

**Hello, Joe!**



# Gleam: Past, Present, Future!

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# What's Gleam?

Easy to learn & read

Small & consistent

Type safe

Great tooling

Familiar syntax

BEAM or JS

```
import gleam/io

pub fn main() {
  io.println("hello, friend!")
}
```

# Gleam: Past

*How'd we get here?*

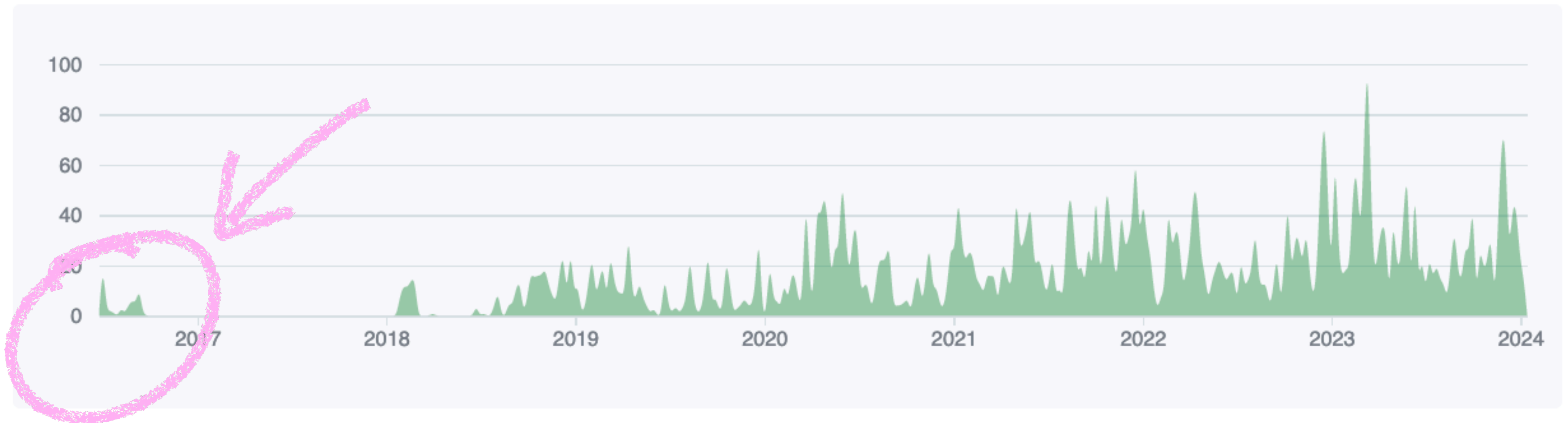


# A history of Gleam

Jun 26, 2016 – Jan 15, 2024

Contributions: Commits ▾

Contributions to main, excluding merge commits



# The very first Gleam

```
module clauses
```

```
public count {  
  def ([]) { 0 }  
  def ([_ | xs]) { count(xs) + 1 }  
  
  test([]) { 0 }  
  test([1, 2]) { 2 }  
  test([1, 1, 1]) { 3 }  
}
```

# Other fun features

- No type system!
- No real goals!
- Didn't really work!
- A bad Erlang clone in a trenchcoat!



# What was the point?



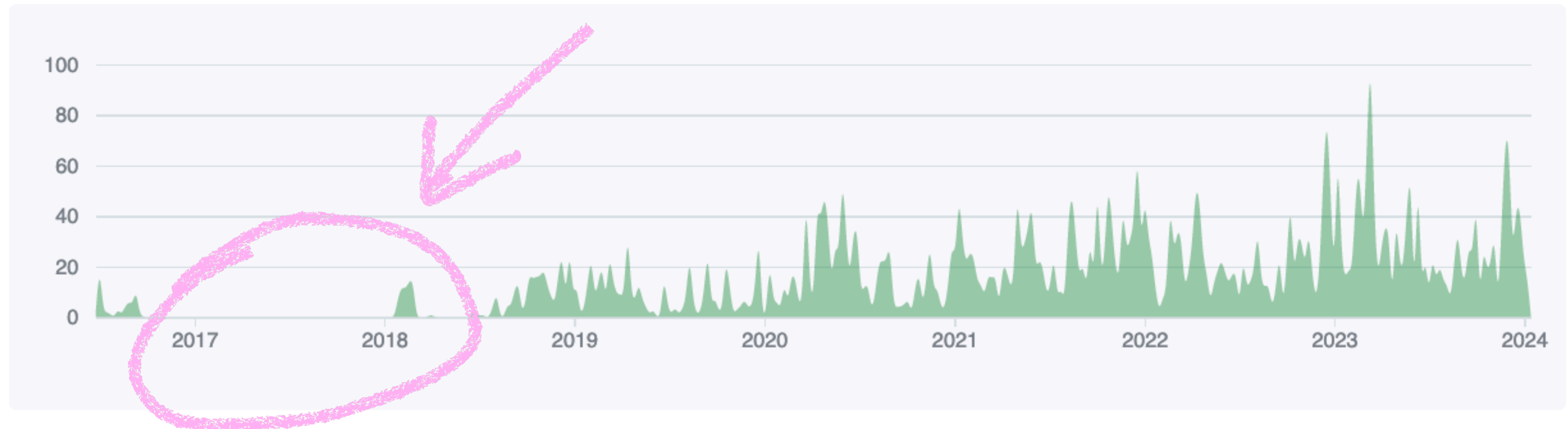


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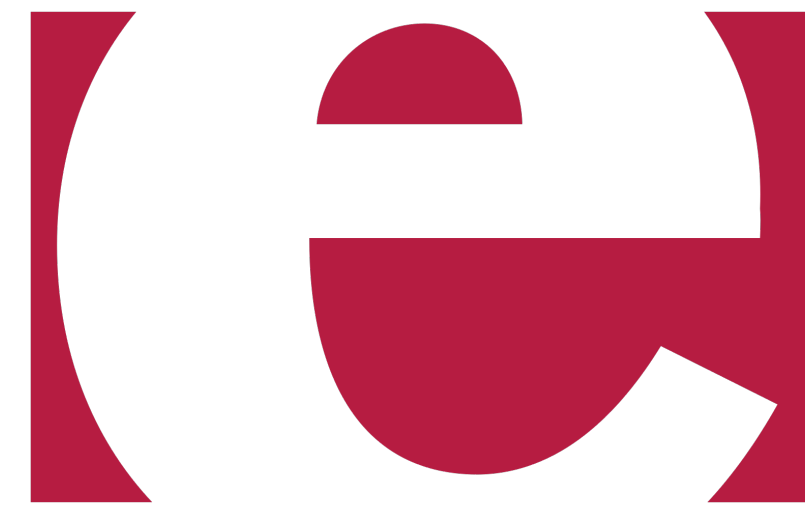
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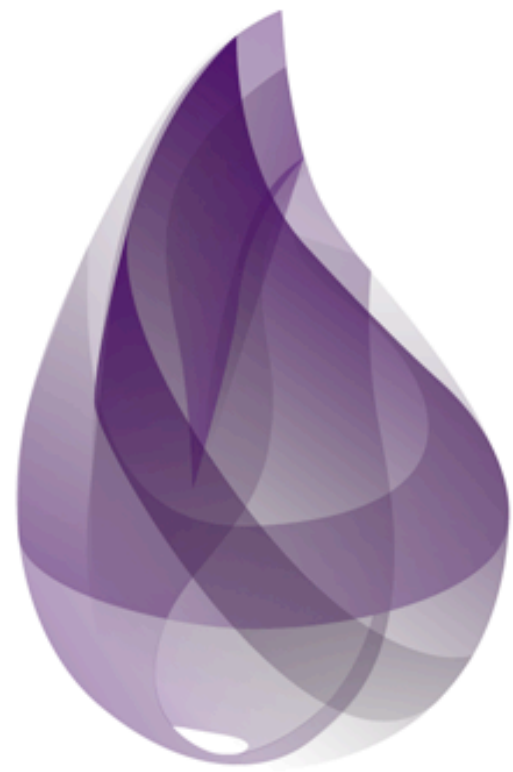
OCaml



