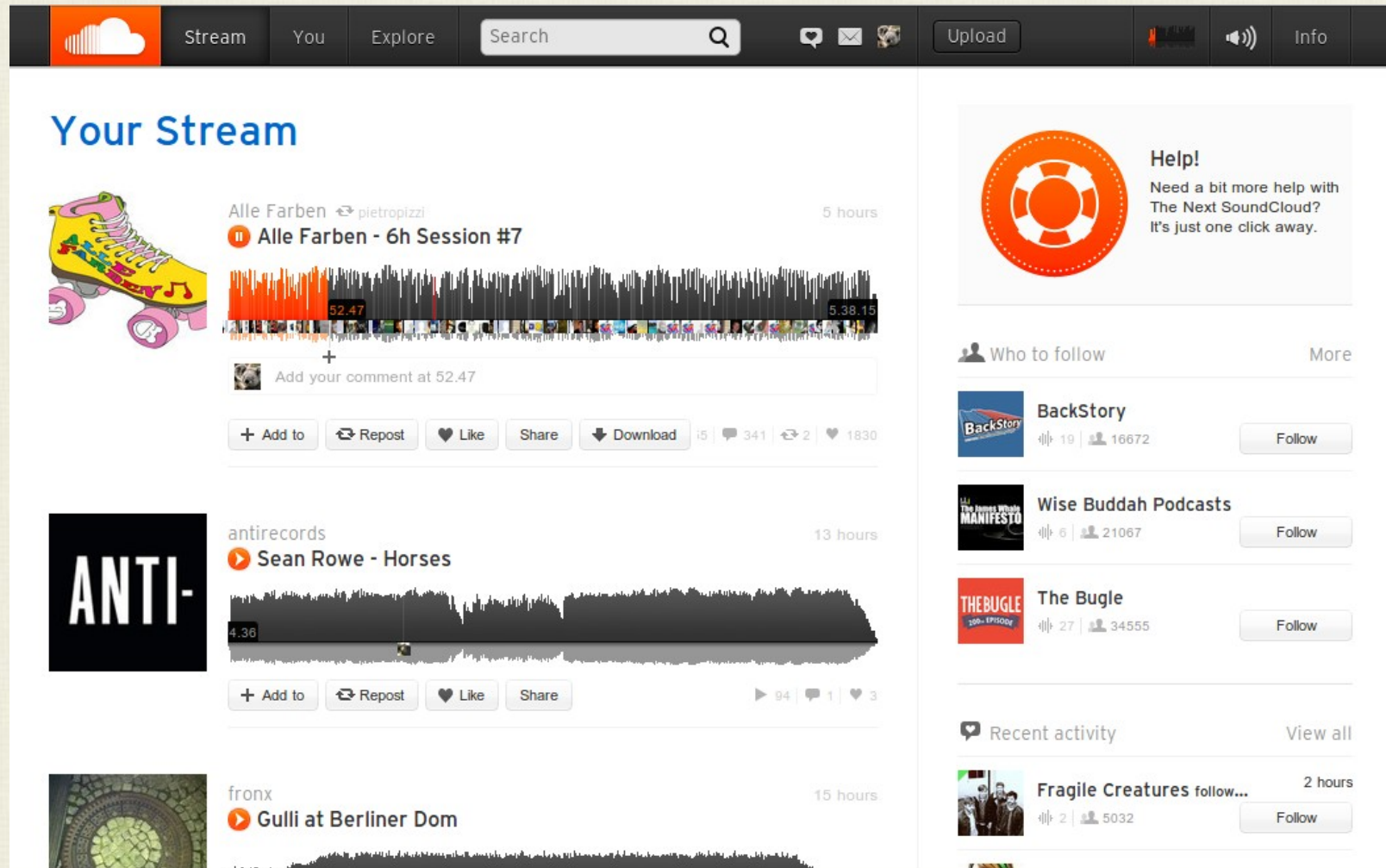


# The Next SoundCloud



The screenshot displays the web interface of 'The Next SoundCloud'. The top navigation bar includes links for 'Stream', 'You', 'Explore', a search bar, and icons for chat, email, and social media. A 'Help!' banner on the right side of the header reads: 'Need a bit more help with The Next SoundCloud? It's just one click away.' The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'Your Stream', features three audio tracks: 'Alle Farben - 6h Session #7' by Alle Farben (5 hours), 'Sean Rowe - Horses' by antirecords (13 hours), and 'Gulli at Berliner Dom' by fronx (15 hours). Each track includes a waveform, a play button, and interactive buttons for 'Add to', 'Repost', 'Like', 'Share', and 'Download'. The right column, titled 'Who to follow', lists three recommended accounts: 'BackStory' (19 tracks, 16672 followers), 'Wise Buddah Podcasts' (6 tracks, 21067 followers), and 'The Bugle' (27 tracks, 34555 followers). Each account has a 'Follow' button. Below this, a 'Recent activity' section shows a post from 'Fragile Creatures' (2 hours ago) with a 'Follow' button. The bottom of the interface features a large orange cloud logo with a white waveform inside.

