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Why Consider Svelte?

- Better performance
 - reactivity without using a virtual DOM
- Smaller bundle sizes
 - much smaller framework library needed at runtime
 - example Todo app is 13% size of same app in React
 - see https://github.com/mvolkmann/svelte-todo and https://github.com/mvolkmann/react-todo
- Easier state management
 - component variables, context, stores, and module context
- But ...
 - no TypeScript support yet, but it is coming
 - https://github.com/sveltejs/svelte/issues/1639
 - "Svelte Native" perhaps not yet as mature as React Native
 - builds on NativeScript for creating mobile apps

Svelte Overview ...

- Alternative to web frameworks like React, Vue, and Angular
- A web application complier, not a runtime library
 - implemented in TypeScript
 - compiles .svelte files to a single JavaScript file
 - no Svelte runtime dependencies, only devDependencies
- Developed by Rich Harris
 - formerly at "The Guardian"; currently at "The New York Times"
 - previously created Ractive web framework https://ractive.js.org/
 - used at "The Guardian"
 - inspired parts of Vue
 - created Rollup module bundler https://rollupjs.org/
 - alternative to Webpack and Parcel
- Can build entire app or create custom elements that can be used in existing apps implemented with other frameworks

... Svelte Overview

- Supports reactivity, not a virtual DOM
 - top-level component variables are watched for changes
- Faster than apps built with most other frameworks
 - mostly because it doesn't need to build a virtual DOM and perform DOM diffing
 - more suitable for running on low-powered devices
- Delivered code is much smaller
 - uses Rollup by default for module bundling, but can also use Webpack or Parcel
 - create production build with npm run build
 - https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/a-realworld-comparison-of-front-end-frameworks-with-benchmarks-2019-update-4be0d3c78075/
 - gzipped app size in KBs: Angular+ngrx: 134, React+Redux: 193, Vue: 41.8, Svelte: 9.7
- Provides live reload
- Provides runtime warnings for accessibility issues
 - ex. missing an alt attribute on an img element; using autofocus

Does It Disappear?

- Some say Svelte disappears once an app is built
- The Svelte library is mostly defined by .js files in node_modules/svelte
 - main functions are defined in internal.js which is currently ~1400 line of code
 - other library files used for specific features
 - easing.js, motion.js, register.js, store.js, transition.js
- npm run build produces files in public directory
 - including bundle.js
- Svelte library functions that are used by the app are copied to the top of bundle.js
 - in the case of the Todo app shown later, this is ~500 lines of code
- So Svelte doesn't disappear, it is just very small

Svelte Resources

- My long article
 - https://objectcomputing.com/resources/publications/sett/july-2019-web-dev-simplified-with-svelte
- "Rethinking reactivity" https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AdNJ3fydeao
 - talk by Rich Harris at "You Gotta Love Frontend (YGLF) Code Camp 2019"
- Home page https://svelte.dev
- Tutorial https://svelte.dev/tutorial
- API Docs https://svelte.dev/docs
- Examples https://svelte.dev/examples
- Online REPL https://svelte.dev/repl
 - great for trying small amounts of Svelte code; can save for sharing and submitting issues
- Blog https://svelte.dev/blog
- Discord chat room https://discordapp.com/invite/yy75DKs
- GitHub https://github.com/sveltejs/svelte

Creating a Project

- Install Node.js from https://nodejs.org
 - installs node, npm, and npx commands
- Approach #1
 - npx degit sveltejs/template app-name
 - degit is useful for project scaffolding
- Approach #2
 - browse https://svelte.dev/repl
 - click download button
 - unzip downloaded zip file

degit was created by Rich Harris. It downloads a git repo, by default the master branch. In this case sveltejs is the user name and template is the repo. The second argument is the name of the directory to create.

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Installing and Running

- cd app-name
- npm install
- npm run dev
 - provides live reload, unlike npm run start
 - syntax errors are reported in window where this is running, not in browser because it doesn't produce a new version of the app if there are errors
- Browse localhost:5000
- Just renders "Hello world!"

Generated index.html

In public/index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<html>
<head>
   <meta charset='utf8'>
   <meta name='viewport' content='width=device-width'>
   <title>Svelte app</title>
   <link rel='icon' type='image/png' href='favicon.png'> the Svelte logo
   <link rel='stylesheet' href='global.css'> non-scoped CSS
   <link rel='stylesheet' href='bundle.css'> | scoped CSS from .svelte files
</head>
<body>
                                        bundled JavaScript code
   <script src='bundle.js'></script>
                                        from .js and .svelte files
</body>
</html>
```

Generated Source Files

uses tabs for indentation by default

In src/main.js

