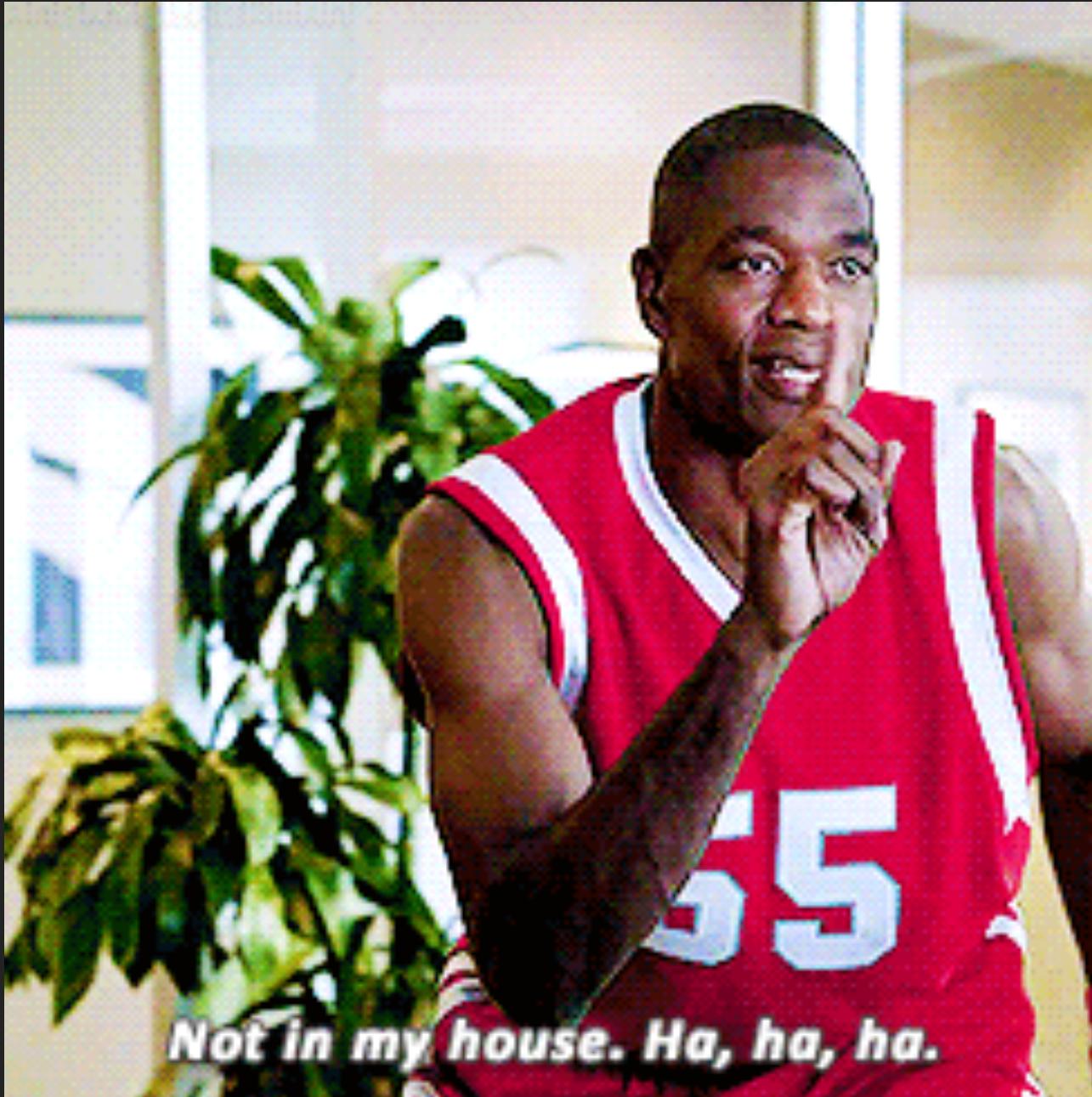


# REACT+ WORDPRESS

a match made in heaven



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**JAVASCRIPT/FRONTEND:  
SLICEENGINE, VIDSCRIP,  
OTHER STARTUPS**

If I had a dollar for everytime I got distracted, I wish I had some ice cream.

someecards  
user card





I don't have attention deficit disorder...

