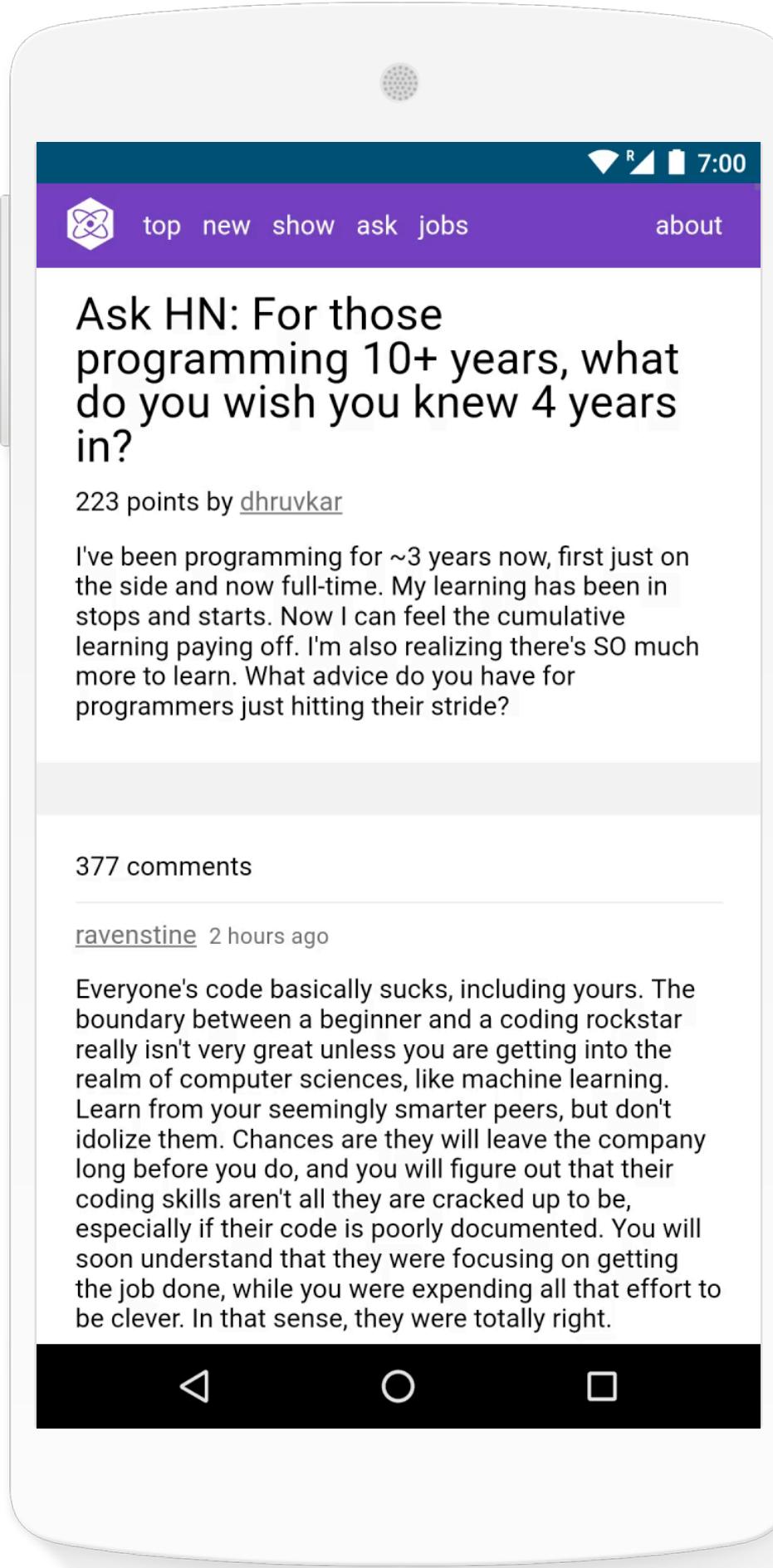


PREACT  
CLI



**HN PWA**

Hacker News readers as Progressive Web Apps



Hacker News readers as Progressive Web Apps

# Preact HN

kristoferbaxter/preact-hn

**Lighthouse:** 93/100

**Interactive (Emerging Markets):** 2.3s

**Interactive (Faster 3G):** 1.7s

**Framework/UI libraries:** Preact, Preact Router

**Module bundling:** Webpack

**Service Worker:** Application Shell with OfflinePlugin

**Performance patterns:**

HTTP/2 with Server Push, Brotli and Zopfli static assets

**Server-side rendering:** Yes

**API:** In-memory cached Hacker News Firebase API

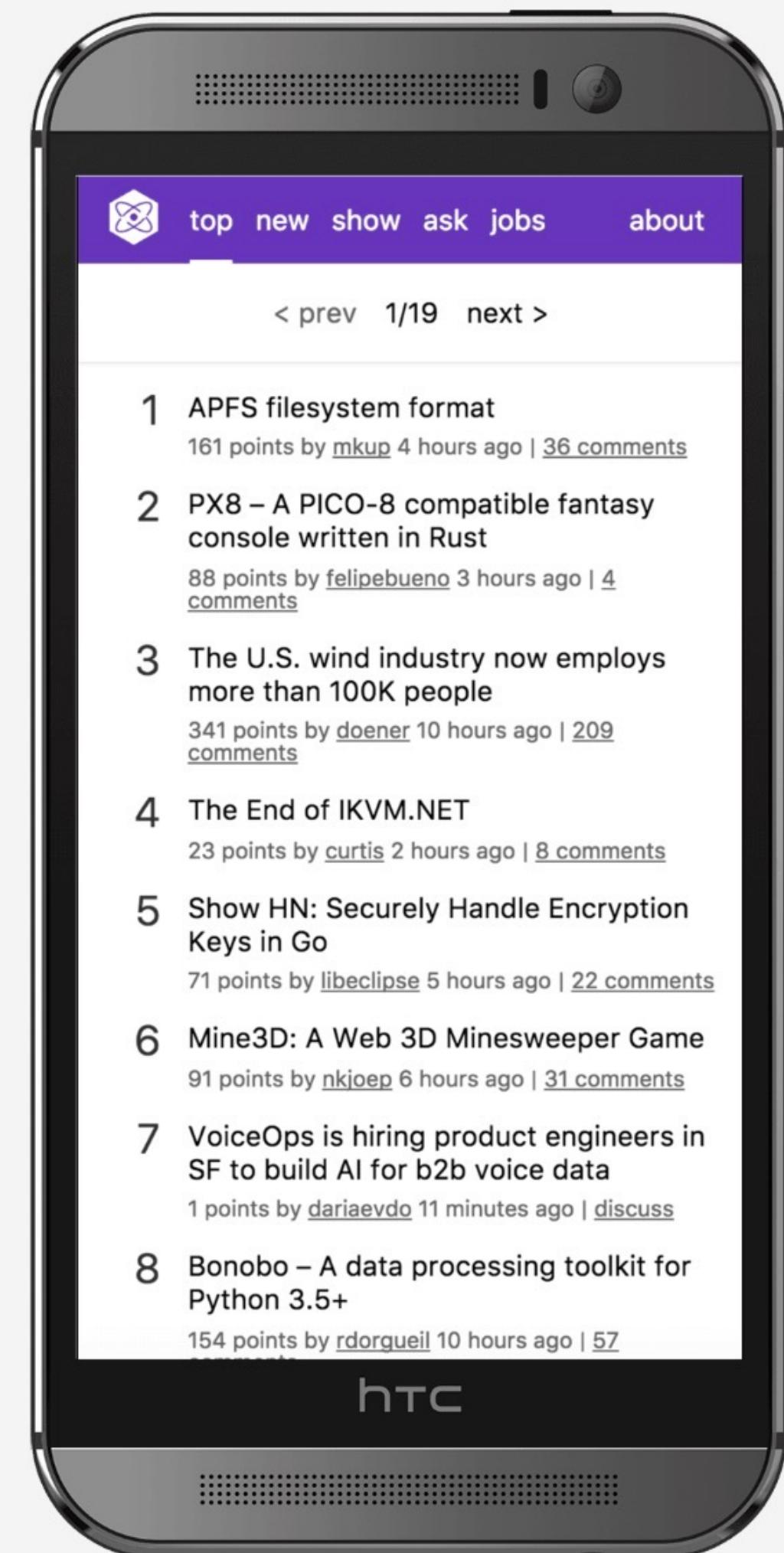
**Hosting:** Webfaction + Cloudflare

**Author:**



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[SOURCE CODE](#)



# With Service Workers

A screenshot of a mobile browser displaying the Preact Hacker News homepage. The browser interface includes a top bar with navigation icons, a title bar for "Preact Hacker News", and a URL bar indicating a secure connection to "https://hn.kristoferbaxter.com". The main content area shows a news feed with five items. The first item is about Chuck Thacker's death, the second is about Verizon's acquisition of Yahoo, the third is about modifying Microsoft Flight Simulator, the fourth is about writing a Unix Shell, and the fifth is about NumPy receiving funding. Below the news feed are pagination controls: "< prev 1/17 next >".

The right side of the screen shows the Chrome DevTools Performance tab. The timeline displays several large, overlapping rectangles representing network requests. A red box highlights one of these network requests. The timeline is marked with time intervals: 500 ms, 1000 ms, and 1500 ms. Below the timeline, a section titled "Network" is visible, along with other sections like "Frames", "Interactions", and "Main".

# With HTTP/2 Server Push

A screenshot of a mobile browser window on a Nexus 5X device. The browser title is "Preact Hacker News" and the URL is "https://hn.kristoferbaxter.com". The browser interface shows a purple header with navigation links: top, new, show, ask, jobs, and about. Below the header, there is a list of news items. The first few items are:

- 1 Chuck Thacker has died  
115 points by mpweiher 4 hours ago | 3 comments
- 2 Verizon closes \$4.5B acquisition of Yahoo, Marissa Mayer resigns  
580 points by pyprism 9 hours ago | 305 comments
- 3 Modifying Microsoft Flight Simulator 4 to run on three immersive monitors  
122 points by ywain 4 hours ago | 34 comments
- 4 Writing a Unix Shell – Part II  
22 points by dhanush 1 hour ago | discuss
- 5 NumPy receives first ever funding, thanks to...  
More

The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the "Performance" tab. The timeline shows several network requests. A red box highlights the first network request, which corresponds to the first news item listed on the page. This visual cue illustrates how the browser is performing an HTTP/2 server push, sending the resource for the first article before the user has even started reading it.

# babel-preset-env + per-browser bundles

Name
hn.kristoferbaxter.com
bundle.application.e61940299d08...
sw.js
bundle.ItemHome.aa603a8d1a...
bundle.AboutHome.77fcdd715...
bundle.UserHome.79bca5f249...
bundle.application.e61940299d...
manifest.json?__uncache=5%2...
shell?__uncache=5%2F24%2F...

9 requests | 29.1 KB transferred | Finis...

x Headers Preview Response Cookies Timing

▼ General

**Request URL:** https://hn.kristoferbaxter.com/dist/chrome/bundle.application.e61940299d085eeada9e.js

**Request Method:** GET

**Status Code:** 200

**Remote Address:** [2400:cb00:2048:1::681c:797]:443

**Referrer Policy:** no-referrer-when-downgrade

▼ Response Headers

access-control-allow-credentials: true

access-control-allow-origin: \*

cache-control: public, max-age=31536000

cf-cache-status: HIT

cf-ray: 36e91aduce716c4c-SJC

content-encoding: br

content-type: text/javascript

date: Wed, 14 Jun 2017 00:17:08 GMT

expires: Thu, 14 Jun 2018 00:17:08 GMT

server: cloudflare-nginx

set-cookie: \_\_cfduid=ded1a50372cf3d6c807c164a01f4e08cc1497399428; expires=T

29KB

# babel-preset-env + per-browser bundles

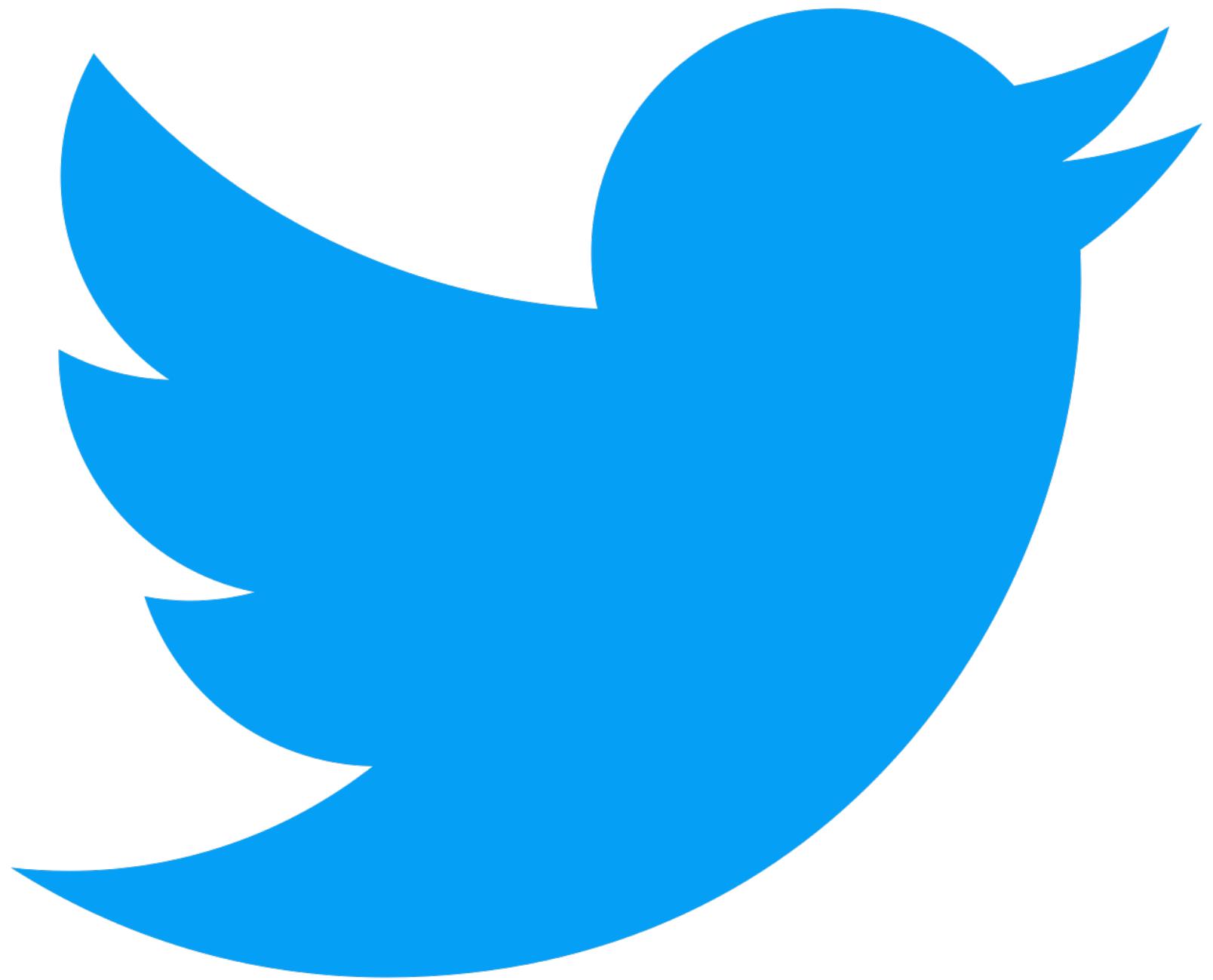
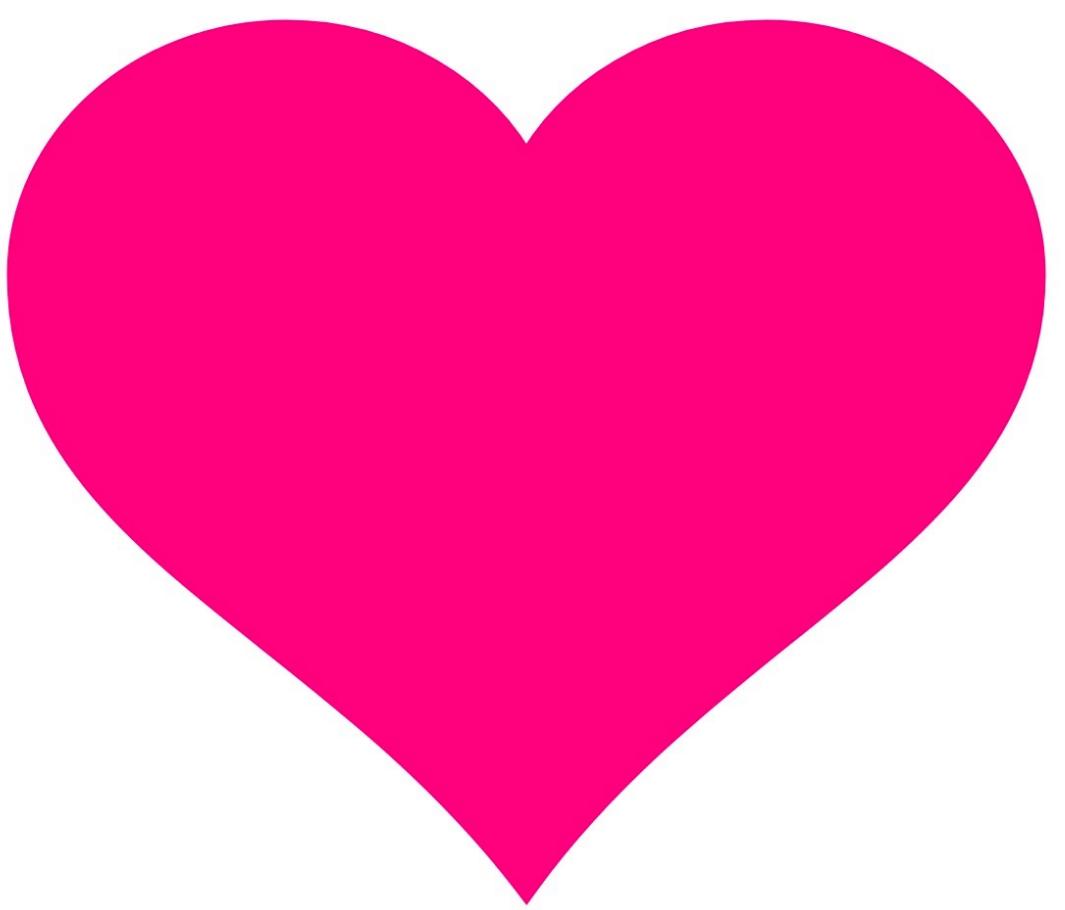
The screenshot shows the Network tab in a browser developer tools interface. There are two requests listed:

- Request URL: <https://hn.kristoferbaxter.com/dist/firefox/bundle.application.472e63e01522d2f3.js>
- Request method: GET
- Remote address: 2400:CD00:2048:1::81C:097:445
- Status code: 200 OK
- Version: HTTP/2.0

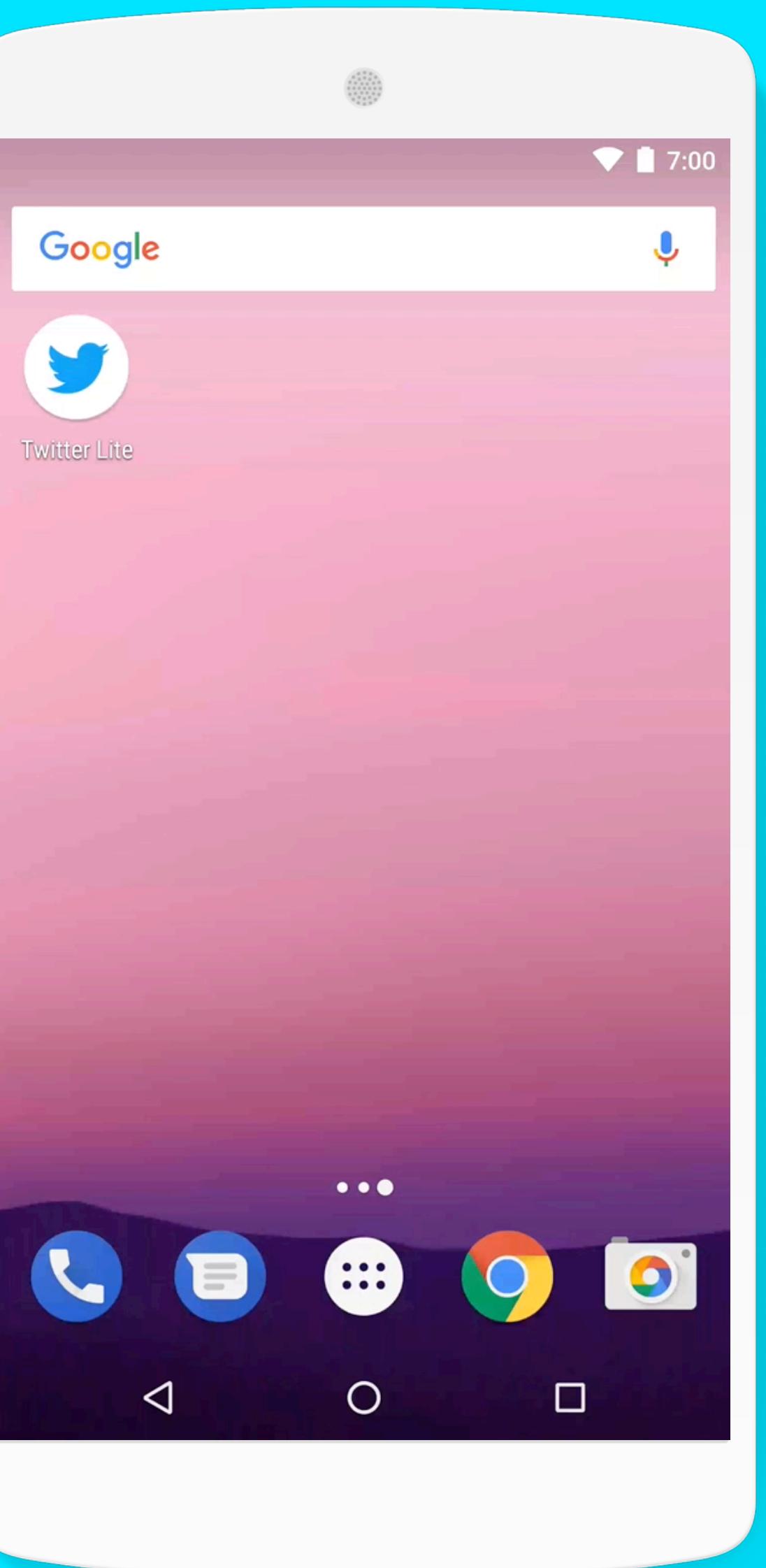
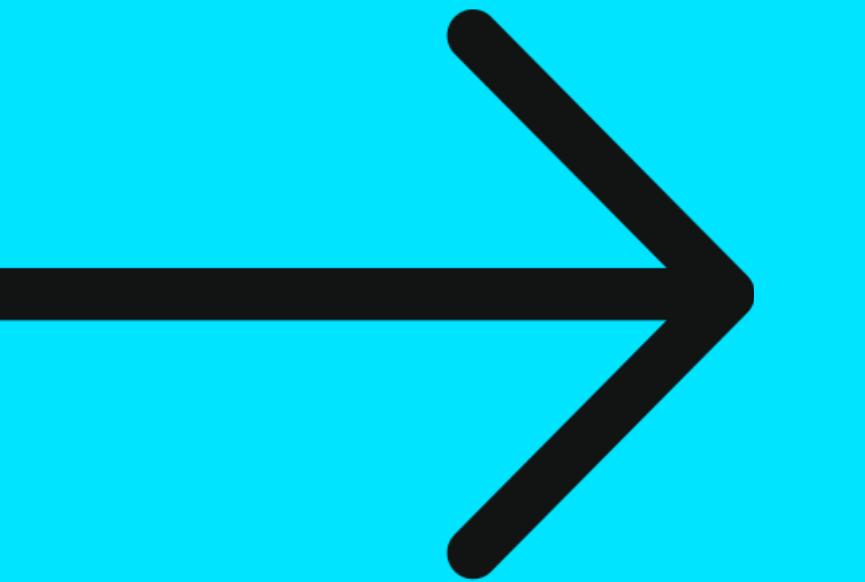
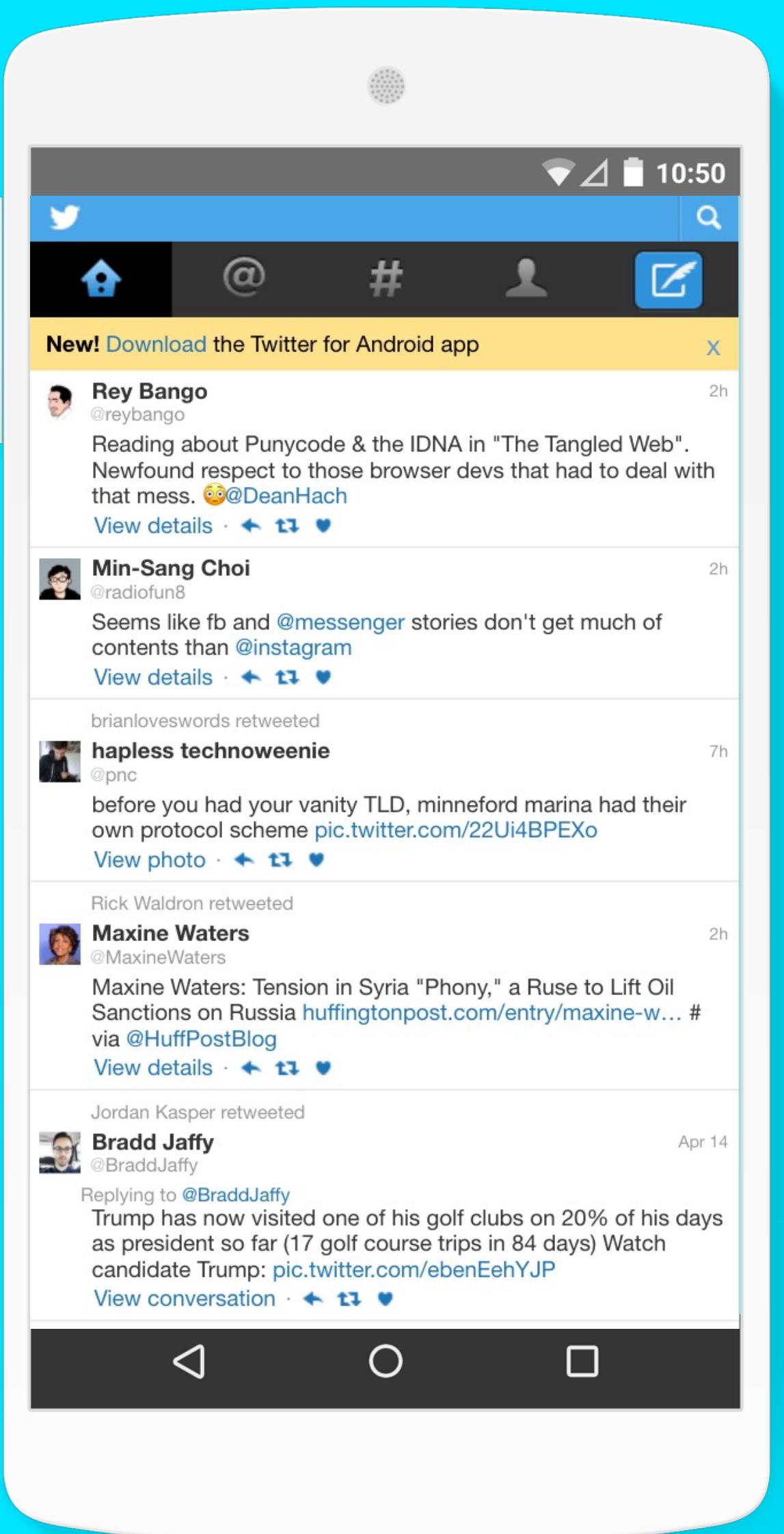
The "Headers" section is highlighted with a red box. It contains the following response headers:

- Date: "Wed, 14 Jun 2017 00:16:27 GMT"
- Content-Type: "text/javascript"
- Cache-Control: "public, max-age=31536000"
- Timing-Allow-Origin: "\*"
- access-control-allow-credentials: "true"
- Access-Control-Allow-Origin: "\*"

A large "51KB" watermark is overlaid on the left side of the screenshot.



Twitter Lite





# Interactive in <5s on 3G

<https://mobile.twitter.com/necolas>

## ✓ Page load performance is fast ▾

Users notice if sites and apps don't perform well. These top-level metrics capture

**97** First meaningful paint: **1543.0ms** (target: 1,600ms) [?](#)

**88** Perceptual Speed Index: **2399** (target: 1,250) [?](#)

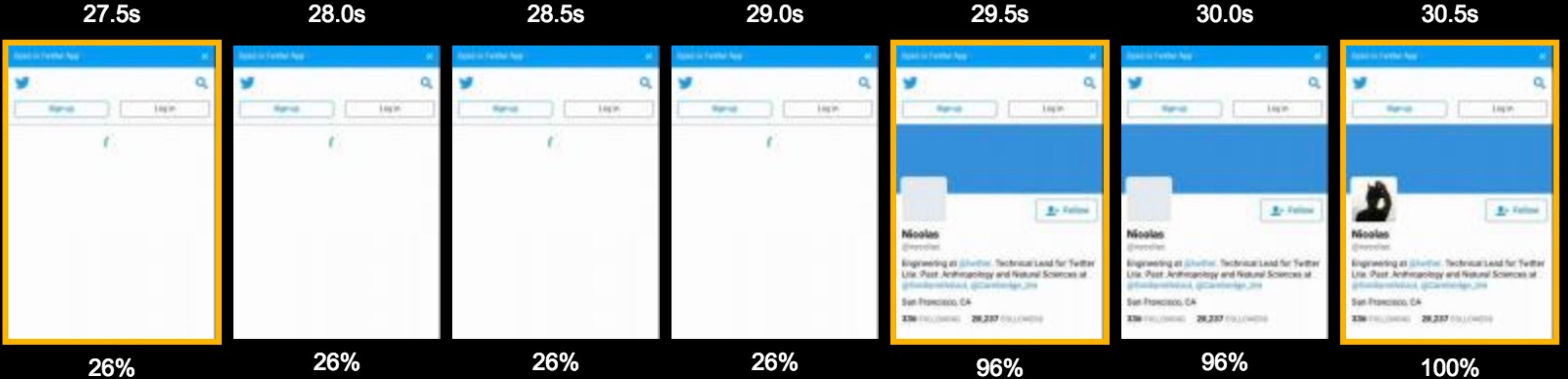
First Visual Change: **233ms**

Last Visual Change: **3739ms**

**100** Estimated Input Latency: **16.2ms** (target: 50ms) [?](#)

**71** Time To Interactive (alpha): **3647ms** (target: 5,000ms) [?](#)

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### ✖ Page load performance is fast ▾

Users notice if sites and apps don't perform well. These top-level metrics capture the most important perceived performance concerns

