# Designing Declarative APIs

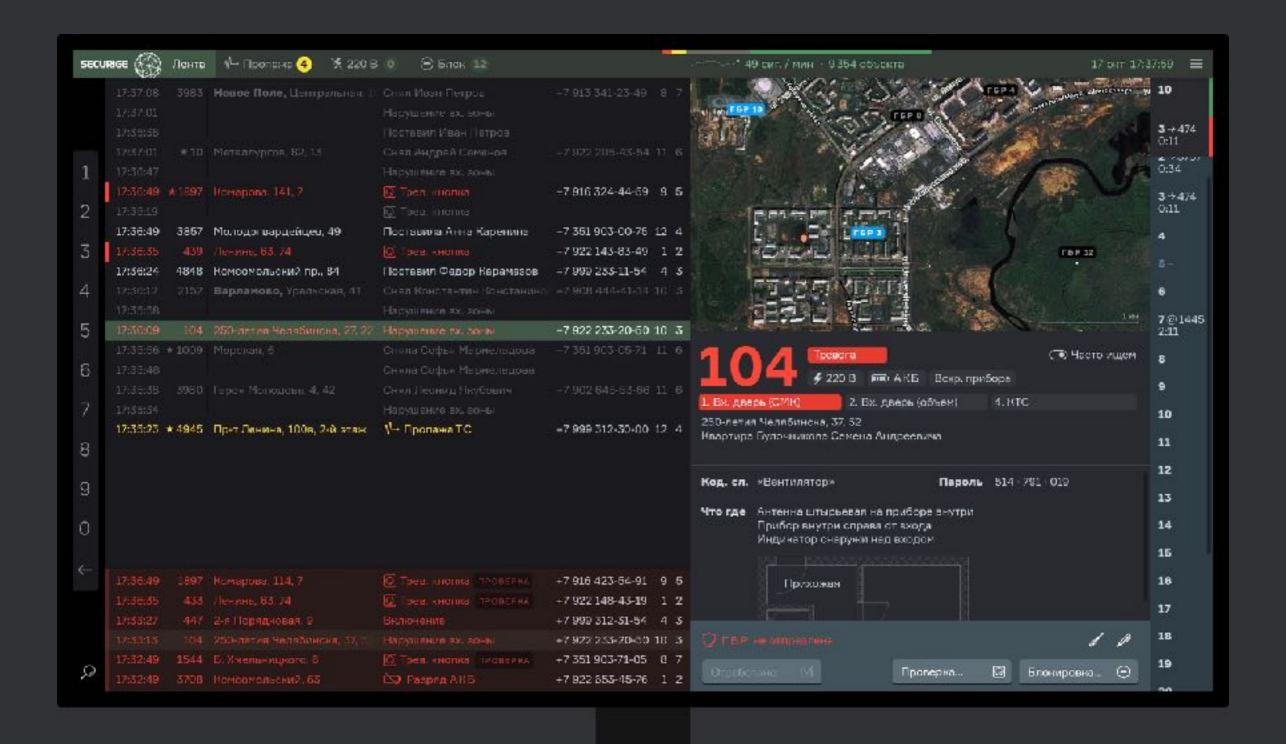
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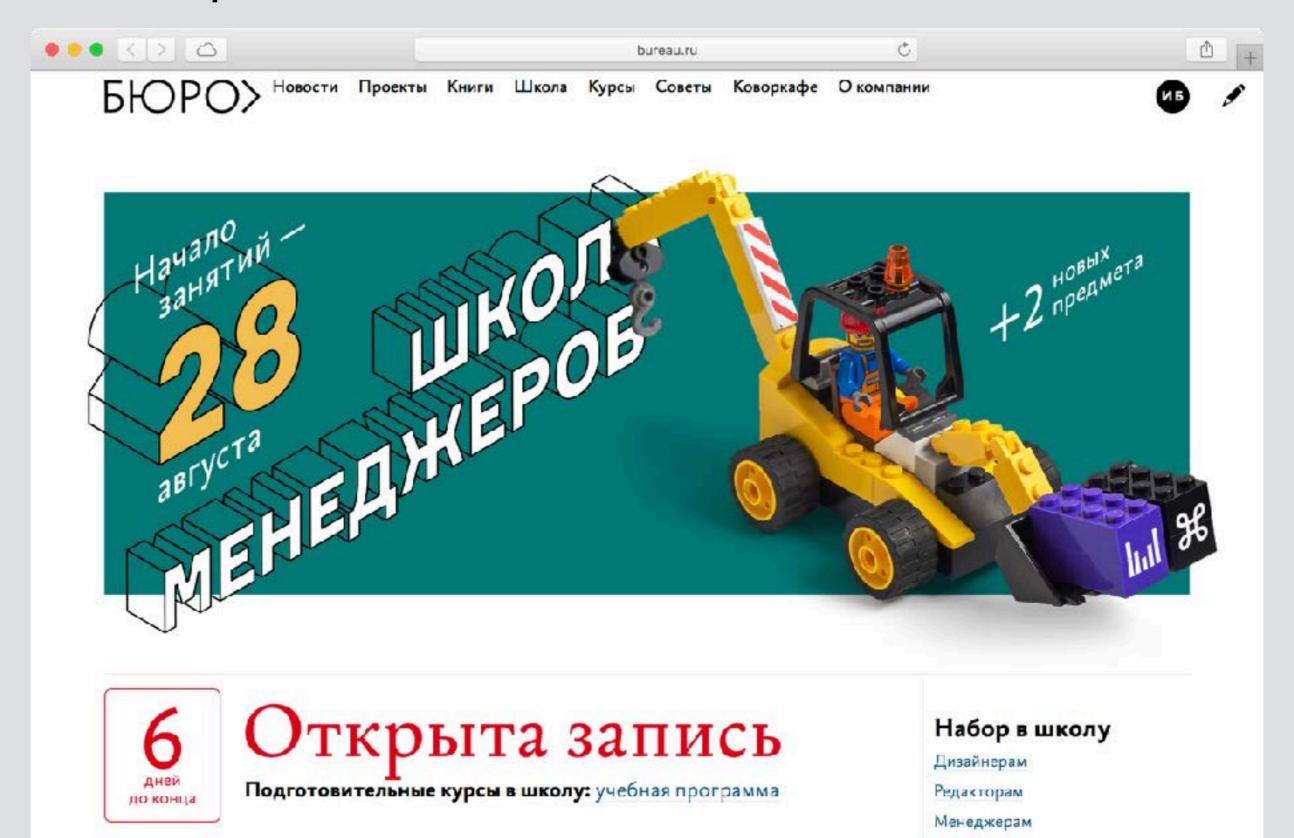








