## JavaScript to PureScript

A Migration Story Starring Angular, Redux-Sagas, and Halogen

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## **Agenda**

- Challenges in Scaling a JavaScript Web Application
- A Plan for Evaluating New Technology
- PureScript, Halogen
- Testing
- Introducing PureScript at work

# Challenges

## **JavaScript**

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- ✓ Lots of existing libraries and frameworks
- ☑ Lack of common abstractions across stdlib, libraries, and frameworks
- ☐ Lack of types -> takes a lot of time to understand flow of data

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**⊠** Superheroic = massive and complected

- components
- services
- resources
- scopes / digest cycle
- router
- validation
- directive
- templating language
- mocking

☑ Have to write code *The Angular Way* 

#### Redux

```
redux :: State -> (Action, Data) -> State
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- Boilerplate

### **Redux Thunk**

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▼ Testing is very painful

## **Redux Sagas**

✓ Easy to understand (async/await)

#### **Redux Sagas**

▼ Terrible error handling

☑ Hard to follow code between 2 sets of reducers (redux, sagas)

▼ Testing

```
function* _sagaSearchForAllUsers(sagaServices) {
  const { users } = sagaServices;
  const searchQuery = select(allUsersSearchQuery);
  const filter = yield select(buildFilters);
  ...
}
```

```
A | uncaught at sagas
    at sagas
    at takeLatest
    at sagaSearchForAllUsers
    $update total pages@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:265826:9
    $items changed@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:265863:9
    set items@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entrv.is:265751:9
    sagaSearchForAllUsers$@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:259549:11
    tryCatch@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.is:166604:37
    invoke@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:166838:22
   defineIteratorMethods/</prototype[method]@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:166656:16
   next@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entrv.is:80117:18
   currCb@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:80193:7
    runPutEffect/<@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entrv.is:80304:16
    exec@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:78972:5
    flush@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.is:79013:5
    asap@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:78986:5
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    resolvePromise/<@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:80256:14
   processQueue@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:141457:28
    scheduleProcessOueue/<@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entrv.is:141473:27
    $eval@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:142755:16
    $digest@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:142569:15
   $apply@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:142863:13
    done@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:136843:36
    completeRequest@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:137052:7
    requestLoaded@http://localhost:3939/connect/out/dashboard.entry.js:136980:9
```

#### **On Dynamic Languages**

"... how can you write a real program where you're just assigning random shit to other shit and expecting it to work?"

— John Carmack <sup>[1]</sup>

[1] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00Q9-ftiPVQ&t=15m39s





## **Ensuring it works**

24,062 lines of application code

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33,105 lines of test code



# tl;dr

JavaScript is very difficult to scale

# Evaluating New Technology

#### Non-trivial



#### Matching users

User		Role	Last Active
M	myuser (unconfirmed)	viewer	never logged in
PP	puser2 puser2 (puser2)	publisher	never logged in
PP	puser3 puser3 (puser3)	publisher	never logged in
w	vuser1 vuser1 (vuser1)	viewer	never logged in
W	vuser2 vuser2 (vuser2)	viewer	never logged in
VV	vuser3 vuser3 (vuser3)	viewer	never logged in

#### Options ×

#### Search

+ Add User

Q Search for a name...

#### Filter

#### STATUS

(i)

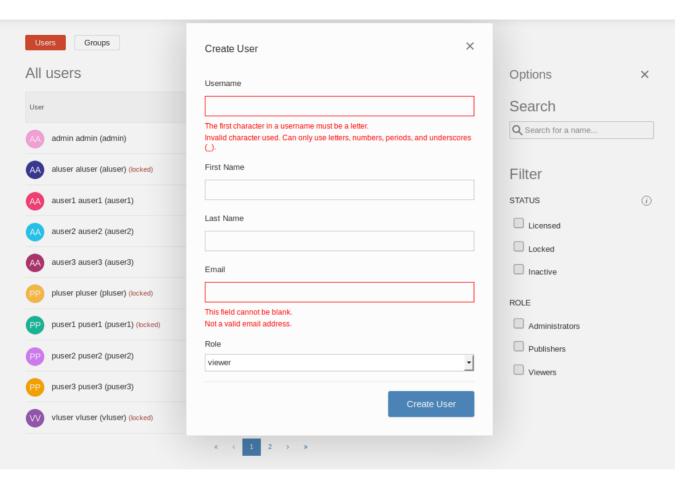
Unlocked users who have been recently active count against your license.

Locked users and inactive users do not count against user license limits.

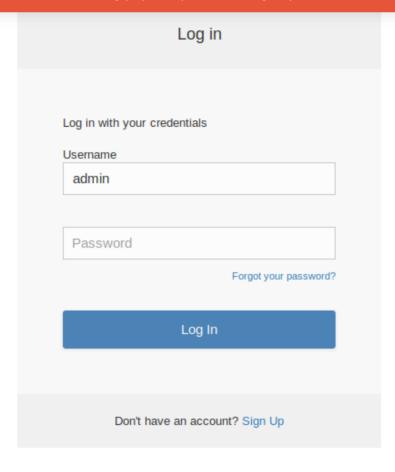
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#### ROLE

- Administrators
- Publishers
- Viewers



For security purposes, please re-enter your password



# <=> PURESCRIPT

# **Expressive Data Types**

