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BUILDING GRAILS APPS WITH VUE.JS

ROOM WITH A VUE



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ABOUT US

- ▶ Object Computing, Inc
 - ▶ Based in St Louis, MO
 - ▶ Consulting and training provider (24+ years experience)
 - ▶ Corporate sponsor to the **Grails** & **Micronaut** frameworks and Groovy language
- ▶ <https://objectcomputing.com>



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GRAILS APPLICATION FORGE



Project Type:

Application

Name your application:

myapp

Version:

3.3.5

Profile:

web

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☒ asset-pipeline

☒ events

☒ geb

☐ geb2

☒ gsp

☐ hibernate4

☒ hibernate5

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☐ markup-views

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☐ neo4j

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GRAILS TRAINING

Course	Date(s)	Instructor(s)	Hour(s)
Micronaut Deep Dive at GR8Conf US	Jul 23 - Jul 24	Brown	12
Introduction to Grails Security	May 17 - May 18	del Amo Caballero	6
GROOVY 2.5 UPDATE	May 18	King	1

AGENDA

- ▶ Introduction to Vue & Ecosystem
- ▶ Using Vue with Grails

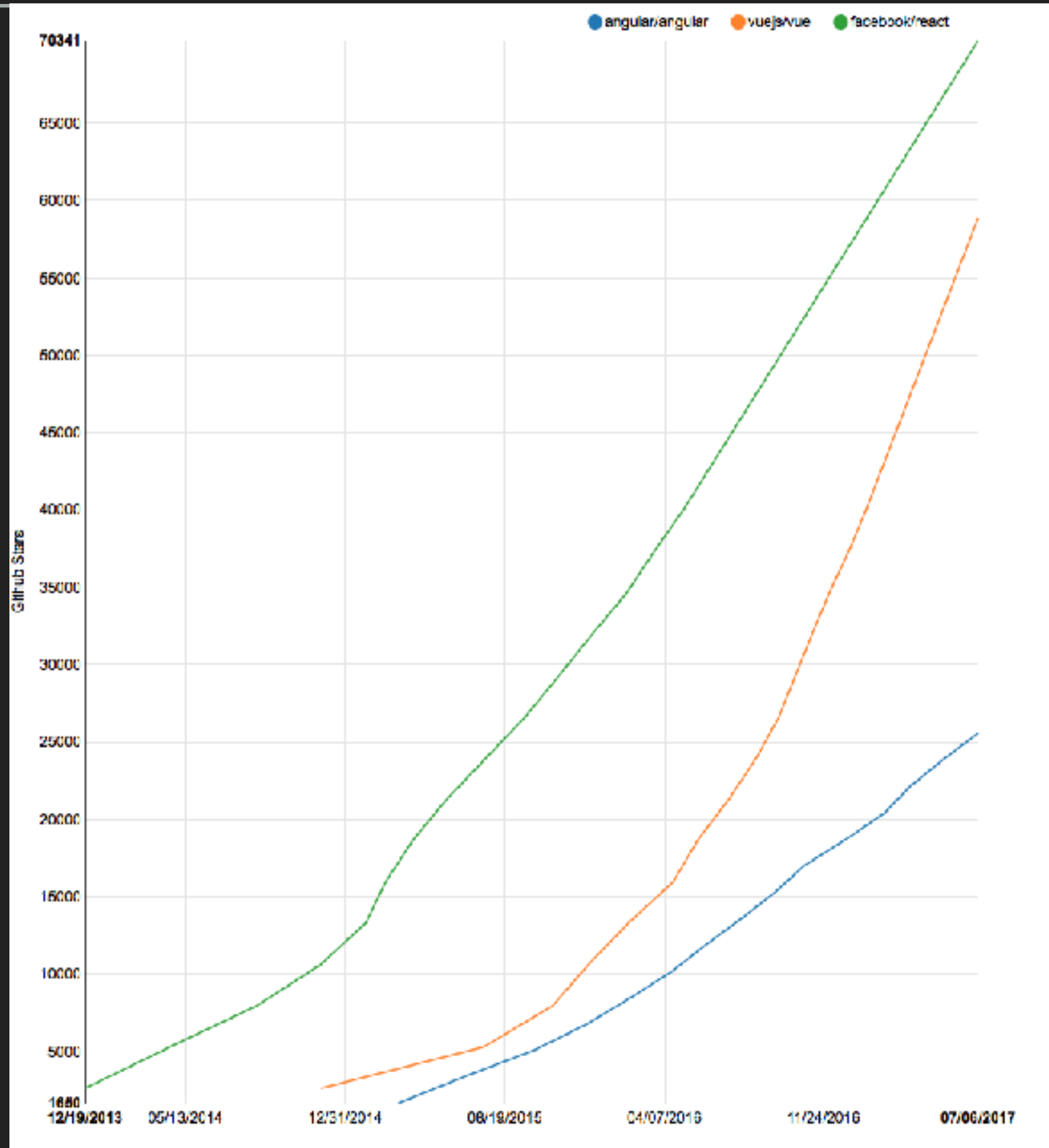


INTRODUCTION TO VUE.JS

- ▶ Seriously, *another* JavaScript framework?
- ▶ What's special about Vue?
- ▶ Trends and stars



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<http://www.timqian.com/star-history/#facebook/react&angular/angular&vuejs/vue>

WHAT IS VUE?