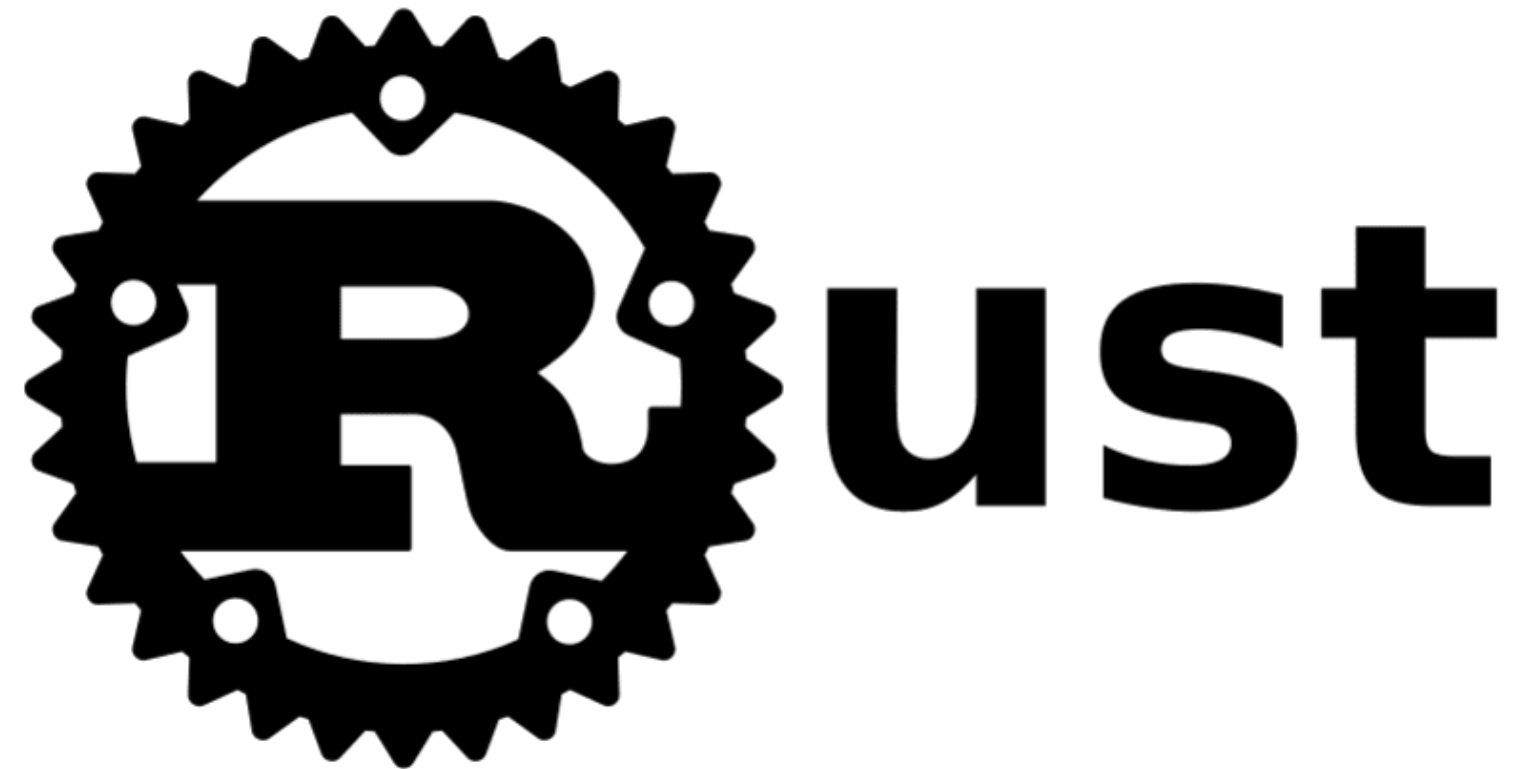
ERLANG



ALPACA



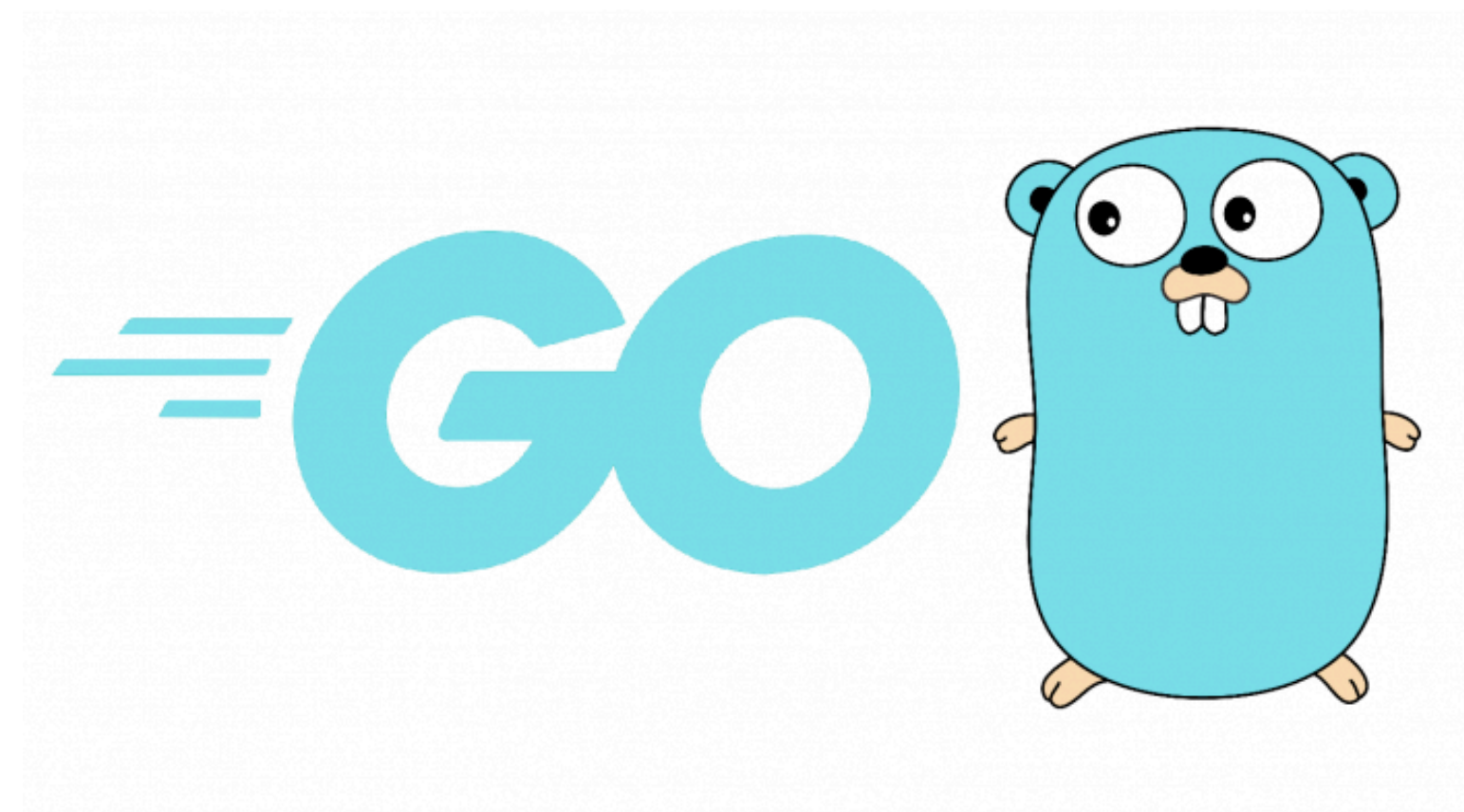
elixir



rust



elm



```
module Main
export User, greet/1
from IO import println

type User =
  | LoggedIn(String)
  | Guest

spec |String| => Nil
fn check(user) =
  case user
  | LoggedIn("Al") => println("Hi Al!")
  | LoggedIn(name) => println("Welcome back!")
  | Guest => println("Hello! Please log in")
```

```
import gleam/io

pub enum User =
  | LoggedIn(String)
  | Guest

pub fn check(user: User) {
  case user {
    | LoggedIn("Al") → io:println("Hi Al!")
    | LoggedIn(name) → io:println("Welcome back!")
    | Guest → io:println("Hello! Please log in")
  }
}
```

```
import gleam/io

pub type User {
  LoggedIn(name: String)
  Guest
}

pub fn check(user: User) {
  case user {
    LoggedIn("Al") → io.println("Hi Al!")
    LoggedIn(name) → io.println("Welcome back!")
    Guest → io.println("Hello! Please log in")
  }
}
```

