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with Scala and AngularJS

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Primarily Java from 2004-2013  
Started Scala late 2012  
Discovered lift-ng in Oct 2013  
Writing Scala at Mentor Graphics  
Lift committer July 2014

Built upon Lift, lift-ng is the most powerful, most secure AngularJS backend available today.

backend available today.

Pretty bold, huh?

Description stolen from Lift:  
"Lift is the most powerful, most  
secure web framework available  
today."

So what *is* Lift?

**MENTION LIFTWEB**



**AND EVERYONE LOSES THEIR  
MINDS**

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## Lift is a web framework

- Security: Safeguards from 6 OWASP vulnerabilities
- Designer-friendly: View-first w/ HTML templates
- Outstanding comet and ajax support
- Scala's oldest web framework (Feb 2007)
- Doesn't hide web development from you
- Apache License 2.0



So what is Angular?

# SIDE-EFFECTS



SIDE-EFFECTS, EVERYWHERE!

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Angular is a front-end framework

Extends HTML for dynamic web apps

Declarative DOM manipulation

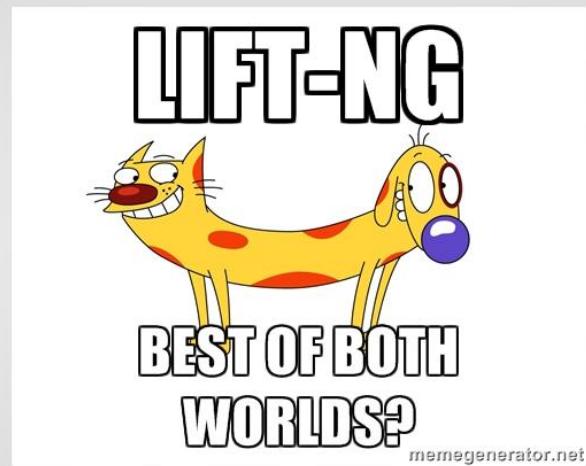
Test-first

Mixes well with Lift

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So then what is lift-ng?





BEST OF BOTH  
WORLDS?

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## Lift-ng is a Lift module

Provides a Scala DSL for defining:

1. Angular factories
2. `$scope` events and assignments
3. Client/server value bindings (experimental)

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## Server Time App

Lift template basics

Angular template basics

JS Angular factory

lift-ng Angular factory

**Time**

Server time at page load:

*Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT*

Client time:

???

**Client**

Server time:

???

**Server**

```
Server Time App
<div ng-controller="TimeController">
  <div class="title">Time</div>
  <div>Server time at page load:</div>
  <div data-lift="ServerTime.atPageLoad">
    (this div replaced at page load time)
  </div>
  <div>Client time:</div>
  <div class="timestamp" ng-bind="client"></div>
  <button ng-click="getClient()">Client</button>
  <div>Server time:</div>
  <div class="timestamp" ng-bind="server"></div>
  <button ng-click="getServer()">Server</button>
</div>
```

Time  
Server time at page load:  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT

Client time:

Client

Server time:

???

Server Time App  
Lift template basics  
Angular template basics  
JS Angular factory  
lift-  
ng Angular factory

```
private def timestamp =  
    dateFormat.format(new Date())
```

```
def atPageLoad(template:NodeSeq) =  
    <div class="timestamp">  
        {timestamp}  
    </div>
```

Time  
Server time at page load:  
*Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT*

Client time:  
???

Client

Server time:  
???

Server

```
Time  
Server time at page load:  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT
```

```
Client time:  
???
```

**Client**

```
Server time:  
???
```

**Server**

```
angular.module("TimeApp", [  
    "ClientTimeModule",  
    "ServerTimeModule"  
])
```

```
.controller("TimeController", [  
    "$scope",  
    "ClientTime",  
    "ServerTime",  
])
```

Server time at page load:  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT

Client time:  
???

Client

Server time:  
???

