

Code & Coffee

Vue 3 overview



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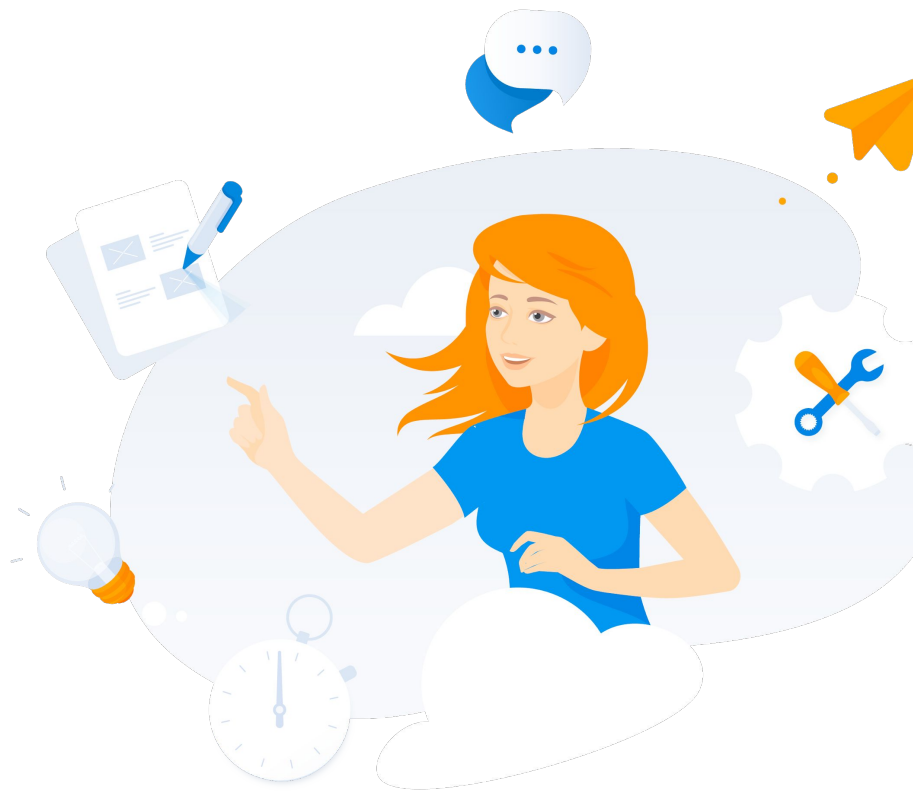
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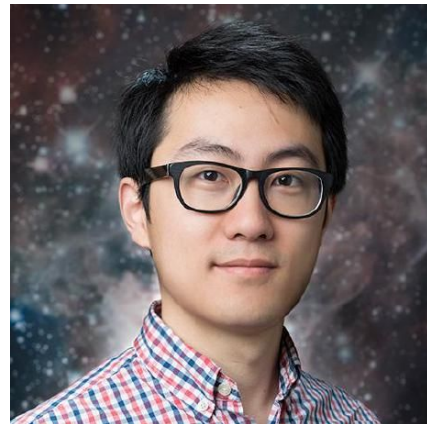
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What is Vue?

Short history

- Author: **Evan You** (**indie**, ex Google)
- Inspiration from AngularJS, goal to make it simple
- Progressive JS framework (or **library** if you will)
- First commit July 2013, first release January 2014
- 3 epochs
 - **Vue 1** - October 2015
 - **Vue 2** - September 2016
 - **Vue 3** - September 2020



Vue.js - The Documentary



Simplest application

```
1  <!DOCTYPE html>
2  <html lang="en">
3  <head>
4    <meta charset="UTF-8">
5    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
6    <title>Vue example</title>
7  </head>
8  <body>
9    <div id="app">
10     <button @click="increment">
11       You cliked me {{ counter }} times.
12     </button>
13   </div>
14
15   <!-- development version, includes helpful console warnings -->
16   <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/vue@2/dist/vue.js"></script>
17   <script>
18     const app = new Vue({
19       el: '#app',
20       data: {
21         counter: 0,
22       },
23       methods: {
24         increment() {
25           this.counter++;
26         },
27       },
28     });
29   </script>
30 </body>
31 </html>
```

index.html

CLI application

```
1  <template>
2    <button @click="increment">
3      You clicked me {{ counter }} times.
4    </button>
5  </template>
6
7  <script>
8    export default {
9      name: 'MyVerySpecialButton',
10     data() {
11       return {
12         counter: 0,
13       };
14     },
15     methods: {
16       increment() {
17         this.counter++;
18       },
19     },
20   };
21 </script>
22
```

