BUILDING SCALABLE AND DEPENDABLE

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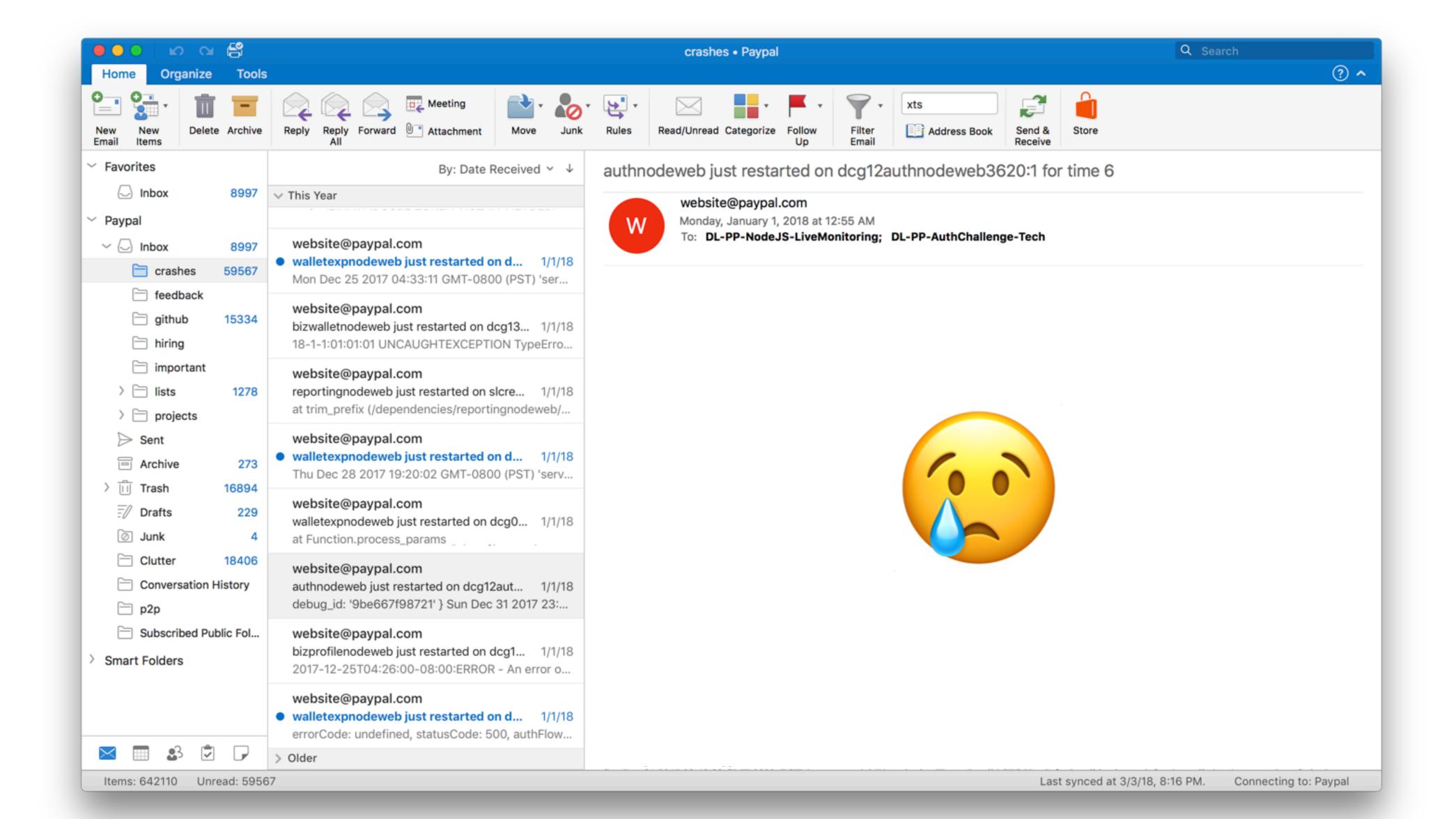
NODEJS APPLICATIONS



The Mystery of the Missing Stack Trace

THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING STACK TRACE

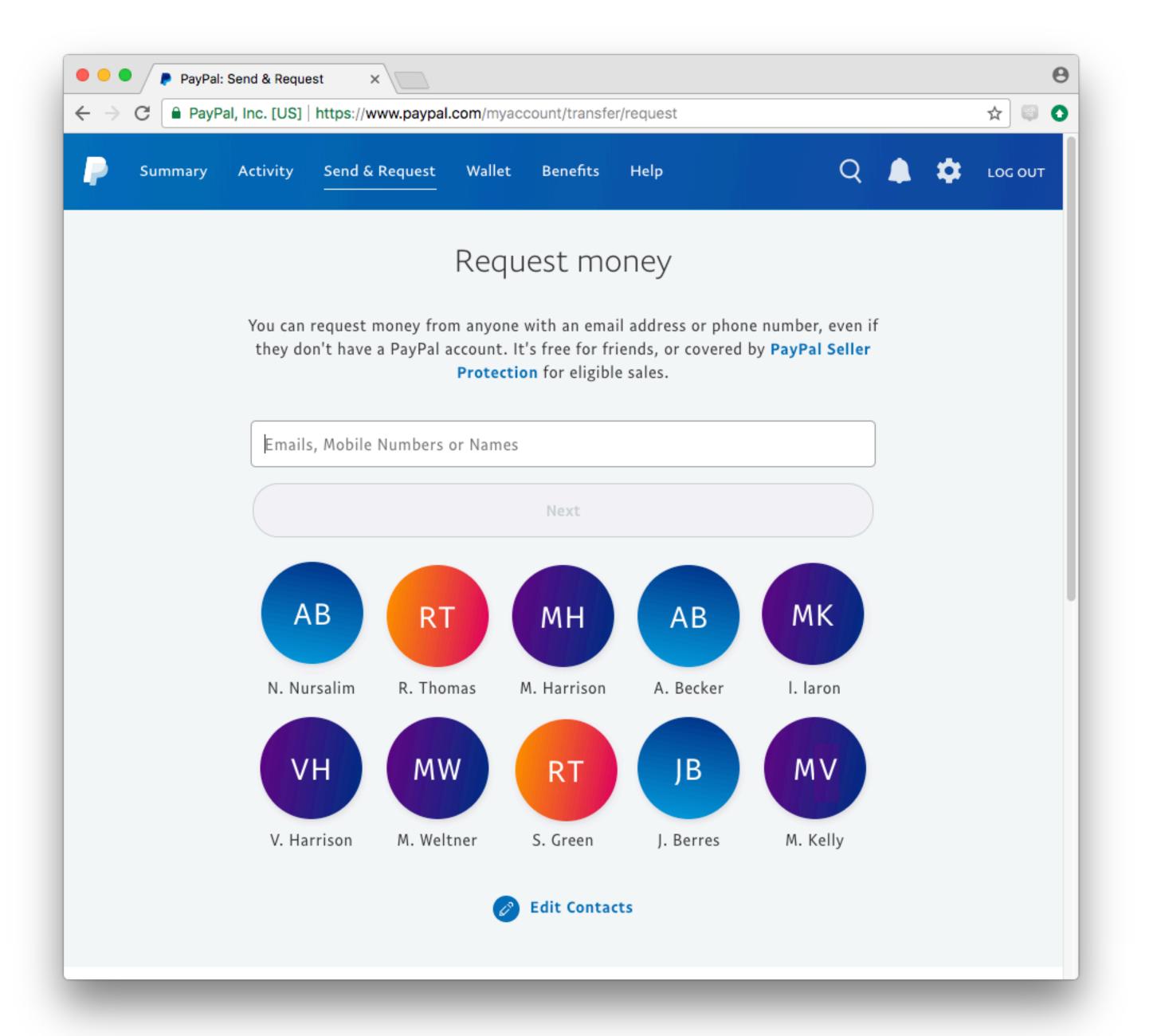
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Error: Can't set headers after they are sent.
  at ServerResponse.OutgoingMessage.setHeader (_http_outgoing.js:356:11)
  at ServerResponse.header (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/express/lib/response.js:767:10)
  at ServerResponse.send (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/express/lib/response.js:170:12)
  at ServerResponse.res.send (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/pplogger/index.js:225:18)
  at done (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/express/lib/response.js:1004:10)
  at Stub.callback (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/adaro/lib/engine.js:137:22)
  at Stub.flush (/web/mynodeapp/pp/node_modules/dustjs-linkedin/lib/dust.js:513:10)
  at Chunk.end (/web/mynodeapp/node_modules/dustjs-linkedin/lib/dust.js:612:15)
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/adaro/lib/patch/index.js:89:53
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/adaro/lib/reader/js.js:39:13
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/engine-munger/lib/munger.js:85:13
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/engine-munger/lib/cache.js:65:13
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/graceful-fs/graceful-fs.js:78:16
  at /web/mynodeapp/node_modules/async-listener/glue.js:188:31
  at FSReqWrap.readFileAfterClose [as oncomplete] (fs.js:380:3)
```



We had no idea <u>why</u> or <u>where</u> our apps were failing

WHAT CAN WE DO?

- Compare a diff between last known working code
- Look through other logs for more information (nginx logs, access logs, etc)
- Look at system metrics (is there a memory leak or CPU spike?)
- Add console.log statements somewhere???
- Advanced debugging techniques (post-mortem debugging, heapdumps, etc.)



```
function payRequest(req, res) {
 // all the important pay request logic...
 // send back the request id
  res.send(requestId)
  // if sending to a known sender...
  if (senderId) {
    await optInToExperiment(senderId)
```

DECRYPT RETURNS A PROMISE

```
async function optInToExperiment(senderId) {
   let encryptedId = decrypt(senderId)
   expService.addUser(encryptedId, function(err, res) {
     if (err) return logger.log(res)
     // success
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```

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onwrite: [Function: bound onwrite],

LESSONS LEARNED

- We need better static analysis
- We need better debugging tools
- We need a consistent way to handle errors
- We need to better understand our logging & monitoring



STATIC ANALYSIS WITH FLOWTYPE & ESLINT

TYPE CHECKING COULD HAVE CAUGHT THAT BUG WITH 2-LINES OF CODE

PREVENTING BUGS WITH TYPES

```
async function optInToExperiment(senderId) {
    let encrtypedId: string = decrypt(senderId)
    expService.addUser(encrtypedId, function(err, res) {
        if (err) return logger.log(res)
        // success
    })
```

PREVENTING BUGS WITH TYPES

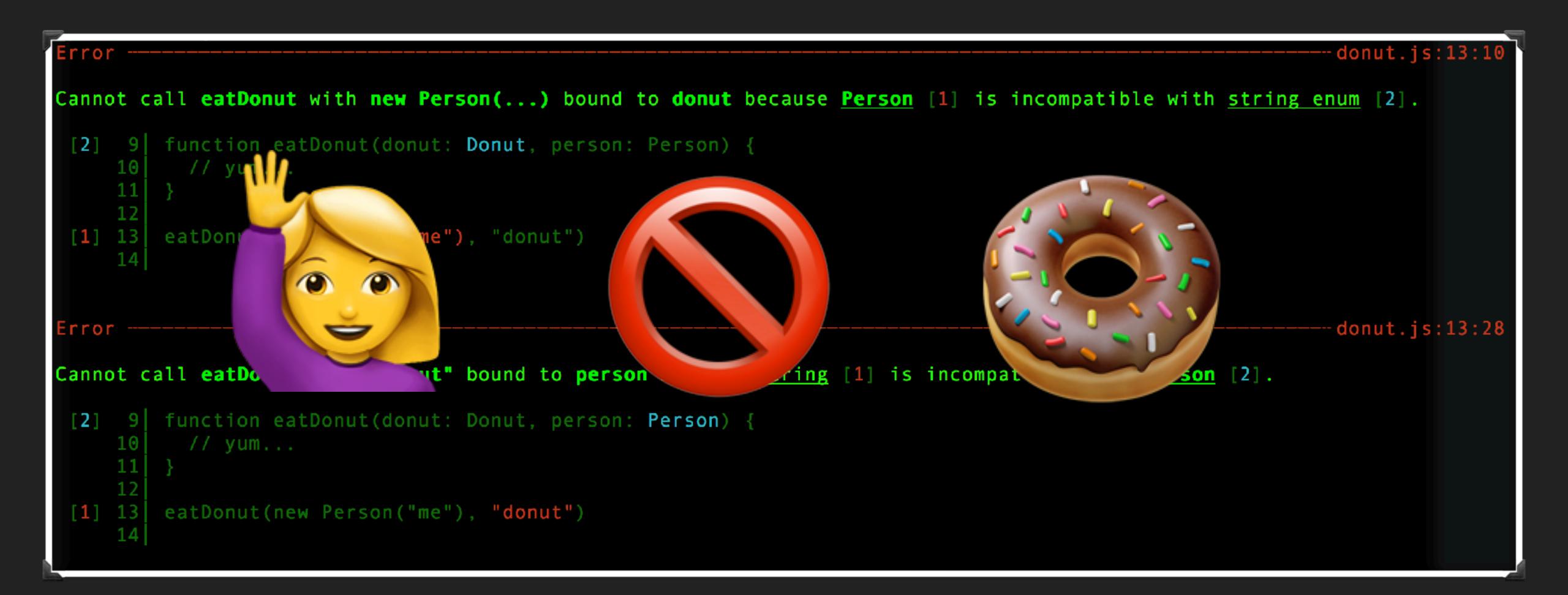
```
function decrypt(encryptedId: string): Promise<string> {
    return Service.decryptValue(encrytpedId)
}
```

FLOW WON'T LET THAT SLIDE

WHY ADD TYPES TO YOUR JS?