```
import App from './App.svelte';

const app = new App({
   target: document.body, where to render
   props: {
       name: 'world'
   }
});

export default app;
```

In src/App.svelte

```
<script>
    export let name;
</script>

<style>
    h1 {
       color: purple;
    }
</style>
<h1>Hello {name}!</h1>
```

Curly braces (interpolation) are used to output the value of a JavaScript expression. They are also used for dynamic attribute values.

Defining Components

- Angular uses classes
- React uses functions or classes
- **Vue** uses object literals
- Svelte doesn't use any container
- JavaScript, CSS, and HTML in source files are combined to form the component definition which automatically becomes the default export

Svelte Components

- Implemented in .svelte files under src directory
- Three sections, all optional

```
<script>
  // Scoped JavaScript goes here.
</script>

<style>
  /* Scoped CSS rules go here. */
</style>
<!-- HTML to render goes here. -->
```

Note the different comment syntax that can be used in each section.

Component Names

- Svelte component definitions do not specify a component name
 - not provided inside source file by a class name, function name, or property value like in other frameworks
- Name is associated when imported and <u>must start uppercase</u>
- Lowercase names are reserved
 - for predefined elements like those in HTML and SVG
- Example

```
// Somewhat confusing
import AnyNameIWant from './some-name.svelte';
// Less confusing
import SameName from './SameName.svelte';
```

Sharing Data

Four ways to share data between Svelte components

Props

pass data from parent components to child components

Contexts

ancestor components make data available to descendant components

Stores

store data outside any component and make available to all

Module Scope

 store data in component modules and make available to all instances of the component

These builtin approaches are so useful that there is no need for state management libraries!

Props ...

- Components can accept input through props
- Specified as attributes on a component element in parent components
- Declared in <script> section of component with export keyword
 - using valid JavaScript syntax in a Svelte-specific way
- Example
 - in parent component

```
<script>
  import Hello from './Hello.svelte';

</script>
  prop values that are expressions or non-string literals

<Hello name="Mark" /> are surrounded by curly braces instead of quotes
```

in child component defined in Hello.svelte

```
<script>
  export let name = 'World';
</script>

<div>
  Hello, {name}!
</div>

must use let, not const;
assigning a default value is optional
```

... Props

 Currently there is no prop type checking like in React, Vue, and Angular

Attributes

Attribute values can be supplied from JavaScript expressions

```
<element-name attribute-name={expression} />
```

Can embed expressions in string values

```
example <Person fullName="{firstName} {middleInitial}. {lastName}" />
```

- Shorthand syntax if value is in variable with same name as attribute
 - <Person {fullName} /> is same as <Person fullName={fullName} />
- Can use spread operator
 - if attributes are in an object where keys are attribute names and values are their values

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Styling

- Styles in <style> tags of .svelte files
 are automatically scoped to component
 - adds same CSS class named svelte-hash to all rendered tags
- Global styles go in public/global.css
- Can use /* */ comments, but not //
- "svelte3" ESLint plugin warns about unused CSS selectors
- Can conditionally add a CSS class to an element
 - example <div class:error={status > 0}>{result}</div>

CSS class error is only added if status is greater than zero

Importing Components

- Components can import others inside their script tag
 - example import Other from './Other.svelte';
- Imported components can then be used in HTML section

Inserting HTML



To render a JavaScript expression whose value is an HTML string

```
{@html expression}
```

- Example
 - suppose markup is a variable that holds a string of HTML

- Cross-site Scripting
 - escape HTML from untrusted sources to avoid this

Reactivity

- Changes to <u>top-level variables</u> referenced in interpolations automatically cause those interpolations to be reevaluated
- Example

```
<script>
  let count = 0;
  const increment = () => count++;
</script>

<div>count = {count}</div>
<button on:click={increment}>+</button>
```

- Must assign a new value to trigger
 - pushing new elements onto an array doesn't do this

```
myArr = myArr.concat(newValue);
works

myArr = [...myArr, newValue];

// Alternative trick
myArr.push(newValue);
myArr = myArr;
works
```

Reactive Declarations

\$: is a "labeled statement" with label name "\$" that Svelte treats as a "reactive declaration" Labeled statements can be used as targets of break and continue statements. It is not an error in JavaScript to use same label more than once in same scope.

- Add as a prefix on <u>top-level statements</u> that should be repeated whenever any referenced variables change
- Examples

```
$: average = total / count;
$: console.log('count =', count);
```

like "computed properties" in Vue

great for debugging

when applied to an assignment to an undeclared variable the let keyword is not allowed

Can apply to a block

```
$: {
   // statements to repeat go here
}
```

Can apply to multiline statements like if statements

```
$: if (someCondition) {
   // body statements
}
```

executes if any variables referenced in condition or body change, but of course the body only executes when condition is true for example, if condition includes calls to functions, they will be called if any references in the body have changed

Logic in Markup

Three approaches for conditional and iteration logic

React

uses JSX where logic is implemented by JavaScript code in curly braces

Angular and Vue

- support framework-specific attributes for logic
- ex. ngIf, ngFor, v-if, v-for, ...

Svelte

- supports mustache-like custom syntax that wraps elements
- ex. {#if} and {#each}

Markup if Statement

- Begin with {#if condition}
 - starting with # indicates a block opening tag
- Can use {:else if condition} and {:else}
 - starting with: indicates a block continuation tag
- End with {/if}
 - starting with / indicates a block ending tag
- Include markup to be conditionally rendered
- Example

