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## Introduction

In this document, I will go over some of the details about why I became interested in learning AngularJS as part of my gap analysis project, as well as reflect on the process of learning more about this popular JavaScript framework.

## On choosing AngularJS

I was excited to learn more about JavaScript in our Rich Internet Applications course. It had been more than a decade since I wrote anything in JavaScript, and I wanted to get back into it. I was surprised about how much the language had grown since the old Internet Explorer days, especially with the advent of jQuery. Suddenly things I remember being extremely tedious to code were finally made much easier.

I learned a lot through the RIA course. Until this last semester, I wasn’t that interested in front-end website development, but the things I learned opened my eyes to the possibilities of the modern web platform. I’ve heard about JavaScript frameworks like AngularJS and React, but I didn’t quite understand what made them so popular, or what their purpose was in the front-end ecosystem. I was hoping we could touch on those frameworks in our RIA class, but unfortunately we were unable to due to time constraints.

After doing some research, it became apparent that frameworks like AngularJS were becoming dominant technologies in web development. I feel that as a professional developer, it would be prudent to keep up with the latest technologies, as it would reflect favorably in my résumé. Due to this, I decided to learn AngularJS, particularly because it is the most widely adopted JavaScript MVVM framework to date.

## The Learning Process