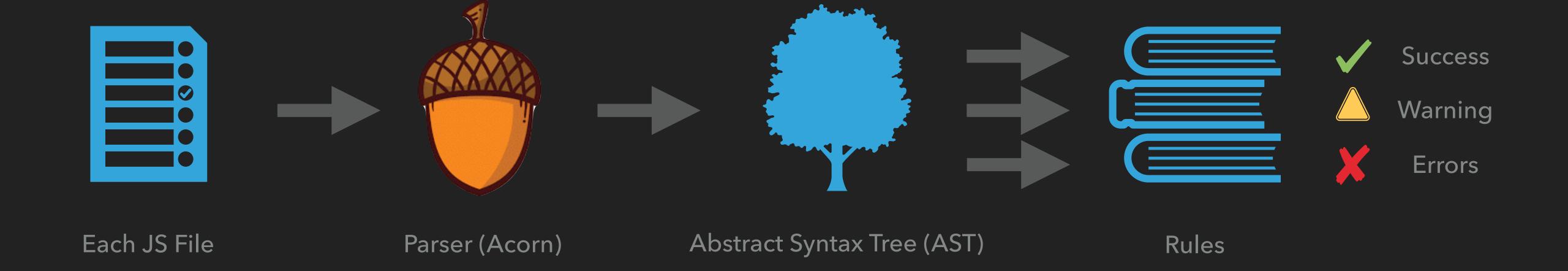
- Prevents large % of bugs
- Helps surface architectural problems
- Both Flow and TypeScript are well maintained, high quality tools
- Both syntaxes are light-weight and easy to use
- Both allow for gradual adoption

```
func
      // @flow
      type Donut = "maple" | "chocolate" | "glazed"
      class Person {
          name: string;
          constructor(name) {
              this.name = name;
      function eatDonut(donut: Donut, person: Person) {
        // yum...
      eatDonut(new Person("me"), "donut")
```



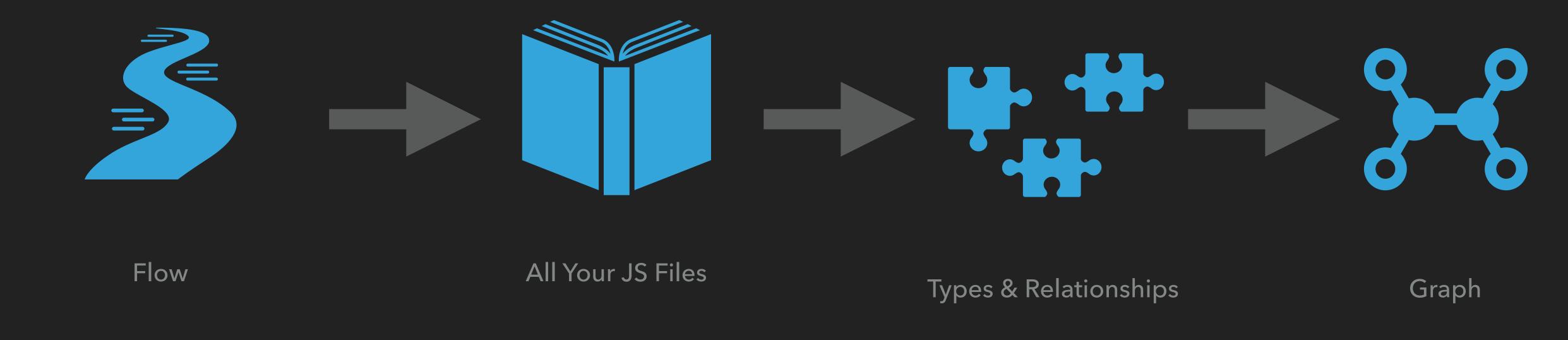
Type systems have a lot in common with linters

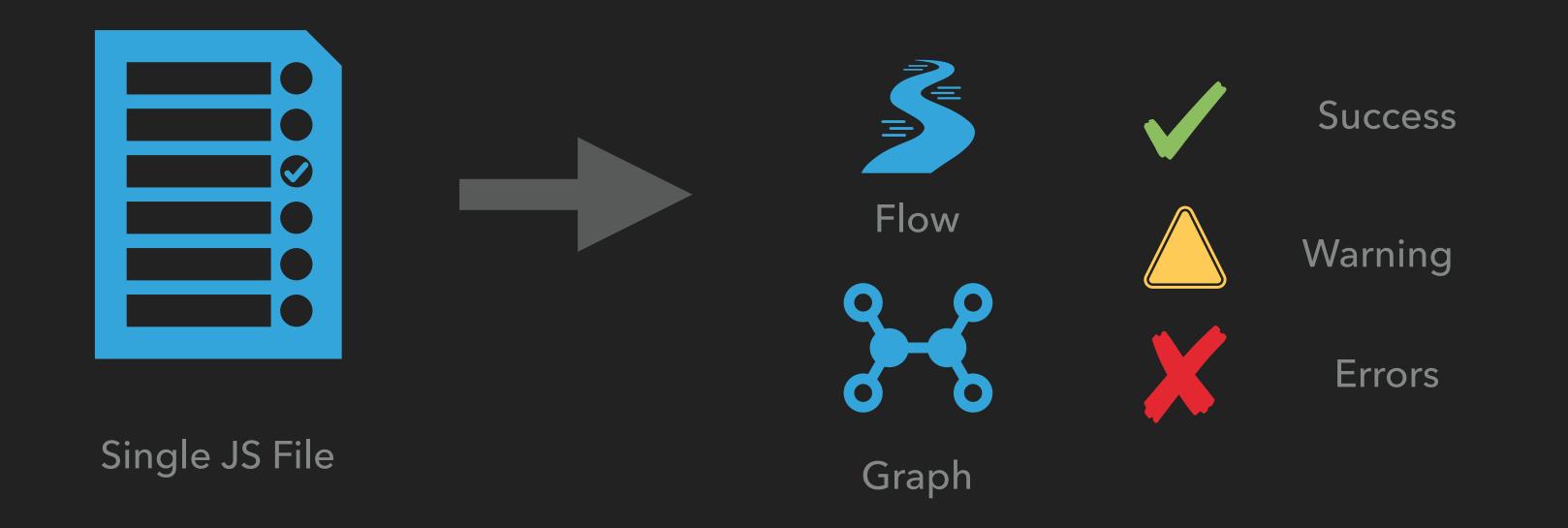
Architecture of JavaScript Linter (ESLint)



Linters can only think about one file at a time

Architecture of JavaScript Type System (Flow)





