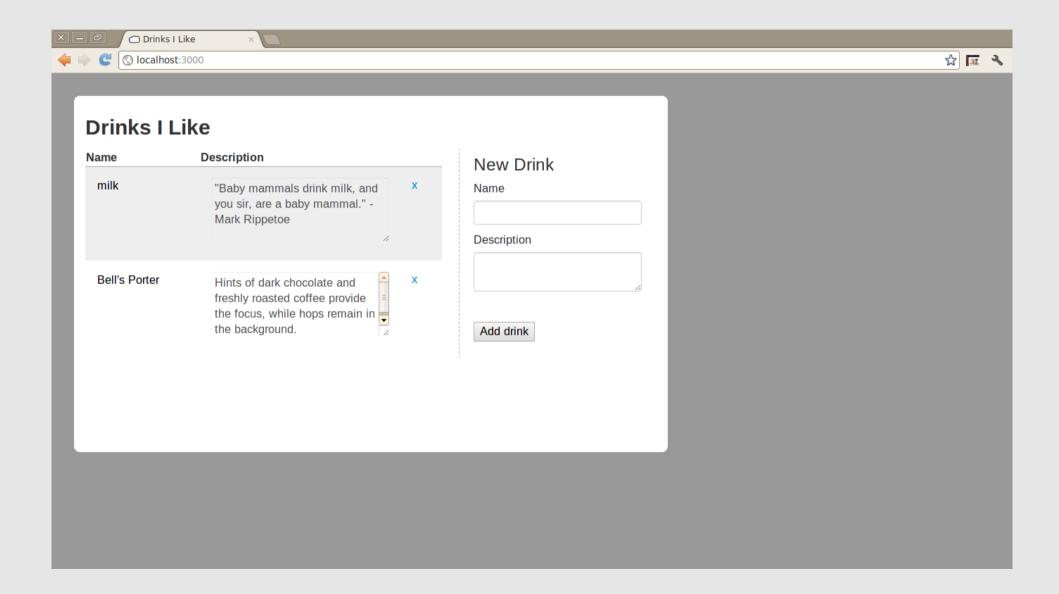
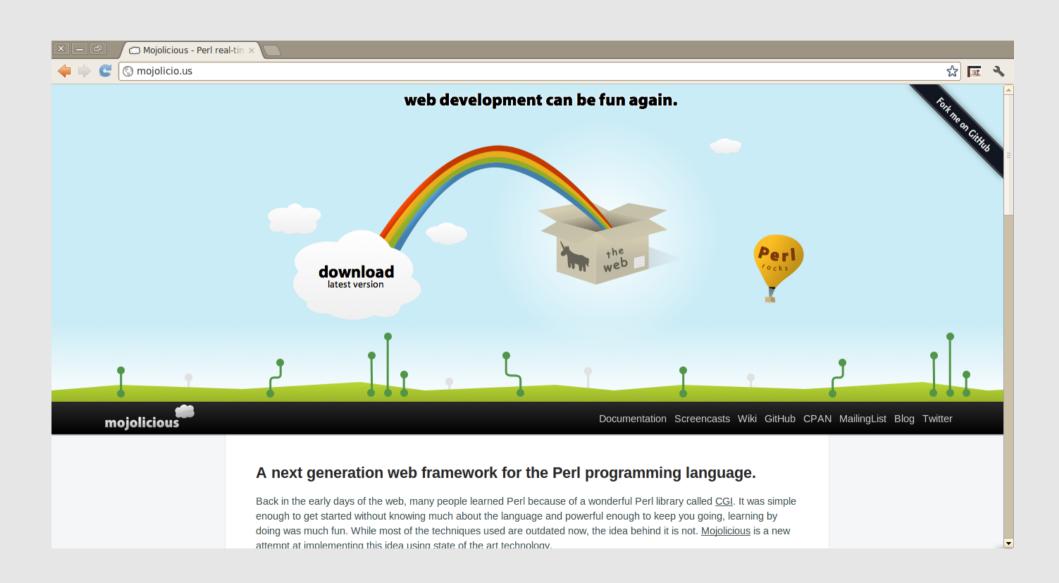
Single page webapps with Mojolicious and Backbone.js

Here's the app...



