Vue Fundamentals Module – Data and bindings Peter Kassenaar – info@kassenaar.com

For visuals – add Bootstrap

- There are (a lot!) of other Vue-optimized UIframeworks
 - We can cover them later
 - We now just add default Bootstrap to get some basic styling



Adding Bootstrap to a Vue project

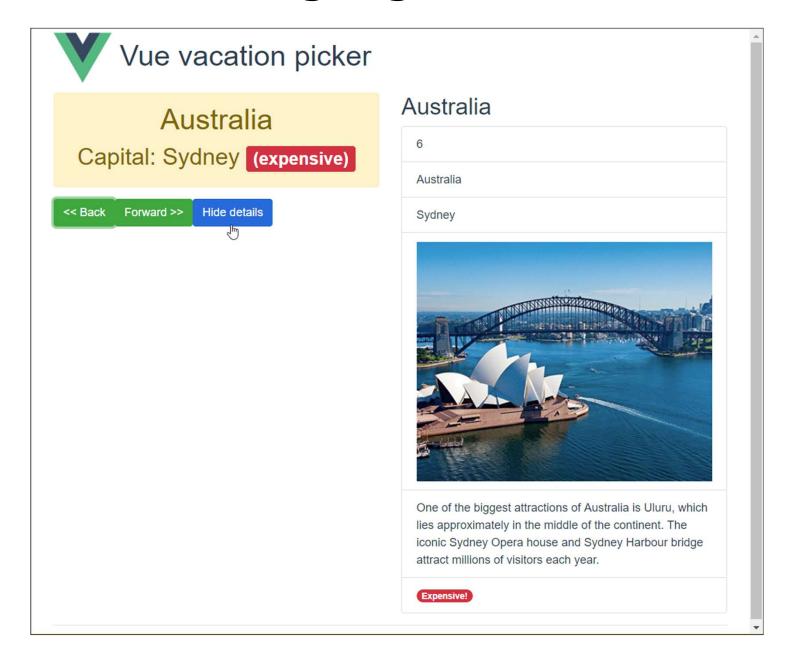
```
npm install bootstrap [--save]
```

- Bootstrap for basic styling and components
- JQuery and Popper.js for components functionality (Bootstrap 4)
- NO NEED TO INSTALL jQuery and popper in Bootstrap 5+

In main.js, add:

```
// Bootstrap styling
import 'bootstrap';
import 'bootstrap/dist/css/bootstrap.min.css';
```

What are we going to build



Data binding

- Vue knows four ways of data binding:
 - Simple Data binding Expressions: {{ ... }}
 - Attribute binding with v-bind:
 - Event binding with v-on:
 - Two-way binding with v-model

Building an app: VactionPicker

- We're going to build a simple vacation picker.
 - Data comes from a separate .js-file (but will come from a real db in the future!)

Requirements

- 1. User can cycle through different destination countries
- 2. User can show/hide details for each destination
- 3. User can add trips to countries to a shopping cart
- 4. Shopping cart can be send to the backend for processing

Creating the data file

```
// data.js - holding an array of country/capital data.
// This of course will come from a real db in the future.
const data = {
   countries: [
         id: 1,
         name: 'USA',
         capital: 'Washington',
         cost: 1250,
         details: 'United States are among the most visited country in the world.',
         img: 'washington.jpg'
      },
         id: 2,
         name: 'Netherlands',
         capital: 'Amsterdam',
         cost: 795,
         details: 'The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam, is over 1000 years old.',
         img: 'amsterdam.jpg'
      },
}
```

Our example: a simple JavaScript object, holding an array with countries and some (fake) data, don't forget to export it!