I have this isn't interesting enough to pay attention to disorder.



someecards  
user card

**BROTY  
+ DECONGESTANTS  
+ COFFEE  
+ NERVES**



# WHAT THIS TALK SHOULD BE

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“

CONFERENCE SESSIONS SHOULD NEVER  
AIM TO TEACH THE AUDIENCE SOMETHING,  
BUT RATHER INSPIRE THEM TO WANT TO  
LEARN.

- TED NEWARD

# WHAT WE'RE COVERING

(I hear Dwayne, et  
al, have awesome  
sessions)

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## WTF IS A SPA? WHY A SPA?

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## WHY / WHY NOT REACT?

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## REACT + WORDPRESS

01

# WHAT IS A SPA?

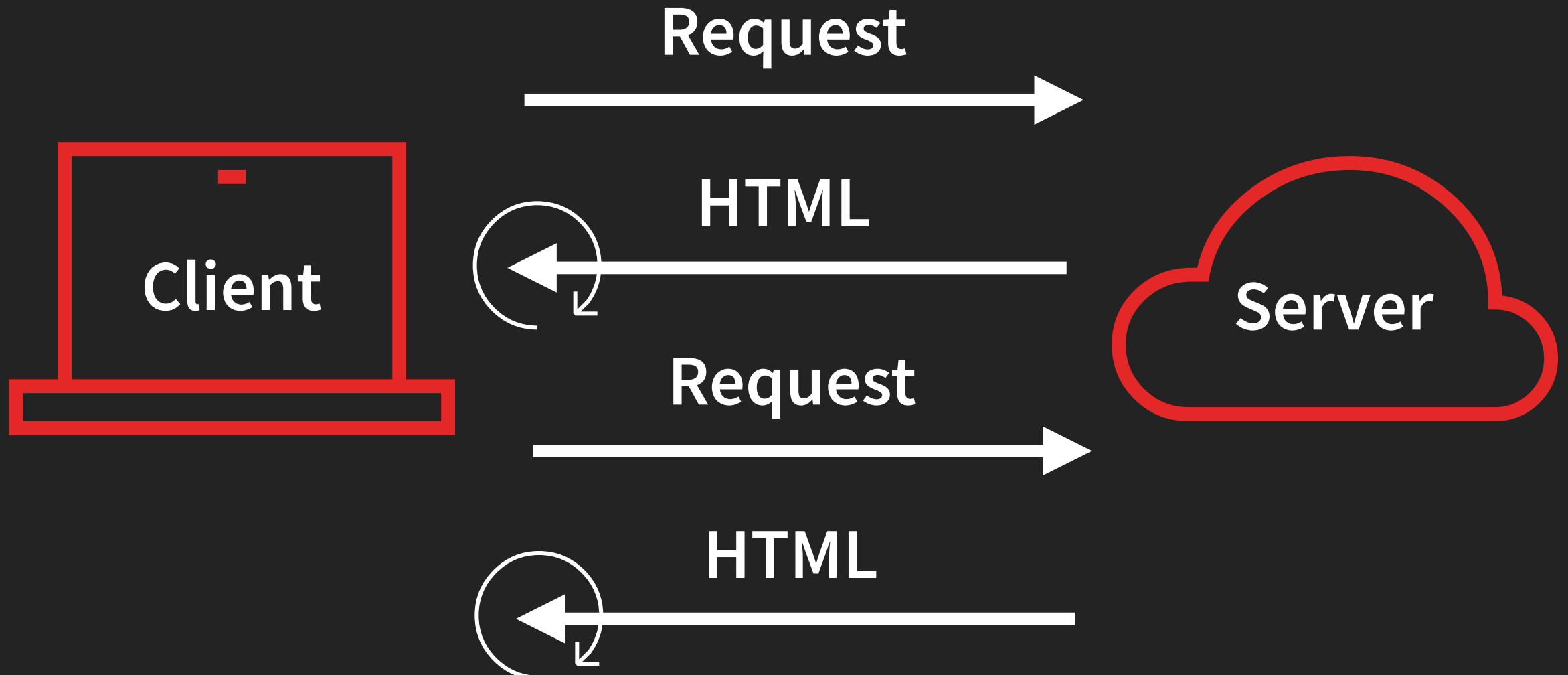


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# WHAT IS A SPA?