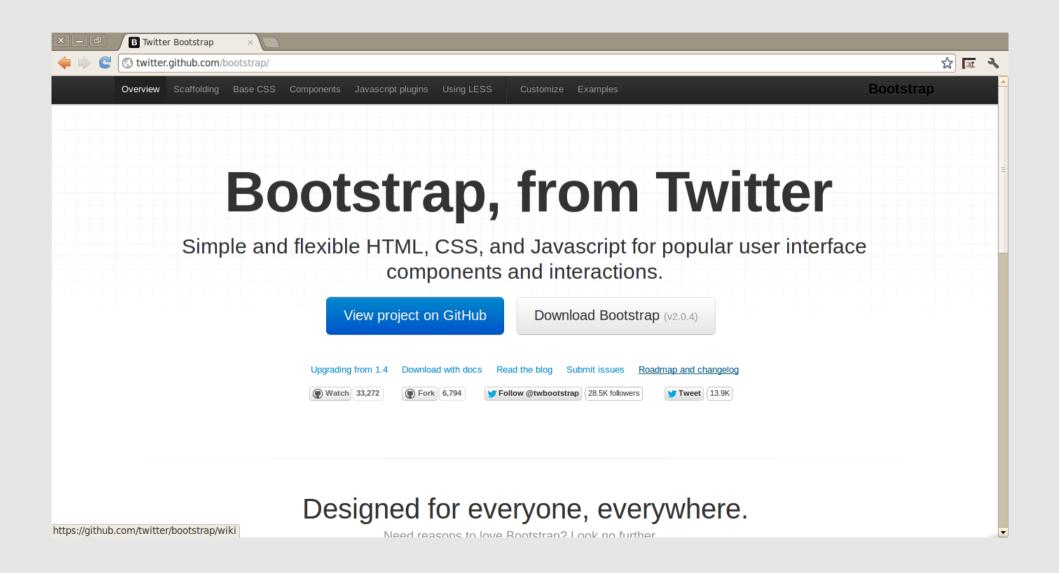
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REST

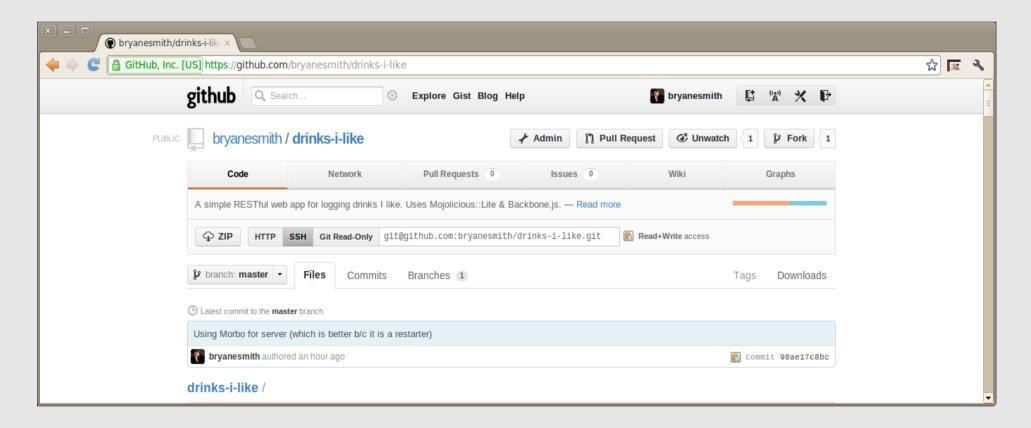
- Web API
- Data formats (e.g., XML, JSON, YAML, etc.)
- HTTP method ("verbs") + resource
 - POST -> CRUD
 - GET * -> CRUD
 - PUT * -> CRUD
 - DELETE * -> CRUD

