Pub/ Sub

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Introduction

- Lots of browser-level JavaScript relies on events
 - Clicks, change, blur, etc
- What about JavaScript logic?
 - Pub/ Sub bridges this gap
- A piece of code will raise an event
- N number of pieces will react to it
- Allows for disconnected communication between functions

Traditional communication

Add to Cart

Product List

Shopping Cart

Shopping Cart

Shopping Cart

Demo

Traditional communication

Introducing Pub/ Sub

To introduce Pub/ Sub we need to:

- Refactor each logical part out
- Identify overlapping functionality
- Use messages to connect the components

Demo

Implementing Pub/ Sub

Evolving Pub/ Sub

- What if script order isn't known?
- Pub/ Sub can be used as a message bus
 - A late-bound subscriber will receive all previously published messages
- Useful for lazy-loading page components
- Improving performance
 - Combine with the Asynchronous Execution Pattern

Demo

Extending Pub/ Sub

Recap

- Complex files can be hard to maintain so break them down
- Page components can act independently
 - Missing component shouldn't break a page
- Use events to perform communication between components