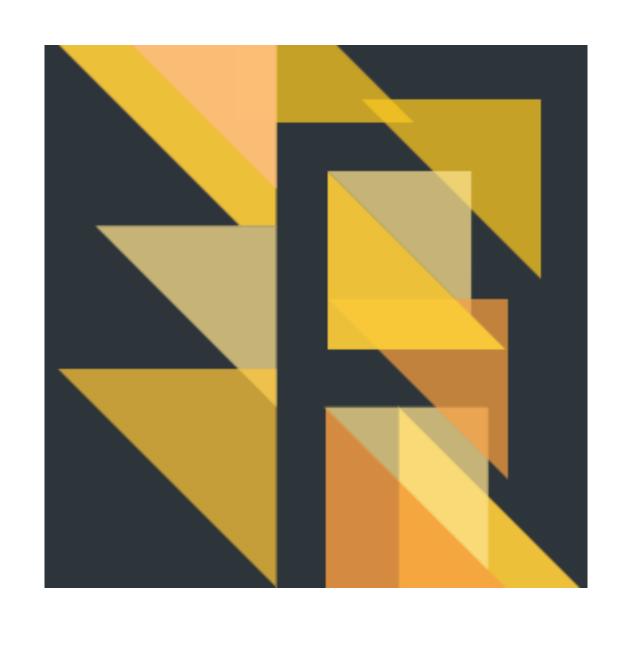
COULD A LINTER HAVE HELPED US WITH OUR MYSTERY BUG?

```
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  res.send(requestId)
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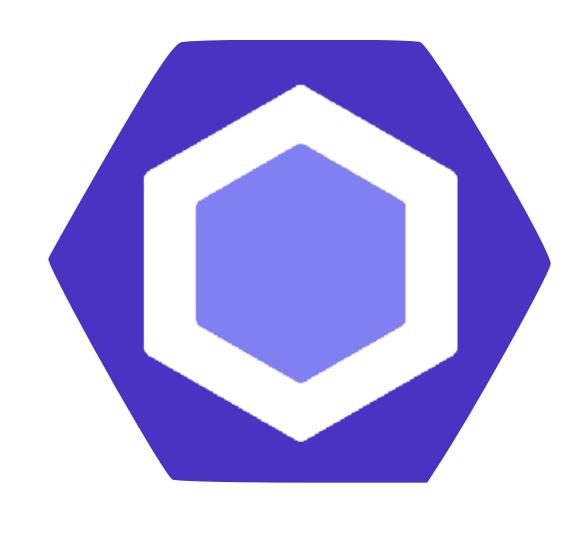
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        // success
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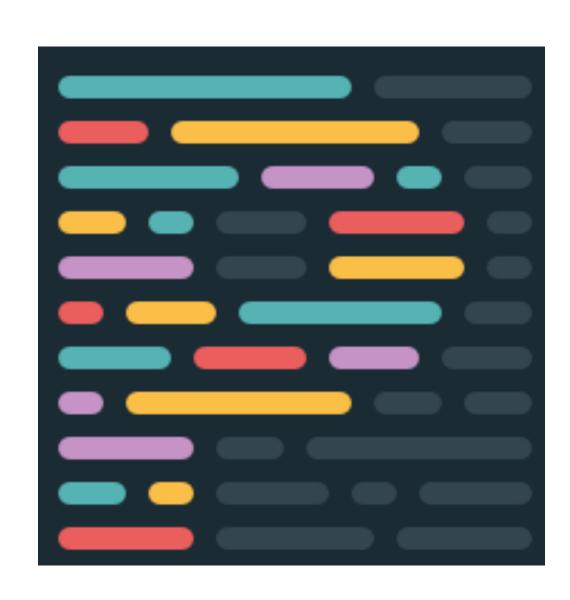
STATIC ANALYZERS AND FORMATTERS ARE PRETTY COOL







ESLint

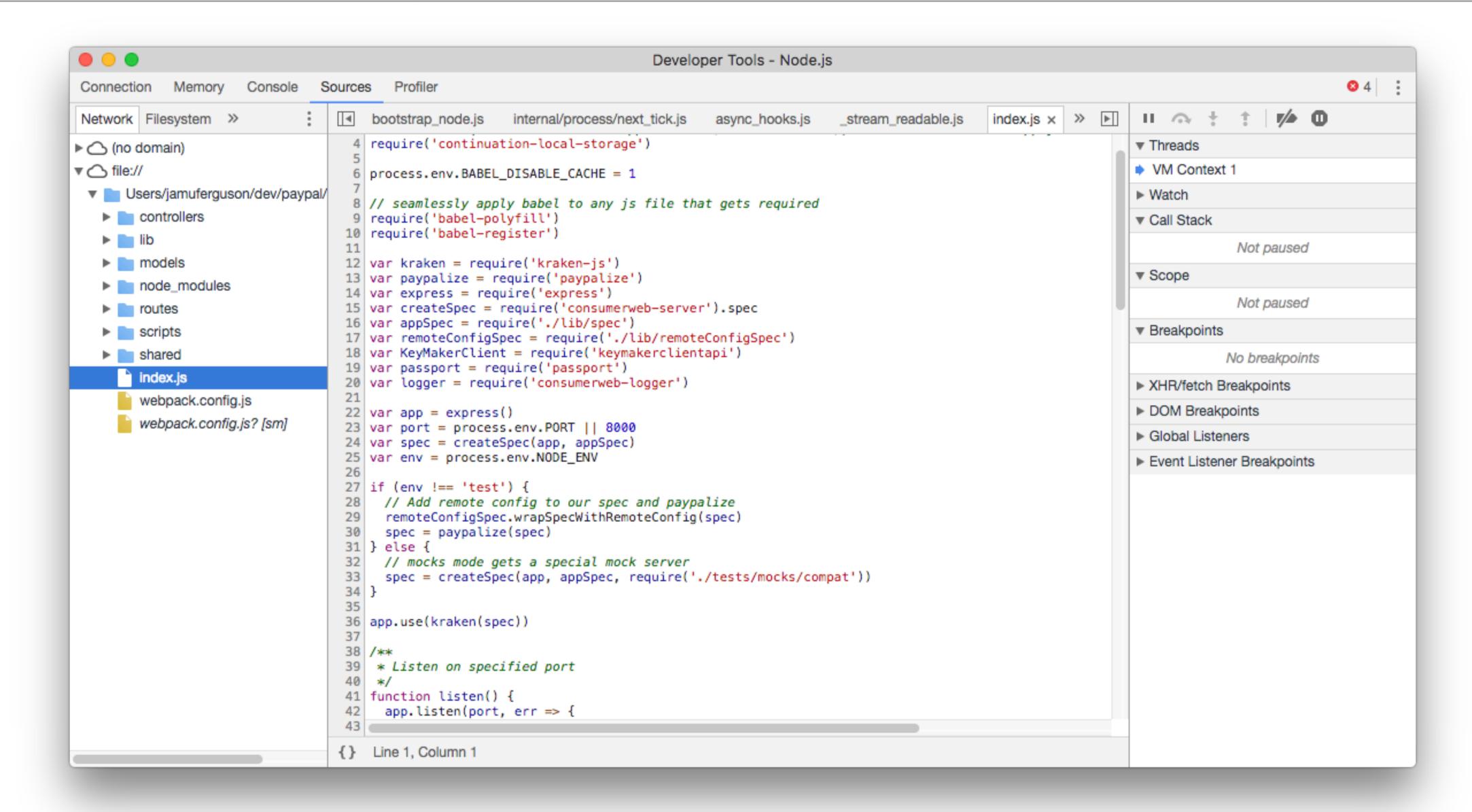


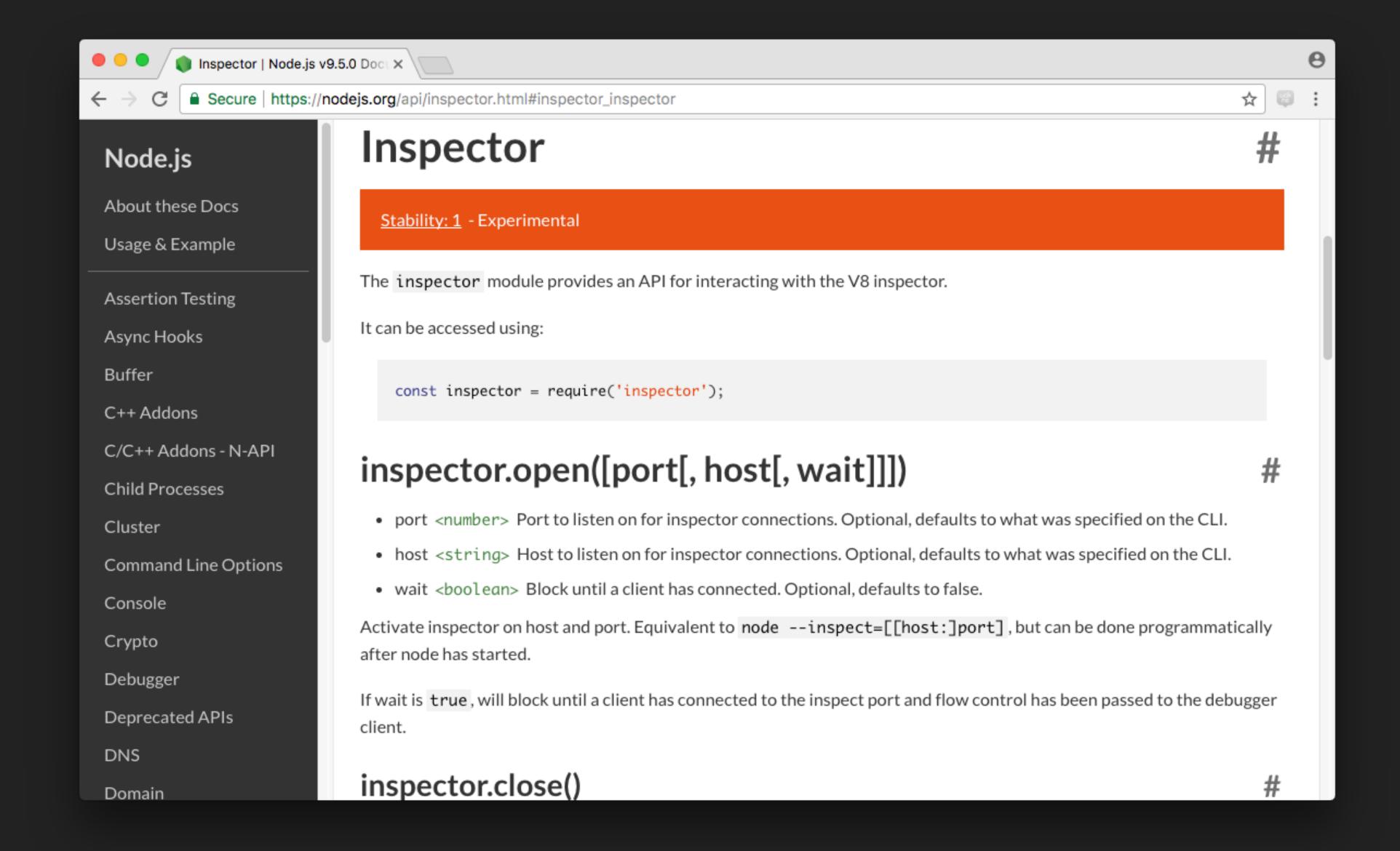
Prettier

Unfortunately, we still get bugs from time to time

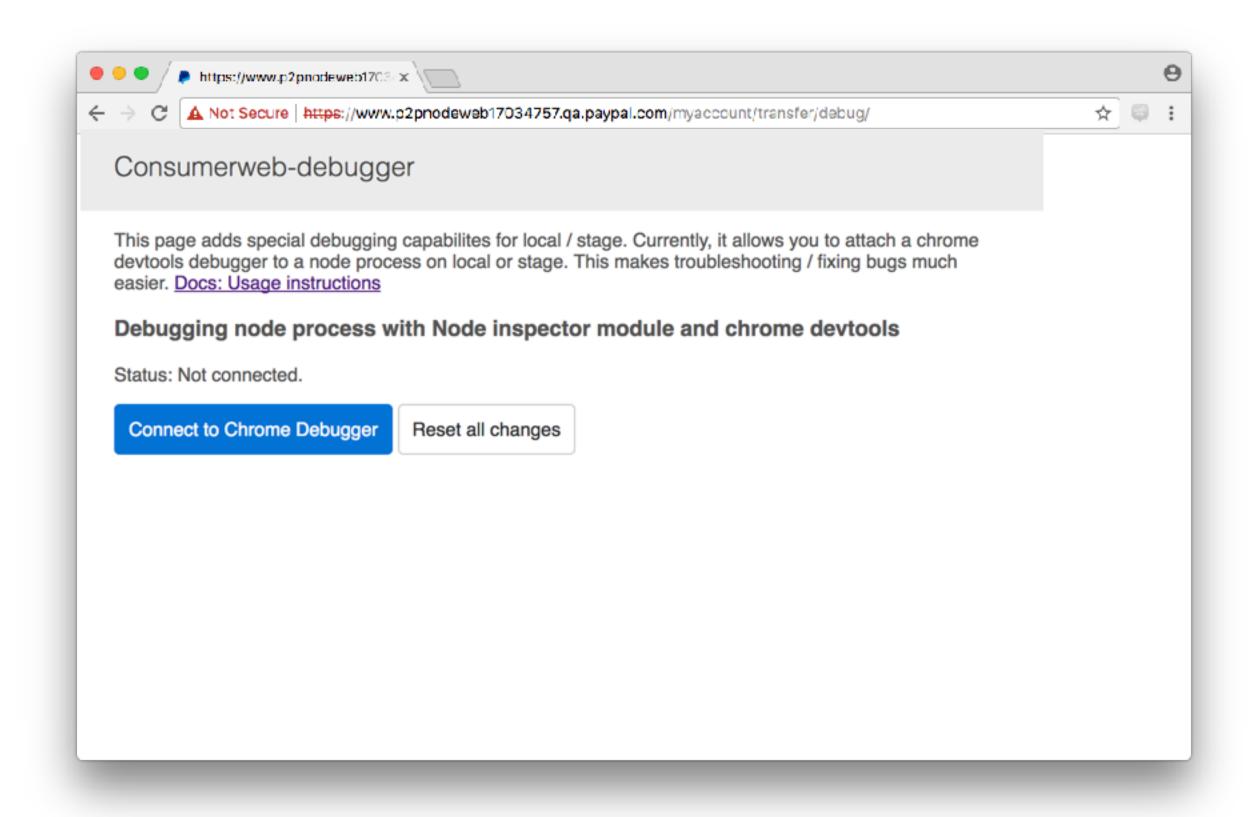
DEBUGGING USING THE INSPECTOR MODULE

THE BUILT-IN INSPECTOR MODULE





SETTING UP A DEBUG MODE



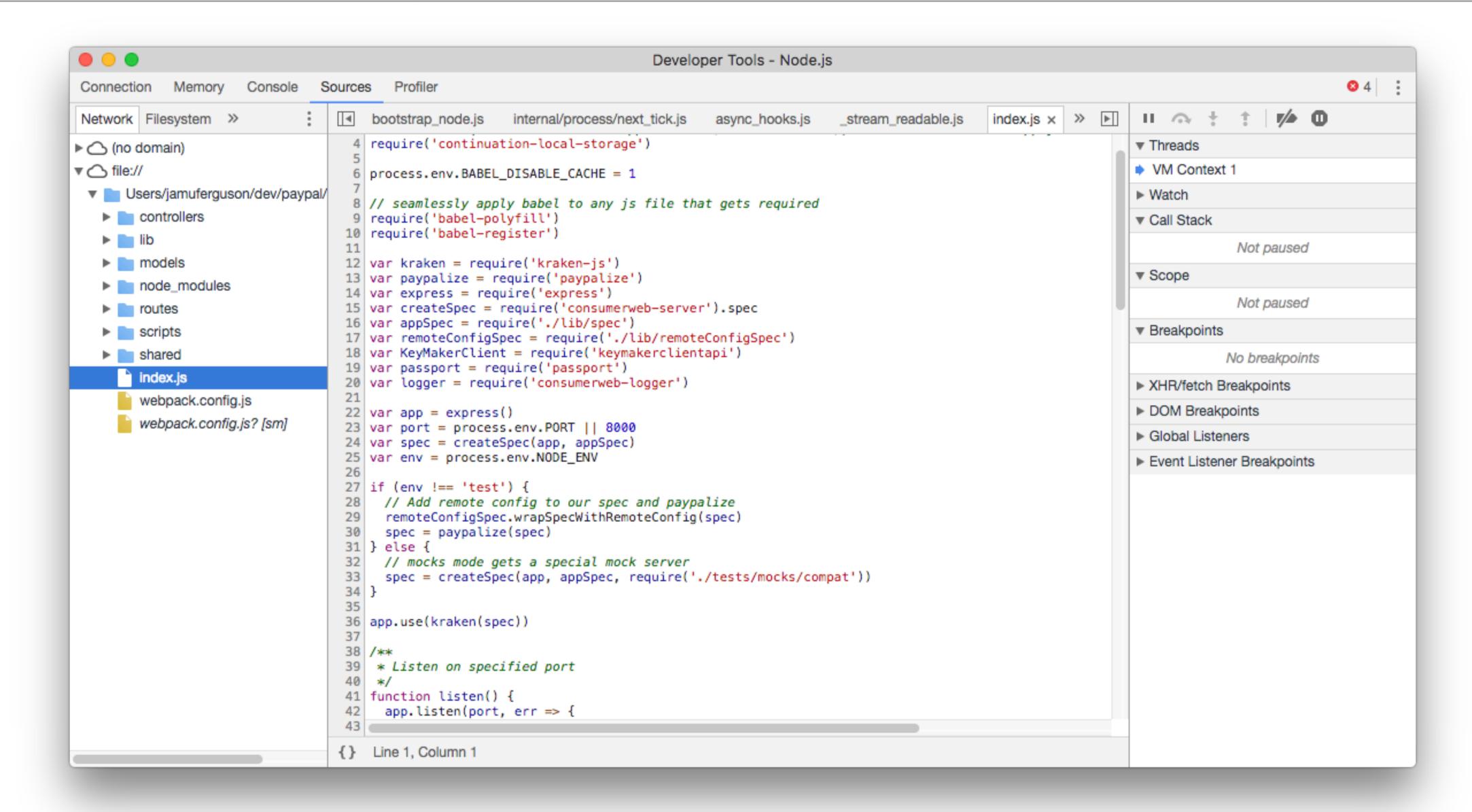
TURN IT ON

