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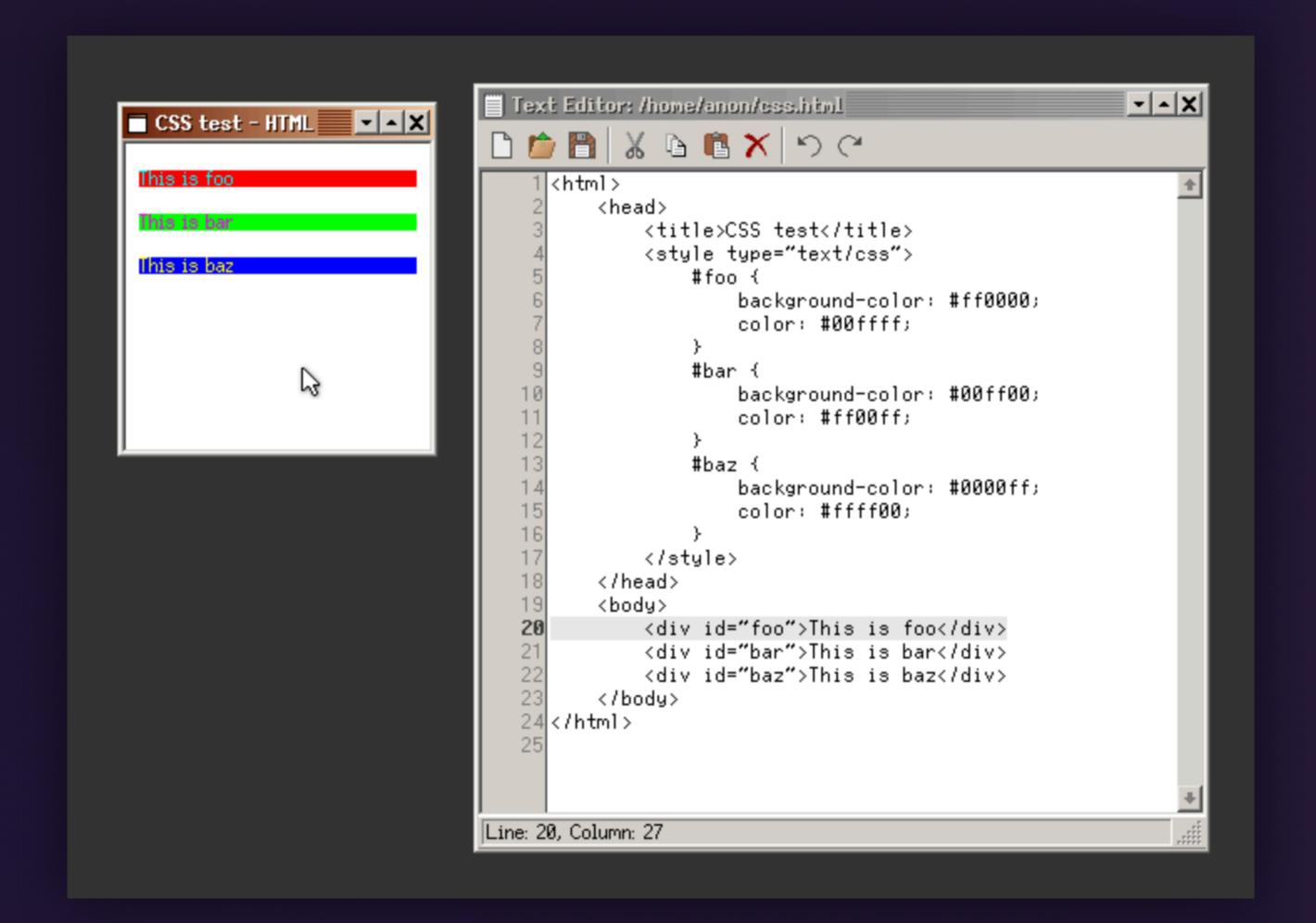
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