# Language changes



First class modules

Row typed records

Dedicated enum syntax



Labelled arguments

"use" expression sugar

String concatenation operator

JavaScript target

# The build tool

Batteries included

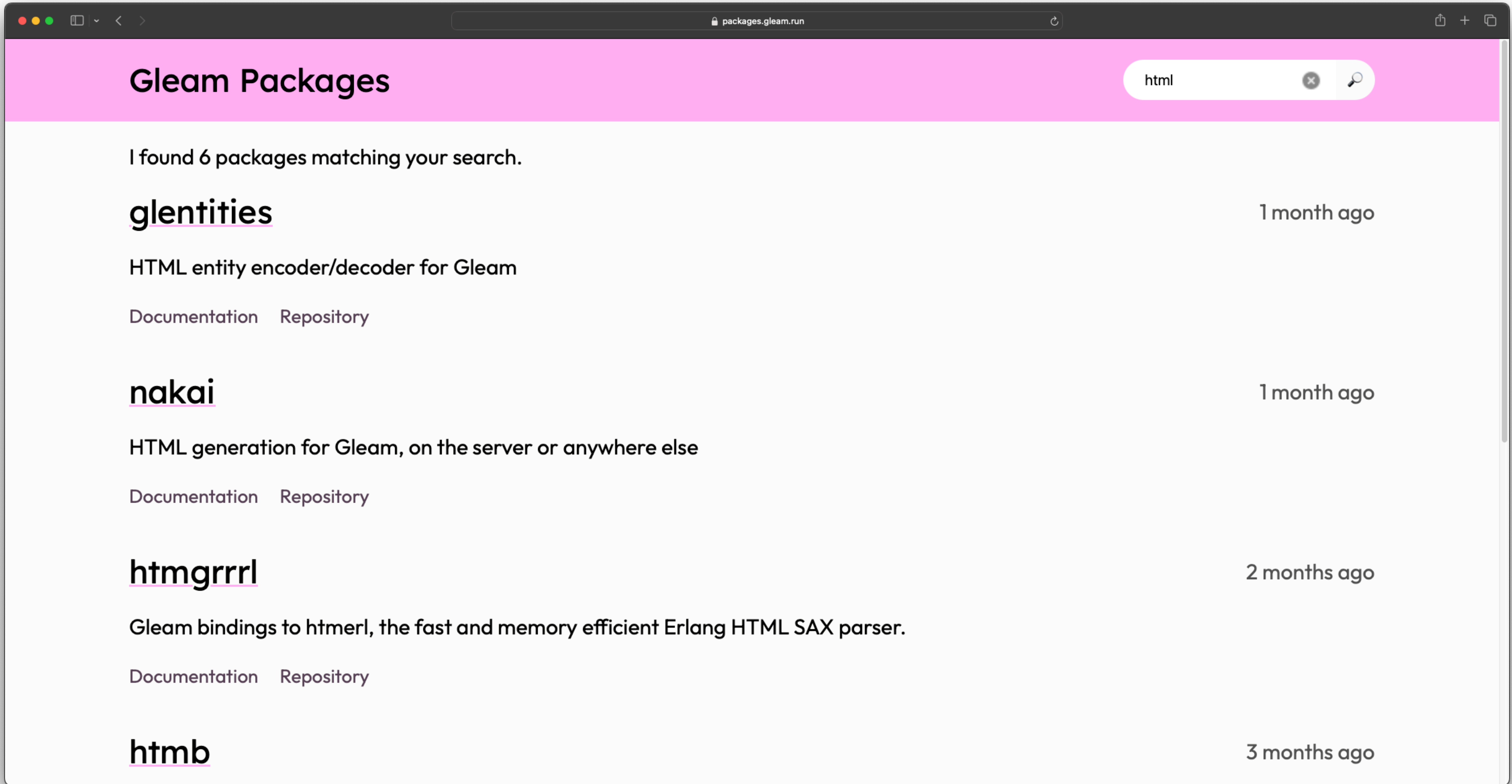
Easy to use

Hex package management

Code formatter

Language server

```
$ gleam test
  Resolving versions
Downloading packages
  Downloaded 2 packages in 0.02s
  Compiling gleam_stdlib
  Compiling gleeunit
  Compiling justin
  Compiled in 1.20s
  Running justin_test.main
.....
Finished in 0.018 seconds
5 tests, 0 failures
```



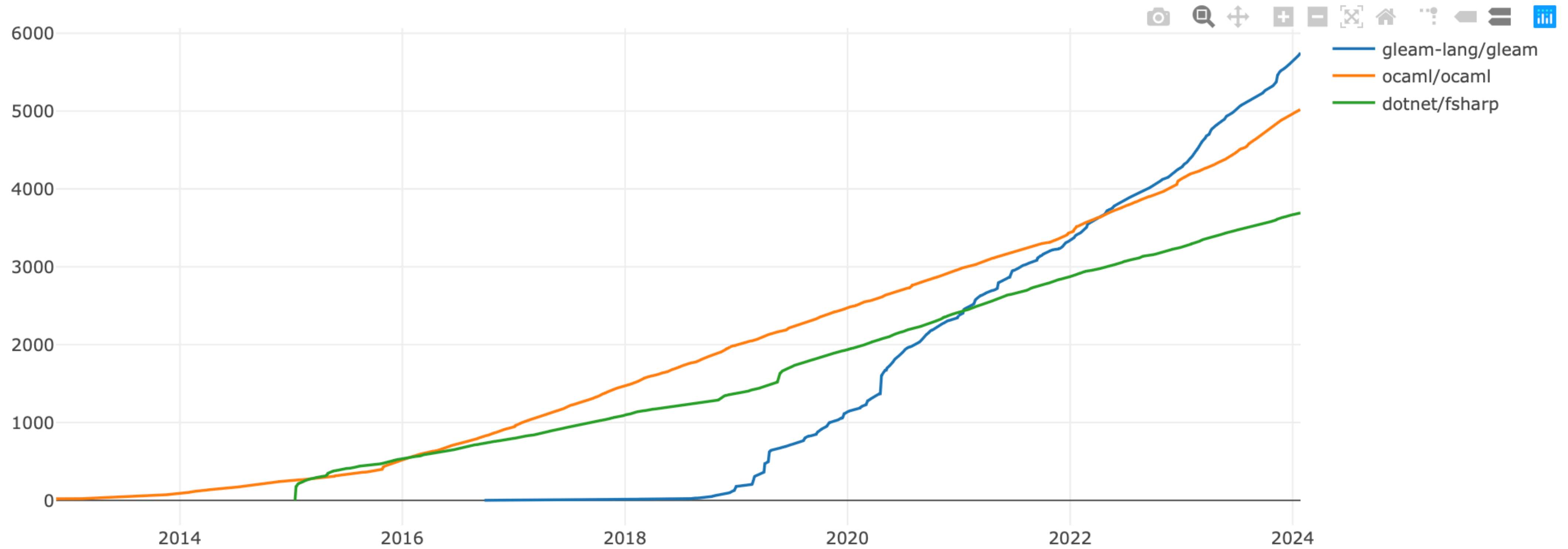




user/repo

add

export



gleam-lang/gleam

ocaml/ocaml

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# Gleam

982 students



30 contributors

30 mentors



About Gleam



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Practice

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Gleam / Tracks on Tracks on Tracks



src/tracks\_on\_tracks\_on\_tracks.gleam

```
16 list.length(languages)
17 }
18
19 pub fn reverse_list(languages: List(String)) ->
  List(String) {
20   list.reverse(languages)
21 }
22
23 pub fn exciting_list(languages: List(String)) -> Bool {
24   case languages {
25     ["Gleam", ..] -> True
26     [_, "Gleam"] -> True
27     [_, "Gleam", _] -> True
28     _ -> False
29   }
30 }
```



Stuck? Ask ChatGPT



Run Tests

Submit



Instructions



Results



Feedback



Task 6

## Check if list is exciting

While you love all languages, Gleam has a special place in your heart. As such, you're really excited about a list of languages if:

- The first on the list is Gleam.
- The second item on the list is Gleam and the list contain either two or three languages.

Implement the `exciting_list` function to check if a list of languages is exciting:

```
exciting_list(["Lua", "Gleam"])
// -> True
```

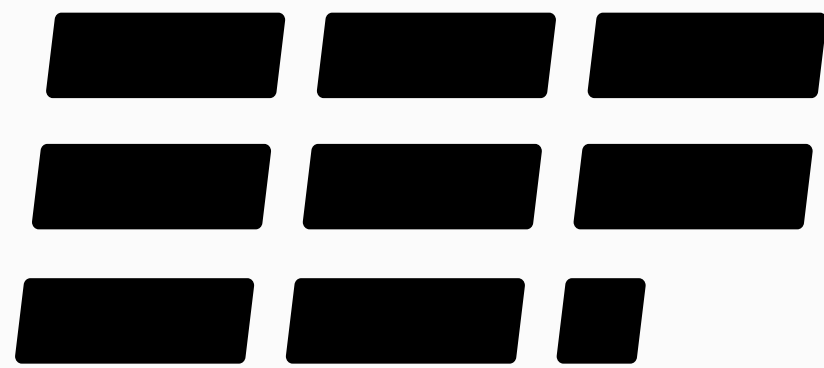
Stuck? Reveal Hints





# Your journey through Gleam

Learn and master concepts to achieve fluency in Gleam.



