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# Exploring the SharePoint Framework

A SharePoint development model for now and the future

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# Top priorities

Why a new SharePoint development model

SharePoint Framework fundamentals

SPFx webparts and extensions

Packaging and deploying

Best practices and advise

# A New Development Model?

# SharePoint development through the ages

## Full trust solutions

SharePoint 2007+  
No cloud options

## Sandbox solutions

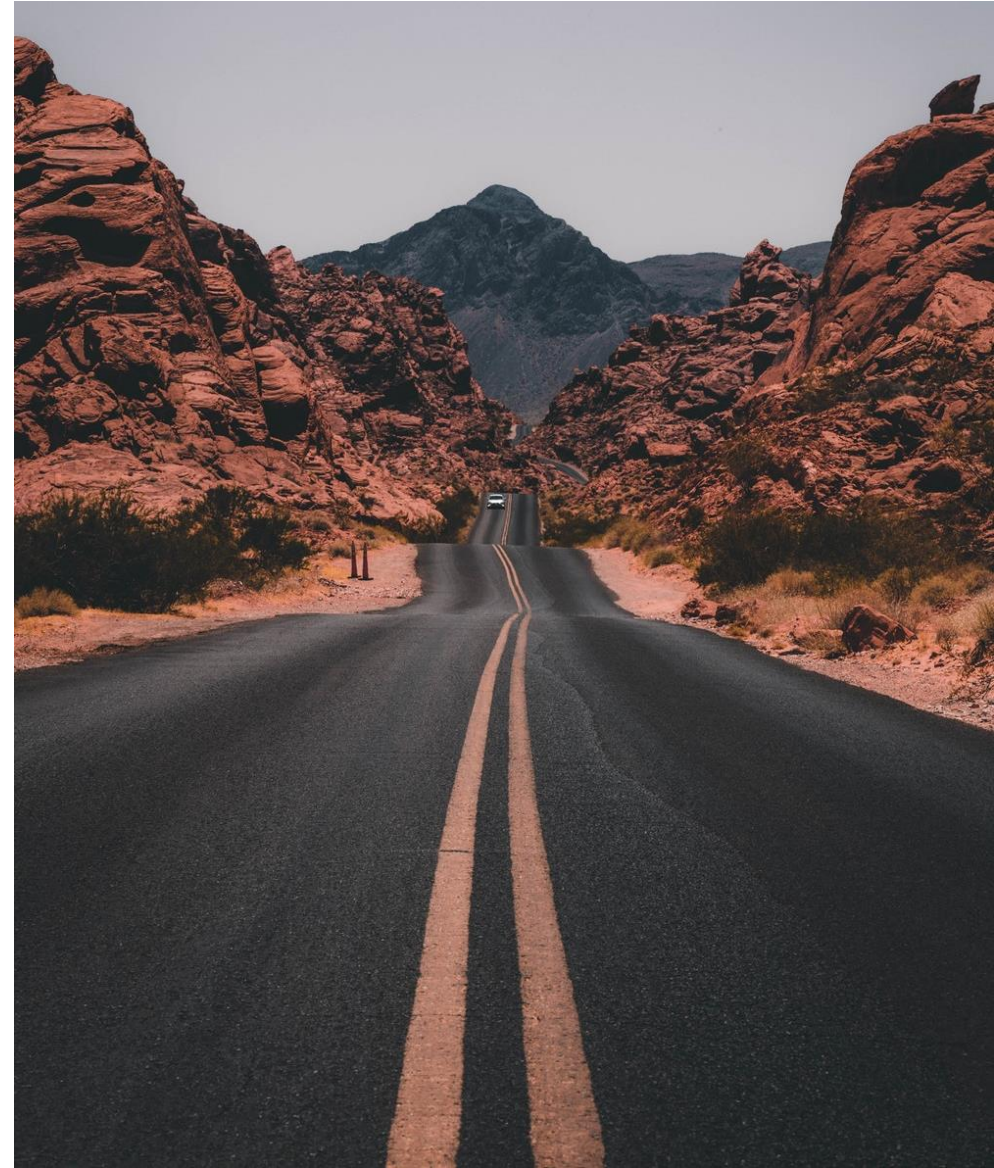
SharePoint 2010+  
Cloud gaps

## Add-in model

SharePoint 2013+  
First solid cloud offering

## Keeps changing

Every three to four years, a new development model



# SharePoint Framework – here to stay

It's different this time\*

Microsoft has bet their future on SPFx

Same model 1<sup>st</sup> -> 3<sup>rd</sup> party

SharePoint engineering using same model

OOTB Modern experience uses SPFx

Equal footing with equal access

Capabilities

Extension points

Access to Microsoft API's







SPFx - Worth the investment



# SPFx Fundamentals

# SharePoint Framework basics

Native SharePoint development model based on client-side rendering

Currently includes webparts and extensions

Open source tooling / toolchain

nodeJS, npm, Yeoman, gulp, TypeScript, webpack, and more

Integrates with internal and external data

Wrapper REST API classes for SharePoint, Microsoft Graph, and external data

SharePoint Online, SharePoint 2016+

Modern experiences and extensions expected in SharePoint 2019

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# Client-side rendering and SharePoint

