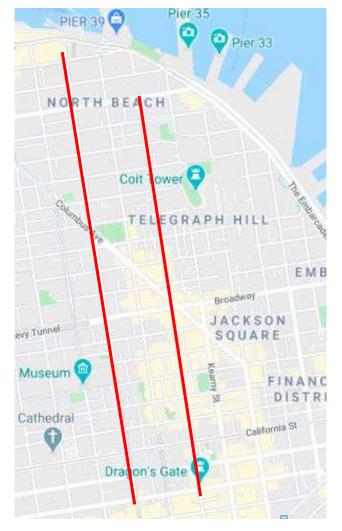


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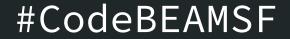


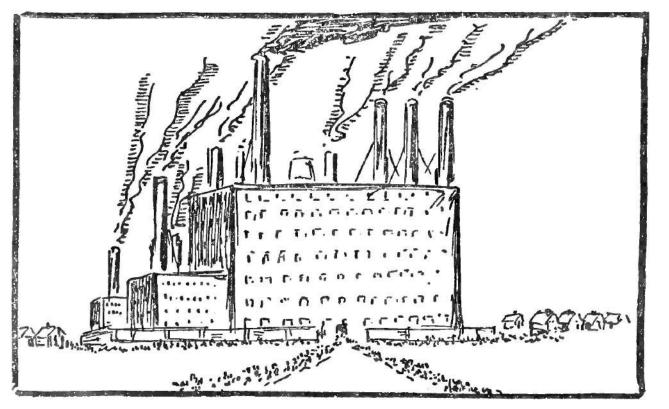


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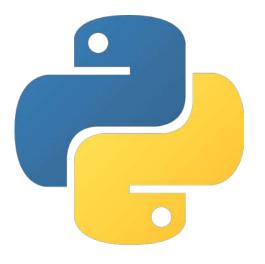
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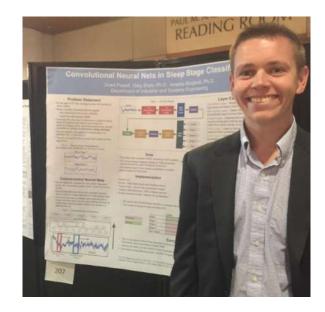




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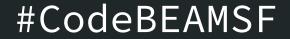
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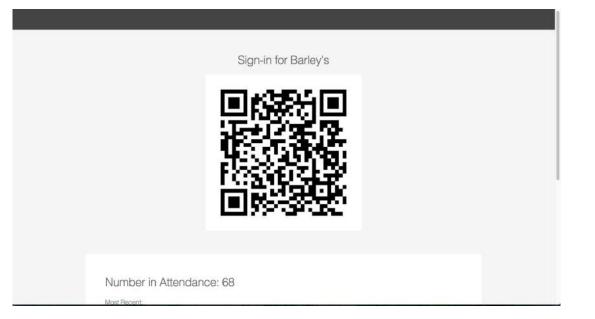


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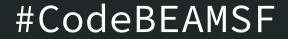


Getting into web development





I love building things for people



About Y'all

I've given this talk before...

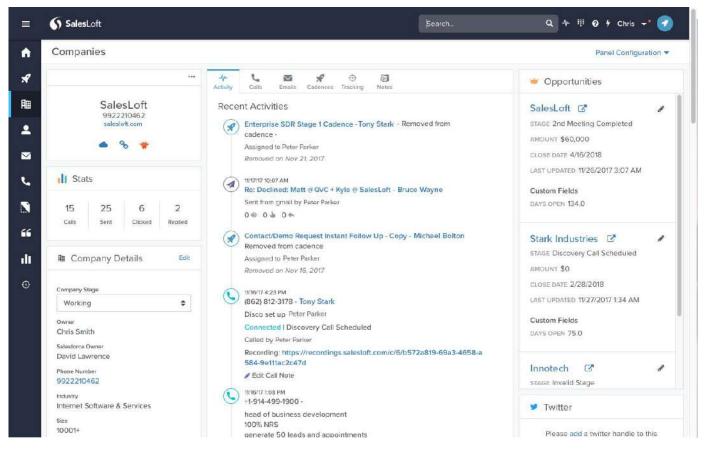
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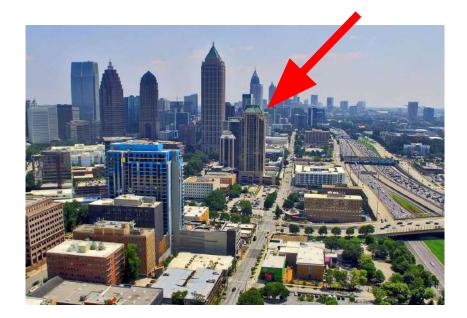
