- ▶ Released in 2014
- ▶ Current major release (2.x) in 2016
- ▶ Evan You (inventor & core developer) comes from a Google/Angular background
- ▶ Balances between the power/complexity of Angular and the simplicity/focus of React



WHAT IS VUE?

- ▶ Small, focused view library
- ▶ Performant*
- ▶ Full-featured API
- ▶ Mature* ecosystem
- ▶ Powerful devtools
- ▶ Active community



GETTING STARTED

- ▶ Install from NPM
- ▶ Install vue-cli
 - ▶ `vue init [template] my-app`
 - ▶ Multiple templates available:
 - ▶ simple: "hello world"
 - ▶ webpack-simple: Barebones project
 - ▶ webpack: Full featured project & tests



GETTING STARTED

```
<script src="https://unpkg.com/vue"></script>
```

```
<div id="app">  
  {{ text }}  
</div>
```

```
<script>  
  var app = new Vue({  
    el: '#app',  
    data: {  
      text: 'Hello World!'  
    }  
  })  
</script>
```



THE VUE INSTANCE

- ▶ Ground zero for a Vue.js app
- ▶ Accepts an object containing the Vue **Instance definition**
- ▶ Most definitions shared between instance and **components**

Vue Instance

```
new Vue({  
  el: '#app',  
  data: {...},  
  computed: {...},  
  methods: {...},  
  template: '<App/>'  
})
```

Vue Component

```
export default {  
  name: 'component',  
  data () { return {...} },  
  name: 'component',  
  methods: {...}  
}
```

THE VUE INSTANCE

▶ el

- ▶ Specifies the DOM element where the app will be rendered

```
new Vue({  
  el: '#app'  
})
```

```
<div id="app"></div>
```

THE VUE INSTANCE

▶ data

- ▶ An object describing the state of the app/component
- ▶ Properties are subject to reactive rendering within the app/component (one-way & two-way)
- ▶ New properties can be added, but will not be subject to reactive behavior
- ▶ Components must use a **data()** function that returns state

THE VUE INSTANCE

► data

Vue Instance

```
new Vue({  
  data: {  
    myValue: 3,  
    myObject: {  
      prop: 'abc'  
    }  
  }  
})
```

Vue Component

```
export default {  
  data () {  
    return {  
      myValue: 3,  
      myObject: {  
        prop: 'abc'  
      }  
    }  
  }  
}
```


THE VUE INSTANCE

▶ Methods

- ▶ Arbitrary functions
- ▶ Can access/manipulate data
- ▶ Can be called from templates, other methods

```
methods: {  
  toggleLinks: function () {  
    this.showLinks = !this.showLinks  
  }  
},
```

THE VUE INSTANCE

▶ **computed (properties)**

- ▶ Functions that return dynamic values
- ▶ Accessed from templates & methods as state properties
- ▶ Cached - only recomputed if their input data changes

```
data: {  
  firstNumber: 1  
},  
computed: {  
  number: function () {  
    return 2 + this.firstNumber  
  }  
},
```