```
{#if color === 'yellow'}
    <div>Nice color!</div>
{:else if color === 'orange'}
    <div>That's okay too.</div>
{:else}
    <div>Questionable choice.</div>
{/if}
```

Markup each Statement ...

- Begin with {#each iterable as element}
 - include markup to be rendered for each element
- Optional {:else}
 - renders when iterable is empty
- End with {/each}
- Examples

```
{#each colors as color}
  <div style='color: {color}'>{color}</div>
{/each}
```

```
{#each colors as color, index}
  <div>{index + 1}) {color}</div>
{/each}

1) red
2) green
3) blue
```

```
{#each people as {name, age}}
  <div>{name} is {age} years old.</div>
{:else}
  <div>There are no people.</div>
{/each}
```

can use destructuring when elements are objects

red

green blue

... Markup each Statement

- Need a <u>unique identifier</u> for each element if items will be added, removed, or modified
 - similar to a key in React and Vue
- Example

```
{#each people as person (person.id)}
  <div>{person.name} is {person.age} years old.</div>
{/each}
```

Promises in Markup



- Can wait for promises to resolve or reject in markup and render different markup for each
- Examples
 - assuming getData function returns a Promise

```
{#await getData()}
  <div>Waiting for data ...</div>
{: then result}
  <div>result = {result}</div>
{: catch error}
  <div class="error">Error: {error.message}</div>
{/await}
```

Slots

- Allow child content to be passed to a component
- Component can decide whether and where to render it
- - note that whitespace counts as child content

```
<ShippingLabel>
  Mark Volkmann<br />
  123 Some Street<br />
  Somewhere, Some State 12345
</ShippingLabel>
<ShippingLabel />
  no content
```

Ship To:

Mark Volkmann 123 Some Street Somewhere, Some State 12345 Ship To: unknown

```
<style> ShippingLabel.svelte
label {
    display: block;
    font-weight: bold;
}
</style>

<div>
    <label>Ship To:</label>
    <slot>unknown</slot>
</div>
```

Named Slots

<style>

```
<slot name="slotName">default content</slot> is a named slot
```

- Can have any number of these
- Child elements can specify a target slot with slot attribute

```
<ShippingLabel>
 <div slot="address">
    123 Some Street<br />
    Somewhere, Some State 12345
 </div>
  <div slot="name">Mark Volkmann</div>
</ShippingLabel>
<ShippingLabel /> no content
```

Ship To:

unknown

Mark Volkmann 123 Some Street Somewhere, Some State 12345 Ship To:

```
ShippingLabel.svelte
  label {
   display: block;
    font-weight: bold;
</style>
<div>
  <label>Ship To:</label>
 <slot name="name">unknown</slot>
 <slot name="address" />
</div>
```

Binding Form Elements ...

- Form elements can be bound to a variable
 - simulates two-way data binding
 - provides current value and event handling for updating the variable when user changes value
- For input elements with type number or range,
 automatically coerces values from strings to numbers
- Example



... Binding Form Elements ...

```
<script>
 const colors = ['red', 'orange', 'yellow', 'green', 'blue', 'purple'];
 const flavors = ['vanilla', 'chocolate', 'strawberry'];
 const seasons = ['Spring', 'Summer', 'Fall', 'Winter']
 let favoriteColor = '';
                             <style>
 let favoriteFlavors = [];
                               div {
 let favoriteSeason = '';
                                 margin-bottom: 10px;
 let happy = true;
 let name = '';
 let story = '';
                               input,
</script>
                               select {
                                 border: solid gray 1px;
                                 border-radius: 4px;
                                 padding: 4px;
                               input[type='checkbox'],
                               input[type='radio'] {
                                 margin-left: 5px;
                               }
                               label {
                                 display: inline-block;
                                 font-weight: bold;
                                 margin-right: 5px;
                                 vertical-align: top;
```

</style>

... Binding Form Elements ...

```
<div class="form">
  <div>
    <label>Name</label>
    <input type="text" bind:value={name} />
 </div>
  <div>
                                                        for checkboxes, bind to
    <label>Happy?</label>
    <input type="checkbox" bind:checked={happy} />
                                                        checked property
 </div>
                                                        rather than value
 <div>
    <label>Favorite Flavors</label>
    {#each flavors as flavor}
      <label>
        <input type="checkbox" value={flavor} bind:group={favoriteFlavors} />
        {flavor}
                                                  using bind: group with a set
      </label>
                                                   of related checkboxes makes
    {/each}
                                                  the value an array of strings
  </div>
```

... Binding Form Elements ...

