

# **Introduction to Elm 0.16**

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# Goal

**Get you set up and up to the start of the Elm Architecture Tutorial**

<https://github.com/evancz/elm-architecture-tutorial>

**Why Elm?**  
**Frontend**  
**Functional**  
**Fun!**

(Not Javascript!)

# Setting Up

## (The boring bit)

# Install Elm

[\*\*http://elm-lang.org/install\*\*](http://elm-lang.org/install)

# **Install Atom**

**<https://atom.io>**

# Install Plugins

(Remember to 🙋 for help!)

- language-elm
- linter-elm-make

# Configure Plugins

- `linter-elm-make` might need help to find `elm-make`.
  - `/usr/local/bin/elm-make`
- Indentation: Elm style guide recommends 2 or 4, pick one and stick with it 😊
  - (I use 2 spaces)



# Elm Repl

```
$ elm repl
```

```
---- elm repl 0.16.0-----
```

```
:help for help, :exit to exit, more at <https://github.com/elm-lang/elm-repl>
```

```
-----
```

```
>
```

```
[~/s/.../e/e/counter (master) $ elm repl  
----- elm repl 0.16.0 -----  
:help for help :exit to exit, more at <https://github.com/elm-lang/elm-repl>  
-----  
> █
```



**NB! 0.16.0!**

```
$ elm repl
```

```
----- elm repl 0.16.0 -----
```

```
:help for help, :exit to exit, more at <https://github.com/elm-lang/elm-repl>
```

```
-----
```

```
> 1 + 1
```

```
2 : number
```

```
> "Hello there"
```

```
"Hello there" : String
```

```
> [1, 2, 3]
```

```
[1,2,3] : List number
```

```
> {x = 1, y = 2}
```

```
{ x = 1, y = 2 } : { x : number, y : number' }
```

# Hello World

```
mkdir hello
```

```
cd hello
```

```
atom .
```

```
elm package install evancz/elm-html
```

```
touch Hello.elm
```

```
elm reactor
```

If you go to <http://localhost:8000> and click on Hello.elm you'll get a compiler error. This is good.

# Hello.elm

```
import Html
```

```
-- View
```

```
main : Html.Html
```

```
main =
```

```
-- Deliberate mistake here, to show off errors
```

```
Html.h1 [] [ "Hello World" ]
```

```
-- Html.h1 [] [ Html.text "Hello World" ]
```

Hello.elm

```
1 import Html
2
3 -- View
4 main : Html.Html
5 main =
6   -- Deliberate mistake here, to show off errors
7   Html.h1 [] [ "Hello World" ]
8   -- Html.h1 [] [ Html.text "H
9
```

error

The 2nd argument to function `h1` is causing a mismatch.

Function `h1` is expecting the 2nd argument to be:

List VirtualDom.Node

But it is:

List String

Hint: I always figure out the type of arguments from left to right. If an argument is acceptable when I check it, I assume it is "correct" in subsequent checks. So the problem may actually be in how previous arguments interact with the 2nd.

```
import Html
```

```
-- View
```

```
main : Html.Html
```

```
main =
```

```
    Html.h1 [] [ Html.text "Hello World" ]
```

```
http://localhost:8000/Hello.elm
```

# Slightly less typing

```
import Html exposing (..)
```

```
-- View
```

```
main : Html
```

```
main =
```

```
    h1 [] [ text "Hello World" ]
```



# Functions

```
import Html exposing (..)
```

```
-- View
```

```
view : String -> Html
```

```
view message =
```

```
    h1 [] [ text message ]
```

```
main : Html
```

```
main =
```

```
    view "Hello World!"
```

```
import Html exposing (..)
import Time

-- View

view : Float -> String -> Html
view time message =
    h1 [] [ text (message ++ toString time) ]

main : Signal Html
main =
    Signal.map2 view (Time.every Time.second) (Signal.constant "Hello: ")
```