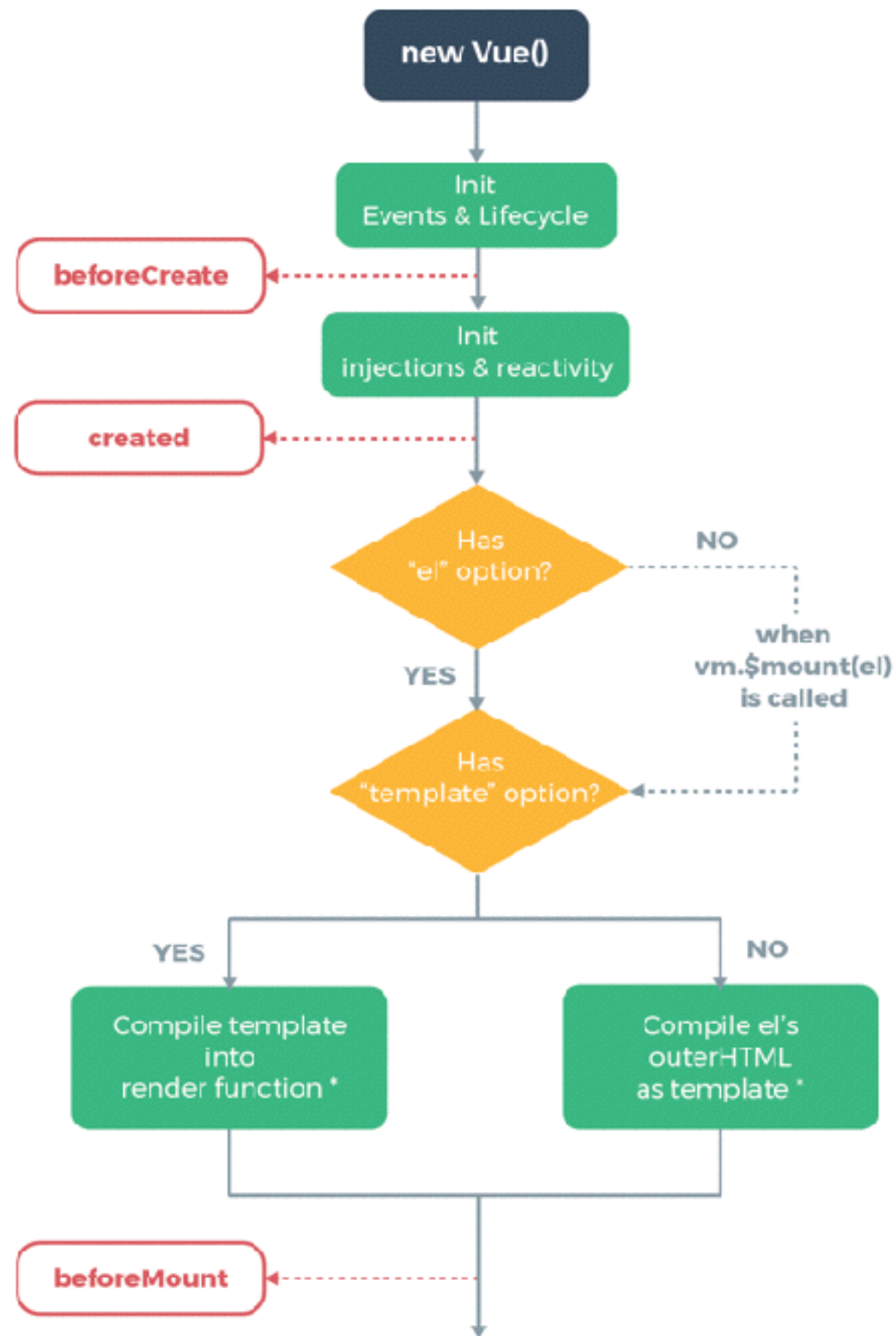
THE VUE INSTANCE

▶ Lifecycle Hooks

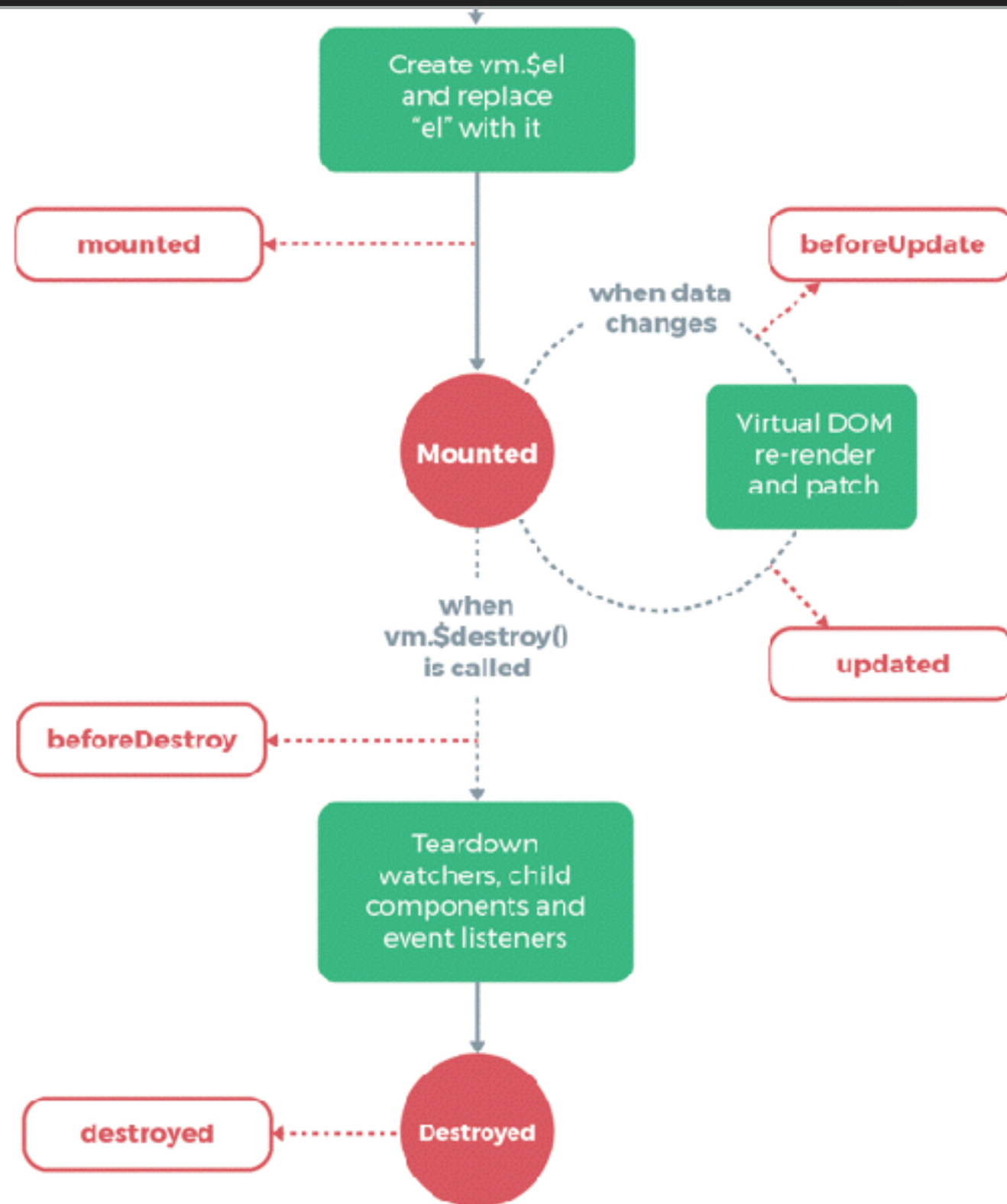
- ▶ Functions that are called at specific points in the app/component lifecycle

```
created: function () {  
  fetch(`${this.$data.serverURL}/application`)  
    .then(r => r.json())  
    .then(json => {  
      this.serverInfo = json  
    })  
},
```