```
<div>
  <label>Favorite Season</label>
  {#each seasons as season}
    <label>
      <input type="radio" value={season} bind:group={favoriteSeason} />
      {season}
                                               using bind: group with a set
    </label>
                                               of related radio buttons makes
  {/each}
</div>
                                               the value a single string
<div>
  <label>Favorite Color</label>
  <select bind:value={favoriteColor}>
                                           to change a select to a scrollable list
    <option />
                                           that allows selecting multiple options
    {#each colors as color}
                                           add multiple attribute
      <option>{color}</option>
    {/each}
              option elements can have a value attribute
  </select>
              and its value can be a string, number, or object
</div>
<div>
  <label>Life Story</label>
  <textarea bind:value={story} />
</div>
```

... Binding Form Elements

```
This part just reports variable values set by binds, but only if name has a value.

{name} likes {favoriteColor}, {favoriteSeason}, and is {happy ? 'happy' : 'unhappy'}.

</div>

<div>{name}'s favorite flavors are {favoriteFlavors}.</div>
<div>Story: {story}</div>
{/if}
</div>
```

- In addition to binding to primitive variables, form elements can bind to object properties
 - user input causes those objects to be mutated

Binding Custom Props

- Can bind a child component prop to a variable in parent component
- Allows child component to change value of a parent component variable
- Example

when child button is pressed, cValue is doubled and that becomes the new value of pValue because it is bound to cValue

Event Handling

- Specify with on: event-name attribute set to a function
- Examples

```
<button on:click={handleClick}>Press Me</button>
```

handleClick must be defined in script section

```
<button on:click={event => clicked = event.target}>Press Me</button>
```

inline event handling

- Event object is passed to event handling function
- Can register multiple event listeners for same event
 - example <button on:click={doOneThing} on:click={doAnother}>Press Me</button>

Event Modifiers

- Can specify any number of event modifiers
 - with vertical bars preceding modifier names
 - ex. <button on:click|once|preventDefault={handleClick}>Press Me</button>
- Modifiers are
 - capture invokes handler only in capture phase instead of default bubbling phase
 - once removes handler after first occurrence
 - passive can improve scrolling performance
 - preventDefault prevents default action from occurring
 - stopPropagation prevents subsequent handlers in capture/bubbling flow from being invoked

Event Forwarding

- Omitting event handling function is a shorthand to forward events up to parent
- Example
 - if component hierarchy is A > B > C
 and C emits event "foo",
 B can forward it up to A with <C on:foo />
 - note that the "on:" attribute has not value
 - also works with DOM events

Dispatching Events

Components can dispatch events

```
<script>
  import {createEventDispatcher} from 'svelte';

  const dispatch = createEventDispatcher(); must be called when component is instantiated
  function sendEvent() {
    dispatch('event-name', optionalData); data can be a primitive or an object
  }
  </script>

    dispatch('event-name', optionalData); data can be a primitive or an object
}
```

- These events only go to parent component
 - they do not automatically bubble further up
 - parent listens for events on child instance

```
<Child on:event-name={handleEvent} /> | handleEvent is a parent component function
```

Lifecycle Functions

onMount

registers a function to be called when component is added to DOM

beforeUpdate

- registers a function to be called immediately before component DOM updates
- first run is before component is mounted,
 and no component DOM will be present yet

afterUpdate

registers a function to be called immediately after component DOM updates

onDestroy

registers a function to be called when component is removed from DOM

Import these from svelte package

onMount

- Most commonly used lifecycle function
- Some uses
 - move focus into a given form element
 - retrieve data from a REST service (recommended place to do this)
- Example moves focus to an input when component is mounted

```
<script>
  import {onMount} from 'svelte';
  let name = '';
  let nameInput;
  onMount(() => nameInput.focus());
</script>
<input bind:this={nameInput} bind:value={name} />
```

bind:this

sets variable specified as its value to a reference to the DOM element

onDestroy



- Two options to run a function when component is destroyed
 - register function with onDestroy
 - return function from onMount
 - similar to React useEffect hook, but doesn't run function on updates

Sharing Lifecycle Functions



- Lifecycle functions can be called from helper functions
 - similar to defining custom React hooks
 - multiple components import and call helper functions
- Recommended to name these functions starting with "on"
 - similar to how React hook names start with "use"

Actions ...

- Actions register a function to be called when a specific element is added to the DOM
- Specified on elements with attribute use: fnName={args}
 - fnName is passed the DOM element and arguments, if any
 - omit ={args} if no arguments other than the element are needed
- Somewhat related to onMount
 - it registers a function to call when each instance of a component added to the DOM
- Example

```
<script>
  let name = '';
  const focus = element => element.focus();
</script>
<input bind:value={name} use:focus />
```

... Actions



- Action functions can optionally return an object with update and destroy properties that are functions
 - rarely used
 - update is called every time an argument value changes
 - of course this doesn't apply if there are no arguments
 - destroy is called when element is removed from DOM

Context ...

Alternative to props and stores for making data available in descendant components