```
type User
= { id          :: Int
          , email          :: String
          , username :: String
          , fullName :: Maybe String
          , userRole :: String
          ...
        }
```

```
bob :: Username
bob = "bob"

exclaim :: String -> String
exclaim s = s <> "!!"

main =
   log (exclaim bob)
```

```
-- before
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bob = "bob"

-- after
bob :: Username
bob = Username "bob"
```

## **Deriving Functionality**

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```

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derive instance genericRole :: Generic Role _
instance showRole :: Show Role where
  show = genericShow
```

## **Data Validation**

```
newtype V err result
-- interesting instances of V
Functor (V err)
Bifunctor V
(Semigroup err) => Applicative (V err)
-- creates an instance of V given an err
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```
isEmpty :: String -> Validation String
isEmpty input
   | String.null (String.trim input) = invalid (pure IsEmpty)
   | otherwise = pure input
```

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validEmail :: String -> Validation Email
validEmail input =
 isEmpty input *> invalidEmail
  where
    invalidEmail
       not (Regex.test emailRegex input) = invalid (pure InvalidEmail)
       otherwise = pure (Email input)
```

```
validatedUser :: Either (NonEmpty ValidationError) CreateUserRequest
validatedUser =
    { username: _, firstName: _, lastName: _, email: _, role: _ }
    <$> validUsername usernameValidator usernameBlacklist username
    <*> validFirstName firstName
    <*> validLastName lastName
    <*> validEmail email
    <*> validRole role
    # unV Left (CreateUserRequest >>> Right)
```

# XHR/AJAX

**Handling JSON** 

#### simple-json

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```
encodeAuthSettings :: String
encodeAuthSettings =
  writeJSON {"handlesLogin":true, "externalUserData":false
    ,"externalGroupData":false, "groupsEnabled":true
    ,"supportsChallenge":false
}
```

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```
encodeAuthSettings :: String
encodeAuthSettings =
  genericEncodeJSON defaultOptions
    {"handlesLogin":true, "externalUserData":false
    ,"externalGroupData":false, "groupsEnabled":true
    ,"supportsChallenge":false
}
```

#### purescript-argonaut

```
decodeAuthenticationSettings :: Json -> Either String AuthenticationSettings
decodeAuthenticationSettings json = do
                     <- decodeJson json
 handlesLogin <- j .? "handles login"
 externalUserData <- j .? "external_user_data"
 externalGroupData <- j .? "external_group_data"</pre>
                  <- j .? "groups_enabled"
 groupsEnabled
 supportsChallenge <- j .? "challenge_response_enabled"</pre>
 name
                     <- j .? "name"
 pure $
    AuthenticationSettings
    { handlesLogin
    , externalUserData
    , externalGroupData
    , groupsEnabled
    , supportsChallenge
     name
```

#### purescript-argonaut