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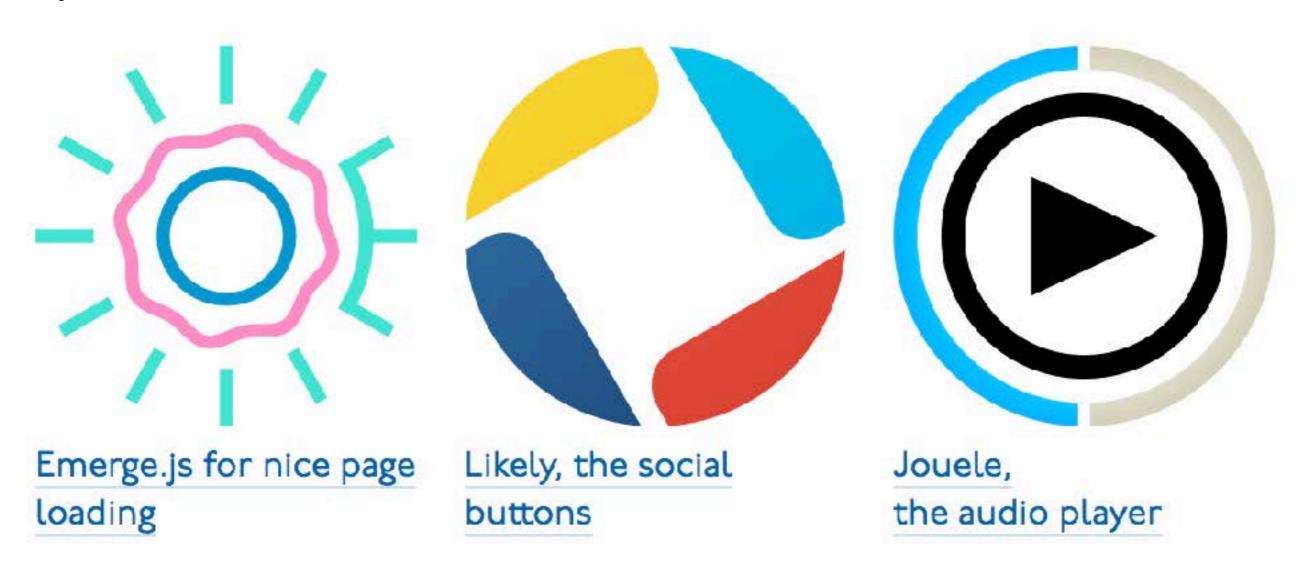


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## 1. Theory

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#### Demos

#### Sortable List



## Super Complete

Implements text completion in just fields

```
<script src="supercomplete.js" />
k rel="stylesheet"
    src="supercomplete.css"
/>
```

```
<script src="supercomplete.js" />
<link rel="stylesheet"</pre>
  src="supercomplete.css"
<script>
var superCompleteInstance =
  new SuperComplete ('id')
</script>
```

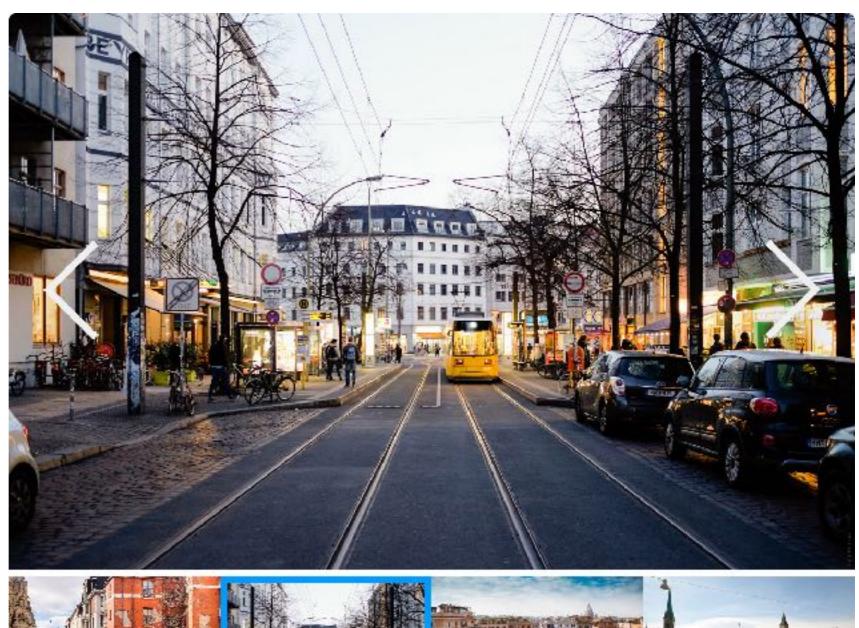
```
<script src="supercomplete.js" />
<link rel="stylesheet"
    src="supercomplete.css"
/>
<script>
$ ('#id').superComplete ()
</script>
```

```
<script src="supercomplete.js" />
<link rel="stylesheet"
    src="supercomplete.css"
/>
<input type="text" class="supercomplete" />
```