**Bo** **Bools**

✓

**Ba** **Basics**

✓

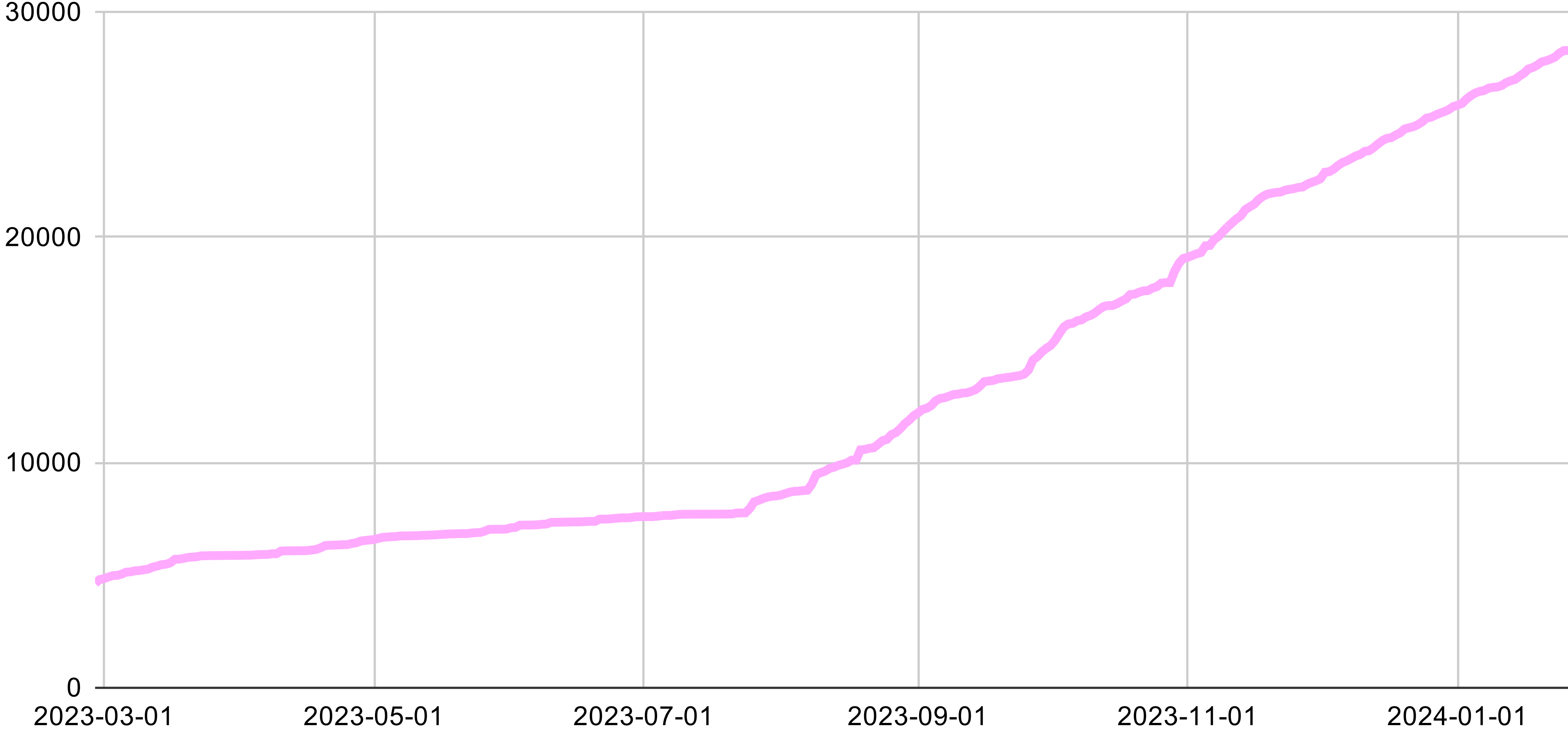
**In** **Ints**

✓ ✓ ✓ ○ ● ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○

**Fl** **Floats**

✓ ○

# Exercism submissions



## Higher order functions

In Gleam functions are values. They can be assigned to variables, passed to other functions, and anything else you can do with values.

Here the function `add_one` is being passed as an argument to the `twice` function.

Notice the `fn` keyword is also used to describe the type of the function that `twice` takes as its second argument.

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```
import gleam/io
```

```
pub fn main() {  
  // Call a function with another function  
  io.debug(twice(1, add_one))
```

```
  // Functions can be assigned to variables  
  let function = add_one  
  io.debug(function(100))  
}
```

```
fn twice(argument: Int, function: fn(Int) -> Int) -> Int {  
  function(function(argument))  
}
```

```
3  
101
```

# Gleam: Present

*Where are we now?*



The Glean Programmin ▼ # general A place to talk about Glean

1 Event  
Browse Channels  
Members

rules  
moderator-only  
announcements

MODERATION +  
gleam-team

GLEAM +  
# general  
sharing 1  
teashop  
codegen

lpil Online

@lpil that's totally what I wanted when I share an SVG

inoas Today at 15:11  
they are afraid if svgs eh 😊

Jak Today at 15:13  
It's looking good! I'm just missing the interactive review bit and I'll publish v1

```

birdie — giacomocavallieri@giskard — zsh — 68x16
..ogetti/birdie ..rogetti/gleam +
→ birdie git:(main) × gleam run -m birdie help
  Compiled in 0.01s
  Running birdie.main
🐦 birdie v0.1

USAGE:
gleam run -m birdie [ <SUBCOMMAND> ]

SUBCOMMANDS:
review      Review all new snapshots one by one
accept-all Accept all new snapshots
reject-all  Reject all new snapshots
help        Show this help text