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* template compilation is performed ahead-of-time if using a build step, e.g. single-file components

TEMPLATES

- ▶ HTML based Templating syntax
- ▶ “Mustache” `{{}}` syntax for string interpolation and dynamic variables
- ▶ Directives
 - ▶ prefixed with “**v-**”
 - ▶ accept **arguments** separated by “**:**”
 - ▶ support **modifiers** prefixed with “**.**”
- ▶ Rendered via a virtual DOM, for efficient updates

TEMPLATES

```
<template>
  <div class="form">
    <div class="title cell">
      <label>Title</label>
      <input ref="bookTitle" v-model="book.title" type="text"/>
    </div>
    <div class="pages cell">
      <label>Pages</label>
      <input v-model="book.pages" type="text"/>
    </div>
    <div class="author cell">
      <label>Author</label>

      <select v-model="book.author">
        <option disabled selected value="">Choose Author</option>
        <option v-if="author !== null"
          v-bind:value="{ id: author.id }"
          v-for="author in authors">{{author.name}}</option>
      </select>
    </div>
    <div class="save cell">
      <button @click="submitNewBook()" >Add Book</button>
    </div>
  </div>
</template>
```

DIRECTIVES

- ▶ Vue-specific element attributes
- ▶ Add control logic, behavior & data-binding to elements
- ▶ You can write your own directives

```
<option v-if="author !== null" >{{author.name}}</option>
```

```
<li v-for="book in books" >{{book.title}}</li>
```

```
<select v-model="book.author">
```

Shorthand

```
<input v-bind:value="{ id: author.id }"/> OR <input :value="{ id: author.id }"/>
```

```
<button v-on:click="save()">Save</button> OR <button @click="save()">Save</button>
```


COMPONENTS

- ▶ Nested component hierarchy
- ▶ Each component renders either a template or returns createElement() calls (JSX is supported)
- ▶ Components typically defined as **Single File Component** with **<template>**, **<script>**, and **<style>** sections

COMPONENTS

```
<template>
  <div class="hello">
    <h1>{{ msg }}</h1>
  </div>
</template>
```

```
<script>
export default {
  name: 'HelloWorld',
  data () {
    return {
      msg: 'Welcome to Your Vue.js App'
    }
  }
}
</script>
```

```
<style scoped>
h1 {
  font-color: blue;
}
</style>
```

USING VUE WITH GRAILS – WHY?

- ▶ Convention over Configuration
- ▶ Spring Boot compatibility
- ▶ Profiles & Plugins
- ▶ Gradle
- ▶ RESTful conventions URL mappings
- ▶ JSON views & Hypermedia
- ▶ GORM (including GraphQL)