Single Page App

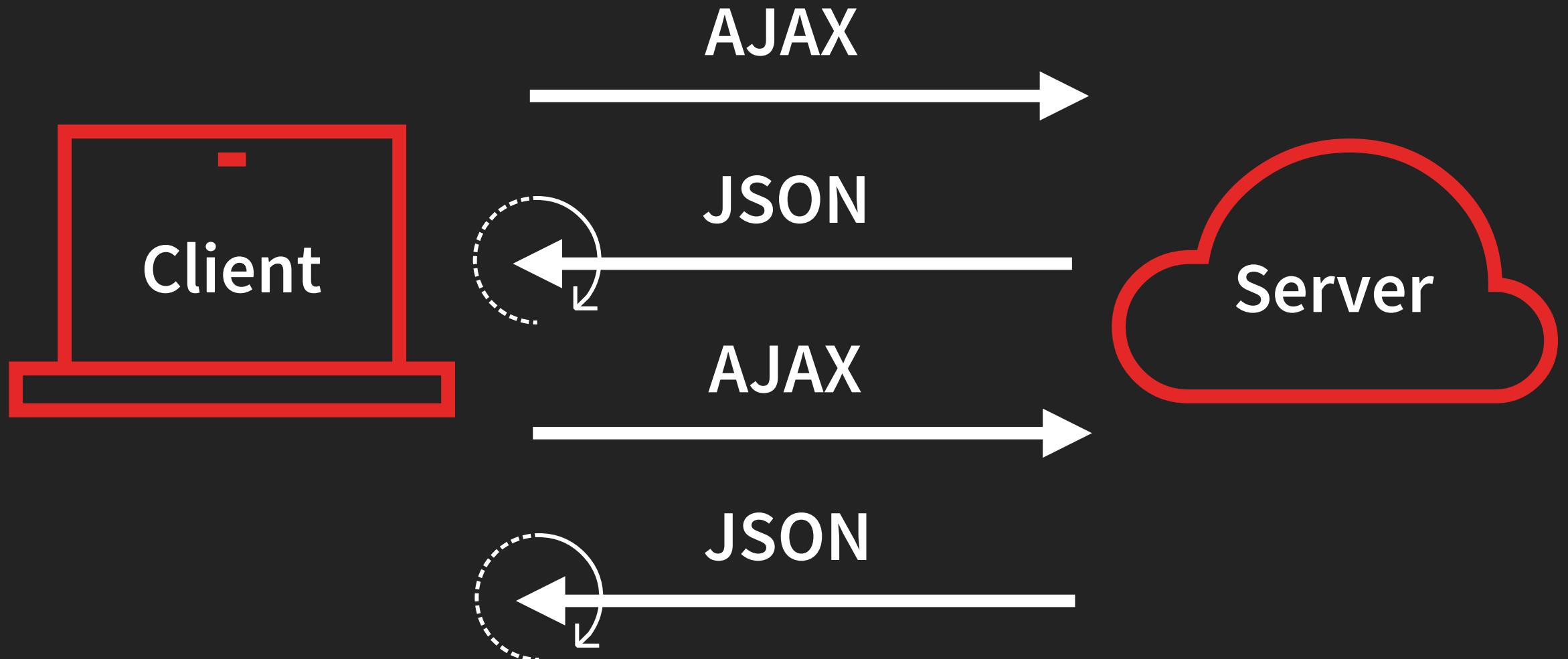
# TYPICAL WEB SITE:



# SINGLE PAGE APP:



# SINGLE PAGE APP:



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# THE SPA ADVANTAGE

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SCALES WITH LARGE  
DATA SETS



FASTER ON SUBSEQUENT  
PAGE LOADS



FRONT-END CODE IS  
EASIER TO TEST



OFFLOADS PROCESSING TO  
CLIENTS



02

# WHY REACT?

#yoloGangs

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# WHY REACT?



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# WHY REACT?

2014: THE YEAR OF VANILLA JAVASCRIPT



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# WHY REACT?

**2016: THE YEAR OF THE FRAMEWORK**

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# WHY REACT?