→ birdie git:(main) × █

```

Message #general



I  the Gleam community!

They're super smart and twice as nice

[github.com/rawhat/mist](https://github.com/rawhat/mist)

Pure Gleam

Type safe

HTTP1.1

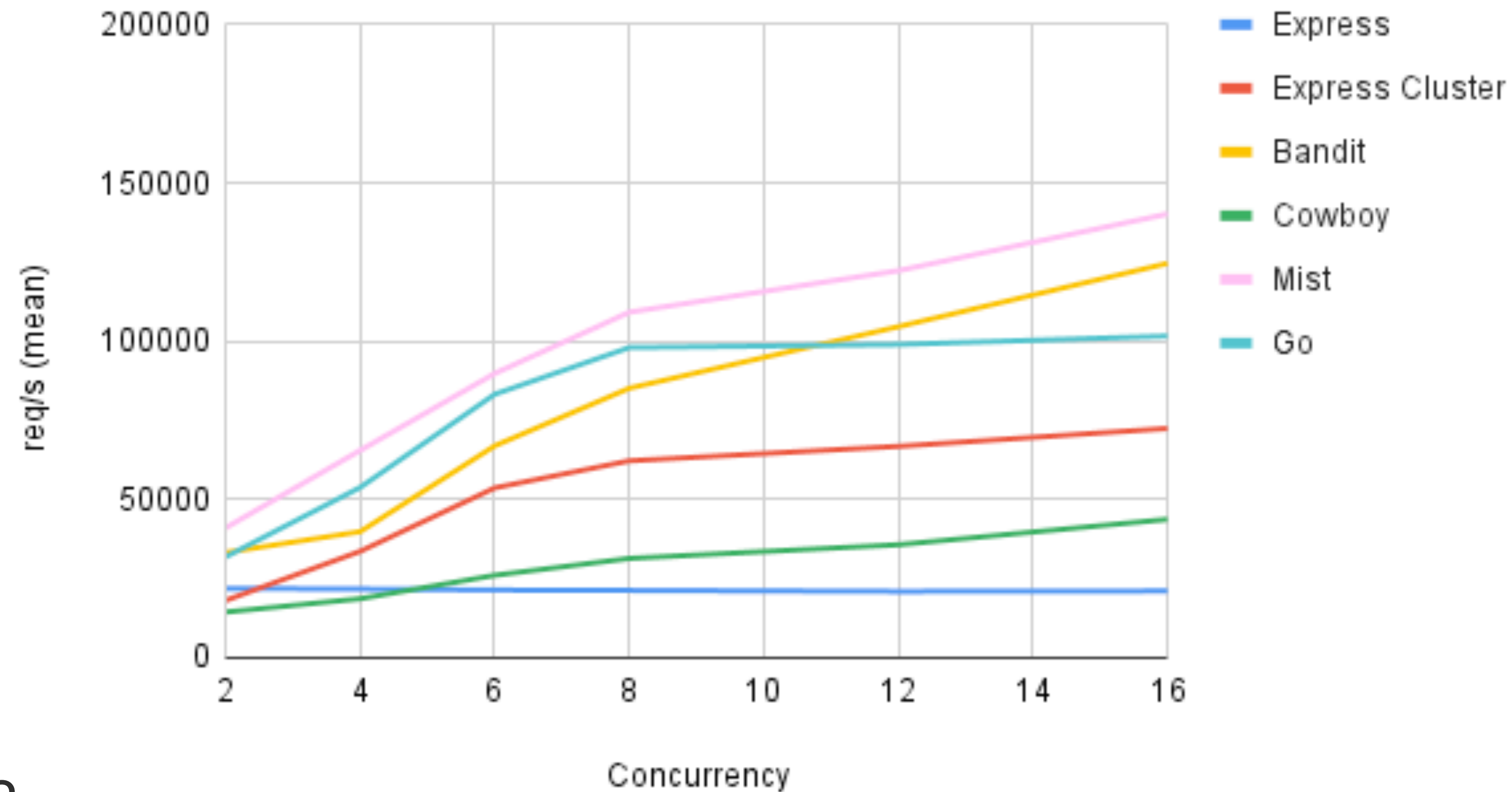
WebSockets

HTTP or HTTPS

Super fast

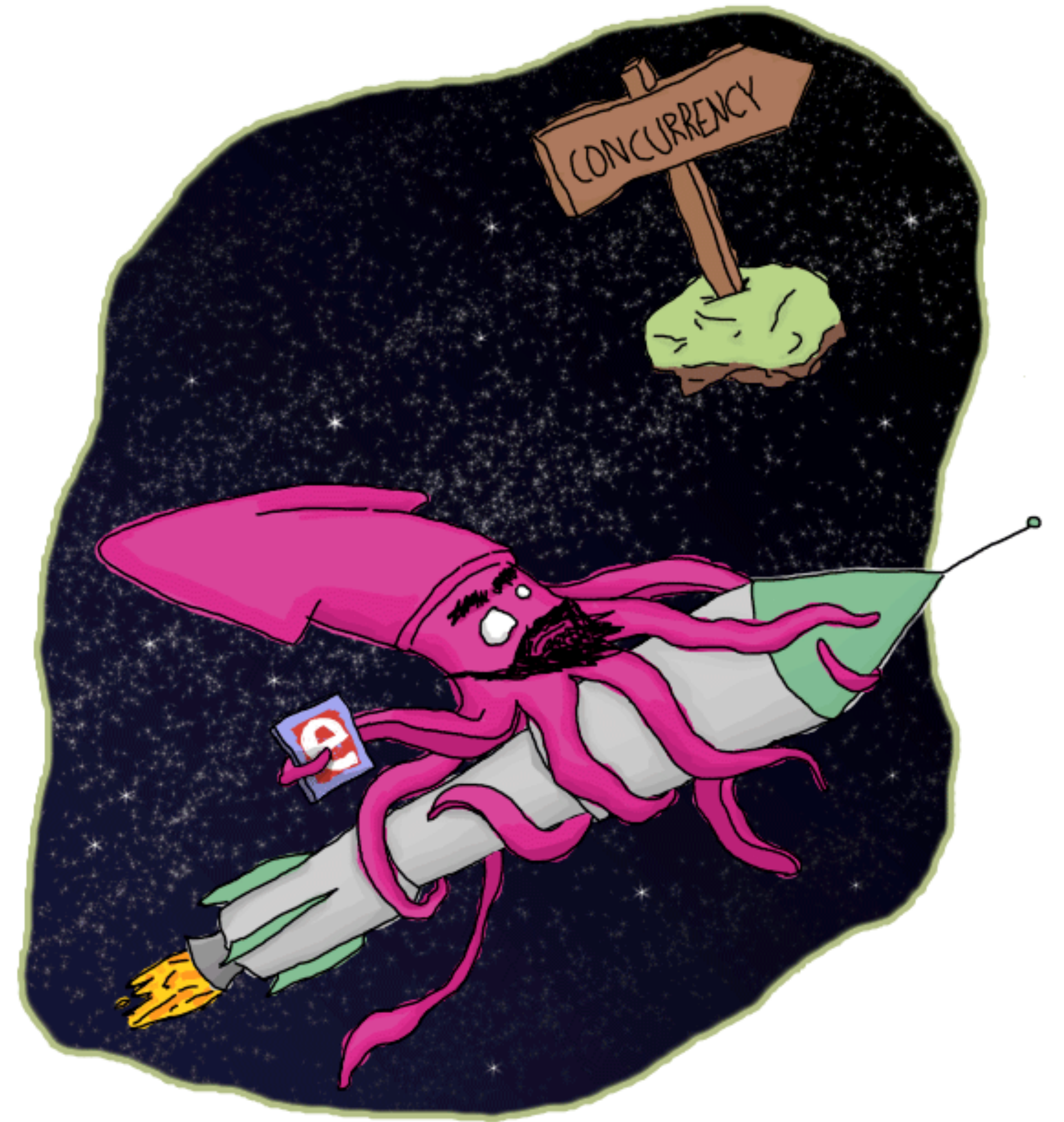
Maybe HTTP2 in future?

POST /user



[github.com/gleam-lang/otp](https://github.com/gleam-lang/otp)

```
actor.start("init", fn(msg, state) {  
  case msg {  
    Set(new_state) → {  
      actor.continue(new_state)  
    }  
    Get(caller) → {  
      process.send(caller, state)  
      actor.continue(state)  
    }  
  }  
})
```



github.com/gleam-wisp/wisp

```
pub fn handle_request(req: Request) → Response {
  use form ← wisp.require_form(req)

  let result = {
    use name ← try(list.key_find(form.values, "name"))
    Ok("<h1>Hi, " ◊ wisp.escape_html(name) ◊ "!</h1>")
  }

  case result {
    Ok(content) → wisp.html_response(from_string(content), 200)
    Error(_) → wisp.bad_request()
  }
}
```

# Databases



[github.com/lpil/pgo](https://github.com/lpil/pgo)



[github.com/lpil/sqlight](https://github.com/lpil/sqlight)



[github.com/massivefermion/mungo](https://github.com/massivefermion/mungo)



[github.com/massivefermion/radish](https://github.com/massivefermion/radish)

github.com/lustre-labs/lustre

```
fn view(model) {  
  let count = int.to_string(model)  
  
  div([], [  
    button([on_click(Decr)], [text("-")]),  
    p([], [text(count)]),  
    button([on_click(Incr)], [text("+")])  
  ])  
}
```

```
type Msg {  
  Incr  
  Decr  
}  
  
fn update(model, msg) {  
  case msg {  
    Incr → model + 1  
    Decr → model - 1  
  }  
}
```

# Gleam LiveView?



```
let assert Ok(app) =  
  lustre.component(  
    app.init,  
    app.update,  
    app.view,  
    app.on_attribute_change(),  
  )  
  ▶ lustre.start_actor(initial_state)
```



# Gleam HTTP ecosystem

## HTTP servers:

Mist

gleam\_elli

gleam\_cowboy

gleam\_plug

CGI

Stego (Deno)

Conversation (JS)

## HTTP clients:

gleam\_httpc

gleam\_hackney

gleam\_fetch

finch\_gleam

Dove

Conversation (JS)

Nerf

## API clients:

Plunk

ZeptoMail

aws4\_request

Pushover

Gatus

gleam\_sentry

gleam\_sendgrid

## Middleware:

Wisp

Gliew

Bliss

gleam\_cors

glow\_auth

[github.com/erikareads/teashop](https://github.com/erikareads/teashop)