^{*} Should be idempotent

RESTful design

Method	Route
POST	/api/drink (JSON object in body)
GET	<pre>/api/drink/ (Return all drinks) /api/drink/:id (Return one drink)</pre>
PUT	/api/drink/:id (JSON obj in body)
DELETE	/api/drink/:id

Let's install from GitHub



git clone git@github.com:bryanesmith/drinks-i-like.git

Mojolicious

```
38
  # Routes
40
41
42 # Home page
43 get '/'
                        => \&handle home;
44
45 # Add a drink
46 post '/api/drink' => \&handle post drink;
47
48 # Get all drinks
49 get '/api/drink' => \&handle get drinks;
50
51 # Get drink
52 get '/api/drink/:id' => \&handle get drink;
53
54 # Update a drink
55 put '/api/drink/:id'
                        => \&handle put drink;
56
57 # Delete a drink
58 del '/api/drink/:id' => \&handle delete drink;
59 del '/api/drink'
                         => \&handle delete drink;
60
61 app->start;
```

public/js/library.js:

```
$(document).ready( function() {
    ...
});
```

```
var Drink = Backbone.Model.extend({
   urlRoot: '/api/drink'
});

E.g.,
var drink = new Drink({title: 'Vietnamese iced coffee', description: '...' });
```

```
var DrinkCollection = Backbone.Collection.extend({
 model:Drink,
  url: '/api/drink'
});
var drinks = new DrinkCollection();
E.g.,
drinks.fetch();
drinks.add(drink);
```

```
var DrinksView = Backbone.View.extend({
  el: $('#drinks'),
  templateId: '#drinks-template',
  events: {
    'click .remove-drink' : 'removeDrink',
    'change .title': 'updateTitle',
    'change .description' : 'updateDescription'
  },
});
```

```
var DrinksView = Backbone.View.extend({
  . . .
  initialize: function() {
    // Bind events to collection
    this.collection.bind('add', this.render, this);
    this.collection.bind('remove', this.render, this);
    // Grab template
    this.template = $.template(this.templateId);
    // Render
    this.render();
  },
});
```

```
var DrinksView = Backbone.View.extend({
  render: function() {
    var that = this;
    $(this.el).find('td').remove();
    // Render each drink
    (this.collection.models).each(function(drink) {
      $.tmpl(that.template, drink.toJSON()).appendTo(that.el);
    });
  },
});
```

Add drink?

```
var drink = new Drink({title: title, description: desc });
drink.save({wait: true});
```

Update drink?

```
var drink.set(newValues);
drink.save({wait: true});
```

• Delete drink?

```
drink.destroy({success: function(model, res) { coll.remove( drink ); });
```

Fetch drinks?

```
drink.fetch();
```

```
// Grab drinks from server

drinks.fetch({
   success: function() {
     var drinksView = new DrinksView( { collection: drinks } );
   }
});
```

```
// Handle add drink button
$('#add-drink').click(function () {
  // Create drink from form values
 var drink = new Drink({
    title: $('#add-title').val(),
    description: $('#add-description').val()
 });
  // Reset form
  $('#new-drink').each (function(){ this.reset(); });
  drink.save({wait: true});
  drink.fetch({
    success: function() { drinks.add(drink); }
 });
});
```

Awesome

- Asynchronous HTTP > page reload
- RESTful design keeps API simple
- Backbone.js makes it easy easier
- Bootstrap makes it pretty
- Mojolicious makes it fun

Needs improvement

- Delete should be idempotent
- Standard urls & Backbone.Router (History API)
- OO design improvements (e.g., fetching & helper functions should be part of view obj)
- More idiomatic Backbone.js

Resources

- Mojolicious
- Backbone.js
- Bootstrap
- drinks-i-link on GitHub
- Designing a RESTful Web Application

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