Server

```
"ClientTimeModule",
"ServerTimeModule"
```

```
])
```

```
.controller("TimeController", [
  "$scope",
  "ClientTime",
  "ServerTime",
```

```
)
```

```
function($scope, clientTime, serverTime) {
  // ng-bind="client"
  $scope.client = "???";
```

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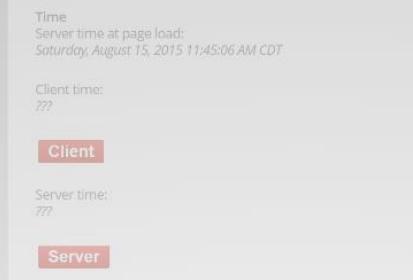
```
function($scope, clientTime, serverTime) {  
    // ng-bind="client"  
    $scope.client = "???";  
    // ng-bind="server"  
    $scope.server = "???";  
    // ng-click="getClient()"  
    $scope.getClient = function() {  
        $scope.client = clientTime.currentTime()  
    };  
}
```

Enter a GitHub ID:

Screen name:  
Followers:  
Repos:  
Stars:  
Forks:  
Total:

```
angular.module("ClientTimeModule", [])
.factory("ClientTime", function() {
    return {
        currentTime: function() {
            return new Date()
        }
    }
})
;
```

```
// ng-click="getServer()"  
$scope.getServer = function() {  
    serverTime.currentTime() // promise from server  
    .then(function(timestamp) {  
        $scope.server = timestamp;  
    });  
};  
  
angular.module("ClientTimeModule", [])  
factory("ClientTime" function() {
```



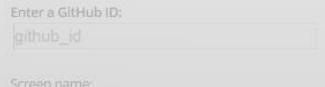
```
// Lift-ng magic!!  
def service = renderIfNotAlreadyDefined(  
    angular.module("ServerTimeModule")  
    .factory("ServerTime", jsObjFactory()  
        .jsonCall("currentTime", Full(timestamp))  
    ))  
  

```

```
def service = renderIfNotAlreadyDefined(  
    angular.module("ServerTimeModule")  
        .factory("ServerTime", jsObjFactory()  
            .jsonCall("currentTime", Full(timestamp))  
        ))
```

```
<script data-lift="ServerTime.service"></script>
```

View the source to see the generated  
angular service



A screenshot of a browser window. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Enter a GitHub ID:" and a text input field containing "github\_id". Below the search bar, there is a dropdown menu with the placeholder "Gravatar name:". The background of the slide shows a light gray gradient.

```
<script data-lift="ServerTime.service"></script>
```

View the source to see the generated angular service



A screenshot of a web application interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder "Enter a GitHub ID:" and a text input field containing "github\_id". Below the search bar, there is a table with the following data:

Screen name:	
Followers:	
Repos:	
Stars:	
Forks:	
Total:	

Chat App  
Server push via \$scope  
Lift comet via actors

Send us a message

**Send**

```
Chat App
<div ng-controller="ChatController">
  <div data-lift="comet?type=ChatComet"></div>
  <ul id="chat-out">
    <li ng-repeat="m in messages track by $index"
        ng-bind="m"></li>
  </ul>
  <div id="chat-in">
    <button ng-click="sendChat()">Send</button>
    <input type="text" placeholder="Send us a message"
           ng-model="message" ng-keypress="onKeypress($event)">
  </div>
</div>
```

```
$scope.sendChat = function() {  
    server.send($scope.message);  
    $scope.message = " ";  
};
```

Chat App  
Server push via \$scope  
Lift comet via actors

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Server push via \$scope  
Lift comet via actors

```
angular.module("ChatModule")
  .factory("ChatServer", jsObjFactory()
    .jsonCall("send", (chat:String) => {
      ChatServer ! chat
      Empty
    })
  )
```

Send us a message

Server Time App  
Lift template basics  
Angular template basics  
JS Angular factory  
lift-ng Angular factory

Time  
Server time at page load:  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT

Client time:  
???

Client

Server time:  
???

Server

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index"

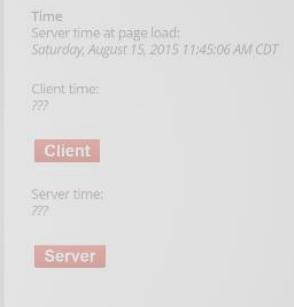
Chat App  
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iv>

index"

```
object ChatServer extends LiftActor
  with ListenerManager {
  override def lowPriority = {
    case msg:String =>
      sendListenersMessage(msg)
  }
}
```



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a message"

onKeypress(\$event)">

```
class ChatComet extends AngularActor
```

```
class ChatComet extends AngularActor
  with CometListener {
  override def registerWith = ChatServer
  override def lowPriority = {
    case msg:String =>
      scope.emit("new-message", msg)
  }
}
```

Time:  
Server time at page load:  
Saturday, August 15, 2015 11:45:06 AM CDT

Client time:  
???