Getting in the Rails Mindset



Things we love about rails

Excellent Tooling Mature Sass Developer Community Productivity

Starting to Feel the Rails pain.

- Much of our workload is IO Wait
 - Calling out to 3rd party resources
 - Talking to the Database
 - Talking between microservices
- Only option for async work are ruby background workers, which don't map nicely to every problem domain

IO Wait



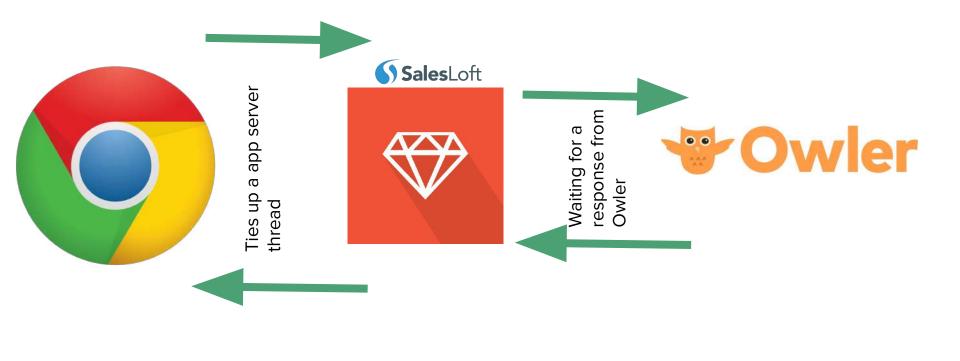