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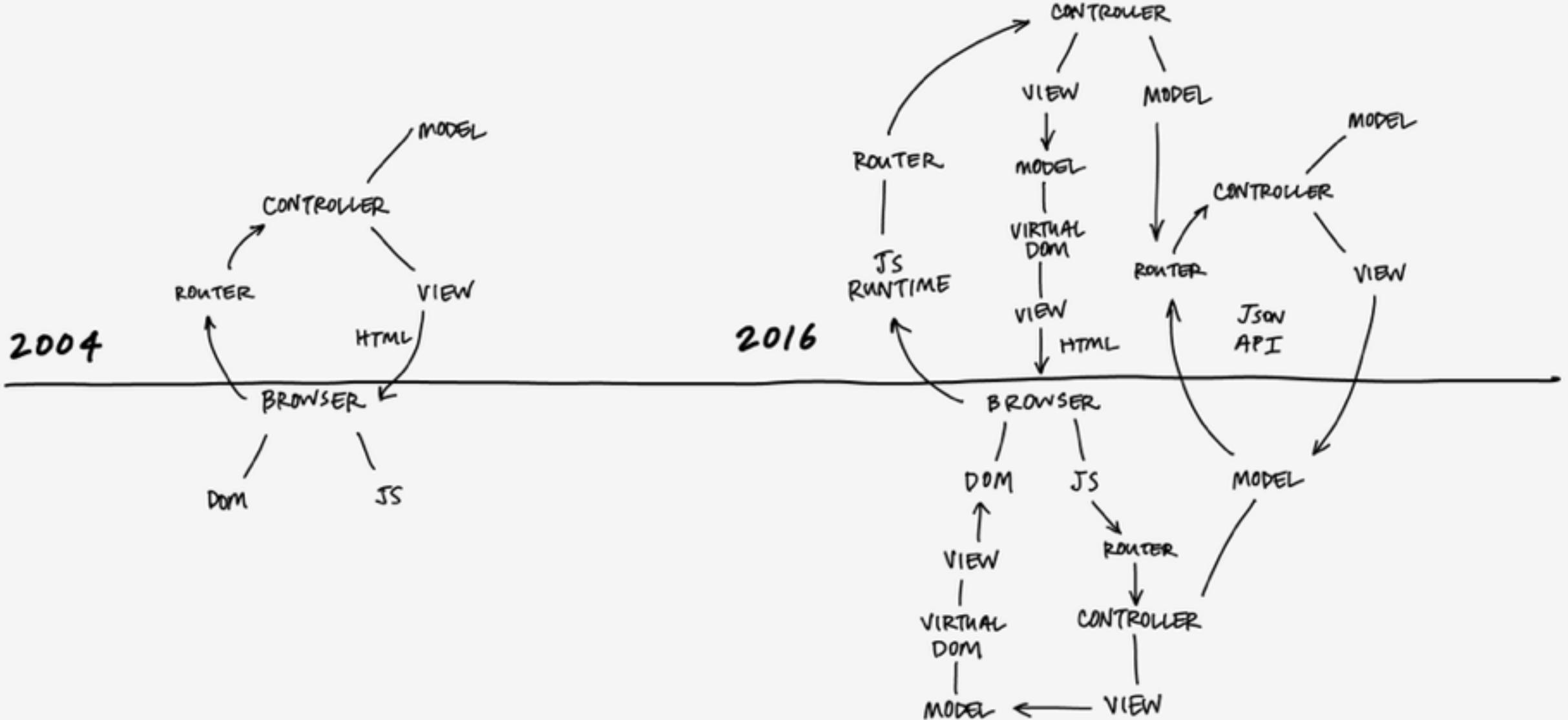
# WHY REACT?



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# WHY REACT?







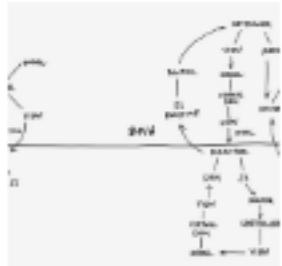
**Ada Rose Edwards**

@Lady\_Ada\_King



 Follow

The nice thing about the web is the diagram on the left hand side still applies if you want it to.



**Sam Stephenson** @sstephenson

12 years of progress?

RETWEETS

**20**

LIKES

**28**



10:55 AM - 10 May 2016



...



02

# WHY REACT?



JSX IS OUTSTANDING

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# WHY REACT?

