

Building skott: a journey of Effect-Driven Development

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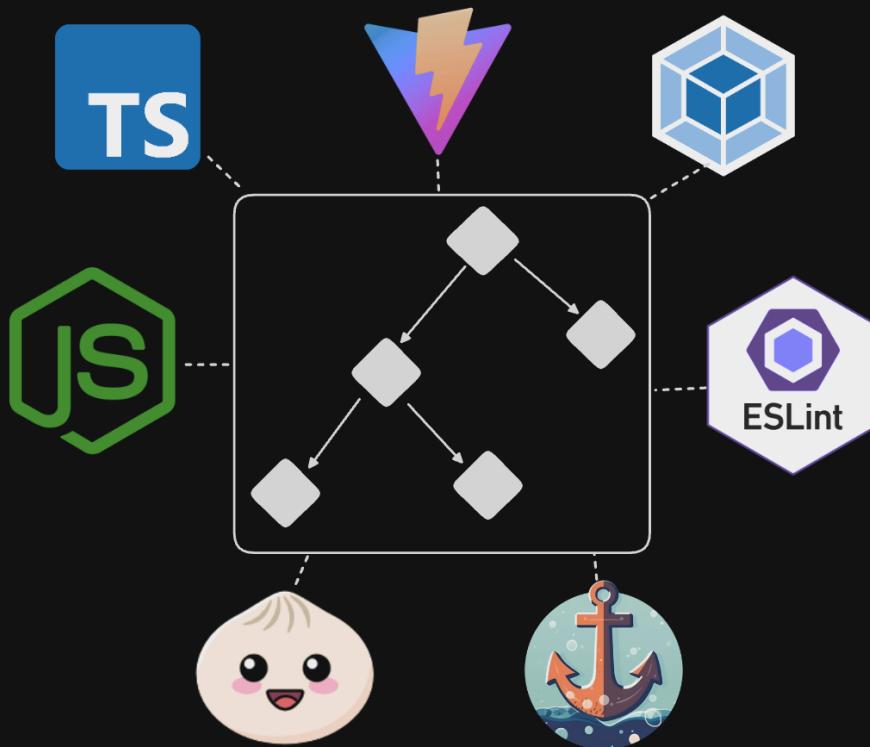


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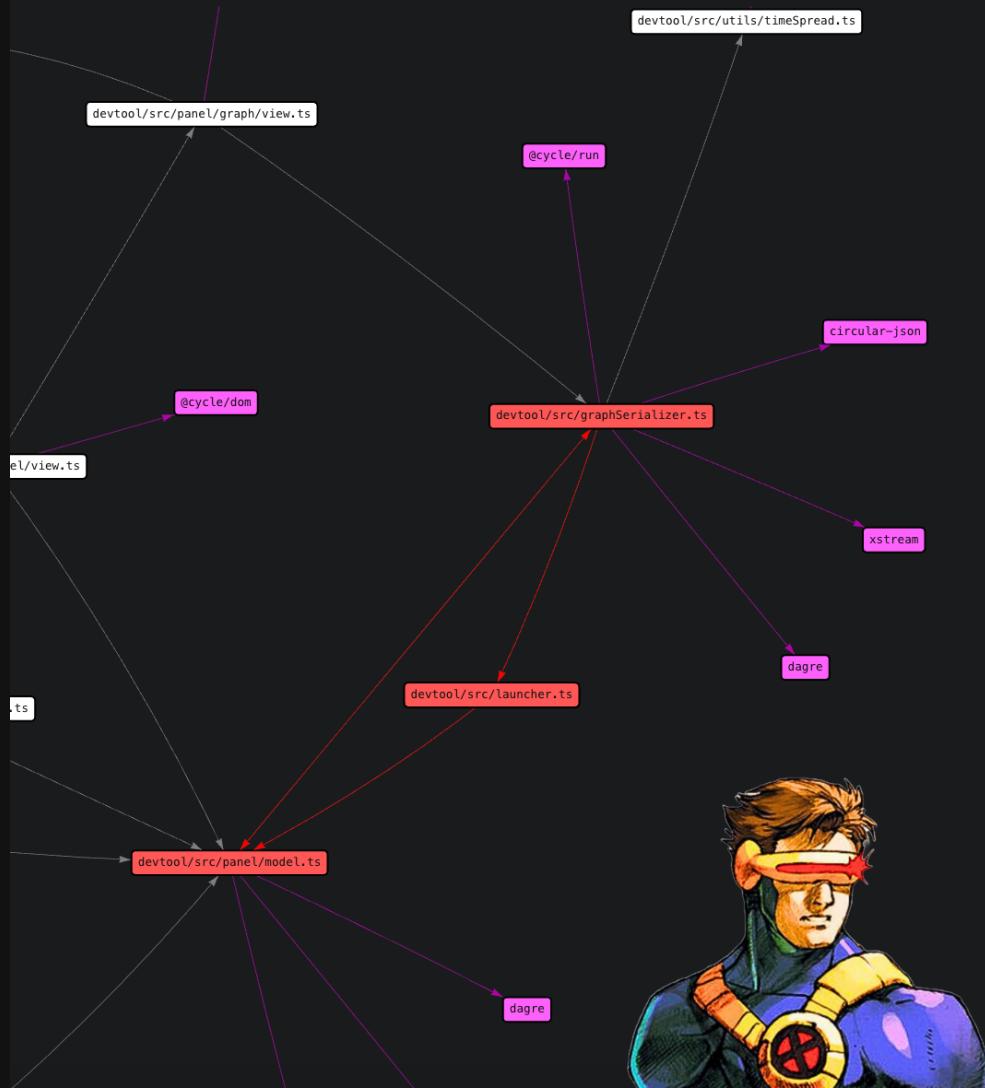
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The problem: graphs are everywhere, but hidden