```
var inspector = require('inspector')
inspector.open()
```

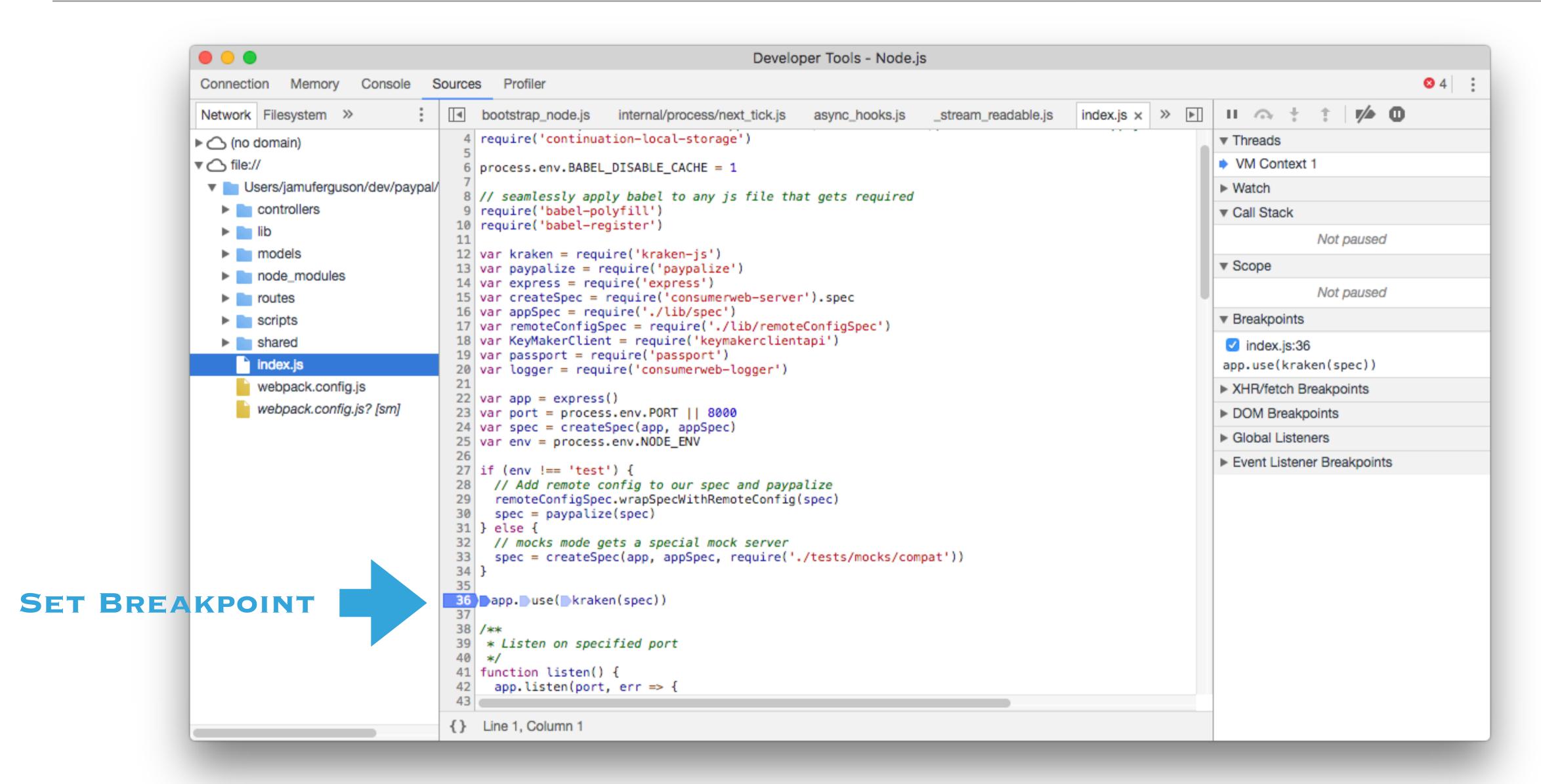
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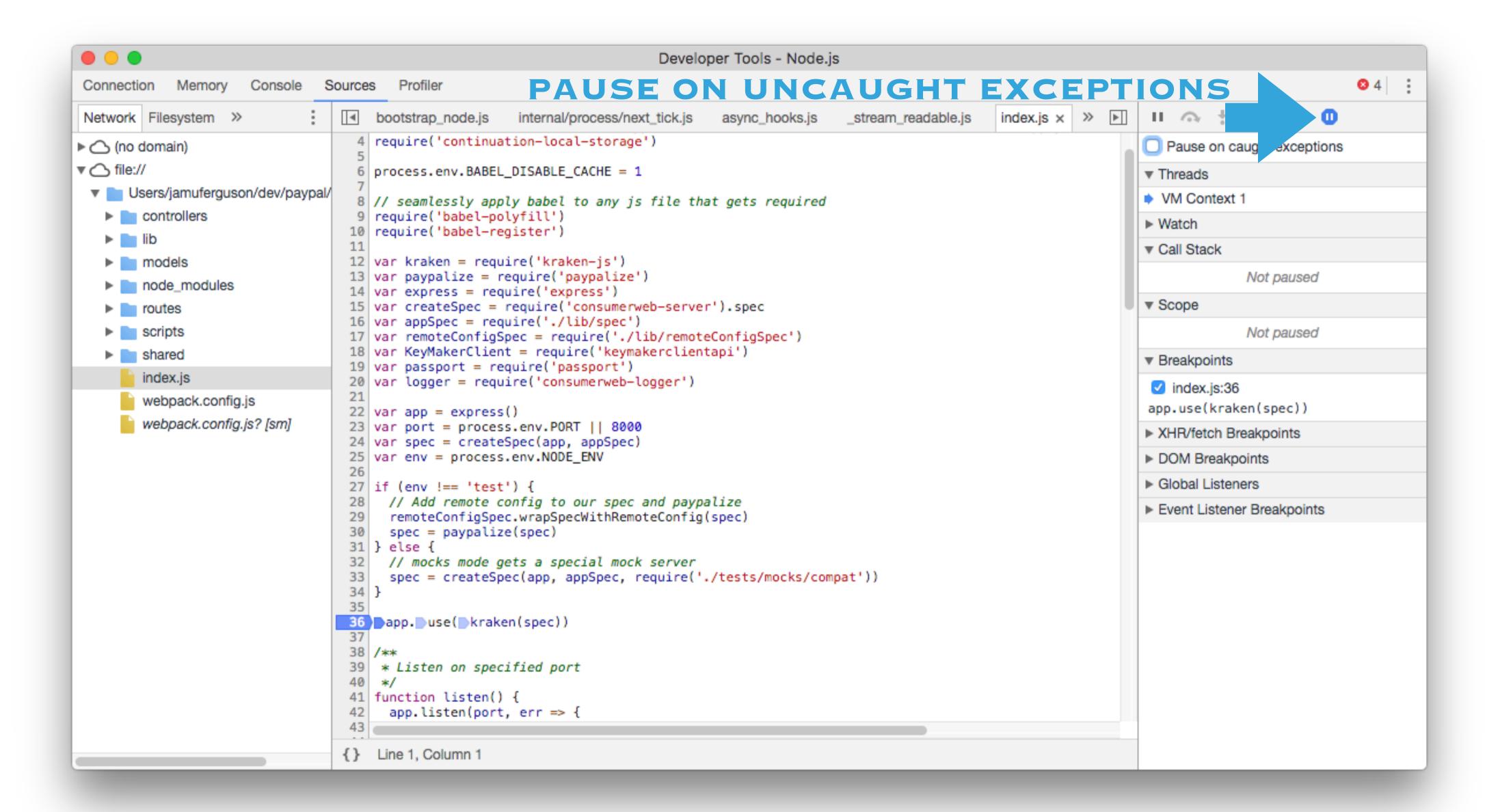
inspector.close()

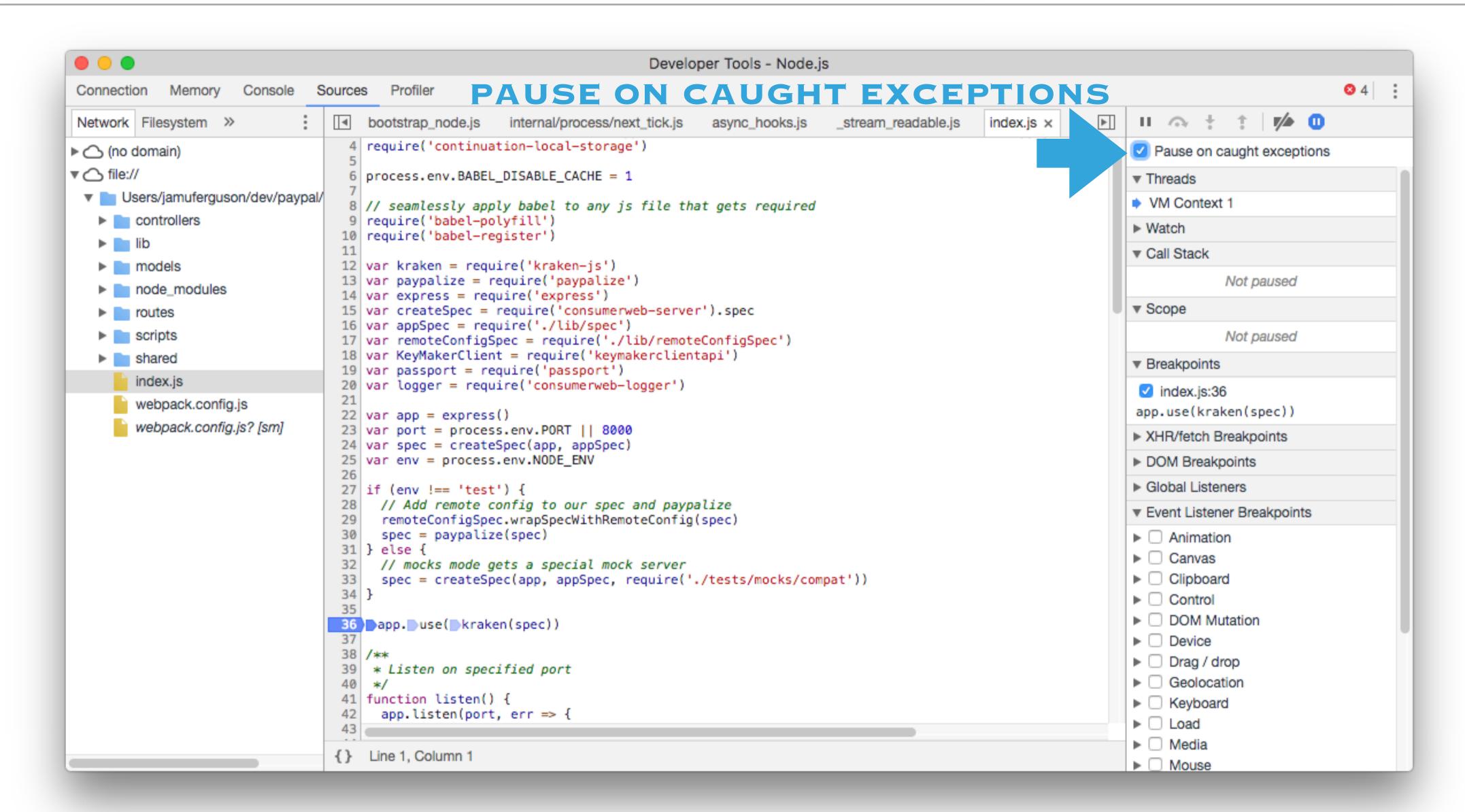
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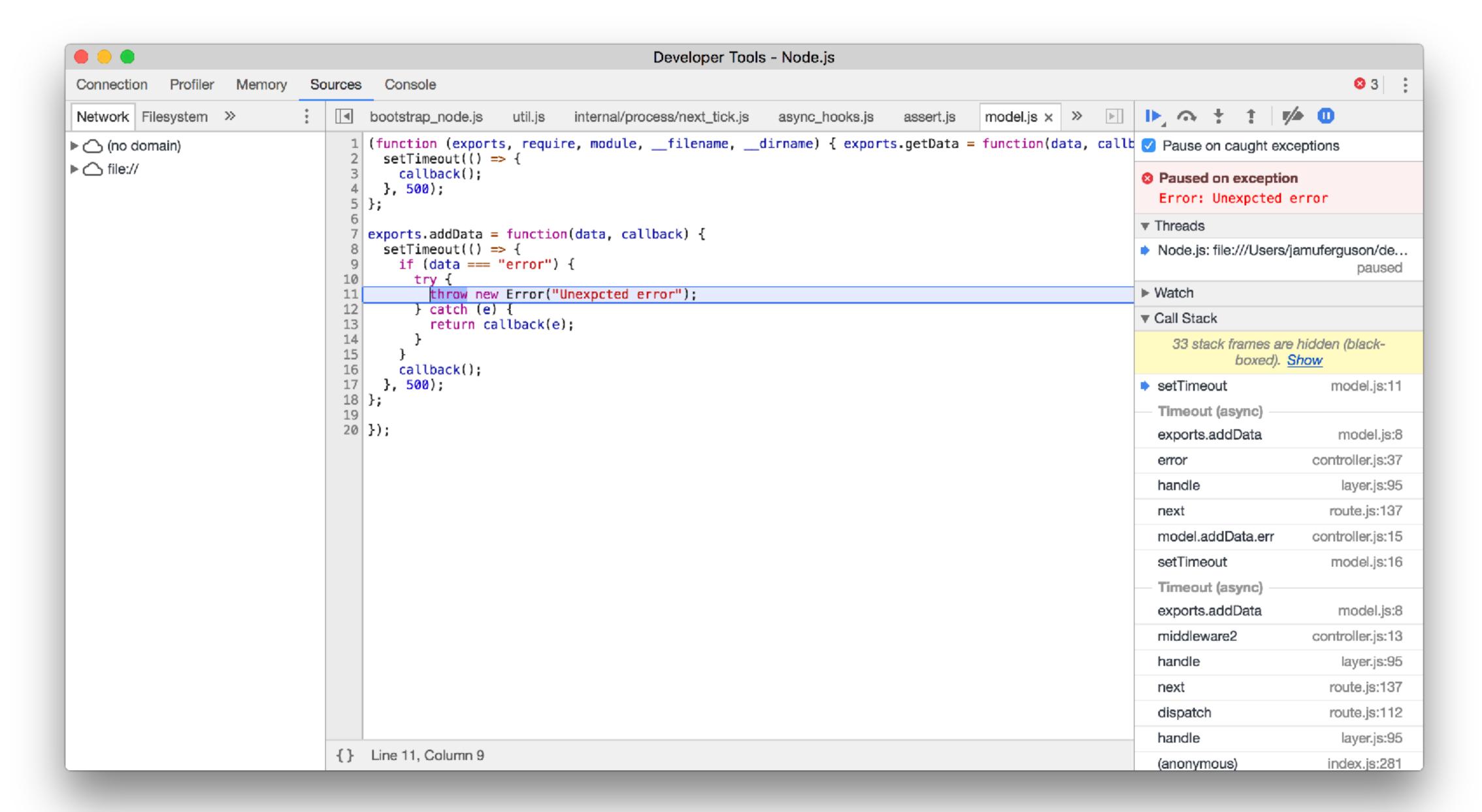