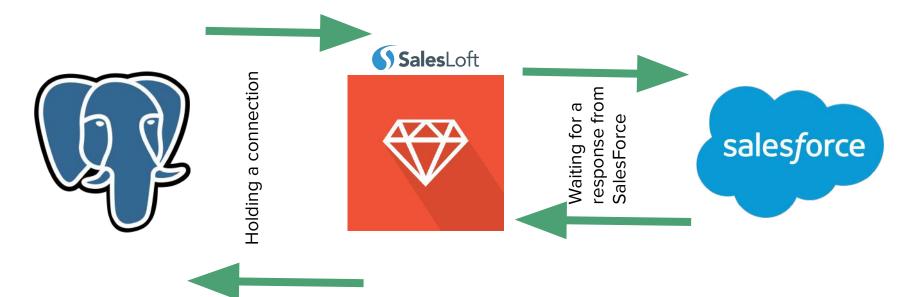


Waiting for a response from SalesForce



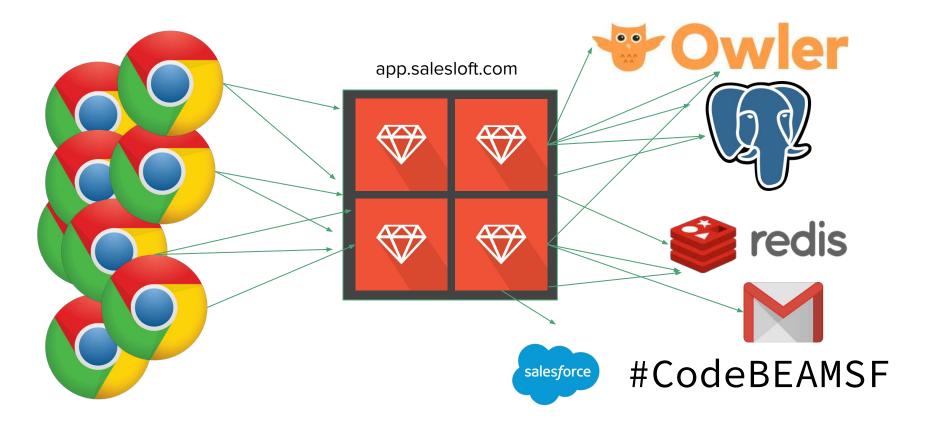




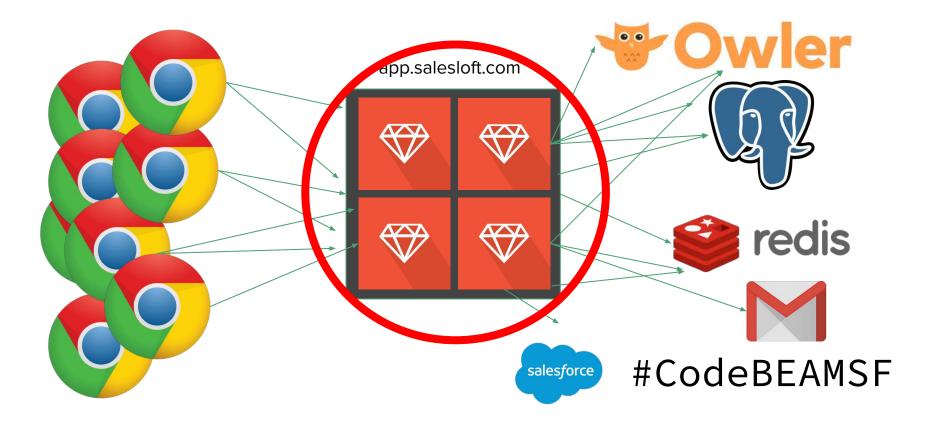




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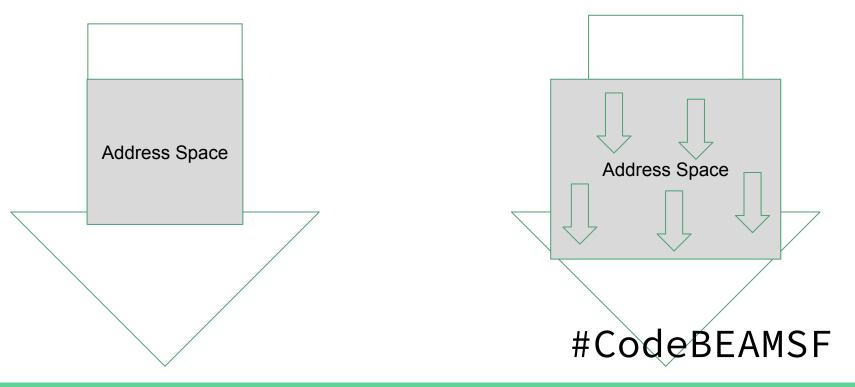


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Understanding OS processes and OS Threads

A process contains one address space

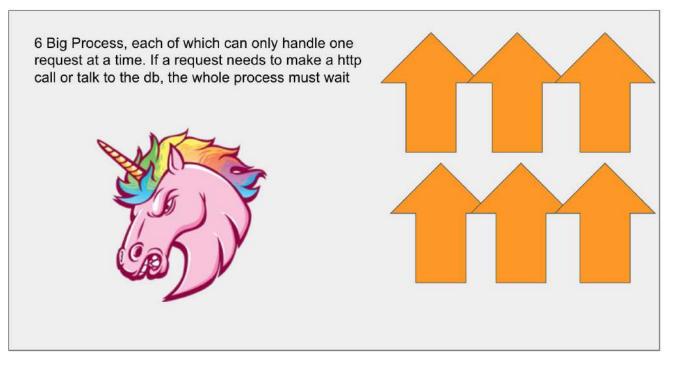
A process can contain one to many threads