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# Developer tooling

- Written in NodeJS
  - Can share config between runtime and tools
- Development server
- Build script



# Build Optimisations

- JS preprocessors

```
//#define DEBUG 1
```

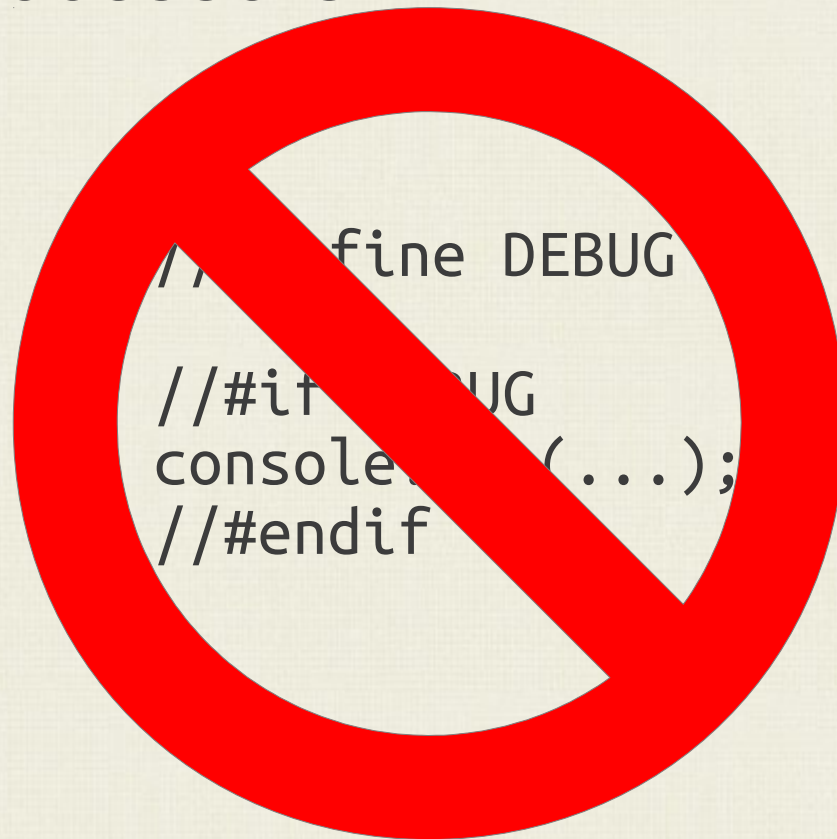
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//#if DEBUG  
console.log(...);  
//#endif
```





# Build Optimisations

- JS preprocessors



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• JS

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# Build Optimisations

- Use UglifyJS to parse code into an AST
- Inspect and manipulate from there

```
var parser = require('uglify-js').parser;  
var ast = parser.parse(fileContents);
```





# Build Optimisations

- Variable substitution

```
var client_id = __ENV__ === 'production' ? 'abc123' : 'def456';  
  
if (__DEBUG_MODE__ && someCondition) {  
  console.log(client_id);  
}
```

- `uglify.ast_mangle(ast, {defines: ... })`

```
var a = 'production' === 'production' ? 'abc123' : 'def456';  
  
if (false && someCondition) {  
  console.log(a);  
}
```





# Build Optimisations

- Dead code removal

```
var a = 'production' === 'production' ? 'abc123' : 'def456';  
  
