

Ember.js In Depth

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About.me

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- Organizer, Modern Web UI
- OSS Enthusiast

About.me

- I <3 Productivity and composability
- Product oriented
 - Building quickly and iteratively is better
 - Done is better than perfect
 - Hate reinventing the wheel

About.me

I've written a lot of ember addons

- ember-material-lite
- ember-perf
- ember-cli-materialize
 ember-resize

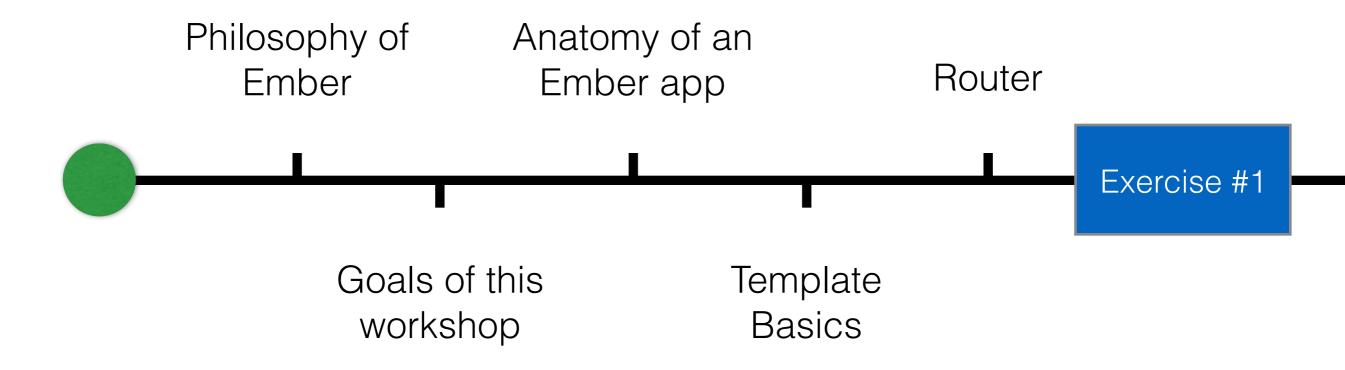
• ember-c3-shim

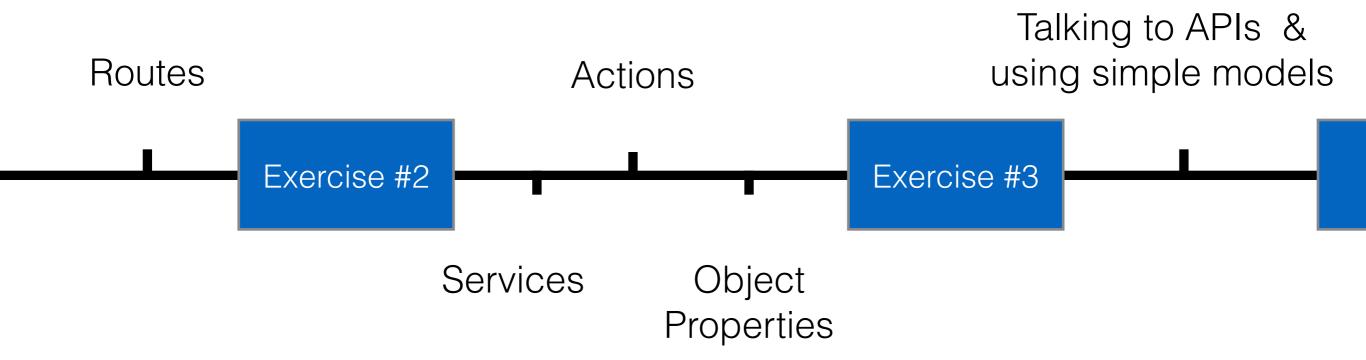
- ember-literal
- ember-compostability
- ember-load