### Imperative > Declarative

#### fotorama.io

by Artem Polikarpov





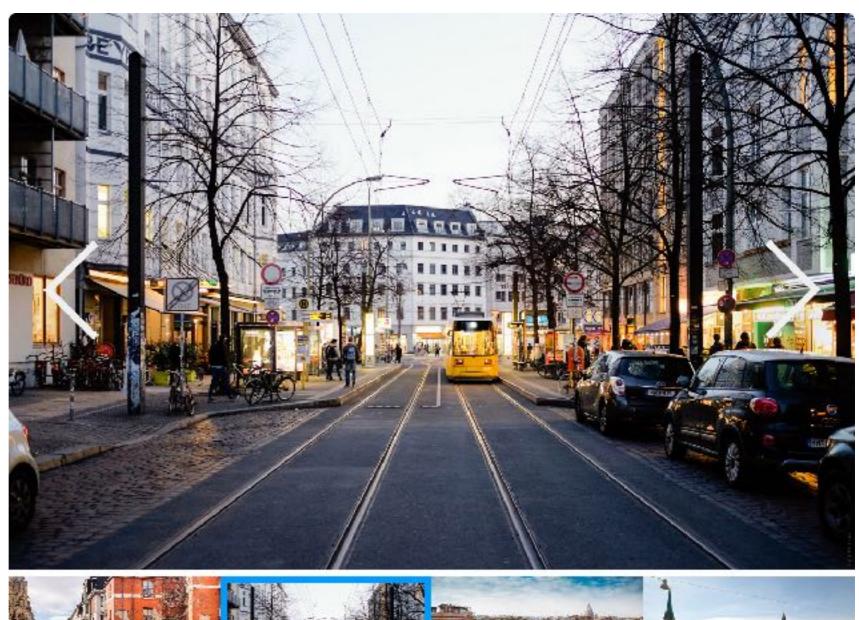
helsinki.jpg
berlin.jpg
rome.jpg
zurich.jpg

```
<img src="helsinki.jpg" />
<img src="berlin.jpg" />
<img src="rome.jpg" />
<img src="zurich.jpg" />
```

```
<div class="fotorama">
<img src="helsinki.jpg" />
<img src="berlin.jpg" />
<img src="rome.jpg" />
<img src="zurich.jpg" />
</div>
```

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### "But this is wrong!.."

# "Just linking a script shouldn't cause anything to happen on a page"

```
<div class="special">
  Text
</div>
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" src="main.css"/>
<div class="special">
   Text
</div>
```

```
<link rel="stylesheet" src="main.css"/>
<script>
document.getElementsByClassName ('special')
 .applyStyles ('main')
</script>
<div class="special">
  Text
</div>
```

# Auto initialization is a good thing.

It's as appropriate for JavaScript as it is for CSS

# "This may cause conflicts!"

```
<div class="supercomplete">
...
```

</div>

```
<script src="supercomplete.js" />
<link rel="stylesheet"</pre>
  src="supercomplete.css"
<script>
var superCompleteInstance =
  new SuperComplete ('id')
</script>
```

# Conflicts are a separate topic.

CSS classes or JavaScript constructors may also cause conflicts. Solve by thoughtful naming and selective linking

# "This will not work in SPAs"

### Frameworks

Angular

React

## Frameworks usage

Angular One in about 2000 ... 10 000 websites

React Five times less

According to some websites

### SPAs are special.

Compatibility with 99,97% of the Web is a pretty good start

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Compatibility with 99,97% of the Web is a pretty good start. SPAs support is a feature

"HTML for markup, CSS for appearance, JS for behaviour let's not mix them up!"

### SEND

```
<input
  type="button"
  value="Send"
  onclick="this.form.submit ()"
/>
```

```
<input
    type="submit"
    value="Send"
/>
```

### Click here



```
    href="..."
    onmouseover="this.style.color = 'red'"
    onmouseout="this.style.color = ''"

>Click here</a>
```

```
<a href="...">Click here</a>
a:hover {
  color: red
}
```