```
> g
```

gitlab.com/Nicd/elektrofoni

Music streaming

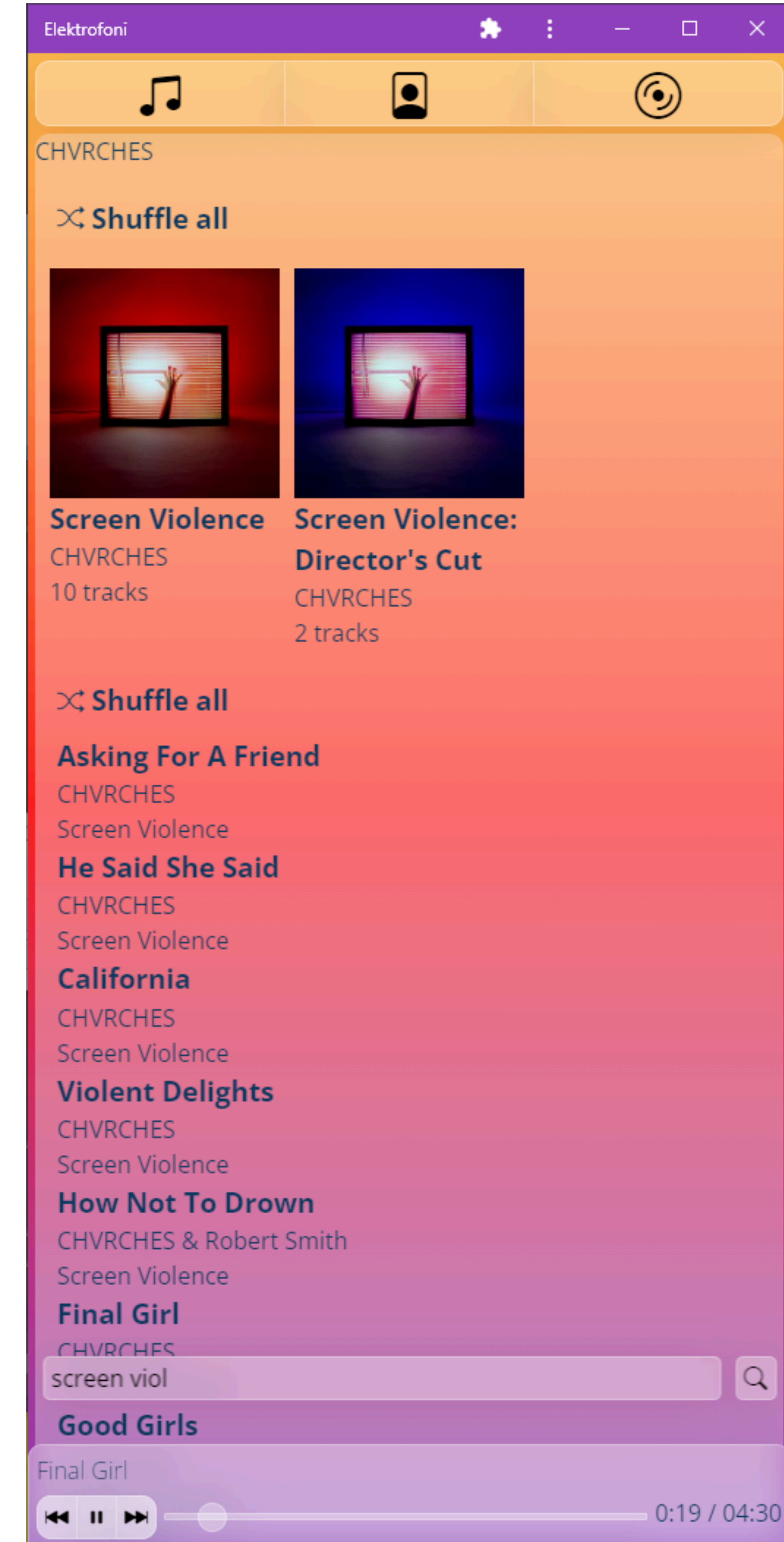
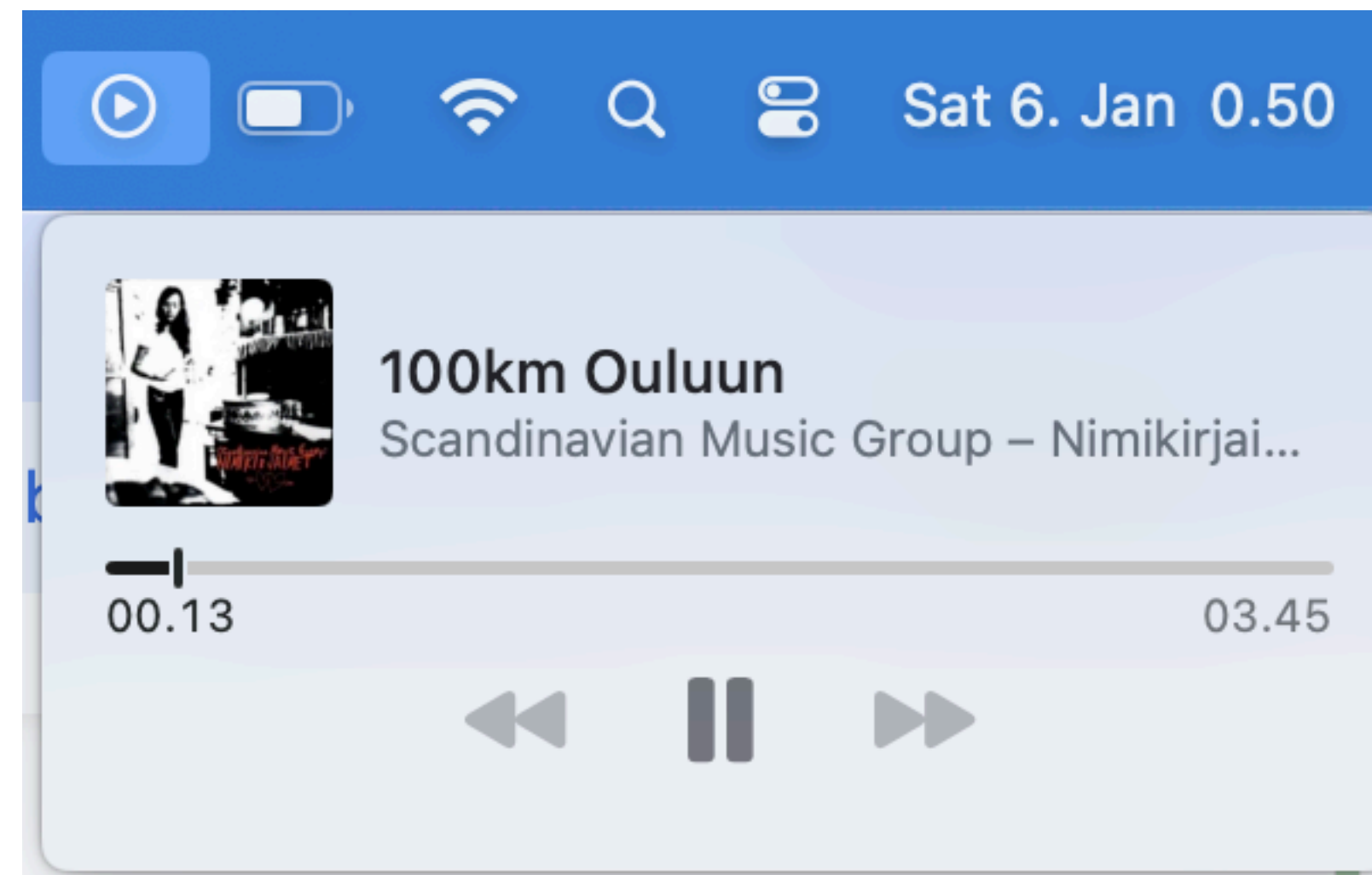
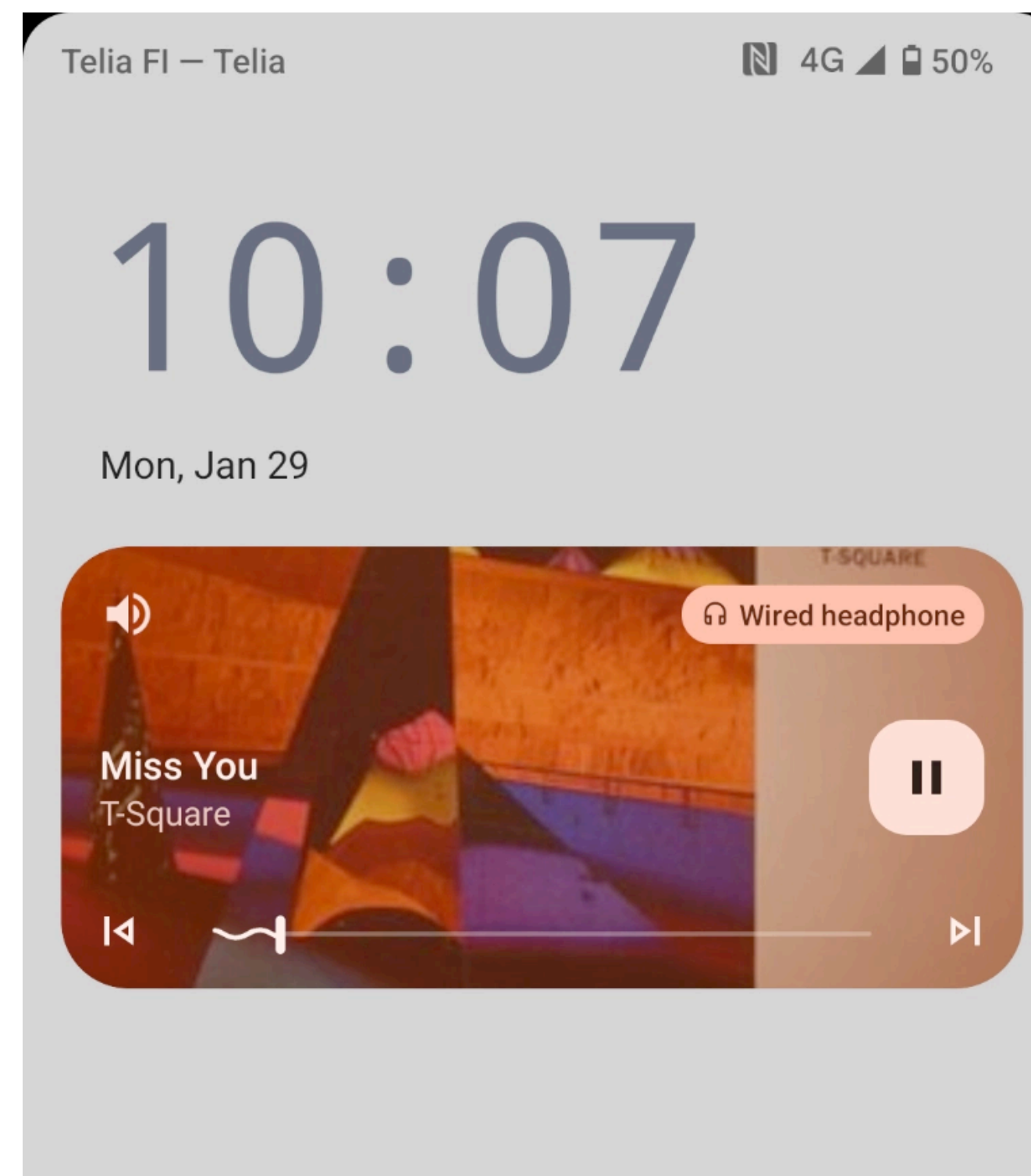
Library management

Library search

Scrobbling to last.fm

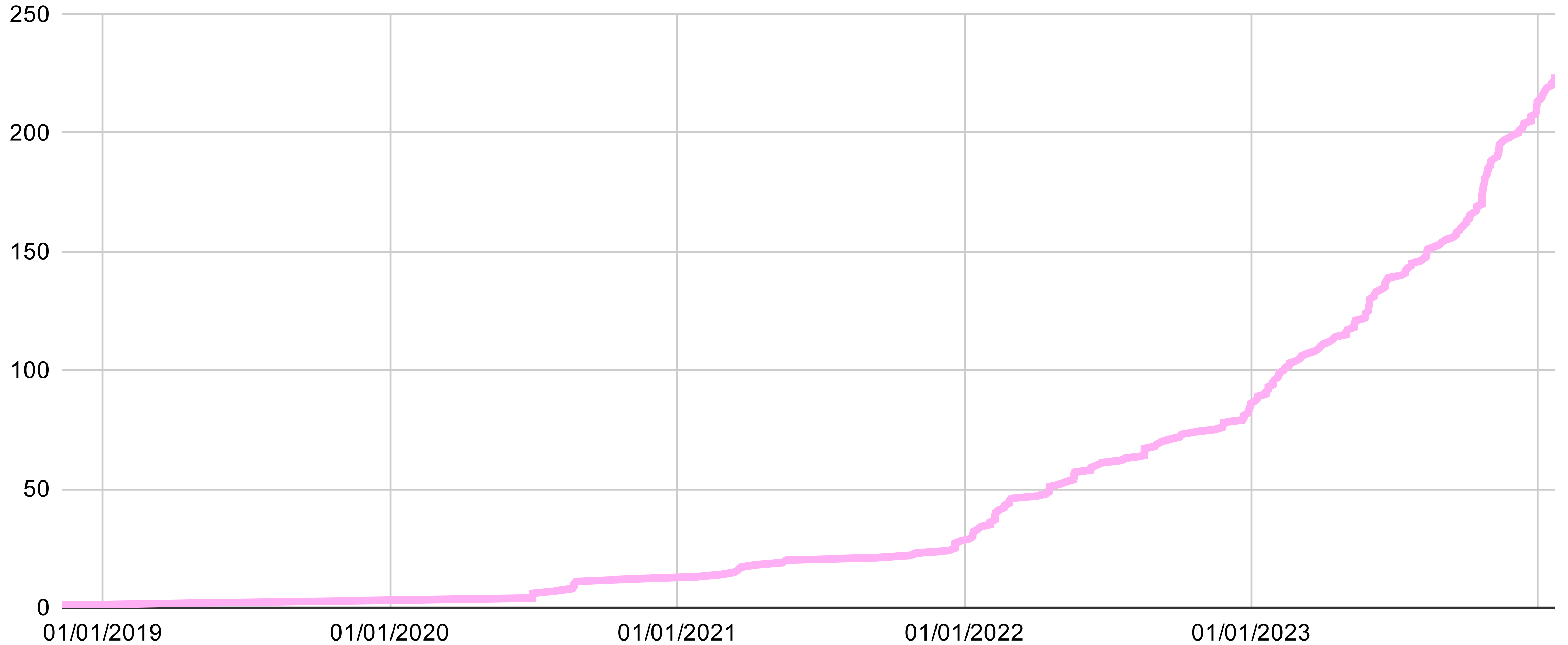
Lock screen support

Media key support



# Published Packages

*1.2% of Hex*



# Gleam: Future

*Where are we going?*



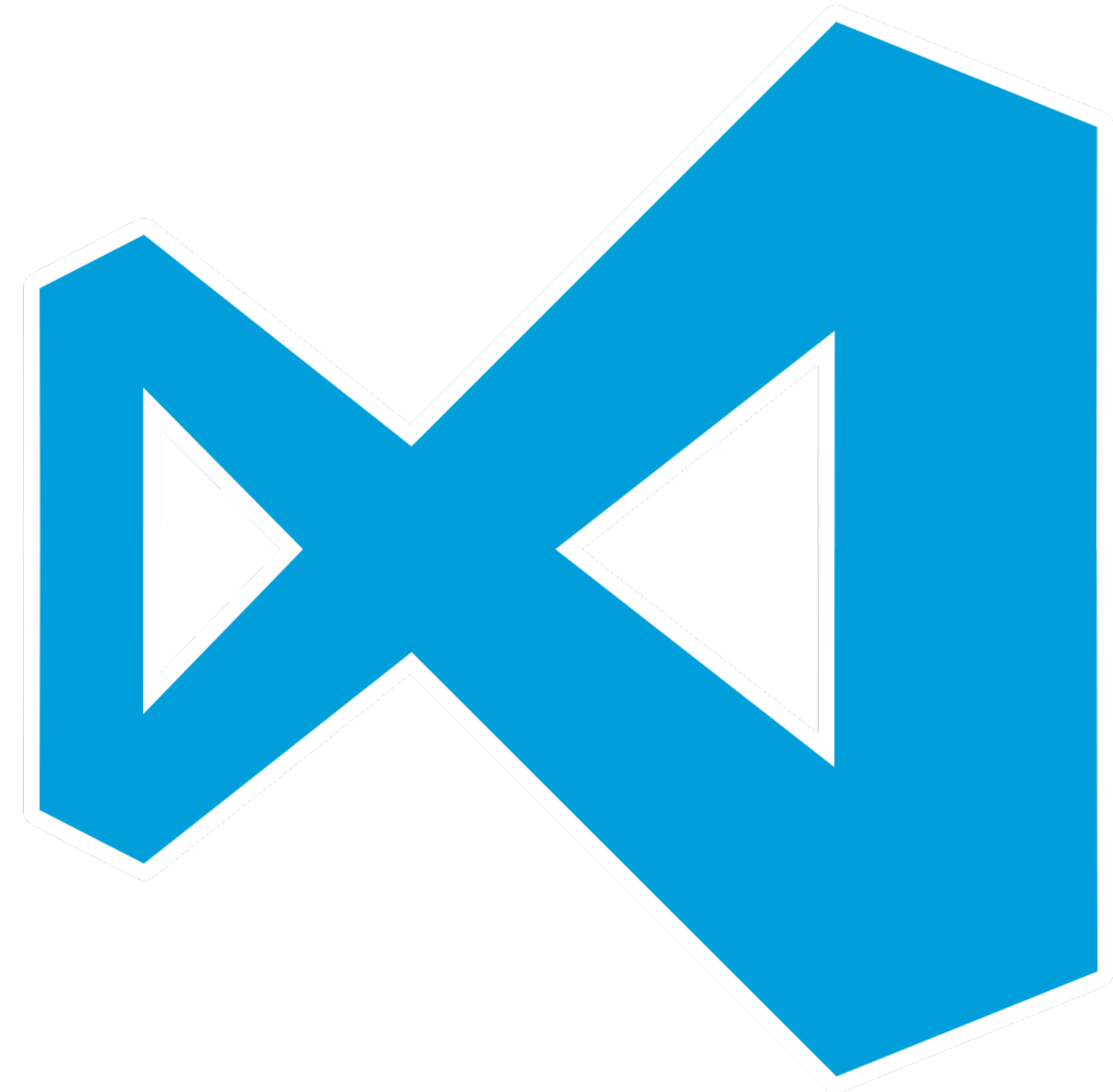
# The language server



# What's a language server?



# Reliability and consistency





# Language server additions

## Features:

Find references

