



Complexity

This tweet from [Dan Abramov](#) made me think about complexity, how do we define it, why have our apps become so complicated to build and whether all that complexity is necessary.

The tweet

JS show idea: developer is given requirements for a modern interactive webapp but they're only allowed to use tools from five years ago (before front-end became complicated).

— Dan Abramov (@dan_abramov) [June 6, 2018](#)

Later on in the thread Dan (creator of React) states that:

My point is that much of the tech I'm seeing popular today (eg webpack) helps solve problems that I found very challenging 5 years ago (eg code splitting). YMMV

And that was sort of in response to the sentiment that tools just replace each other like fads for no good reason because developers like complexity. (It's sometimes said as a joke but some people genuinely feel that way)

This has been in my min