if (false && someCondition) {  
  console.log(a);  
}
```

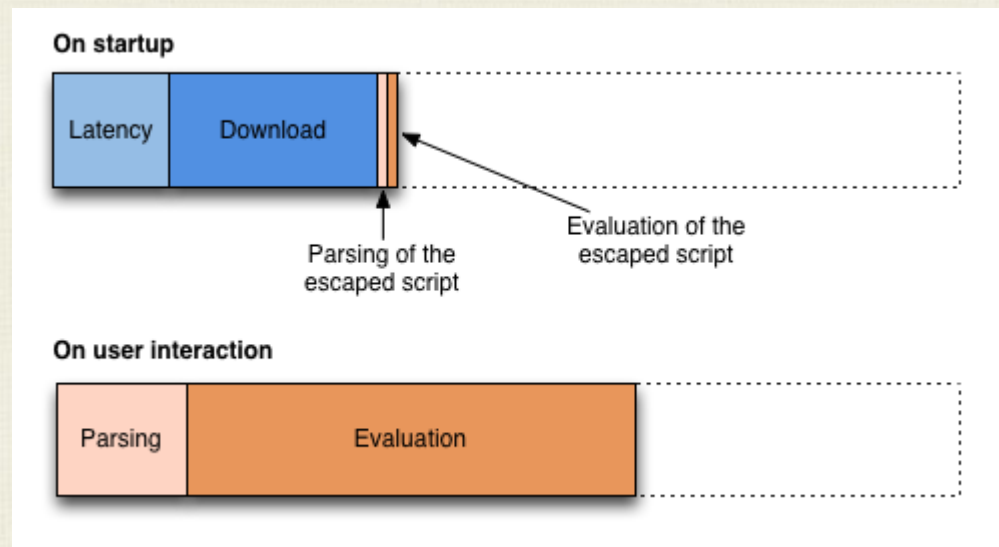
- `uglify.ast_squeeze(ast)`

```
var a = 'abc123';
```



# Build Optimisations

- Lazy evaluation of AMD modules
  - Tobie Langel (@tobie)
  - <http://calendar.perfplanet.com/2011/lazy-evaluation-of-commonjs-modules/>



# Templating: Handlebars

- Enforce good practices
- Pre-compiled
  - Faster to render
  - Smaller to deliver
- Custom helpers





# Code style

```
var PlayQueue = require('lib/play-queue'),  
    Comments  = require('collections/comments'),  
    View      = require('lib/view');  
  
module.exports = View.extend({  
  // ...  
});
```



# Code style

```
var PlayQueue = require('lib/play-queue'),  
    Comments  = require('collections/comments'),  
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```

```
module.exports = View.extend({  
  template: require('views/my-view.tmpl'),  
  css      : require('views/my-view.css')  
});
```



# CSS AMD modules?



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# Yeah! CSS AMD modules.

```
define("views/my-view.css", function () {  
    var style = document.createElement('style'),  
        data = ".myView{margin-top: 20px;} .myV...";  
  
    style.appendChild(  
        document.createTextNode(data)  
    );  
    return style;  
});
```



# Views as Components

- **Independent & Reuseable**
- Can include subviews with subviews with subviews...
- Some are large, many small
- Must play nice



# Views added via Templates

```
<div class="foo">
  {{view "views/sound/play-button"
    resource_id=sound_id
  }}
  {{view "views/user/user-badge"
    resource_id=user_id
    size="large"
  }}
</div>
```





All Tomorrows Parties 2

5 hours

## Nightmare Before Christmas curated by Shellac



Repost Like Share

This set contains 2 sounds, total time: 5.37



All Tomorrows Parties  
**Mission Of Burma - Second Television**

128 5



All Tomorrows Parties  
**Mission Of Burma - Dust Devil**

88 1 3



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82 41404

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# Models

- Identity map behaviour

```
var soundA = new Sound({ id: 123, title: 'Foo' }),  
    soundB = new Sound({ id: 123, genre: 'techno' });
```

```
soundA === soundB;    // true  
soundB.get('title');  // 'Foo'  
soundA.get('genre');  // 'techno'
```



# How?

- Instance store is just an object (in essence)
- Override Model constructor

```
01 store = {};  
02 Sound = Backbone.Model.extend({  
03   constructor: function (attrs) {  
04     var id = attrs.id;  
05     if (store[id]) {  
06       return store[id]; // ← return the other one  
07     }  
08     store[id] = this;  
09     // regular instantiation...  
10   }  
11 });
```





# Problem solved!

- Models fetched once, rendered many times
- Models + events can be used to synchronise views
- Nice side effect: full use of the response



# Sub-resources in a response

<https://api.soundcloud.com/tracks/52167545.json>

```
{  
  "id": 52167545,  
  "user_id": 2,  
  "duration": 71523,  
  "user": {  
    "id": 2,  
    "permalink": "eric",  
    "username": "Eric",  
    "avatar_url": "https://i1.sndcdn..."  
  },  
  "created_with": {  
    "id": 124,  
    "name": "SoundCloud iOS"  
  }  
  // ...  
}
```

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# Releasing

- Instance store must let go at some point
- When a model is 'constructed': `usage++`
- When a model is 'released': `usage--`
- Periodically, remove unused models





# Backbone + SoundCloud



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