Elm | > Real Life

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In the beginning ... (2016)

Needs

- Pure JavaScript
- Complex UI
- REST
- Electron, NW.js, WebExtension ...
- a lot of Prototyping
- a lot of Refactoring

- GWT
- Polymer
- ClojureScript
- Angular JS / Angular 2.0 RC
- React, Redux, Immutable-js
- Flow, TypeScript
- Elm



Elm - Pure Functional

- Immutable data, only pure functions, ...
- ML family syntax (Haskel for kids)
- Static Typing

```
view : List Article -> Html Msg
view articles =
    let
        viewArticle article =
            div [ class "article" ] [ text article.title ]
    in
    Html.ul
        [ class "article-list" ]
        (List.map viewArticle articles)
```



Types

```
String, Int, Float, Bool, List, (a, b, c)
type alias PersonId = Int
type alias Person =
    { name : String
    , age : Int
type Role
    = Admin
    Sales
     Customer
type Msg
    = ButtonClicked
     NameChanged String
     SetRole Person Role
```

```
isJunior : Person -> Bool
isJunior person =
    person.age < 20

isJunior : { a | age: Int } -> Bool
isJunior x =
    x.age < 20</pre>
```



Pattern Matching

```
Case msg of

ButtonClicked ->

...

NameChanged name ->

...

SetRole person role ->

...
```

```
case aList of

[] ->
        "matches the empty list"

[x]->
        "matches a list of exactly one item, " ++ toString x
        x::xs ->
        "matches a list of at least one item whose head is " ++ toString x
```



Pattern Matching .. more

```
type Page
    = User UserSection
    Invoices
type UserSection
    = Profile
    History
access : Role -> Page -> String
access role page =
    case ( role, page ) of
        ( Sales, User ) ->
        ( Sales, Invoices ) ->
        ( Customer, User Profile ) ->
        ( Customer, User History ) ->
        ( Admin, _ ) ->
```

```
-- MISSING PATTERNS ------ src/Main.elm
This `case` does not have branches for all possibilities:
41 |>
        case ( role, page ) of
42|>
           ( Sales, User ) ->
43|>
44 | >
45 |>
           ( Sales, Invoices ) ->
46|>
47|>
48 >
            ( Customer, User Profile ) ->
49 >
                . .
50|>
51|>
            ( Customer, User History ) ->
52 >
                . .
53|>
54|>
            ( Admin, _ ) ->
55|>
Missing possibilities include:
    ( Customer, Invoices )
```

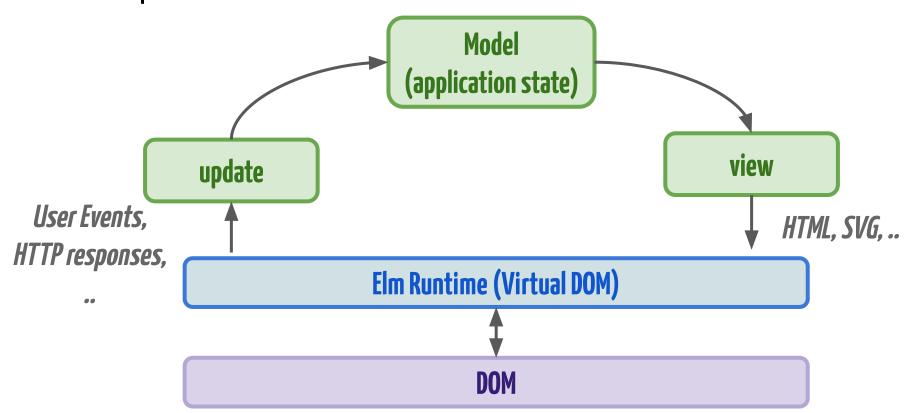


null? .. Maybe not

```
type alias Person =
    { name : String
    , age : Int
    , email: Maybe String
personEmail person =
    case person.email of
        Just email ->
            email
        Nothing ->
            "no e-mail address"
personEmail person =
    person.email |> Maybe.withDefault "no e-mail address"
```