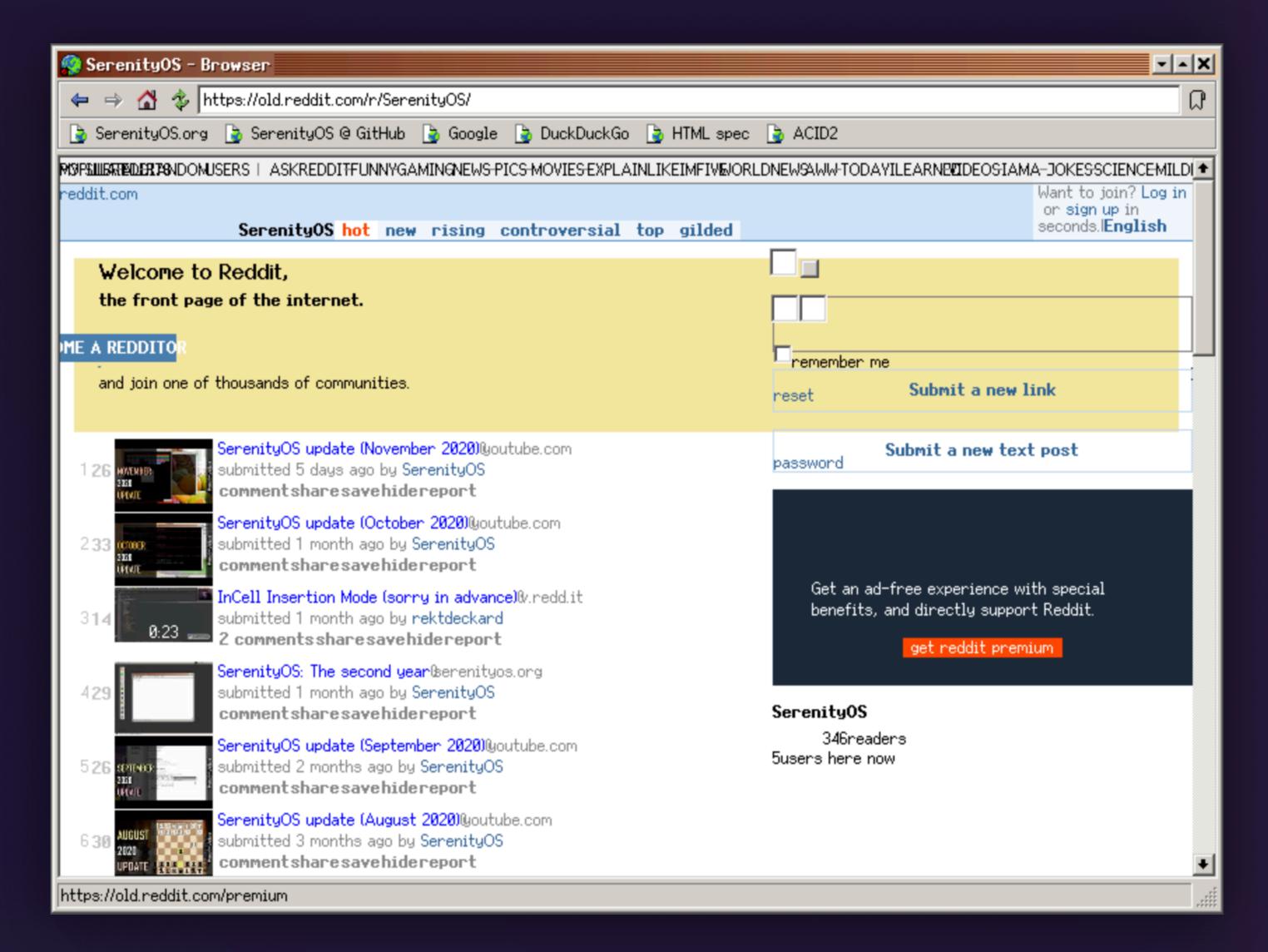
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2018-2019: from zero to HTML