```
encodeCreateUserRequest :: CreateUserRequest -> Json
encodeCreateUserRequest (CreateUserRequest r) =
    "username" := r.username
    "= r.username" := r.email
    "> "email" := r.email
    "> "first_name" := r.firstName
    "> "last_name" := r.lastName
    "> "role" := r.role
```

```
decodeWithError
  :: forall a. Ajax.AffjaxResponse String
  -> (Json -> Either String a)
  -> Either XhrError a
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```
getSettings
:: forall e. AVar XsrfToken
-> Xhr e (Either XhrError Settings)
getSettings tokenAVar = do
    xsrfToken <- AVar.readVar tokenAVar
    res <- Ajax.affjax $
        Ajax.defaultRequest
        { url = "/api/settings"
            , headers = [RequestHeader "XSRF-Token" xsrfToken]
        }
    pure $ decodeWithError decodeSettings res</pre>
```

```
type Xhr e = Aff (ajax :: AJAX, avar :: AVAR | e)
```

## Halogen

## **Halogen Primer**

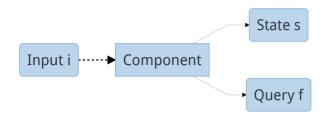
A declarative, type-safe UI library for PureScript

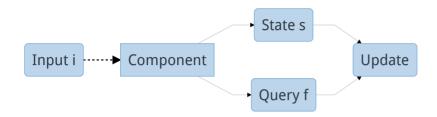
#### Components

- have local state
- nested
- communicate bi-directionally
  - child can send data to parent
  - parent can request data from child

```
Input i → Component
```





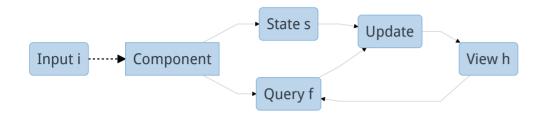


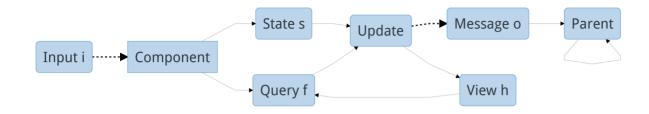
```
update = case _ of
PreventDefault event query -> do
    -- call DOM preventDefault()
    update query

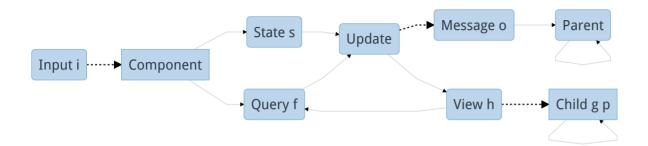
UsernameChanged newUsername next -> pure next <* do
    H.modify (_ { formData { username = newUsername } } )

PasswordChanged newPassword next -> pure next <* do
    H.modify (_ { formData { password = newPassword } } )

SubmitForm next -> pure next <* do
    -- perform field validation and update state
    -- if valid perform AJAX and update state</pre>
```







```
-- in parent component

data Query a
= ...
| HandleReAuth Login.Message a

update query = case query of
...

HandleReAuth Login.LoggedIn next -> pure next <* do
    H.modify (_ { showLogin = false } )
    -- retry form-submission again (AJAX)</pre>
```

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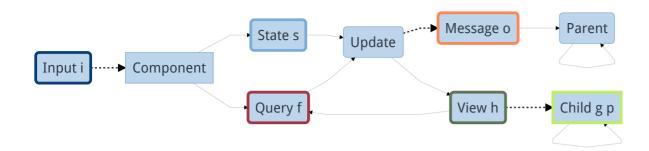
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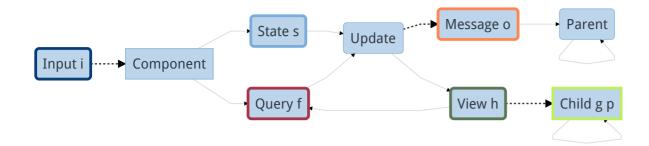
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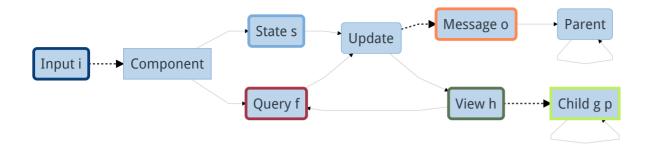
```
data Slot = ReAuthSlot
derive instance eqSlot :: Eq Slot
derive instance ordSlot :: Ord Slot