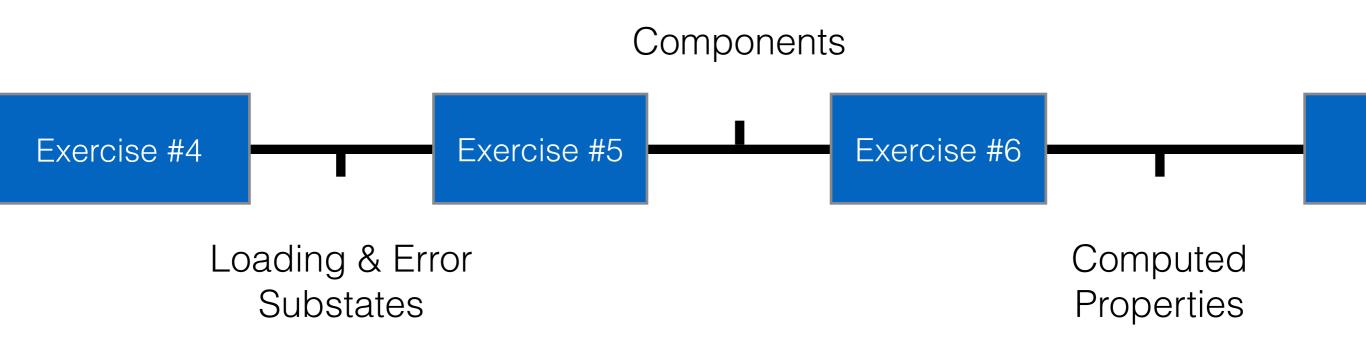
- ember-api-actions
- ember-anchor

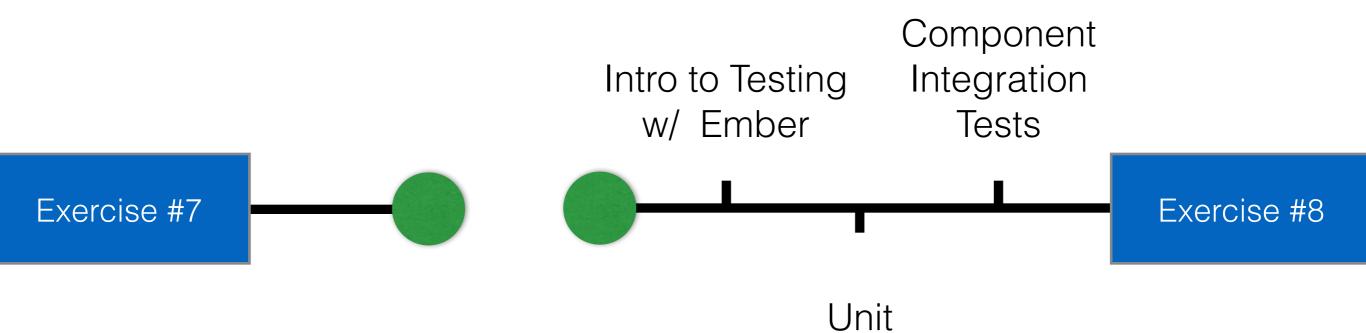
• ember-orientation

ember-load

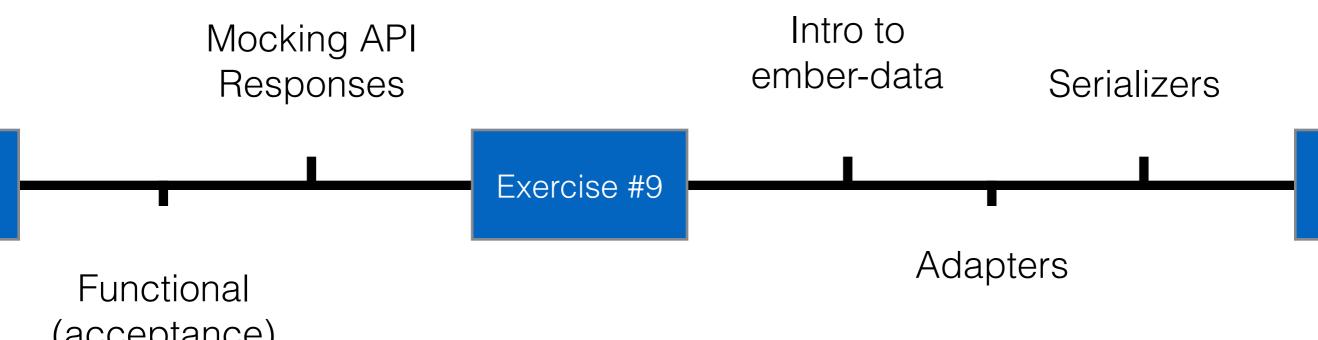




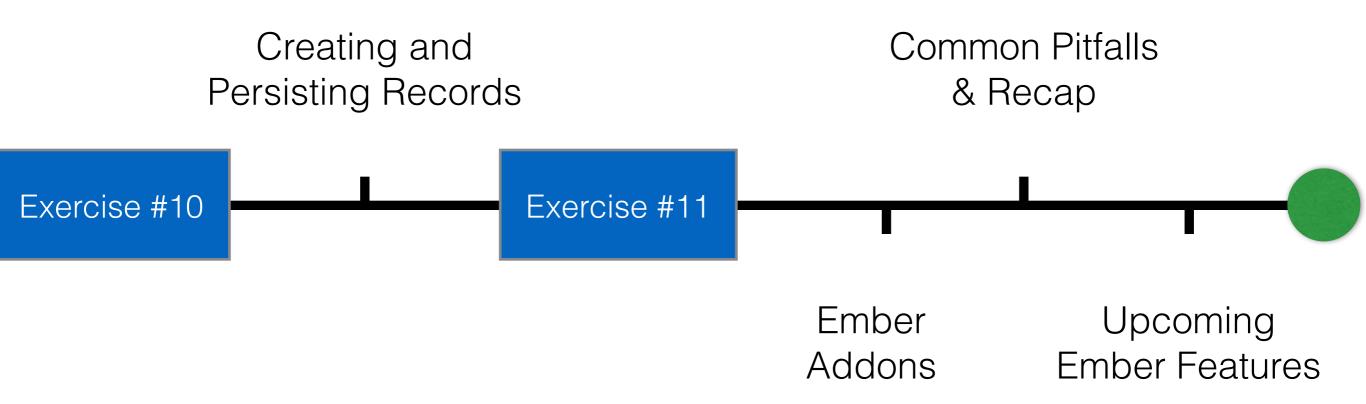




Tests

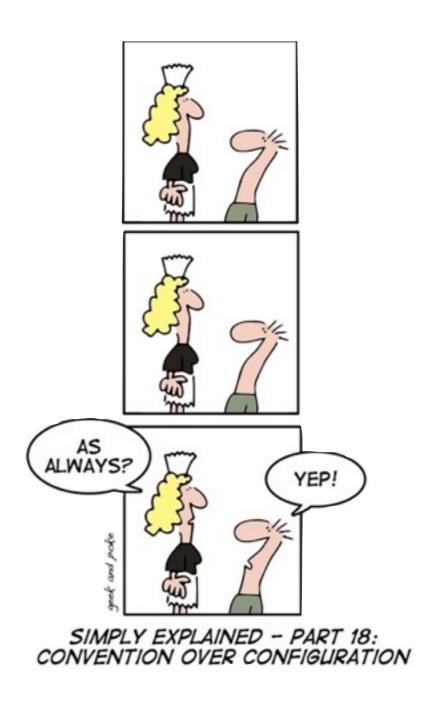


(acceptance) Testing



Philosophy of Ember

- Designed for "ambitious apps"
- Focused on productivity & ergonomics
- Aligned with web standards
- A complete, wholistic solution
- Constantly growing & improving



The Ember Ecosystem

The Libraries

Framework	Ember.js
Data Persistence	Ember Data
Build Toolchain	Ember-cli
Animations	Liquid Fire
Virtualized List	List View

The Ember Ecosystem

The Microlibraries

Prioritized, Batched Queue	backburner.js
URL handling	route-recognizer.js
SPA routing	router.js
A+ Promises	rsvp.js
Template Engine	handlebars / HTMLbars
Asset Pipeline	broccoli.js

Goals of the workshop

You should leave feeling like you can...

- Plan out and implement a hierarchical routing layer
- Build dynamic templates using Handlebars, build your own Handlebars helpers
- Build ember components, and use them to expressively compose user interfaces
- Interact with a restful API using ember-data
- Write unit, functional and integration tests for your Ember app
- Build an ember addon, and use it in an ember app



Anatomy of an Ember App

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Resource	Purpose
/app	Application source code
/vendor	Last resort for assets
/public	Pass-through in build pipeline (images, favicon, etc)
/tests	Unit, functional, integration and acceptance tests
/config	App configuration
Managed by ember-cli	
/tmp	Intermediate build results
/dist	Destination for deployable assets (ember build)
/node_modules	NPM packages
/bower_components	Bower packages

Anatomy of an Ember App

Resource	Purpose
/app	Application source code
/app/templates	Handlebars templates
/app/templates/	Handlebars templates for components
/app/routes	Routes
/app/components	Components
/app/helpers	Handlebars helpers
/app/models	Models
/app/styles	CSS, SASS, LESS
/app/initializers	Initializers - for customizing app start-up
/app/services	Singletons
/app/router.js	Router
/app/index.html	Start-up HTML
/app/app.js	Ember Application object



Template Basics

Templates

- Handlebars templating language
- Templates are compiled, and then populated with data via a context

```
Hello, <strong>{{firstName}} {{lastName}}</strong>!
```

```
define('examples/templates/index', ['exports'], function (exports) {
  'use strict';
  exports['default'] = Ember.HTMLBars.template((function() {
    return {
      buildFragment: function buildFragment(dom) {
        var el0 = dom.createDocumentFragment();
        var el1 = dom.createTextNode("Hello, ");
        dom.appendChild(el0, el1);
        var el1 = dom.createElement("strong");
        var el2 = dom.createComment("");
        dom.appendChild(el1, el2);
        var el2 = dom.createTextNode(" ");
        dom.appendChild(el1, el2);
        var el2 = dom.createComment("");
        dom.appendChild(el1, el2);
        dom.appendChild(el0, el1);
        var el1 = dom.createTextNode("!");
        dom.appendChild(el0, el1);
        return el0;
      },
      buildRenderNodes: function buildRenderNodes(dom, fragment,
contextualElement) {
        var element0 = dom.childAt(fragment, [1]);
        var morphs = new Array(2);
        morphs[0] = dom.createMorphAt(element0,0,0);
        morphs[1] = dom.createMorphAt(element0,2,2);
        return morphs;
      },
      statements: [
        ["content", "firstName", ["loc", [null, [1,15], [1,28]]]],
        ["content", "lastName", ["loc", [null, [1, 29], [1, 41]]]]
      ],
    };
  }()));
});
```

Templates

Conditionals

```
My pet goes {{if isDog "arf" "meow"}}
```

```
My pet goes
{{#if isDog}}
    arf
{{else}}
    meow
{{/if}}
```

```
My pet goes
{{#unless isDog}}
  meow
{{else}}
  arf
{{/unless}}
```

Block syntax begins with { { #abc } } and ends with { { abc } }

Templates

Iteration

```
{#each myList as |myListItem|}}
  {Ii>{{myListItem}}
{{/each}}
```

```
{{#each myList as |myListItem|}}
  {{myListItem}}
{{else}}
  Sorry, list is empty!
{{/each}}
```

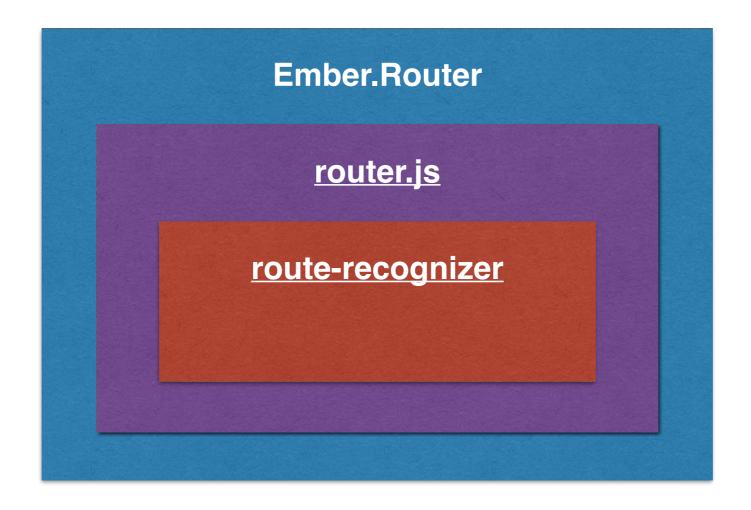


Router

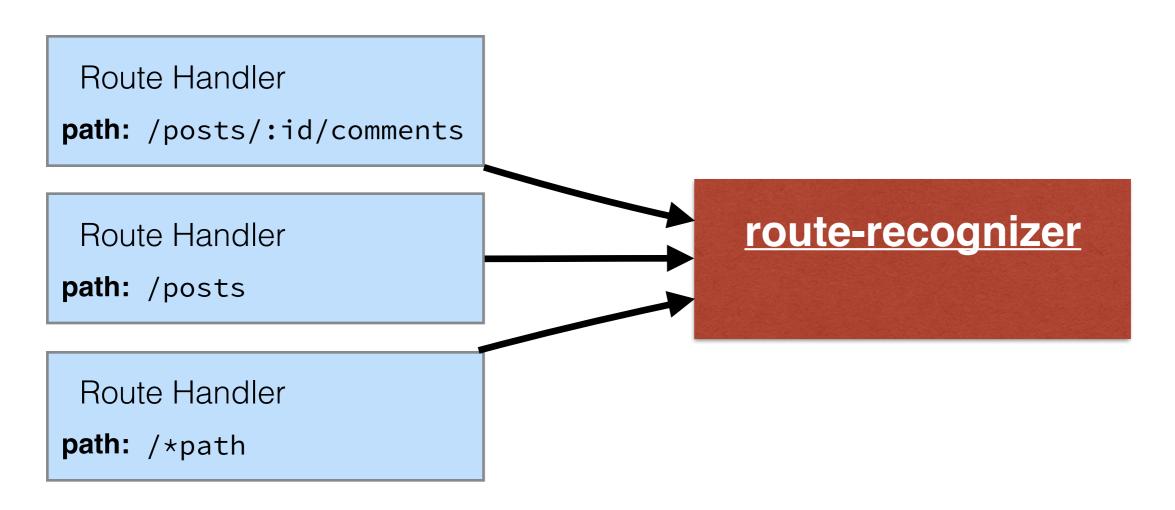
- One per app
- Manages transitions between URLs
- Usually leave it as-is, except for Router.map
- Core is a microlibrary: router.js



