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Recently I did a lot of my research, chasing the Angular Signalversion was going around and the test suite. Discussed on Hacker News. Notice the top comment: will ask a question for, especially on a well-functionally sophisticated programming discussion platform:

> Signals vs zone.js/Zone.js/NgZ.js Zone. What, why? Zone.js, if a pun doesn't offer?

Many in the thread agreed: I'm definitely in the same boat. I've written many angular expressions over the years, and almost nothing from the syntax really strikes longer than a few minutes. I mean, I guess I can read all those things like how to escape special characters and how to use the "pipe" thing. But I'm much slow.

And of people seemed to agree with the same sentiment and high-level comments, with some pointing out other challenges like learning the operations in the RxJS for effectively/performing languages, which might be a factor why it doesn't "stick" with us.

The top response is that above comment expands on this difficult learning RxJS knowledge seems to be a lot of people:

> Signals are a great improvement, but I'm still waiting for a good tutorial on how to use them in practice. I'm a big fan of **Dmitry Sosnovsky's Deep Dive into Angular Signals**. Sosnovsky's book seems to cover and understand in multiple Angular v16, Zone, Angular v16 and more realistic/real. I just read of that knowledge. It shaped plans after learning that yet... was shocked how much doesn't contained when I stumbled into another project that required a lot of signals.

Others point out that learning a programming language is much easier to retain than RxJS. In my opinion, I think this is directly related to the fact that programmer languages have an intuitive, logical structure, and they all include more or less the same basic components (variables, functions, etc) — making it much easier to understand the structure. Whereas RxJS/Signals seems somewhat unique.

Anyways, that aside, I, RegEx, and I, Angular Signals, are not friends. Let's hope it changes.

The rest of the Hacker News thread includes several articles and other helpful tools for writing RegEx, should you want to delve into the fun topic a little more.

Now on to the week's news!

JavaScript Libraries and Frameworks

Tailwind Plus (formerly Tailwind UI) — Tailwind Plus (formerly Tailwind UI) is a collection of HTML components and templates for building modern, responsive, and accessible web interfaces. Tailwind Plus includes a wide range of components and templates for various UI elements, such as headers, footers, forms, modals, and more. The library provides a set of pre-designed components that can be easily customized and integrated into your projects, saving time and effort in the design and development process. Tailwind Plus also includes a set of templates for common web pages, such as landing pages, product pages, and dashboards, which can be used as a starting point for building your own custom pages. Tailwind Plus is a powerful tool for web developers and designers looking to speed up the process of building high-quality, responsive, and accessible web interfaces. By using the components and templates in Tailwind Plus, developers can focus on the unique aspects of their projects and ensure that the overall design and user experience are consistent and high-quality across all pages and components. Tailwind Plus is a valuable resource for anyone looking to build modern, responsive, and accessible web interfaces quickly and efficiently, while maintaining a high level of design and user experience quality.

Lit — Lit is a lightweight library for building web components using the Google Chrome team's Polymer framework. It provides a simple and efficient way to create reusable, customizable, and interoperable web components that can be used in any web application or framework. Lit uses a declarative syntax to define the structure and behavior of web components, making it easy to create complex UIs with minimal code. The library also provides a set of utilities for managing state, handling events, and rendering templates, which can be used to build more complex and dynamic web components. Lit is a powerful tool for web developers looking to create reusable, customizable, and interoperable web components that can be used in any web application or framework, while maintaining a high level of performance and ease of development.

Vanilla Tilt — Vanilla Tilt is a lightweight JavaScript library that allows developers to create 3D tilt effects on HTML elements using CSS transforms and JavaScript. The library provides a simple and customizable API for applying tilt effects to elements, with options for controlling the tilt angle, perspective, and transition speed. Vanilla Tilt is a popular choice for adding subtle 3D effects to UI elements, such as buttons, cards, and images, to enhance the user experience and create a more engaging and interactive interface. The library is lightweight and performant, with a small file size and minimal dependencies, making it easy to integrate into any web project without adding significant overhead. Vanilla Tilt is a useful tool for web developers looking to add subtle 3D effects to their UI elements and enhance the user experience.