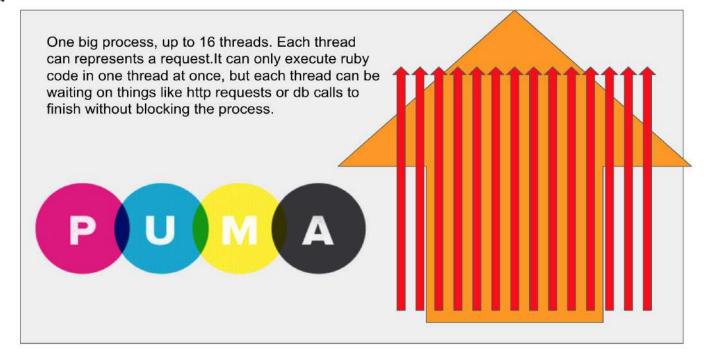
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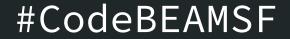
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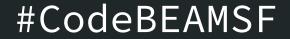
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Bringing Elixir into a Rails Mindset

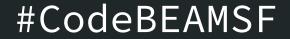


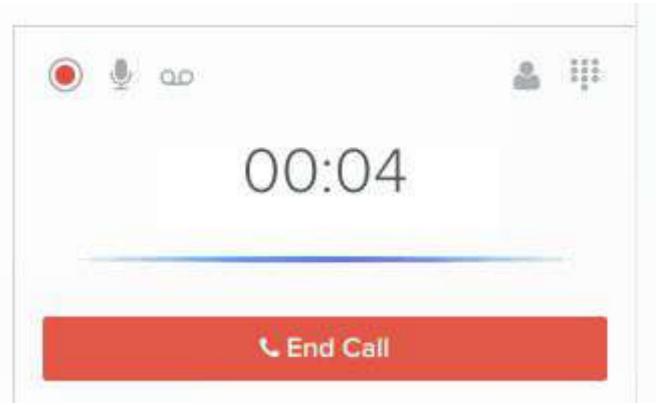
We got dragged kicking and screaming into Elixir

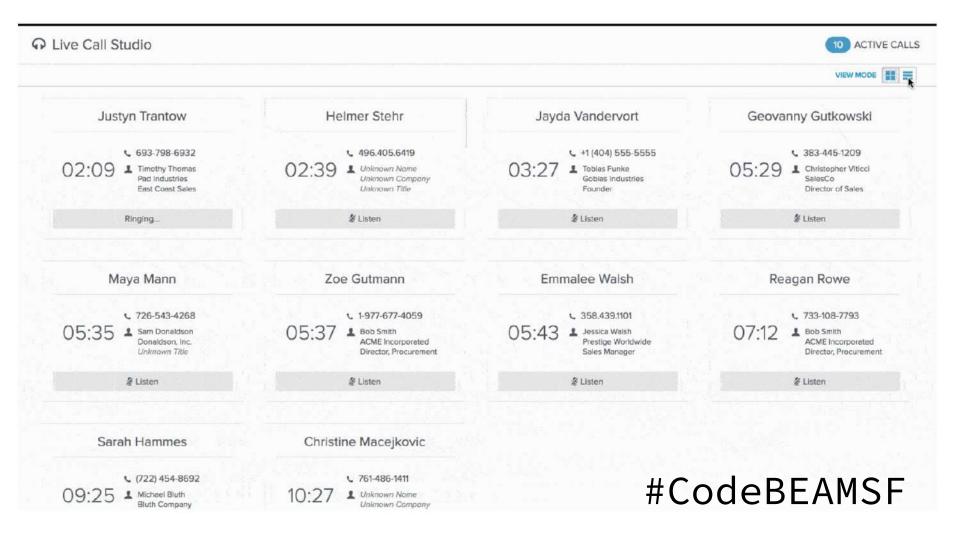


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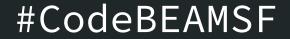
Sales Teams need a Sales Calling Solution







Then I got hired



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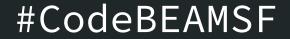
What things does SalesLoft need?