Importing the data

Create a new component, VacationPicker.vue with default content.

```
▼ VacationPicker.vue ×
package.json ×
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              ¥ App.vu€
                                              data.js ×
        <template>
             <div class="">
 3
                 VacationPicker component
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            </div>
        </template>
 5
 6
        <script>
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 8
            export default {
                 name: 'VacationPicker'
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        </script>
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        <style scoped>
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        </style>
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```

Importing data

- Use default import statement for the data.js file
- Data is made available via a data: {...} property on

the component

```
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       <script>
13
           // import the country data
           import data from '../data/data';
14
15
           export default {
16
17
                namo: 'VacationDickon'
18
                data() {
                    return {
19
                        // make data available in app
20
21
                        data
22
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       </script>
```

Best practice for data

"Component data must be a function.

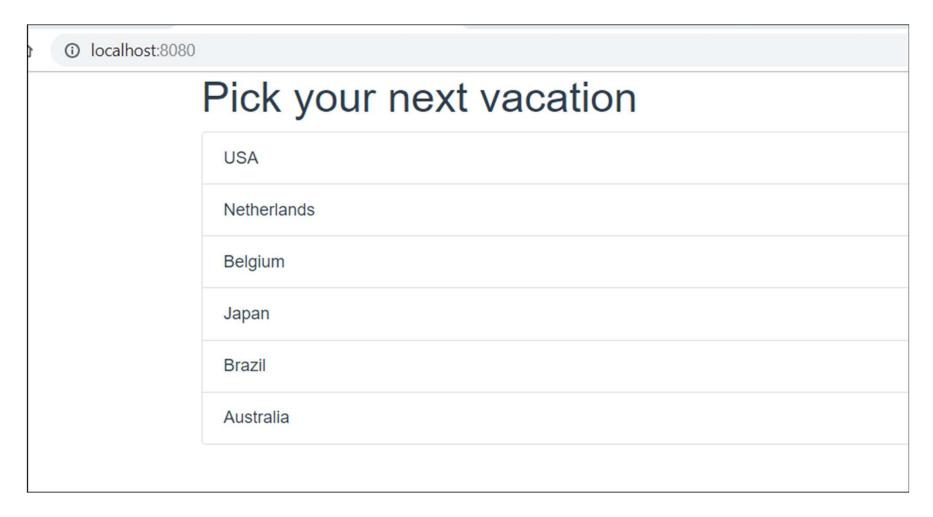
When using the data property on a component (i.e. anywhere except on new Vue), the value must be a function that returns an object."

Binding to the data

Use the v-for directive to render a list of items, based on an array

```
          {{country.name}}
```

Result



(assumes you updated App. vue to include the VacationPicker component and update/remove some styles)

Data binding expression

- Inside v-for blocks we have full access to parent scope properties.
 - Use the data binding expression { { ... }} to bind to properties
- v-for also supports an optional second argument for the index of the current item.

```
v-for="(country, index) in data.countries">
     {{ index }} - {{country.name}}
```

① localhost:8080 Pick your next vacation 0 - USA 1 - Netherlands 2 - Belgium 3 - Japan 4 - Brazil 5 - Australia

More data binding

You can bind to any property exposed by the data function:

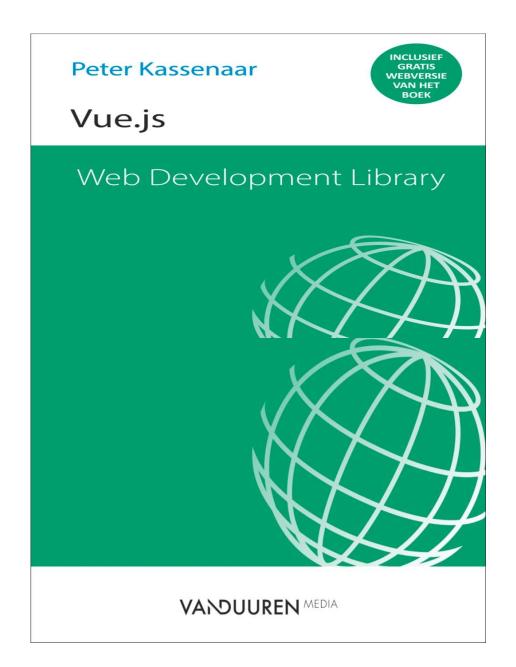
```
data() {
    return {
        // make data available in app
        data,
        header: 'Pick your next vacation'
    }
}
```