Client-side rendering first class citizen

No server side / compiled code / C#

IDE / development platform agnostic

Enabled by open source toolchain

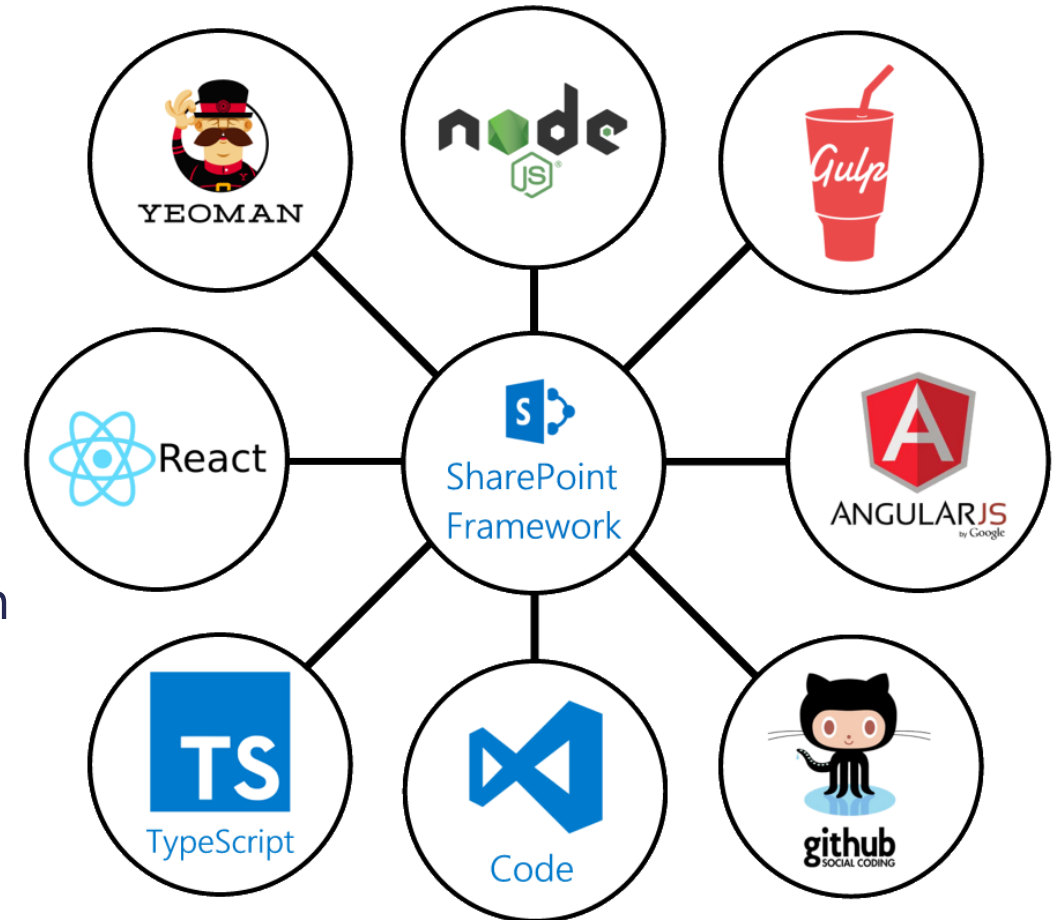
Visual Studio not required

Not dependent on JavaScript Injection

Still using JavaScript / TypeScript, now with clean integration

No iFrame requirement

Direct integration of custom code within the page model



# Let's get started

## Read the documentation

<https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/spfx/set-up-your-developer-tenant>

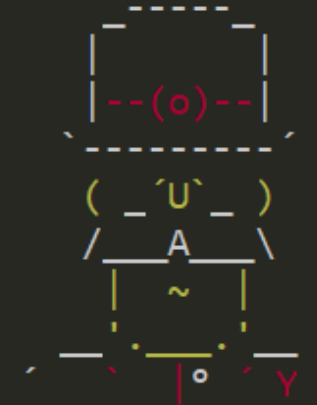
## Install toolchain

1. Install nodeJS (current Long Term Support (LTS) version)
2. Install Yeoman and gulp  
c:\> npm i -g yo gulp
3. Install Yeoman generator  
c:\> npm i -g @microsoft/generator-sharepoint

## Create your first SPFx solution

```
c:\> yo @microsoft/sharepoint  
gulp serve
```

```
λ yo @microsoft/sharepoint
```