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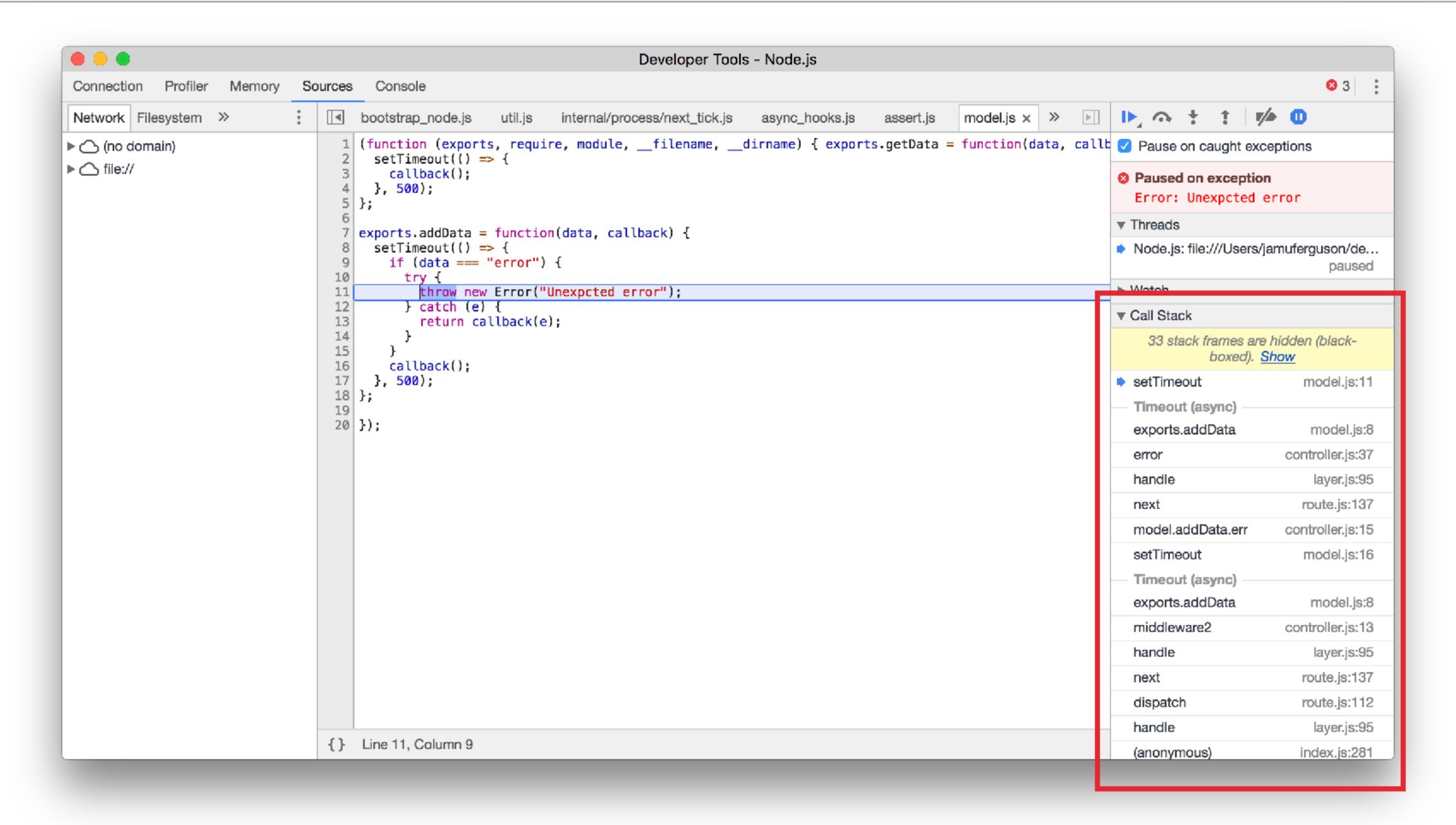




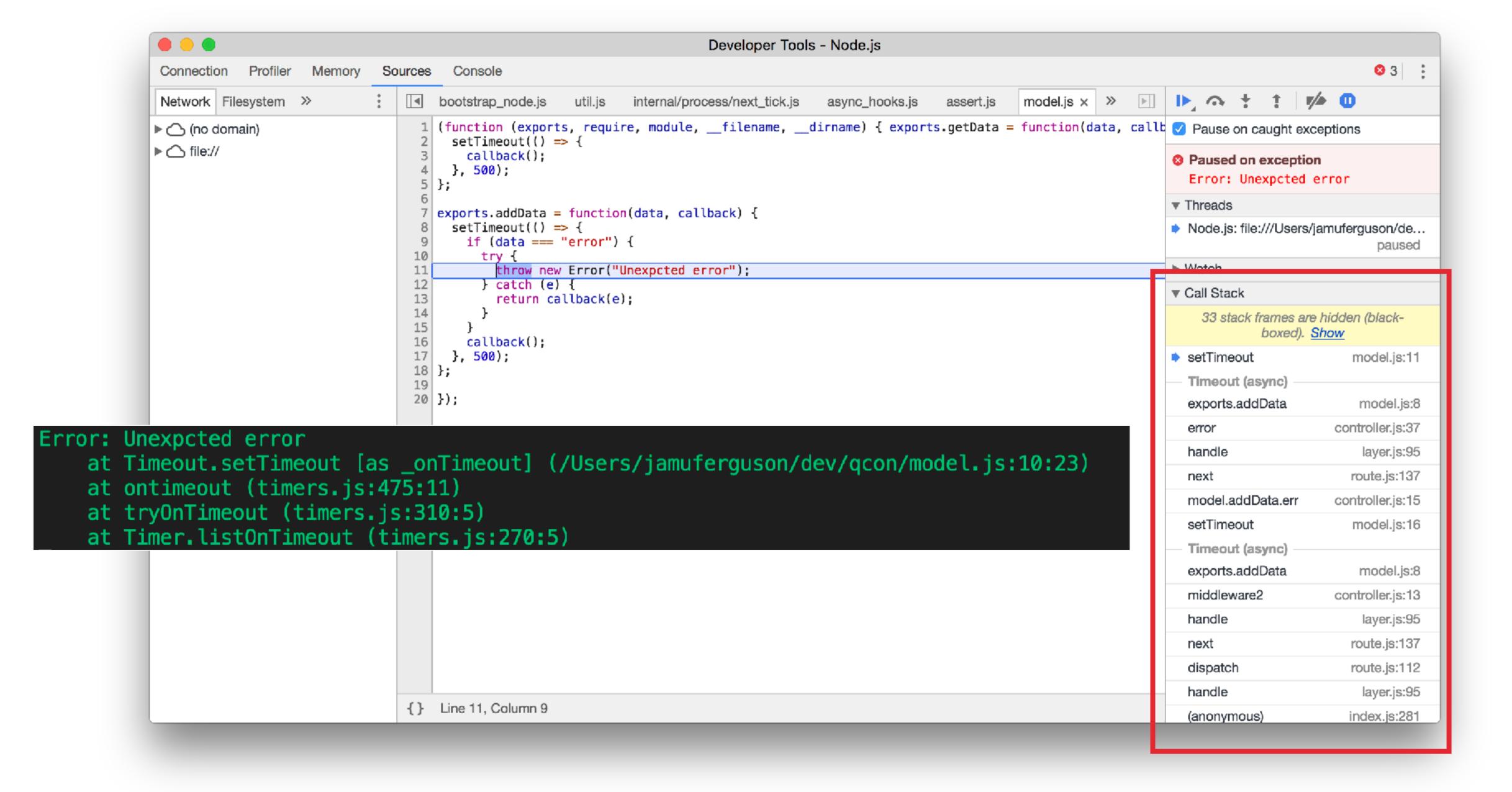


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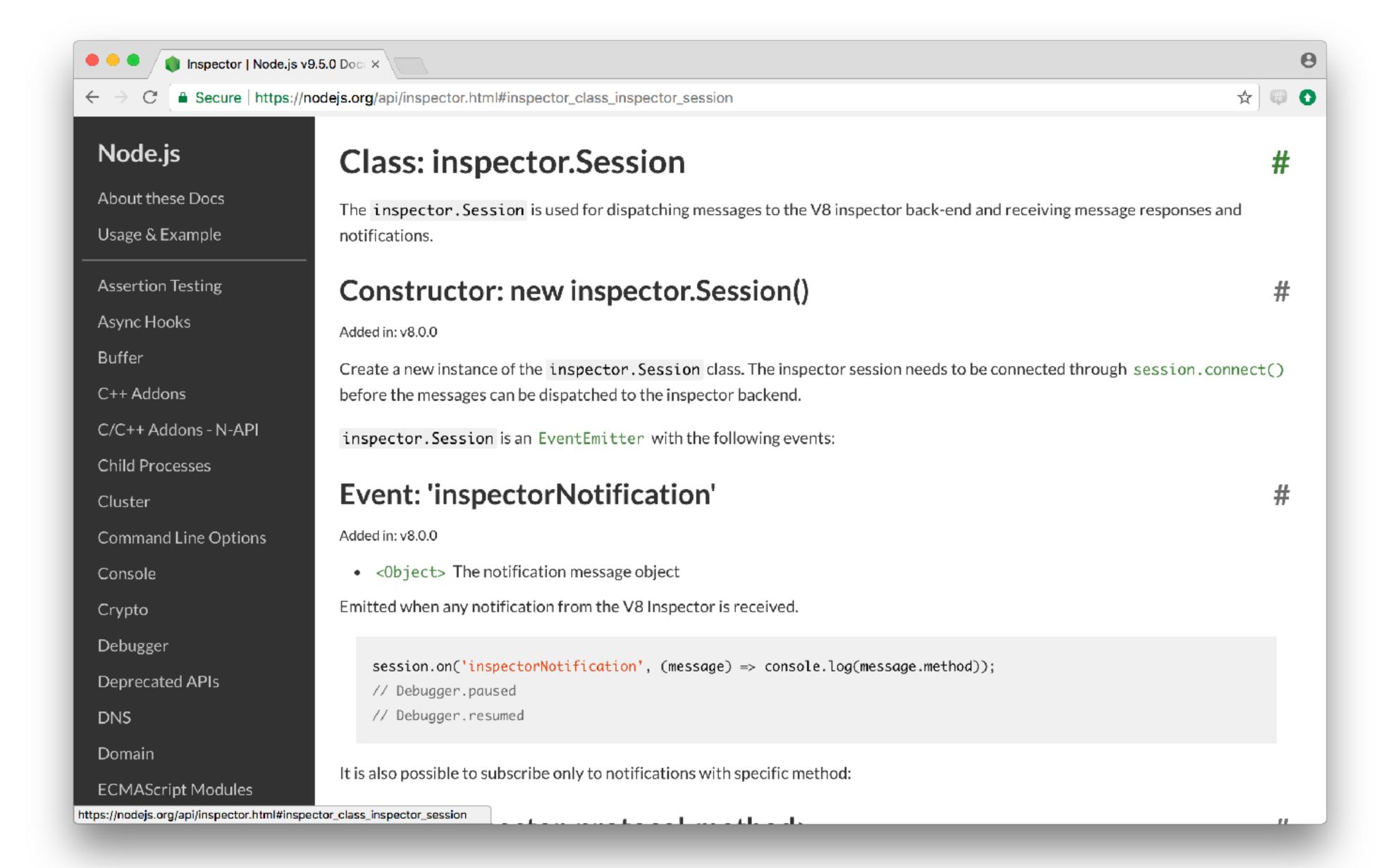






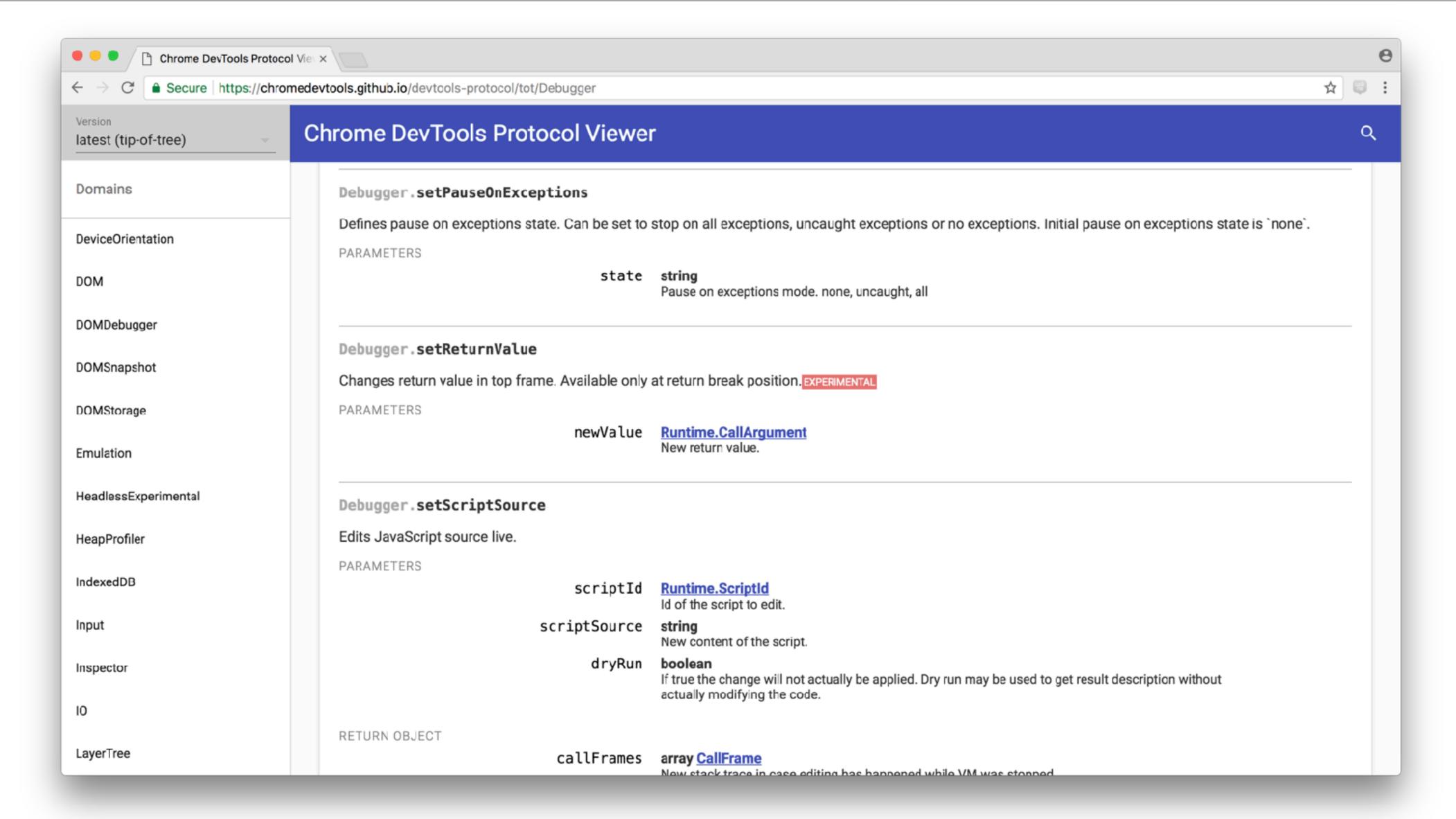
Don't try this in production

THE BUILT-IN INSPECTOR MODULE