skott is there to reveal graphs

- Supports **JavaScript + TypeScript** projects
- Can be used via **CLI** or **JavaScript API**
- Written with **TypeScript**, running on **Node.js**
- Focused on providing great **developer experience**
- Lot of **display modes** out of the box to visualize graphs



skott needs what all softwares needs

skott's domain: mostly I/O

reading the file tree, module resolution, interactions with local cache



```
1  for await (const rootFile of this.FileReader.readdir(
2    this.FileReader.getCurrentWorkingDir(),
3    this.config.fileExtensions
4  )) {
5    const rootFileContent = await this.FileReader.read(rootFile);
6
7    // [...]
8
9    if (this.config.incremental) {
10      this.#cacheHandler.addSourceFile(rootFile, rootFileContent);
11    }
12
13    await this.addNode(rootFile);
14    await this.collectModuleDeclarations(rootFile, rootFileContent);
15 }
```

Also common things

logging, control flows, error recovery, dependency injection, concurrency...



```
1  export function resolveImportedModulePath(
2    module: string
3  ): Effect
```

Developing reliable software is hard

When it comes to developing software, we can put in practice various disciplines

Test-Driven Development (TDD)



Type-Driven Development (TDD as well)



Introducing Effect-Driven Development

A streamlined and unified way of developing software

Effect enables both **Test** and **Type-Driven Development**

- **Dependency Inversion Principle** at heart
- Extreme **type-safety**
- Fast **feedback loop** overall



The trap: Third-Party-Driven Development

-  Composition between all dependencies is hard
-  Maintenance cost
-  Learning curve
-  Compatibilities issues
-  Higher risk of vulnerabilities

Select your difficulty level: Either<HardMode, EasyMode>

Option[**HardMode**]: npm install *universe*

⌚ A fragmented ecosystem complexifying composable and maintainability

```
{  
  "dependencies": {  
    - "fp-ts": "*",  
    - "async": "*",  
    - "p-queue": "*",  
    - "p-retry": "*",  
    - "inversify": "*",  
    - "ts-pattern": "*",  
    - "ts-results": "*",  
    - "neverthrow": "*",  
    - "ramda": "*",  
    - "winston": "*"  
  }  
}
```

Option[**EasyMode**]: npm install effect

✊ A streamlined way of developing software with unified standard library and ecosystem

```
1  {  
2   "dependencies": {  
3     +   "effect": "latest"  
4   }  
}
```

Spoiler: I chose life on easy mode for skott

```
import { Effect, Either } from "effect";

declare const lifeChoice: Either.Either<HardMode, EasyMode>;
const easyModeOnly = lifeChoice.pipe(Effect.orDie, Effect.runSync);
```

The screenshot shows a GitHub pull request page for the repository `antoine-coulon / skott`. The pull request is titled `refactor: migrate to latest effect #136`. It has 15 issues and 1 pull request. The user `antoine-coulon` wants to merge 1 commit from the branch `migrate-to-latest-effect` into the `main` branch. The pull request has 0 conversations, 1 commit, 0 checks, and 2 files changed. A recent comment from `antoine-coulon` is visible at the bottom.

Thanks for listening

- skott: <https://github.com/antoine-coulon/skott>
- Effect introduction: <https://github.com/antoine-coulon/effect-introduction>