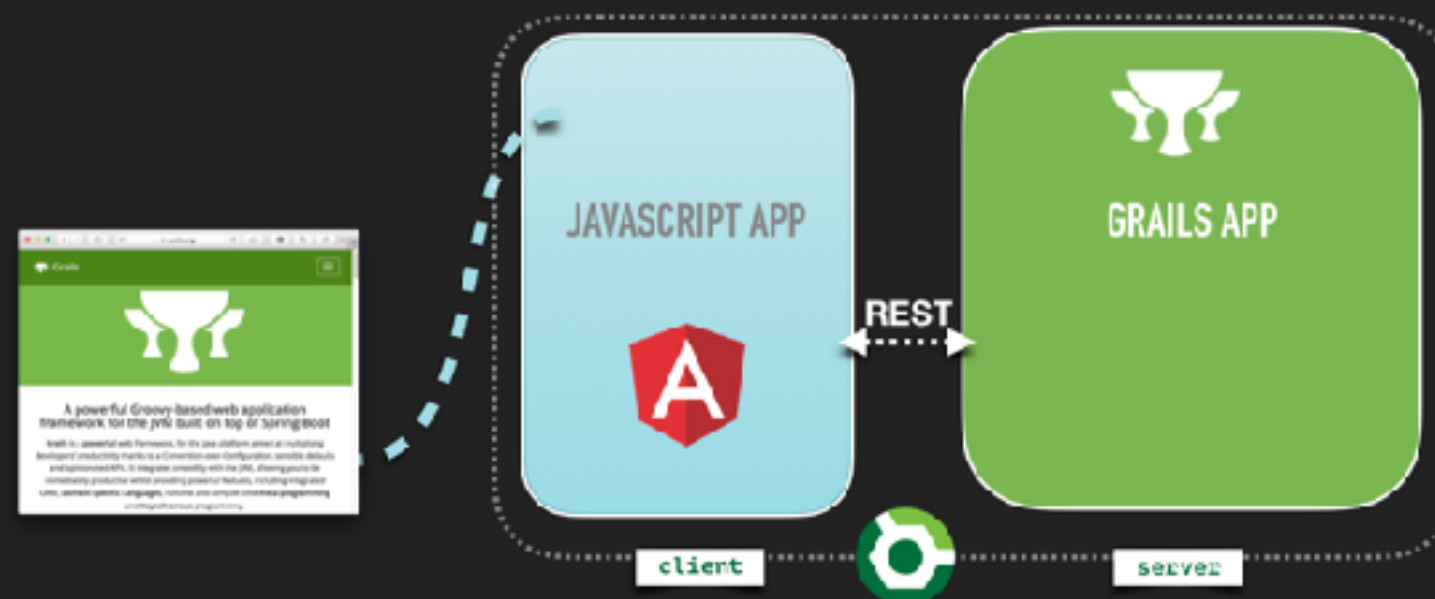


APPROACHES TO USING GRAILS WITH JAVASCRIPT FRAMEWORKS



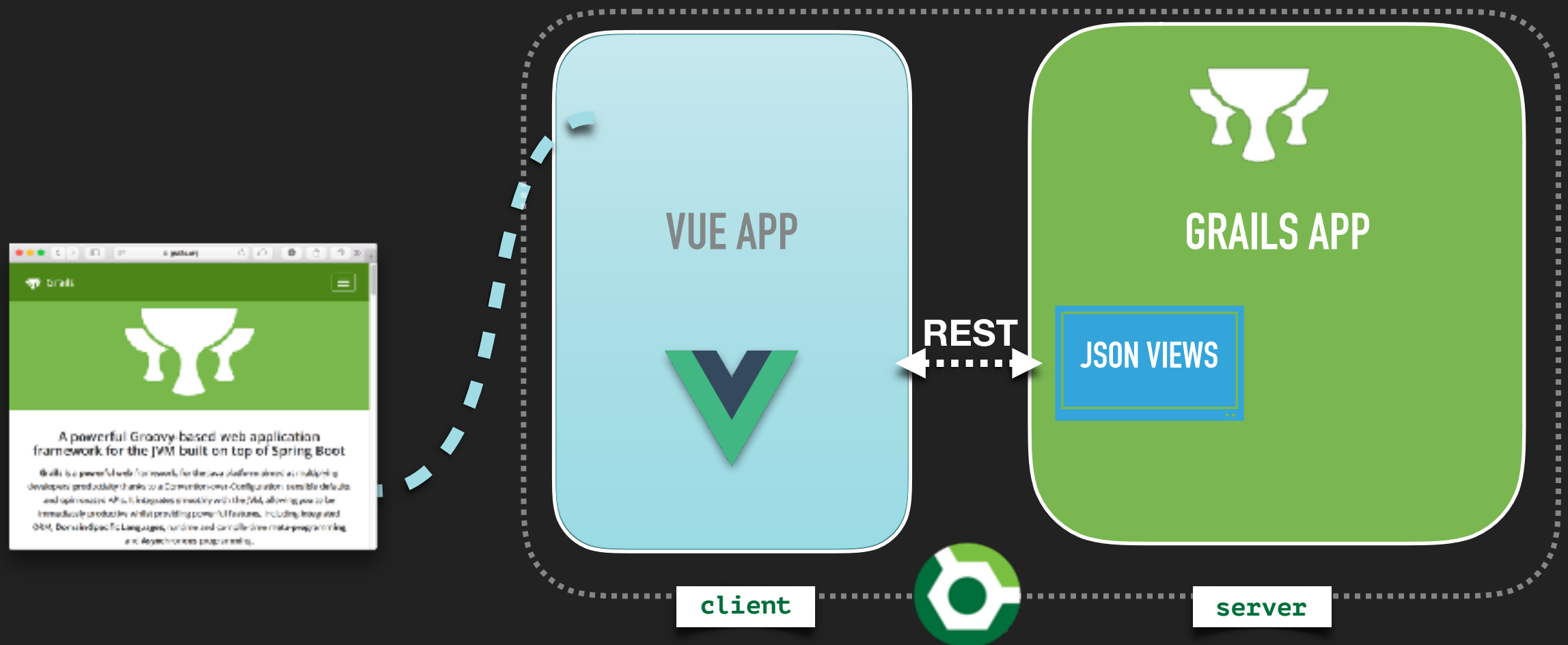
Asset Pipeline

Hybrid Webapp



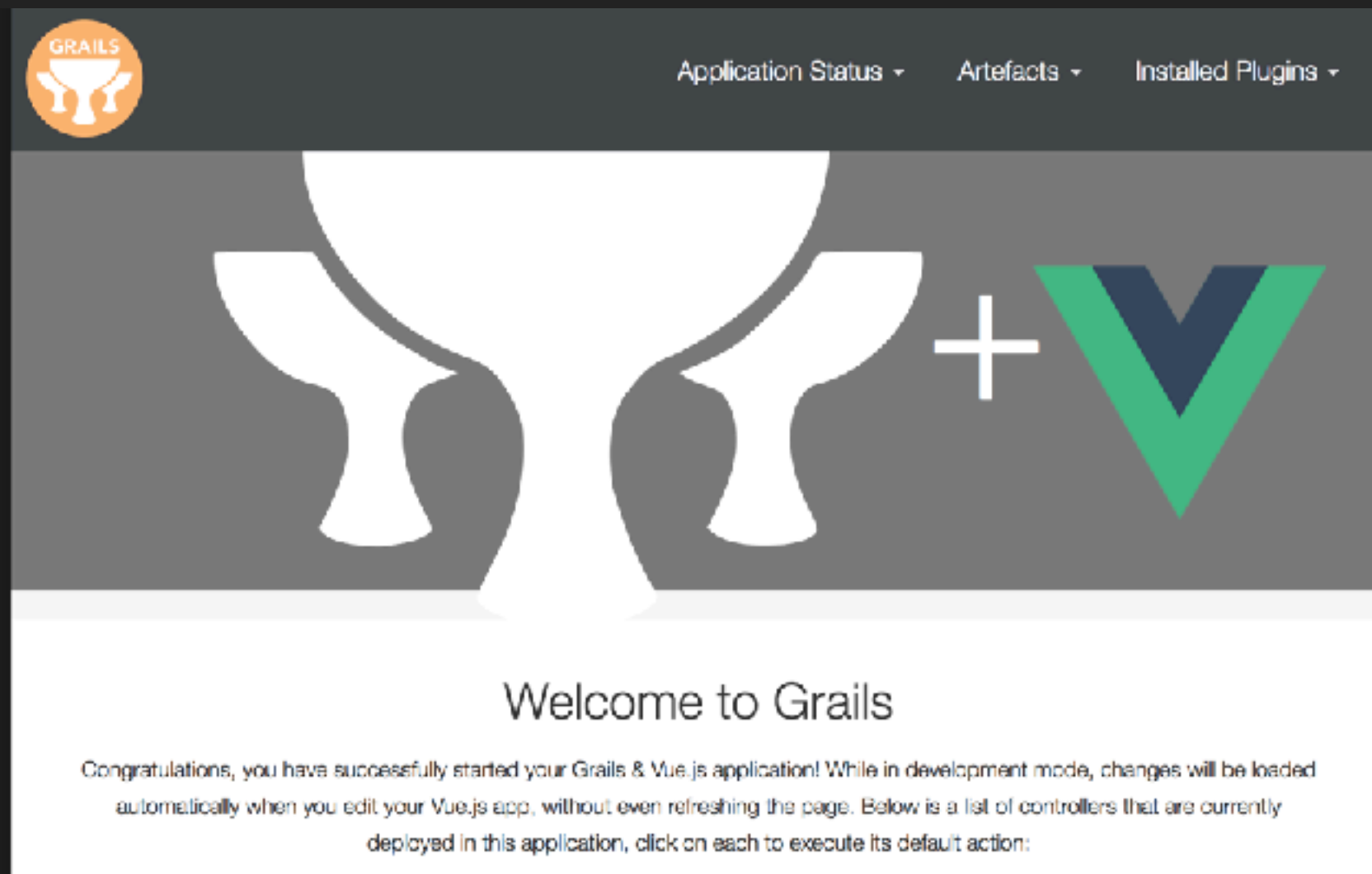
Multi-project Build

MULTI-PROJECT BUILD APPROACH



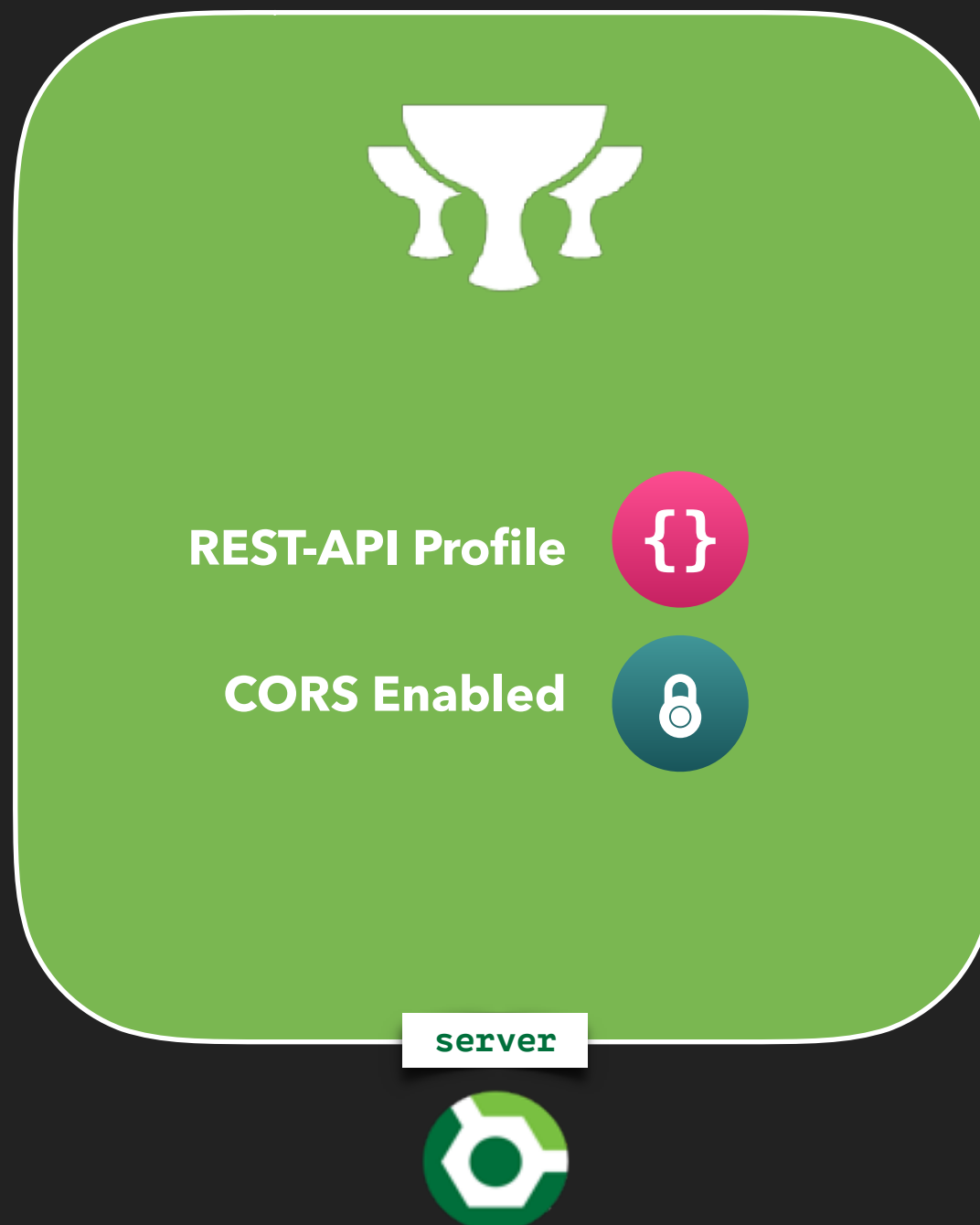
