CGI::Ex::App

The anti-framework web framework

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What this Presentation Isn't

- Not trying to convince you to change

- Best framework is the one you are using

- Not going to compare to other frameworks
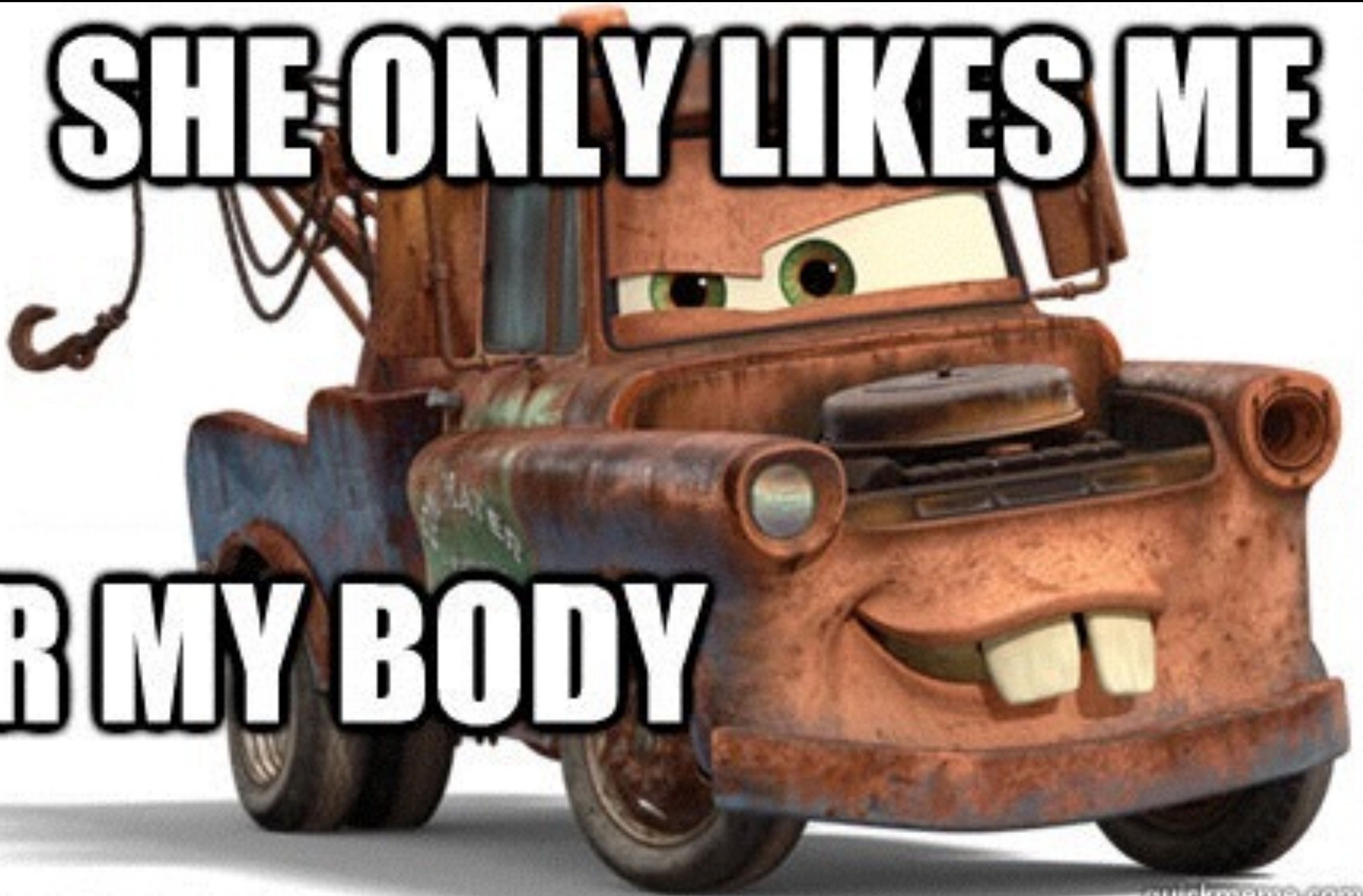
What is it?

(Barrel Tapper)

Ack! CGI?