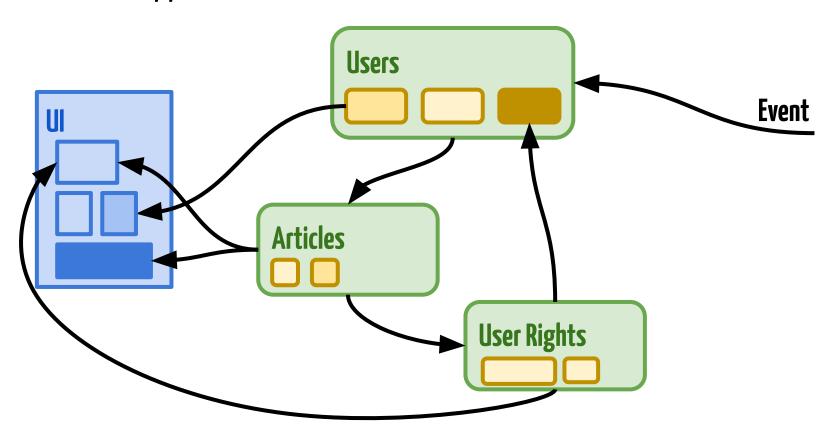


Model – Update – View



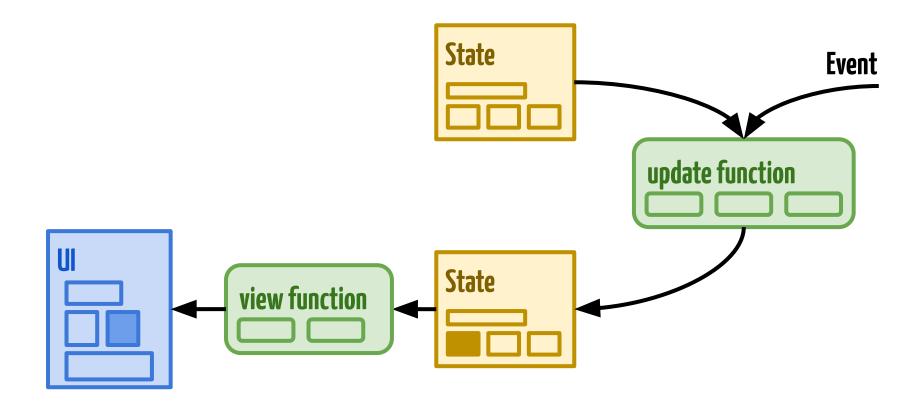


Inside *common application*™



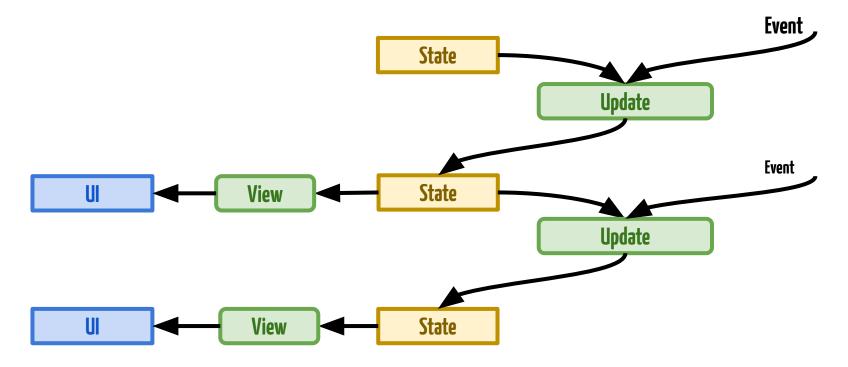


Inside Elm Application





Elm Application Timeline





Demo!



Proč Elm?

