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Measuring Continuity

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WARNING: HUMANS WHO SUBMIT PULL REQUESTS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN HIRED

WHY



Delight



Or



Frustrate

Responsiveness

Smoothness

Cognitive
Dissonance/Resonance



EXPERIENCE

Delight



Frustration

RUM today

- We measure everything up to navigation complete (page load or SPA nav)
- We measure whether users bounce or convert

But

- The bulk of user interaction and experience happens after navigation has completed

Which continuous
variables can we measure
and how?

Developer Tools



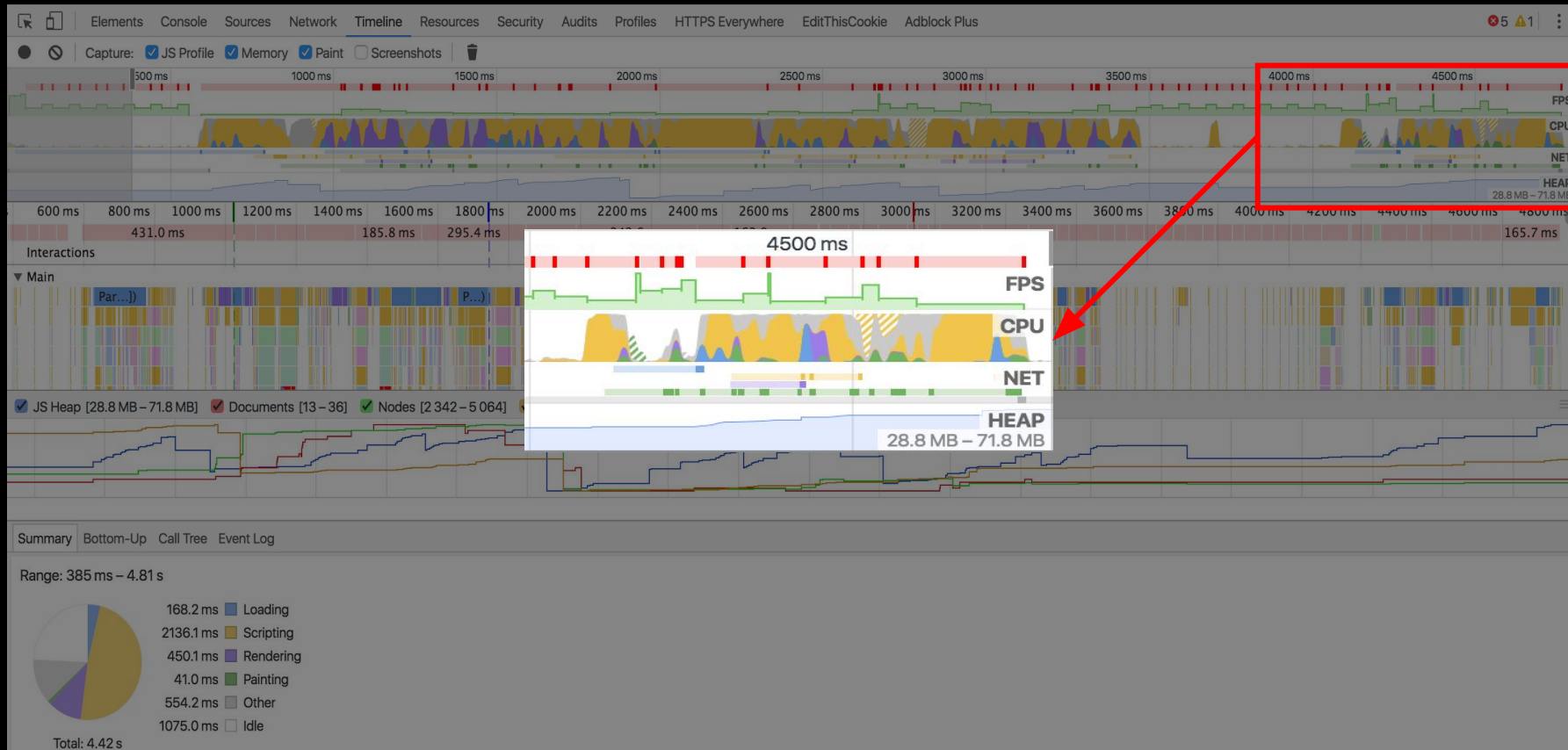
Developer Tools

*“The fact that something is **possible** to measure, and may even be highly **desirable** and **useful** to expose to developers, does not mean that it can be exposed as runtime JavaScript API in the browser, due to various **privacy** and **security** constraints”*

– Performance APIs, Security and Privacy

<https://w3c.github.io/perf-security-privacy/>

Continuity Metrics



FPS - Frames Per Second

- `requestAnimationFrame(callback)`
- Callback is run before the next paint

```
1 // total frames seen this second
2 var frames = 0;
3
4 function measureFps() {
5   frames++;
6
7   // request a callback before the next frame
8   window.requestAnimationFrame(measureFps);
9 }
10
11 // start measuring
12 window.requestAnimationFrame(measureFps);
13
14 // report on frame rate (FPS) once a second
15 setInterval(function() {
16   console.log("FPS: " + frames);
17   frames = 0;
18 }, 1000);
```