(

```
<article className="some-blog-post">
  <header className="post_header">
    <h1>
      {post.title.replace(' ', '')}
    </h1>
    <aside className="byline">
      {generatePostAuthorLink(post.author)}
    </aside>
  </header>
  <div className="post_content">
    {post.content}
  </div>
  ...
</article>
```

)

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# WHY REACT?

```
(  
  <article className="some-blog-post">  
    <PostHeader title={post.title} author={post.author} />  
    <PostContent content={post.content} />  
    <PostFooter categories={post.categories} />  
  </article>  
)
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
(  
  this.state.posts.map((post) => {  
    return (  
      <article className="some-blog-post">  
        <PostHeader title={post.title} author={post.author} />  
        <PostContent content={post.content} />  
        <PostFooter categories={post.categories} />  
      </article>  
    )  
  })  
)
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
(  
  {this.state.showPost == true ? (  
    <article className="some-blog-post">  
      <PostHeader title={post.title} author={post.author} />  
      <PostContent content={post.content} />  
      <PostFooter categories={post.categories} />  
    </article>  
  ) : null }  
)
```

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# WHY REACT?



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REACT SYNTAX IS SIMPLE

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# WHY REACT?

```
(  
  <article className="some-blog-post">  
    <PostHeader title={post.title} author={post.author} />  
    <PostContent content={post.content} />  
    <PostFooter categories={post.categories} />  
  </article>  
)
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  componentWillMount() { }  
  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  componentWillMount() { }  
  componentDidMount() { }  
  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  componentWillMount() { }  
  componentDidMount() { }  
  componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) { }  
  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  componentWillMount() { }  
  componentDidMount() { }  
  componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) { }  
  shouldComponentUpdate(nextProps,nextState) { //can return false }  
}
```

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
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  componentWillUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { }  
}  
  
```

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# WHY REACT?

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
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  componentDidMount() { }  
  componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) { }  
  shouldComponentUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { //can return false }  
  componentWillUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { }  
  componentDidUpdate(prevProps, prevState)  
  
}
```

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
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  componentWillUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { }  
  componentDidUpdate(prevProps, prevState)  
  componentWillUnmount() { }  
}
```

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
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  shouldComponentUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { //can return false }  
  componentWillUpdate(nextProps, nextState) { }  
  componentDidUpdate(prevProps, prevState)  
  componentWillUnmount() { }  
  
  render() { }  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <header className="post_header">  
        <a href={this.props.permalink} target="_blank">  
          <h1>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
        </a>  
        <aside className="byline">  
          {this.props.author}  
        </aside>  
      </header>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

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          <h1>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
        </a>  
        <aside className="byline"  
              onClick={this.showAuthorModal.bind(this)}>  
          {this.props.author}  
        </aside>  
      </header>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
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        <a href={this.props.permalink} target="_blank">  
          <h1>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
        </a>  
        {this.props.author != this.state.user ? (  
          <aside className="byline"  
            onClick={this.showAuthorModal.bind(this)}>  
            {this.props.author}  
          </aside>  
        ) : null }  
      </header>  
    )
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <header className="post_header">  
        <a onClick={this.props.openPostIniFrame.bind(this)}>  
          <h1>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
        </a>  
        {this.props.author != this.state.user ? (  
          <aside className="byline"  
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class PostHeader extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <header className="post__header">  
        <h1 role="button"  
          onClick={this.props.openPostIniFrame.bind(this)}  
          className={classNames({'read-title': this.hasRead()})}>  
          {this.props.title}  
        </h1>  
        {this.props.author != this.state.user ? (  
          <aside className="byline"  
            onClick={this.showAuthorModal.bind(this)}>  
            {this.props.author}  
          </aside>  
        ) : null }  
      </header>  
    )
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class PostHeader extends Component {  
  render() {  
    if(this.props.isFetchingPosts == true) {  
      return <LoadingSpinner />  
    } else {  
      return (  
        <header className="post__header">  
          <h1 role="button"  
            onClick={this.props.openPostIniFrame.bind(this)}  
            className={classNames({'read-title': this.hasRead()})}>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
          {this.props.author != this.state.user ? (  
            <aside className="byline"  
              onClick={this.showAuthorModal.bind(this)}>  
              {this.props.author}  
            </aside>
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
class Post extends Component {  
  render() {  
    if(this.props.isFetchingPosts == true) {  
      return <LoadingSpinner />  
    } else {  
      return (  
        <article className="some-blog-post">  
          <PostHeader title={post.title} author={post.author} />  
          <PostContent content={post.content} />  
          <PostFooter categories={post.categories} />  
        </article>  
      )  
    }  
  }  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?



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REACT FAILS FAST AT COMPILE TIME

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# WHY REACT?

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class PostHeader extends Component {  
  render() {  
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        <a href={this.props.permalink} target="_blank">  
          <h1>  
            {this.props.title}  
          </h1>  
        </a>  
        <aside className="byline">  
          {this.props.author}  
        </aside>  
      </header>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
ERROR in ./src/components/content/PostHeader/PostHeader.jsx
Module build failed: SyntaxError: /Users/joshbroton/dev/git/vidscrip/site/src/components/content/PostHeader/PostHeader.js
x: Unexpected token (13:46)
 11 |         return (
 12 |             <header className="post__header">
> 13 |                 <a href={this.props.permalink} target="_blank">
   |                           ^
 14 |                     <h1>
 15 |                         {this.props.title}
 16 |                     </h1>
```