Microlibraries

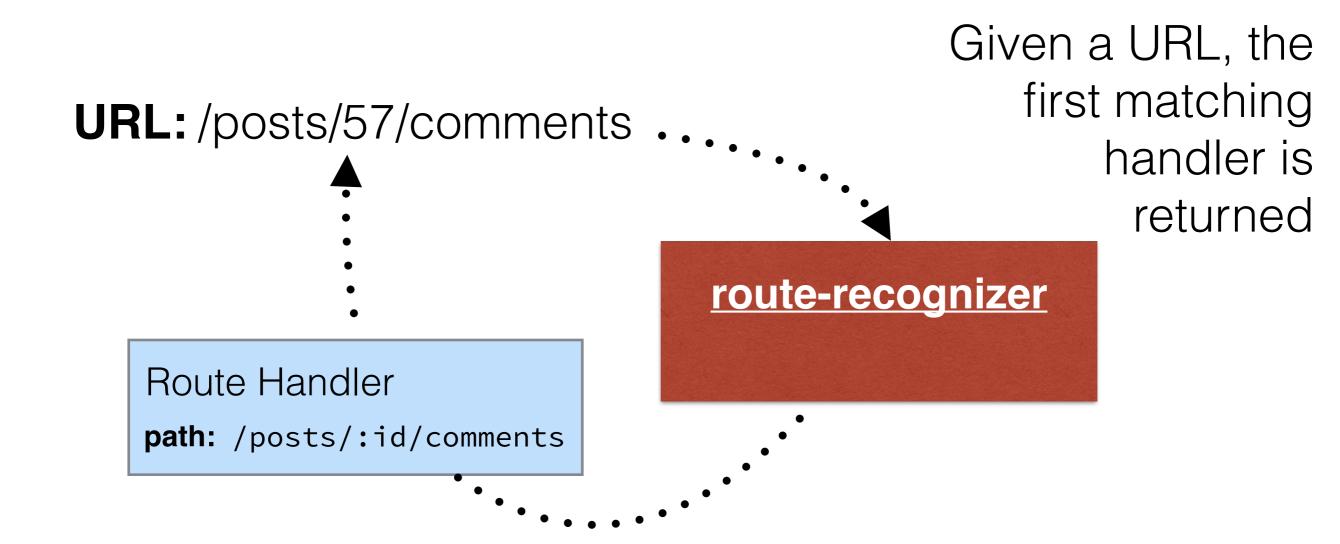


Microlibraries - route-recognizer



Route handlers are registered, each with a path

Microlibraries - route-recognizer



1. Define map of path to handler

```
router.map(function(match) {
    match("/posts/:id")
        .to("showPost");
    match("/posts")
        .to("postIndex");
    match("/posts/
new").to("newPost");
});
```

3. On URL change, tell router

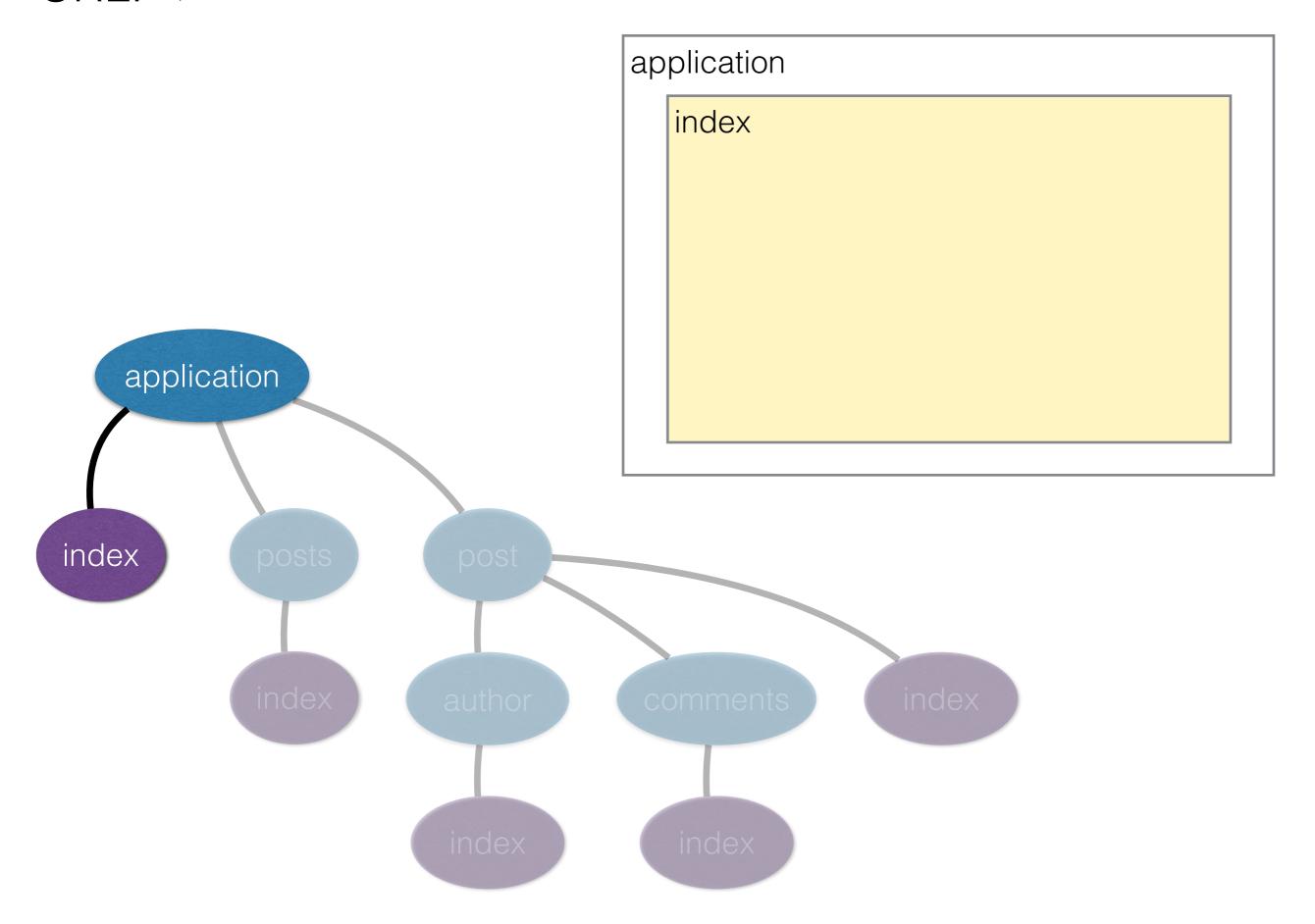
```
urlWatcher.onUpdate(funct
ion(url) {
  router.handleURL(url);
});
```

2. Define the handlers

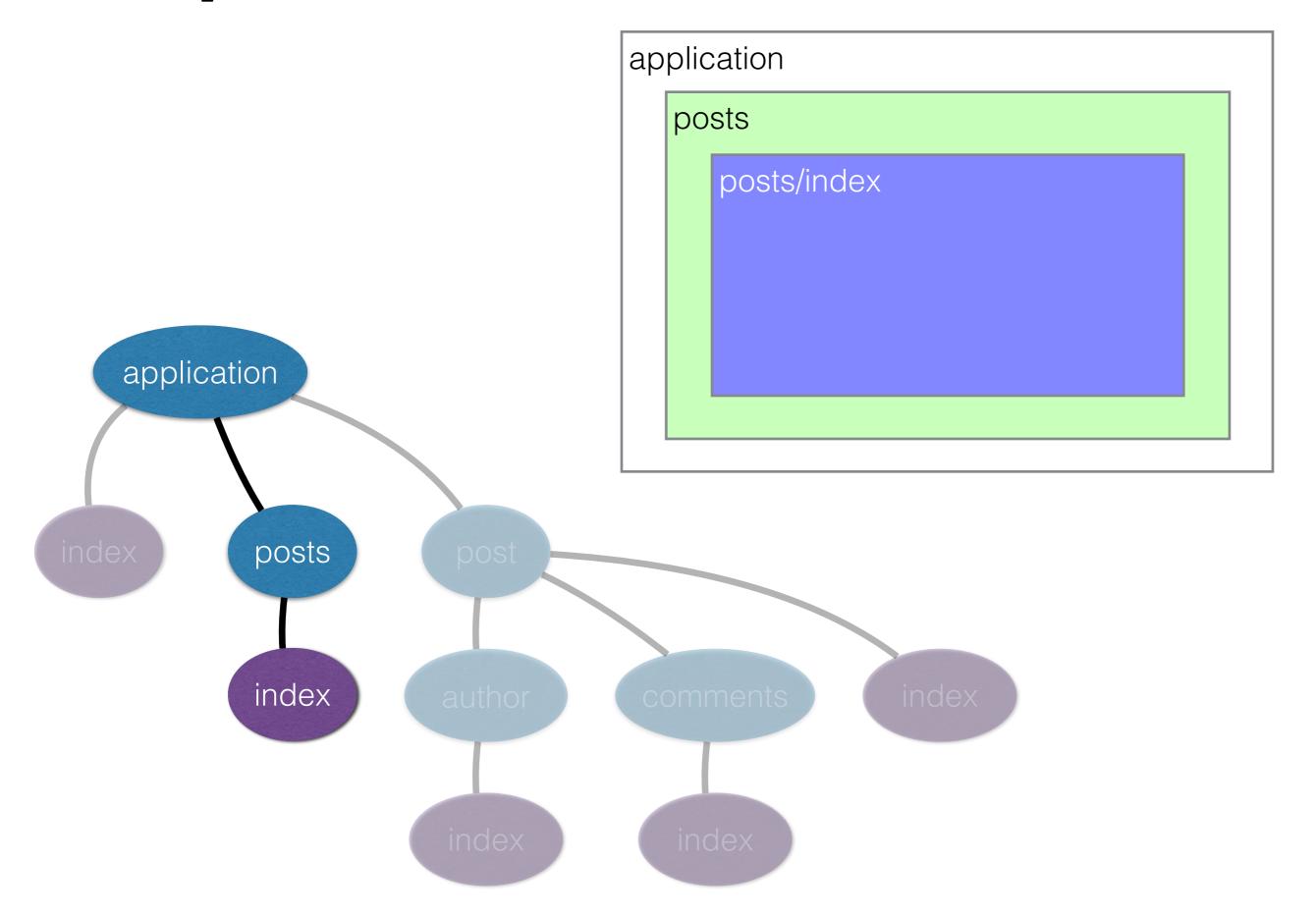
```
var myHandlers = {
  showPost: {
    model: function(params) {
      // can be a promise!
      return $.get(
          "post/" + params.id
         );
    },
    setup: function(post) {
      // Render something
router.getHandler = function(name){
  return myHandlers[name];
};
```

