Web Components

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Repo with course files, YouTube videos and slides:

https://github.com/iwswordpress/

58 in human years – 243 in tech years

Where/what were you in 1979?

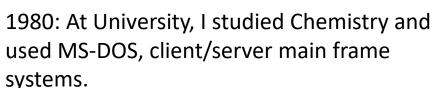
My start in computing at school in 1979





Source: Wikimedia Commons





ZX-Spectrum computer and Jupiter Ace.



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In this talk...

- What is a Web Component.
- How do we use them.
- How do we make them:
- with build tools (not frameworks).
- using frameworks.
- Using Web Components as interconnected micro apps/services.
- Open a conversation about state of JS world...

International JS Conference London 2018 – Key Note Speech

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1KJQurclLdw



Web Components

Who uses Web Components?

- Google 20,000+.
- Google Accelerated Mobile Pages.
- Salesforce.
- Onsen UI library.
- Ionic and Ionic/ReactJS/Angular (Ionic Apps with Capacitor can run on IOS, Android, Web and Electron). 'Write once, run anywhere...'

What is HTML?

MY FRAME:

It is like <a> is syntax to create an instance of a class, HTMLAnchorElement, which can then have its methods and properties used:

 $\langle a \rangle \langle /a \rangle = = = objA = new HTMLAnchorElement$

Thus with web components in index.html we can do the following: document.querySelector('my-webcomponent').method()