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# WHY REACT?

```
● ▶ ./src/components/content/PostHeader/PostHeader.jsx      client:47
Module build failed: SyntaxError:
/Users/joshbroton/dev/git/vidscript/site/src/components/content/PostHeade
r/PostHeader.jsx: Unexpected token (13:46)
  11 |         return (
  12 |             <header className="post__header">
> 13 |                 <a href={this.props.permalink} target="_blank">
   14 |                     ^
   15 |                     <h1>
   16 |                         {this.props.title}
</h1>
    at Parser.pp.raise
```

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**THE DEVELOPER TOOLS ARE INCREDIBLE**

# **REACT** **DEVELOPER** **EXPERIENCE**

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Hot reloading, Chrome  
React Extension, JSX  
compile-time checks,  
verbose error messages

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SPEED. GLORIOUS, GLORIOUS SPEED

# HOW FAST IS REACT?

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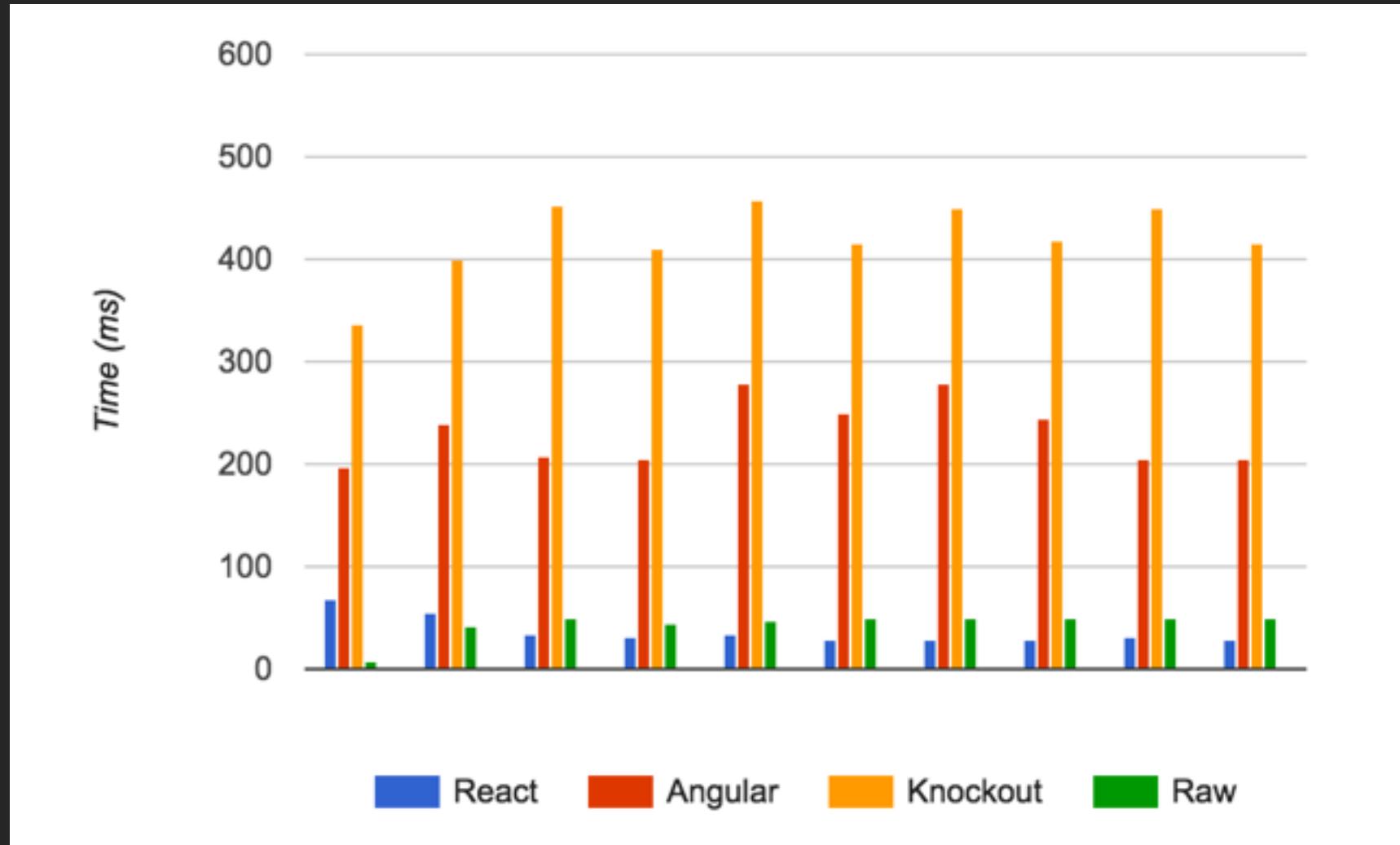