```
import {getContext, setContext} from 'svelte';
```

Ancestor components set context associated with the component

```
setContext(key, value);
```

- must be called during component initialization
- Descendant components get context from closest ancestor that has context with given key

```
const value = getContext(key);
```

- must be called during component initialization
- Keys can be any kind of value, not just strings
- Values can be any kind of value including functions and objects with methods

... Context

- Descendant components don't receive updates
 - only see what is available during component initialization
 - not reactive!

Context Example

Output

This is in A.
This is in B.
This is in C.
favorite color is yellow
favorite number is 19

```
<script>
   import C from './C.svelte';
</script>

<div>
   This is in B.
   <C /></div>
```

Stores

- Hold application state outside any component
- Alternative to using props or context to make data available in components
- Where to define?
 - for stores that should be <u>available to any component</u>, define and export them in a file like <u>src/stores.js</u> and import them from that file wherever needed
 - for stores that should only be <u>available to descendants of a given component</u>, define them in that component and pass them to descendants using props or context

Kinds of Stores

- Three kinds of provided stores
 - writable stores only kind that can be modified by components
 - readable stores handle computing their data; components cannot modify
 - derived stores derive data from current values of other stores not described further here
 - all have subscribe method that returns a function to call to unsubscribe
- Can implement custom stores
 - any object with properly implemented subscribe method
 - see example at https://svelte.dev/tutorial/custom-stores

Writable Stores ...

- Call writable function to create
 - import from svelte/store package
- Pass initial value and optionally a function that takes set function
- Writeable stores have these methods
 - set (newValue)
 - update (currentValue => newValue) | calculates new value from current value

... Writable Stores ...

Examples

```
stores.js
import {writable} from 'svelte/store';
export const dogStore = writable([]);
initial value
```

```
export const fancyStore = writable(
   initialValue,
   async set => {
      // Called when subscribe count goes from 0 to 1.
      // Compute initial value and pass to set function.
      const res = await fetch('/some/url');
      const data = await res.json();
      set(data);

    return () => {
        // Called when subscriber count goes to 0.
      }
    }
}
```

... Writable Stores

- Can bind to a writable store
 - example <input bind:value={\$someStore}> \$ syntax is explained ahead
 - user changes to input also update the store

Readable Stores

- Call readable function to create
 - import from svelte/store package
- Pass initial value AND a function that takes set function
 - function is called when first subscriber subscribes
 - determine value and pass to set
- Example

```
import {readable} from 'svelte/store';

export const catStore = readable(
   [], // initial value
   set => {
      const res = await fetch('/cats');
      const cats = await res.json();
      set(cats);
      // Can return cleanup function here.
   }
);
```

Using Stores

- Import from where defined
 - typically stores.js
- Two options to access
 - subscribe method very verbose!
 - \$ auto-subscription shorthand much better!
 - requires store to be imported at top-level of component
 - all variables whose names begin with \$ must be stores
 - automatically subscribes when first used and unsubscribes when removed from DOM

Store Changes

- Example of making changes to a writeable store
 - components that subscribe to the store will see the changes

```
<script>
  import {dogStore} from './stores.js';
  import Child from './Child.svelte';
 const dog = $dogStore
 function changeDog() {
    // Approach #1 - create new object
    //dogStore.set({age: 2, breed: 'GSP', name: 'Oscar'});
    // Approach #2 - modify and reuse object
   dog.age = 2;
   dog.breed = 'GSP';
   dog.name = 'Oscar';
   dogStore.set(dog);
</script>
<h1>Store Demo</h1>
<Child />
<button on:click={changeDog}>Change Dog</button>
```

Auto-subscription Updates

- Two ways get updates
 - can reference \$storeName in HTML

```
<script>
  import {dogStore} from './stores.js';
</script>

<div>
  {$dogStore.name} is a
  {$dogStore.breed} that is
  {$dogStore.age} years old.
</div>
```

can extract data in <script>

```
<script>
  import {dogStore} from './stores.js';
  $: ({age, breed, name} = $dogStore);
  </script>
  <div>{name} is a {breed} that is {age} years old.</div>
```

Module Context

 To run JavaScript code in a component source file only once instead of once for each component instance created, include code in