4 First meaningful paint: **9965.1ms** (target: 1,600ms) ?

16 Perceptual Speed Index: **11101** (target: 1,250) ?

First Visual Change: **5189ms**

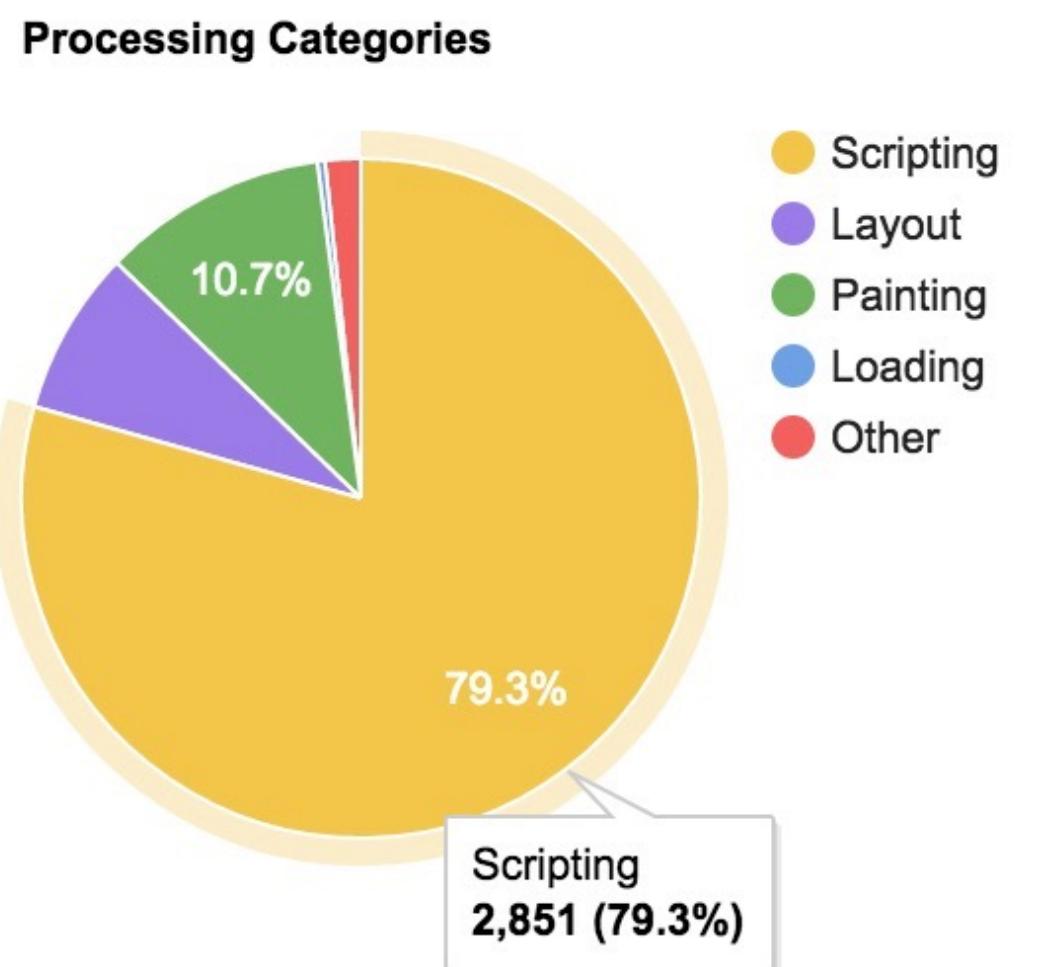
Last Visual Change: **15573ms**

1 Estimated Input Latency: **278.7ms** (target: 50ms) ?

3 Time To Interactive (alpha): **14764.7ms** (target: 5,000ms) ?



Can we get fast  
across the board  
3G?



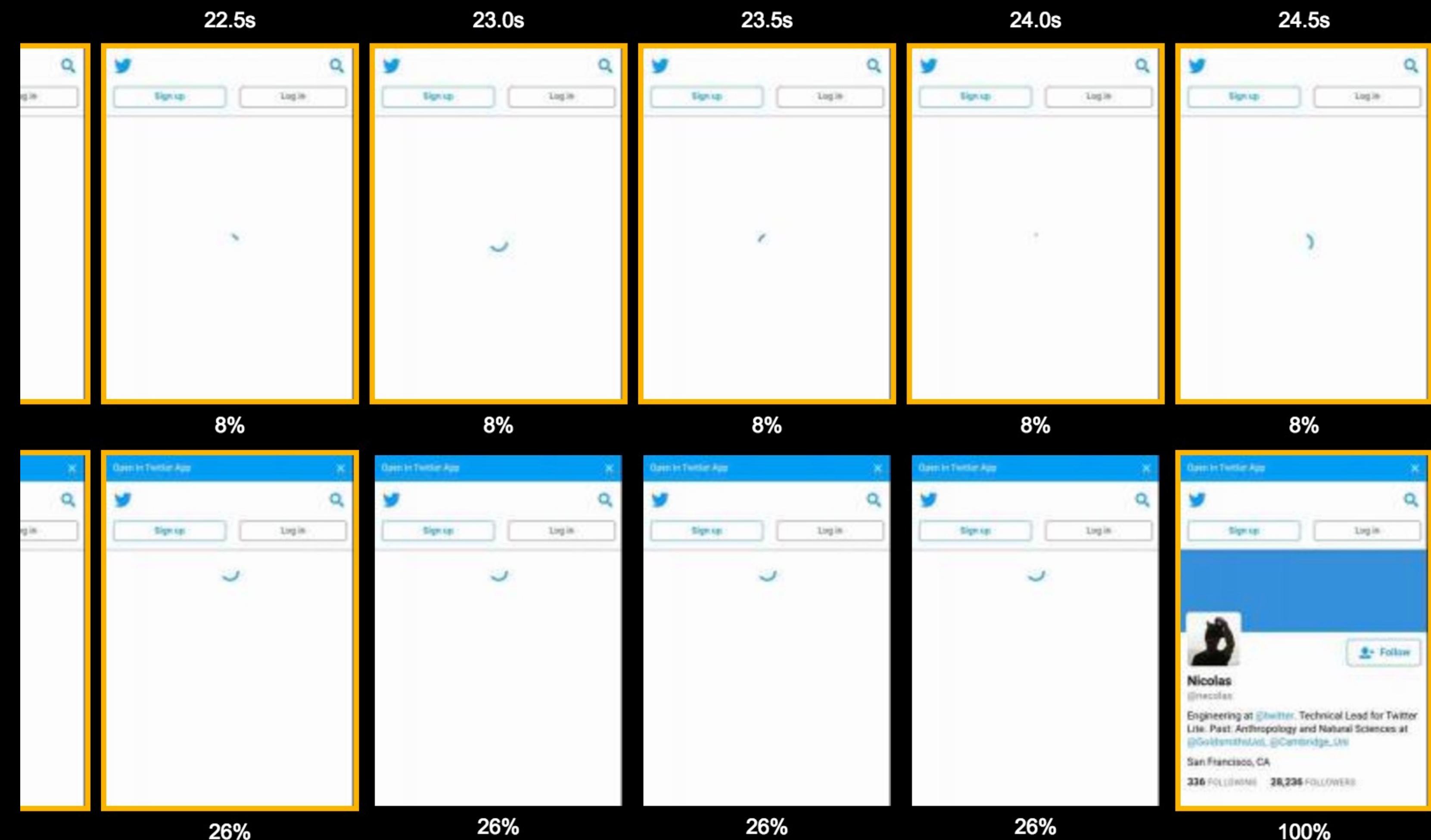
The diagram illustrates the Push and Preload concepts for mobile web performance. It features two smartphones: one on the left displaying a webpage with a pink header and a list of items, and one on the right showing a circular progress bar. Above the phones are four blue circles labeled P, R, L, and another P. A vertical white arrow points downwards from the top P circle to the left phone. Below the left phone are three red rounded rectangles containing the text JS, CSS, and FO. A grey arrow points upwards from the left phone towards the middle P circle, which is enclosed in a red circle with a diagonal slash, indicating it is disabled. A grey arrow also points upwards from the right phone towards the bottom P circle. A large white arrow points downwards from the bottom P circle to the right phone. The text "Push / Preload" is displayed in large white letters at the bottom of the slide.

# Push / Preload

```
<meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width,initial-scale=1,maximum-scale=1,user-scalable=0">
►<noscript>...</noscript>
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//ma-0.twimg.com">
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//api.twitter.com">
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//o.twimg.com">
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//pbs.twimg.com">
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//video.twimg.com">
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<link rel="preload" as="script" crossorigin="anonymous" href="https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/
```

# 18% improvement

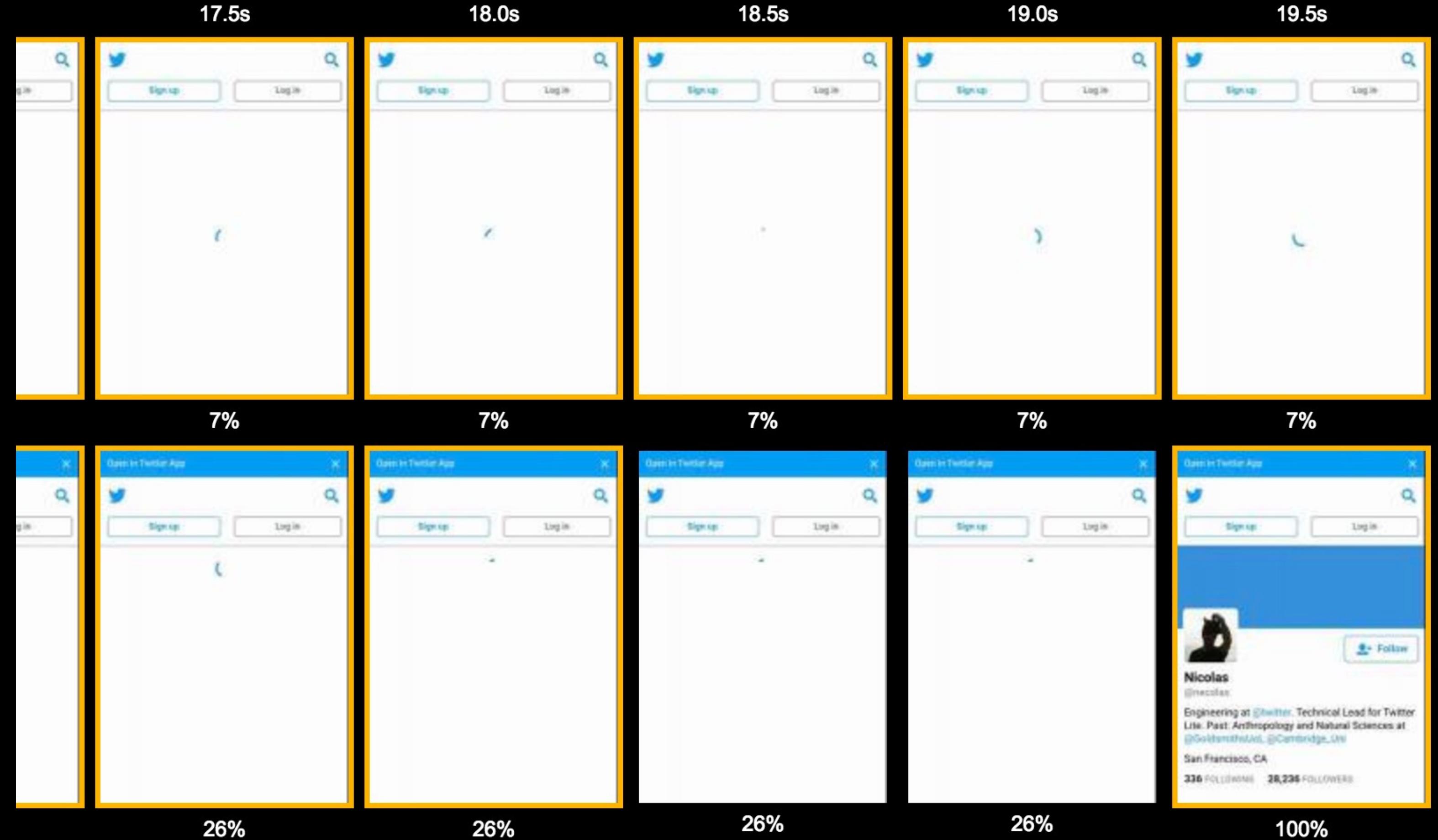
<link rel=dns-prefetch>



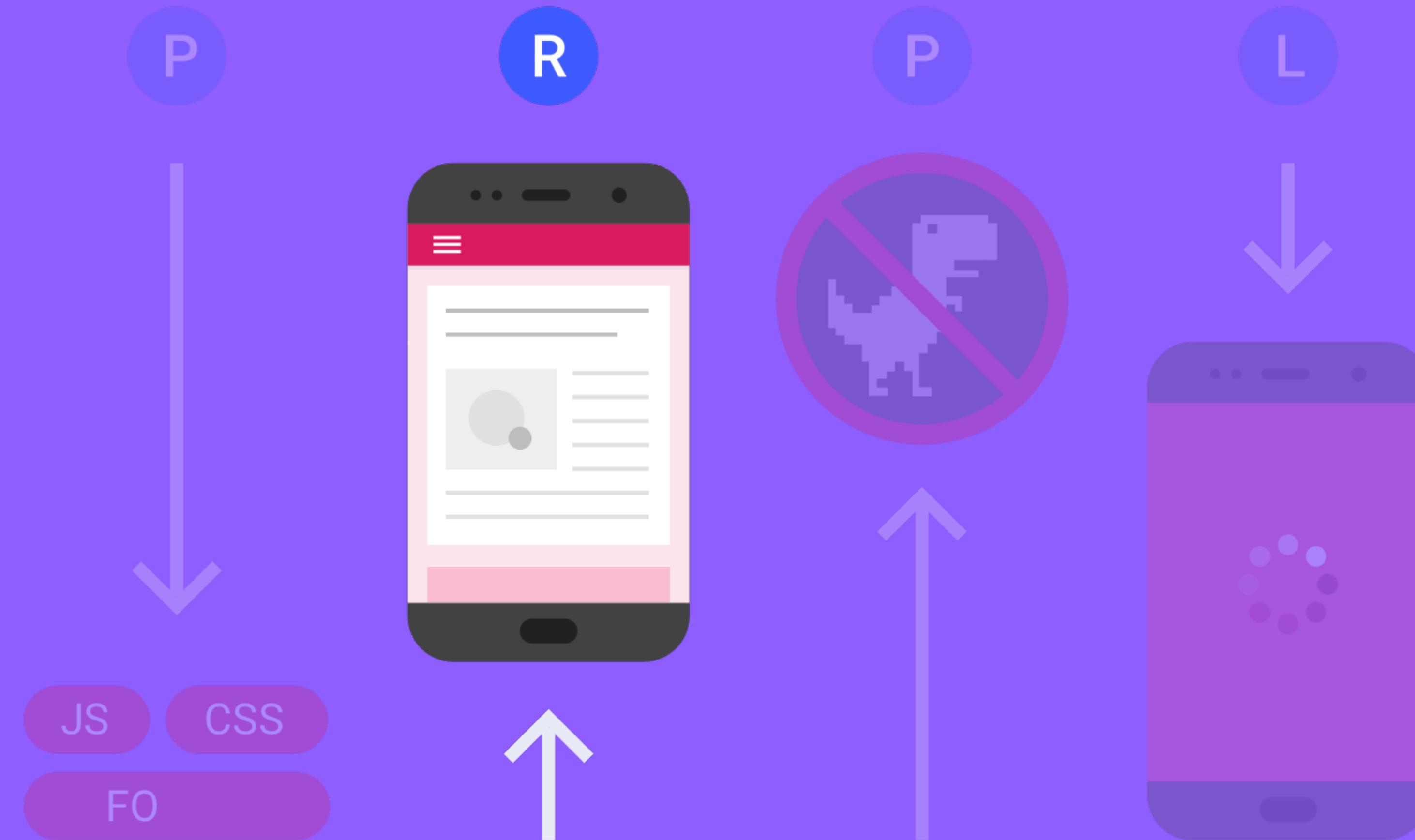
```
<link rel="dns-prefetch" href="//video.twimg.com">
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<link rel="preload" as="script" crossorigin="anonymous" href="https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/main.6b6582a4f8df8d8f.js">
<meta property="fb:app_id" content="2231777543">
```

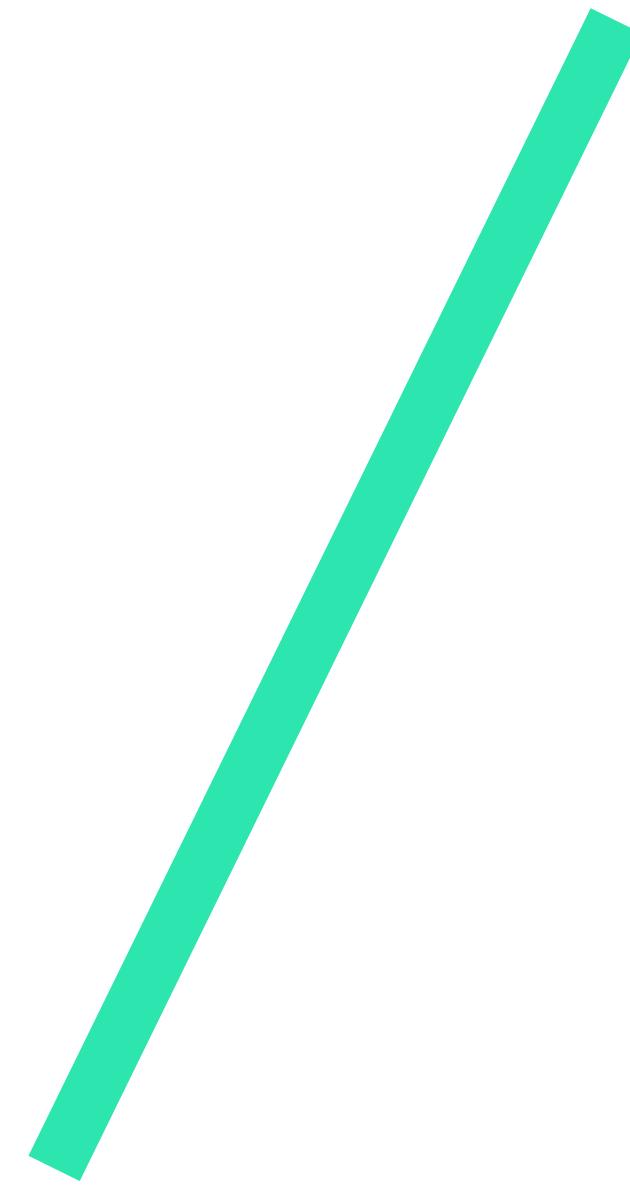
# 36% improvement

<link rel=preload>



# Render





HTML Streaming  
reduced TTFB by 30%  
(200ms), increasing time  
user's spent in the app.