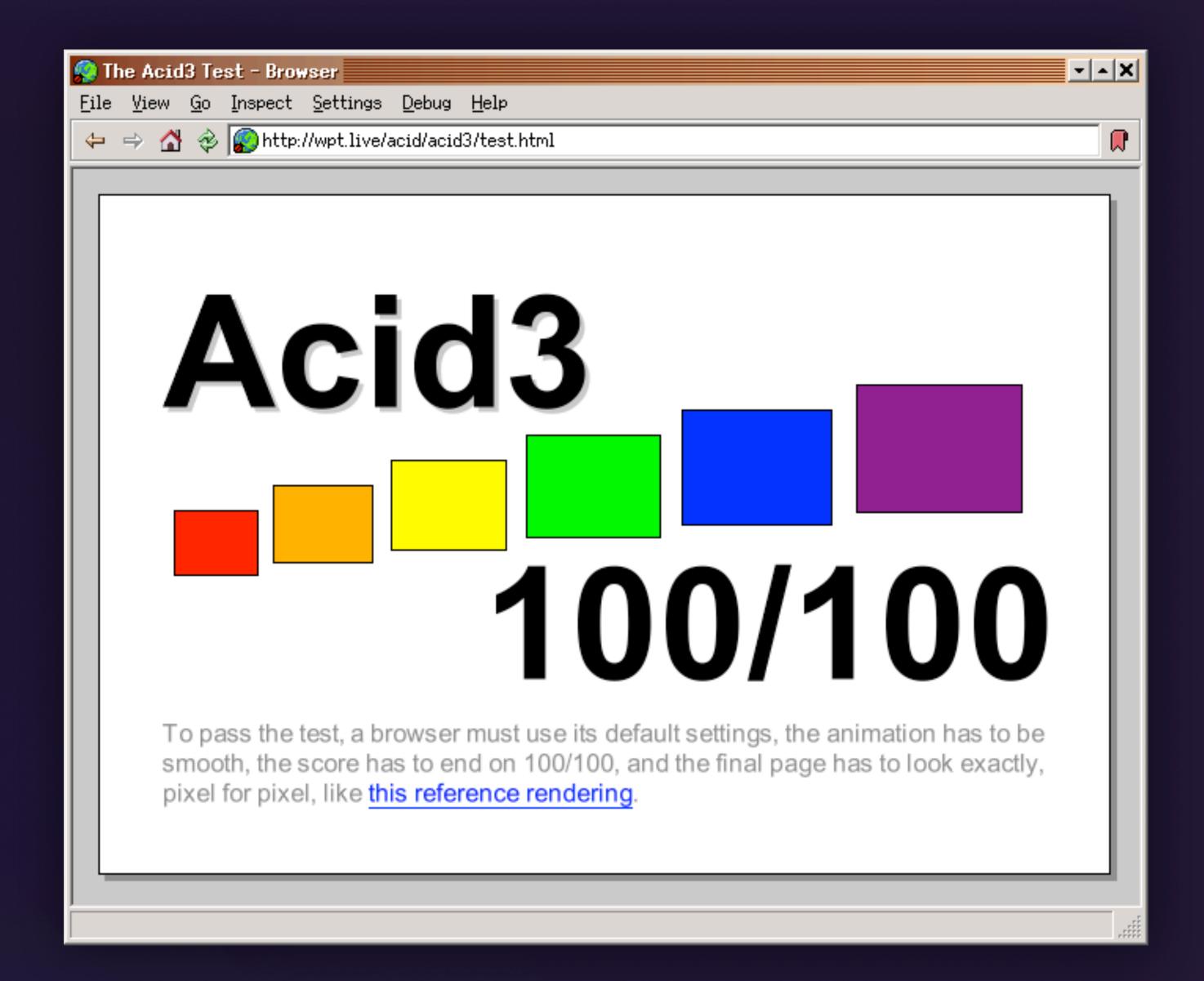
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2020: "real" websites begin to work; start of multiprocess