```
<script context="module">
    ...
</script>
```

- When script tag doesn't specify context, it is "instance context"
- Can specify both kinds of script tags in a component source file
 - can export values from both contexts
 - cannot specify a default export because
 the component itself automatically becomes the default export
- Can declare variables and define functions in module context
 - accessible in instance context of all component instances
 - allows sharing data between all instances
 - instance context variables and functions are not accessible in module context

It's not important to move functions that don't access component state to module context because "Svelte **will hoist** any functions that don't depend on local state out of the component definition."

Batched DOM Updates

- "When you invalidate component state in Svelte, by changing component variables it doesn't update the DOM immediately.

 Instead, it waits until the next microtask to see if there are any other changes that need to be applied, including in other components.

 Doing so avoids unnecessary work and allows the browser to batch things more effectively."
- The tick function "returns a promise that resolves as soon as any pending state changes have been applied to the DOM (or immediately, if there are no pending state changes)."
- To make state changes <u>after</u> DOM updates have been applied

Animation ...

- svelte/animate provides
 - flip
- svelte/motion provides
 - spring
 - tweened
- svelte/transition provides
 - crossfade
 - draw for SVG elements
 - fade
 - fly set x and/or y
 - scale
 - slide

Also see svelte/easing

... Animation

- Can implement custom transitions
 - see example at https://svelte.dev/tutorial/custom-css-transitions
- Can listen for events to know when a transition starts and ends

on:introstart

on:introend

on:outrostart

on:outroend

Special Elements ...

- < <svelte:component this={expression} optionalProps>
 - expression value must be a component to render
 - renders nothing if expression is falsy
 - optional props are passed to component that is rendered
- <svelte:self props>
 - allows a component to render an instance of itself
 - supports recursive components
 - needed because a component cannot import itself

... Special Elements ...



- < <svelte:window on:eventName={handler}>
 - listens for events on window object
- < <svelte:window bind:propertyName={variable}>
 - binds a variable to a window property (ex. innerWidth)
- <svelte:body on:eventName={handler}>
 - listens for events on body object (ex. mouseEnter and mouseLeave)
- <svelte:head>elements</svelte:head>
 - inserts elements in head of document (ex. link and script tags)
 - When is it useful for a component to do this? Is it discouraged?

... Special Elements



- <svelte:options option={value} />
 - placed at top of file, not inside script tag
 - specifies compiler options including:
 - immutable means props will be treated as immutable (an optimization)
 - default is false.
 - means parent components will create new objects for object props rather than modify properties of existing object
 - allows Svelte to determine whether a prop has changed by comparing object references to rather than object properties
 - if parent component modifies object properties, the child component will not detect the change and will not re-render
 - accessors adds getter and setter methods for the component props
 - default is false "If a component is compiled with accessors: true, each instance will have getters and setters corresponding to each of the component's props. Setting a value will cause a synchronous update."
 - namespace="value" specifies namespace of component

useful when creating custom elements from Svelte components

- useful for SVG components with a namespace of "svg"; other common uses?
- tag="value" specifies name to use when compiled as a custom element
 - allows Svelte components to be used as custom elements in non-Svelte apps

Debugging

 To break when given variables change and output their values in devtools console

{@debug var1, var2, var3}

place at top of HTML section, not inside script tag

- Variables can refer to any kind of value including objects and arrays
- To break when any state changes

{@debug}

ESLint Setup

- npm install -D name where name is
 - eslint
 - eslint-plugin-html
 - eslint-plugin-import
 - eslint-plugin-svelte3
- Create .eslintrc.json file

Add npm script in package.json

```
"lint": "eslint --fix --quiet src --ext .js,.svelte",
```

- Run with npm run lint
- For more info see https://github.com/sveltejs/eslint-plugin-svelte3

```
"env": {
  "browser": true,
  "es6": true,
  "jest": true
"extends": [
  "eslint:recommended",
  "plugin:import/recommended"
],
"globals": {
  "cy": "readonly" for Cypress
},
"parserOptions": {
  "ecmaVersion": 2019,
  "sourceType": "module"
},
"plugins": ["svelte3"],
"rules": {
  "no-console": "off",
  "svelte3/lint-template": true
```

Prettier Setup

Create .prettierrc file

```
{
  "bracketSpacing": false,
  "singleQuote": true
}
```

- npm install -D name where name is
 - prettier
 - prettier-plugin-svelte

enforces section order of
<script>, <style>, and HTML

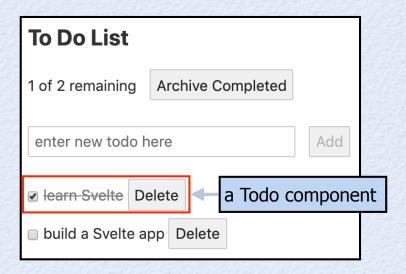
Add npm script

```
"format": "prettier --write '{public,src}/**/*.{css,html,js,svelte}'",
```

Run with npm run format

Todo App ...

code and tests at https://github.com/mvolkmann/svelte-todo



```
src/main.js
import TodoList from './TodoList.svelte';
const app = new TodoList({target: document.body});
export default app;
```

... Todo App ...

```
import {createEventDispatcher} from 'svelte';
const dispatch = seed =
<script>
  const dispatch = createEventDispatcher();
  export let todo; // the only prop
</script>
<style>
  .done-true {
   color: gray;
   text-decoration: line-through;
 li {
   margin-top: 5px;
</style>
<1i>>
 <input
    type="checkbox"
   checked={todo.done}
    on:change={() => dispatch('toggleDone')}
  />
 <span class={'done-' + todo.done}>{todo.text}</span>
 <button on:click={() => dispatch('delete')}>Delete
```

... Todo App ...