view state =
   if state.showLogin
   then
     -- display login form
     HH.div_ [HH.slot ReAuthSlot Login.component loginInput (HE.input HandleReAuth)]
   else
     -- display user creation form
     renderDialog state
```



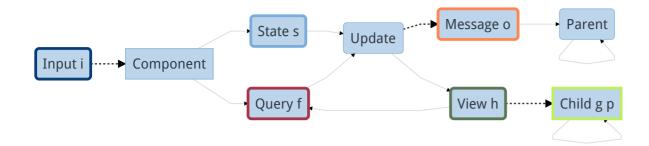


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```

```
-- m
type UIEffect eff =
   Aff
   (ajax :: AJAX
   , dom :: DOM
   , avar :: AVAR
   | eff
   )
```



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```

```
component :: forall eff. Component HTML Query Input Message (UIEffect eff)
component =
    H.parentComponent
    { initialState: (setupInitialState :: Input -> State)
    , render: view
    , eval: update
    -- receiver :: Input -> Maybe (Query Unit)
    , receiver: const Nothing
}
```

## **Embedding Halogen in Angular**

```
init = do
  HA.runHalogenAff do
  mEl <- HA.selectElement (QuerySelector "#all-users-ps")
  case mEl of
   Nothing ->
     log "Failed to find #all-users-ps"
   Just element -> do
     token <- tokenFromCookie "cookie-name"
     xsrfToken <- Aff.makeVar (XsrfToken token)
     void $ runUI container xsrfToken element</pre>
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## Halogen ↔ Other PureScript Code

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```
// Util.js
'use strict';

exports.cookieValueImpl = function(CookieName) {
  return function(Just) {
    return function(Nothing) {
        // ...
      return foundCookie ? Just(value) : Nothing
      }
  }
}
```

```
-- lol it's not pure but w/e
cookieValue :: String -> Maybe String
cookieValue cookieName = cookieValueImpl cookieName Just Nothing
```

## **Testing**

#### purescript-test-unit

```
validationSuite =
  suite "decoding" do
    test "decodeBool" do
    for_ ["T", "t", "1", "TRuE", "true", "yes"] $
        \v -> decodeBool v `shouldEqual` (Right true)

  test "decodeRole" do
    for_ [ Tuple "administrator" Admin
        , Tuple "publisher" Publisher
        , Tuple "viewer" Viewer
        ] $ \(Tuple s expected) -> decodeRole s `shouldEqual` (Right expected)
```

## **Testing**

### purescript-quickcheck

# **Tooling**

- ☐ pursuit
- ☐ psc-package
- $\; \square \; \mathsf{pscid}$
- $\hfill\square$  editor integration
- ☐ type holes

```
(0,0)
         (0,0)
```

/home/jonathan/src/rstudio/connect/dashboard/purescript/test/Main.purs Checking /home/jonathan/src/rstudio/connect/dashboard/purescript/test/Main.purs [1/1 HoleInferredType] test/Main.purs:41:23

```
\v -> isLeft (?what v) `shouldEqual` true
```

Hole 'what' has the inferred type

String -> Either t0 t1

You could substitute the hole with one of these values:

Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeBool :: String -> Either String Boolean Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeDateTime :: String -> Either String DateTime

Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeInt :: String -> Either String Int

Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeLicenseStatus :: String -> Either String LicenseStatus

:: String -> Either String Privilege Connect.Xhr.Types.decodePrivilege

Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeRole :: String -> Either String Role Connect.Xhr.Types.decodeUsernameValidator :: String -> Either String UsernameValidator



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## ф\_ф

- ு Terms in PS+Halogen docs can be unfamiliar
- ு Docs in PS ecosystem can be lacking

# **Introducing PureScript at Work**

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#### 

- ✓ Plan to go slow
- ✓ Join the PureScript community







http://fpchat-invite.herokuapp.com/

#purescript

#purescript-beginners

## Thanks!

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