```
var session = new inspector.Session();
session.connect();
session.post("Runtime.enable");
session.post("Debugger.enable");
session.post("Debugger.setAsyncCallStackDepth", { maxDepth: 20 });
session.post("Debugger.setPauseOnExceptions", { state: "all" });
session.on('Debugger.paused', ({ params }) => {
  // params.callFrames
  // params.reason
     params.asyncStackTrace
});
```

THE BUILT-IN INSPECTOR MODULE



Default Node Error

```
Error: Unexpcted error
    at Timeout.setTimeout [as _onTimeout] (/Users/jamuferguson/dev/qcon/model.js:10:23)
    at ontimeout (timers.js:475:11)
    at tryOnTimeout (timers.js:310:5)
    at Timer.listOnTimeout (timers.js:270:5)
```

Inspector Based Error

```
Error: Unexpcted error
    at init (internal/inspector_async_hook.js:18:14)
    at emitInitNative (async_hooks.js:471:42)
    at emitInitScript (async_hooks.js:387:2)
    at Timeout (timers.js:578:4)
    at createSingleTimeout (timers.js:458:14)
    at setTimeout (timers.js:442:9)
    at exports.addData (~/qcon/model.js:7:2)
    at error (~/qcon/controller.js:36:8)
    at handle (~/qcon/node_modules/express/lib/router/layer.js:94:4)
    at next (~/qcon/node_modules/express/lib/router/route.js:136:12)
    at model.addData.err (~/qcon/controller.js:14:4)
    at setTimeout (~/qcon/model.js:15:4)
    at ontimeout (timers.js:474:10)
    at tryOnTimeout (timers.js:309:4)
    at listOnTimeout (timers.js:269:4)
```

FIND A DEBUGGING APPROACH THAT WORKS FOR YOU AND YOUR TEAM

ERROR HANDLING USING

ASMIC/AMAIT

```
// here is an async function
async function getNumber() {
  return 4 // actually returns a Promise
// the same function using promises
function getNumber() {
     return Promise resolve (4)
```

Errors thrown inside async functions get converted into rejected Promises

```
async function badNews() {
    throw new Error('bad news')
function badNews() {
    return Promise.reject(new Error('bad news'))
```

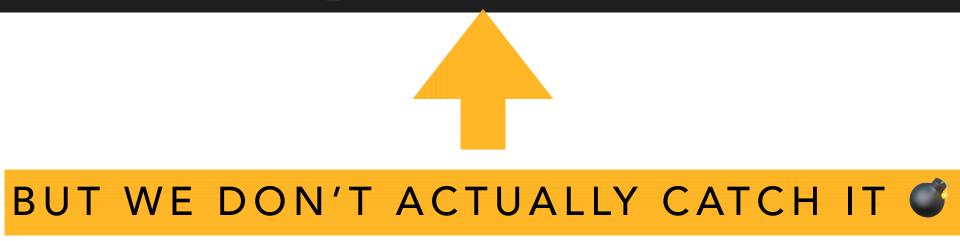
Async Middleware Pattern

```
async function getUsers(req, res) {
  let users = await getUsersForId(req.params.id)
  res.json(users)
}
server.get('/users', getUsers)
```

THIS IS PRETTY NICE

ERRORS WILL BUBBLE UP

```
async function getUsers(req, res) {
  let users = await getUsersForId(req.params.id)
  res.json(users)
server.get('/users', getUsers)
```



```
Fri, 01 Sep 2017 17:21:39 GMT unhandledRejection
Error: Reached 5 failures on API Usen User lead load by account. Circuit breaker is open now
and API is not available.
    at Breaker._run
(/dependencies/p2pnodeweb/cronus/scripts/node_modules/levee/lib/breaker.js:74:18)
    at Breaker.run
(/dependencies/p2pnodeweb/cronus/scripts/node_modules/levee/lib/breaker.js:60:15)
    at circuitCallback (/dependencies/p2pnodeweb/cronus/scripts/node_modules/servicecore-
hystrix/index.js:71:21)
    at onreponse
(/dependencies/p2pnodeweb/cronus/scripts/node_modules/levee/lib/breaker.js:121:18)
    at container
(/dependencies/p2pnodeweb/cronus/scripts/node_modules/levee/lib/zalgo.js:17:26)
    at
```

```
PASS IN YOUR ASYNC MIDDLEWARE
 RETURN A STANDARD MIDDLEWARE FUNCTION
                              syncMiadleware)
    EXECUTE THE ASYNC MIDDLEWARE
                                                    CATCH ANY ERRORS
                               res, next)
PASS THOSE TO THE EX. RESS ERROR HANDLER
            res, next).catch(function(err) {
        next(err)
```

APPLY AS NEEDED

server.get('/users', authenticate, handleError(getUsers))

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Make it easy for your engineers to do the right thing

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ExpressJS Async Errors

```
build passing
```

A dead simple ES6 async/await support hack for ExpressJS

Shamelessly copied from express-yields

This has been lightly reworked to handle async rather than generators.

Usage

```
npm install express-async-errors --save
```

Then require this script somewhere before you start using it:

Async functions already work fine in Express.

```
const express = require('express');
require('express-async-errors');
const User = require('./models/user');
const app = express();
```

Custom Error Classes

```
async function getCard(params) {
   if (!params.id) {
      throw new Error("Missing ID")
   }
   // ...
}
```

```
async function getCard(params) {
   if (!params.id) {
      throw new ParamError("id")
   }
   // ...
}
```

```
class ParamError extends Error {
  constructor(field) {
    1. super(`Missing param: ${field}`)
    2. Error.captureStackTrace(this, ParamError)
    3. this.statusCode = 400
  }
}
```

```
function errorHandler(err, req, res, next) {
   let statusCode = err.statusCode || 500
   res.status(statusCode).send(err.message)
}
```

```
async function getCard(params) {
  if (!params.id) {
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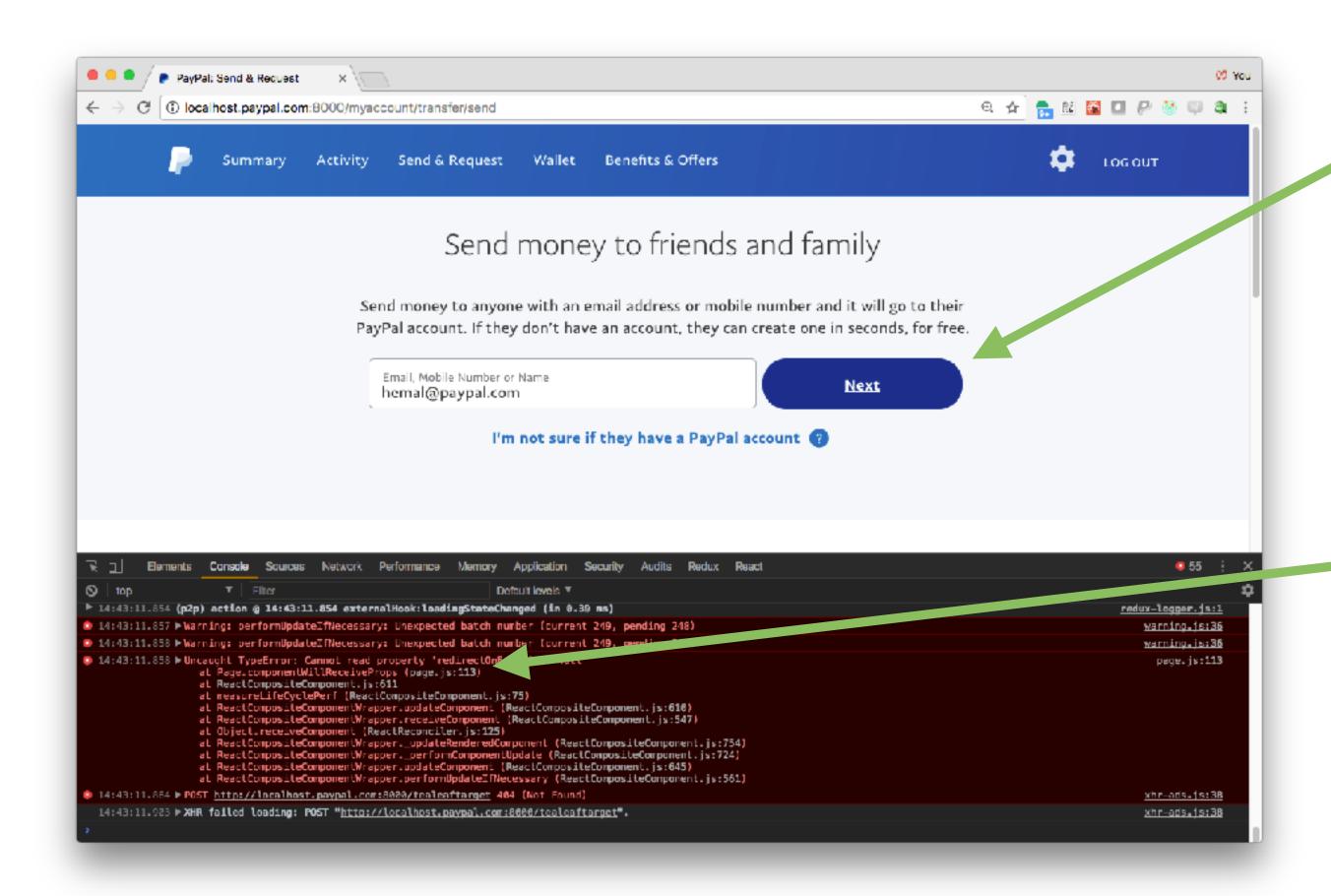
SUMMARY

- Don't use object literals or strings for errors (missing stack trace)
- Use the Error built-in object
- Subclass Error to add statusCodes or to convert error codes into userfriendly error messages for localization, etc
- We basically have one error class per micro-service to handle parsing the errors out of the response....