```
<script>
                                                          src/TodoList.svelte
  import Todo from './Todo.svelte';
 let lastId = 0;
  const createTodo = (text, done = false) => ({id: ++lastId, text, done});
  let todoText = '';
  let todos = [
    createTodo('learn Svelte', true),
    createTodo('build a Svelte app')
  ];
  $: uncompletedCount = todos.filter(t => !t.done).length;
  $: status = `${uncompletedCount} of ${todos.length} remaining`;
  function addTodo() {
                                                                Not really archiving in this
    todos = todos.concat(createTodo(todoText));
                                                                simple implementation,
    todoText = '';
                                                                just deleting.
 const archiveCompleted = () => todos = todos.filter(t => !t.done);
  const deleteTodo = todoId => todos = todos.filter(t => t.id !== todoId);
  function toggleDone(todo) {
    const {id} = todo;
    todos = todos.map(t => t.id === id ? \{...t, done: !t.done\} : t);
</script>
```

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... Todo App ...

```
<style>
button {
    margin-left: 10px;
}

/* This removes bullets from a bulleted list. */
ul.unstyled {
    list-style: none;
    margin-left: 0;
    padding-left: 0;
}
</style>
```

... Todo App

```
src/TodoList.svelte
<div>
 <h2>To Do List</h2>
 <div>
   {status}
   <button on:click={archiveCompleted}>Archive Completed</button>
 </div>
 <form on:submit|preventDefault>
   <input
     type="text"
     size="30"
     autofocus
     placeholder="enter new todo here"
     bind:value={todoText}
   />
   <button disabled={!todoText} on:click={addTodo}>
     Add
   </button>
 </form>
 {#each todos as todo}
     <Todo
       todo={todo}
       on:delete={() => deleteTodo(todo.id)}
       on:toggleDone={() => toggleDone(todo)}
     />
   {/each}
 </div>
```

Unit Tests...

- Using Jest and Svelte Testing Library
- npm install -D the following
 - @babel/core
 - @babel/preset-env
 - @testing-library/svelte
 - babel-jest
 - jest
 - jest-transform-svelte
- Add npm script in package.json

```
"test": "jest --watch src",
```

Run with npm test

Create babel.config.js

Create jest.config.js

```
module.exports = {
   transform: {
     '^.+\\.js$': 'babel-jest',
     '^.+\\.svelte$': 'jest-transform-svelte'
   },
   moduleFileExtensions: ['js', 'svelte'],
   bail: false,
   verbose: true
};

shows result of each test
rather than just each suite
```

```
src/Todo.spec.js
import {cleanup, render} from '@testing-library/svelte';
import Todo from './Todo.svelte';
describe('Todo', () => {
 const text = 'buy milk';
 const todo = {text};
 afterEach(cleanup);
 test('should render', () => {
   const {getByText} = render(Todo, {props: {todo}});
   const checkbox = document.guerySelector('input[type="checkbox"]');
   expect(checkbox).not.toBeNull();
   expect(getByText(text)); // the todo text
   expect(getByText('Delete')); // the button
 });
 // There is no easy way to test that events are fired
 // when the checkbox state is changed
 // or when the "Delete" button is pressed.
 // These are covered by tests in TodoList.spec.js.
```

```
src/TodoList.spec.js
import {tick} from 'svelte';
import {cleanup, fireEvent, render, wait} from '@testing-library/svelte';
import TodoList from './TodoList.svelte';
describe('TodoList', () => {
 const PREDEFINED TODOS = 2;
 afterEach(cleanup);
  function expectTodoCount(count) {
    return wait(() => {
      // Each todo has an root element.
      const lis = document.querySelectorAll('li');
     expect(lis.length).toBe(count);
   });
  test('should render', async () => {
    const {getByText} = render(TodoList);
   expect(getByText('To Do List'));
   expect(getByText('1 of 2 remaining'));
   expect(getByText('Archive Completed')); // button
    await expectTodoCount(PREDEFINED TODOS);
  });
```

```
src/TodoList.spec.js
test('should add a todo', async () => {
  const {getByTestId, getByText} = render(TodoList);
  const input = getByTestId('todo-input');
  const value = 'buy milk';
  fireEvent.input(input, {target: {value}});
  fireEvent.click(getByText('Add'));
  await expectTodoCount(PREDEFINED TODOS + 1);
  expect(getByText(value));
});
test('should archive completed', async () => {
  const {getByText} = render(TodoList);
  fireEvent.click(getByText('Archive Completed'));
  await expectTodoCount(PREDEFINED TODOS - 1);
  expect(getByText('1 of 1 remaining'));
});
```

... Unit Tests

