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# Introduction to Aurelia

MODERN WEB APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT



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# Modern Web Development

Cliff notes... for HTML

- ▶ **HTML 4.01 (December 1999)**
  - ▶ `<button>`, **not** `<input type="button"></input>`
- ▶ **HTML 5 (October 2014)**
  - ▶ New Semantic Elements
    - ▶ `<nav>`, `<article>`, `<aside>`, `<section>`, `<header>`, `<footer>`...
  - ▶ Global Attributes, ex: `data-custom`
    - ▶ NOT case sensitive
    - ▶ Do NOT use special characters (like parens or \*)
    - ▶ If a period is used, the left portion is still parsed
    - ▶ ex. **value**.bind
- ▶ **Web Components** (Working Draft, Feb 2017)
  - ▶ Shadow Dom v1 (encapsulation)
  - ▶ HTML Imports, `<link />`
  - ▶ HTML Templates, `<template></template>`

# Modern Web Development

Cliff notes... for JavaScript

## ▶ ES2015 (June 2015)

- ▶ Template Literals: ``Welcome, ${name}``
- ▶ Classes: `class Epic {}`
  - ▶ `function` keyword not needed inside class
- ▶ New Variable declarations: `let`, `const`
- ▶ `import` – so far, only implemented by node

## ▶ ES2016 (June 2016)

- ▶ Decorators: `@inject`

## ▶ ES2017 (Working Draft, Jan/Feb 2017)

- ▶ `await`, `async`



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High Level Points

- ▶ Blue Spire owns Aurelia
  - ▶ Enterprise Support Available
- ▶ Aurelia is open source (MIT)
- ▶ Founded and Managed by Rob Eisenberg
- ▶ Mature Framework (2 years!)
- ▶ Current Release: Aurelia 1.1.1
- ▶ Written using modern JavaScript
- ▶ Apps Use JavaScript or TypeScript



# aurelia

Why good for modern apps?

- ▶ Native, standards based HTML & JS
- ▶ Convention over configuration
- ▶ Framework simply gets out of the way
- ▶ Designed for developers, not tooling
- ▶ CLI available and evolving
- ▶ TypeScript support
- ▶ Small, but growing community



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Features

- ▶ Modular Architecture
- ▶ **Dependency Injection**
- ▶ **Two-Way Data Binding**
- ▶ *Binding Behaviors*
- ▶ Value Converters
- ▶ **UI Composition** (templates)
- ▶ **Routing / Navigation**
- ▶ Task Queues
- ▶ Pub-Sub Messaging
- ▶ **HTML Templating**
- ▶ **Custom Elements**
- ▶ Logging



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# Show me the money!



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EVERYONE TIRED OF SLIDES

# Bootstrapping

index + main class

## index.html

```
<html>
  <head></head>
  <body aurelia-app="main">
    <script
      src="scripts/vendor-bundle.js"
      data-main="aurelia-bootstrapper">
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```

## main class

```
import { Aurelia } from 'aurelia-framework';

export async function configure(aurelia: Aurelia) {
  aurelia.use
    .standardConfiguration();

  await aurelia.start().then(a => a.setRoot());
}
```

# Bootstrapping & Routing

app class

```
import { Router, RouterConfiguration } from 'aurelia-router';

export class App {
  router: Router;

  configureRouter(config: RouterConfiguration, router : Router): void {
    config.options.pushState = true;
    config.map([
      { route: 'welcome', name: 'welcome', moduleId: 'welcome' }
    ]);
  }
}
```

# Bootstrapping

app template with `<router-view>` container

```
<template>  
  <nav>...</nav>  
  <div>  
    <router-view></router-view>  
  </div>  
</template>
```

# Components, aka “Custom Elements”

Our Hello Page

## Class

```
export class Welcome {  
  name: string = 'Aurelia';  
  hobbies: string[] = [  
    'Travel', 'Fine Dining', 'Aurelia'  
  ];  
  
  greet(): void {  
    alert(`Welcome to ${this.name}`);  
  }  
}
```

## HTML

```
<template>  
  <input id="name" type="text" value.bind="name" />  
  <h3>Hobbies</h3>  
  <ul>  
    <li repeat.for='hobby of hobbies'>${hobby}</li>  
  </ul>  
  <button click.trigger='greet'>OK</button>  
</template>
```

# Binding

## A Closer Look

### Simple, One-Way and Two-Way

```
<!-- Simple Binding -->
${name}

<!-- One-way, Reference it -->
<input id="name" type="text" ref="name" />

<!-- Two-way -->
<input id="name" type="text" value.bind="name" />
```

### Looping, events, conditionals

```
<!-- Looping -->
<li repeat.for='hobby of hobbies'>${hobby}</li>

<!-- Trigger events -->
<button click.delegate='greet'>OK</button>
<button click.trigger='greet'>OK</button>

<!-- Conditionals -->
<div if.bind='name.length > 0'>${name}</div>
<div show.bind='isWelcomed'>${name}</div>
```

# Component Usage

Local & Global Requires

## Local Component

```
<!-- Component with class -->
<require from="./resources/elements/hello">
</require>
<grid>...</grid>

<!-- Component with HTML only -->
<require from="./hello.html"></require>
<panda />
```

## Global Component

```
// Add ref in main
aurelia.use.feature('resources');

// Uncomment line #4 in resources/index.ts
config.globalResources([ <component list> ]);

<!-- Then use *anywhere* without require -->
<grid />
```

# Services

Simple JavaScript Class

## Reusable by default (aka Singleton)

```
import { autoinject } from 'aurelia-framework';
import { HttpClient }
  from 'aurelia-fetch-client';

@autoinject
export class Data {

  constructor(private http: HttpClient) {
  }

}
```

## New Instance Per Request

```
import { transient }
  from 'aurelia-framework';

@transient()
export class UserModel {
  public name: string;

  constructor(data) {
    this.name = data.name;
  }

}
```





# aurelia-cli

Scaffolding, Building,  
Debugging

- ▶ Like most CLIs, it's installed globally
- ▶ VS Code Plugin
- ▶ Flexible build supports multiple tools:
  - ▶ LESS, SASS, WebPack, TypeScript, BABEL
- ▶ Generator for common items
- ▶ Scaffolded app uses Gulp 4.0 under the hood

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LET'S BUILD AN APP!

# Documentation and Samples

- ▶ Aurelia Doc Hub

- ▶ <http://aurelia.io/hub>

- ▶ Introduction to Aurelia

- ▶ <https://github.com/SteveHartzog/CC-Spring-2017>

- ▶ Other good samples

- ▶ <https://github.com/aurelia/skeleton-navigation>



## Aurelia Fundamentals

Brian Noyes, @BrianNoyes (Alexandria)

<https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/aurelia-fundamentals>

## Building Applications with Aurelia

Scott Allen, @OdeToCode (Maryland)

<https://www.pluralsight.com/courses/building-applications-aurelia>

## Aurelia Blog

<http://blog.aurelia.io/>

## Blue Spire Enterprise Support

<http://aurelia.io/support.html>, [support@bluespire.com](mailto:support@bluespire.com)

## AngularJS DC Meetup: **Aurelia vs Angular (May)**

<https://www.meetup.com/AngularJS-DC/events/238468336/>

Thank you.

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VS Code Plugin – Team Essentials

<https://marketplace.visualstudio.com/items?itemName=SteveHartzog.team-essentials>

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