```
<h1>{ header } </h1>
```



Using v-bind

Creating dynamic attributes on HTML- and custom elements



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Used more often v-bind:

- Add v-bind: as prefix to an HTML-property to set it's content
- If you want to add an id and title attribute for example:

```
<span v-bind:id="country.id"
    v-bind:title="country.details">
    {{ index}} - {{country.name}}

</span>

0-USA

1-Netherlands

The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam, is over 1000 years old.}

2-Belgium

3-Japan
```

Lists: using the v-bind: key property

The editor is complaining it is missing a v-bind: key directive here

Why the key attribute?

- Create a dynamic key attribute for each element in a repeated collection
- Vue needs to be able (as other frameworks) to uniquely identify each element in a list
 - Shadow DOM! Or Virtual DOM
- Solution: use the v-bind: key attribute

Summary

The v-bind: notation can be used on any attribute and it is used every time you need the attribute to be dynamic (e.g. adjusted from within code)

Using shorthand notation:

Same effect: using just : as a shorthand notation for v-bind:

```
<span :id="country.id"
    :title="country.details">
    {{ index}} - {{country.name}}
</span>
```

```
1 - Netherlands

2 - Belgium
In Belgium they actually speak three different official languages: Flemmish, French and German.

3 - Japan
```

Workshop

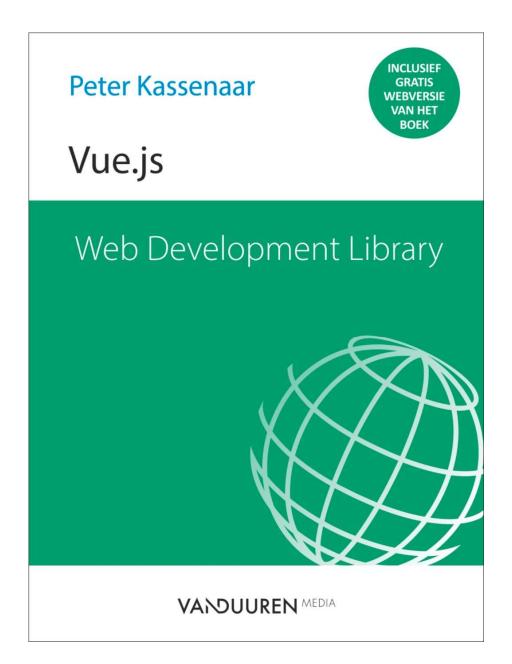
- Add a data file to your application.
 - You can use countryData.js as an example, or build your own data file
 - Use for instance CustomerData.js as a blueprint and add your own data
- Import the data file to your application
 - Use the function data() { return {...} } in your component
- Show its contents in a new component, or inside VacationPicker, using v-for
- Create a v-bind: key binding for your data
- Example: ../103-databinding
- Optional: Experiment with v-text and v-html

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Using event binding

Handling events from the user interface



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Binding events with v-on

- You can bind to DOM-events using the v-on: syntax
 - Events like click, blur, focus, mouseover, etc
 - https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/Events
 - (add the counter variable to the data property)

Or, use the shorthand notation @

```
<h3>{{ counter }}</h3>
<button @click="counter++">Increase ++ </button>
<button @click="counter--">Decrease -- </button>

Capture click events
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Increase ++ Decrease --
```

More likely, you'll be calling a function

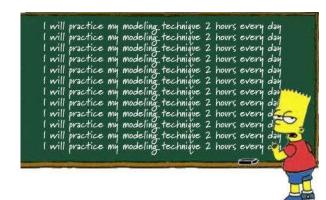
- Functions for components are called methods
- They are defined on the component script block
- Methods can accept parameters, like any other function
- Refer to the data of the component using this.this.

