

## **Introducing application layout**

We want to get rid of everything inside the #app block and dynamically add elements there instead.

Let's introduce yet another layout for the whole application. The concept behind this layout is actually really simple: it is a view that is attached to the top-level element (#app in our case) that empties an element on each subsequent render and adds new contents there.

## An example of app layout

```
Organizer.BaseAppLayout = Backbone.View.extend({
   render: function(view) {
     this.$el.empty();
     view.render();
     this.$el.append(view.el);
   }
});
```

This is a really simple view with only 3 lines of code inside the render function. We empty the element, we render the view, we append the contents of the view to the element.

Now instantiate this view inside the *app.js*:

```
Organizer.appLayout = new Organizer.BaseAppLayout({
   el: '#app'
});
```

Here we just hook this view to the #app element.

Where do we render this view? Obviously, in the route helpers, because we need to react to user's actions.

```
index: function() {
  var eventsLayout = new Organizer.EventsLayoutView({
    collection: Organizer.events
  });
  Organizer.appLayout.render(eventsLayout);
```

```
Organizer.events.fetch();
},
```

We just instantiate the layout view and pass it to the application layout's render function. We don't need el property anymore, because now application layout controls where to render the view.

Do the same for the show action handler:

```
showEvent: function(id) {
   Organizer.events.fetch();

var showLayout = new Organizer.ShowEventLayoutView({
    model: Organizer.events.localStorage.find({id: id})
   });

Organizer.appLayout.render(showLayout);
}
```

Note that EventsLayoutView and ShowEventLayoutView should not be rendered automatically anymore, so remove initialize function completely.

Lastly we can remove those container from the #app:

```
<div id="index"></div>
<div id="show"></div>
```

With this nested views structure you can easily add as many views and layouts as you wish – the process will be the same!