FPS - Long Frames

Frames > 16.6 ms lead to < 60 FPS

```
1 var lastFrame = performance.now();
2 var longFrames = 0;
3
4 function measureFps() {
5   var now = performance.now();
6
7   // calculate how long this frame took
8   if (now - lastFrame >= 18) { longFrames++; }
9
10  lastFrame = now;
11
12  window.requestAnimationFrame(measureFps);
13 }
14 window.requestAnimationFrame(measureFps);
15
16 // report on long frames once a second
17 setInterval(function() {
18   console.log("Long frames: " + longFrames);
19   longFrames = 0;
20 }, 1000);
```



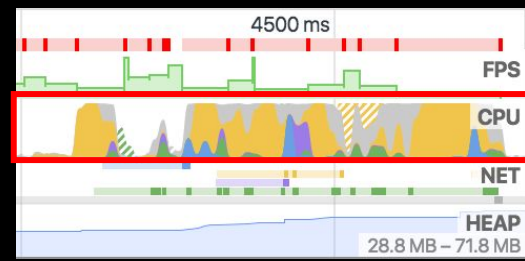
FPS - Video

HTML5 VIDEO metrics (Chrome/FF)

```
1 var latestFrame = 0;
2 var latestReportedFrame = 0;
3
4 setInterval(function() {
5   // find the first VIDEO element on the page
6   var vids = document.getElementsByTagName("video");
7   if (vids && vids.length) {
8     var vid = vids[0];
9     if (vid.webkitDecodedFrameCount || vid.mozPaintedFrames) {
10      latestFrame = vid.webkitDecodedFrameCount || vid.mozPaintedFrames;
11    }
12  }
13
14  console.log("Video FPS: "
15    + Math.max(latestFrame - latestReportedFrame, 0));
16
17  // reset count
18  latestReportedFrame = latestFrame;
19 }, 1000);
```



CPU - Page Busy



- Browser doesn't expose CPU metrics directly
- Detect Busy by running a function at a regular interval
- See if the callback runs at the time we expect
- If the callback was delayed, the page was Busy
- Busy can be caused by other JavaScript, layout, render, etc

CPU - Page Busy

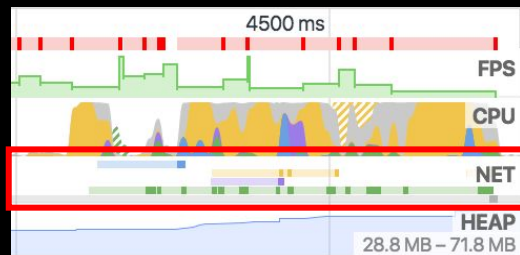
```
11 setInterval(function() {
12   var now = performance.now();
13   var delta = now - last;
14   last = now;
15
16   // if we're more than 2x the poll
17   // + deviation, we missed one period completely
18   while (delta > ((POLLING_INTERVAL * 2)
19     + ALLOWED_DEVIATION_MS)) {
20     total++;
21     late++;
22     delta -= POLLING_INTERVAL; // adjust, try again
23   }
24
25   total++;
26
27   if (delta > (POLLING_INTERVAL + ALLOWED_DEVIATION_MS)) {
28     late++;
29   }
30 }, POLLING_INTERVAL);
```



NET - Resources

- ResourceTiming
- Bytes available in ResourceTiming2

```
1 var resources =
2   window.performance.getEntriesByType("resource");
3
4 // number of resources fetched
5 var resourceCount = resources.length;
6
7 // number of bytes
8 var bytesOverWire = 0;
9 resources.forEach(function(res) {
10   bytesOverWire +=
11     res.transferSize ? res.transferSize : 0;
12 });
13
14 console.log("Resources: " + resourceCount
15   + " " + bytesOverWire + "b");
```



