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Vue Overview

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- A web application framework that competes with frameworks such as React and Angular
- Generally viewed as easier to use than Angular
- Appeals to developers that dislike use of JSX in React
 - though Vue also supports JSX
- Uses a Virtual DOM like React
 - can quickly determine whether changes to actual DOM are needed
- Small runtime ~20KB minified and gzipped
- Vue version 3 is implemented in TypeScript

No Build Steps Needed

While this can be done, it is mostly only for demo apps

```
<html>
   <head>
    <script src="https://cdn.jsdelivr.net/npm/vue/dist/vue.js"></script>
    <script>
       window.onload = () => {
         Vue.component('Greeting', {
                                      defines Greeting component
           props: {
             name: {type: String, default: 'World'}
           template: 'Hello, {{ name }}!''
         });
                                             </script>
                                 interpolation
                                           k/head>
         new Vue({
bootstraps
           el: '#app',
                                           <body>
Vue app
           data() {
                                           <div id="app">
                                               <Greeting></Greeting>
             return {answer: 42};
                                                                                   two-wav
                                               <Greeting name="Mark"></Greeting>
           },
                                                                                   data
           computed: {
                                                                                   binding
                                               <label>Answer</label>
             halfAnswer() {
                                             <input type="number" v-model="answer" />
               return this.answer / 2;
                                             <div>Half = {{ halfAnswer }}</div>
                                             </div>
                                           </body>
         });
                                                               interpolation
                                         </html>
       };
```

Getting Real

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- Most real Vue apps start with the Vue CLI
- Can create file structure for new projects
- Can add features to existing projects
 - warning: commit existing files to version control in case it overwrites some files
- Configures use of Babel for transpiling
- Configures use of Webpack for module bundling
- Provides npm scripts to
 serve the app and build for production
- Can request support for linting, unit tests, end-to-end (E2E) tests, and more

Installing and Running

- To install, npm install -g @vue/cli
- Two ways to run
 - command line
 - web UI
- We'll cover basic command line usage now
- Other Vue CLI options will be covered in detail later

Create and Run a Project

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- Create a new project
 - vue create project-name
 - press enter to select "default" preset
 - runs for a minute or so
- Follow directions output at end
 - cd project-name
 - npm run serve
 - starts a local HTTP server
- Browse local URL this outputs
 - doesn't automatically open a tab in default browser
 - http://localhost:8080 unless something else is already listening on that port
 - create bookmark to this



Welcome to Your Vue.js App

For a guide and recipes on how to configure / customize this project, check out the vue-cli documentation.

Installed CLI Plugins

<u>babel</u> <u>eslint</u>

Essential Links

<u>Core Docs</u> <u>Forum</u> <u>Community Chat</u> <u>Twitter</u> <u>News</u>

Ecosystem

<u>vue-router</u> <u>vuex</u> <u>vue-devtools</u> <u>vue-loader</u> <u>awesome-vue</u>

Project Structure

Projects created by Vue CLI have following structure

- node_modules contains modules used by project
- public
 - favicon.ico icon displayed in browser tab
 - index.html contains <div id="app"></div>

• src

- main.js bootstraps application
- App.vue top/root component
- views directory contains definitions of Vue component that represent "pages" (if "Router" requested)
- components directory contains definitions of Vue components used on pages
- assets directory contains images and other media files
- router.js configures use of vue-router for page routing (if "Router" requested)
- store.js configures use of Vuex for state management (if "Vuex" requested)
- package.json lists project dependencies and defines npm scripts
- package-lock.json lists specific versions of project dependencies to "lock" to them
- babel.config.js configures Babel transpiler
- .gitignore lists directories and files that should not be committed in Git

Things Nobody Does

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- While many things are possible in Vue, there are some things almost nobody does
 - start a project without using Vue CLI
 - create components using the Vue.component function
 instead of using single file components (SFCs) defined in .vue files
 - use v-bind: instead of the : shorthand
 - use v-on: instead of the @ shorthand
- More on all of these later

Exercise

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Install Node.js

- browse https://nodejs.org
- click one of the green buttons
- double-click downloaded installer to run it

Create a new project using Vue CLI

- npm install -g @vue/cli
- vue create my-project

Run it

- cd my-project
- npm run serve
- browse localhost:8080