EmberJS

or How I learned to stop worrying and love JavaScript frameworks



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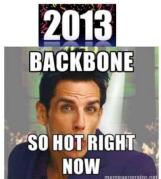


JavaScript framework mayhem



















The JavaScript framework mayhem

- Lots of frameworks, everyone borns to solve a different problem
- Short life expectancy
- Choose one is like "marry" one: it's hard to change to another framework after it has been implemented on your WebApp
- JavaScript fatigue
- HDD (<u>Hype-Driven Development</u>)



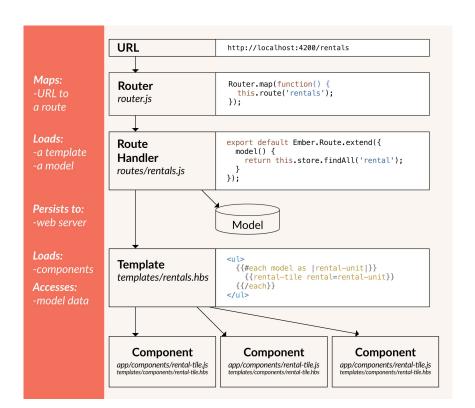
Why Ember?

- Framework MVC & SPA
- Convention over configuration
- Testing environment
- Great community and life expectancy (LinkedIn, Twitch, Discourse, Apple Music...)
- Based on future standards (WebComponents, JSON API...)
- Six-week release cycle with backwards compatibility
- Legacy browser support (IE9)



Core concepts

- Router & Routes
- Models
- Templates
- Components



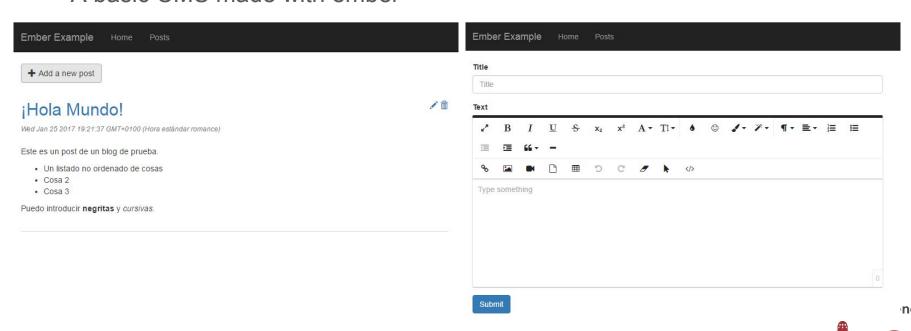


Let's get started!



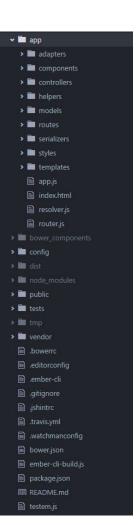
An example

- A basic CMS made with ember



First steps

- 1. Install ember-cli
 - a. npm install -g ember-cli
- 2. Create new application
 - a. ember new ember-example
- 3. Launch the app
 - a. ember server --watcher
 - b. ember test (--server)





Templating

- Uses Handlebars templating library, mixing HTML static with dynamic content
- Basics:
 - Render a property: { {value} }
 - Conditionals:
 - {{if value "show"}}
 - {{#if value}}{{value}}{{/if}}
 - {{unless value "hide"}}
 - Loops:
 - {{#each posts as |post|}}{{post}}{{/each}}



Templating - application.hbs

```
ember g template application
```

- Main template of the app, it's always on the screen.
- Route template will be rendered in an { {outlet} } helper.



Templating - application.hbs

```
// app/templates/application.hbs
{{#bs-navbar type='inverse' fluid=fluid as |navbar|}}
  <div class="navbar-header">
      {{#navbar.toggle}}
          <span class="sr-only">Toggle navigation</span>
          <span class="icon-bar"></span>
          <span class="icon-bar"></span>
          <span class="icon-bar"></span>
      {{/navbar.toggle}}
     {{#link-to "index" class="navbar-brand"}}Ember Example{{/link-to}}
  </div>
 {{#navbar.content}}
      {{#navbar.nav as |nav|}}
          {{#nav.item}}{{#link-to "index"}}Home{{/link-to}}{{/nav.item}}
          {{#nav.item}}{{#link-to "posts"}}Posts{{/link-to}}{{/nav.item}}
      {{/navbar.nav}}
  {{/navbar.content}}
{{/bs-navbar}}
<div class="container">
  {{outlet}}
</div>
```



