Building APIs with Silex

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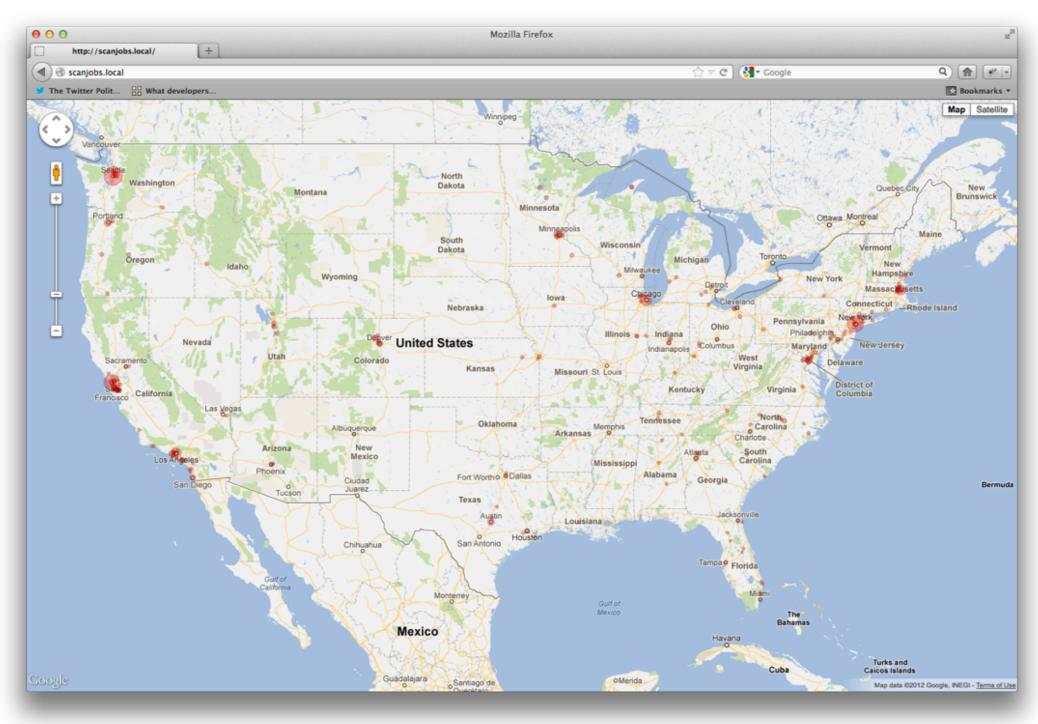
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The Sample Application

https://github.com/calevans/scanjobs

https://joind.in/7094

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Not a micro-framework

The MicroPHP Manifesto

http://funkatron.com/posts/the-microphp-manifesto.html



```
$ cloc vendor
    1073 text files.
    1063 unique files.
    667 files ignored.
```

http://cloc.sourceforge.net v 1.56 T=6.0 s (157.5 files/s, 20622.2 lines/s)

Language	files	blank	comment	code
PHP	919	17360	37173	68674
XML	12	32	28	257
Bourne Shell	2	18	3	66
YAML	10	9	0	52
XSD	1	8	0	36
Python	1	5	0	12
SUM:	945	17432	37204	69097

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- What it is good for
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Introduction to Composer

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- Creating your composer.json
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composer.json

```
"name": "scanJobs",
    "minimum-stability": "dev",
    "require": {
        "silex/silex": "1.0.*",
        "doctrine/dbal": ">=2.2",
        "knplabs/console-service-provider": ">=1.0.0",
        "igorw/config-service-provider": "*.*.*"
        },
    "autoload": {
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            "CalEvans": "src/",
            "ScanJobs": "app/"}
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- Editing JSON by hand is stupid

The Bootstrap

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- Uses APP_ENV
- Makes I assumption
- Creates our database connection

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You and your DB

- Connection is created in the Bootstrap
- Finding your connection
- Create the database

Creating the DB Connection

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Registering a command

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   function($firstName)
   {
     echo "<h2>Hello {$firstName}</h2>\n";
   })
   ->method('GET');
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protected function getJobsList()
{
    $results = Job::fetchJobsList($this->app['db'],'US');
    $payload = array('results' => $results);
    return $this->app->json($payload,200);
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app/ScanJobs/Controller/JobsController.php (continued)

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- Step I Think it through
- Step 2 Group your routes
- Step 3 Build your controllers

- GitHub is easy
- Deployment to a normal physical or virtual) server is easy
- Deploying to a PaaS is a PITA
- When it doubt, script it.

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Wrap Up

- Silex is still not a micro-framework
- Silex is useful
- Silex is powerful
- Silex is not **the** answer.
 (but it is one of the answers)

Questions?



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{
  "e":"cal@calevans.com",
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