- Rychlé první kroky
- Minimalistická syntaxe
- Přátelský kompilátor
- Bezpečný refactoring
 - Single source of truth
 - Immutability
 - Static Typing
- "Něco jako React + Redux + TypeScript + Immutable-js ..." v jednom nástroji
- No runtime errors



Compiler

Friendly

```
Detected errors in 1 module.
                                           ----- src/Main.elm
-- TYPE MISMATCH -----
The `model` record does not have a `nane` field:
43 { model | nane = "John" }
                  \wedge \wedge \wedge \wedge
This is usually a typo. Here are the `model` fields that are most
similar:
    { name : String
    , greetings : String
So maybe name should be name?
```

Fast

```
114 files,
29 173 lines => 0.79 sec.
```



Tooling

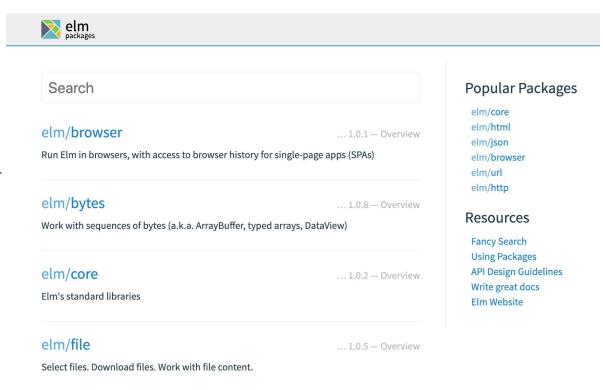
- **Elm-Format** Accepted by community as *the only one proper format* (used in 99% packages)
- **Elm Analyse** Static analyze tool. Interactive web application or JSON output
- Elm debugger Just compile with --debug
- Elm-monitor Monitor your Elm program with redux-devtools (experimental)
- ellie-app.com
- IDEs support
 - Intellij IDEA Refactoring, Find usages, Code completion, Type Inference and Type Checking
 - Visual Studio Code
 - Atom
 - Vim



Ecosystem

package.elm-lang.org

- <u>vega-lite</u>
- <u>elm-graphql</u>
- Elm Bootstrap Elm & Bootstrap 4
- <u>elm-mdl</u> Material Design Library





Kdo to používá?

- Microsoft <u>Microsoft/elm-json-tree-view</u>
- IBM <u>Decision Composer</u>
- Ableton <u>learningmusic.ableton.com</u>
- Gizra
- NoRedInk

Newired ;-) Chceš programovat v Elmu?
 Stále hledáme nové kolegy do týmu.



To be continued ...



Appendix 1: Elm & JavaScript Interoperability



Interoperability with JavaScript – Ports (1)

Elm

JavaScript

```
var app = Elm.Main.init({
   node: document.getElementById('elm')
});

app.ports.setProfile.subscribe(function(id) {
   console.log("Elm is asking for saving Profile with id: " + id)
   localStorage.setItem("profile", id);
});
```



Interoperability with JavaScript – Ports (2)

Elm

```
port onLastAccess : (String -> msg) -> Sub msg
subscriptions : Model -> Sub Msg
subscriptions =
         onLastAccess OnLastAccess
type Msg
    = OnLastAccess String
update : Msg -> Model -> ( Model, Cmd Msg )
update msg model =
    case msg of
        OnLastAccess lastAccess ->
            ( { model | lastAccess = lastAccess }, Cmd.none )
        . .
```

JavaScript

```
app.ports.onLastAccess.send(lastAccess);
```



WebComponents – Dispatch Custom Events

```
class CustomEditor extends HTMLElement {
 constructor() {
    const shadow = this.attachShadow({ mode: 'open' })
    const input = document.createElement("input")
    shadow.appendChild(input)
    const this = this
    input.addEventListener("input", function () {
     _this.dispatchEvent(new CustomEvent("editorChanged", { detail: input.value }));
   })
customElements.define('custom-editor', CustomEditor)
```

<custom-editor></custom-editor>



WebComponents – Handle Custom Events

```
node "custom-editor"
  [ property "editorValue" (Encode.string model.greetings)
  , on "editorChanged" editorChangedDecoder
editorChangedDecoder : Decode.Decoder Msg
editorChangedDecoder =
    Decode.map EditorChanged <</pre>
        Decode.at [ "detail" ] <|</pre>
            Decode.string
                input.addEventListener("input", function () {
                    _this.dispatchEvent(new CustomEvent("editorChanged", { detail: input.value }));
                })
```