MyVerySpecialButton.vue

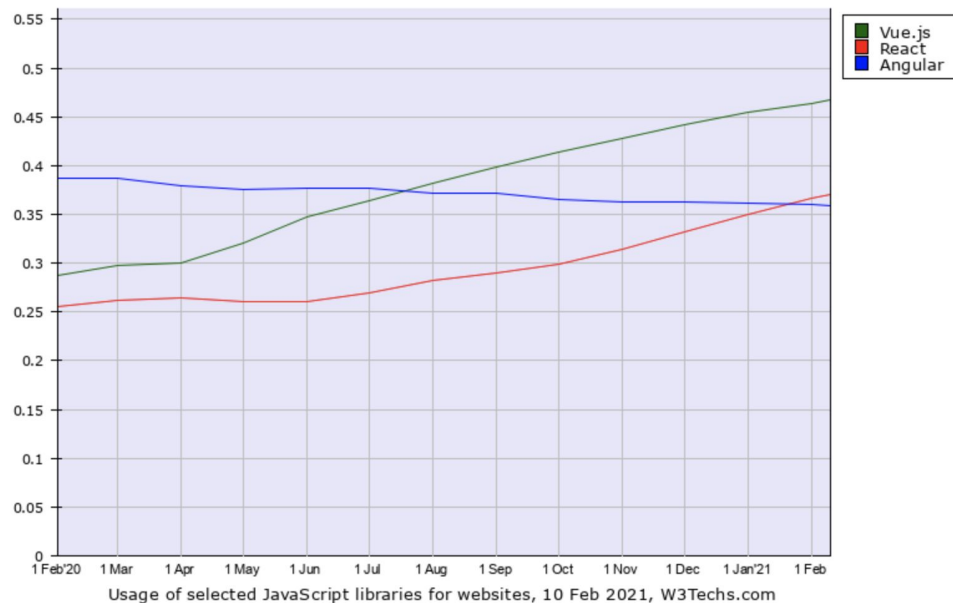
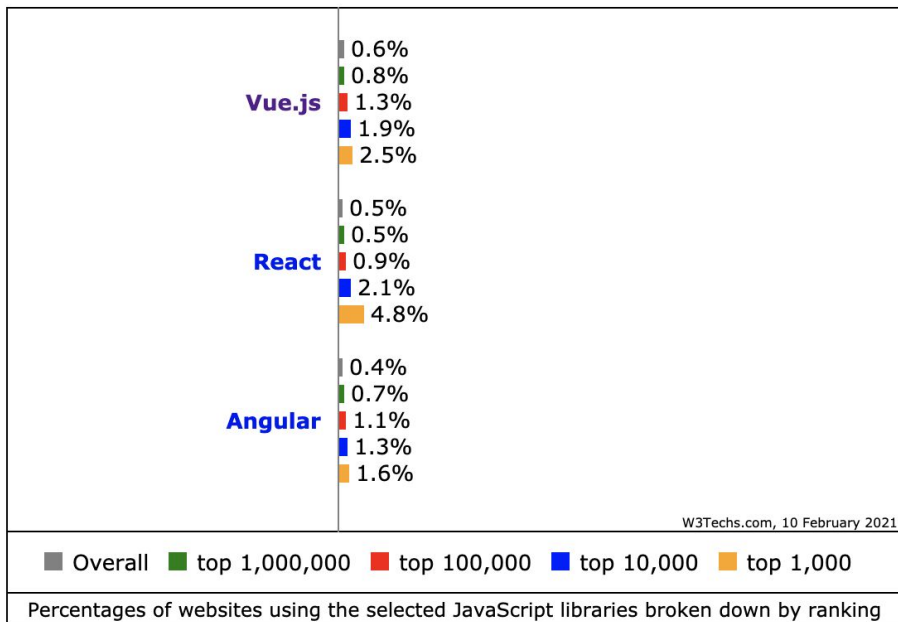
```
1  <template>
2    <div>
3      <MyVerySpecialButton />
4    </div>
5  </template>
6
7  <script>
8    import MyVerySpecialButton from './MyVerySpecialButton';
9
10   export default {
11     name: 'App',
12     components: {
13       MyVerySpecialButton,
14     },
15   };
16 </script>
17
```