Welcome to the  
SharePoint Client-side  
Solution Generator

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Let's create a new SharePoint solution.  
? What is your solution name? app-extension  
? Which baseline packages do you want to target?  
? Where do you want to place the files? Use the default location  
? Do you want to allow the tenant admin the choice of deployment or adding apps in sites? No  
? Which type of client-side component to create?  
? Which type of client-side extension to create?
```

Demo: Spinning up SPFx



# SPFx Solution Structure

# The SPFx scaffolding

## Getting to know SPFx folders

**./:** solution description and build settings

**src:** primary webpart TypeScript source code

**config:** json configuration files for webpart and build process

**sharepoint:** .sppkg file for App Catalog

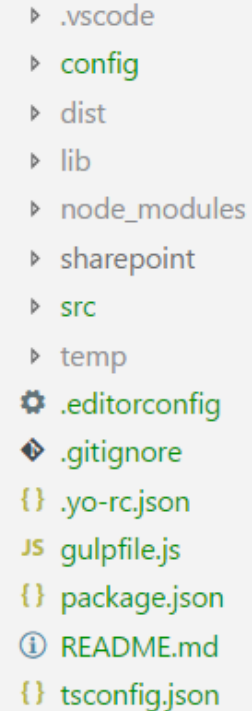
**dist:** web ready code for distribution

**lib:** build files (TS compiled JS) ready for bundle

**temp:** temp workspace for building

**temp/deploy:** RELEASE bundle assets

**node\_modules:** NodeJS modules (JS) for toolchain



A screenshot of a file explorer showing the SPFx scaffolding structure. The folders and files are listed on the