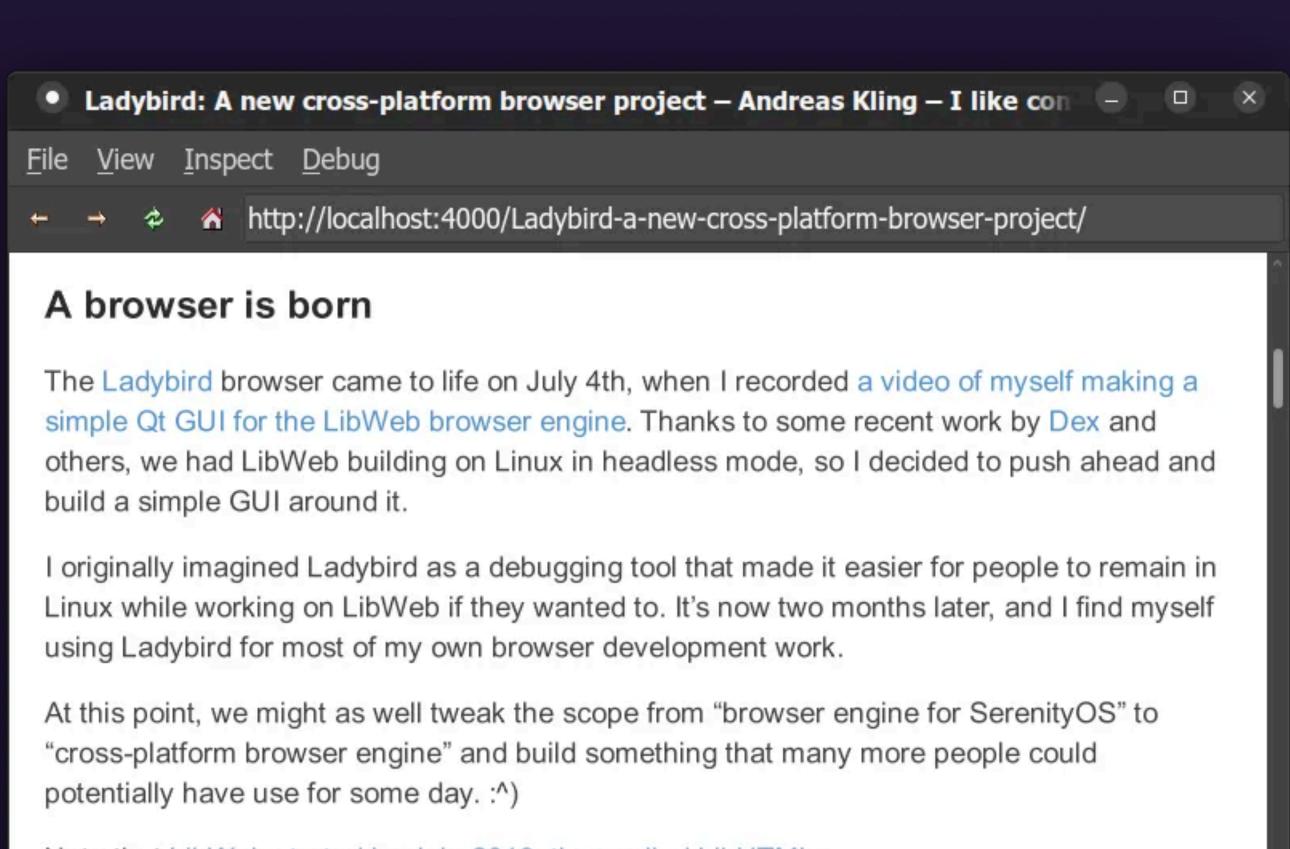
Origins: SerenityOS

2022: Acid3 conquered



Origins: Ladybird

2022: A separate project with a Qt chrome



Note that LibWeb started back in 2019, then called LibHTML:

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Author: Andreas Kling

Date: Sat Jun 15 18:55:47 2019 +0200

2024: the initiative

Andreas Kling | Mon, 01 Jul 2024

Announcing the Ladybird Browser Initiative

Principles behind Ladybird

- A new web engine based on web standards
- No monetization of user data, no default search deals, etc.
- Independent; donations and sponsorships are no strings attached

Ladybird's goals

- Render the actual web with acceptable stability, security and performance
- Advance the web platform by implementing and improving web specs
- Increase web engine diversity
- Have a lot of fun while doing so!

Timeline

2024 - Start of the Ladybird Browser Initiative

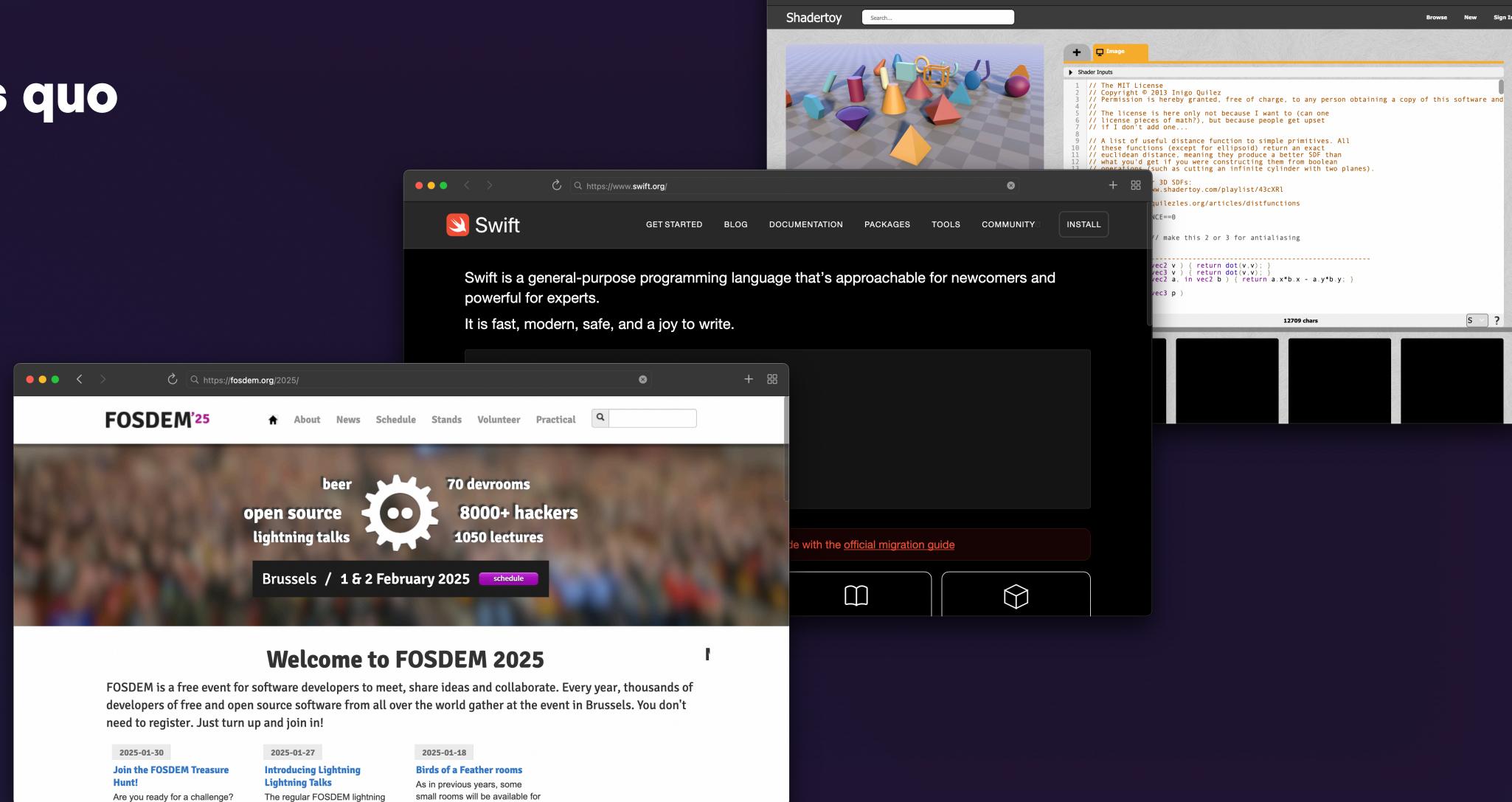
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2026 - Alpha release (Linux, macOS)

