

Networking

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As an introduction



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In short, you are doing



WEB3.0

A bit of history

Before iOS9

- NSURL, NSURLRequest, NSURLConnection
- Event loop always visible
 - ▶ Load piece by piece

Since iOS9

- (NS)URL, (NS)URLRequest, (NS)URLSession, (NS)URLSessionDataTask
- Event loop possibly hidden
 - ▶ Things are managed via handlers
- Associated protocols
 - ▶ `NSURLConnectionDataDelegate` (data reception)
 - ▶ `NSURLConnectionDelegate` (connection status)
 - ▶ `NSURLConnectionDownloadDelegate` (download status)

Initiating a connection

You already know a bit of it...

- Create an URL
 - ▶ **(NS)URL**
- Create a request
 - ▶ **(NS)URLRequest**
- Create a session
 - ▶ **(NS)URLSession**

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Remember WKWebView!

It show some of the protocol methods we have here!

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URLSessionDataTask

📱 Objective

- 🔗 Retrieve the content from a URL

📱 Methods

- 🔗 No handler provided

```
func dataTask(with url: URL) -> URLSessionDataTask
```

```
func dataTask(with request: URLRequest) -> URLSessionDataTask
```

- 🔗 Handler provided

```
func dataTask(with url: URL,  
             completionHandler: @escaping (Data?, URLResponse?, Error?) -> Void)  
             -> URLSessionDataTask
```

```
func dataTask(with request: URLRequest,  
             completionHandler: @escaping (Data?, URLResponse?, Error?) -> Void)  
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```

▶ Handler called at completion

- 🔗 You must call Resume() to start the task

NSURLConnectionDataDelegate

Handles data reception

Retrieving results

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
               didReceive response: URLResponse)
```

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
               didReceive data: Data)
```

Query completed

```
func connectionDidFinishLoading(_ connection: NSURLConnection)
```

Handling redirections

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
               willSend request: URLRequest,  
               redirectResponse response: URLResponse?) -> URLRequest?
```

Handling cache

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
               willCacheResponse cachedResponse: CachedURLResponse) -> CachedURLResponse?
```

Etc.



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Provides feedback about the connection

• Handling authentication

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
                willSendRequestFor challenge: URLAuthenticationChallenge)
```

```
func connectionShouldUseCredentialStorage(_ connection: NSURLConnection)
```

• Handling error

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
                didFailWithError error: Error)
```

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Handling download

Quantity of received data

```
func connection(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
               didWriteData bytesWritten: Int64,  
               totalBytesWritten: Int64,  
               expectedTotalBytes: Int64)
```

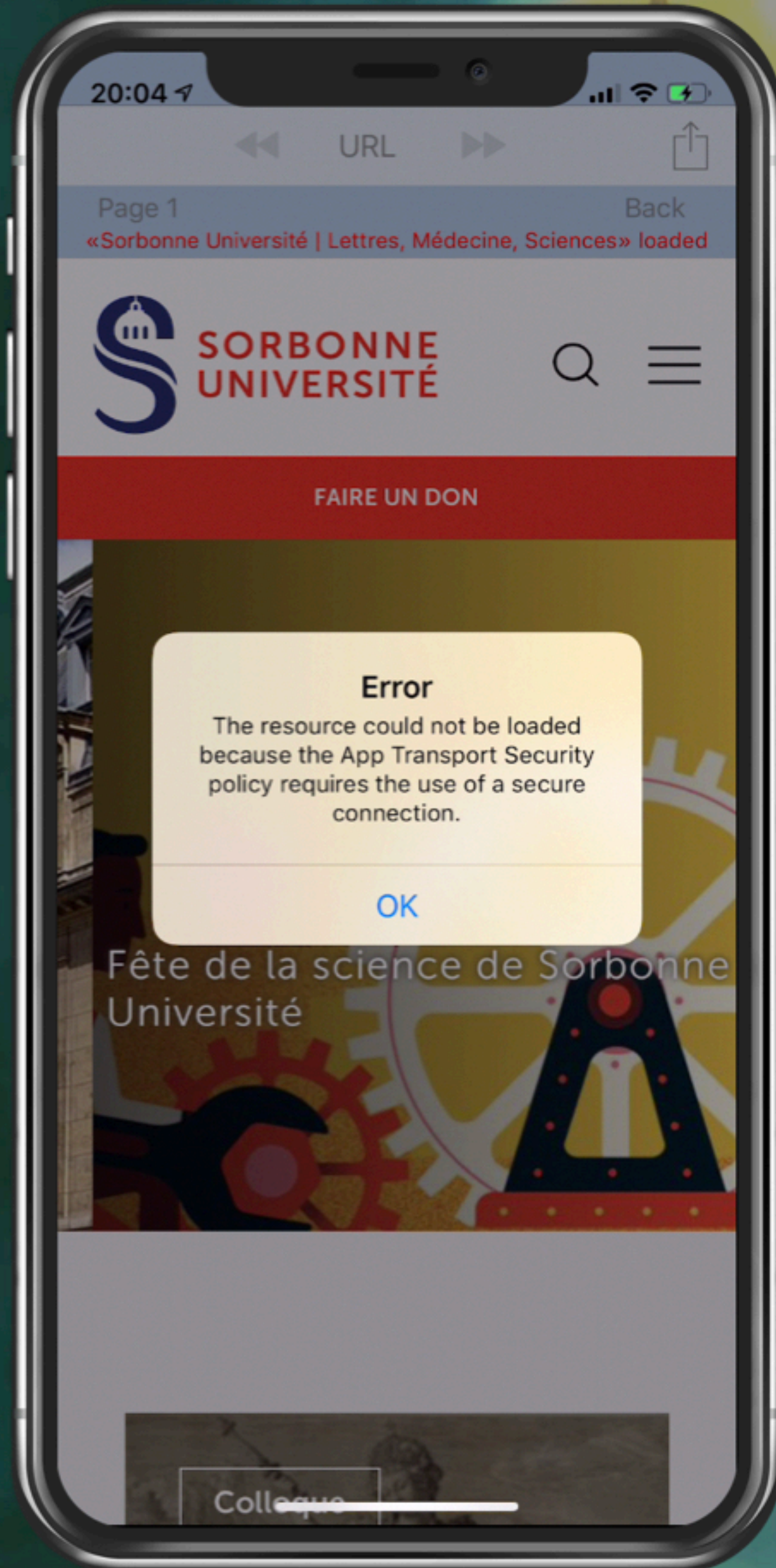
```
func connectionDidResumeDownloading(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
                                    totalBytesWritten: Int64,  
                                    expectedTotalBytes: Int64)
```

End of a download