Nicolas Gallagher, Technical lead for Twitter Lite



Elements

Performance

Network

Application

Console

Sources

Memory

Security

Audits

View: Preset log  Disable cache  Offline  No throttling

Filter



Regex



Hide data URLs



All

XHR

JS

CSS



Media

Font

Doc

WS

Manifest

Other

1000000 ms

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12:29

Home

Tracy Lee | ladyleet @ladyleet 19m  
@IgorMinar Another potential #newprofilepic.  
Pic reminds me of one of the reasons #trex  
exists! #rxjs // @benlesh  
[facebook.com/thisdot/photos...](http://facebook.com/thisdot/photos...)



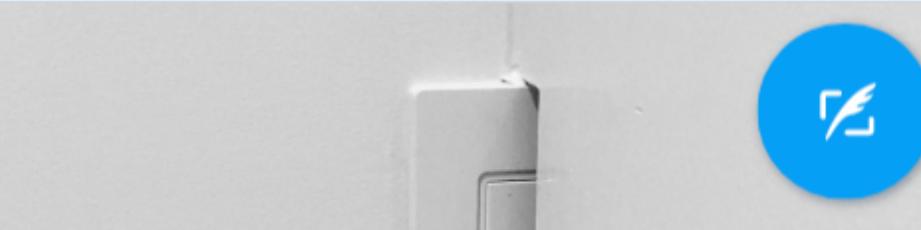
Igor Minar



matt zabriskie Retweeted

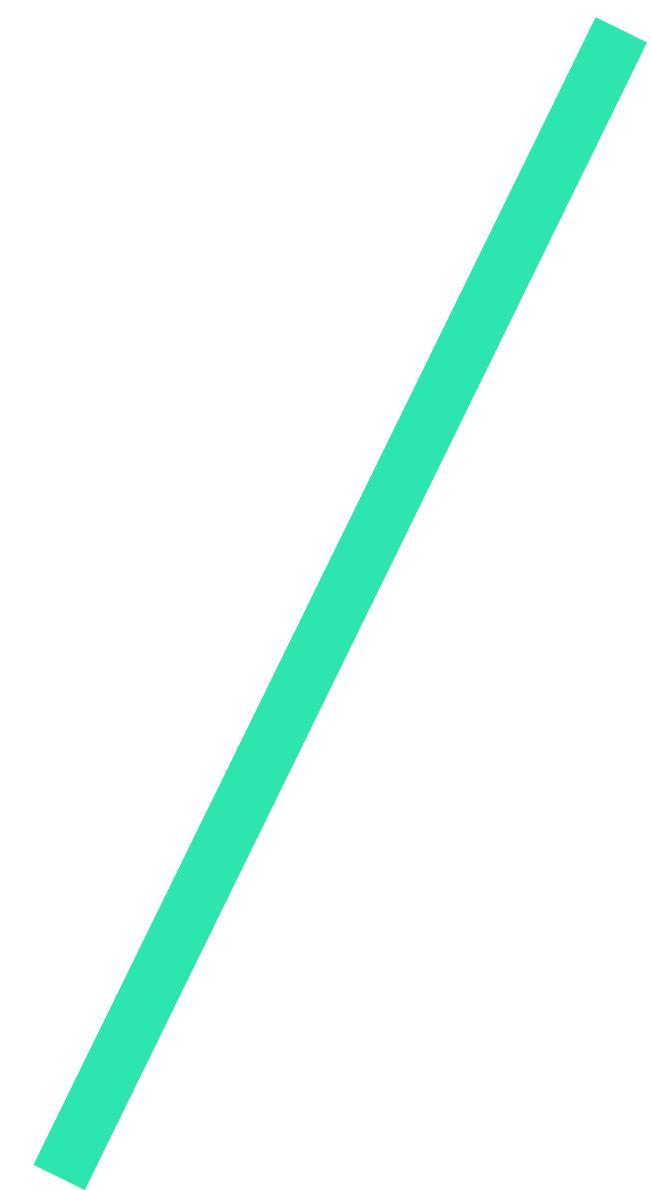
The Practical Dev @ThePracticalDev Oct 29  
margin-right: -100px !important;

DEV



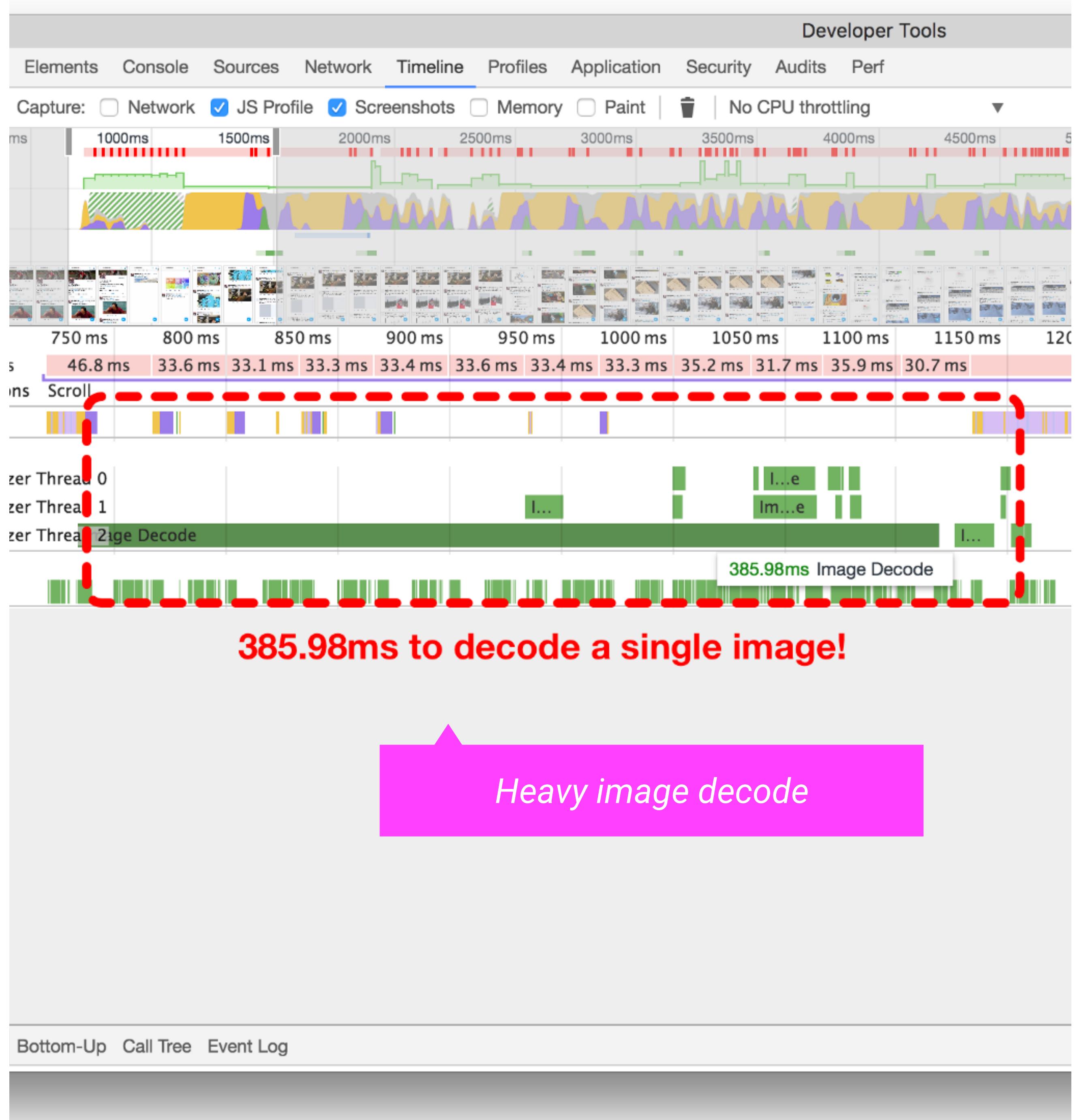
◀ ○ □

Name	Type	Size	Time	Priority	W
C9qFrS8UAAAavQqQ.jpg	jpeg	147 KB	46 ms	Low	
Cv-mxS0WEAA9kAU.jpg	jpeg	124 KB	32 ms	Low	
C9qGriYV0AEH-Qw.jpg	jpeg	113 KB	34 ms	Low	
C9qFfpFUAAAq50h.jpg	jpeg	96.2 KB	19 ms	Low	
C9npwAYWsAAiOcy.jpg	jpeg	88.1 KB	20 ms	Low	
nyantocat_1_normal.gif	gif	35.2 KB	32 ms	Low	
C9pvESTUAAE1Mc0.jpg	jpeg	32.7 KB	28 ms	Low	
600x200	jpeg	29.6 KB	14 ms	Low	
vauUFZMu?format=jpg&name=386x202	jpeg	21.4 KB	15 ms	Low	
HkNSLgk4?format=jpg&name=386x202	jpeg	12.0 KB	18 ms	Low	
mikeyyyy_normal.png	png	7.6 KB	19 ms	Low	
Picture_24_normal.png	png	7.6 KB	13 ms	Low	
me05_normal.jpg	jpeg	7.6 KB	389 ms	Low	
horse-js_normal.png	png	7.6 KB	18 ms	Low	
squirlfish_bigger_normal.png	png	7.6 KB	39 ms	Low	
player-placeholder.png	png	7.2 KB	22 ms	Low	
IT16ds_A_normal.png	png	6.5 KB	17 ms	Low	
HbdmXJ1X_normal.png	png	6.0 KB	14 ms	Low	



4x improvement to  
render perf by using  
`requestIdleCallback()` to  
defer JS loading of  
images.

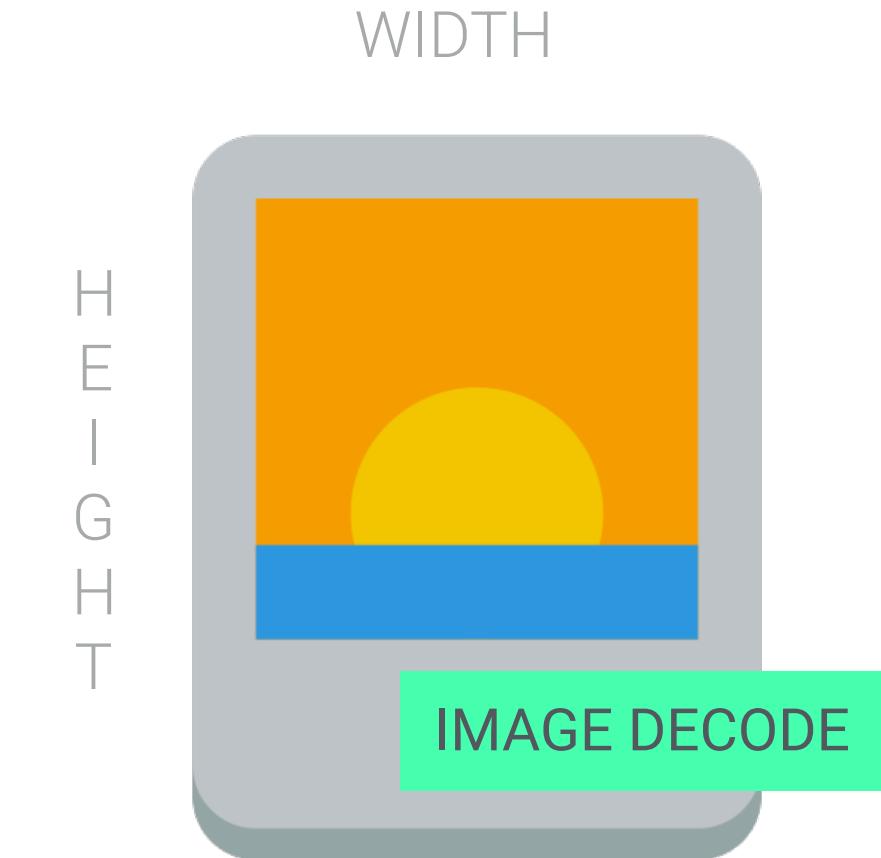
Nicolas Gallagher, Technical lead for Twitter Lite