Developer Productivity

Efficient IOWait

Performance and Scalability

Elixir is Beautiful and Feels like Ruby



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defmodule Hydra2Web.UserController do
 use Hydra2Web, :controller
 alias Hydra2Web.UserView
 alias Phoenix. Token
 def show(conn, _params) do
    github_user =
      l> get_session(:token)
      l> get_github_user()
   user = \%{
     username: github_user["login"],
     avatar: github_user["avatar_url"],
     token: Token.sign(conn, "", github_user["login"])
    conn
    l> put_status(200)
    l> put_view(UserView)
    l> render("user.json", %{user: user})
 end
 def get_github_user(token) do
   HTTPoison.get!("https://api.github.com/user", %{"Authorization" => "token #{token}"}).body
    l> Jason.decode!()
 end
end
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Massively performant and powerful



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BEAM

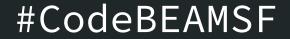
Very comfortable to write



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Elixir Makes Waiting on IO Cheap







The BEAM and Star Wars

Traditional OS primitive concurrency systems

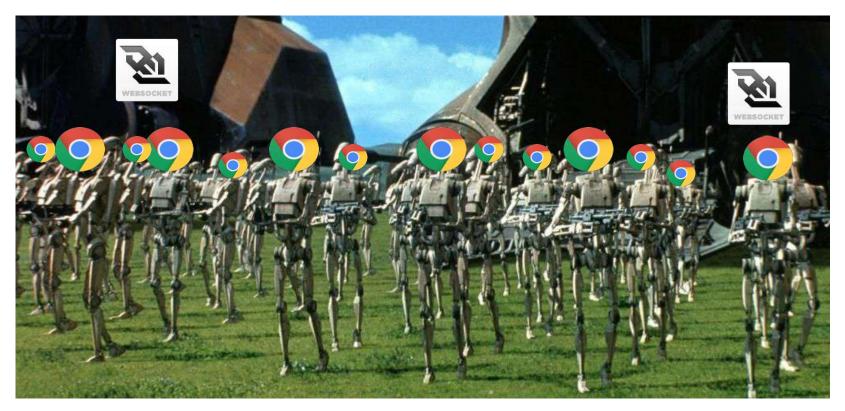






With 6 Jedi you can serve at most 6 concurrent requests





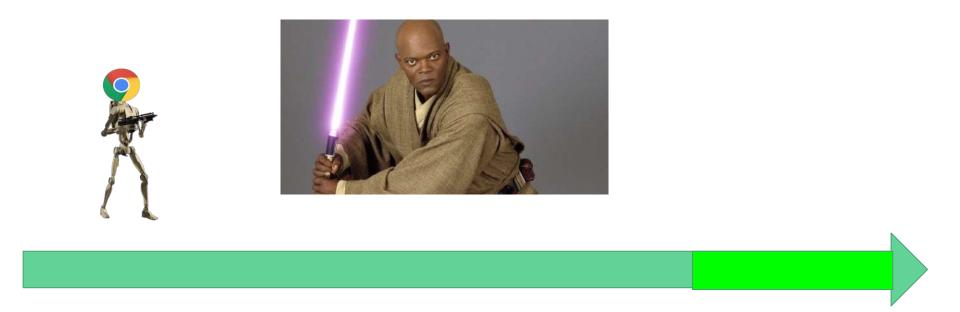








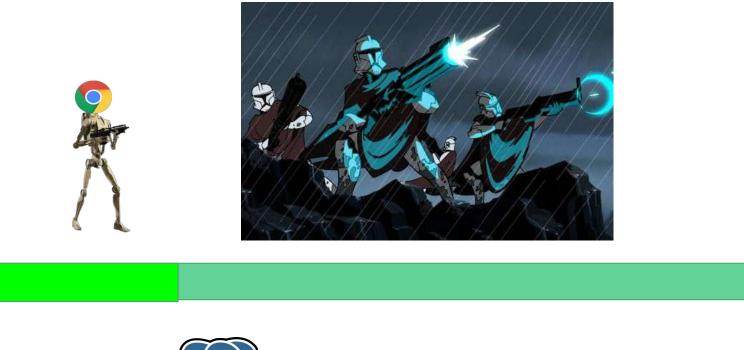




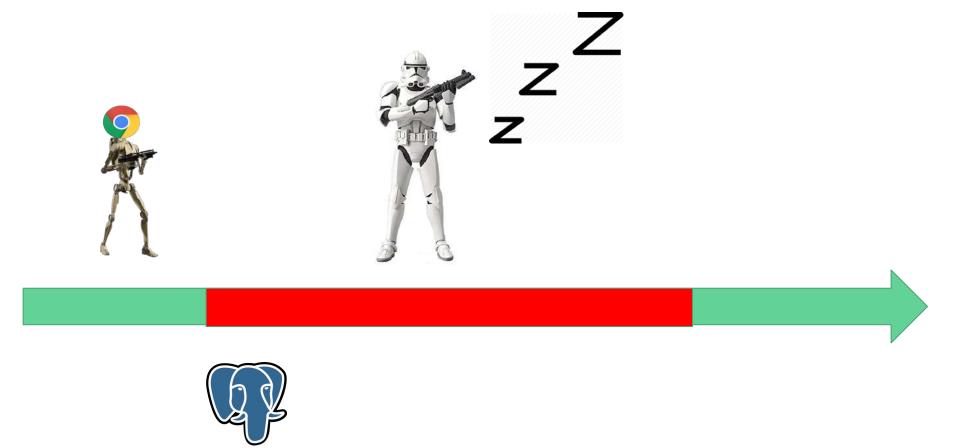
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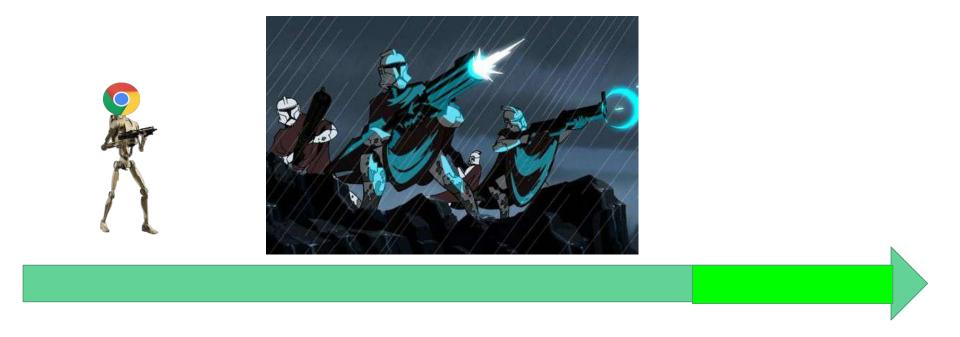
Clones are bad at concurrency