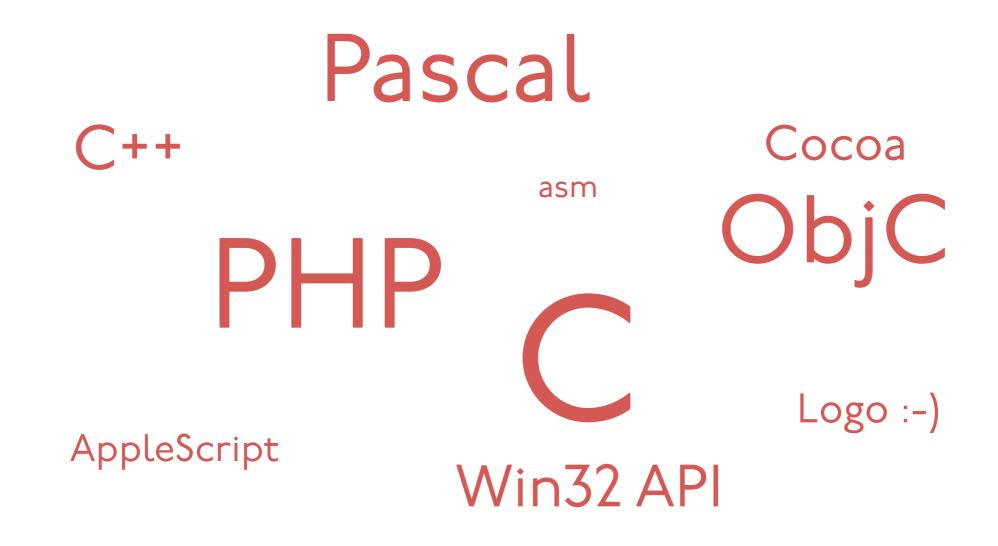
# Important behaviours deserve declarative APIs.

Your thing is important :-)

## Use JavaScript for actual programming.

Writing boilerplate code that just needs to be there for the things to work is not programming

## "He just can't figure out JavaScript"



Delphi

JavaScript

Lua

### Less code, more meaning

What can become declarative becomes declarative (or state-based)

lea.verou.me:

# HTML APIs: What they are design a good one

Posted on FEBRUARY 16, 2017 by LEA VEROU

I'm a strong believer in lowering the barrier of what it interactive experiences and improving the user experiences wrote an article over at Smashing Magazine aimed that want their libraries to be usable via HTML (i.e. w Sounds interesting? Read it here.

### Lowering the barrier?

Less code means less errors, less time to figure out and more users

### This isn't "for dummies".

This is just better

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This is just better. As a side effect, beginners will get it faster, too

```
<script>
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</script>
```

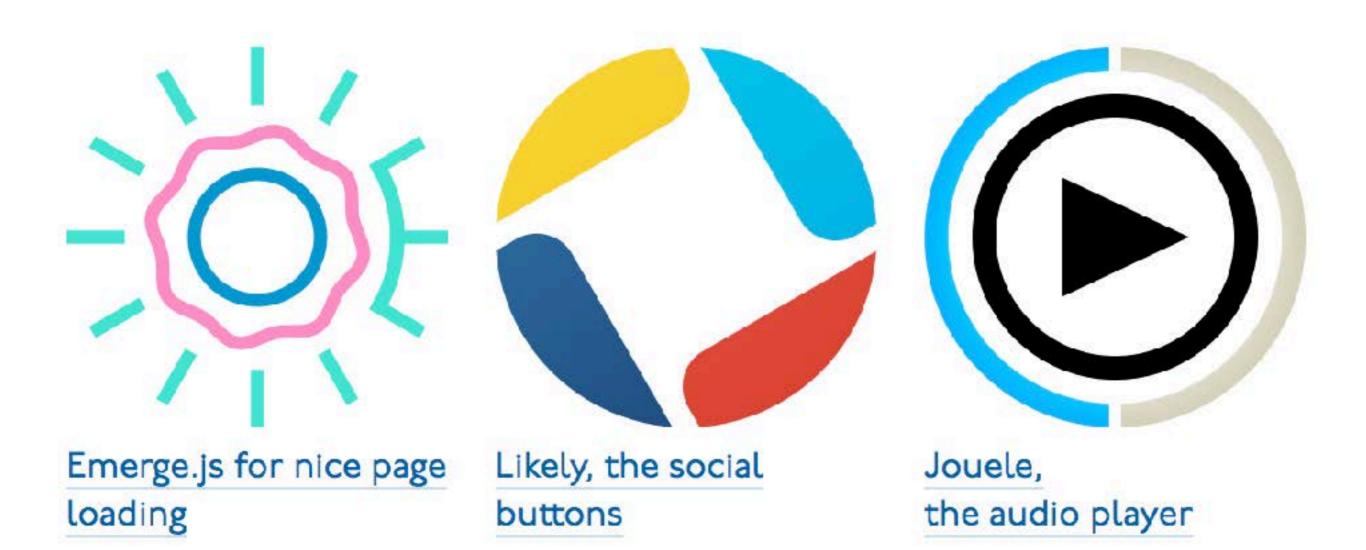
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```
<input type="text" id="id" />
```

```
<input type="text" id="id" />
<script>
$ ('#id').superComplete ()
</script>
```