HEAP - Memory Usage



- Non-standard
- Reduced precision to avoid privacy concerns

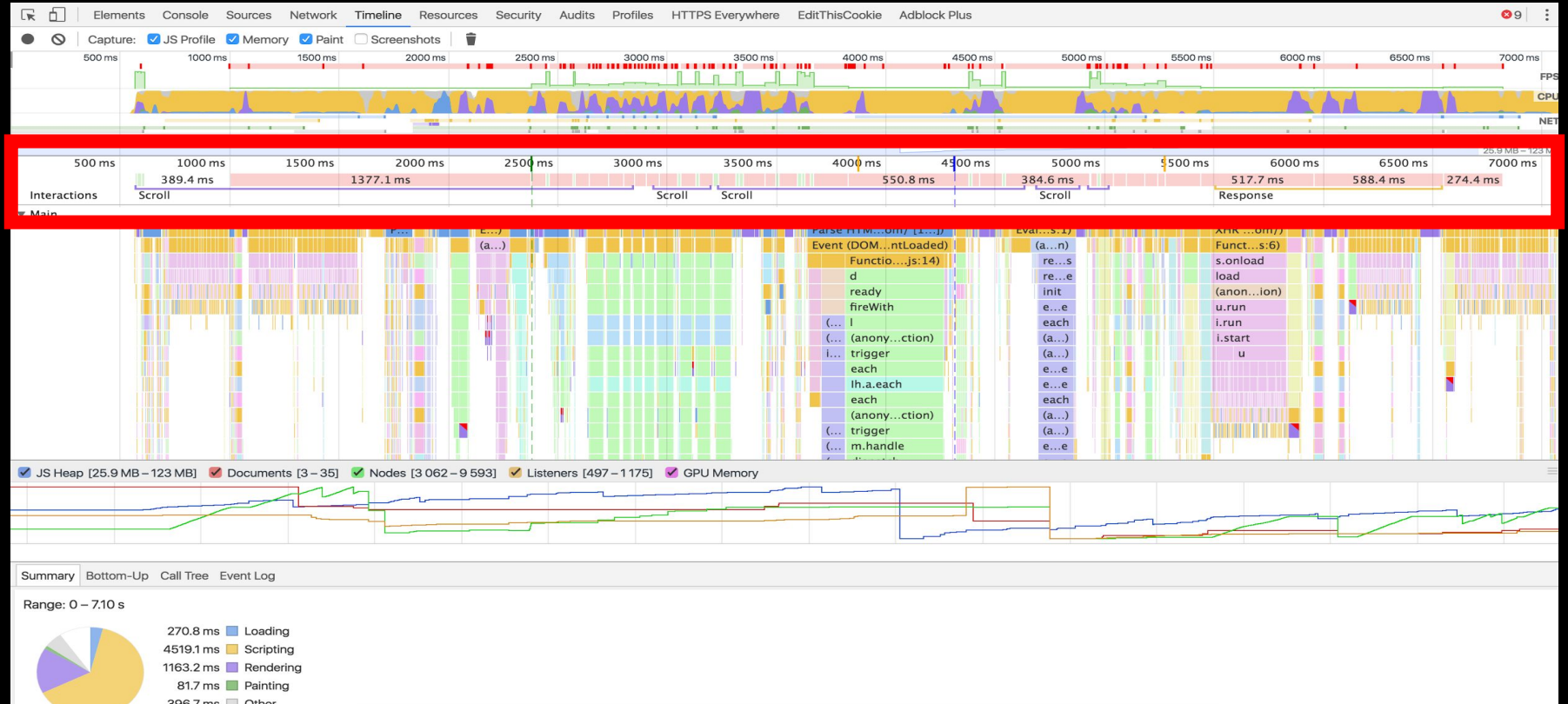
```
1 // report on JS object memory once a second
2 setInterval(function() {
3     var mem = window.performance
4         && window.performance.memory
5         && window.performance.memory.usedJSHeapSize;
6
7     console.log("Memory usage: " + mem);
8 }, 1000);
```

Battery

- Monitor your visitor's battery state
- Reduce work on low battery

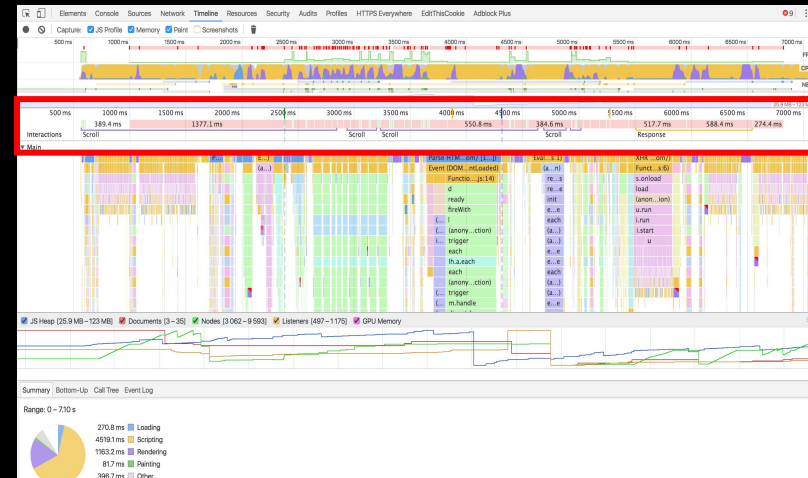
```
1 setInterval(function() {  
2     navigator.getBattery().then(function(batt) {  
3         console.log(batt.level);  
4     });  
5 }, 1000);
```

Interactions



Interactions - User Input

- scroll
- mousemove
- click
- keydown



Interactions - Visibility



Window's visibility state

```
1 document.addEventListener("visibilitychange", function() {  
2   console.log(document.hidden ? "hidden" : "visible");  
3 }, false);
```