left, and their status (U for updated, G for generated) is shown on the right. The items are: .vscode (folder), config (folder), dist (folder), lib (folder), node\_modules (folder), sharepoint (folder), src (folder), temp (folder), .editorconfig (file, U), .gitignore (file, U), .yo-rc.json (file, U), gulpfile.js (file, U), package.json (file, U), README.md (file, U), and tsconfig.json (file, U).

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# Demo: Breaking Down SPFx

A dark, moody photograph of a snowy forest path. The path is covered in snow and leads into a dense forest of bare trees. The lighting is low, creating a somber and atmospheric scene. The text is overlaid in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

Two types of SPFx Components:

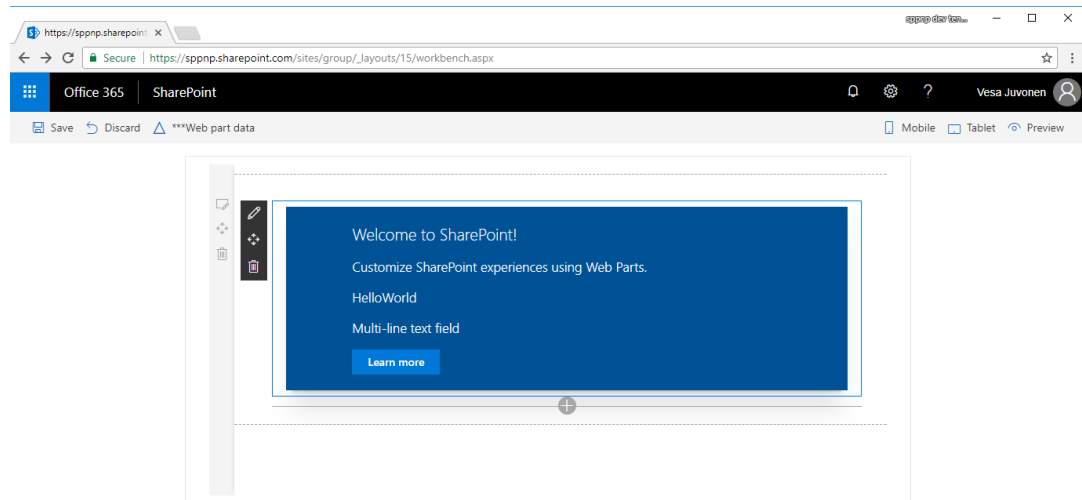
Webparts – Extensions



# SPFx webparts and extensions

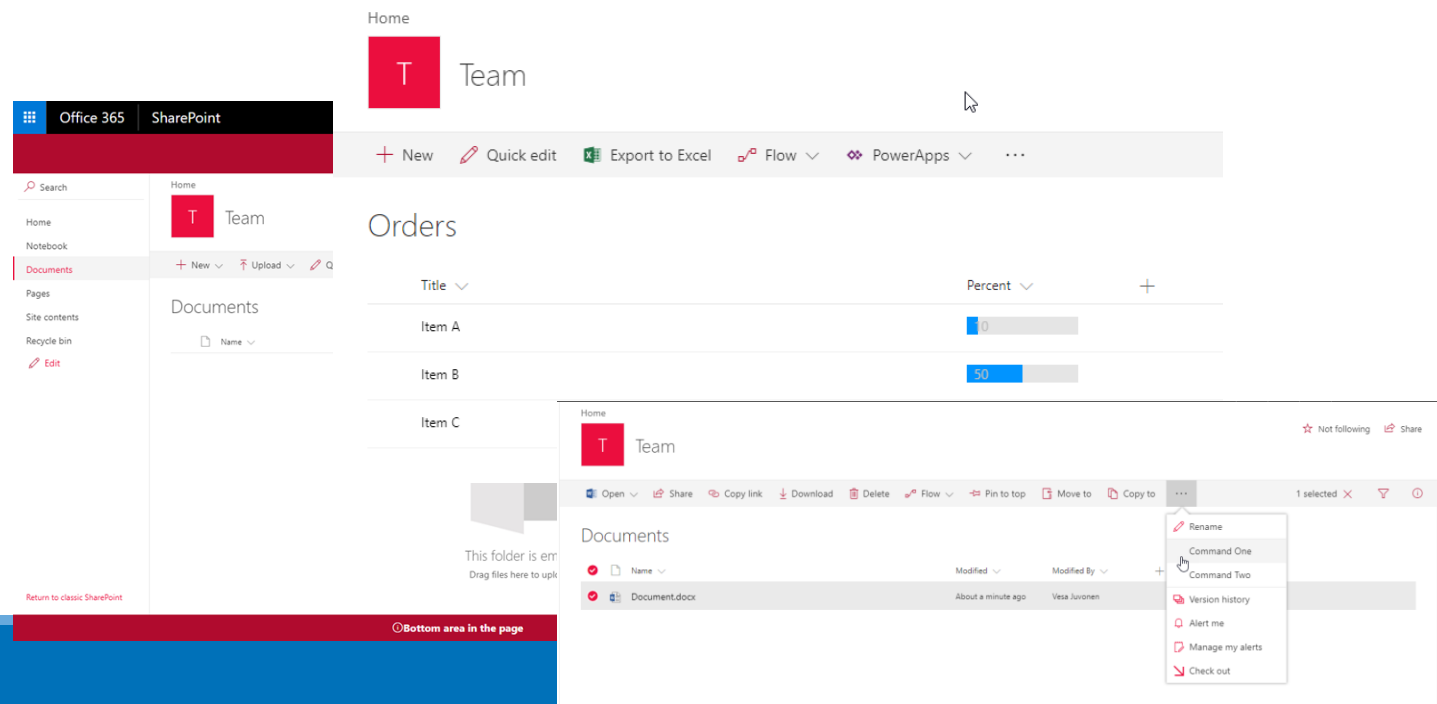
## Webparts

Components added to a specific page  
Repeatable and customizable  
Added within flow of content

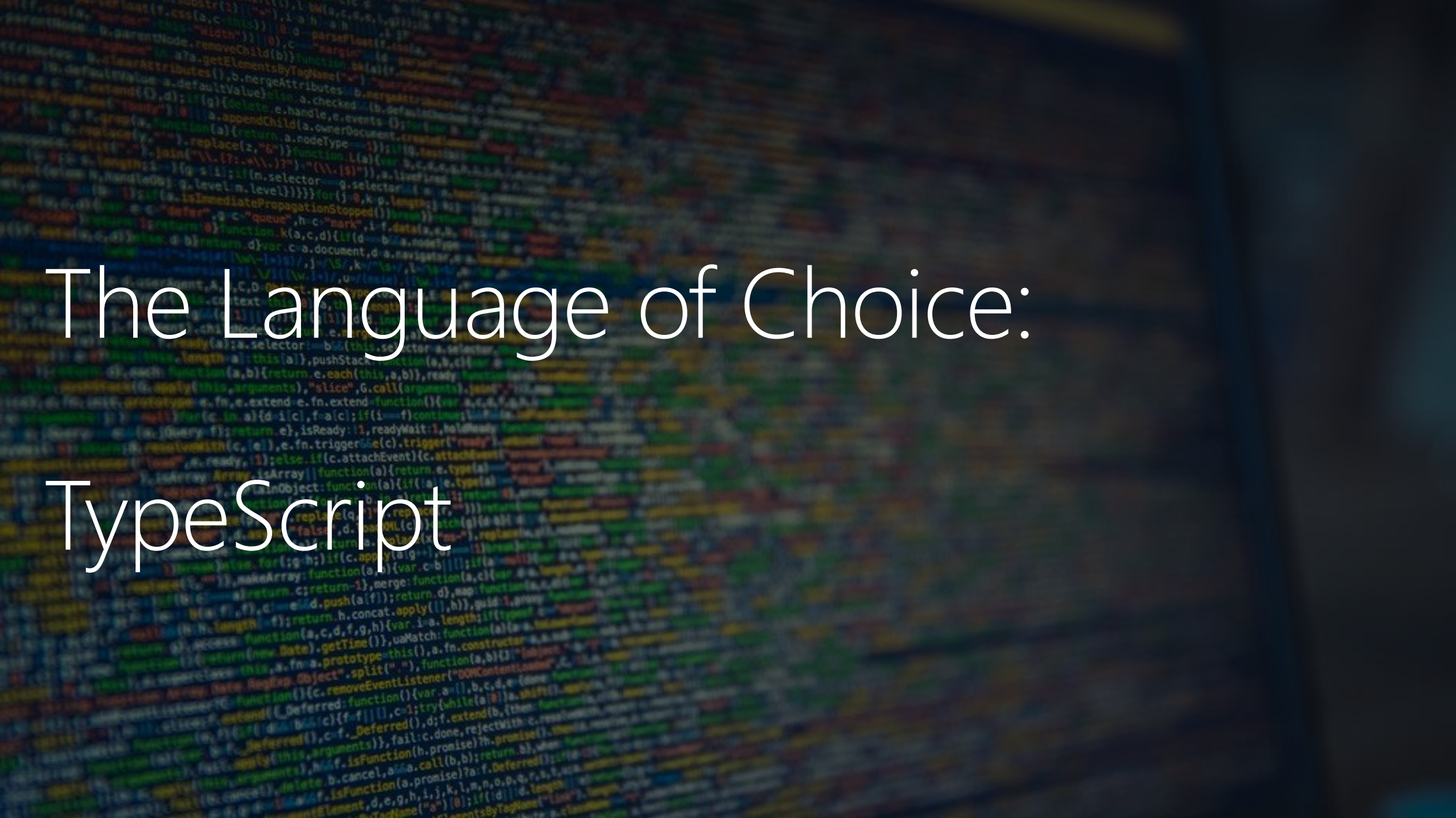


## Extensions

General components for pages/lists/libraries  
Application Customizers  
Field Customizers  
ListView Command Set Customizers