```
<input type="text" />
<input type="text" class="supercomplete" />
<input type="radio" />
<input type="radio" />
<input type="radio" />
```

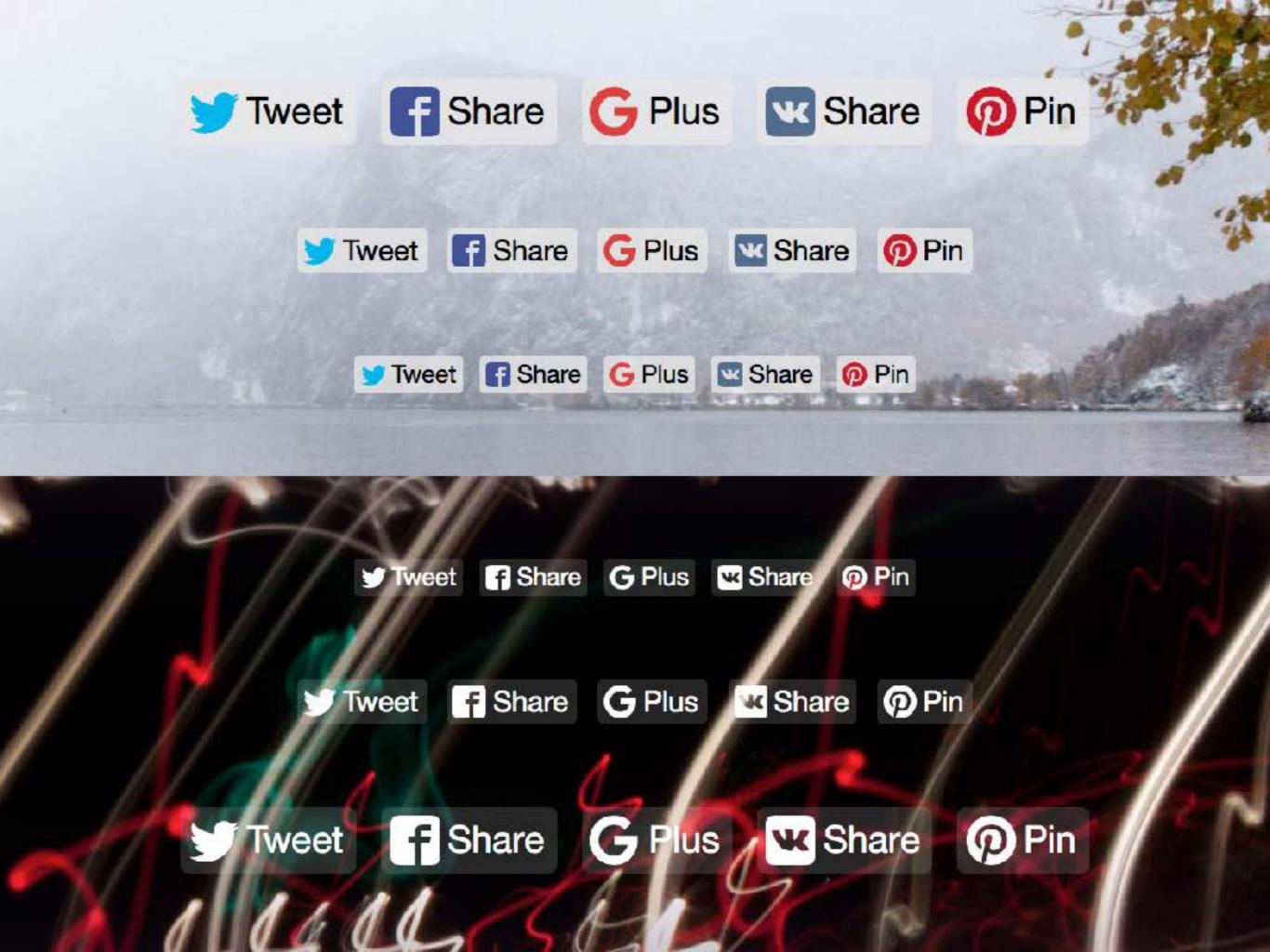
### 2. Practice



**Likely**Social sharing buttons

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maintained by Ivan Akulov

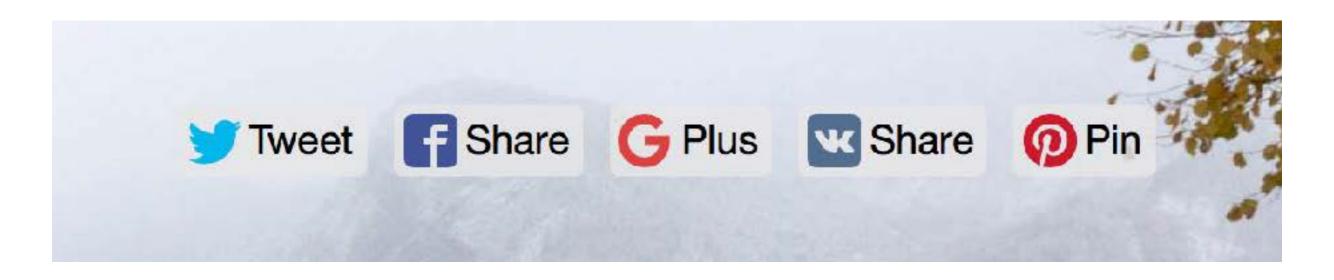


```
<div class="likely">
  <div class="twitter">Tweet</div>
  <div class="facebook">Share</div>
  <div class="linkedin">Link</div>
  <div class="gplus">Plus</div>
  <div class="vkontakte">Share</div>
  <div class="telegram">Send</div>
  <div class="pinterest"</pre>
    data-media="pinnable.png"
  >Pin</div>
</div>
```

```
<div class="likely">
     <div class="twitter">Tweet</div>
     <div class="facebook">Share</div>
     <div class="linkedin">Link</div>
     <div class="gplus">Plus</div>
</div></div>
```