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/API/HTMLAnchorElement

What is a Web Component?

```
<my-component></my-component> <script src="file.js"></script>
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- Must contain at least one hyphen.
- Use just like any HTML tag.
- They extend HTMLElement class.
- Hybrids is a non-class based library https://hybrids.js.org/ https://www.webcomponents.org/

https://custom-elements-everywhere.com/
(Making sure frameworks and custom elements can be BFFs)

COMMUNICATION

PROPS DOWN

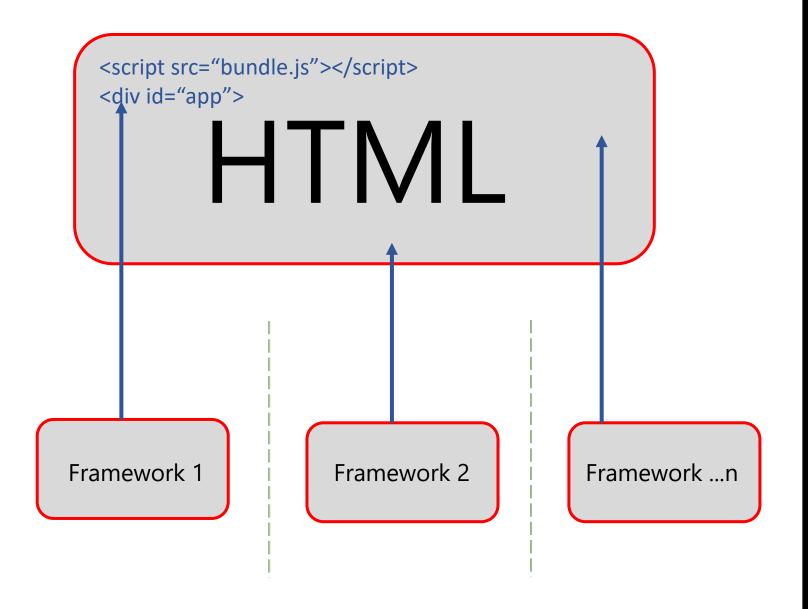
Demo: 06-library/01-ndc-show-post

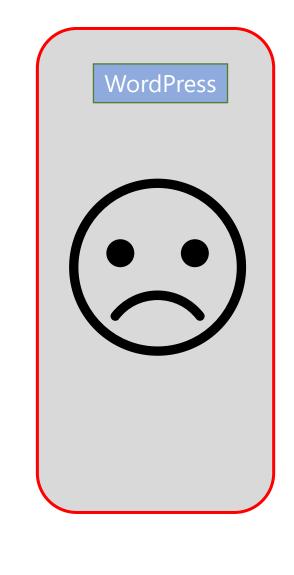
EVENTS UP

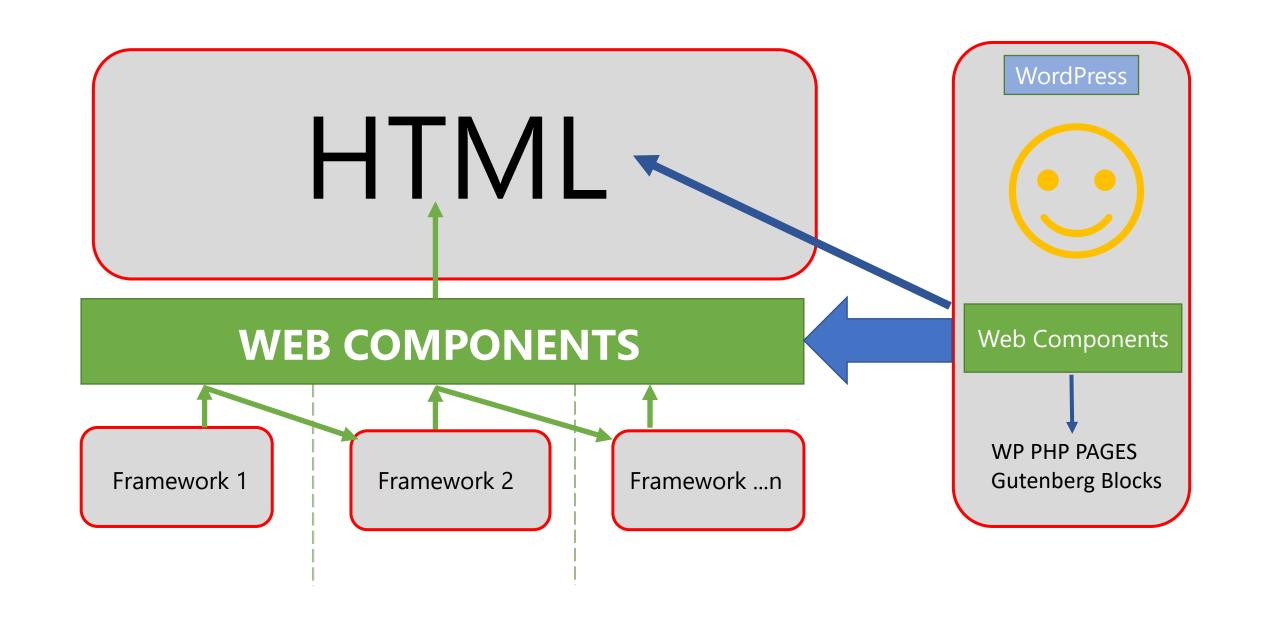
Demo: 05-events/15-child-to-parent

We use JS Custom Events to send event and data.

NB Methods and properties on components can be directly accessed. This would be a design choice as components tend to use props down events up, rather than sibling to sibling.







Build tools

JS compilers (not frameworks):

Stencil JS (Part of Ionic)
Lit Element/Lit HTML
Svelte
Open WC

Wrappers:

Vue, Angular, React etc have builds that add a web component wrapper.

Types of components

These are only limited by JS.

We will look at couple of UI components and many more highly functional components that have built in:

- Fetch requests.
- Lazy loading and dynamic loading (scripts/components).
- Storing JSON in IndexedDB and rendering it via templates.
- Authentication and storage of JSON Web Tokens.
- Added offline capability and 'instant' pages.

Let's see an example: https://49plus.co.uk/udemy-webcomponents/ (Vanilla JS)

Deployment

How to deploy Web Components as a third party:

- In HTML pages as we have seen.
- NPM
- In Angular, Vue, React etc. There are well documented procedures.

SUMMARY

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