Also look at the `IntersectionObserver`

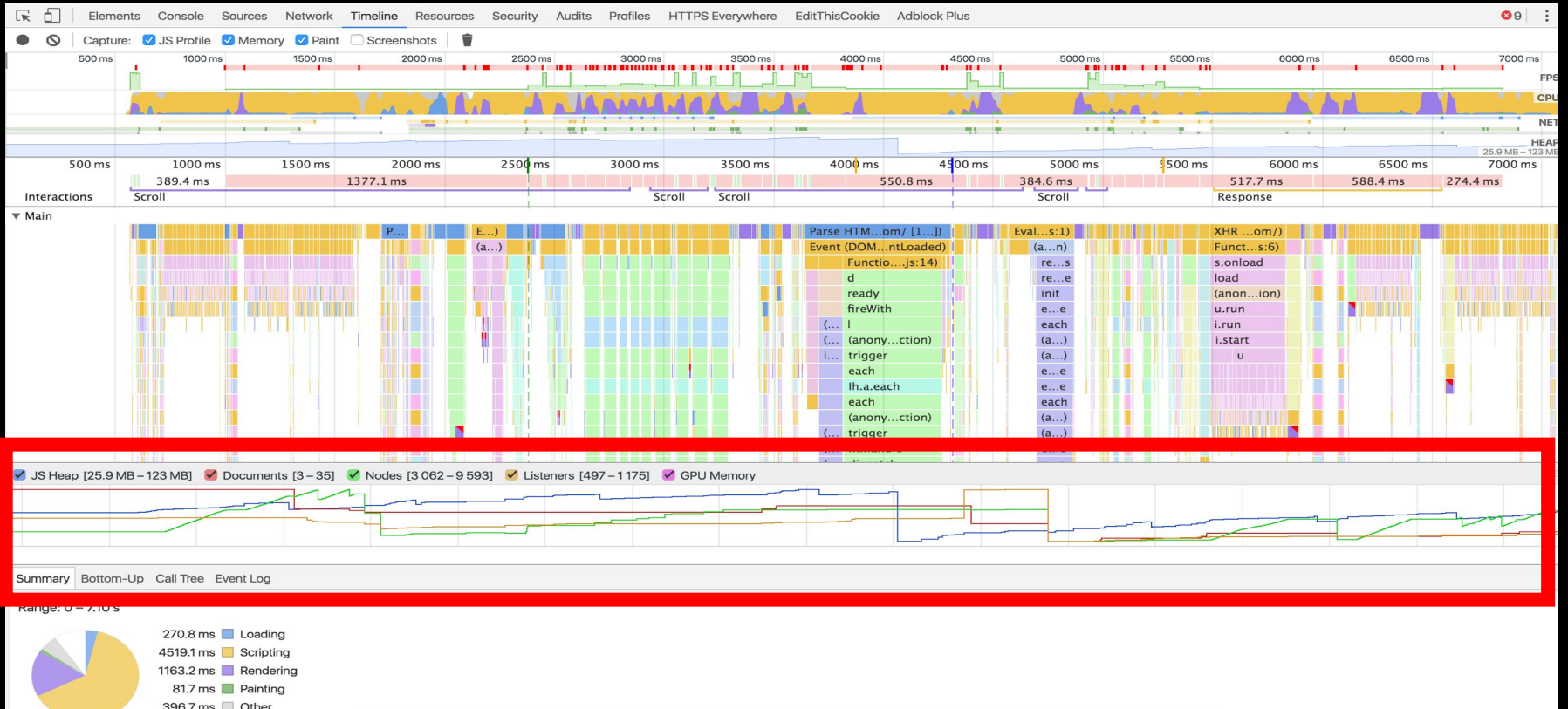
Interactions - Orientation

How the device is being held

```
1 window.addEventListener("orientationchange", function() {  
2   console.log("orientation: " + screen.orientation.angle);  
3 });
```