Routes

Creating a new route:

ember g route posts

- Loads data to be available on the template
- Creates:
 - app/routes/posts.js
 - app/templates/posts.hbs
 - tests/unit/routes/posts.js



Routes

```
9 // app/router.js
10 Router.map(function() {
11    this.route('posts', function() {
12        this.route('new');
13        this.route('edit', { path: 'edit/:post_id' });
14    });
15    this.route('post', { path: '/:post_id' });
16    });
17
```



link-to helper

```
// app/templates/posts/index.hbs

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{#link-to 'posts.new' class="btn btn-default"}}

<irclass="glyphicon glyphicon-plus"></i> Add a new post

{{/link-to}}
```

- Redirects to route /posts/new
- Allows parameters: { { #link-to 'posts' post} }



Models

ember g model post

- Added with Ember-Data library (included in ember-cli)
- Represents underlying data of the app
- Transforms: translates server data to UI data and viceversa (default types: boolean, date, string and number)
- Methods belongsTo and hasMany to define relationships between models
- By default, it uses JSON API



Models

Action	HTTP Verb	URL	
Find	GET	/posts/123	
Find All	GET	/posts	
Update	PATCH	/posts/123	
Create	POST	/posts	
Delete	DELETE	/posts/123	



Models

```
import DS from 'ember-data';
 attr,
 Model,
export default Model.extend({
 title: attr('string'),
 body: attr('string'),
 createdAt: attr('date'),
});
```



Components

ember g component form-blog-post

- Must have at least one dash in the name
- Creates:
 - app/component/form-blog-post.js
 - app/templates/components/form-blog-post.hbs
 - tests/integration/components/form-blog-post-test.js
- Data down, actions up



Routes - model

```
10  // app/routes/posts/new.js
11  model() {
12   return get(this, 'store').createRecord('post', { });
13  },
14
```

 Gets data from the storage (usually the server) and makes it available in the template



Route/controller - actions

- Callback for events on templates and inner components
- Can define them in routes and controllers
- For enable actions on routes you'll need the library ember-route-action-helper



Route - posts/new.hbs

```
// app/templates/posts/new.hbs
{{form-blog-post
blogPost=model
}}
```



Components - form-blog-post.hbs

```
// app/templates/components/form-blog-post.hbs
{{#bs-form model=blogPost onSubmit=(route-action "submit") novalidate=true as |form|}}
{{form.element controlType="text" label="Title" placeholder="Title" property="title"}}
{{#form.element label="Text" placeholder="" property="body" as |el|}}
{{froala-editor el.value (action (mut el.value)) (hash heightMin=200)}}
{{form.element}}
{{bs-button defaultText="Submit" type="primary" buttonType="submit"}}

{{/bs-form}}
```



Showing a list of posts

```
9  // app/routes/posts.js
10  model() {
11   return get(this, 'store').findAll('post', { reload: true }).then(
12   (collection) => collection.sortBy('createdAt').reverse()
13  );
14  },
```



Components - blog-post

 Good practice: add className with the component name to encapsulate styles

```
// app/components/blog-post.js
import Ember from 'ember';

export default Ember.Component.extend({
    classNames: ['blog-post'],
});
```



Components - blog-post

```
// app/templates/components/blog-post.hbs

div class="actions">

{#link-to 'posts.edit' post}}<i class="glyphicon glyphicon-pencil"></i>{{link-to}}

a href="#" {{action (route-action 'delete' post)}}><i class="glyphicon glyphicon-trash"></i>
</div>

// div>

// class="blog-post-meta">{{post.title}}{{/link-to}}<////>

// class="blog-post-meta">{{post.createdAt}}<//>
// class="blog-post-body">

// froala-content content=post.body}}

// div>
```



Showing a list of posts

 {{outlet}} helper shows nested routes (posts.index, posts.new and posts.edit).



Update a post

- Route posts/edit/:post_id
- Loads the model automatically.
- Reuses component form-blog-post

```
actions: {
  submit(model) {
    model.save().then(
      () => {
        this.transitionTo('posts');
    ).catch(
      () => {
```



Delete a post

```
actions: {
 delete(post) {
    post.destroyRecord().then(
      () => {
       this.modelFor('posts').removeObject(post);
      () => {
```



Other elements

- Services
- Custom handlebars helpers
- Transforms
- Adapters and serializers
- Ember inspector



Resources

- Ember-Cli https://ember-cli.com/
- Guide https://guides.emberjs.com/v2.11.0/
- Slack https://ember-community-slackin.herokuapp.com/
- Styleguide https://github.com/netguru/ember-styleguide
- Example code https://github.com/Gorzas/ember-example



Thanks!