The Mystery of the Client-Side Errors

CLIENT-SIDE MONITORING

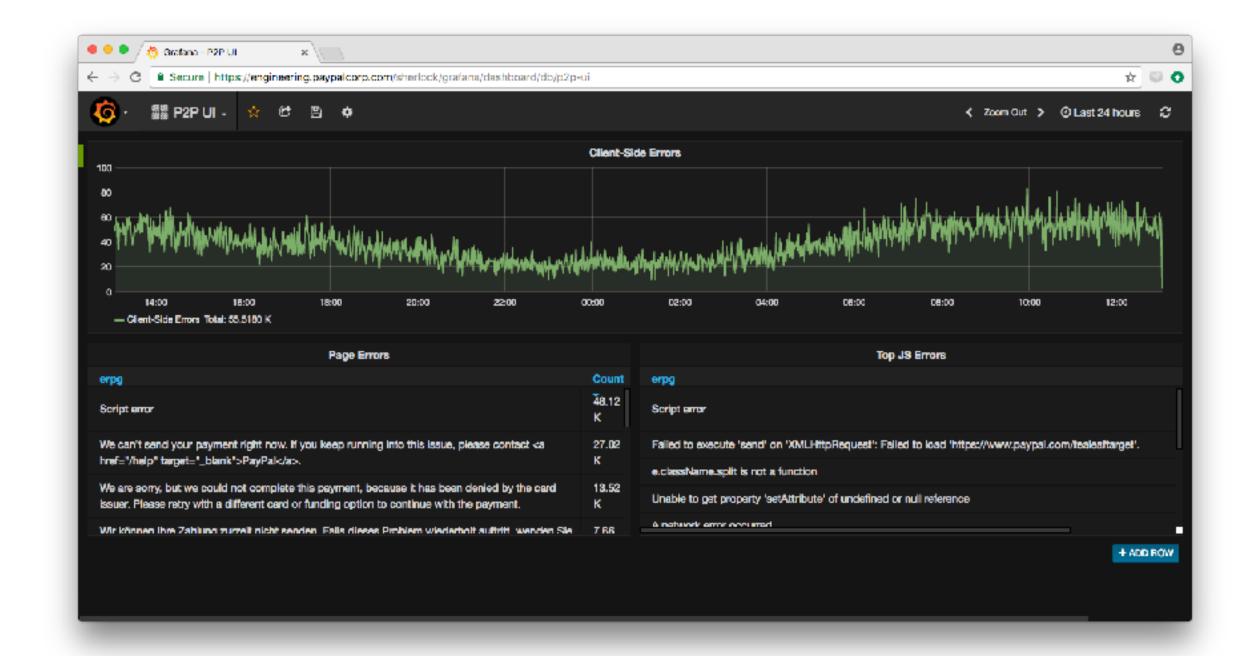


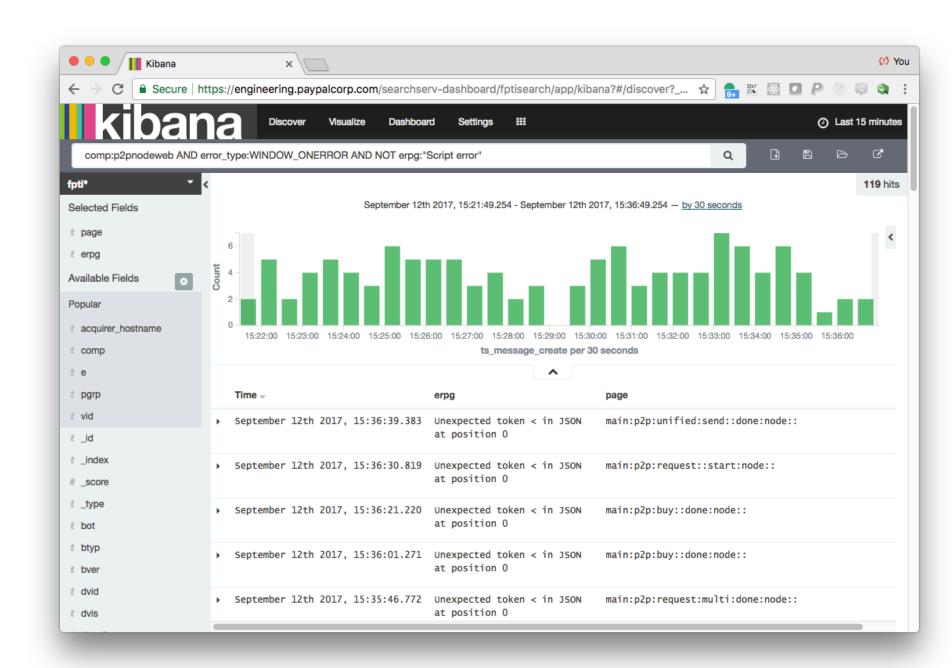
BUTTON DOESN'T WORK

REAL ISSUE USUALLY IN DEV TOOLS

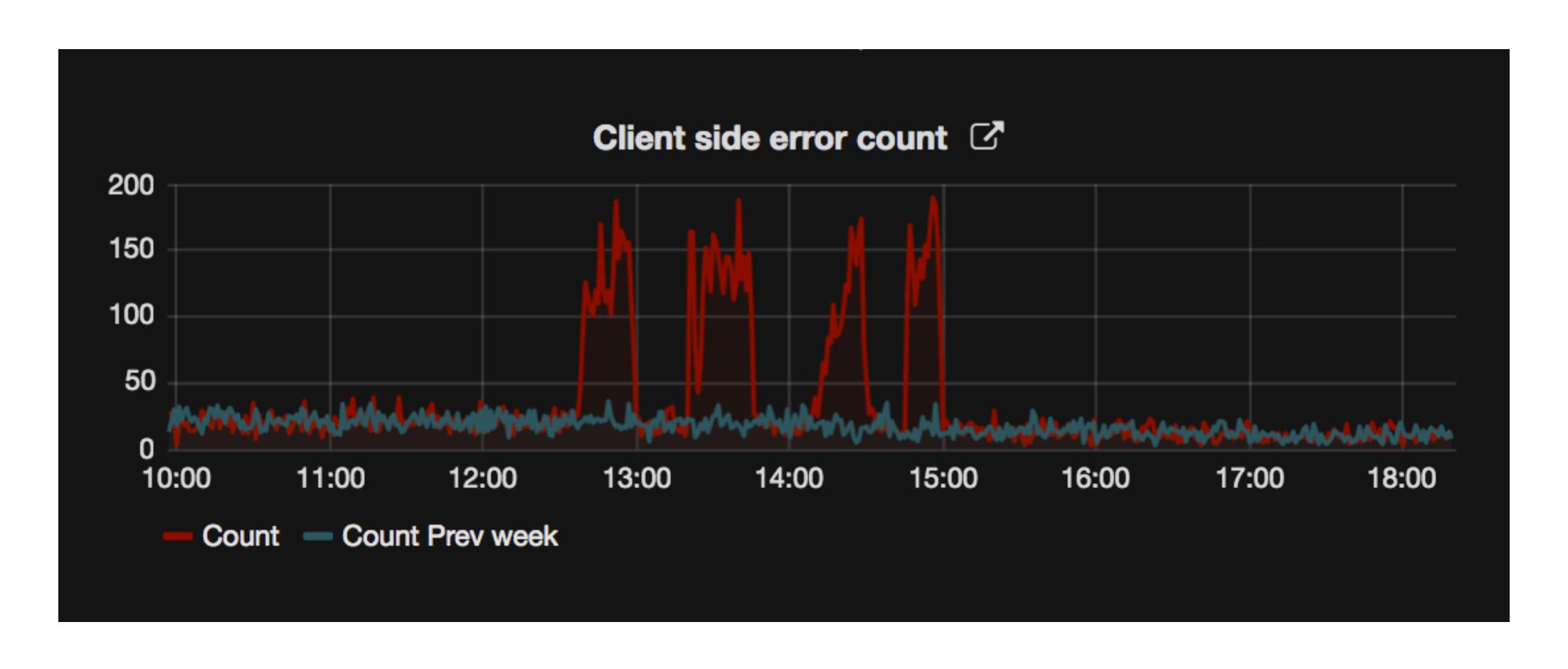
CLIENT-SIDE MONITORING

```
window.onerror = function (msg, url, line, col, error) {
    // 1. clean up the data
    // 2. log to server w/AJAX or sendBeacon() API
```