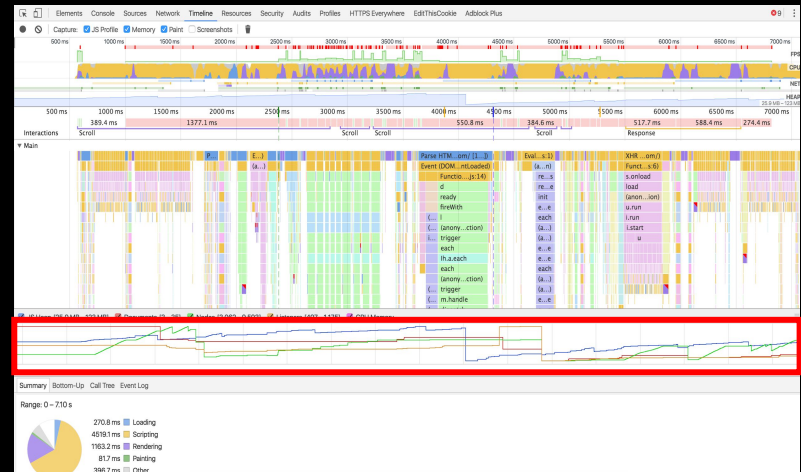


Size Metrics

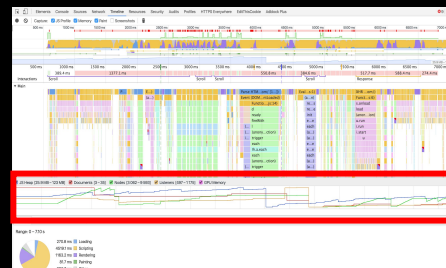


Size - Nodes

- HTML size (bytes)
- Overall Node count
- IFRAME, IMG, SCRIPT, etc., node count



Size - DOM Changes



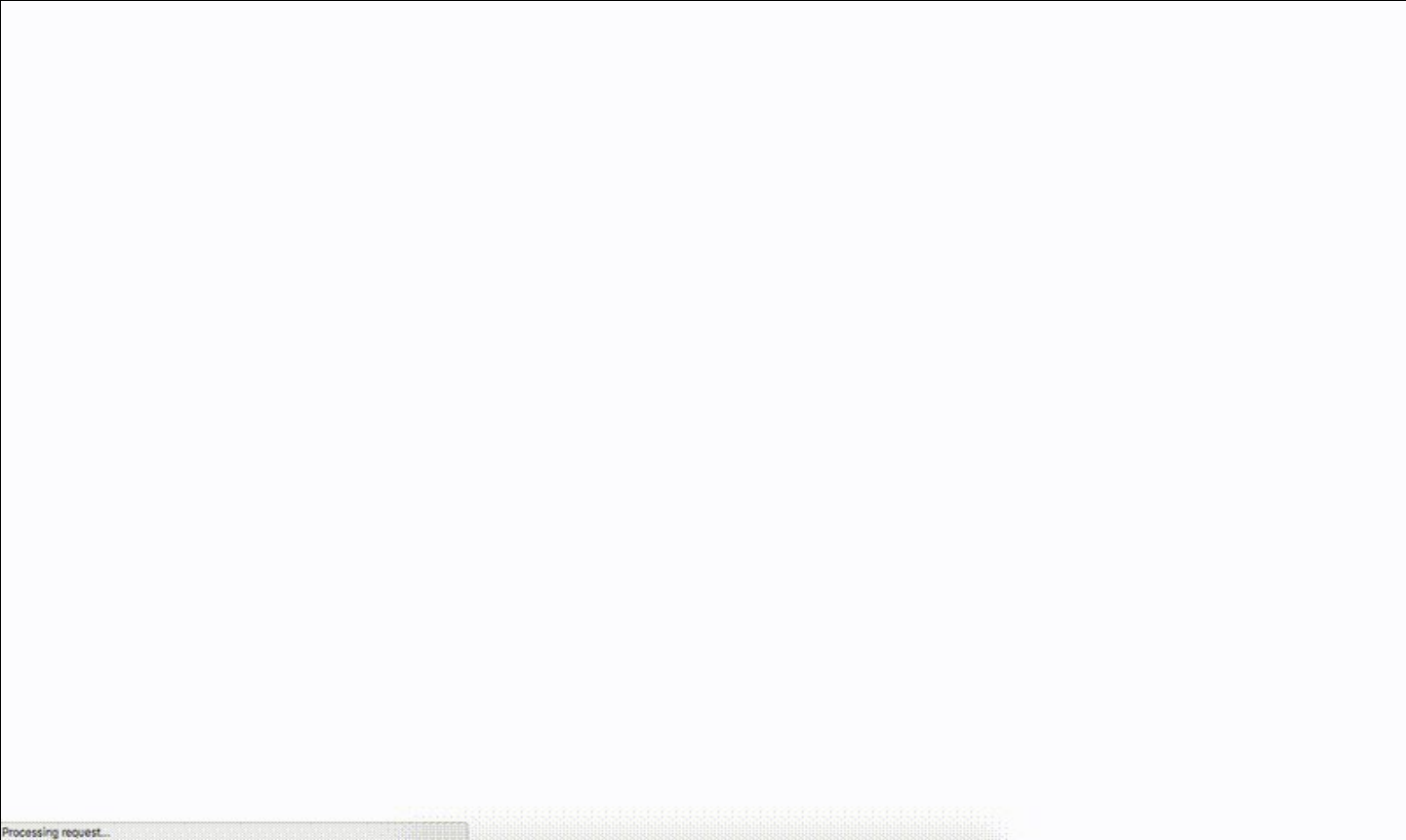
MutationObserver == change over time

```
1 var d = document;
2 var mutationCount = 0;
3 var domLength =
4   d.getElementsByTagName("*").length;
5
6 // create an observer instance
7 var observer = new MutationObserver(function(mutations) {
8   mutations.forEach(function(mutation) {
9     if (mutation.type !== "childList") { return; }
10    for (var i = 0; i < mutation.addedNodes.length; i++) {
11      var node = mutation.addedNodes[i];
12      mutationCount++;
13      mutationCount += node.getElementsByTagName ?
14        node.getElementsByTagName("*").length : 0;
15    }
16  });
17 });
18
19 // configure the observer
20 observer.observe(d, { childList: true, subtree: true });
```