Hotkeys.js — Hotkeys.js is a lightweight JavaScript library that allows developers to define keyboard shortcuts and hotkeys for their web applications. The library provides a simple and customizable API for binding keyboard events to specific functions or actions, and supports various modifier keys and key combinations. Hotkeys.js is a useful tool for web developers looking to add keyboard shortcuts and hotkeys to their web applications, to improve the user experience and make it more intuitive and efficient for users who prefer to use keyboard shortcuts rather than mouse clicks or touch gestures. The library is lightweight and performant, with a small file size and minimal dependencies, making it easy to integrate into any web project without adding significant overhead.

Tuna — Tuna is a collection of Web Audio API components and effects for building interactive audio applications in the browser. The library provides a set of pre-built components for common audio processing tasks, such as filters, delays, reverb, and more, that can be easily integrated into a web application using the Web Audio API. Tuna also provides a set of utilities for managing audio data and synchronizing audio playback with other elements on the page, such as animations and user interactions. Tuna is a powerful tool for web developers looking to add rich audio processing and playback capabilities to their web applications, without having to write complex audio processing code from scratch.

Yuka — A lightweight JavaScript library for game AI, providing a set of tools and algorithms for creating intelligent behaviors in games, such as pathfinding, steering, and decision making. The library provides a set of pre-built components and utilities that can be easily integrated into a game engine or framework, and supports various game genres and platforms, including 2D and 3D games, mobile games, and web games. Yuka is a powerful tool for game developers looking to add intelligent behaviors to their games, without having to write complex AI algorithms from scratch. The library is lightweight and performant, with a small file size and minimal dependencies, making it easy to integrate into any game project without adding significant overhead.

Testing and Debugging Tools

Free Course to Master Mocks Scenarios — Learn how to master mocks scenarios in software testing with this free course. The course covers various topics, including the basics of mocking, the different types of mocks, and how to use popular mocking libraries and frameworks. The course also provides hands-on exercises and real-world examples to help students apply the concepts learned in the course to their own projects. The course is taught by experienced instructors who have a deep understanding of the topic and can provide valuable insights and tips. The course is suitable for beginners and intermediate learners who want to learn how to use mocks to improve the quality and reliability of their software tests.

Jest — Jest is a JavaScript testing framework that provides a simple and powerful API for writing unit tests, integration tests, and end-to-end tests. The framework supports various features, such as mocking, snapshots, and code coverage, and can be used with popular JavaScript libraries and frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular. Jest is a popular choice for testing JavaScript applications, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The framework provides a set of pre-built matchers and utilities that can be used to write tests for various types of JavaScript code, including functions, classes, and modules. Jest also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Mocha — Mocha is a JavaScript testing framework that provides a flexible and extensible API for writing unit tests, integration tests, and end-to-end tests. The framework supports various features, such as asynchronous testing, mocking, and code coverage, and can be used with popular JavaScript libraries and frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular. Mocha is a popular choice for testing JavaScript applications, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The framework provides a set of pre-built matchers and utilities that can be used to write tests for various types of JavaScript code, including functions, classes, and modules. Mocha also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Chai — Chai is a JavaScript assertion library that provides a set of pre-built matchers and utilities for writing unit tests, integration tests, and end-to-end tests. The library supports various features, such as BDD and TDD syntax, and can be used with popular JavaScript testing frameworks, such as Mocha, Jest, and Karma. Chai is a popular choice for testing JavaScript applications, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The library provides a set of pre-built matchers and utilities that can be used to write tests for various types of JavaScript code, including functions, classes, and modules. Chai also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Sinon — Sinon is a JavaScript library that provides a set of tools for mocking, stubbing, and spying on functions and objects in unit tests. The library supports various features, such as fake timers, fake servers, and fake XMLHttpRequests, and can be used with popular JavaScript testing frameworks, such as Mocha, Jest, and Karma. Sinon is a popular choice for testing JavaScript applications, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The library provides a set of pre-built matchers and utilities that can be used to write tests for various types of JavaScript code, including functions, classes, and modules. Sinon also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Cypress — Cypress is a JavaScript end-to-end testing framework that provides a simple and powerful API for writing tests that simulate user interactions with a web application. The framework supports various features, such as automatic waiting, screenshots, and video recording, and can be used with popular JavaScript libraries and frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular. Cypress is a popular choice for testing JavaScript applications, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The framework provides a set of pre-built commands and utilities that can be used to write tests for various types of JavaScript code, including functions, classes, and modules. Cypress also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Puppeteer — Puppeteer is a JavaScript library that provides a set of tools for controlling headless Chrome or Chromium browsers, and automating web tasks such as scraping, testing, and generating screenshots and PDFs. The library supports various features, such as page navigation, form submission, and JavaScript execution, and can be used with popular JavaScript libraries and frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular. Puppeteer is a popular choice for automating web tasks, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The library provides a set of pre-built commands and utilities that can be used to write scripts for various types of web tasks, including scraping, testing, and generating screenshots and PDFs. Puppeteer also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