```
<h3>{{ counter }}</h3>
    <button @click="increase()">Increase ++ </button>
    <button @click="decrease()">Decrease -- </button>
</template>
<script>
export default {
   methods:{
      increase(){
         this.counter++;
                                    methods:{
      },
      decrease(){
                                       // Long-hand notation:
          this.counter--;
                                        increase: function(){
                                           this.counter++;
                                        decrease: function(){
</script>
```

Vue Style guide: "use shorthand function notation"

Workshop

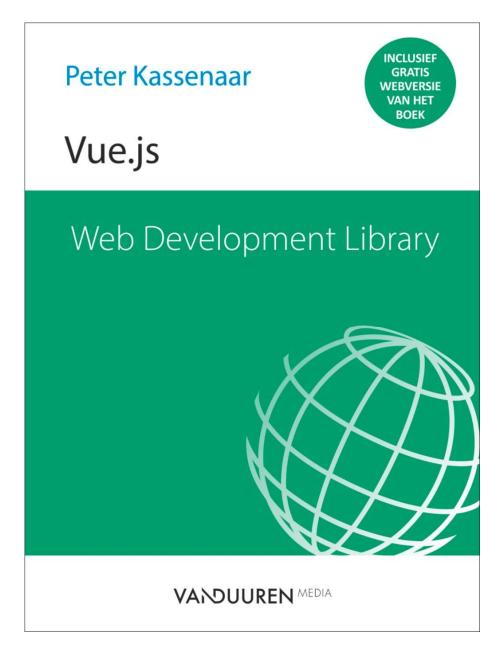
- Add a button to the page that toggles the disabled attribute of another button
 - 1. Tip: create a dynamic :disabled="isDisabled" property
- 2. When a specific country in the list is clicked, show it's name and capital in a JavaScript alert() box (or use console.log)
- 3. Log the name of the current country and it's index/id to the console on a mouseover
- Use v-on: and @-notation
- Example: ../104-eventbinding





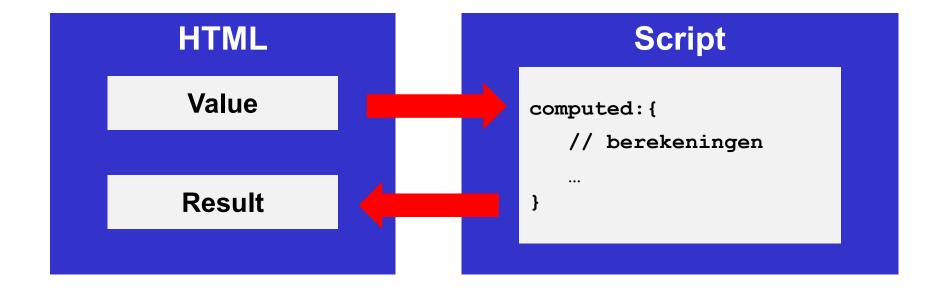
Computed properties

Binding to more complex properties and update them on changing



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Architecture of computed properties



Selecting a specific country

- We want to select a country (or product, or employee, or whatever) when a user clicks on them
- Create a computed{...} object on the component that composes and returns the requested data
 - Here: we're setting a property that holds the currently selected index
 - Update the computed property when the index changes
- Computed properties avoid having to do complex computations inside the HTML-view!
- A computed property is only evaluated once its dependencies change

1. In the view

2. On the component