Errors

```
1 var errorCount = 0;
2
3 window.onerror = function () {
4   errorCount++;
5 }
6
7 setInterval(function() {
8   console.log("Errors: " + errorCount);
9   errorCount = 0;
10 }, 1000);
```

Demo



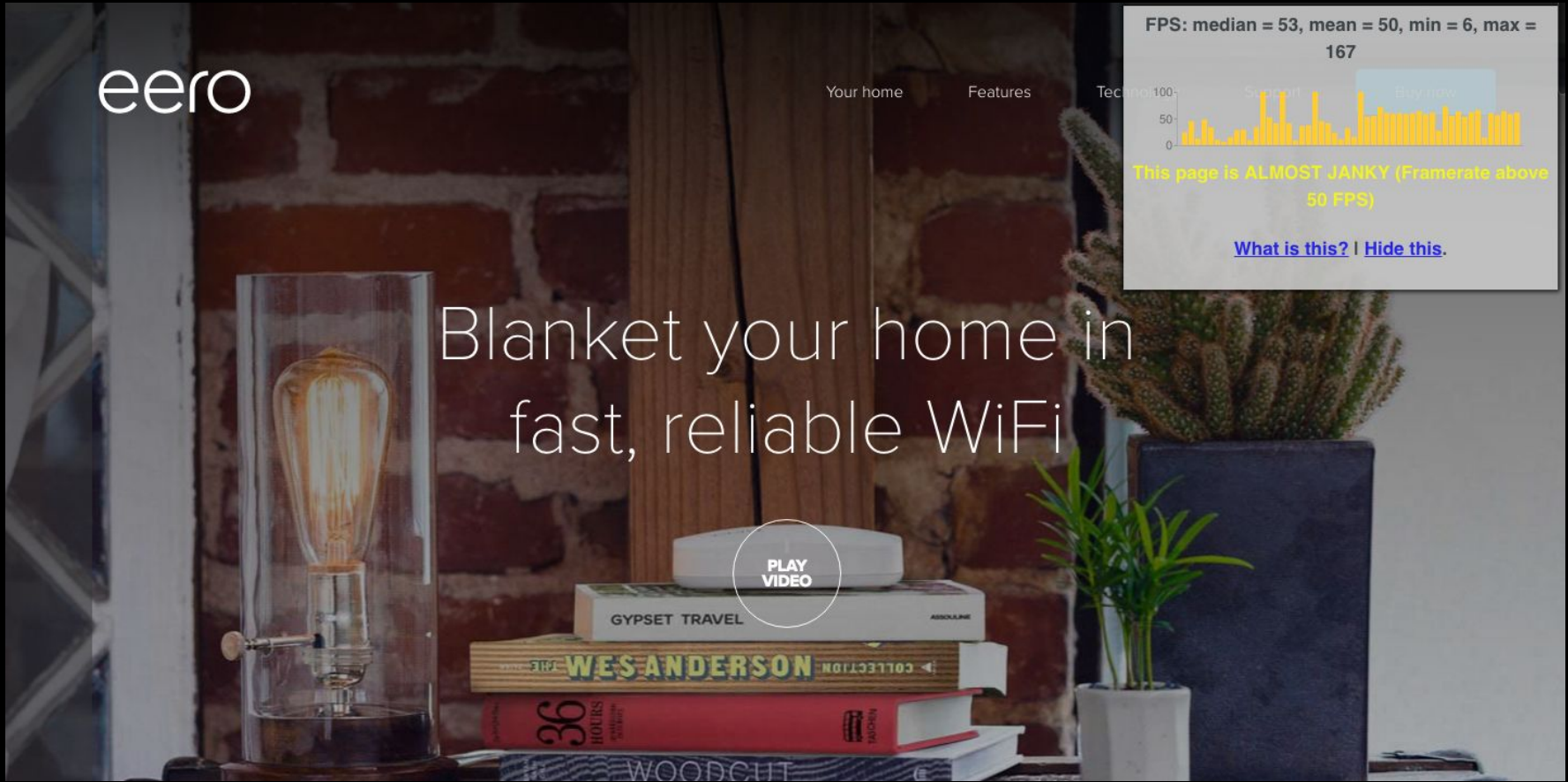
Processing request...

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So what?