Client

Server time:  
???

Server

```
</div>
```

```
$scope.messages = [ ];  
$scope.$on("new-message",  
  function(e, msg){  
    $scope.messages.push(msg);  
  }  
);
```

Chat App  
Server push via `$scope`  
Lift comet via actors

View the source to see the comet's  
DOM

**Send**

OSS Score App  
Scala Futures -> \$q Promises

Enter a GitHub ID:

Screen name:

Followers:

Repos:

Stars:

Forks:

Total:

```
<div ng-controller="OssScoreController">
  <div class="title">Enter a GitHub ID:</div>
  <input type="text" placeholder="github_id"
    ng-model="enteredId" ng-keypress="onKeypress($event)">

<div class="avatar" ng-style="{ 'background-image': 'url('+ava
  <div>Screen name: <span ng-bind="id"></span></div>
  <div>Followers: <span ng-bind="followers"></span></div>
  <div>Repos: <span ng-bind="repos"></span></div>
  <div>Stars: <span ng-bind="stars"></span></div>
  <div>Forks: <span ng-bind="forks"></span></div>
  <div>Total: <span ng-bind="total"></span></div>
</div>
```

OSS Score App  
Scala Futures -> \$q Promises

View the source to see the generated angular service

```
// ng-value="client"
$scope.client = "???";
// ng-bind="server"
$scope.server = "???";
// ng-click="getClient()"
$scope.getClient = function() {
  $scope.client = clientTime.currentTime();
};
```

```
<div ng-controller="OssScoreController">
  <div class="title">Enter a GitHub ID:</div>
  <input type="text" placeholder="github_id"
    ng-model="enteredId" ng-keypress="onKeypress($event)">
    Enter a GitHub ID:
    github_id
  <div class="avatar" ng-style="{'background-image': 'url('+avatar+')'}></div>
  <div>Screen name: <span ng-bind="id"></span></div>
  <div>Repos: <span ng-bind="repos"></span></div>
  <div>Stars: <span ng-bind="stars"></span></div>
  <div>Forks: <span ng-bind="forks"></span></div>
  <div>Total: <span ng-bind="total"></span></div>
</div>
```

## Nothing interesting to see here...

```
OSS Score App
github.get($scope.enteredId).then(function(profile){
  $scope.id = profile.id;
  profile.avatar.then(function(avatar){
    $scope.avatar = avatar });
  profile.followers.then(function(count){
    $scope.followers = count });
  profile.repos.then(function(count){
    $scope.repos = count });
  profile.stars.then(function(count){
    $scope.stars = count });
```

```
case class GitHub(
  id:String,
  avatar:Future[String],
  followers:Future[Int],
  repos:Future[Int],
  stars:Future[Int],
  forks:Future[Int]
)
```

```
github.get($scope.enteredId).then(function(profile){  
    $scope.id = profile.id;  
    profile.avatar.then(function(avatar){  
        $scope.avatar = avatar });  
    profile.followers.then(function(count){  
        $scope.followers = count });  
    profile.repos.then(function(count){  
        $scope.repos = count });  
    profile.stars.then(function(count){  
        $scope.stars = count });  
    profile.forks.then(function(count){  
        $scope.forks = count });  
  
    {  
        "id": "joescii",
```

```
profile){
```

Screen name:  
Followers:  
Repos:  
Stars:  
Forks:  
Total:

```
case class GitHub(  
    id:String,  
    avatar:Future[String],  
    followers:Future[Int],  
    repos:Future[Int],  
    stars:Future[Int],  
    forks:Future[Int]  
)
```