...but there are many of them





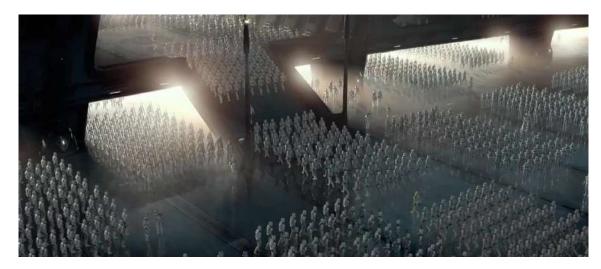




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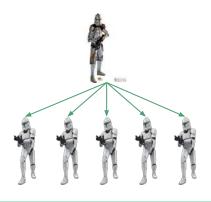


BEAM Processes



BEAM processes fail independently of each other

- A process failing will not bring down a node, or affect other processes
- A process can use a VM primitive called a monitor, which means that it will receive a message if another process dies. This can be used for error recovery
- Beam applications organize their processes into a hierarchical structure called a "supervision" tree, where "parents" are responsible for listening to messages that their child failed and restarting them

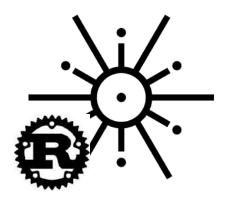


BEAM processes are NOT OS Process or OS Threads



Other languages/frameworks are trying to build clone armies





Ruby/EventMachine

Fast Network I/O and Event Management for Ruby Programmers

The Key to Elixir is Understanding What Makes the BEAM special

BEAM

Concurrency

The BEAM makes hard problems easy



The BEAM isn't great for every problem



The BEAM is not great for every problem

- Not great at number crunching
- Not statically typed (some people view this as a plus)
- Not as fast as Go on individual computations
- Smaller community than other languages

Elixir/Erlang are NOT Object Oriented

There are no:

- Classes
- Instances of Classes
- Sub Classes
- Mutable State



What the BEAM is good at

- Ultra efficient IOWait,
- Wildly efficient resource pooling,
- High developer productivity.

A story about a bathroom