- Raw data != useful metrics
- Let's measure the user experience
 - . Smoothness
 - . Responsiveness
 - . Reliability
 - . Emotion

Smoothness - FPS during scroll



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Your home

Features

Tech

FPS: median = 53, mean = 50, min = 6, max = 167



This page is ALMOST JANKY (Framerate above 50 FPS)

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PLAY
VIDEO

GYPSET TRAVEL

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36 HOURS

WOODCUT

Smoothness - FPS after interaction



Responsiveness

- How long it takes for the site to respond to input?
 - `requestAnimationFrame` to detect next paint
 - `MutationObserver` to detect DOM changes
- `UserTiming` to monitor your own code
- SPA instrumentation via `boomerang`

Responsiveness

```
1 document.addEventListener("click", function(e) {
2   var start = performance.now();
3   requestAnimationFrame(function() {
4     var delta = performance.now() - start;
5     console.log("Click responsiveness: " + delta);
6   });
7 }, false);
```

Reliability

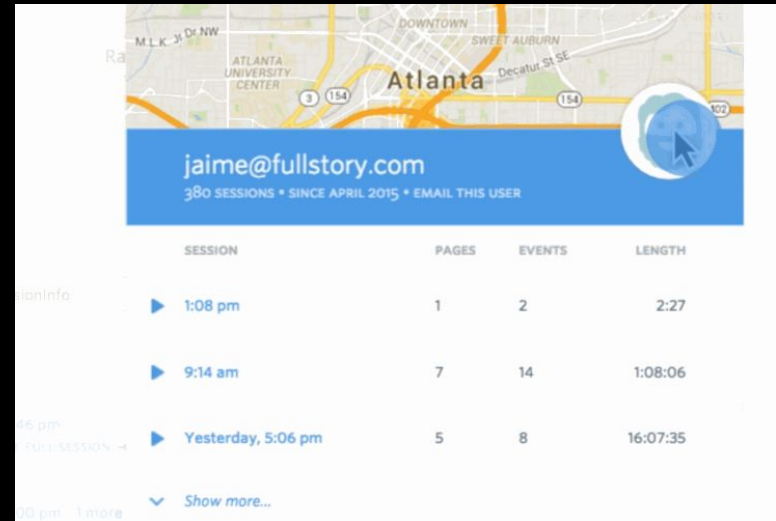
- JavaScript errors
- Leaks:
 - JavaScript memory usage over time
 - DOM size increase over time

Tracking Emotion

Rage Clicks

Rage clicks are series of clicks in which your users are pummeling their mouse buttons in frustration. It's like punching your site in the face, usually because it's not doing what the user wants or expects it to.

– Caitlin Brett, FullStory



SESSION	PAGES	EVENTS	LENGTH
▶ 1:08 pm	1	2	2:27
▶ 9:14 am	7	14	1:08:06
▶ Yesterday, 5:06 pm	5	8	16:07:35

<https://blog.fullstory.com/moar-magic-announcing-rage-error-and-dead-clicks-1f19e50a1421>

Rage Clicks

```
1 var same = 0, x = 0, y = 0, targ = null;
2
3 document.addEventListener("click", function(e) {
4   var nX = e.clientX; var nY = e.clientY;
5
6   // calculate number of pixels moved
7   var pixels = Math.round(
8     Math.sqrt(Math.pow(y - nY, 2) +
9       Math.pow(x - nX, 2)));
10
11   if (targ == e.target || pixels <= 10) {
12     same++;
13   } else {
14     same = 0;
15   }
16
17   console.log("Same area clicked: " + same);
18
19   x = nX; y = nY; targ = e.target;
20 }, false);
```

Dead Clicks

- Clicking without any meaningful visual (DOM) change
- Might happen during (or right after) page load due to delayed JavaScript

Dead Clicks

The image shows a screenshot of a Facebook profile page for Mike Posthumus. The page layout includes a left-hand navigation menu with categories like 'All Activity', 'Home Feed', 'Groups', and 'Pages'. The main content area features a profile picture, a cover photo, and a post with a photo of a motorcycle parked on a grassy hill overlooking a lake. The post has 1 like and 0 comments. To the right of the main content is a 'More Activity' section showing a list of recent interactions, including likes and comments from other users. The bottom of the page shows a 'Working for a better world' banner.

Missed Clicks

user clicks *near* an element, BUT *misses* IT

Mouse Movement

*“People who are **angry** are more likely to use the mouse in a **jerky** and **sudden**, but surprisingly **slow** fashion.*

*People who feel **frustrated**, **confused** or **sad** are **less precise** in their mouse movements and move it at **different speeds**.”*

– Inferring **Negative** Emotion from Mouse Cursor **Movements**

Martin Hibbeln, Jeffrey L. Jenkins, Christoph Schneider, Joseph S. Valacich, and Markus Weinmann