App.vue

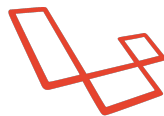
Comparison to Angular & React

- **HTML templates** instead of JSX (but it's supported for rare cases)
- **One component per one file** (no multiple components, not spread across multiple files)
- Can be **learned in one afternoon** (even for backed dev)
- **Syntactically** similar to **AngularJS**
- Components are **stateful**, not immutable
- [More detailed comparisons](#)

Statistics



Who uses Vue



Laravel



NETFLIX



Visma as well ->



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Basic differences

- Complete **rewrite to TypeScript** (but you don't have to use it)
- Restructured to support **tree-shaking**
 - You can now use Vue's part (like reactivity framework) separately from Vue! Yay!
- **Global** APIs **moved to instance** APIs

New features

- Composition API
- Teleport
- Fragments
- “Emits” - new component option

Composition API - Vue 2 Options API

```
1 <script>
2 export default {
3   name: 'FancyComponent',
4   data() {
5     return {
6       isModalOpened: false,
7       inputOne: 0,
8       inputTwo: 0,
9       tableColumns: ['Name', 'Surname', 'Email', 'Actions'],
10    };
11  },
12  computed: {
13    result() {
14      return this.inputOne + this.inputTwo;
15    },
16  },
17  methods: {
18    toggleModal() {
19      this.isModalOpened = ! this.isModalOpened;
20    },
21    submitInputs(one, two) {
22      this.inputOne = one;
23      this.inputTwo = two;
24    },
25  },
26 };
27 </script>
```

Input control

Modal control

Read-only config

Composition API - new **alternative**

```
1 <script>
2 import { ref, computed } from 'vue';
3
4 export default {
5   name: 'FancyComponent',
6   setup() {
7     const isModalOpened = ref(false);
8     const toggleModal = () => {
9       isModalOpened.value = ! isModalOpened.value;
10    };
11
12    const inputOne = ref(0);
13    const inputTwo = ref(0);
14    const result = computed(() => inputOne.value + inputTwo.value);
15    const submitInputs = (one, two) => {
16      inputOne.value = one;
17      inputTwo.value = two;
18    };
19
20    const tableColumns = ['Name', 'Surname', 'Email', 'Actions'];
21
22    return {
23      isModalOpened,
24      toggleModal,
25
26      inputOne,
27      inputTwo,
28      result,
29      submitInputs,
30
31      tableColumns,
32    };
33  },
34 };
35 </script>
```

Modal control

Input control

Read-only config

Composition API - new **alternative**

```
1 <script>
2 import { ref, computed } from 'vue';
3 import { modalControls } from 'utils';
4
5 export default {
6   name: 'FancyComponent',
7   setup() {
8     const inputOne = ref(0);
9     const inputTwo = ref(0);
10    const result = computed(() => inputOne.value + inputTwo.value);
11    const submitInputs = (one, two) => {
12      inputOne.value = one;
13      inputTwo.value = two;
14    };
15
16    const tableColumns = ['Name', 'Surname', 'Email', 'Actions'];
17
18    return {
19      ...modalControls,
20
21      inputOne,
22      inputTwo,
23      result,
24      submitInputs,
25
26      tableColumns,
27    };
28  },
29 };
30 </script>
```

Modal control

```
1 import { ref, computed } from 'vue';
2
3
4 export const modalControls = () => {
5   const isModalOpened = ref(false);
6   const toggleModal = () => {
7     isModalOpened.value = ! isModalOpened.value;
8   };
9
10  return {
11    isModalOpened,
12    toggleModal,
13  };
14 };
15
```


Composition API - conclusion

- It's an **alternative**, not a replacement - pick your favorite or whichever works better!
- It's **not a copy of React Hooks**, it's different solution for the same problem
- Reactive programming at its finest
- **Code reusability** - it can be defined outside of the component
- Can **replace Vuex store** in many cases
- Works well for complex components (organisms & pages in atomic design)

Teleport - problem

Due to the way we design components, situations like this will arise:

```
body
├── App
│   ├── Navbar
│   ├── Page
│   │   ├── PageNavbar
│   │   ├── Subpage
│   │   │   ├── Table
│   │   │   └── Modal
```

Modal is nested but shown fullscreen



Teleport - desired state

It would make much more sense if it we could do this:

```
body
  - App
    - Navbar
    - Page
      - PageNavbar
      - Subpage
        - Table
    - Modal
```

Modal is on expected HTML level

Teleport - implementation

```
1  <template>
2    <div>
3      <!-- component specific content -->
4
5      <teleport to="body">
6        <Modal>
7          <!-- Modal content -->
8        </Modal>
9      </teleport>
10    </div>
11  </template>
```

CSS selector!