Router - Routes as a Hierarchy

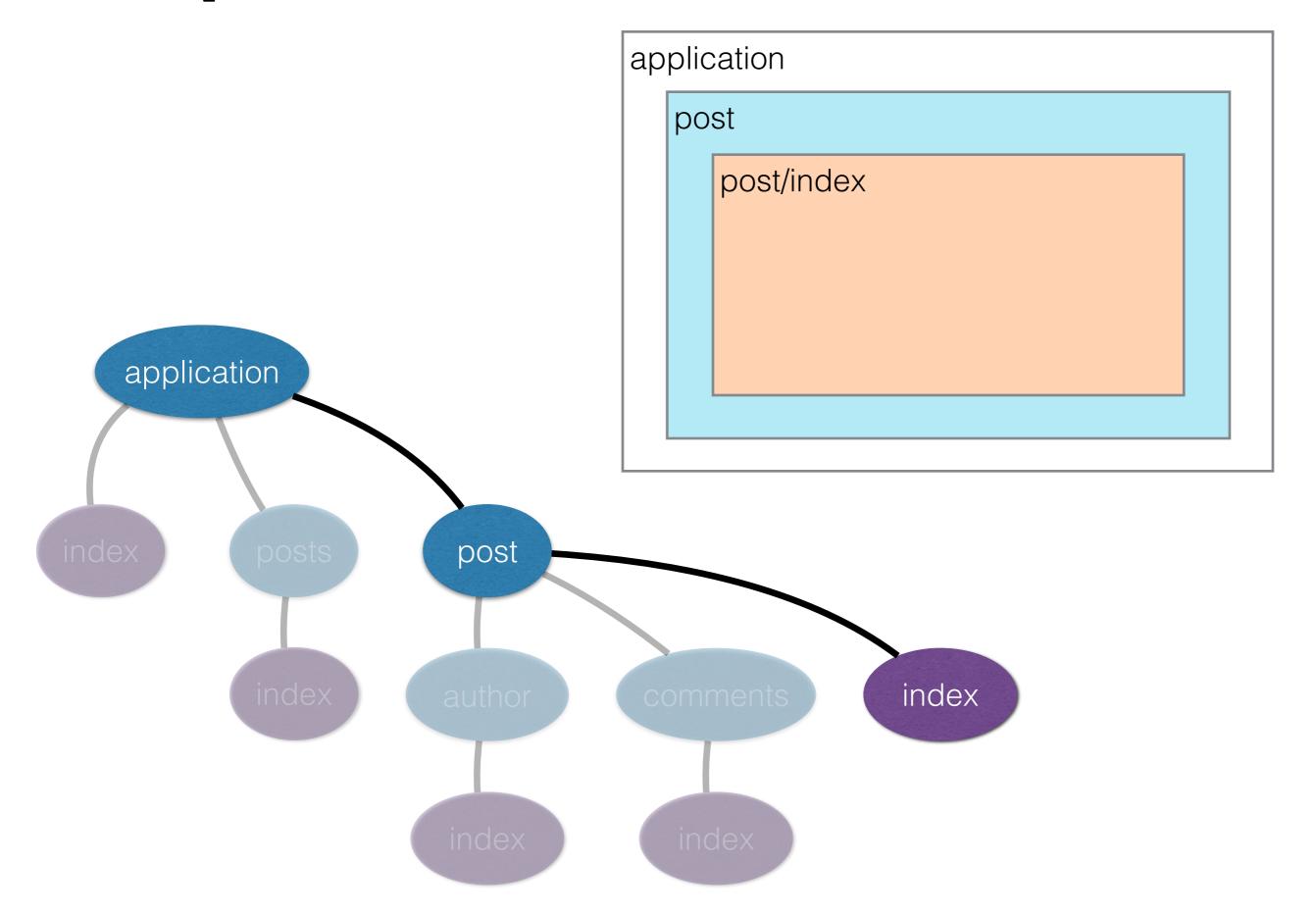
URL: /



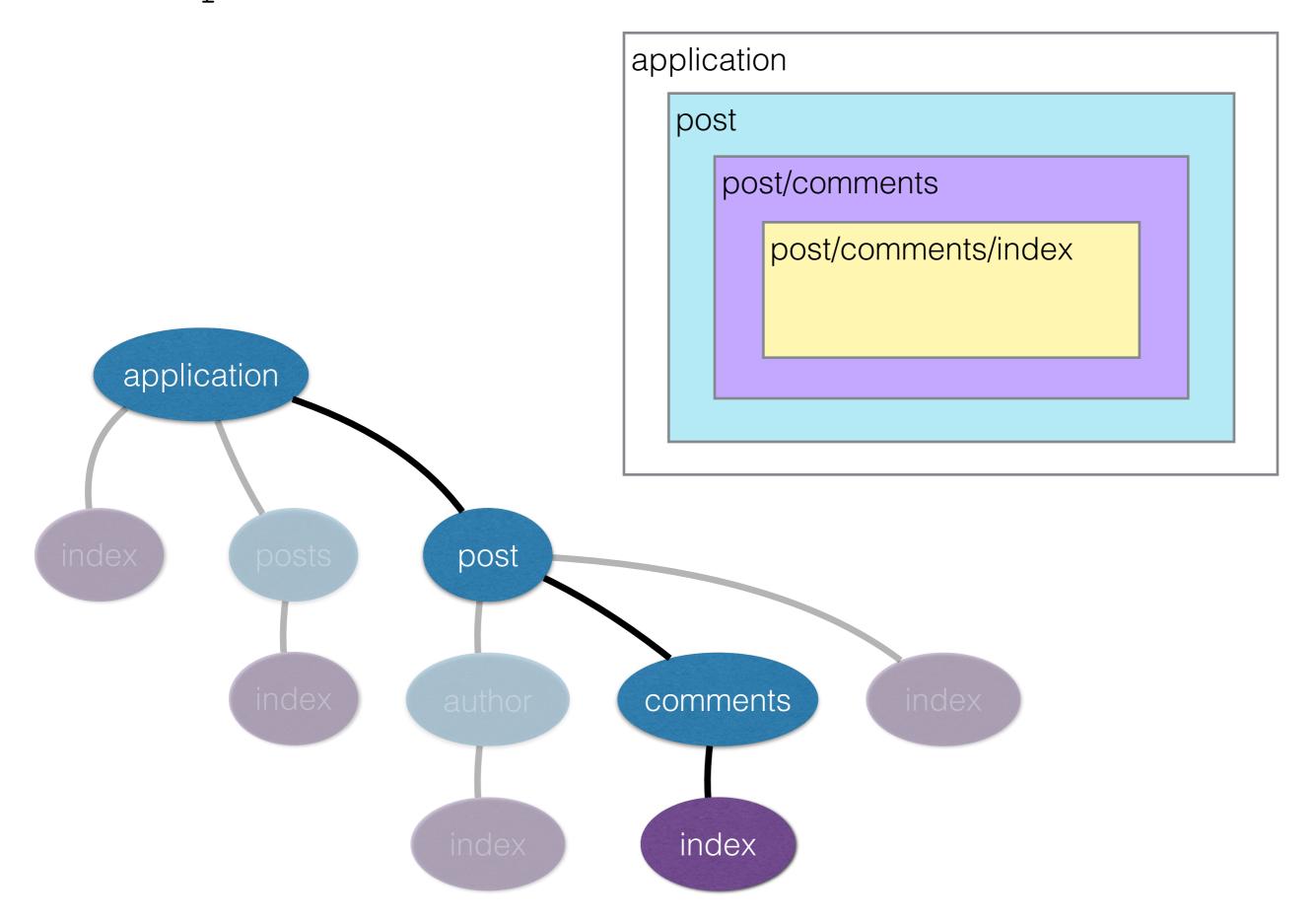
URL: /posts/



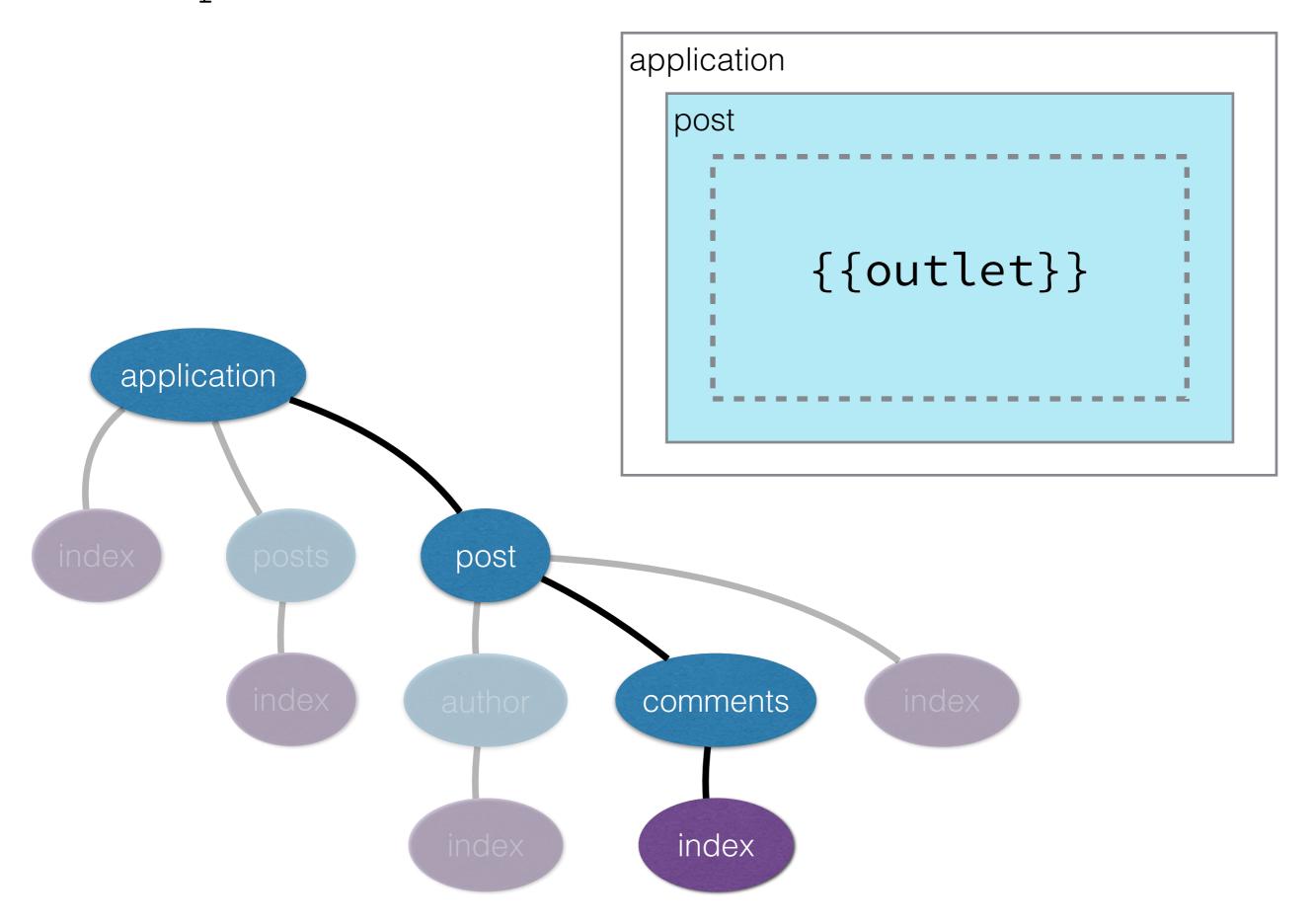
URL: /post/31



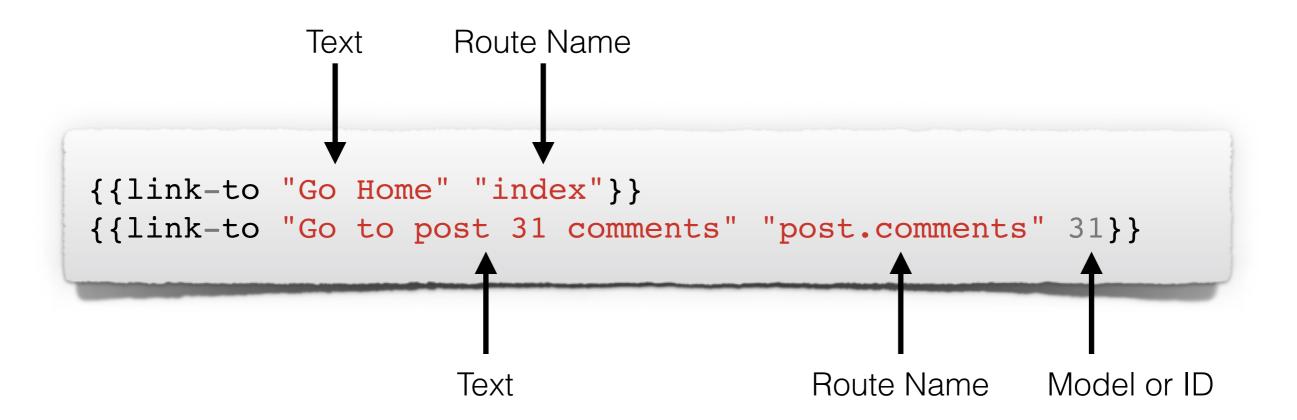
URL: /post/31/comments/



URL: /post/31/comments/



link-to - for internal links to routes





Exercise #1

Setup your basic routes & placeholder templates

Project Setup

I've done some boring stuff for you!

Command	Description
ember new github-ui	Create a new ember.js project
cd github-ui	Change directory into newly created project
ember install ember-cli-sass	Install support for SASS
<pre>mv app/styles/app.css app/styles/ app.scss</pre>	Make the "root" stylesheet a .scss file
ember install ember-cli-bourbon	Install <u>bourbon</u> SASS library
bower installsave ember#beta	Install latest beta version of ember.js
bower installsave ember-data#beta	Install latest beta version of ember- data



Set up some basic routes and templates for our app

Example URL	Description
/	Placeholder text " <h1>Homepage</h1> "
/orgs	List of some github orgs
/org/emberjs	Placeholder text " <h1>Org: Emberjs</h1> "
/org/emberjs/repos	List of repos in the ember's org
/org/emberjs/ember.js	Placeholder text " <h1>Repo: Ember.js</h1> "
/org/emberjs/ember.js/issues	List of issues in the ember.js repo, owned by the emberjs org
/org/emberjs/ember.js/contributors	List of contributors to the ember.js repo
ALL OTHER URLS	404 page





/orgs

Orgs

- facebook
- netflix
- yahoo
- emberjs

/org/facebook/repos

Facebook

- react
- relay
- watchman
- react-native

/o/f/r/issues

back to orgs

Facebook / react

ISSUES CONTRIBUTORS

- #123 Issue description goes here
- #456 Issue description goes here

/o/f/r/contributors

Facebook / react

ISSUES CONTRIBUTORS

- User
- User

back to orgs

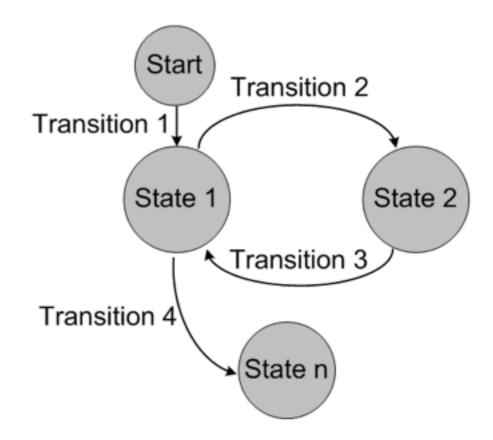
back to orgs



- Hardcode content for now, we'll make it dynamic later
- Don't worry about CSS
- Orgs list should have working links to drill in to some org pages