# TODO Signals

```
import Html exposing (..)
import Time

-- View

view : Float -> String -> Html
view time message =
    let
        full_message = message ++ toString time
    in
        h1 [] [ text full_message ]

main : Signal Html
main =
    Signal.map2 view (Time.every Time.second) (Signal.constant "Hello: ")
```

```
import Debug
import Html exposing (..)
import Time

-- View

view : Float -> String -> Html
view time message =
    let
        full_message = message ++ toString time
        _ = Debug.watch "full_message is" full_message
    in
        h1 [] [ text full_message ]

main : Signal Html
main =
    Signal.map2 view (Time.every Time.second) (Signal.constant "Hello: ")
```

# Elm Files

 [Hello.elm](#)

 [Hello2.elm](#)

 [Hello3.elm](#)

 [Hello4.elm](#)

 [Hello5.elm](#)

Other Files

**Debugger**

**Hello: 1449313143378**



swap



0

10

10

**full\_message is**

"Hello: 1449313143378"



# Covered so far

- Elm Reactor
- Importing
- Basic functions
- Function Signatures
- Signals
- Let Expressions
- Debugger
- "Views"



# Bonus: Prettier dates

```
elm package install mgold/elm-date-format
```

```
import Date
import Date.Format exposing (format)
import Debug
import Html exposing (..)
import Time

-- View

view : Float -> String -> Html
view time message =
    let
        _ = Debug.watch "raw time is" time
        full_message = message ++ format "%A %H:%m:%S" (Date.fromTime time)
        _ = Debug.watch "full_message is" full_message
    in
        h1 [] [ text full_message ]

main : Signal Html
main =
    Signal.map2 view (Time.every Time.second) (Signal.constant "Hello: ")
```

# Counter

First part of the Elm Architecture Tutorial covers counters, so we're gonna create one. Getting there...

```
cd ..
```

```
mkdir counter
```

```
cd counter
```

```
elm package install evancz/elm-html
```

```
elm package install evancz/start-app
```

```
atom .
```

```
touch Counter.elm Main.elm
```

```
elm reactor
```

# Counter.elm

```
module Counter where
```

```
-- Model
```

```
type alias Model = Int
```

```
module Counter where
import Html exposing (..)
import Html.Attributes exposing (style)

-- Model
type alias Model = Int

-- Views
view : Model -> Html
view model =
    div []
        [ button [] [ text "-" ]
        , div [ style [("font-size", "20px")] ] [ text (toString model) ]
        , button [] [ text "+" ]
        ]

main : Html
main =
    view 0
```

```
-- View
countStyle : Attribute
countStyle =
  style
    [ ("font-size", "20px")
    , ("font-family", "monospace")
    , ("display", "inline-block")
    , ("width", "50px")
    , ("text-align", "center")
    ]

view : Model -> Html
view model =
  div []
    [ button [] [ text "-" ]
    , div [ countStyle ] [ text (toString model) ]
    , button [] [ text "+" ]
    ]
```

# Main.elm

```
import Counter exposing (update, view)
```

```
import Html exposing (Html)
```

```
import StartApp.Simple exposing (start)
```

```
main : Signal Html
```

```
main =
```

```
    start
```

```
        { model = 0
```

```
        , update = update
```

```
        , view = view
```

```
        }
```

```
...
-- Model
type alias Model = Int

-- Update
type Action =
    Increment
    | Decrement

update : Action -> Model -> Model
update action model =
    0

-- View
...
-- Delete main : Html at end of file
```



```
...
import Html.Attributes exposing (style)
import Html.Events exposing (onClick)

...
update : Action -> Model -> Model
update action model =
    case action of
        Increment ->
            model + 1
        Decrement ->
            model - 1

...
view : Signal.Address Action -> Model -> Html
view address model =
    div []
        [ button [ onClick address Decrement ] [ text "-" ]
        , div [ countStyle ] [ text (toString model) ]
        , button [ onClick address Increment ] [ text "+" ]
        ]
```

# Woo, a Counter!

# Elm Learning

- <http://elm-lang.org/docs>
- <https://github.com/evancz/elm-architecture-tutorial/>
- <http://package.elm-lang.org>
- <https://pragmaticstudio.com/elm>
- <https://pragmaticstudio.com/elm-signals>