WE NOTICED A SPIKE DURING DEPLOY

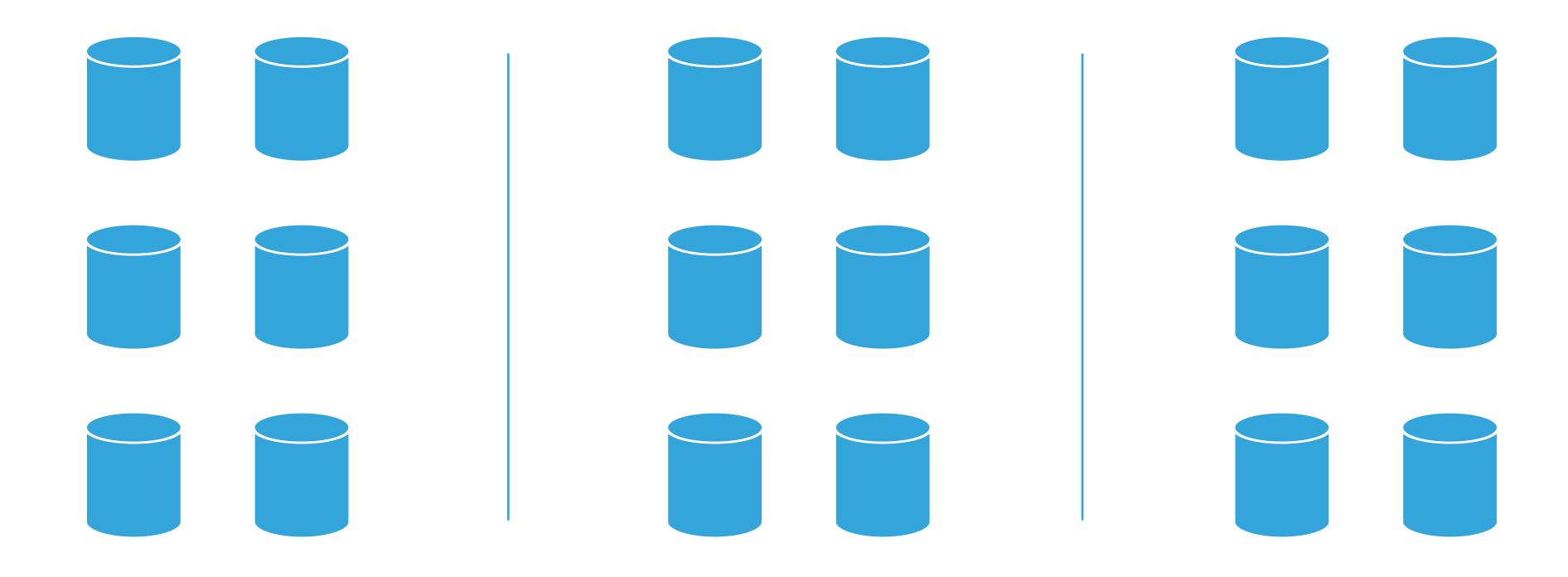


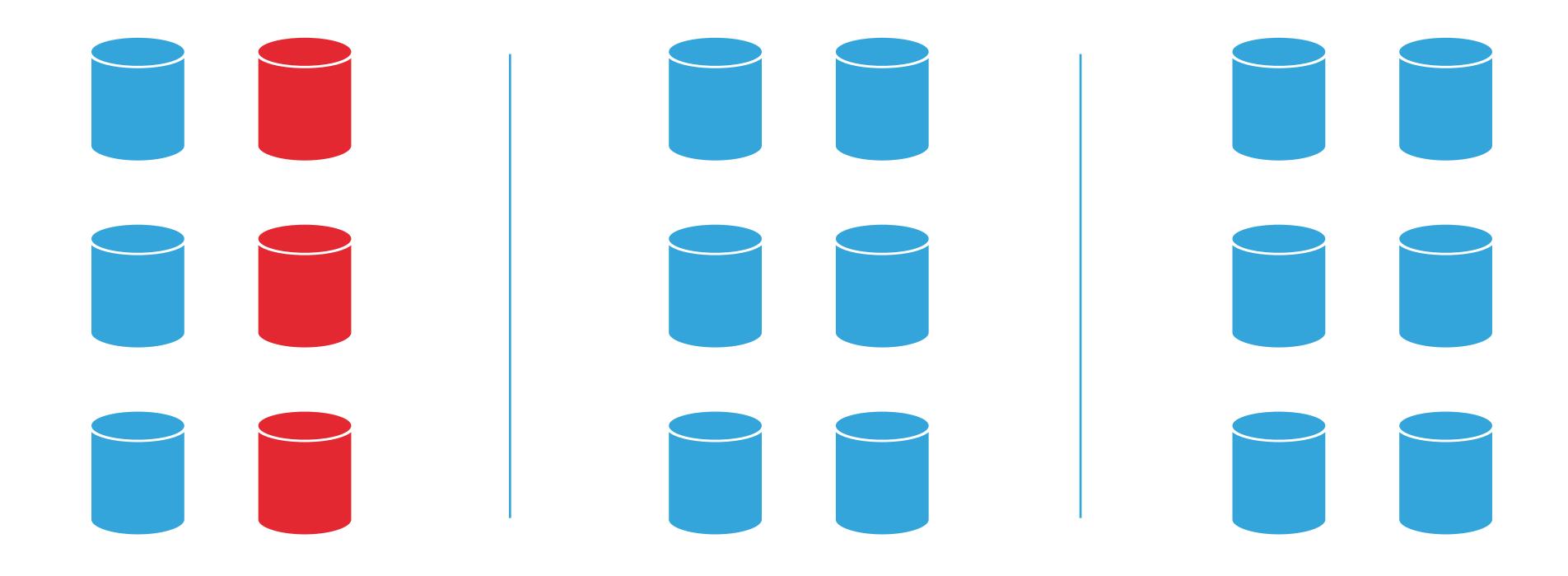
WE CONGRATULATED OURSELVES...THEN ACTUALLY LOOKED INTO THE BUG

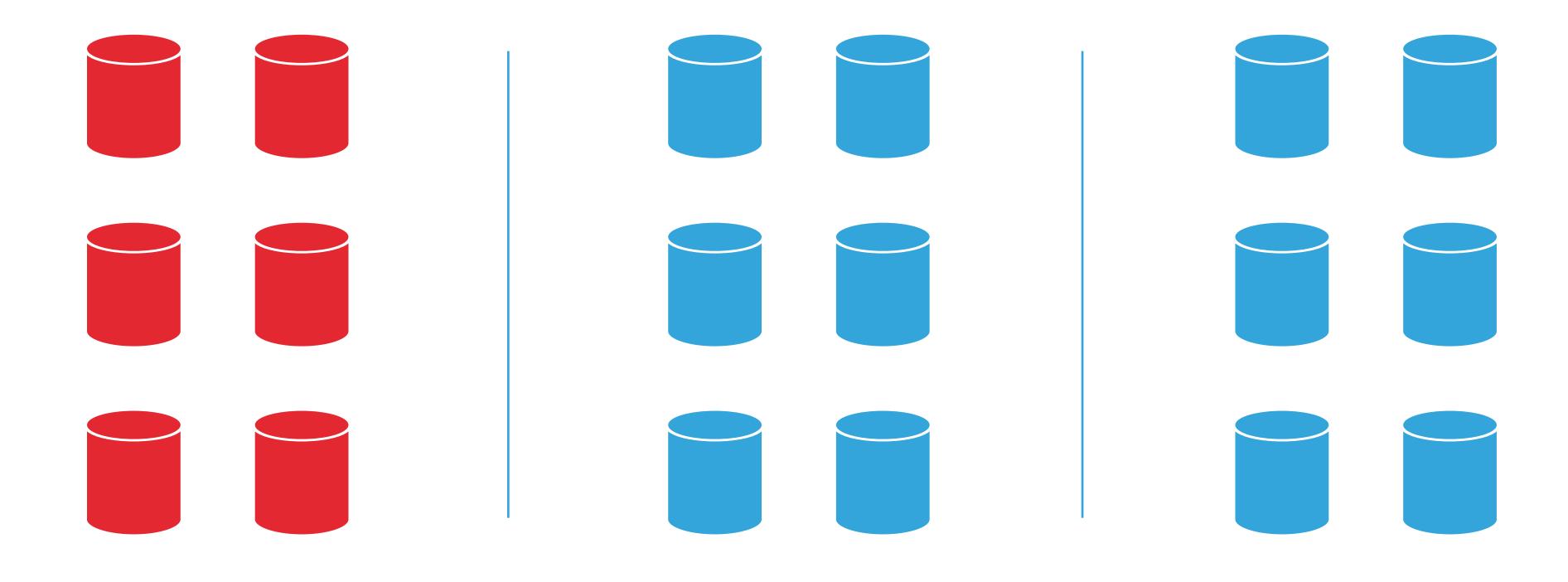


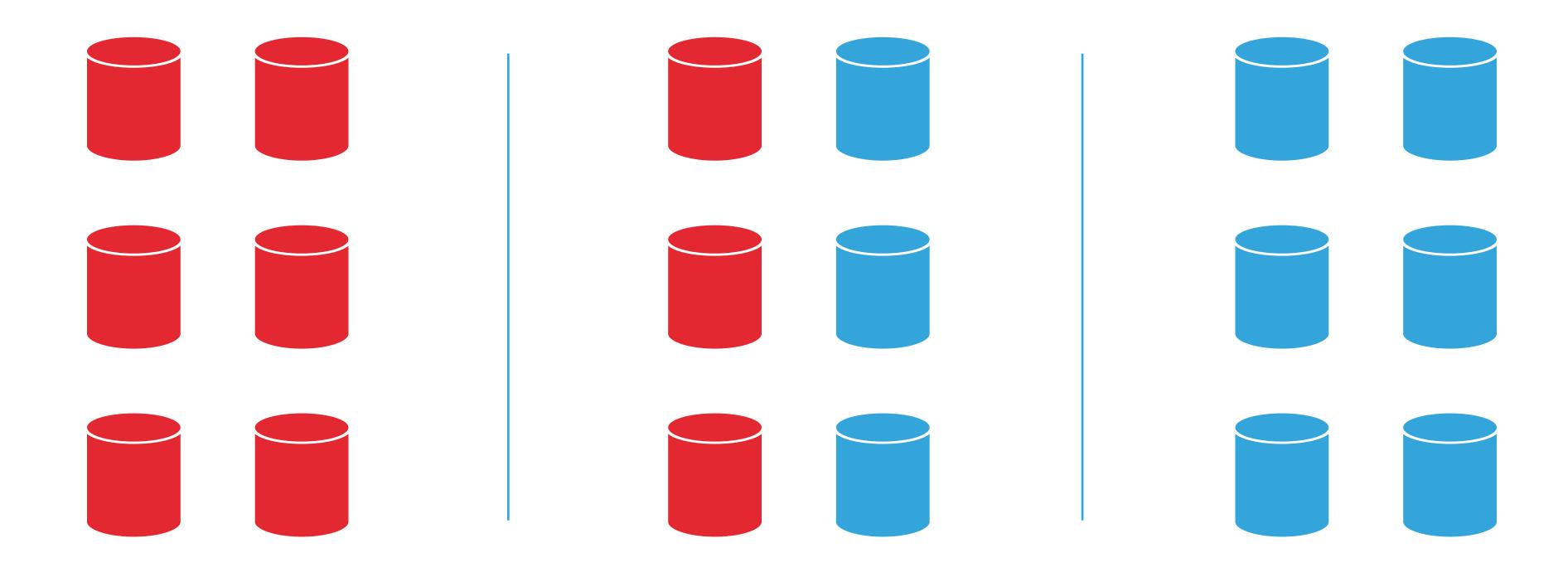


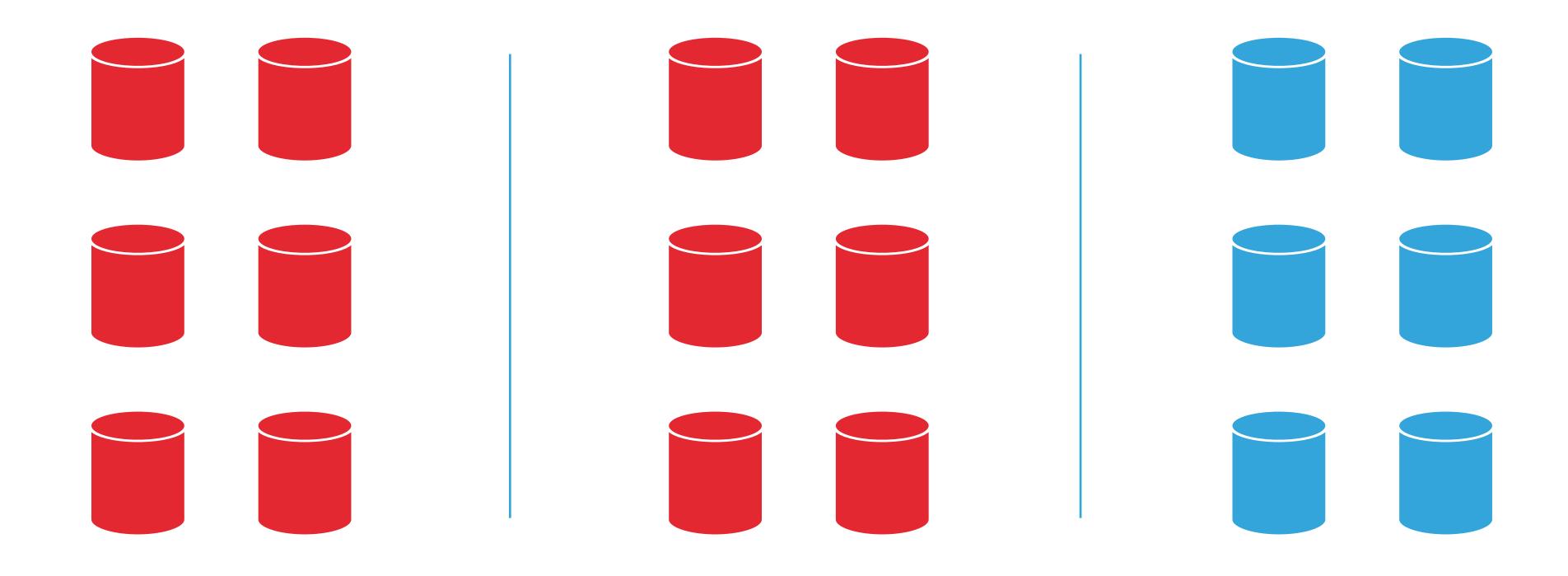
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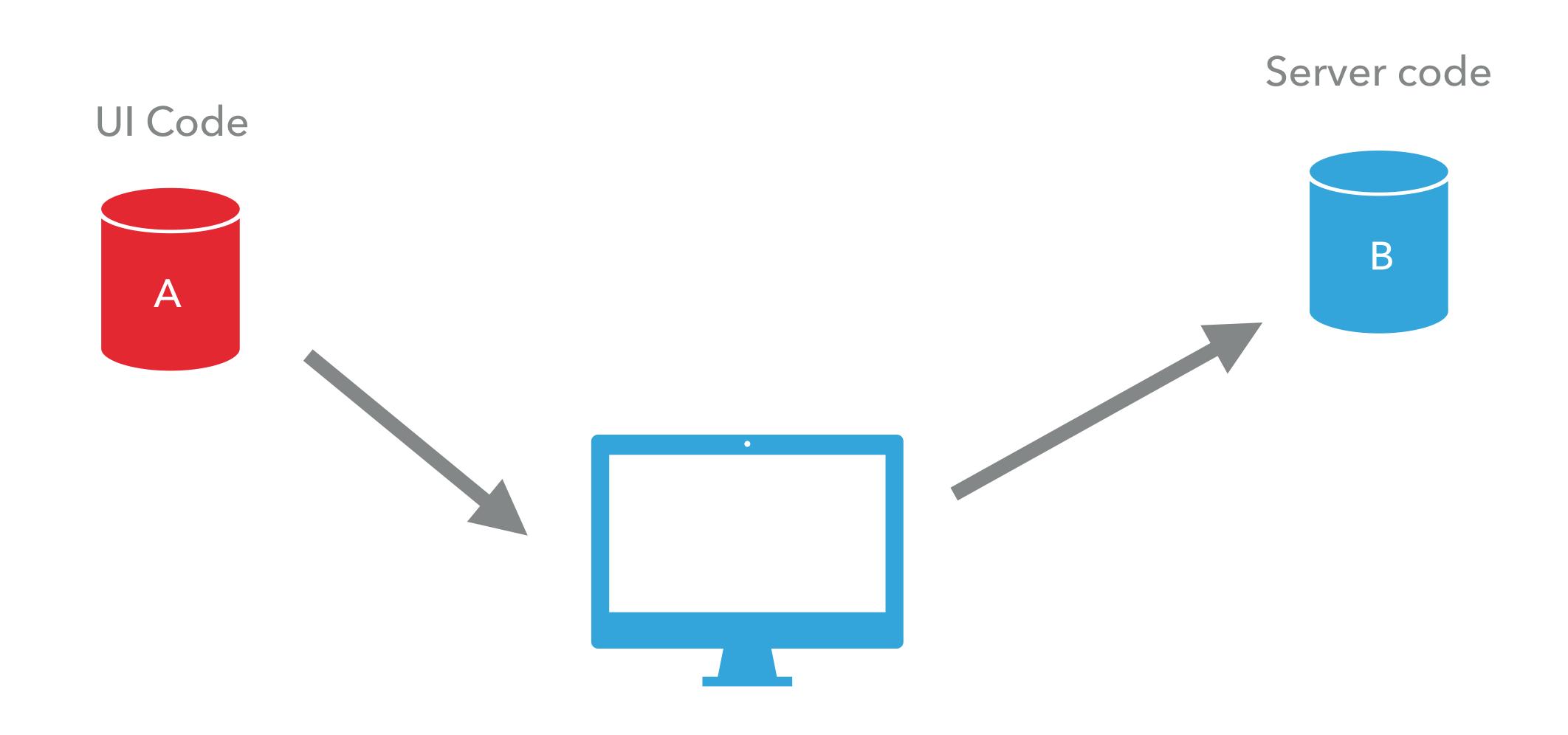




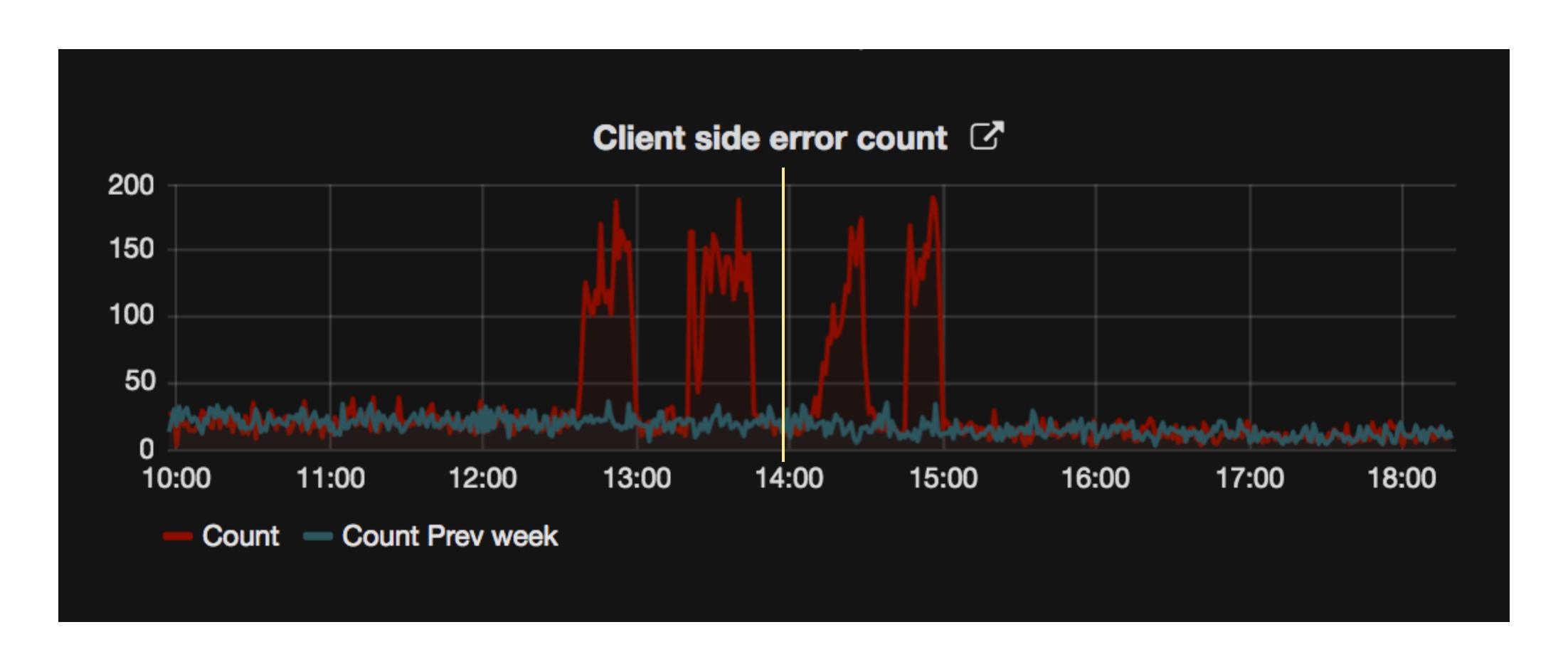








ROLLING BACK MADE THINGS WORSE



LESSONS LEARNED

- Ul is a huge monitoring blind-spot
- Be aware of how the deploy process affects users
- Try to make your code changes backwards compatible
- Consider separating UI and server deploys

- Use static analysis (including types) to catch bugs early
- Have a plan for debugging apps in production
- Adopt a consistent approach to error handling
- Know how to access all of your logs
- Don't forget to monitor client-side errors

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