JavaScript libraries have varying architectural opinions

- **jQuery:** Convenient library for consistent DOM manipulation across browsers. No structure enforced

- **Backbone:** Simple framework, analogous to Sinatra. Quick to learn, not very opinionated so you make a lot of architectural decisions. Good for learning, more work to scale to a complicated app

- **React:** View layer designed to work with the "Flux" architecture (action, dispatcher, store, view). No widely accepted framework for Flux. Uses JSX and Virtual DOM. Sponsored by Facebook

- **Angular:** Angular 2 is coming out, date TBD. Angular 1 development scrapped, no backwards compatibility. Templating occurs in HTML. Hottest right now. Sponsored by Google

- **Ember:** Wants to be the Rails of the JS framework world. Steep learning curve, forces convention over configuration