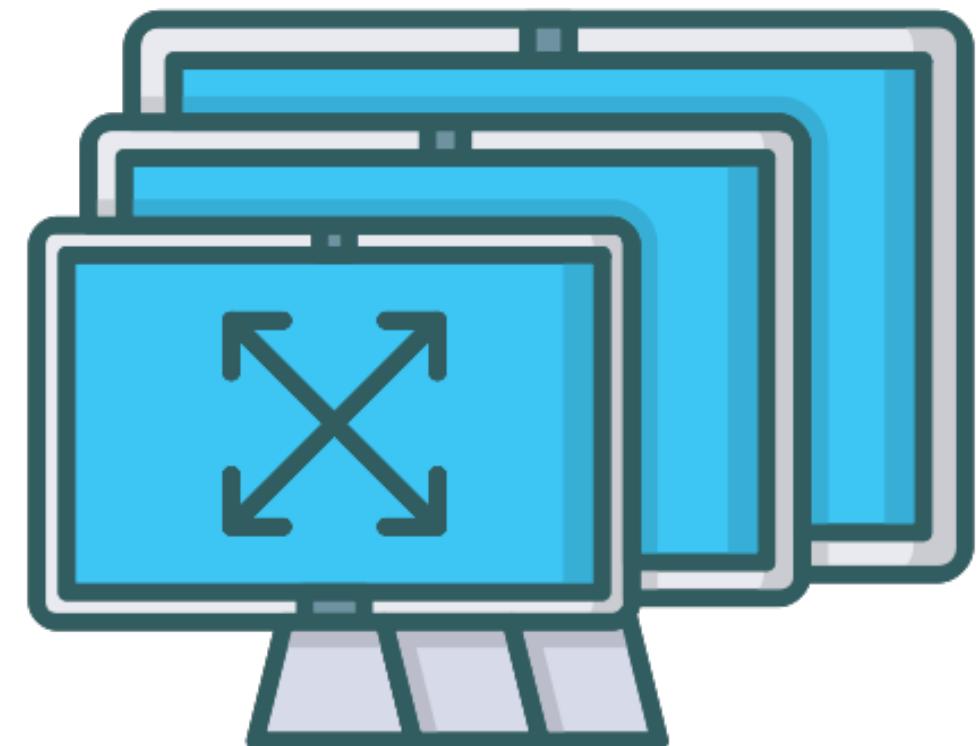
# High-perf Images



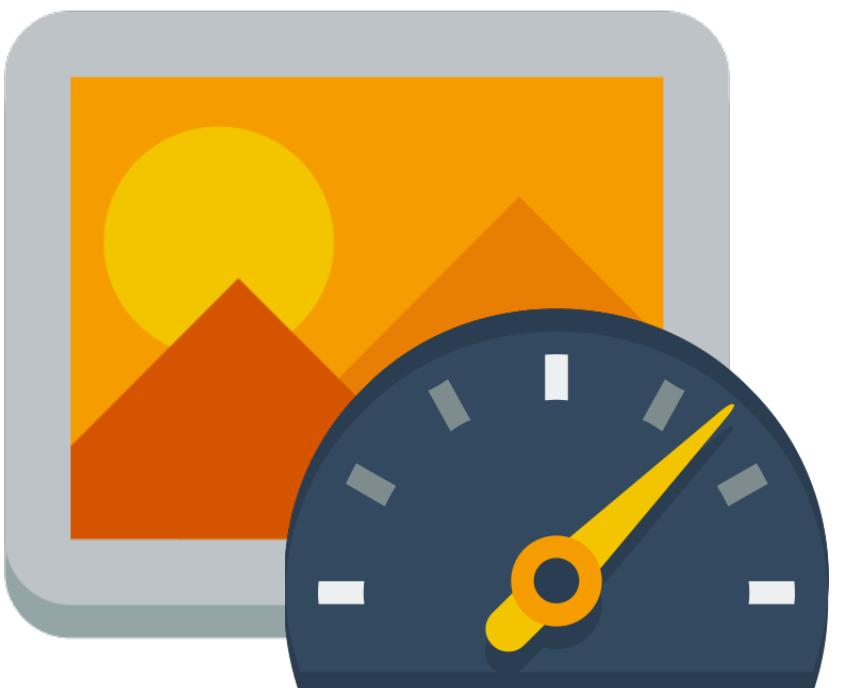
Choose the right format



Size appropriately



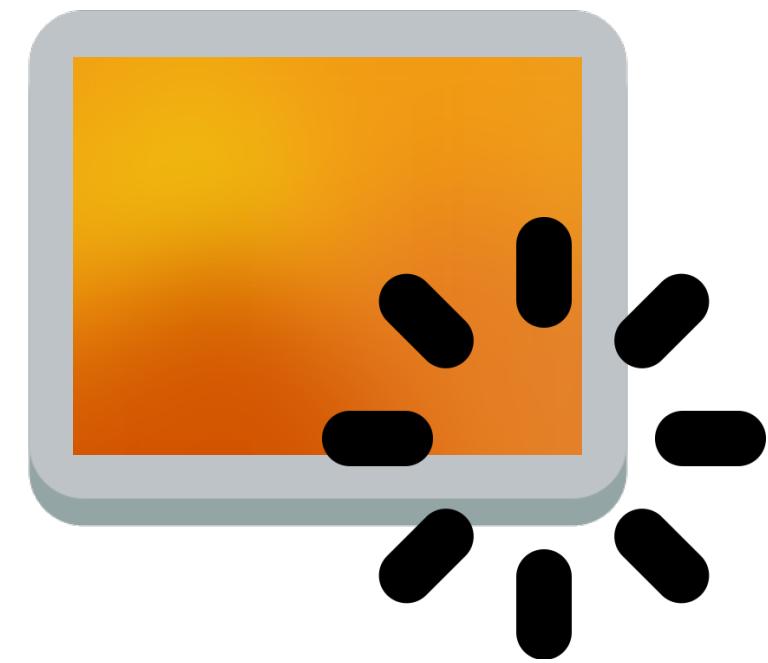
Adapt intelligently



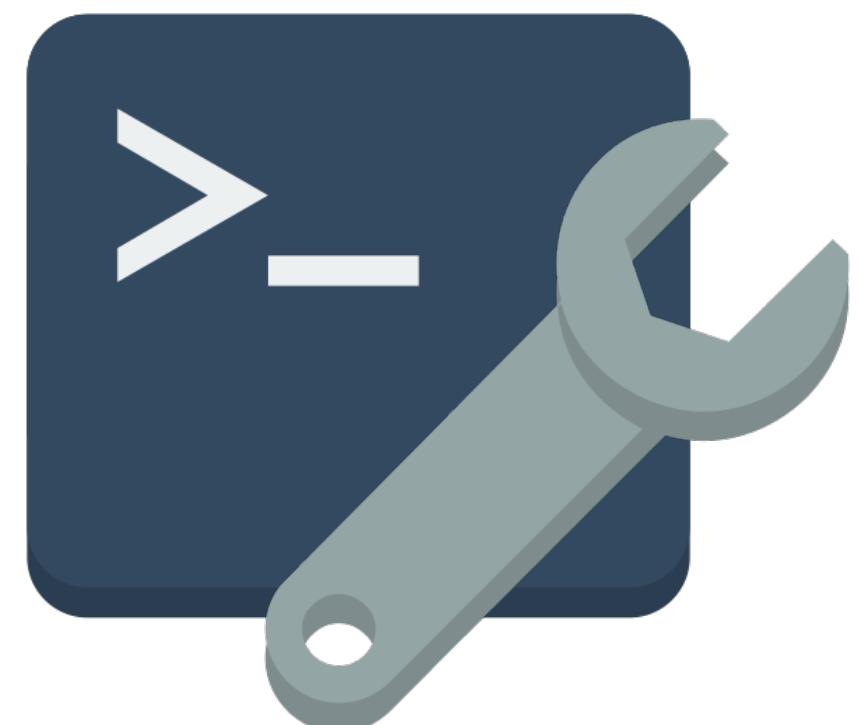
Compress carefully



Prioritize critical images

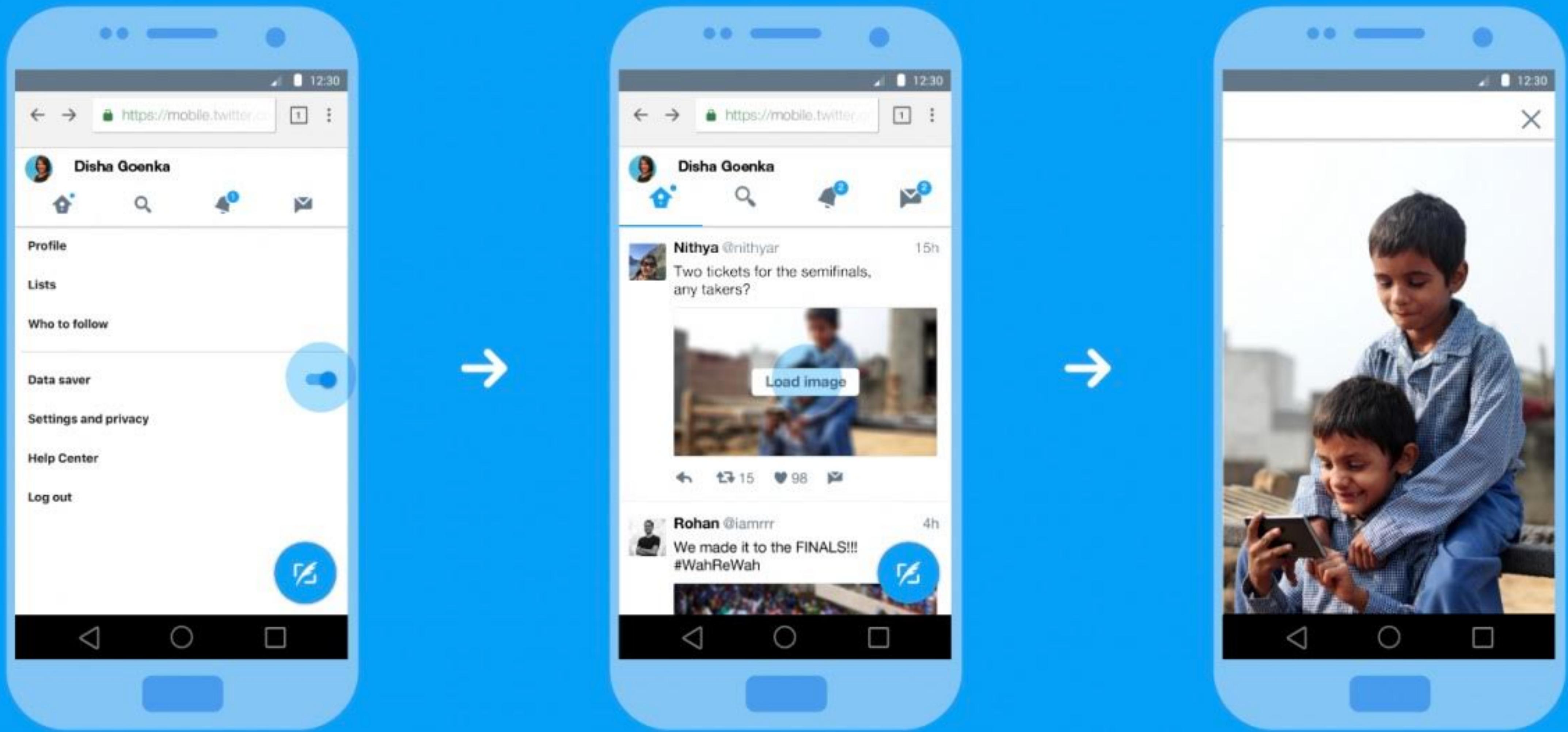


Lazy-load the rest

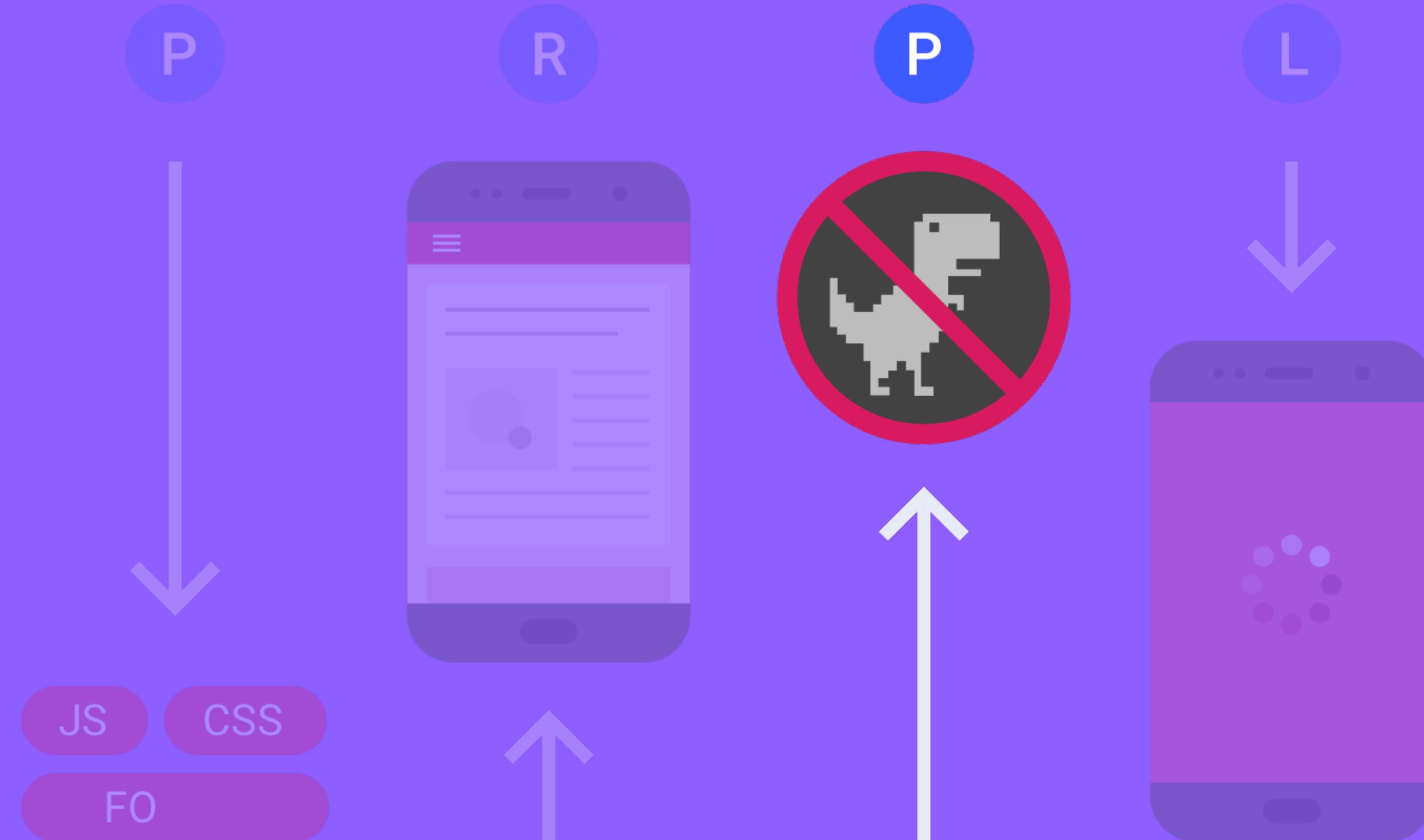


Take care with tools

# Data Saver Mode introduced up to 70% savings



*Next up: Save-Data client hint*



# Precache

Application

- Manifest
- Service Workers
- Clear storage

Storage

- Local Storage
- Session Storage
- IndexedDB
- Web SQL
- Cookies

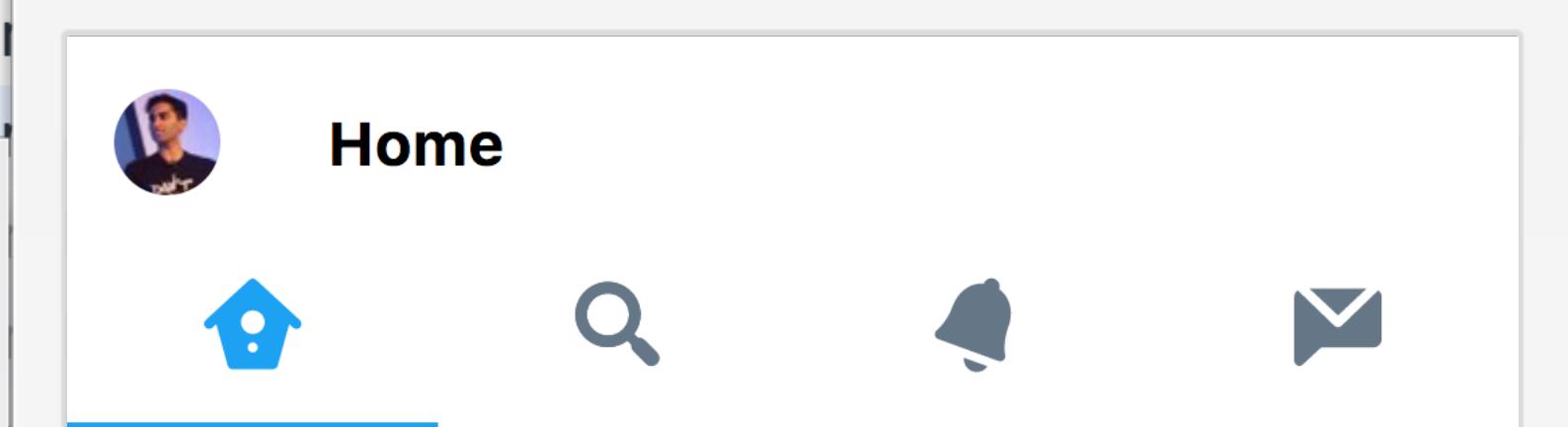
Cache

- Cache Storage
  - assets - https://mobile.twitter.com
  - twemoji - https://mobile.twitter.com
  - Application Cache