"As for the CPAN module. I always consider CGI to suffer from multiple personalities. The one personality is a top-notch CGI (the protocol) parameter parsing beast that should not be dismissed. The other personality is a mediocre templating system that should be avoided like the plague (IMHO)."
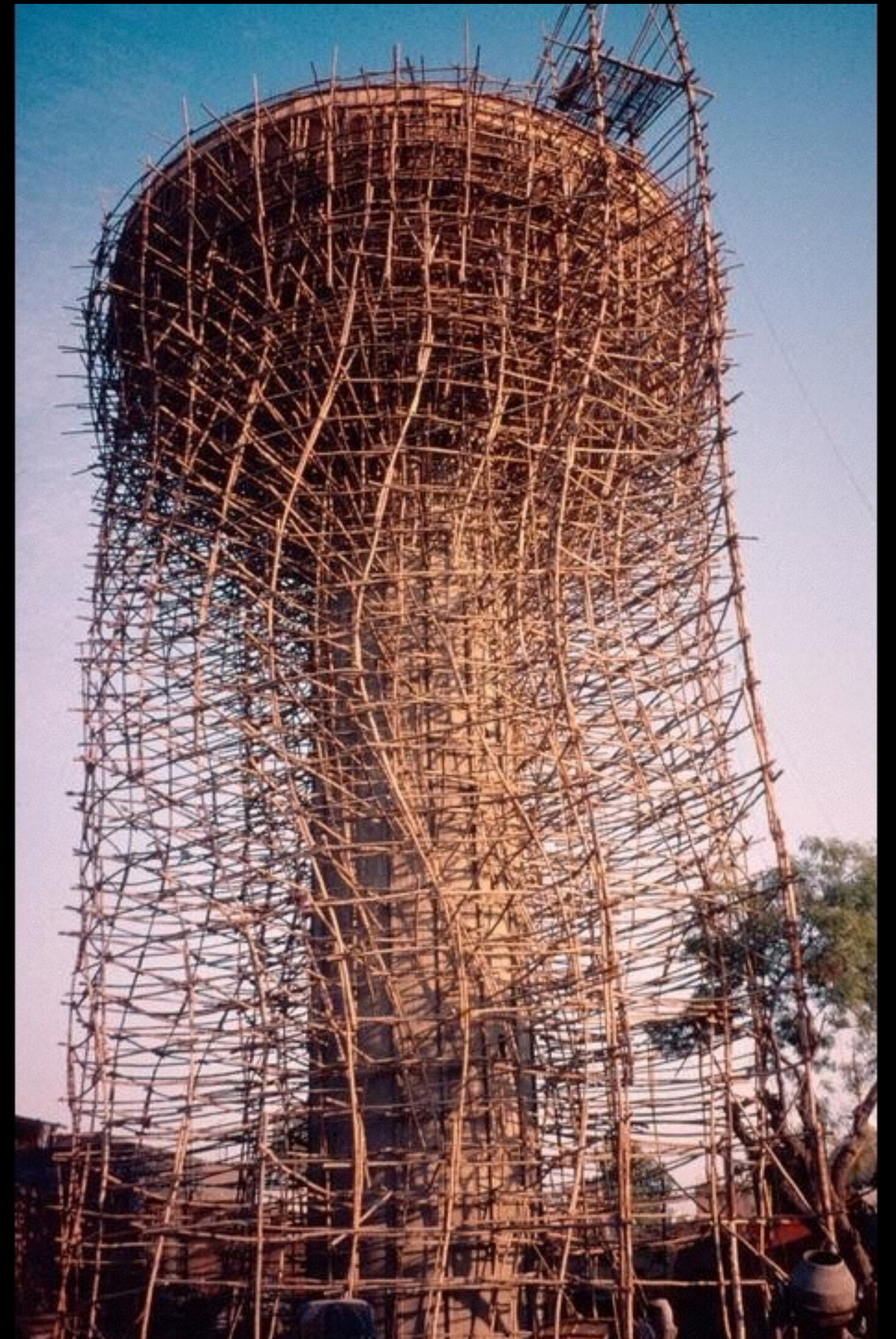
–Derby (from perl monks)

History

(BYO)mVC

Models are complicated. One size doesn't fit all.

• DBI (sure)

• DBIx::Class (sure)

• Class::DBI (sure… why?)

• Moose, Mouse, Moo, Mo (bring it, just no CGI plz)

• Grow your own

- Simple apps are simple.

- Complex apps are still complex, but CGI::Ex::App isn't going to give you grief about it

- Goal: Provide scaffolding, don't force users to use it

- It's small! (~500k with docs)

- Has one dependency (2 if you use 5.20)

- It's fast (comparing apples to apples)

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Examples

https://github.com/neybar/CGI-Ex-App-Examples

(http://goo.gl/ft9WYD)

- It is highly customizable: (hooks, inheritance)

- Deployable

  - CGI

  - ModPerl1

  - ModPerl2

- No central dispatch

- Runs great from CLI

- Documentation
- Setup is quite manual
- Needs a start_project script
- No PSGI (coming)
- Very regional use

Thank You

- james@thelances.net
- http://goo.gl/wVgQUS (cpan)
- (slides)
- http://goo.gl/ft9WYD (examples)

Questions?