Ask Directly




Rage Clicking

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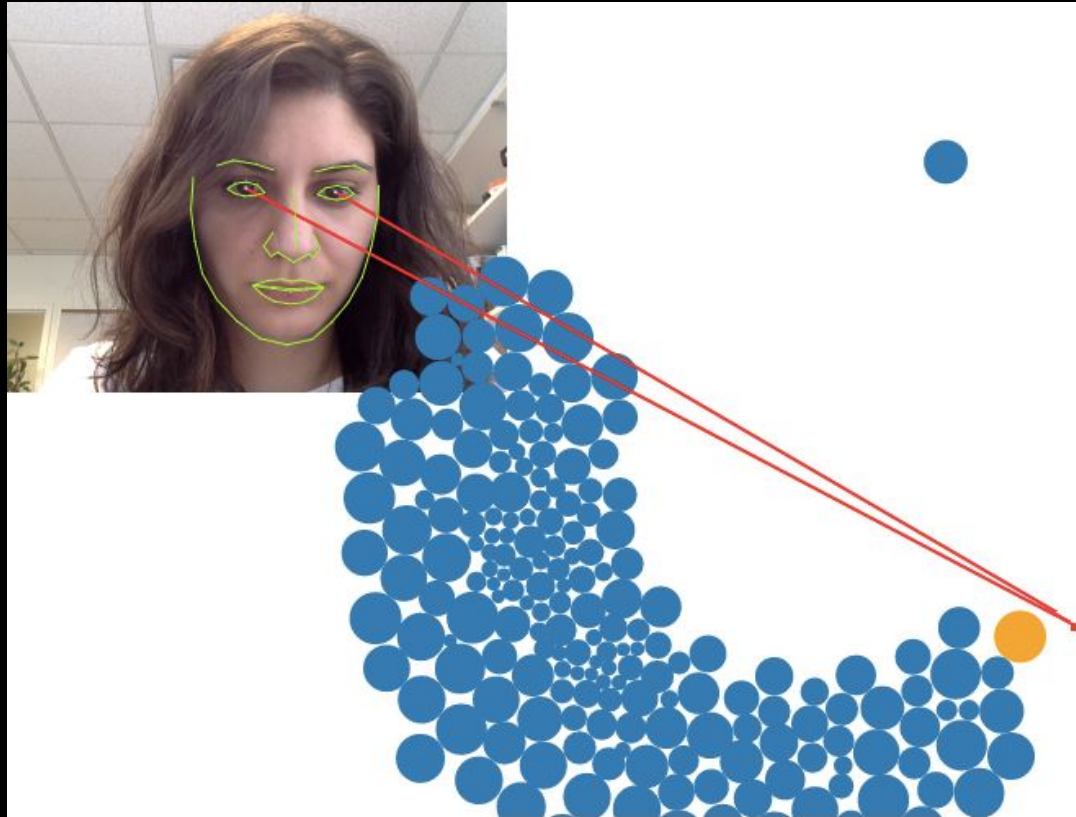
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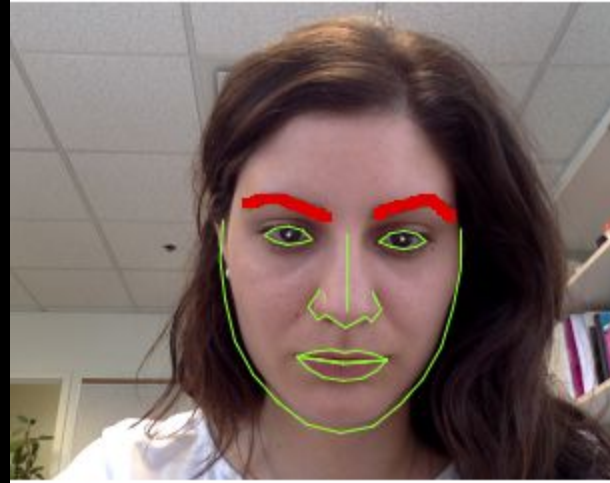
Eye Tracking

<https://webgazer.cs.brown.edu/>



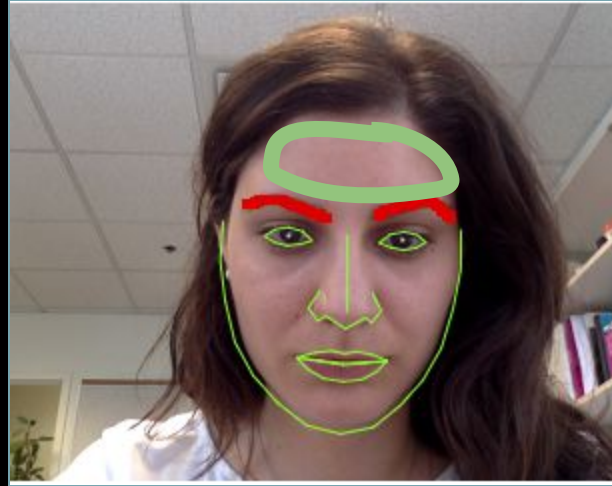
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Emotion - α / β wave Tracking

Mind Reading Markup Language



Further Reading

Rage Clicks

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Inferring Emotion from Mouse Movements

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