Frames

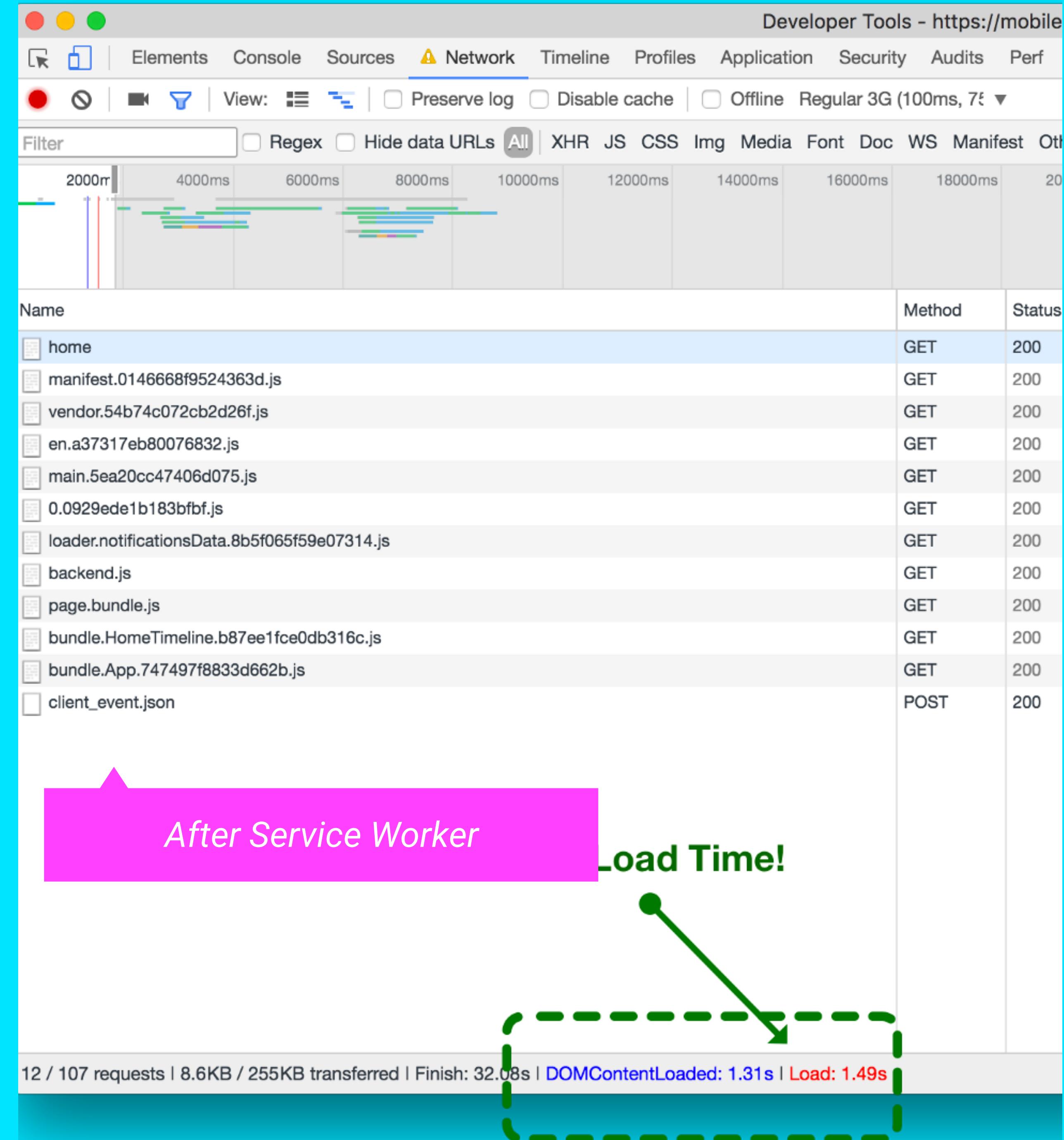
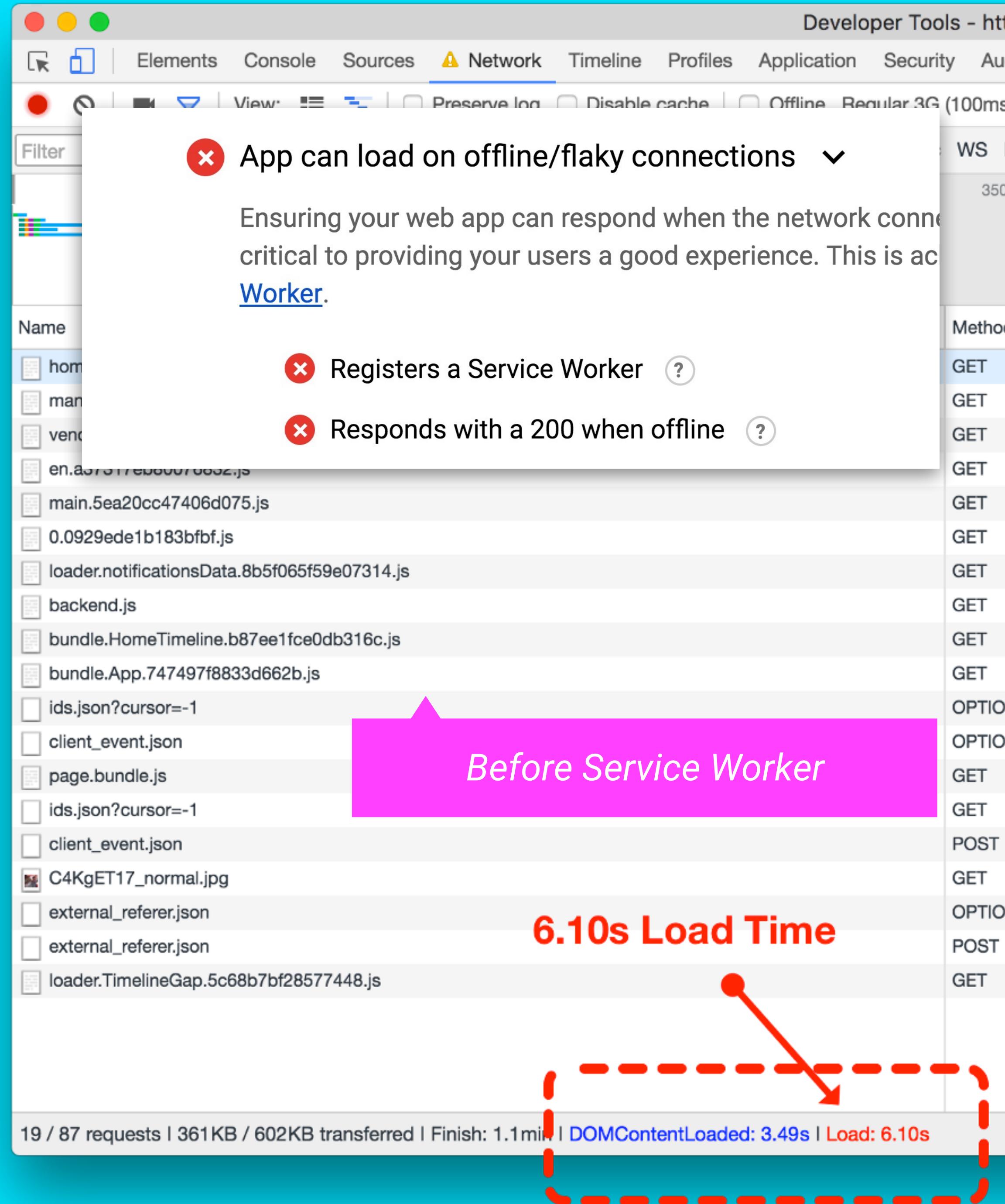
- top

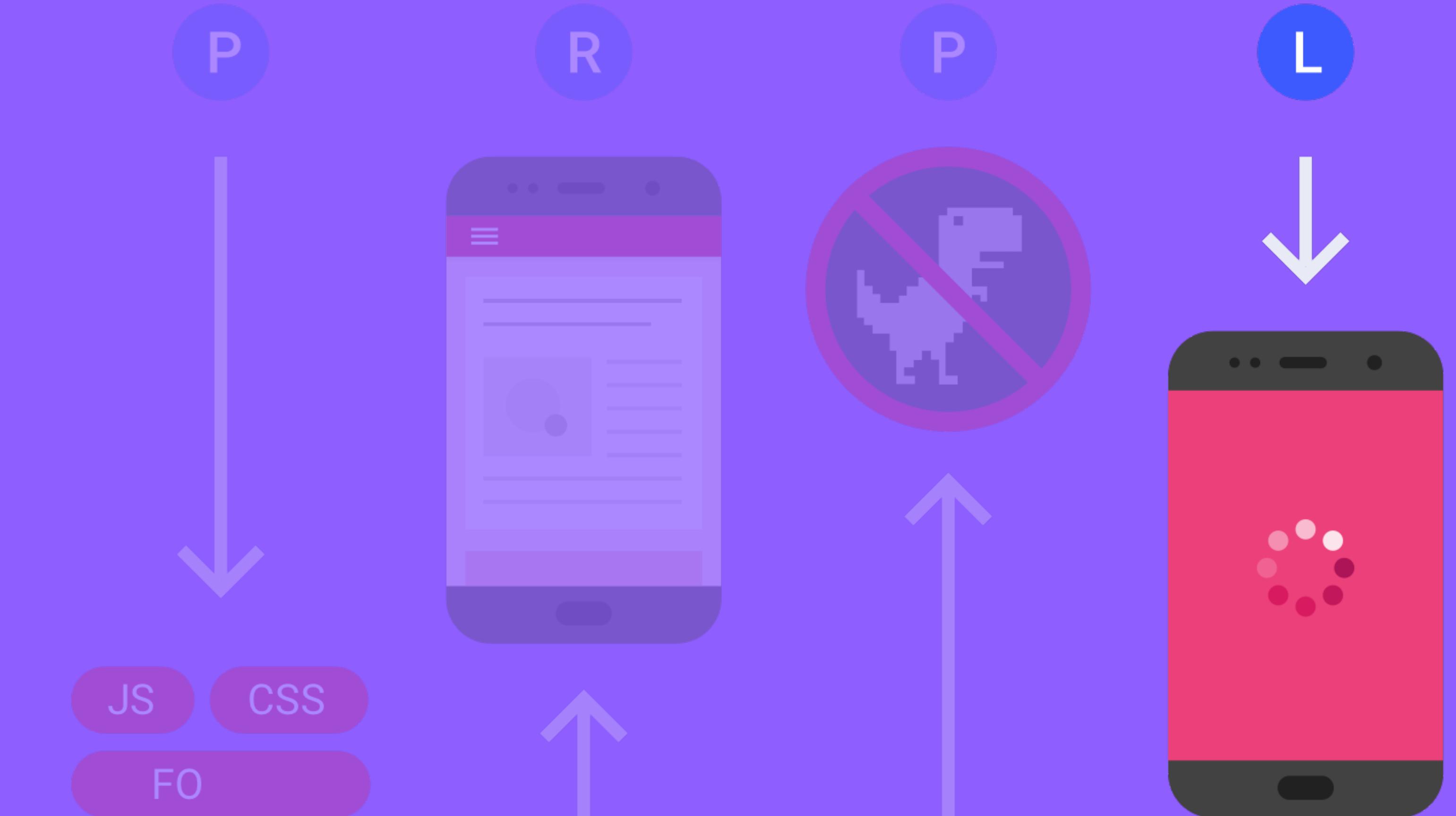
#	Request	Status
0	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/0.4a3f78855dc4d0f1.js	OK
1	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.AccessInterstitial.73ad7aad62ce3b06.js	OK
2	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Account.584a62e0feff6256.js	OK
3	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.App.991ac1a0530e5a54.js	OK
4	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Fonts.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
5	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Images.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
6	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
7	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
8	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
9	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
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11	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
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18	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK
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24	https://ma-0.twimg.com/twitter-assets/responsive-web/web/ltr/bundle.Resources.1a2a2a2a2a2a2a2a.js	OK



Application Shell

A skeleton representing the user interface that can be offline cached & instantly rendered on repeat visits.





# Lazy-load



## × Page load performance is fast ▼

Users notice if sites and apps don't perform well. These top-level metrics capture the most important perceived performance concerns.

0 First meaningful paint: **15647.7ms** (target: 1,600ms) ?

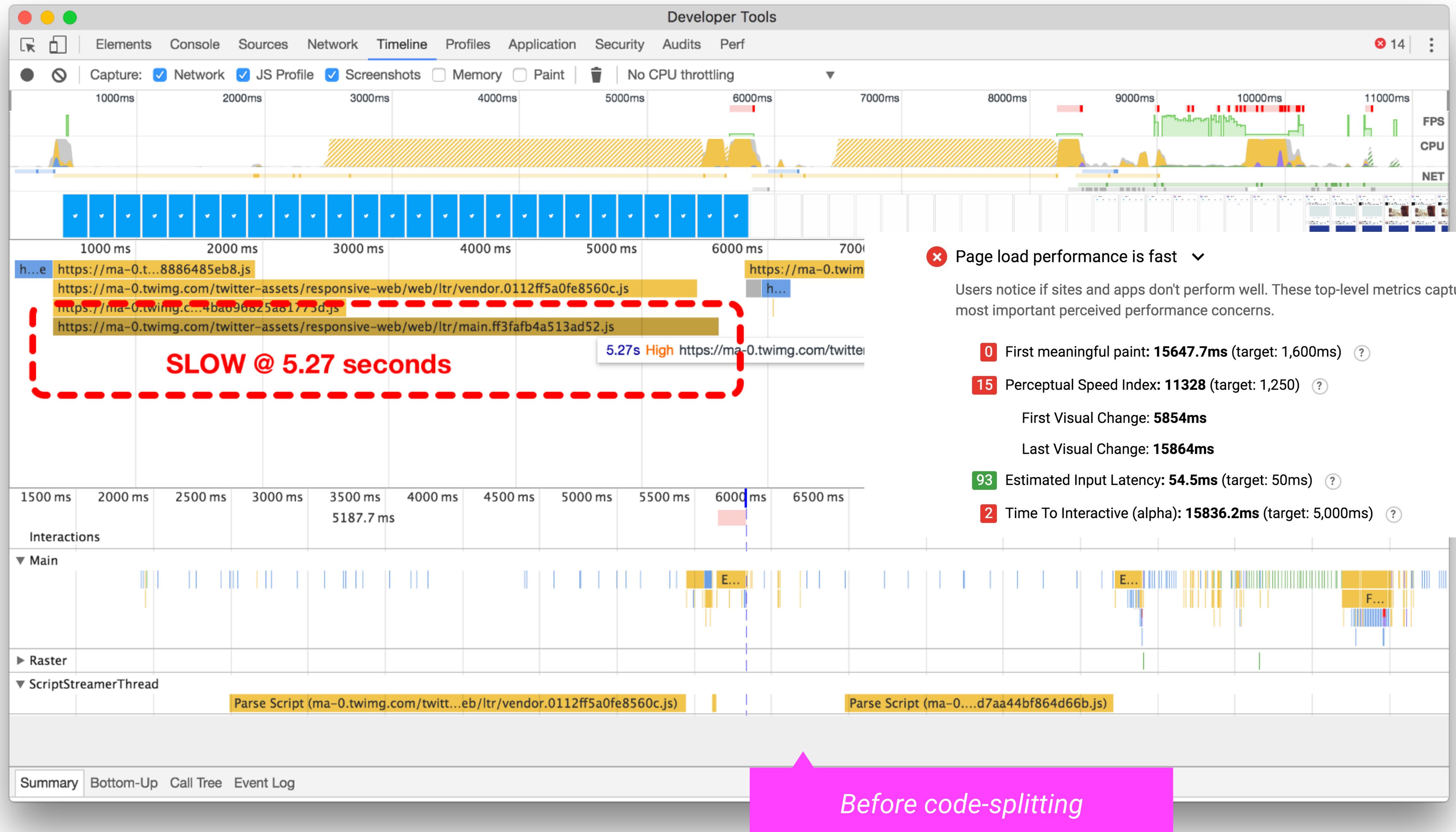
15 Perceptual Speed Index: **11328** (target: 1,250) ?