# The Language of Choice:

# TypeScript

# TypeScript – Our new JavaScript

*"TypeScript is a free and open source programming language developed and maintained by Microsoft. It is a strict superset of JavaScript, and adds optional static typing and class-based object-oriented programming to the language."*

<https://www.typescriptlang.org>

Strict superset of JavaScript

Adds optional static typing

Class based object-oriented language

Transpiles to JavaScript

# TypeScript

# Creating a User Experience

The SPFx Way





# Choose your UI framework

## Native SPFx rendering options

No framework – you create the HTML

React – Microsoft recommended approach

Knockout

## Other options

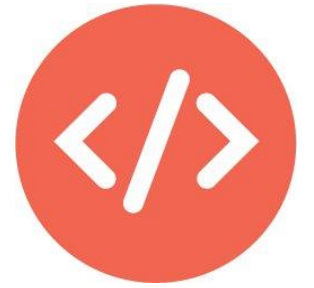
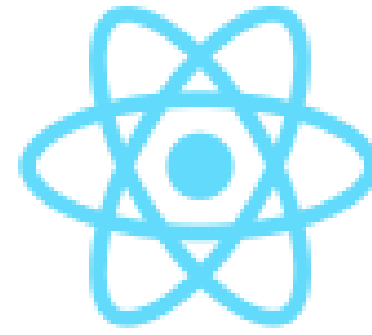
AngularJS / Angular – large external community

jQuery – a shim / helper

Handlebars

Office UI Fabric – used in conjunction with React

Any framework / library



**Knockout.**



**jQuery**

**handlebars**



# Demo: SPFx Webparts and Extensions



# SPFx Properties and Data

Allow webpart customization

Connect to SharePoint data and Microsoft Graph

# Webpart properties

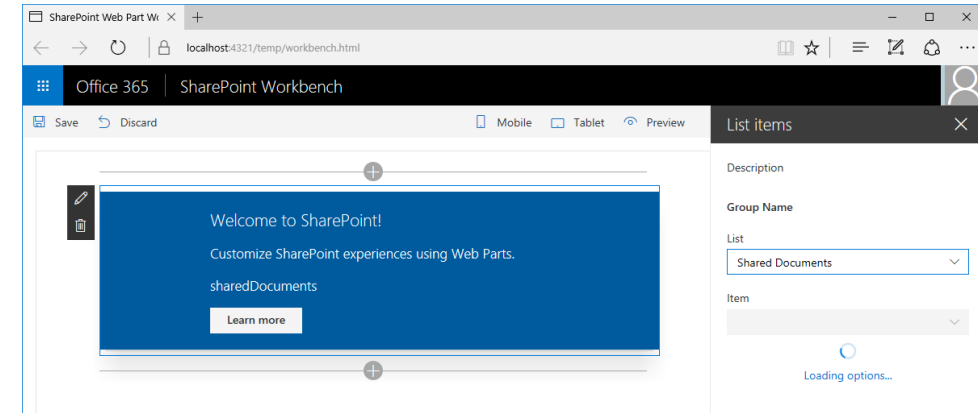
SPFx webparts can include custom properties