```
<div class="likely">
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     <div class="linkedin">Link</div>
</div></div>
```

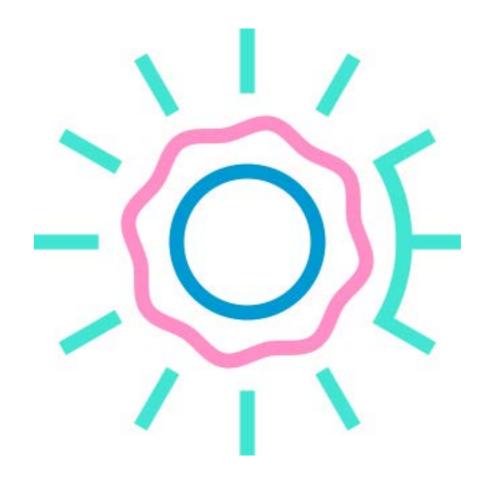
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<div class="likely">
    <div class="facebook">Share</div>
    <div class="twitter">Tweet</div>
    <div class="gplus"></div>
    <div class="linkedin"></div>
</div></div>
```

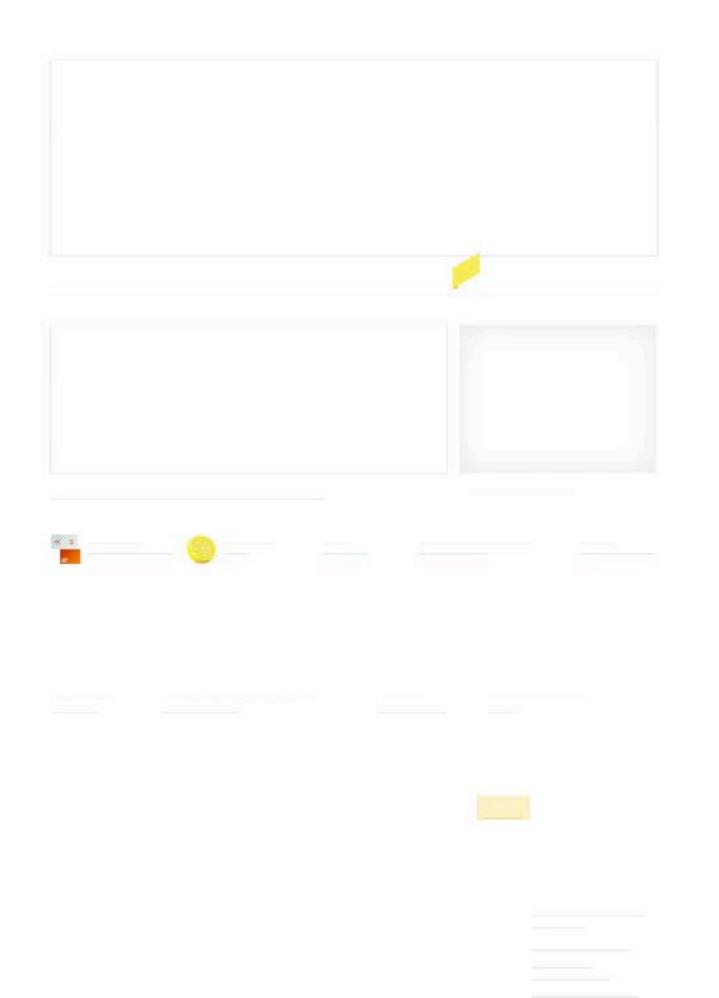


### Thing, not action

#### Emerge

Page load coordinator





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<img src="picture.jpg" />

<img src="picture.jpg" class="emerge" />

```
<img src="picture.jpg" class="emerge" />
<div class="caption">Beautiful</div>
```

```
<div class="emerge">
    <img src="picture.jpg"/>
    <div class="caption">Beautiful</div>
</div>
```

```
<div class="emerge">
    <img src="picture.jpg"/>
        <div class="caption">Beautiful</div>
        <!── more images and video →
        </div>
```

```
<div class="emerge" data-spin="true">
    <img src="picture.jpg"/>
        <div class="caption">Beautiful</div>
        <!── more images and video →
        </div>
```

```
<div
  class="emerge"
  data-spin="true"
  data-effect="slide"
  data-up="20px"
  <img src="picture.jpg"/>
  <div class="caption">Beautiful</div>
  \leftarrow! more images and video \longrightarrow
</div>
```

```
<div class="emerge" data-effect="slide"</pre>
  data-down="20px">
  \leftarrow ! \longrightarrow
</div>
<div class="emerge" data-effect="slide"</pre>
  data-up="20px" data-continue="true">
  \leftarrow ! \longrightarrow
</div>
```

# Doesn't have to be everything.

```
data-spin
data-effect
data-continue
```

```
data-spin
data-spin-element
data-continue
data-await
data-hold
data-effect
data-up
data-down
data-left
data-right
```

data-duration data-scale data-angle data-origin data-expose data-opaque data-style-1 data-style-2 data-emerge-event

```
<div class="fotorama emerge"</pre>
  data- ...
  data- ...
  data-effect ... ???
  data- ...
  data- ...
</div>
```