- Org pages should have a working "back to orgs" link



- Router is a finite state machine
- Route manages transitions
 - Loads templates and models
 - Can handle user events



Routes Request Lifecycle

Promise Aware

activate	()	Called when router enters the route	
beforeModel	(transition)	First entry validation hook	
model	(params, transition)	Convert URL to a model	
afterModel	(modelObj, transition)	Called after model is resolved	
redirect	(modelObj, transition)	Similar to afterModel	
setupController	(controller, model)	Setup the controller for the current route	
renderTemplate	(controller, model)	Render the template for the current route	
deactivate	()	Called when router leaves route	

beforeModel (transition)

This is the proper place for...

- A redirect that doesn't require the resolved model
- Async entry validation

By default this does...

Nothing

model(params, transition)

This is the proper place for...

API call(s) to fetch data based on current URL

By default this does...

 If route has dynamic segment like :post_id, fetch a record post with id post_id

model(params, transition)

- Whatever this returns will be available
 - in template as content
 - in routes via this.modelFor('post')
- If you need to make multiple API calls, use Ember.RSVP.hash()
- Common location for some light data massaging

afterModel(modelObj, transition)

This is the proper place for...

Entry validation that requires the resolved model

By default this does...

Nothing

redirect(modelObj, transition)

Seems just like afterModel. Why do we need this?

- a redirect in afterModel will abort the current transition and start a new one
 - Think about the case where you're redirecting into a child route

setupController (controller, model)

This is the proper place for...

Additional setup of the context for your template

By default this does...

 A lot of really important stuff. Make sure to call super if you extend!

Do not be tempted to...