OSS Score App  
Scala Futures -> \$q Promises

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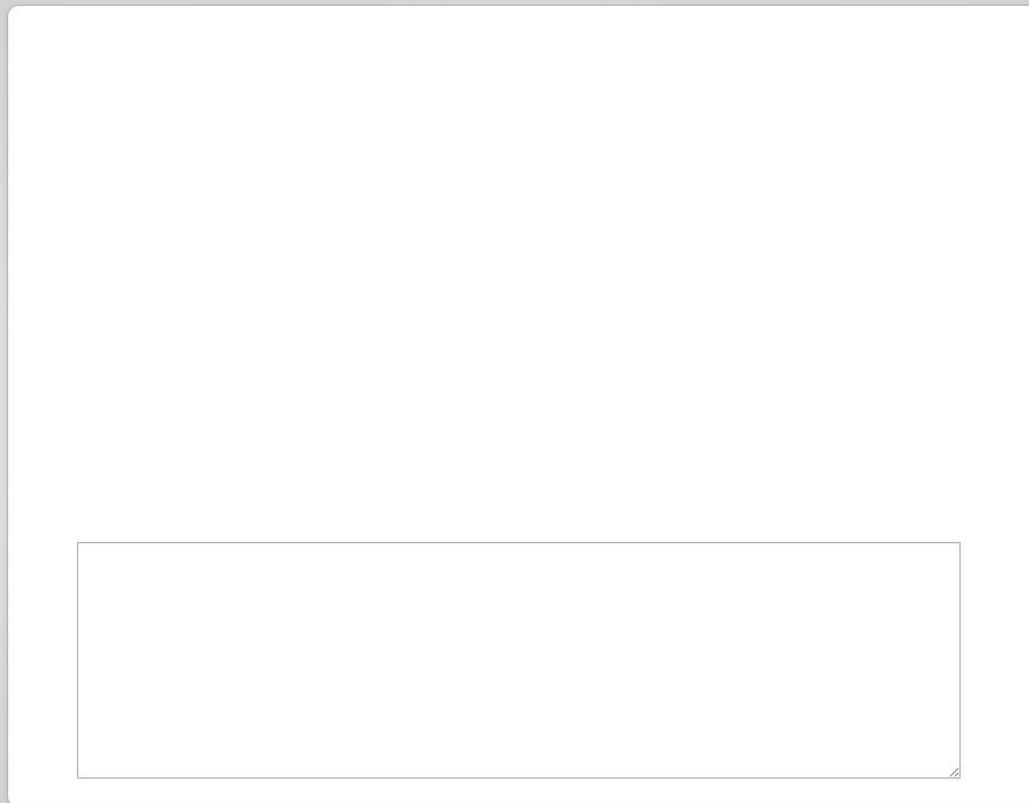
```
ture":  
    angular.module("GitHubModule")  
.future":  
    .factory("GitHub", jsObjFactory()  
        .jsonCall("get", (github:String) => {  
            val gh:GitHub = GitHub.accountFor(github)  
            Full(gh)  
        })  
    )  
ure":
```

```
{  
  "id": "joesccii",  
  "avatar": {"net.liftmodules.ngAngular.future":  
    "NGU0CXFJYBFXQWUF1RVZ"},  
  "followers": {"net.liftmodules.ngAngular.future":  
    "NGPWZRDOWPYUN15QGMGO"},  
  "repos": {"net.liftmodules.ngAngular.future":  
    "NGGOYWGGJ1V1GJXOABW"},  
  "stars": {"net.liftmodules.ngAngular.future":  
    "NGZHOHIG0BS4IJ52A5FP"},  
  "forks": {"net.liftmodules.ngAngular.future":  
    "NGAERCVUPFXNMP5QGZU3"}  
}
```

## Editor App

Binding values between client/server

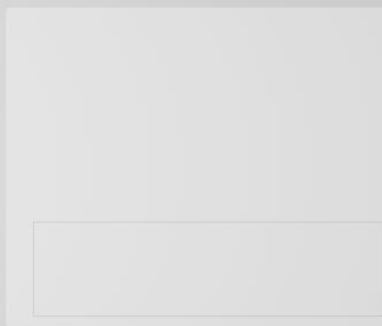
Experimental!



```
<div ng-controller="EditorController">
  <div data-lift="Angular.bind?type=InputBinder"></div>
  <div data-lift="Angular.bind?type=OutputBinder"></div>
  <div class="document" ng-bind-html="output.dom"></div>
  <textarea ng-model="input.mdtext"></textarea>
</div>
```

Editor App  
Binding values between client/server  
Experimental!

```
angular.module("EditorApp", ["ngSanitize"])
.controller("EditorController", function(){})
;
```



Editor App  
Binding values between client/server  
Experimental!

```
case class Input(mdtext:String) extends NgModel  
case class Output(dom:String) extends NgModel
```

Editor App  
Binding values between client/server  
Experimental!

```
class InputBinder
  extends SimpleNgModelBinder(
    "input",   // Bind to $scope.input
    Input("")  // Initial value
  ) with BindingToServer {
```