```
src/TodoList.spec.js
 test('should delete a todo', async () => {
   const {getAllByText, getByText} = render(TodoList);
   const text = 'learn Svelte'; // first todo
   expect(getByText(text));
   const deleteBtns = getAllByText('Delete');
   fireEvent.click(deleteBtns[0]); // deletes first todo
   await expectTodoCount(PREDEFINED TODOS - 1);
 });
 test('should toggle a todo', async () => {
   const {container, getByText} = render(TodoList);
   const checkboxes = container.querySelectorAll('input[type="checkbox"]');
   fireEvent.click(checkboxes[1]); // second todo
   await tick();
   expect(getByText('0 of 2 remaining'));
   fireEvent.click(checkboxes[0]); // first todo
   await tick();
   expect(getByText('1 of 2 remaining'));
 });
});
```

Cypress E2E Tests ...

Setup

- npm i -D cypress
- edit package.json and add scripts
- npm run cy:open

"cy:open": "cypress open",
"cy:run": "cypress run",

- creates cypress directory with subdirectories
 - fixtures can hold data used by tests; typically .json files that are imported into tests
 - integration your tests go here; can have sudirectories
 - plugins extend Cypress functionality; ex. https://github.com/bahmutov/cypress-svelte-unit-test
 - Cypress automatically runs code in index.js in this directory before running each spec file
 - screenshots holds screenshots produced by calling cy.screenshot()
 - support can add custom Cypress commands, making them available in tests
 - Cypress automatically runs code in index.js in this directory before running each spec file
- opens browser window and runs all the provided tests
- when finished with tests, close Cypress browser window
- can delete all sample files in cypress subdirectories

... Cypress E2E Tests

- Start Cypress in interactive mode with npm run cy:open
- Create test files in cypress/integration with file extension of .spec.js
- Start local HTTP server with npm run dev
- Press "Run all specs" button
- Command-line mode
 - npm run cy:run
 - outputs test results in terminal window
 - records video of test run and outputs file path to video
 - double-click video file to watch

Example Cypress Test

in cypress/integration/TodoList.spec.js

```
const baseUrl = 'http://localhost:5000/';
describe('Todo app', () => {
  it('should add todo', () => {
   cy.visit(baseUrl);
   cy.contains('1 of 2 remaining');
   // The "Add" button should be disabled until text is entered.
   cy.contains('Add')
      .as('addBtn')
      .should('be.disabled');
    // Enter todo text.
   const todoText = 'buy milk';
    cy.get('[data-testid=todo-input]')
      .as('todoInput')
      .type(todoText);
   cy.get('@addBtn').should('not.be.disabled');
   cy.get('@addBtn').click();
   cy.get('@addBtn').should('be.disabled');
   cy.get('@todoInput').should('have.value', '');
   cy.contains(todoText);
   cy.contains('2 of 3 remaining');
  });
```

... Example Cypress Test ...

```
it('should delete todo', () => {
    cy.visit(baseUrl);
    cy.contains('1 of 2 remaining');

const todoText = 'learn Svelte'; // first todo
    cy.contains('ul', todoText);

// Click the first "Delete" button.
    cy.contains('Delete').click();
    cy.contains('ul', todoText).should('not.exist');
    cy.contains('1 of 1 remaining');
});
```

```
it('should toggle done', () => {
    cy.visit(baseUrl);
    cy.contains('1 of 2 remaining');

    // Find the first checkbox and toggle it.
    cy.get('input[type=checkbox]')
        .first()
        .as('cb1')
        .click();
    cy.contains('2 of 2 remaining');

    // Toggle the same checkbox again.
    cy.get('@cb1').check();
    cy.contains('1 of 2 remaining');
});
```

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... Example Cypress Test

```
it('should archive completed', () => {
    cy.visit(baseUrl);

    const todoText = 'learn Svelte'; // first todo
    cy.contains('ul', todoText);

    // Click the "Archive Completed" button.
    cy.contains('Archive Completed').click();
    cy.contains('ul', todoText).should('not.exist');
    cy.contains('1 of 1 remaining');
    });
});
```

Compiling to Custom Elements

- Can Svelte components be compiled to custom elements that can be used with any framework or without any?
- Yes! See svelte.compile(...)

Related Tools

- Svelte VS Code extension
- Sapper https://sapper.svelte.dev/
 - "application framework powered by Svelte"
 - name may be a contraction of "Svelte" and "Application"
 - similar to Next and Gatsby
 - provides routing, server-side rendering, and code splitting
- Svelte Native https://svelte-native.technology/
 - for implementing native mobile apps
 - based on nativescript-vue
 - community-driven project
- Svelte GL https://github.com/Rich-Harris/svelte-gl
 - in-work Svelte version of Three.js
- Svelte Testing Library https://testing-library.com/docs/svelte-testing-library/intro
- Storybook with Svelte https://storybook.js.org/docs/guides/guide-svelte/

Conclusion

 Svelte is a worthy alternative to the current popular options of React, Vue, and Angular