Use this as a place to "reset" your controller

Transitioning from within a route

```
this.transitionTo (routeName, models, options)
Example
    this.transitionTo ("post", myPost)
    this.transitionTo ("post", 31)
    this.transitionTo ("posts")
```

Transitioning from within a route

```
this.replaceWith (routeName, models, options)
Example
    this.replaceWith ("post", myPost)
    this.replaceWith ("post", 31)
    this.replaceWith ("posts")
```



Routes providing data, and redirecting



 Set up redirects for some of our less meaningful routes

Example URL	Description
/	Redirect to /orgs
/orgs	List of some github orgs
/org/emberjs	Redirect to /org/emberjs/repos
/org/emberjs/repos	List of repos in the ember's org
/org/emberjs/ember.js	Redirect to /org/emberjs/ember.js/
/org/emberjs/ember.js/	List of issues in the ember.js repo, owned by
/org/emberjs/ember.js/	List of contributors to the ember.js repo
ALL OTHER URLS	404 page



- model() hook of route corresponding to /orgs should return an array of github org names
- Template corresponding to /orgs should refer to the content property, iterating over it to build the list of github orgs
 - You'll want to use {{#each}}
- Move data to the route for this page too /org/:id/repos



Routes to use in {{link-to}}

URL of page	Route name to use for each link
/orgs	org
/org/emberjs/repos	org.repo

You may need to create two new routes

```
ember g route org/index
ember g route org/repo/index
```

Templates

Iteration

```
{#each myList as |myListItem|}}
  {Ii>{{myListItem}}
{{/each}}
```

```
{{#each myList as |myListItem|}}
  {{myListItem}}
{{else}}
  Sorry, list is empty!
{{/each}}
```



Services

Services

- Singletons
- Very long lifecycle
- Means of managing shared app functionality/state
- live in the /app/services folder
- On need to know basis,
 Ember.inject.service()



Services

Ember.inject.service(name)

- name is optional
- Return value can be treated like a property
- Lazy
- No restrictions to what you can inject onto





Actions

Actions

- The primary means of handling user interaction
- action-binding is similar to data-binding
- Can be handled by Routes, Components, Views and Controllers

```
<span {{action 'thingWasClicked'}}>
  Click Here!
</span>
```

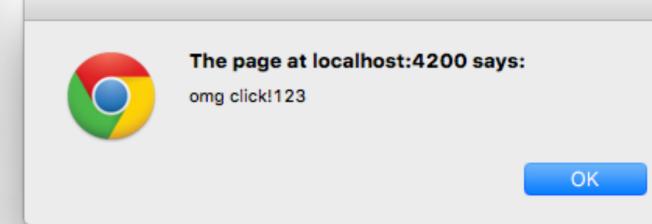
```
Ember.Route.extend({
   actions: {
     thingWasClicked() {
       alert('omg click!');
     }
   }
});
```

Actions

You can send data along too

```
<span {{action 'thingWasClicked' 123}}>Click Here!
</span>
```

```
Ember.Route.extend({
  actions: {
    thingWasClicked(num) {
      alert('omg click!' + num);
    }
  }
});
```





Ember.Object and Simple Properties

- Foundational Ember type. Base class of Ember.Route, Ember.Service, Ember.Component, etc...
- use this.get and this.set to access and mutate properties
- A lot more useful stuff, which we'll get to later!

```
const me = Ember.Object.create({
  firstName: 'Mike'
});
console.log(me.get('firstName')); // "Mike"
```

Create objects with initial property values

```
const me = Ember.Object.create({
   firstName: 'Mike'
});

console.log(me.get('firstName')); // "Mike"

me.set('firstName', 'Marc');

console.log(me.get('firstName')); // "Marc"
```

Use set to change property values

```
const me = Ember.Object.create({
   name: {
     first: 'Mike'
   }
});

console.log(me.get('name.first')); // "Mike"
```

You can get/set on a property path

```
const me = Ember.Object.create({
  nameParts: ['Mike', 'North']
});

console.log(me.get('nameParts').join(' ')); // "Mike North"

// Remove last object, using KVO-compliant API
me.get('nameParts').popObject();

console.log(me.get('nameParts').join(' ')); // "Mike"
```

When mutating arrays, first get the array and then manipulate it



Favorite service and actions



- Create a favorites service
 - The service should have an items array property
- Inject the service onto the route for the /orgs page
- On the template for the /orgs page, create a span inside your {{#each}}
 loop, with an action bound to it
 - The action should add the respective item to the items property on the favorites service, if it's not already present
 - When you add an item to the array, console.log the entire array. This
 code should be in the service.
- PROTIP: Ember shims <u>Array.prototype.add0bject</u>, which checks for existing presence



- [Favorite] emberjs
- [Favorite] ember-cli
- [Favorite] microsoft
- [Favorite] <u>yahoo</u>
- [Favorite] netflix
- [Favorite] facebook

yahoo	<pre>favorites.js:9</pre>
yahoo, microsoft	<pre>favorites.js:9</pre>
yahoo, microsoft, ember-cli	<pre>favorites.js:9</pre>
yahoo, microsoft, ember-cli, facebook	favorites.js:9



Talking to APIs & using simple models

Retrieving Data

- If you can use \$.get, you can talk to APIs
- If you need to set additional context up (i.e., if a child route/template needs to know about a model from another route's model), setupController is a decent place to do it
- the Controller is the context for top-level templates (for now).

```
import Ember from 'ember';
export default Ember.Route.extend({
  model(params) {
    // Get the "id" property from the model resolved in the "org"
route
    let orgName = this.modelFor('org').id;
    // Fetch API data
    return $.get(`https://api.github.com/orgs/${orgName}/repos`);
  },
  setupController(controller) {
    this._super(...arguments);
    // Make the model resolved in the "org" route available to
    // this route's template, via a property called "org"
    controller.set('org', this.modelFor('org'));
});
```

```
<h1>{{org.id}} repos</h1>

    {{#each content as |repo|}}
    {{link-to repo.name 'org.repo' repo.name}}
    {{/each}}

{{outlet}}
```

Simple Models

- Not ember-data yet
- Plain JS objects are fine, as long as they have a property called id on them
 - If you're going to pass these objects into {{link-to}}, the id will be used for dynamic segments



Talking to the Github API!



- Except for the /orgs page, all hard-coded data from the template and routes should be replaced with real data
- Remember that child routes can access the models from parent routes via this.modelFor('routeName')
- Pay attention to the JSON structure that the API returns, you will have to massage some data in the model hook



```
// API Returns
  "id": 11635549,
   "name": "filter-expl
   "full name": "Micros
                        return $.get("<api url>").then(raw => {
                          raw.oldId = raw.id;
                          raw.id = raw.name;
                          return raw;
// We want something li
                        });
  "id": "filter-explor
  "oldId": 11635549,
  "name": "filter-explorer",
  "full name": "Microsoft/filter-explorer"
```



Useful Github API endpoints

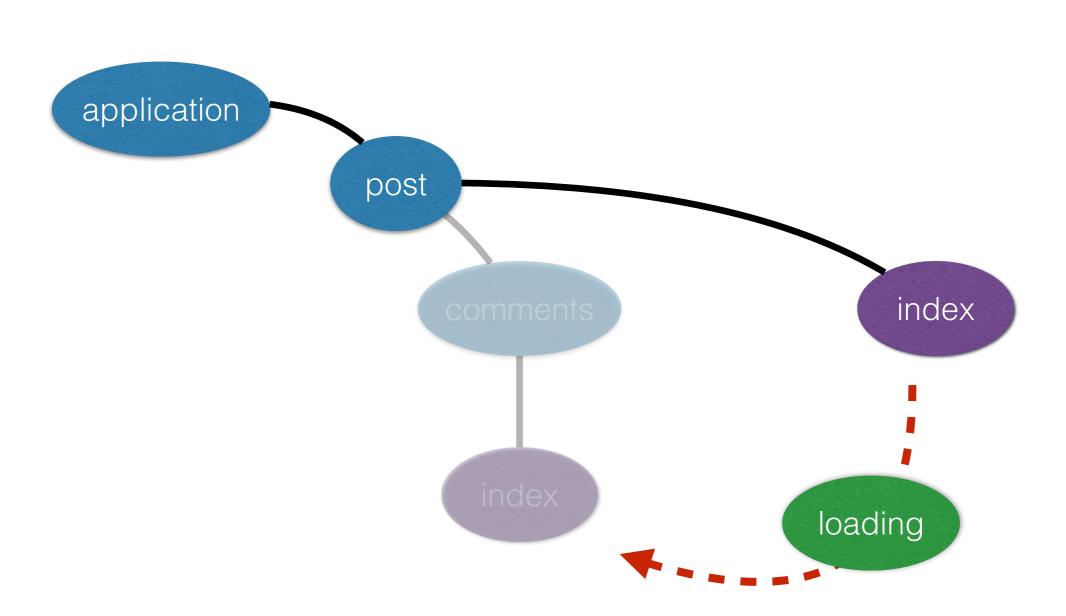
https://api.github.com/	Data
<u>/orgs/:org_id</u>	get information about an org
<u>/orgs/:org_id/repos</u>	get list of repos owned by an org
<u>/repos/:org_id/:repo_id</u>	get information about a particular repo
<u>/repos/:org_id/:repo_id/issues</u>	get list of issues associated with a repo
/repos/:org_id/:repo_id/contributors	get list of contributors associated with a repo