```
func connectionDidFinishDownloading(_ connection: NSURLConnection,  
                                   destinationURL: URL)
```

Remember security aspects

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Explicitly allow insecure connections



And possibly avoid them

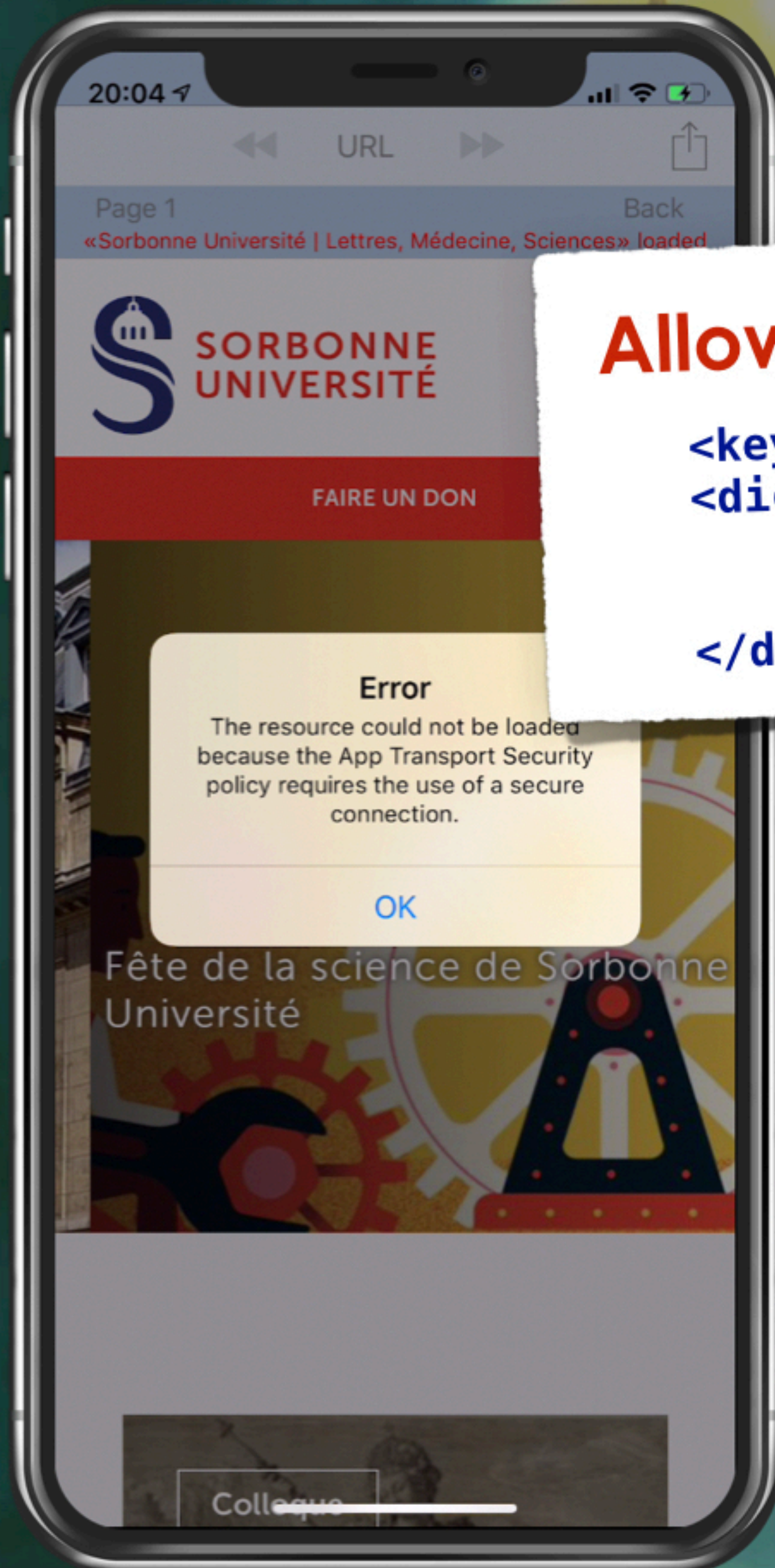
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Explicitly allow insecure connections

Allow all insecure connections