First Visual Change: **5854ms**

Last Visual Change: **15864ms**

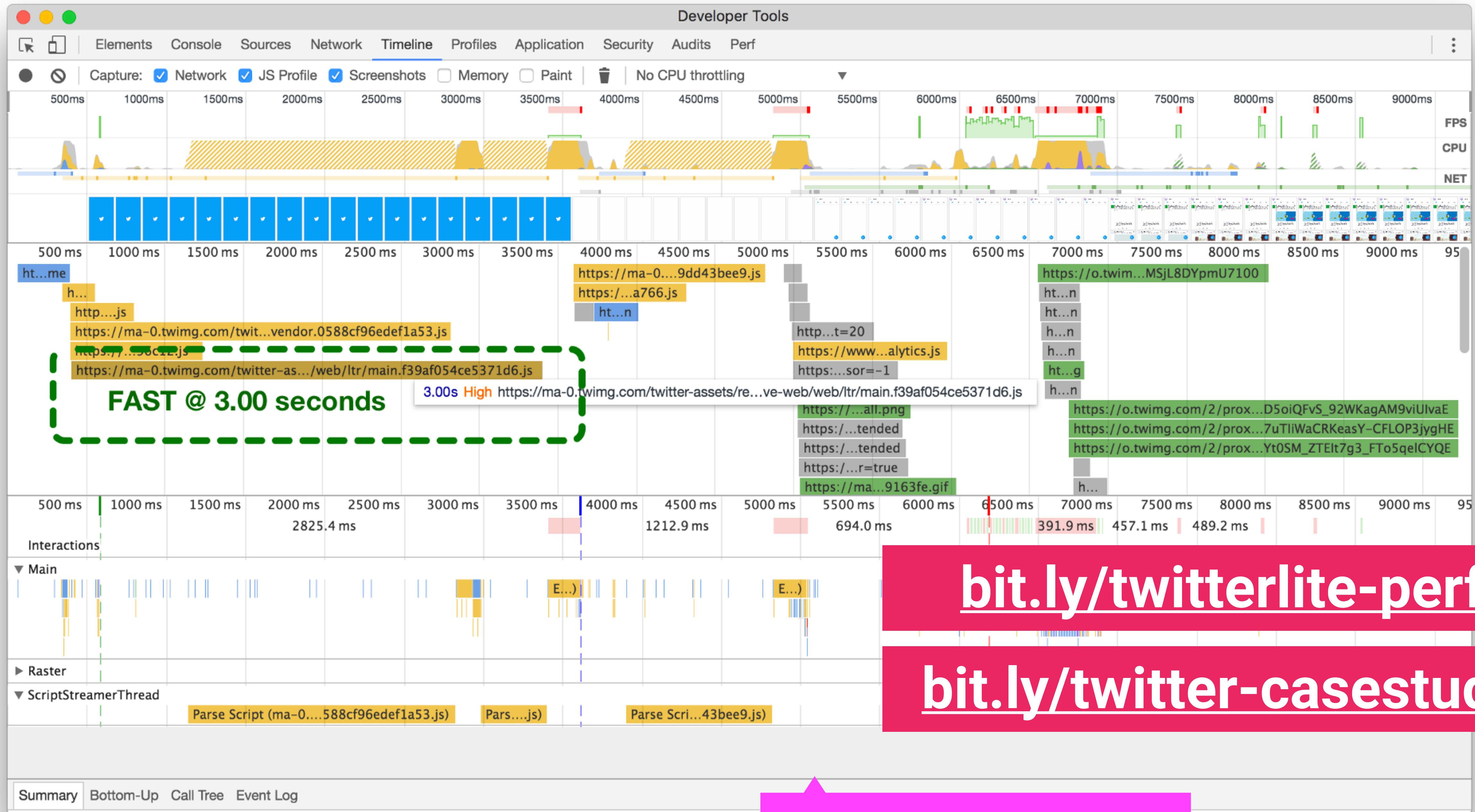
93 Estimated Input Latency: **54.5ms** (target: 50ms) ?

2 Time To Interactive (alpha): **15836.2ms** (target: 5,000ms) ?



## webpack-web.config.js

```
const plugins = [
  // extract vendor and webpack's module manifest
  new webpack.optimize.CommonsChunkPlugin({
    names: [ 'vendor', 'manifest' ],
    minChunks: Infinity
  }),
  // extract common modules from all the chunks (requires no
  'name' property)
  new webpack.optimize.CommonsChunkPlugin({
    async: true,
    children: true,
    minChunks: 4
  })
];
```



ARIAL  
HELVETICA  
GEORGIA  
TIMES NEW ROMAN  
**GOTHAM BOLD**  
FIRA MONO  
ROBOTO MONO  
*OCTOBER STORM*  
MONTserrat  
ARCADE CLASSIC

Have a  
Web Font  
Loading  
Strategy

# FOUT

## FLASH OF UNSTYLED TEXT

HTML Ipsum Presents

- Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.
- Aliquam tincidunt mauris eu [Donec non enim](#) risus.
- Vestibulum auctor dapibus neque.

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Header Level 2

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Header Level 3

```
#header h1 a {  
    display: block;  
    width: 300px;  
    height: 80px;  
}
```

0s

REQUEST CONTENT

CONTENT LOADS

WEB FONT LOADS

# FOIT

## FLASH OF INVISIBLE TEXT

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Header Level 3

```
#header h1 a {  
    display: block;  
    width: 300px;  
    height: 80px;  
}
```

0.616s

REQUEST CONTENT

CONTENT LOADS

WEB FONT LOADS

# Font style matcher

If you're using a web font, you're bound to see a flash of unstyled text (or FOUC), between the initial render of your websafe font and the webfont that you've chosen. This usually results in a jarring shift in layout, due to sizing discrepancies between the two fonts. To minimize this discrepancy, you can try to match the fallback font and the intended webfont's x-heights and widths [1]. This tool helps you do ***exactly*** that.

Fallback font  
**Georgia**

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Font size: 16px



Line height: 1



Font weight: 300



Web font  
**Merriweather**

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Download from Google Fonts

Font size: 16px



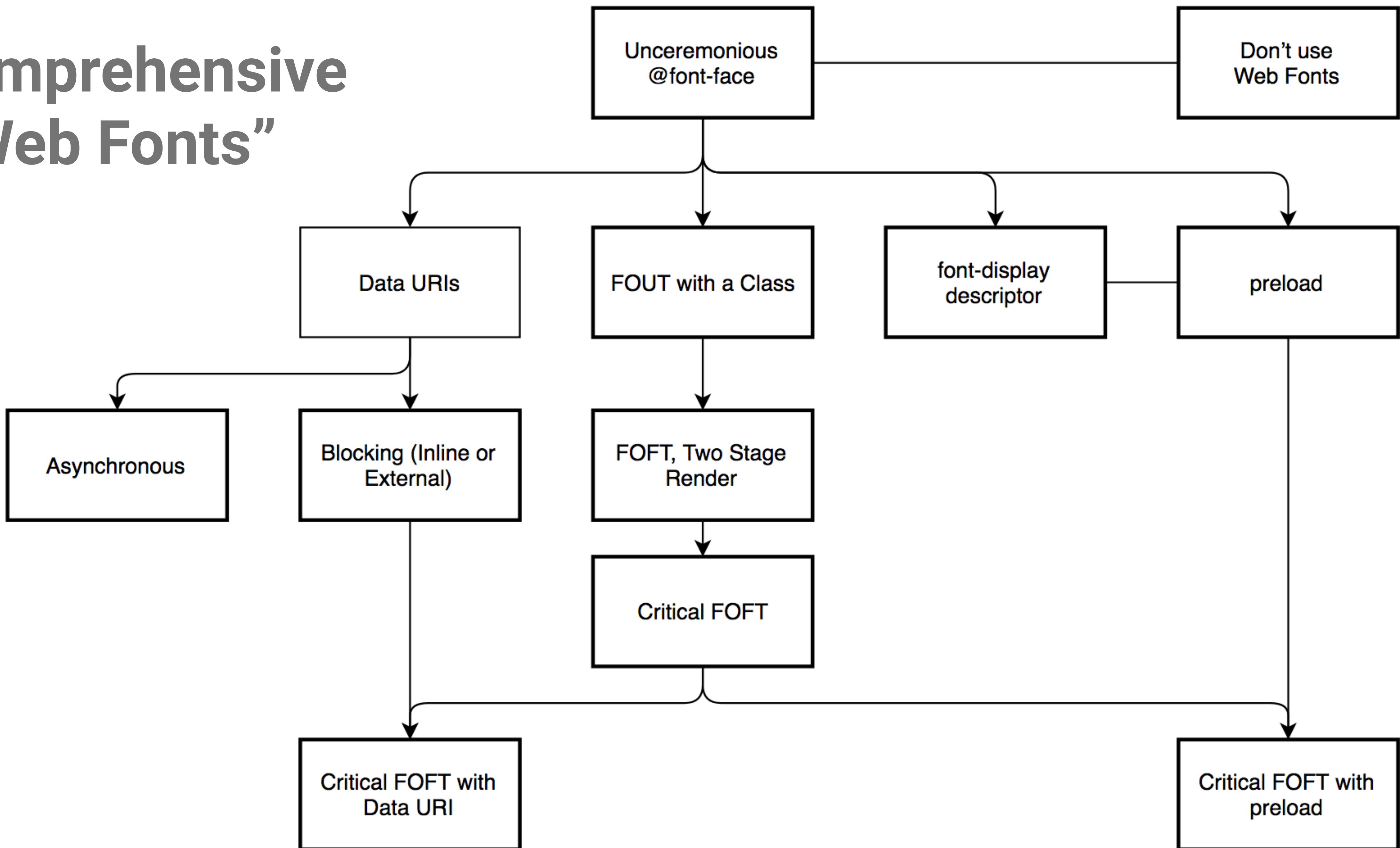
Line height: 1



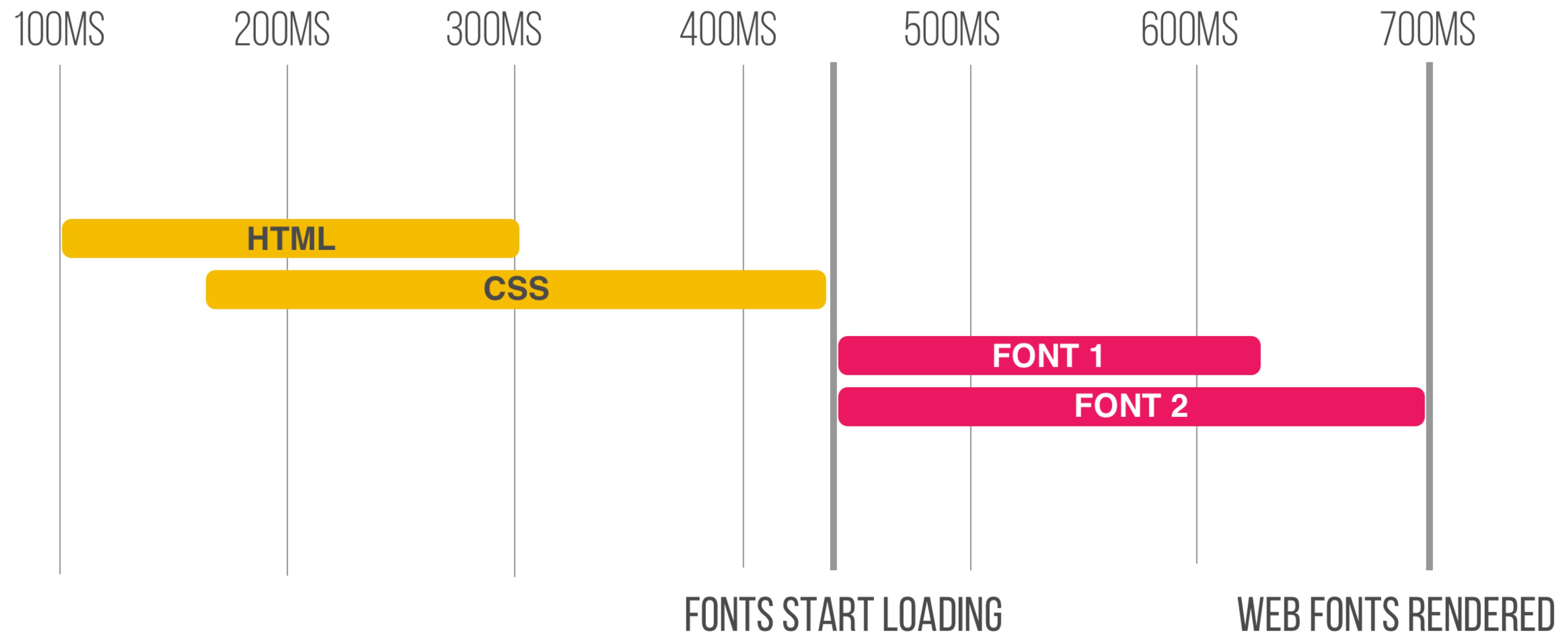
Font weight: 300



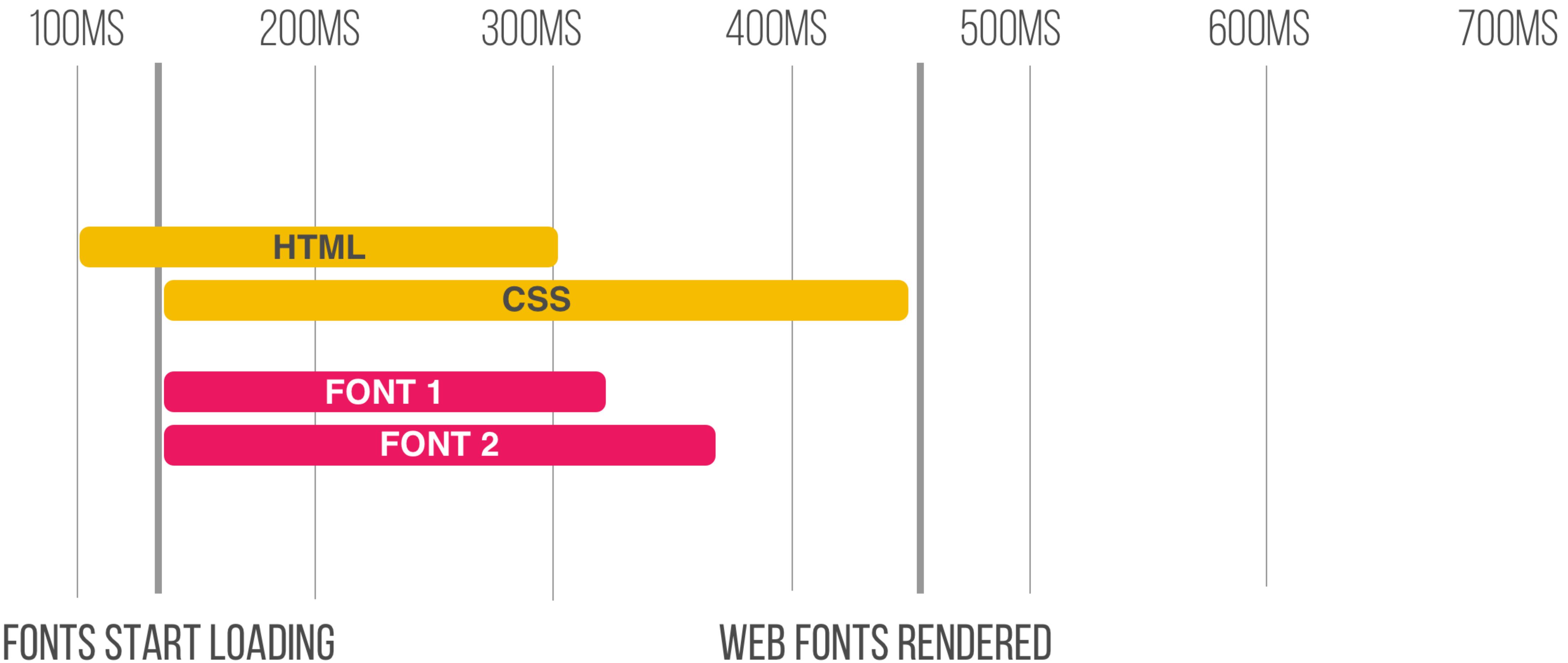
# “Comprehensive Web Fonts”