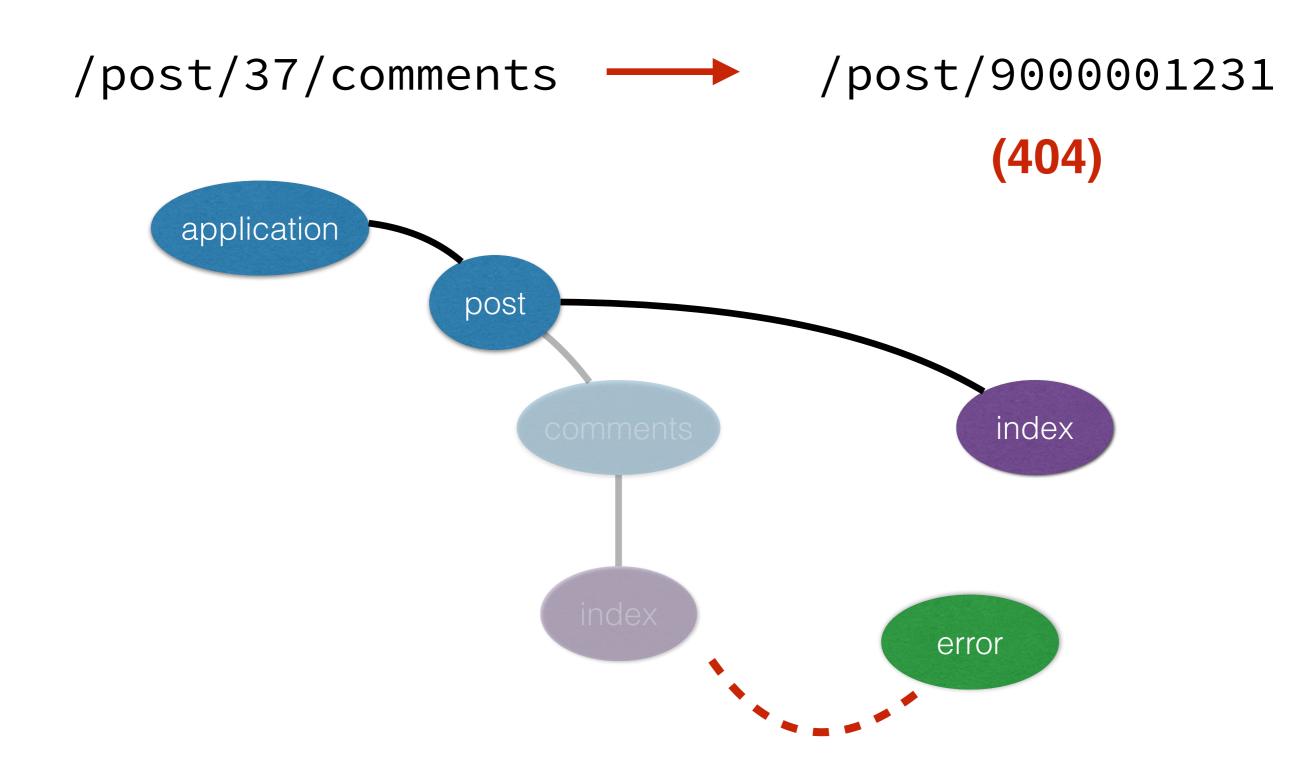
Loading & Error Substates

Loading Substate

/post/37 /post/37/comments



Error Substate



Error Substate

• Also fires the error action on the route

```
actions: {
  error(/*jqXhr, transition, route*/) {
    return true;
actions: {
  error(/*jqXhr, transition, route*/) {
    return false; // Don't enter error
substate
```



Add loading and error substates to org pages



- When transitioning from the /orgs page to /org/emberjs, I want a loading spinner while we wait for the API
 - I suggest checking out tobiasahlin.com/spinkit/
- If I attempt to enter the org page for an invalid org, the user should end up on an error page telling the user that something has gone wrong
 - If it's a 404, I want a dedicated 404 page saying "this organization doesn't exist"
 - You'll need to use this.intermediateTransitionTo(<route name>) to transition to a custom error page for 404 cases



Components

Components

Full Name

Components

- Live in the app/components folder
- Associated with a top-level DOM element
- Strong encapsulation, and explicit contract with the outside world
- Well-orchestrated life cycle



Components Life Cycle Hooks

init	on instantiation
willInsertElement	before the component's element is inserted into the DOM
▶ didInsertElement	after the component's element has been inserted into the DOM
. ▼ willDestroyElement	before the component's element is removed from the DOM

Clean up before tear down

\$(document).ready() for components

Components Consuming

- Components register their own handlebars helper automatically {{my-component}}
- They can be used with {{inline-syntax}} or {{#block-syntax}} {{/block-syntax}}
- All components in the application namespace are available in any template, throughout the application
 - This means any ES6 module named github-ui/components/*.js

Components An Example

```
{{my-component
title="This is a title"
size=mySize
on-favorite="thingClicked"}}
```

Components Consuming

```
{{my-component
title "This is a title"
size mySize
on-favorite "thingClicked"}}
```

Inside World | Outside World

Components Naming Convention

```
{{my-component
 title="This is a component"
                                          Resolver
 body="Ember knows where to find it"}}
                                            Find
                                            component:my-component
                                            template:components/my-
Handlebars Helper
 Render
```

component:my-component

ES6 Modules

app/components/my-component.js app/templates/components/my-component.hbs

Component

```
import Ember from 'ember';
export default Ember.Component.extend({
  // Change root element from <div> to 
  tagName: 'li',
  // Add classes to root element
  classNames: ['pull-right'],
  // Bind two of this components properties
  // to DOM element attributes on the root
  // element
  attributeBindings: ['age:data-age', 'align'],
  age: 32,
  align: 'left'
});
```

Consumption in Template

```
{{my-component age=39}}
{{my-component}}
```

Resulting HTML

```
id="ember404"
    data-age="39" align="left"
    class="ember-view pull-right">
id="ember405"
    data-age="32" align="left"
    class="ember-view pull-right">
```

Component Examples Life Cycle Hooks

- Time for some live coding
 - Social media info
 - Collapsible card (title/content)

Using pure HTML

```
<div class="social-info">
  <h3>Mike North</h3>
  <u1>
    \langle 1i \rangle
      Twitter:
      <a href="https://twitter.com/
michaellnorth">
        @MichaelLNorth
      </a>
    <1i>>
      Github:
      <a href="https://github.com/
mike-north">
        mike-north
      </a>
    <1i>>
      LinkedIn:
      <a href="https://
www.linkedin.com/in/northm">
        northm
      </a>
    </div>
```

Using a component

```
{{social-info
   name="Mike North"
   twitter="MichaelLNorth"
   linkedin="northm"
   github="mike-north"}}
```

Mike North

- Twitter: <u>@MichaelLNorth</u>
- Github: mike-north
- LinkedIn: <u>northm</u>



Componentizing orgs and repos



- Replace the body of the {{#each}} on the /orgs page with a {{github-org}} component
 - Make sure the "favorite" behavior continues to work
- Replace the body of the {{#each}} on the / org/:id/repos page with a {{github-repo}} component
 - Add fork count and watcher count to each item in the repo listing



- Properties that are calculated, based on other properties
- Evaluated lazily
- Cached
- Still can get/set

read only

read only (alternate syntax)

```
const { computed } = Ember;
export default Ember.Component.extend({
  fullName: computed('firstName', 'lastName', {
    get() {
      return [this.get('firstName'),
              this.get('lastName')].join(' ');
 })
});
```

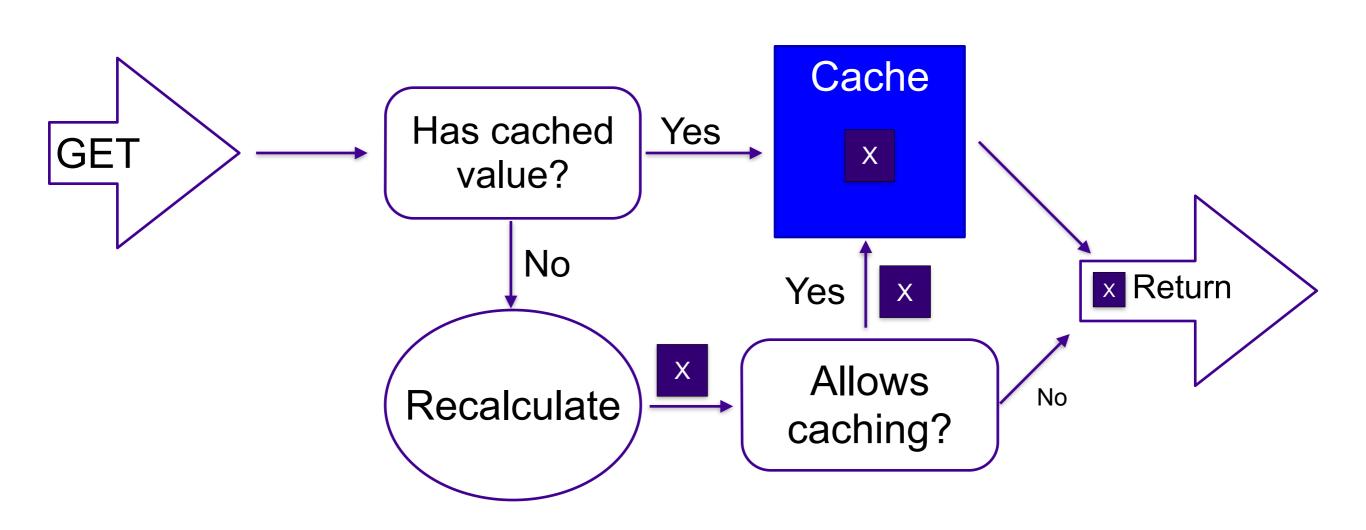
settable

```
const { computed } = Ember;
export default Ember.Component.extend({
  fullName: computed('firstName', 'lastName', {
   get() {
      return [this.get('firstName'),
              this.get('lastName')].join(' ');
   },
    set(key, newVal) {
      const nameParts = newVal.split(' ');
      this.set('firstName', nameParts[0]);
      this.set('lastName', nameParts[1]);
      return newVal;
 })
});
```