Editor App  
Binding values between client/server  
Experimental!

```
class OutputBinder
  extends SimpleNgModelBinder(
    "output", // Bind to $scope.output
    Output(<div></div>)
  ) with BindingToClient with SessionScope
```

```
override val onClientUpdate =
{ input:Input =>
  for {
    session <- S.session
    content <- MarkdownParser.parse(input.mdtext)
  } {
    session.sendCometActorMessage(
      "OutputBinder",
      Empty, // Comet actors optionally have names
      Output(content)
    )
  }
}
```

# Support for i18n

```
scope.sendChat = function() {
  server.send(scope.message);
  scope.message = '';
};
```

```
angular.module("ChatModule")
.factory("ChatServer", $qObjFactory()
.jsonCall("send", {chat:String} => {
  ChatServer ! chat
  Empty
}))
```

```
<div ng-controller="ChatController">
<div data-lift="comet?type=ChatComet"></div>
<ul id="chat-out"> Chat app
<li ng-repeat="m in messages track by $index"
    ng-bind="m"></li>
</ul>
<div id="chat-in">
<button ng-click="sendChat()">Send</button>
<input type="text" placeholder="Send us a message"
       ng-model="message" ng-keypress="onKeypress($event)">
</div>
```

```
object ChatServer extends LiftActor
  with ListenerManager {
  override def lowPriority = {
    case msg:String =>
      sendListenersMessage(msg)
  }
}
```

ServerTime: App  
130 requests handled  
1 angular template builds  
18 Angular Services  
901 ng Angular Services

```
<div ng-controller="TimeController">
<div class="title">Time</div>
<div>Server time at page load:</div>
<div data-lift="ServerTime.atPageLoad">
  (this div replaced at page load time)
</div>
<div>Client time:</div>
<div class="timestamp" ng-bind="clientTime">
<button ng-click="getServerTime()"/>
<div>Server time:</div>
<div class="timestamp" ng-bind="serverTime">
<div>Client time:</div>
<div class="timestamp" ng-bind="clientTime">
<button ng-click="getServerTime()"/>
<div>Server time:</div>
<div class="timestamp" ng-bind="serverTime">
```

## Support for i18n

# my-bundle.properties

hello=jHola!

bye=Adios, {0}

View the source to see the comet's  
DOM

```
$scope.messages = [];
$scope.$on("new-message",
  function(e, msg){
    $scope.messages.push(msg);
  }
);
```

Send a message

Send

```
angular.module("cometApp")
.factory("ChatServer", [liftActor,
  $controller("ChatController")])
.constant("name", "chat")
.constant("empty", {})
```

```
object ChatServer extends LiftActor
  with LiftStreamManager {
  override def lowPriority = {
    case msg:String =>
      sendListenersMessage(msg)
  }
}
```

```
class ChatComet extends AngularActor
  with CometListener {
  override def registerWith = ChatServer
  override def lowPriority = {
    case msg:String =>
      scope.emit("new-message", msg)
  }
}
```

```
<div ng-controller="TimeController" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-bottom: 10px;">
<div class="time" style="background-color: #f0f0f0; border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">
<div data-lift="ServerTime" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">(this one replaced by page load time)
</div>
<div>Client Time:</div>
<div class="clientTime" ng-bind="clientTime" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">(this one replaced by page load time)
</div>
<button ng-click="getServer()" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Get Server Time
</button>
<div class="serverTime" ng-bind="serverTime" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">(this one replaced by page load time)
</div>
<button ng-click="getServer()" style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">Get Server Time
</button>
</div>
```

```
// setting up module
def service = renderIfNotAlready
angular.module("ServerTime")
.factory("ServerTime", [liftCall("currentTime")]
))
```

```
<script data-lift=">
```

```
# my-bundle.properties  
hello=¡Hola!  
bye=Adios, {0}
```

```
angular.module('ExampleApp', ['i18n'])
.controller('ExampleController',
[ '$scope', 'my-bundle',
function($scope, i18n) {
    $scope.hello = i18n.hello;
    $scope.bye = i18n.bye($scope.username);
}]);
```