List symbols

Rename

Autocomplete imports

Autocomplete fields

Import insertion

Call argument docs

## Refactorings:

Extract variable

Extract function

Add annotations

Add record fields

Add all case clauses

Surround with block

Promote to const

## Code generators:

Dynamic decoder

JSON encoder

List variants

Variant to string

Variant from string

Compare

# Breaking changes



This slide intentionally left blank

# Gleam v1.0.0



# Gleam v1: Focus on production usage

1

## **Productivity for Gleam users**

No breaking changes

No language bloat

Keep improving DX

More documentation

2

## **Sustainability for the project**

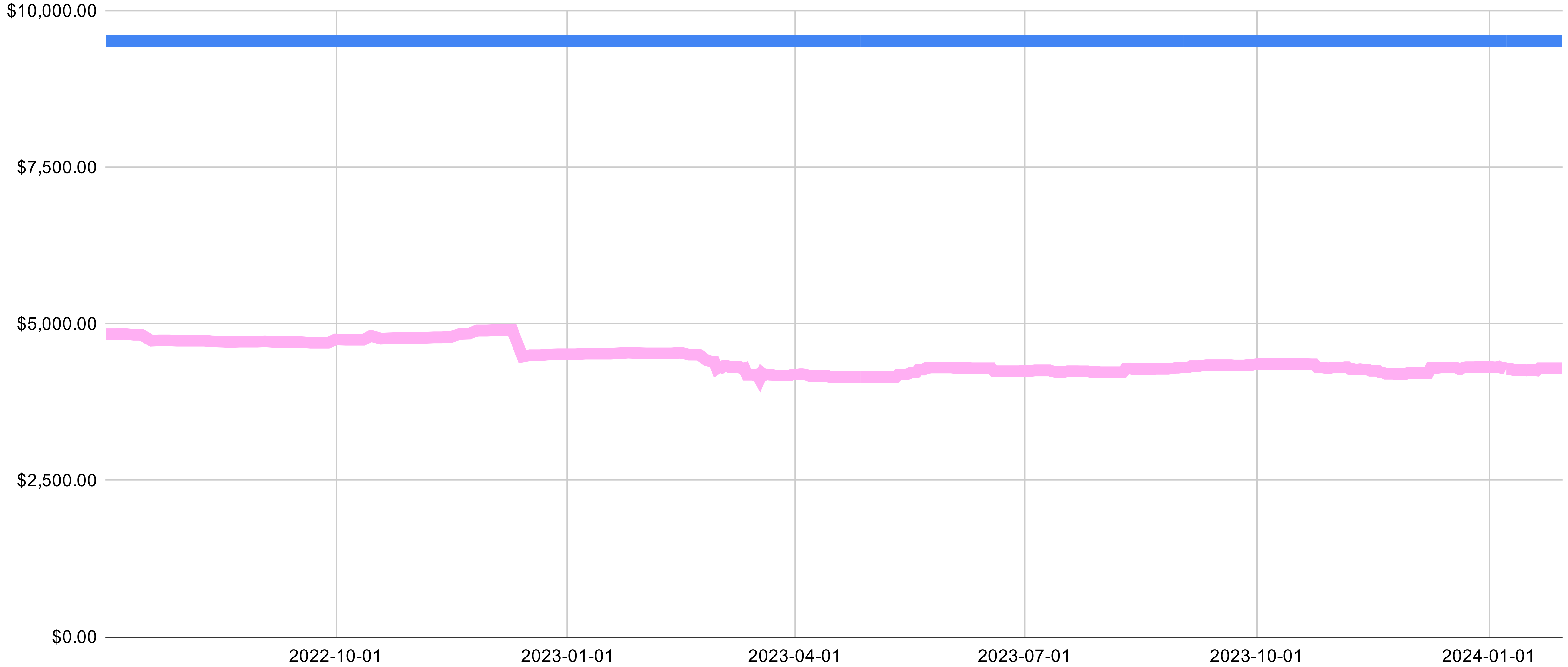
Impactful additions only

Document everything internal

Find more corporate sponsorship

Explore other revenue streams

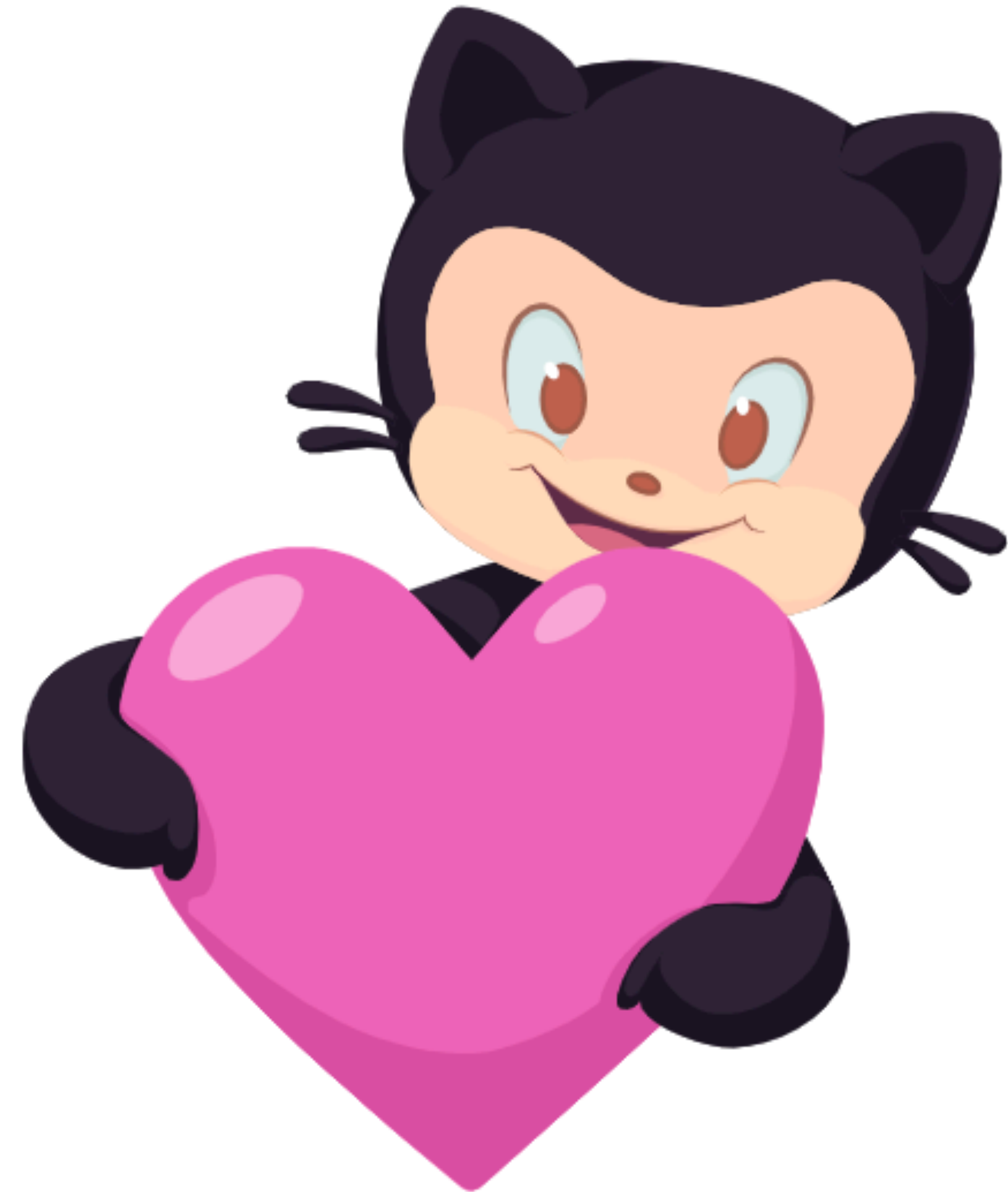
— Gleam sponsorship (pcm) — London lead developer median pay (pcm)



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# When is Gleam v1?