2027 - Beta release

2028 - Production release (all platforms)

Status quo

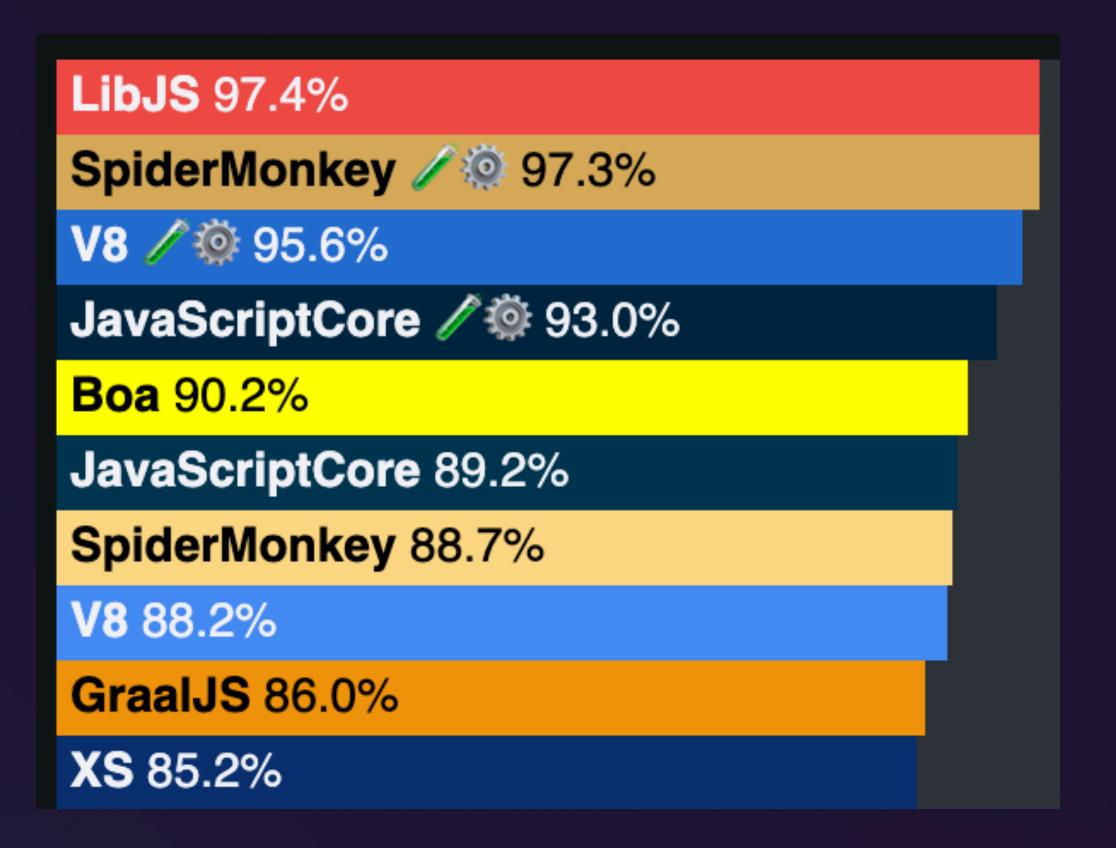


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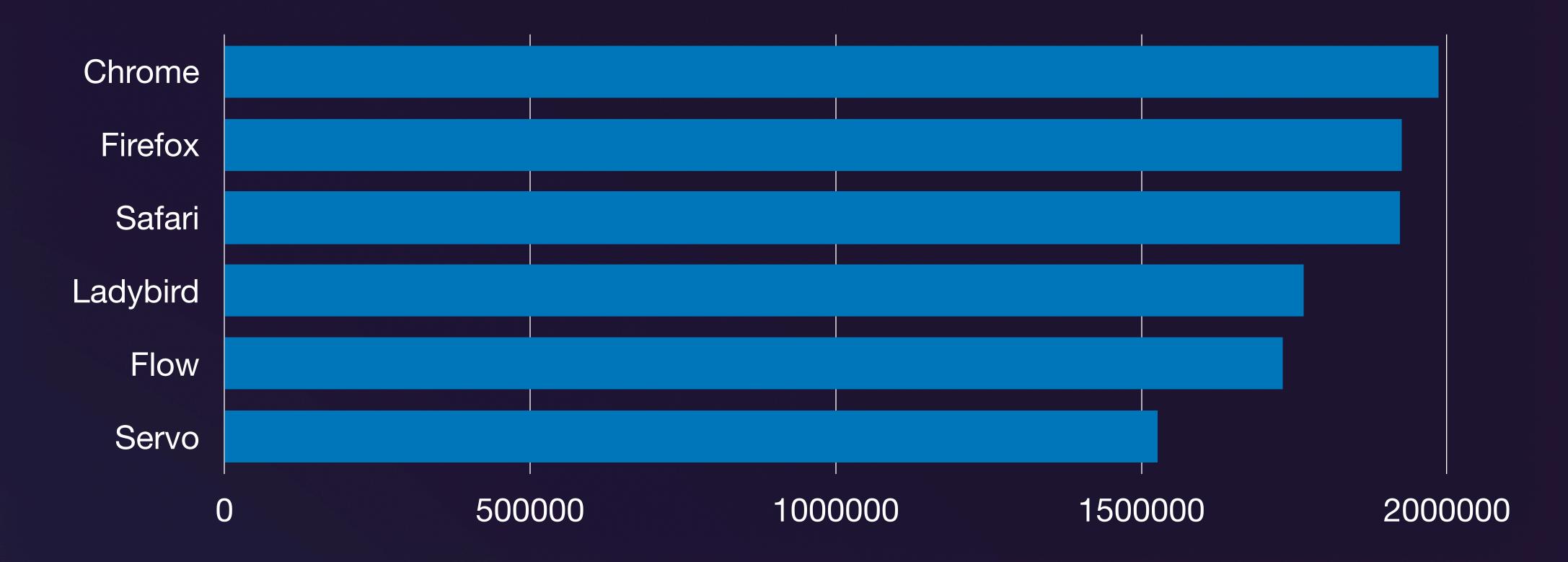
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LibJS: Pretty amazing



Results from 2025-02-01 https://test262.fyi

Web platform tests



https://linegoup.lol Results from 2025-02-01

Overview

- Full-stack browser & engine written in C++
- Licensed under 2-Clause BSD
- Web tech written from scratch using spec-driven development
- 3rd party libraries used for non-web tech (e.g. rasterization, audio, image decoding)
- Runs on Linux and macOS

Multi-process architecture

Qt chrome AppKit chrome Headless

LibWebView

RequestServer WebContent ImageDecoder WebWorker

Future work

- Writing new code in Swift, C++ interop with GC;
- Support for Encrypted Media Extensions (DRM);
- Security model and fingerprinting prevention;
- Lots and lots of performance improvements;
- Staying on top of ever-moving (proposals for) specifications.

Thank you!



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