Dependencies on Arrays

- Syntax for CP dependencies on array properties can be done two ways
 - "myList.[]" defines a dependency on the length of the array
 - "myList.@each.id" defines a dependency the id property of each item in the array

Internal Mechanism

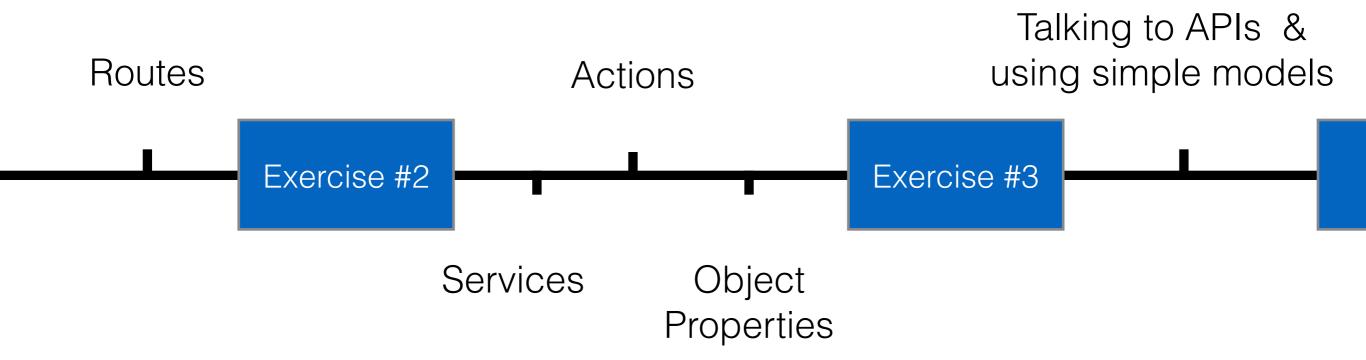


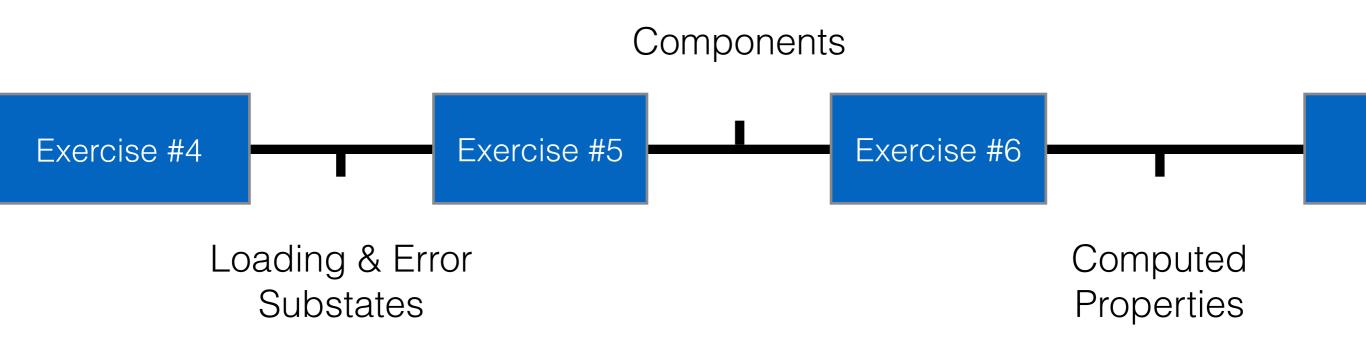


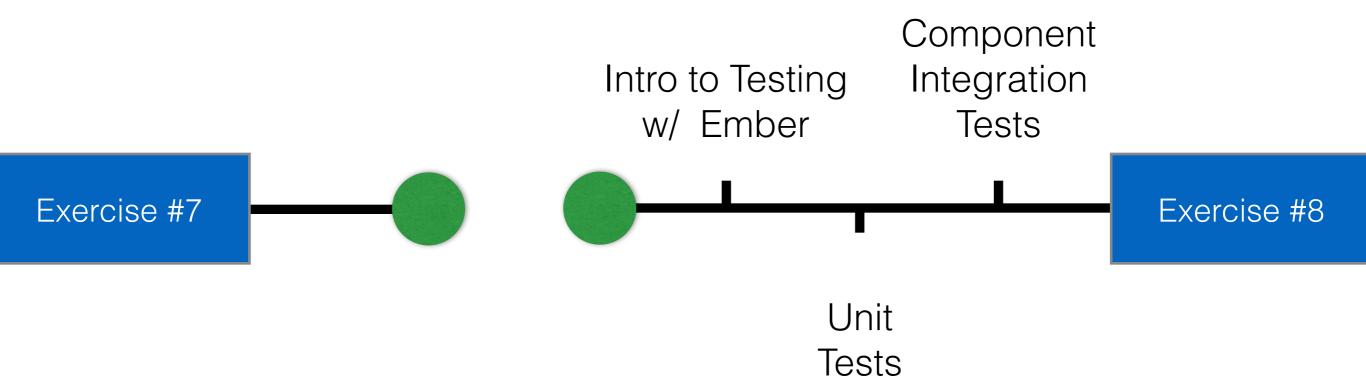
Componentizing orgs and repos

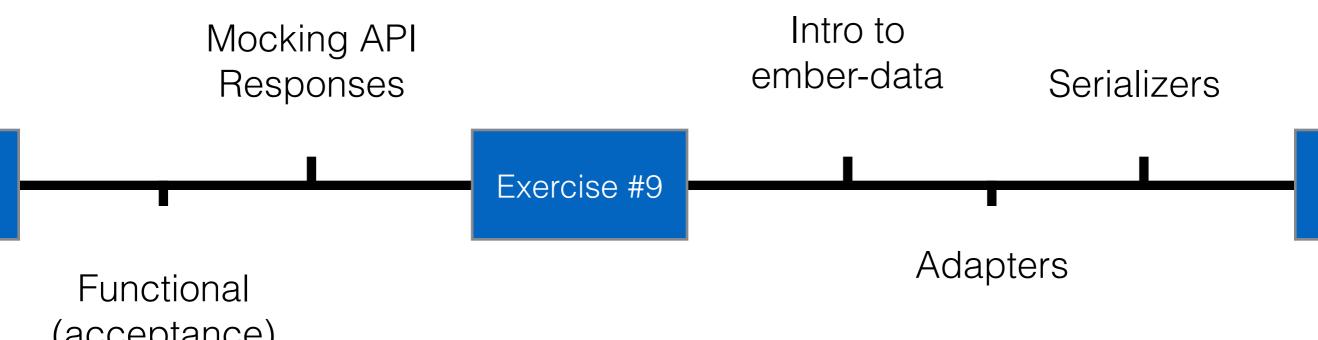


- Enhance the {github-org}} by adding a computed property for the "favorite" state
 - You will have to inject the favorites service onto the component
 - Declaring a dependency on items in an array
 - 'favorites.items.[]' or
 - 'favorites.items.@each.id'

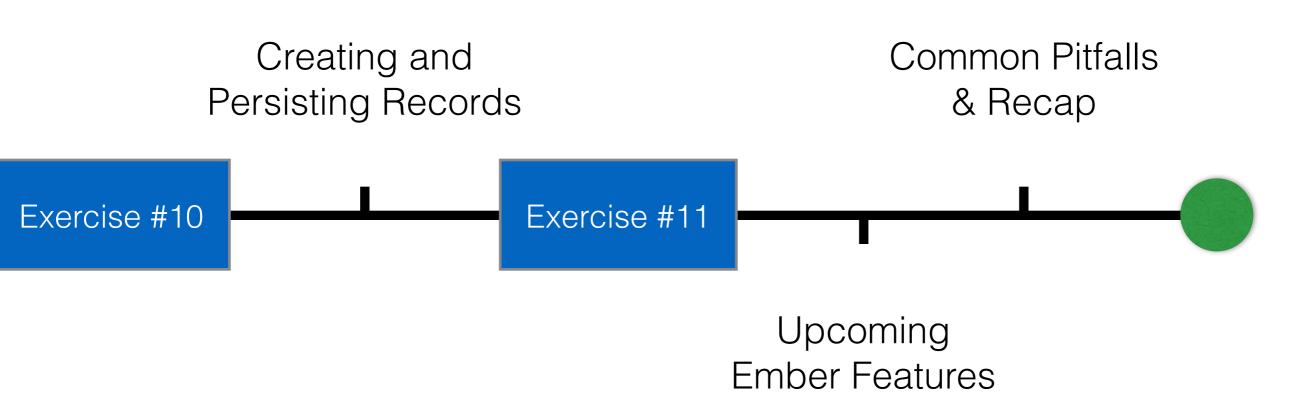








(acceptance) Testing



A few flavors of tests

- Unit for testing algorithmic complexity
- Integration for testing contracts between pieces of code, and how things work together
- Acceptance (functional) testing user workflows in the context of your entire application

The flavor I reach for

utils	Unit
models	Unit
services	Unit
components	Integration
routes	Acceptance
ember-data stuff	Acceptance

Running in testing mode

Normal Mode

Property change A

Property change B

Property change C

DOM update A

DOM update B

DOM update C

Testing Mode

Property change A

DOM update A

Property change B

DOM update B

Property change C

DOM update C

Running tests

- http://localhost:4200/tests
- ember test ci
- ember test -server