```
<key>NSAppTransportSecurity</key>  
<dict>  
  <key>NSAllowsArbitraryLoads</key>  
  <true/>  
</dict>
```



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Define exception for insecure connections

```
<key>NSAppTransportSecurity</key>
<dict>
  <key>NSExceptionDomains</key>
  <dict>
    <key>openweathermap.org</key>
    <dict>
      <key>NSIncludesSubdomains</key>
      <true/>
      <key>NSTemporaryExceptionAllowsInsecureHTTPLoads</key>
      <true/>
      <key>NSTemporaryExceptionMinimumTLSVersion</key>
      <string>TLSv1.1</string>
    </dict>
  </dict>
</dict>
</dict>
```

As a conclusion...

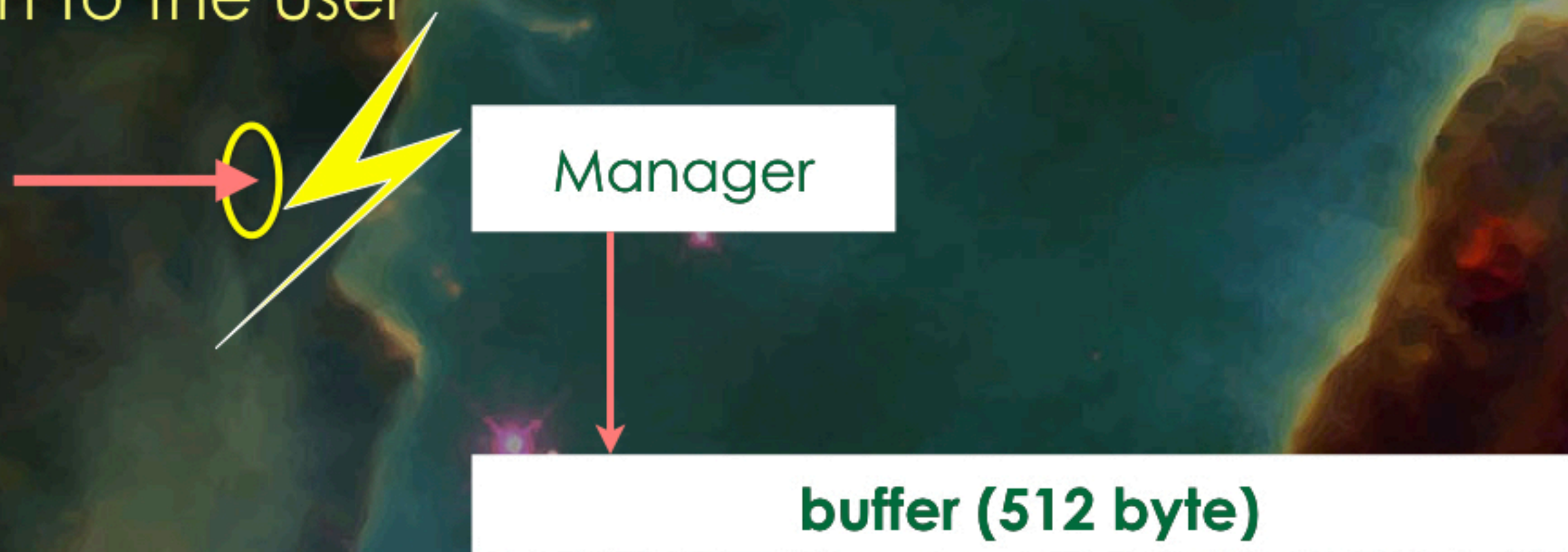


Not so complex is'n't it?

- Mainly for simple (but often used) stuff

You may now avoid the event loop

- Hidden to the user



In short, nothing but «traditional networking»