# **HOW FAST IS REACT?**

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10x faster than Angular  
18x faster than Knockout  
3x faster than DOM manipulation with jQuery

# HOW FAST IS REACT?



**HOW  
FAST IS  
REACT?**

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## **LIBRARY/FRAMEWORK SIZE:**

Angular 2: 566k (766k with RxJS)

Ember: 435k

Angular 1: 143k

React + Redux: 139k

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# REACT + WORDPRESS



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**THE WP REST API:**  
**THE FUTURE OF WORDPRESS AND THE WEB**

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

WP REST API

[Deactivate](#) | [Edit](#)

JSON-based REST API for WordPress, originally developed as part of GSoC 2013.

Version 2.0-beta13 | By [WP REST API Team](#) | [View details](#)

```
[ - {  
    id: 1628,  
    date: "2016-04-01T02:32:21",  
    date_gmt: "2016-04-01T02:32:21",  
    guid: {  
        rendered: "http://joshbroton.com/?p=1628"  
    },  
    modified: "2016-04-01T02:51:13",  
    modified_gmt: "2016-04-01T02:51:13",  
    slug: "so-you-want-to-change-the-gravity-forms-form-tag",  
    type: "post",  
    link: "http://joshbroton.com/so-you-want-to-change-the-gravity-forms-form-tag/",  
    title: {  
        rendered: "So You Want to Change the Gravity Forms Form Tag";  
    },  
    content: {  
        rendered: "<p>I had an interesting request from a client today. They use <a href='http://www.pardot.com/' onclick='__gaTracker('send', 'event', 'outbound-article', 'http://www.pardot.com/', 'Pardot');' target='_blank">Pardot</a> to integrate with the forms on their old website, and wanted to do the same with their new WordPress theme. We're using the always spectacular <a href='http://www.gravityforms.com/' onclick='__gaTracker('send', 'event', 'outbound-article', 'http://www.gravityforms.com/', 'Gravity Forms');'>Gravity Forms</a> for the forms on the site. </p> <p>I did the integrations, and we got an error.</p> <pre> The form enc type appears to be incompatible with our pardot form handler according to this article: Wrong Enctype Pardot form handlers can only be integrated with forms using an empty enctype attribute or an enctype of application/x-www-form-urlencoded. Pardot doesn't accept an enctype of multipart/form-data. </pre> <p>I didn't realize (but now it makes perfect sense) that Gravity Forms defaults to enctype=&#8221;multipart/form-data&#8221;. I scoured the Gravity Forms settings, looking for a way to switch that to the correct enctype without any luck. I hit up a good friend of mine, <a href='https://twitter.com/projectgoboy' onclick='__gaTracker('send', 'event', 'outbound-article', 'https://twitter.com/projectgoboy', 'Rob Harrell');' target='_blank">Rob Harrell</a>, on Twitter, asking if there was a way to edit the form. Thankfully, there is. He sent me <a href='https://www.gravityhelp.com/documentation/article/gform_form_tag/' onclick='__gaTracker('send', 'event', 'outbound-article', 'https://www.gravityhelp.com/documentation/article/gform_form_tag/');'>this page about a filter a developer can use to edit the form tag output by Gravity Forms';>this page about a filter a developer can use to edit the form tag output by Gravity Forms</a>.</p> <p>I added this code to the functions.php file to change the enctype of the form:</p> <pre> add_filter( 'gform_form_tag', 'form_tag', 10, 2 ); function form_tag( $form_tag, $form ) { if ( $form['id'] != 1 ) { //not the form whose tag you want to change, return the unchanged tag return $form_tag; } $form_tag = preg_replace( "|enctype='(.*)'|", "enctype='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'", $form_tag ); return $form_tag; } </pre> <p>Breaking down that code:</p> <pre> //Enter the ID of the form you want to alter here: if ( $form['id'] != 1 ) { //Alter the <form> tag however you like here: $form_tag = preg_replace( "|enctype='(.*)'|", "enctype='application/x-www-form-urlencoded'", $form_tag ); //This can be just about any replacement you want, or you can just return a new string that is the new form tag return '<form class="gravity-form-or-some-other-class" action="post.php" enctype="application/x-www-form-urlencoded">' </pre> <p>Pardot is picky about the form they integrate with, and thankfully the Gravity Forms developers made it possible to alter the &lt;form&gt; tag however we need to.</p> "  
    },  
    excerpt: {  
        rendered: "<p>I had an interesting request from a client today. They use Pardot to integrate with the forms on their old website, and wanted to do the same with their new WordPress theme. We're using the always spectacular Gravity Forms for &hellip; <a href='http://joshbroton.com/so-you-want-to-change-the-gravity-forms-form-tag/'>Continued</a></p> "  
    },
```