# Without Preload



# With Preload



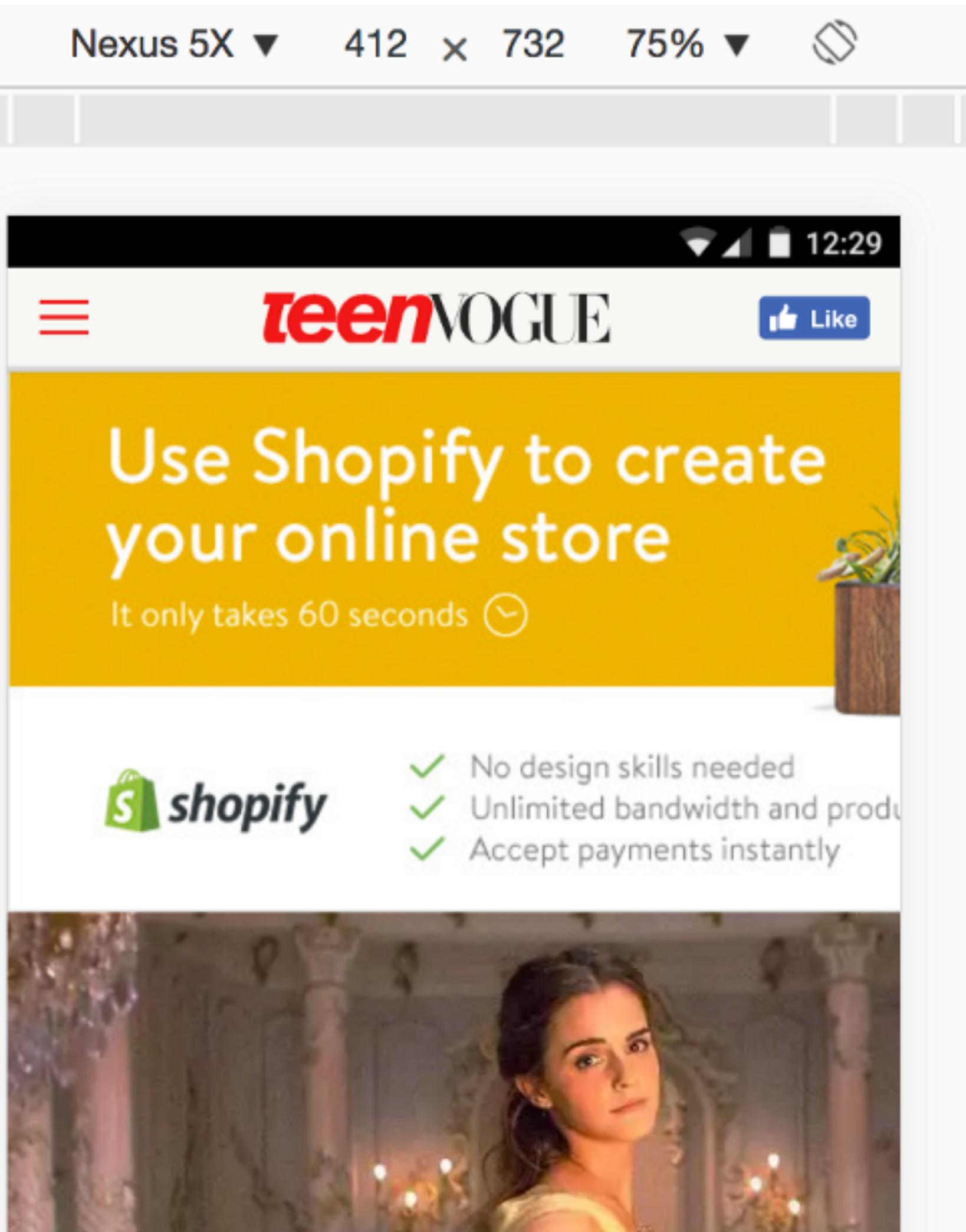
# With Preload

```
<link rel="preload" as="font" href="font.woff"  
type="font/woff">
```

Link: <font.woff>; rel=preload; as=font;  
type='font/woff'

# Heaviest use of rel=preload is for Web Fonts

HTTPArchive



The screenshot shows a mobile browser displaying the Teen Vogue website. A large yellow banner from Shopify promotes creating an online store. The browser's developer tools are open, specifically the Network tab, which is currently inactive. The Elements tab shows the HTML code for the page, highlighting several `<link rel="preload"` statements used to prefetch web fonts.

```
fashion, beauty, celebrity style, entertainment, teen issues,  
videos and more from TeenVogue magazine on TeenVogue.com.  
Fashion starts here.">  
<meta property="og:image" content>  
<meta name="twitter:card" content="summary_large_image">  
<meta name="twitter:site" content="@teenvogue">  
<meta name="twitter:title" content="Teen Vogue: Fashion,  
Beauty, Entertainment News for Teens">  
<meta name="twitter:description" content="The latest on  
fashion, beauty, celebrity style, entertainment, teen issues,  
videos and more from TeenVogue magazine on TeenVogue.com.  
Fashion starts here.">  
<meta name="twitter:image:src" content=?mbid=social_retweet>  
<meta name="twitter:domain" content="teenvogue.com">  
<meta name="version" content="4.1.0">  
  
...  
  
<link rel="preload" href="/fonts/VogueAvantGarde-Bold.woff"  
as="font" type="font/woff" crossorigin>  
<link rel="preload" href="/fonts/VogueDisplay.woff" as="font"  
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SemiBoldItalic.woff" as="font" type="font/woff" crossorigin>  
<link rel="preload" href="/fonts/VogueAvantGarde-  
ExtraLight.woff" as="font" type="font/woff" crossorigin>  
▶<script type="application/ld+json">...</script>  
▶<script>...</script>  
<script async src="//www.teenvogue.com/cns/
```

# Preloading Web Fonts = 50% (1.2s) improvement in time-to-text-paint



# Control font performance with `font-display`



**auto:** uses whatever font display strategy the user-agent uses

**block:** draws "invisible" text at first if the font is not loaded, but swaps the font face in as soon as it loads

**swap:** draws text immediately with a fallback if the font face isn't loaded, but swaps the font face in as soon as it loads

**fallback:** font face is rendered with a fallback at first if it's not loaded, but the font is swapped as soon as it loads

**optional:** if the font face can't be loaded quickly, just use the fallback

# font-display: optional

Fonts not in  
the cache



# font-display: optional

Fonts in the  
cache



REQUEST CONTENT

## HTML Ipsum Presents

- Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit.
- Aliquam tincidunt mauris eu [Donec non enim](#) risus.
- Vestibulum auctor dapibus neque.

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### Header Level 3

```
#header h1 a {  
    display: block;  
    width: 300px;  
    height: 80px;  
}
```

0.616s

CONTENT LOADS

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### Header Level 3

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#header h1 a {  
    display: block;  
    width: 300px;  
    height: 80px;  
}
```

1.032s

CONTENT LOADS

## HTML Ipsum Presents

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### Header Level 2

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### Header Level 3

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#header h1 a {  
    display: block;  
    width: 300px;  
    height: 80px;  
}
```

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WEB FONT LOADS

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[bit.ly/font-subsetting](http://bit.ly/font-subsetting)

# Web Font Subsetting

Supported by Google Fonts

<https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Inconsolata>

~3KB

A B C D E F G H I J K L M

N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

a b c d e f g h i j k l m

n o p q r s t u v w x y z

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0

[https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Inconsolata&text=Hello](https://fonts.googleapis.com/css?family=Inconsolata&text>Hello)

~880 bytes

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or

# The browser can also handle subsetting!

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N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z  
a b c d e f g h i j k l m  
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```
/* Large subset, normal weight */
@font-face {
    font-family: whatever;
    src: url('reg-extended.woff')
         format('woff');
    unicode-range: U+A0-FFFF;
    font-weight: normal;
}
```



Firefox 44



Chrome 36

# CSS Font Loading API



Firefox 41



Chrome 35

```
const font = new FontFace("Awesome Font", "url(/fonts/awesome.woff2)", {  
  style: 'normal', unicodeRange: 'U+000-5FF', weight: '400'  
});  
  
// don't wait for the render tree, initiate an immediate fetch!  
font.load().then(function() {  
  // apply the font (which may re-render text and cause a page reflow)  
  // after the font has finished downloading  
  document.fonts.add(font);  
  document.body.style.fontFamily = "Awesome Font, serif";  
  // OR... apply your own render strategy here...  
});
```

# Web Font Loading Tips

<https://meowni.ca/posts/web-fonts/>

1. Understand the anatomy of a web font and how browsers load
2. font-display: optional (i.e if you can't do it fast, load a fallback)
3. Minimize font downloads by limiting range of characters you're loading
4. Minimize FOIT by using `<link rel="preload">`
5. If you need more control try out the Font Loading API

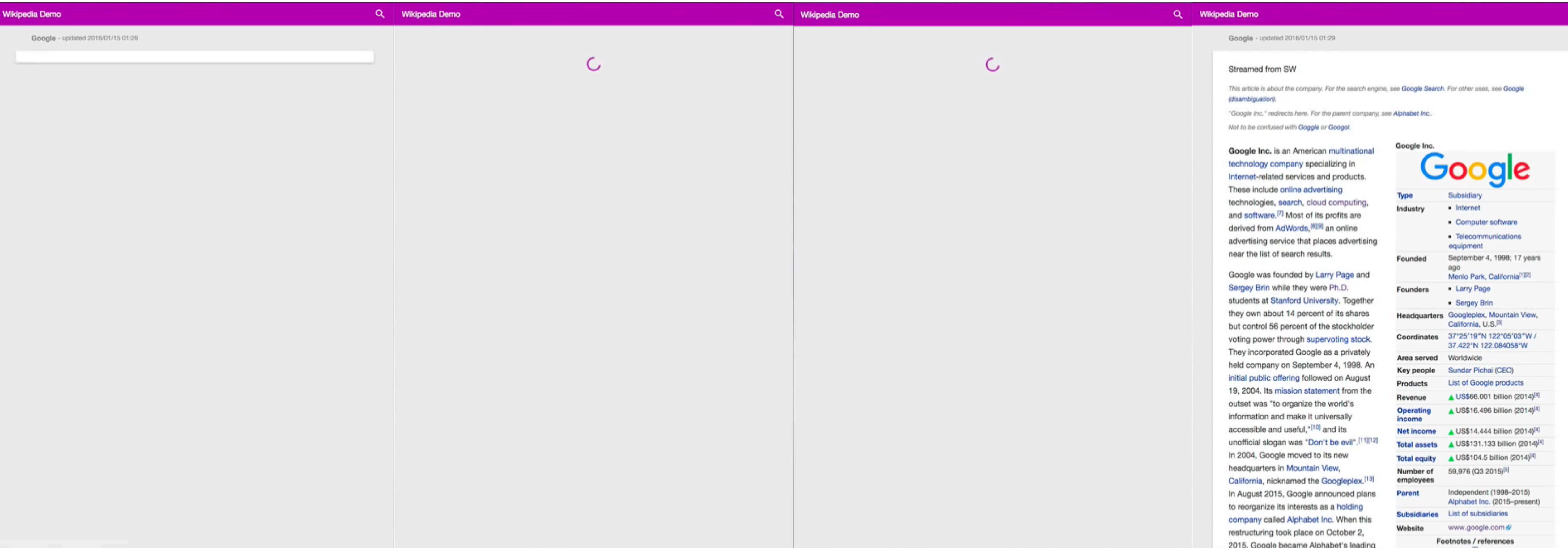
THE FUTURE?

PROGRESSIVE  
LOADING. . . . .

# Progressive Loading: HTML

bit.ly/streams-ftw

# Streams API



Server render

0.73s /

Service worker  
client render

0.10s /

Service worker client  
render + hacks

0.10s /

Service worker  
streamed response

0.10s / 1.00s

Streamed from SW

This article is about the company. For the search engine, see [Google Search](#). For other uses, see [Google \(disambiguation\)](#).

["Google Inc."](#) redirects here. For the parent company, see [Alphabet Inc.](#).

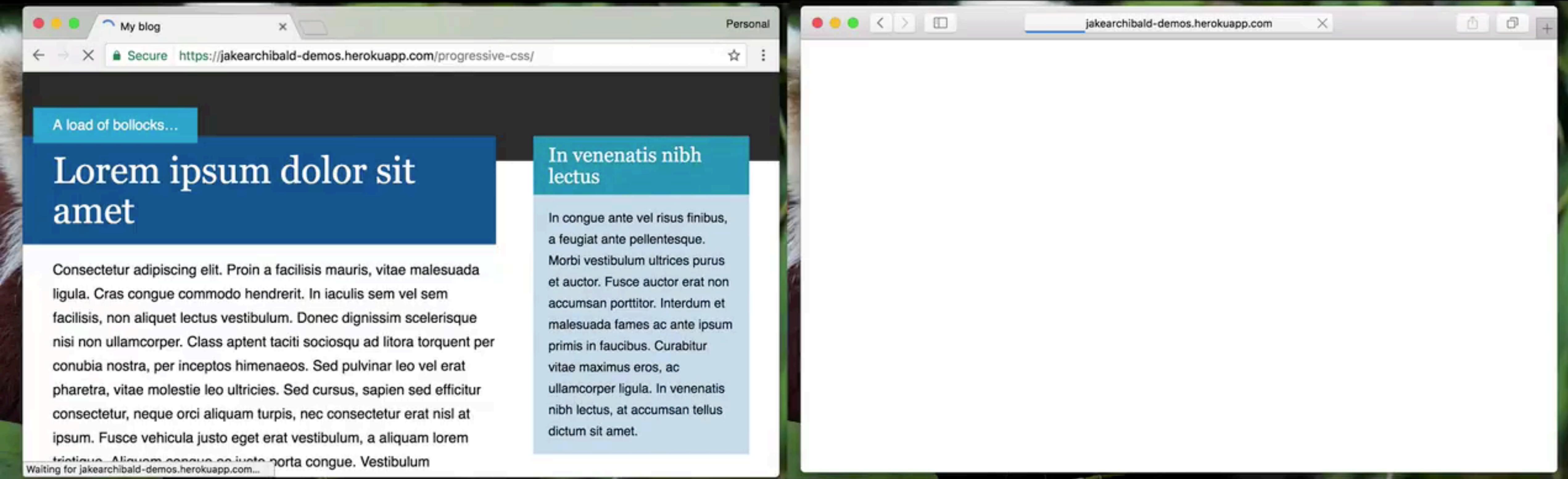
Not to be confused with [Goggle](#) or [Googol](#).

Google Inc.	
Type	Subsidiary
Industry	▪ Internet ▪ Computer software ▪ Telecommunications equipment
Founded	September 4, 1998; 17 years ago Menlo Park, California <sup>[1][2]</sup>
Founders	▪ Larry Page ▪ Sergey Brin
Headquarters	Googleplex, Mountain View, California, U.S. <sup>[3]</sup>
Coordinates	37°25'19"N 122°05'03"W / 37.422°N 122.084058°W
Area served	Worldwide
Key people	Sundar Pichai (CEO)
Products	List of Google products
Revenue	▲ US\$66.001 billion (2014) <sup>[4]</sup>
Operating income	▲ US\$16.496 billion (2014) <sup>[4]</sup>
Net income	▲ US\$14.444 billion (2014) <sup>[4]</sup>
Total assets	▲ US\$131.133 billion (2014) <sup>[4]</sup>
Total equity	▲ US\$104.5 billion (2014) <sup>[4]</sup>
Number of employees	59,976 (Q3 2015) <sup>[5]</sup>
Parent	Independent (1998–2015) Alphabet Inc. (2015–present)
Subsidiaries	List of subsidiaries
Website	<a href="http://www.google.com">www.google.com</a>
Footnotes / references	

# Progressive Loading: CSS

[bit.ly/progressive-css](https://bit.ly/progressive-css)

<link> in body



With progressive CSS

Without

# Progressive Loading: CSS

[bit.ly/progressive-css](http://bit.ly/progressive-css)

/ <link> in body

```
<body>
  <!-- HTTP/2 push this resource, or inline it, whichever's faster -->
  <link rel="stylesheet" href="/site-header.css">
  <header>...</header>

  <link rel="stylesheet" href="/article.css">
  <main>...</main>

  <link rel="stylesheet" href="/comment.css">
  <section class="comments">...</section>

  <link rel="stylesheet" href="/about-me.css">
  <section class="about-me">...</section>
</body>
```

# DATA-DRIVEN LOADING



USER  
RESEARCH



ANALYTICS



MACHINE  
LEARNING





Phil Nash  
@philnash

Following

I got a 200-300ms improvement on render time using rel="preload" for fonts on philna.sh after reading [@addyosmani's](https://medium.com/reloading/prel...) [medium.com/reloading/prel ...](https://medium.com/reloading/prel...)



RETWEETS LIKES  
186 629



re:loading  
Ideas for efficient loading on the web

[medium.com/reloading](https://medium.com/reloading)

The background features a stylized sunset or sunrise over a range of mountains. The sky is filled with warm orange and yellow hues, transitioning into a darker purple and blue at the edges. The mountains are dark silhouettes against the bright sky. A subtle grid pattern of thin white lines overlays the entire scene, creating a sense of depth and technology.

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