Fragments - multiple root components

```
1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <header>...</header>
4     <main>...</main>
5     <footer>...</footer>
6   </div>
7 </template>
```

Vue 2 has no support - parent div is required

Fragments - multiple root components

```
1 <template>
2   <header>...</header>
3   <main v-bind="$attrs">...</main>
4   <footer>...</footer>
5 </template>
```

It works! But you have to explicitly specify which component will inherit parent's attributes

“Emits” - new component option

- Define what events your component emits
- Intellisense, documentation

```
1  <script>
2  export default {
3    name: 'FancyComponent',
4    emits: ['submit', 'cancel'],
5  }
6  </script>
```

Changes (some of them)

- *v-model* behavior in target component
- *v-if* vs *v-for* precedence
- Removed support for KeyCode modifiers
- Removed filters
- Renamed *destroyed/beforeDestroy* lifecycle callbacks

v-model behavior in target component

```
1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <MyComponent v-model="myVariable" />
4   </div>
5 </template>
```

```
1 <script>
2 export default {
3   props: {
4     value: String,
5   },
6   methods: {
7     updateValue() {
8       this.$emit('input', 'updated value');
9     },
10  },
11 };
12 </script>
```

Vue 2

```
1 <script>
2 export default {
3   props: {
4     modelValue: String,
5   },
6   methods: {
7     updateValue() {
8       this.$emit('update:modelValue', 'updated value');
9     },
10  },
11 };
12 </script>
```

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v-if vs *v-for* precedence

```
1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <div v-for="element in list" v-if="bool" />
4   </div>
5 </template>
```

Vue 2

```
1 <template>
2   <div>
3     <div v-if="bool" v-for="element in list" />
4   </div>
5 </template>
```

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Don't use neither!

Removed support for KeyCode modifiers

- *KeyboardEvent.keyCode* is deprecated, so Vue dropped support
- Alias is better anyway

```
1  <template>
2    <div>
3      <!-- keyCode version -->
4      <input v-on:keyup.13="submit" />
5
6      <!-- alias version -->
7      <input v-on:keyup.enter="submit" />
8    </div>
9  </template>
```

Removed filters

```
1 <template>
2   <h1>Bank Account Balance</h1>
3   <p>{{ accountBalance | currencyUSD }}</p>
4 </template>
5
6 <script>
7   export default {
8     props: {
9       accountBalance: {
10        type: Number,
11        required: true
12      }
13    },
14    filters: {
15      currencyUSD(value) {
16        return '$' + value
17      }
18    }
19  }
20 </script>
```

Vue 2

```
1 <template>
2   <h1>Bank Account Balance</h1>
3   <p>{{ accountInUSD }}</p>
4 </template>
5
6 <script>
7   export default {
8     props: {
9       accountBalance: {
10        type: Number,
11        required: true
12      }
13    },
14    computed: {
15      accountInUSD() {
16        return '$' + this.accountBalance
17      }
18    }
19  }
20 </script>
```

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Renamed lifecycle callbacks

```
1  <script>
2  export default {
3    beforeDestroy() {
4      console.log('Component will be destroyed');
5    },
6    destroyed() {
7      console.log('Component has been destroyed');
8    },
9  };
10 </script>
```

Vue 2

```
1  <script>
2  export default {
3    beforeUnmount() {
4      console.log('Component will be destroyed');
5    },
6    unmounted() {
7      console.log('Component has been destroyed');
8    },
9  };
10 </script>
```

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Conclusion

- It's still the same, beloved Vue
- There are no fundamental changes in the Vue 2 API
- No new paradigm is being enforced - both TypeScript and Composition API are optional
- New features are interesting and helpful
- Removed features were usually unused

Should I migrate?



Well yes, but actually no

Facts

- Vue 3.0 is stable
- Official libraries offer full support
- Vue 2 is still recommended for new projects
- Other libraries might take time to migrate
 - (Vuetify Q3 2021)

My recommendations

- Small to medium projects - go ahead!
- Enterprise projects
 - Get familiar with breaking changes
 - Refactor code to match Vue 3 standards
 - Check dependencies for upgrade timelines
 - Wait for migration build
- You can always start with Vue 2 and migrate when ready

Questions? :)



Respect

Reliability

Innovation

Competence

Team spirit