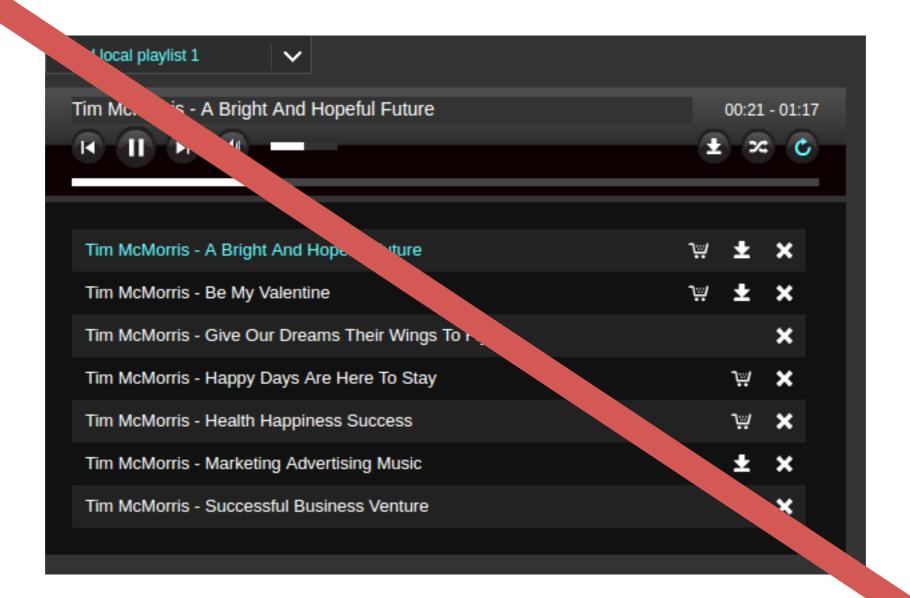
```
data-emerge-spin
data-emerge-effect
data-emerge-continue
```

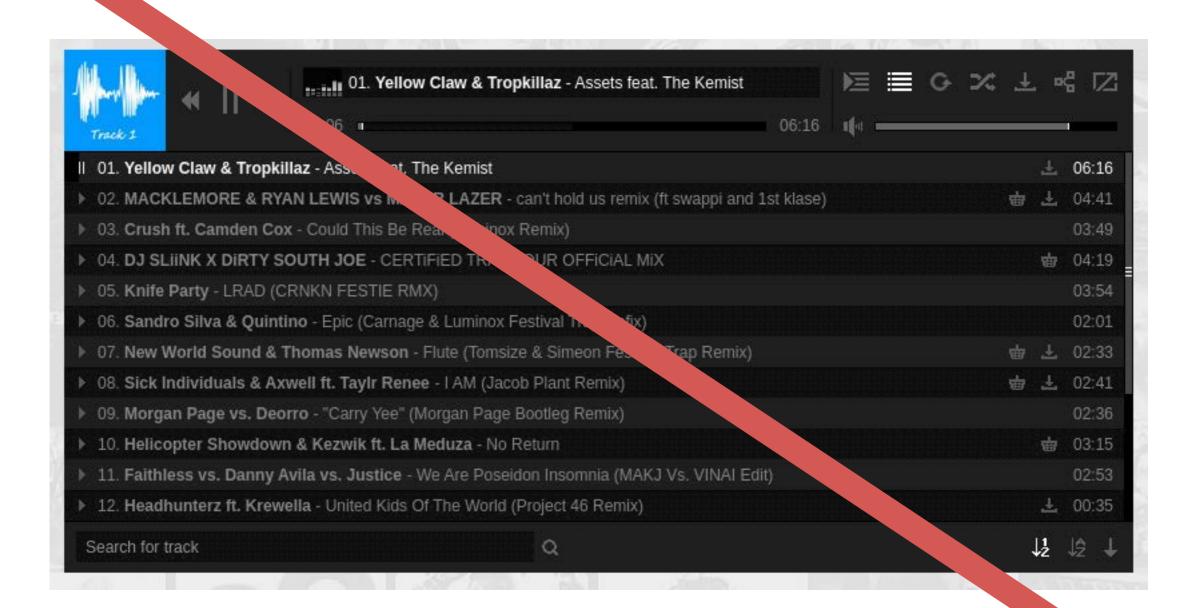
## Universal > Clean

Jouele Audio player for the Web

maintained by Evgeniy Lazarev







► The Beatles: Yesterday 0:00 2:05

## Jouele

```
<a href="yesterday.mp3">The Beatles:
Yesterday</a>
```

The Beatles: Yesterday

## <a href="yesterday.mp3" class="jouele">The Beatles: Yesterday</a>

► The Beatles: Yesterday

0:00 2:05

#### <h1>The Beatles</h1>

```
<a href="yesterday.mp3"
class="jouele">Yesterday</a>
<a href="letitbe.mp3"
class="jouele">Let it be</a>
<a href="heyjude.mp3"
class="jouele">Hey Jude</a></a>
```

```
<h1>The Beatles</h1>
```

```
<div class="jouele-playlist">
    <a href="yesterday.mp3"
    class="jouele">Yesterday</a>
    <a href="letitbe.mp3"
    class="jouele">Let it be</a>
    <a href="heyjude.mp3"
    class="jouele">Hey Jude</a>
</div></div>
```