VUE PROFILE FOR GRAILS

<https://grails-profiles.github.io/vue/latest/guide/index.html>



- > `grails create-app myapp -profile vue`
- > `curl -O start.grails.org/myapp.zip -d profile=vue`

VUE PROFILE FOR GRAILS



VUE PROFILE FOR GRAILS

```
> gpad:react:client:startdev server  
> gpad:test:client:runtests  
> gpad:build:client:build:dist.
```



Vue CLI



REST client



Custom UI



client



- ▶ Standardize Node versions
- ▶ Project-local installation
- ▶ Handles npm/yarn tasks

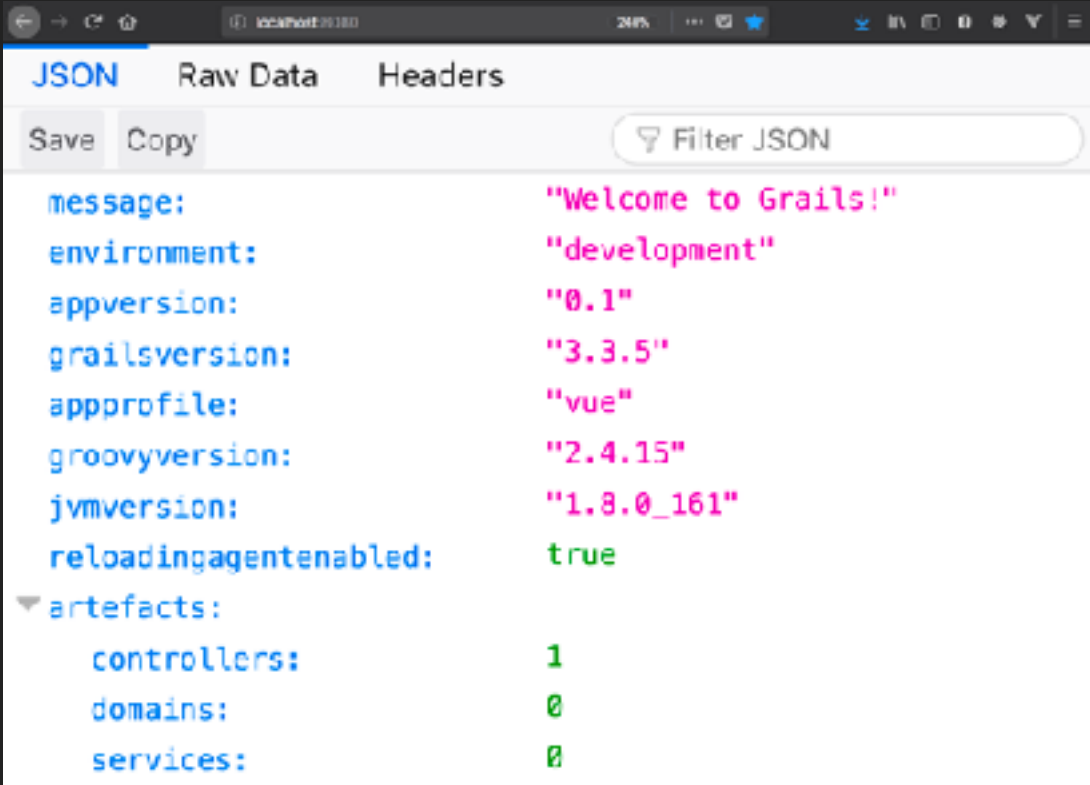
VUE PROFILE FOR GRAILS

```
> gradle bootRun//or grails run-app
```

