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Architectural Summary

Instructions

The purpose of this exercise is for the developer to exhibit his familiarity with frontend technologies, programming patterns and to provide with a sample of what clean and reusable code means to the candidate. Please put your comment about the decisions you have made inline, and give a summary about the architectural choices that you considered. We will use http://ergast.com/mrd/ to create a SPA that presents a list that shows the F1 world champions starting from 2005 until 2015. Clicking on an item shows the list of the winners for every race for the selected year. We also request to highlight the row when the winner has been the world champion in the same season. You can adjust the UI how you see fit for the best result, but sticking to a single page application is mandatory. We would prefer if you will delivery the code using GitHub/BitBucket (make sure we can share it amongst multiple people). Try creating something simple, user friendly and eye appealing. Design your application anyway you want. Focus on clean, reusable code. Focus on frontend best practices. Show us that you know how to produce high quality modern web applications. Deliver the exercise with a readme file that explains what you have done and how to run your project.

Solution

The Development of a Single Page Client-Side JavaScript Web Application. The primary function of the SPA is to consume the Ergast API for the data to be displayed on desktop and mobile devices through a modern user interface.

Client-Side JavaScript Web Application

I chose Vue.js for a few simple reasons, one of them being curiosity.

I wanted to know to what extent Vue had incorporated aspects of React and Angular.

Project setup

```
Vue CLI 3.7.0
```

```
$ vue create vue-f1-app
```

```
main.js
```

This is the main JavaScript entry point of the application. Vue library and the App component are imported from App.vue to create a Vue instance using the assigned DOM element #app

```
server.js
```

I added server. js with the intention of externalizing API calls.

A baseURL is defined here and reused within requests made by the HTTP client Axios

Global and Scoped presentation

Interface Theories for Component based Design is an academic article that I used to establish a conceptual framework from which to author a custom naming pattern. The article defines components in two ways:

Component Description

A component is defined in isolation.

This definition must answer the question: what does it do?

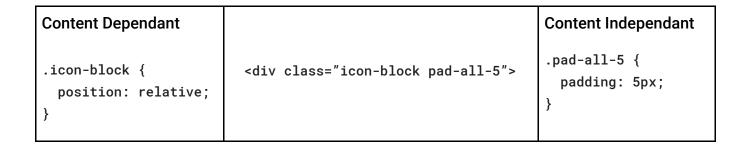
Component Interface Description

A component is defined in relation to the environment.

This definition must answer the question: how can it be used?

I applied the same naming convention within the context of CSS to author the custom naming pattern: https://cssreactions.com

The Naming Pattern Continuum



CSS Reactions is added globally and component specific classes have been authored separately and added locally.



Webpack

Vue CLI 3 automatically integrates Webpack.

I am able to manipulate the configuration from vue.config.js in the following way:

```
export function configureWebpack(config) {
  if (process.env.NODE_ENV === 'production') {
    // mutate config for production...
}
else {
    // mutate for development...
}
```

In order to preview the production build in the dist folder, I added:

```
// for production...
publicPath: './'
```

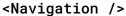
This corrects the file paths

Single page components

Reusable code and the separation of concerns

In order to support the development of reusable code, I created the following rules:

- 1. Views can contain components
- 2. Components are reusable and independant





Communication between components

In order for components to share data, I setup the following rules:

"while attempting to keep within the context of the first two rules"

- 3. Two types of components can exist:
 - a. Parent components
 - b. Child components
- 4. Parent components can contain child components

Child-to-Parent Communication

ContentRow is reusable as a child component to its ParentComponents:

Fernando Alonso

Causes of component dependency

I felt the need to add more content to the web application by introducing static content. I ended up mixing the static content with dynamic content. This caused me to create seperate views and single use components, each requiring a slightly different set of data. If I re-developed the SPA, I would only use data from the API in order to improve the level of component independence.

Vulnerabilities

I think it's important to establish a secure and stable development environment from the beginning.

Currently, the latest Vue CLI scaffolding does not seem to be free of vulnerabilities after a default base install. I was able to identify two areas that exposed the application to risk and excluded them from my initial installation:

@vue/cli-plugin-unit-jest: ^3.7.0

Preprocessor SCSS

```
$ npm install -g @vue/cli
$ vue --version
3.7.0
$ vue create vue-f1-app
$ cd vue-f1-app
$ npm install
$ npm audit
found 65 vulnerabilities (64 low, 1 high) in 42992 scanned packages
1 vulnerability requires semver-major dependency updates.
64 vulnerabilities require manual review. See the full report for details.
```

I manually installed each package of the Vue-CLI setup and discovered that
@vue/cli-plugin-unit-jest introduces 63 vulnerabilities. In addition to this, adding preprocessor
SCSS capability introduced a major vulnerability that I couldn't seem to shake off.

Workarounds

I was able to identify the textContent of an element, however this would differ according to the season selected on the previous view. I highlighted the season winner using CSS as a workaround.

```
class="{Highlighted: tableResult.Driver.givenName.indexOf('Fernando') > -1}"
```

Previous experience developing with JavaScript frameworks

Project Name	Applicant Tracking System for the BrighterMonday Jobs Platform			
Duration	Approx 60 days + maintenance			
Architecture	Laravel	React	CSS	
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In 2016, I converted designs into React components. These components were then integrated into the existing Laravel framework by another developer. Creating a free employer account will allow one to access the ATS.

Project Name	Ways of Eating		
Duration	Approx 200 days + maintenance		
Architecture	Ionic	AngularJS	SCSS
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In 2015, I converted designs into Angular templates and components. These templates and components were then integrated by another developer. Each update and iteration required us to develop maintain the same code. The application can be downloaded from GooglePlay and the iStore