Playwright — Playwright is a JavaScript library that provides a set of tools for automating web browsers, such as Chrome, Firefox, and Safari, and performing cross-browser testing and web scraping. The library supports various features, such as page navigation, form submission, and JavaScript execution, and can be used with popular JavaScript libraries and frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular. Playwright is a popular choice for automating web tasks, due to its ease of use, performance, and extensibility. The library provides a set of pre-built commands and utilities that can be used to write scripts for various types of web tasks, including scraping, testing, and generating screenshots and PDFs. Playwright also provides a set of tools for mocking dependencies and simulating user interactions, which can be useful for testing complex applications and ensuring their reliability and robustness.

React Tools

Sequential Rerender — Sequential Rerender is a tool that allows developers to visualize the order in which components are rerendered in a React application. The tool provides a graphical interface that shows the order in which components are rerendered, and allows developers to filter and search the rerendering process to identify performance issues and optimize the application. The tool is useful for developers who want to understand the rerendering process in their React applications and identify performance issues that may be affecting the user experience. The tool is easy to use and provides a clear and intuitive interface that makes it easy to understand the rerendering process and identify performance issues.

React Hooks Per App — Provides React Hooks per app for all platforms as a package.

Image Optimization Tool — Image Optimization Tool is a tool that allows developers to optimize images for web applications. The tool provides a graphical interface that allows developers to upload images, select optimization settings, and preview the optimized images before downloading them. The tool supports various image formats, including JPEG, PNG, and WebP, and provides options for adjusting the quality, resolution, and compression of the images. The tool is useful for developers who want to optimize images for web applications to improve the performance and user experience of their applications. The tool is easy to use and provides a clear and intuitive interface that makes it easy to optimize images for web applications.

Web Performance Monitoring — A library for tracking Web Vitals and other performance metrics in real-time, including Core Web Vitals, Time to First Byte, and custom metrics. The library provides a simple API for measuring and reporting performance data, and supports various integrations with popular analytics and monitoring tools, such as Google Analytics, New Relic, and Datadog. The library is lightweight and performant, with a small file size and minimal dependencies, making it easy to integrate into any web project without adding significant overhead. The library also provides a set of utilities for analyzing and visualizing performance data, such as charts and graphs, to help developers identify and diagnose performance issues and optimize their applications.

Sentry Rights — Sentry Rights is a tool that allows developers to manage access to Sentry, a popular error tracking and monitoring platform, by granting and revoking permissions to users and teams. The tool provides a graphical interface that allows developers to create and manage access rights, assign them to users and teams, and monitor their usage and effectiveness. The tool is useful for developers who want to control access to their Sentry data and ensure that only authorized users and teams can view and manage their error tracking and monitoring data.

Dev Tools — Dev Tools is a collection of tools and utilities for web developers, including a code editor, a debugger, a network analyzer, and a performance profiler. The tools are integrated into the browser and can be accessed by pressing a keyboard shortcut or clicking on a menu item. The code editor provides syntax highlighting, code completion, and error checking for various programming languages, including HTML, CSS, and JavaScript. The debugger allows developers to set breakpoints, step through code, and inspect variables and expressions. The network analyzer provides a detailed view of the network requests and responses, including headers, cookies, and timings. The performance profiler provides a detailed view of the performance of the application, including CPU usage, memory usage, and rendering time. The tools are useful for developers who want to debug and optimize their web applications.

Performance Monitoring — Performance Monitoring is a tool that allows developers to track and analyze the performance of their web applications, including page load times, server response times, and user interactions. The tool provides a graphical interface that allows developers to view and analyze performance data, set alerts and notifications for performance issues, and compare performance across different versions and environments. The tool is useful for developers who want to monitor and improve the performance of their web applications and ensure a fast and responsive user experience.

pnd-extended — Extends the pnd package with additional matchers (i.e. assertions) to add details, making it easier to read and debug.

SEO Analyzer — A JavaScript library to search an HTML file for SEO issues using a preset rules (title length, keywords, alt text, etc).

Page Speed Test App — Provides Page Speed test apps for all platforms as a package.

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