Grails application
running at <http://localhost:8080>

```
> gradle start //or npm start
```

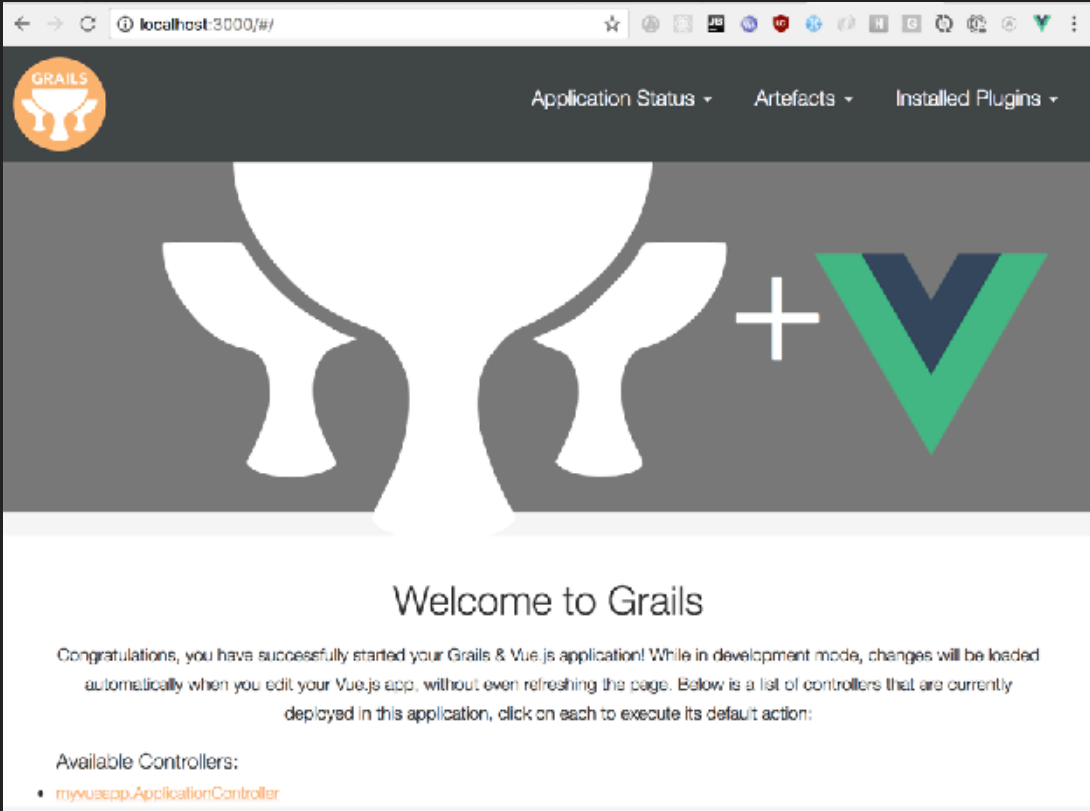
Your application is running here:
<http://localhost:3000>



JSON Raw Data Headers

Save Copy Filter JSON

```
{  "message": "Welcome to Grails!",  "environment": "development",  "appversion": "0.1",  "grailsversion": "3.3.5",  "appprofile": "vue",  "groovyversion": "2.4.15",  "jvmversion": "1.8.0_161",  "reloadingagentenabled": true,  "artefacts": {    "controllers": 1,    "domains": 0,    "services": 0  }}
```



Application Status ▾ Artefacts ▾ Installed Plugins ▾

Welcome to Grails

Congratulations, you have successfully started your Grails & Vue.js application! While in development mode, changes will be loaded automatically when you edit your Vue.js app, without even refreshing the page. Below is a list of controllers that are currently deployed in this application, click on each to execute its default action:

Available Controllers:

- myvueapp.ApplicationController

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DEMO

LINKS

- ▶ Official website: <http://vuejs.org>
- ▶ Awesome Vue: <https://github.com/vuejs/awesome-vue>
- ▶ Comparison: <https://medium.com/unicorn-supplies/angular-vs-react-vs-vue-a-2017-comparison-c5c52d620176>
- ▶ Interview with Evan You: <https://medium.freecodecamp.org/between-the-wires-an-interview-with-vue-js-creator-evan-you-e383cbf57cc4>

LINKS

- ▶ Vue Profile docs: <https://grails-profiles.github.io/vue/latest/guide/>
- ▶ Building a Vue App: <http://guides.grails.org/building-a-vue-app/guide>
- ▶ Using the Vue Profile: <http://guides.grails.org/using-the-vue-profile/guide>
- ▶ Grails/React Quickcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JVLn7kWkjp0>



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THANK YOU

Slides/Sample Code: <https://github.com/ZacharyKlein/room-with-a-vue-gr8eu-18>



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