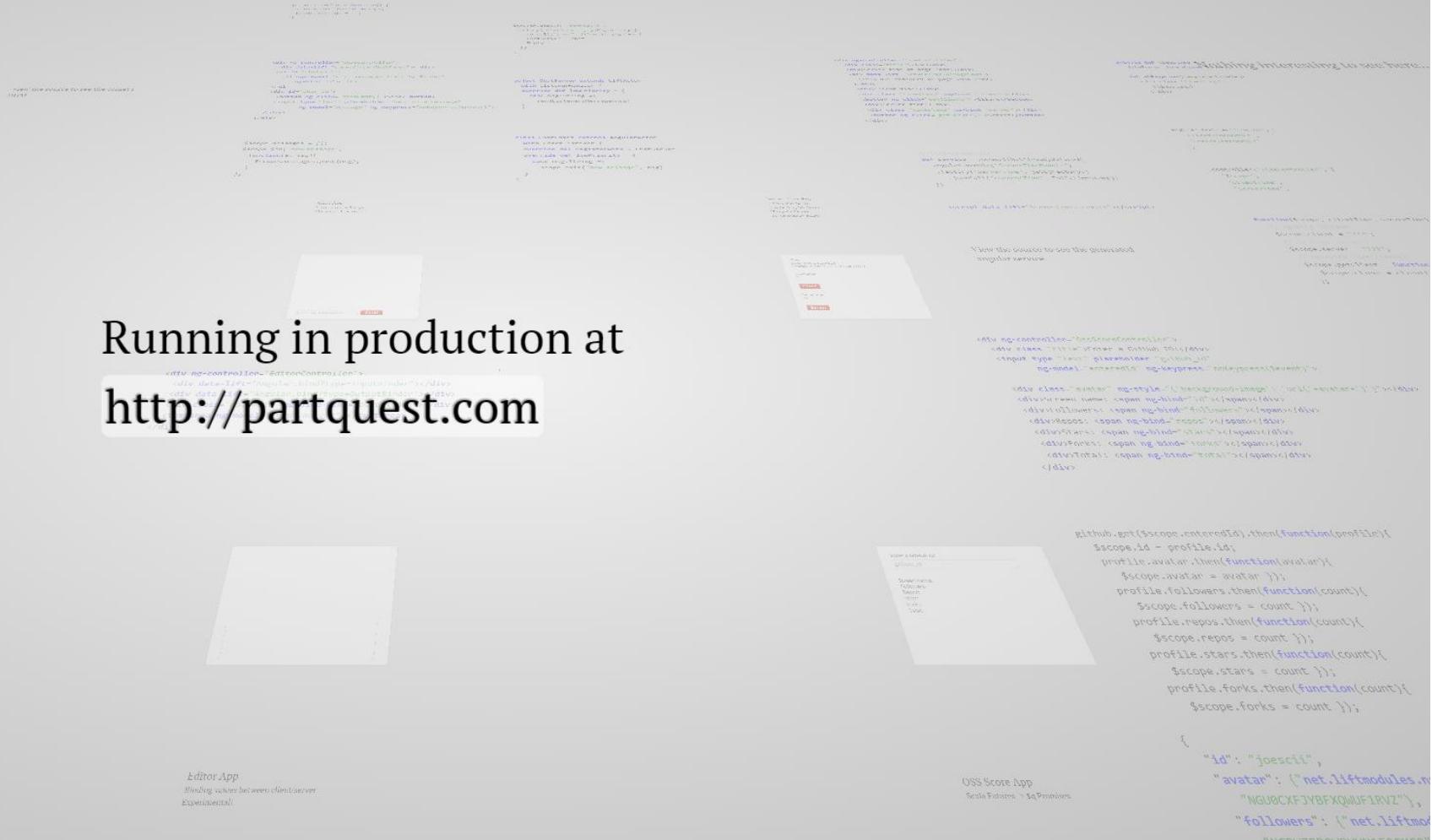
[View the source to see the generated angular service](#)

Enter

```
[ '$scope', 'my-bundle',
  function($scope, i18n) {
    $scope.hello = i18n.hello;
    $scope.bye = i18n.bye($scope.username);
  }
]);
```

All of this is available now (0.7.0)

All of this is available now (0.7.0)



Running in production at  
<http://partquest.com>

Improvements are on the way

```
angular.module("MyModule")
  .factory("MyFactory", jsObjFactory())
```

```
angular.module("MyModule")
  .factory("MyFactory", jsObjFactory()
    .defs(callServer = (arg:String) => Service call arg)
    .vals(aConst = "Evaluated at page-load!")
  )
```

Currently can only push to a \$scope.  
Find a way to tie a comet actor to a  
factory.

And maybe we'll dig into Angular 2

Every feature is covered with either a unit test or Selenium integration test. I'm keenly interested in not breaking anything.

Thank you for your interest!

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