## DEMO

Unreleased

## How is it done?

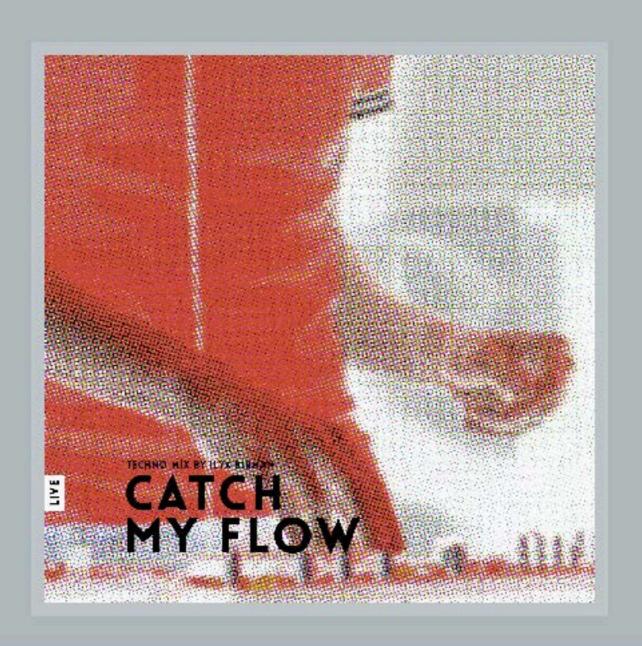
```
 ...
```

## One-way control

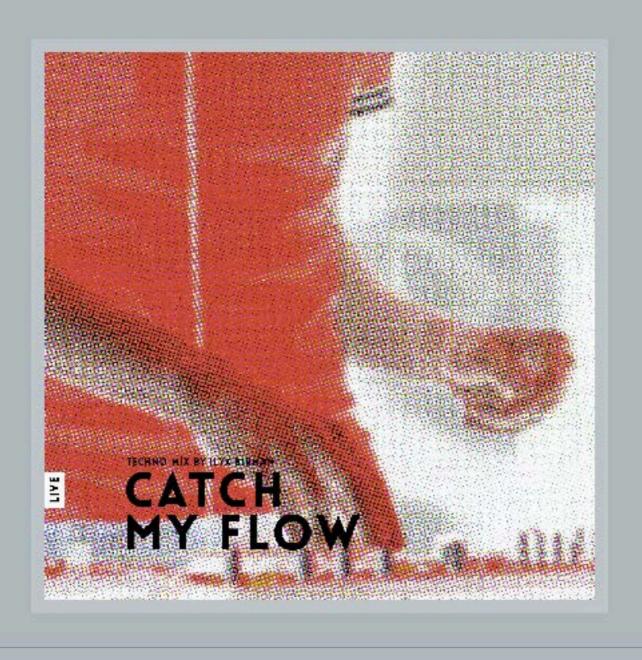
- I. Image controls the player
- 2. Table rows control the player

## Two-way control

- I. Image controls the player
- 2. Table rows control the player
- 3. The player controls the image
- 4. The player controls the table rows



## Callback? Event?



### Abstract classes

Defined, but not implemented

### Abstract classes

```
.jouele-is-playing
.jouele-is-buffering
.jouele-is-unavailable
```

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```
img.jouele-control.jouele-is-playing {
  outline: rgba(255,255,255,.2) 10px solid;
}
```

```
 ...
```

```
 ...
```

```
.mix-playlist td.jouele-is-within {
  background: rgba(255,255,255,.2);
  color: #fd0093;
}
```

## Conclusion

## Why

- 1. Code makes sense, related code is in one place, less errors, more users.
- 2. The code remains sensible without JavaScript (i.e. in RSS or email).

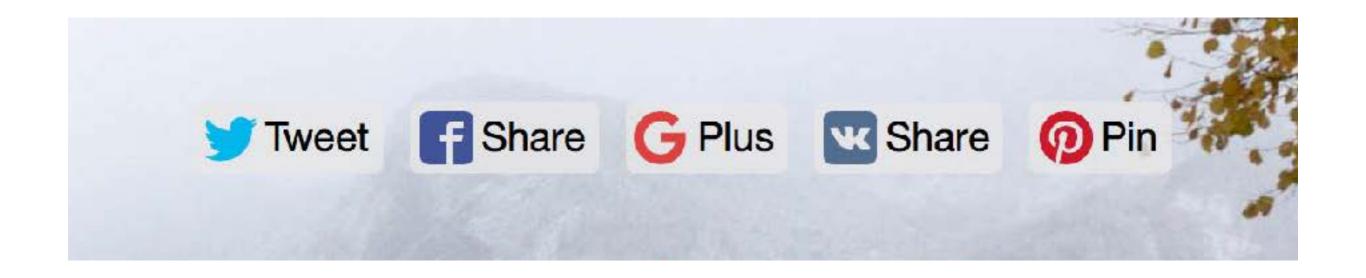
#### How

- I. Extend the standard HTML tags when it makes sense.
- 2. Use simple data attributes.
- 3. Use abstract state classes in CSS for two-way control.
- 4. Leave JavaScript for the actual programming

### What's next

- I. Web Components
- 2. CSS custom properties

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<img>



. .

```
.element:loading .element-contents {
 opacity: 0;
.element .element-contents {
 opacity: 1;
 transition: opacity 1s ease-out;
.element:loading .element-stub {
```

```
.element .element-contents {
  -- opacity-loading: 0;
  --transition-loaded: opacity 1s ease-out;
 opacity: 1;
.element .element-stub {
  -- opacity-loading: 1;
 opacity: 0;
```

# What if it was part of HTML and CSS?

Choose what makes sense for your product

## Thanks!

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