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

```
<article id="post-<?php the_ID(); ?>" <?php post_class('post'); ?>
    role="article" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/BlogPosting">
    <header class="content_header post_header">
        <h1 class="content_title post_title"
            title="<?php the_title_attribute(); ?>" itemprop="headline">
            <?php the_title(); ?>
        </h1>
        <aside class="byline vcard">
            <time class="byline_date updated" datetime="<?php echo
the_time('Y-m-j'); ?>" pubdate>
                <?php the_time(get_option('date_format')) ; ?>
            </time>
            by
            <span class="byline_author"><?php the_author_posts_link(); ?></
span>
        </aside>
    </header>
```

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

```
class PostView extends Component {  
  componentWillMount() {  
    document.body.classList.add('post-list', 'blog');  
  }  
  componentWillUnmount() {  
    document.body.classList.remove('post-list', 'blog');  
  }  
  render() {  
    return (  
      //Your JSX goes here  
    )  
  }  
}
```

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

```
<article id={'post-' + post.id} className="post"
  role="article" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/BlogPosting">
  <header class="content_header post_header">
    <h1 class="content_title post_title" itemprop="headline">
      {post.title}
    </h1>
    <aside class="byline vcard">
      <time class="byline_date updated">
        {moment(post.date).format()}
      </time>
      by <span class="byline_author">{post.author}</span>
    </aside>
  </header>
  <section class="post_content" itemprop="articleBody">
    <PostThumbnail post={post} />
    <div class="content--inner post_content--inner">(); ?>
      {post.excerpt? post.excerpt : post.content}
```

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

```
<article id={'post-' + post.id} className="post"
  role="article" itemscope itemtype="http://schema.org/BlogPosting">
  <PostHeaderView title={post.title}
    date={post.date}
    author={post.author} />
  <PostContentView thumbnail={post.thumbnail}
    content={post.content} />
  <PostFooterView categories={post.categories}
    tags={post.tags} />
</article>
```

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# REACT + WORDPRESS

```
<PostView post={post} />

<section className="posts--list">
  { posts.map((post) => { return <PostView post={post} /> })}
</section>
```

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# HEADLESS WORDPRESS

1. index.php file

2. change

```
define('WP_USE_THEMES', true);
```

to

```
define('WP_USE_THEMES', false);
```

3. You're done!

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# HEADLESS WORDPRESS

1. front-page.php file
2. ©2016 api.joshbrotон.com
3. You're done!

# MORE RESOURCES

- <https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/getting-started.html>
- <https://frontendmasters.com/courses/>
- <http://tri.be/blog/redux-react-and-the-wordpress-rest-api-v2/>
- <https://camjackson.net/post/9-things-every-reactjs-beginner-should-know>
- <https://github.com/reactjs/react-a11y>

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