```
methods: {
   selectCountry(country) {
      this.selectedCountryIndex = this.data.countries.indexOf(country);
},
computed: {
   selectedCountry() {
      return {
         // use the spread operator to return all properties
         ...this.data.countries[this.selectedCountryIndex]
```

3. On the component again

4. Result



Computed properties or methods?

"Instead of a computed property, we can define the same function as a method instead. For the end result, the two approaches are indeed exactly the same. However, the difference is that **computed properties** are cached based on their dependencies. A computed property will only re-evaluate when some of its dependencies have changed."

v-if and more computed properties

- Show a badge when a destination is expensive
- Use v-if to render a DOM element if a certain condition is true
 - You can use v-else and v-else-if to render elements (though used less often)

return data.countries[this.selectedCountryIndex].cost > 4000;



Workshop

- 1. Create a detail view for your own app.
 - 1. If an element/data is clicked, show details in the UI
- 2. Create a computed property that show a destination as 'on sale' if the cost is less than 1000.
- 3. Replace the text Selected with the actual name of the selected country
- Use v-if where appropriate
- Example: ../105-computed-properties

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v-if VS. v-show

- There is also a v-show directive in Vue
 - v-show or :hidden the element is rendered in the DOM, but hidden afterwards
 - v-if the element is not rendered at all-in the DOM
- Documentation:

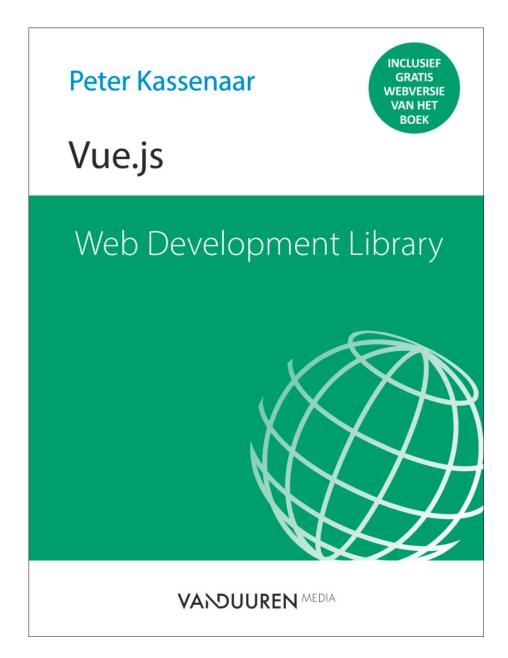
"Generally speaking, v-if has higher toggle costs while v-show has higher initial render costs.

So prefer v-show if you need to toggle something very often, and prefer v-if if the condition is unlikely to change at runtime."



Binding to images

We need a bit of WebPack magic here...



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Dynamically binding to images

- Vue can not simply interpolate the name of an external resource and re-use it for binding
 - For instance, the src attribute of an image.
- So this is invalid:

Invalid!

WebPack to the rescue

- Because WebPack builds JavaScript strings of everything, it needs to be able to determine the location of the requested file
- Create a method that returns a string with the correct location:

```
methods: {
   ··· ,
   getImgUrl(img){
        console.log(img);
        return require('../assets/countries/' + img);
                                  Pick your next vacation
                                                                         Selected:
                                    1 - USA
                                    2 - Netherlands
                                                                           USA
                                    3 - Belgium
                                                                          Washington
                                    4 - Japan
                                    5 - Brazil
                                    6 - Australia
                                                                           United States are among the most visited country in the
                                                                           world.
```

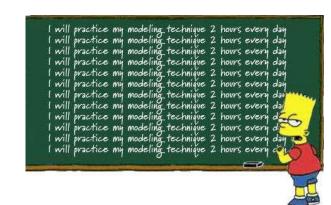
Workshop

1. Static / Absolute:

- Create an array of images in your app, has to be a complete URL!
- Render them in a v-for loop. This can be done at any time.
- See for instance https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B8rVlxQm8Cs.

2. Dynamic / Relative

- Add/use an image as property of an object (like with the countries)
- Render them conditionally/dynamically in the UI, like in the previous slides
- Use the WebPack require() function.
- Example: ../106-image-binding



Checkpoint

- You can import and use third party libraries
- You know the most important data binding concepts of Vue
- { { ... } } for simple data binding expressions
- v-bind: or simply: for attribute binding
- v-on: or simply @ for event binding
- v-if for conditional rendering
- Computed properties that update on a triggered change
- Some WebPack stuff to render images in the UI

Final Workshop - 1

- Create the app shown in the beginning of the slides
 - One country is visible at a time
 - Its name and capital are shown
 - There are two buttons to cycle through the countries
 - User can hide/show details with a button
 - There are badges if visiting the country is Expensive, or On Sale
- Example: ../110-data-binding-wrap-up
 - But first try it yourself

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Final Workshop – 2

- Create the same app as before, but in TypeScript
 - Start from scratch, choose TypeScript as an option
 - Create your components as TypeScript classes
 - Create properties, methods, computed properties (getters) and load the data.
- No Example available

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