**Define:** /src/webparts/"webpart"/"webpart"WebPart.ts  
add in: I"webpart"WebPartProps interface

**Default values:** /src/webparts/"webpart"/"webpart"WebPart.manifest.json  
add in json: preconfiguredEntries.properties

**Display:** /src/webparts/"webpart"/"webpart"WebPart.ts  
method: protected getPropertyPaneConfiguration(): IPropertyPaneConfiguration {}

**Override onChange:** /src/webparts/"webpart"/"webpart"WebPart.ts  
method: public onPropertyPaneFieldChanged (propertyPath: string, oldValue: any , newValue: any) {}



# Connecting to data

Connect to internal and external data with built in methods

TypeScript Http classes within `@microsoft/sp-http`  
`this.context` always includes `spHttpClient`!

## HttpClient

Basic set of features for REST operations with any external resource

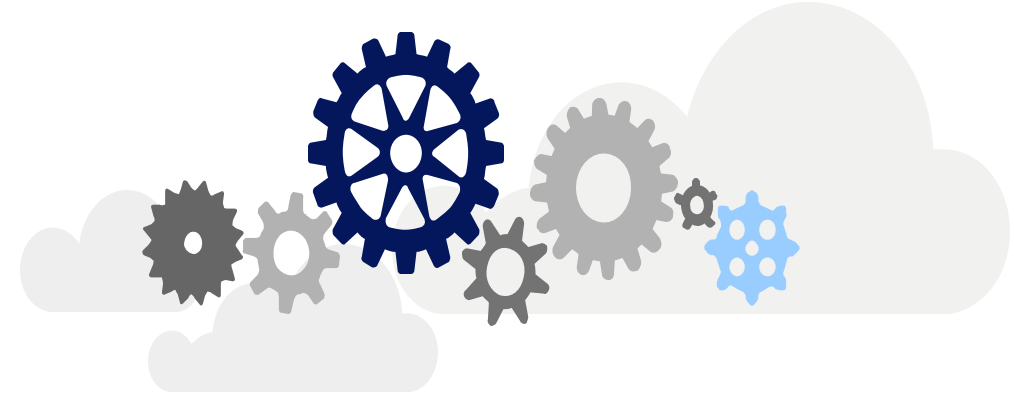
## SPHttpClient

REST calls against SharePoint, handles context, security, etc.

## AadHttpClient / MSGraphClient

Make calls to Azure Active Directory Applications

MSGraphClient currently in preview - `@microsoft/sp-client-preview` – make calls to Microsoft Graph



# Packaging and Deploying

Enable solution utilization



# Package and deploy SPFx solutions to SharePoint

After debugging, bundle then package solution for deployment

`C:\> gulp bundle` (creates the solution bundles)

`C:\> gulp package-solution` (creates /sharepoint/solution/"webpart".sppkg)

Use `--ship` switch to minify bundle and reads in CDN info from `config/write-manifests.json`

## Deploying to SharePoint

May be deployed to tenant app catalog or to specific site collections

Site collection app catalogs created via SPO Management Shell

## Packaging and deployment considerations

Webparts and extensions may be activated automatically across tenant

Microsoft Graph access confirmed during deployment (preview)



# Get the Most From SPFx

## Tips and Tricks



# Learn toolchain





Invest Time With TypeScript



Utilize React



# Accept Change

SPFx v1.5 already announced early May 2018  
Watch your ALM





# Leverage the Community!

<https://docs.microsoft.com/sharepoint>

<https://github.com/SharePoint/sp-dev-fx-webparts>

<https://github.com/SharePoint/sp-dev-fx-extensions>

<https://github.com/SharePoint/sp-dev-solutions>

# SPFx Roadmap CY 2018

## Spring 2018

Asset packaging GA

Site Collection App Catalog GA

Native Graph access from SharePoint Framework preview

API and dev support for many OOTB features

## Summer / Fall

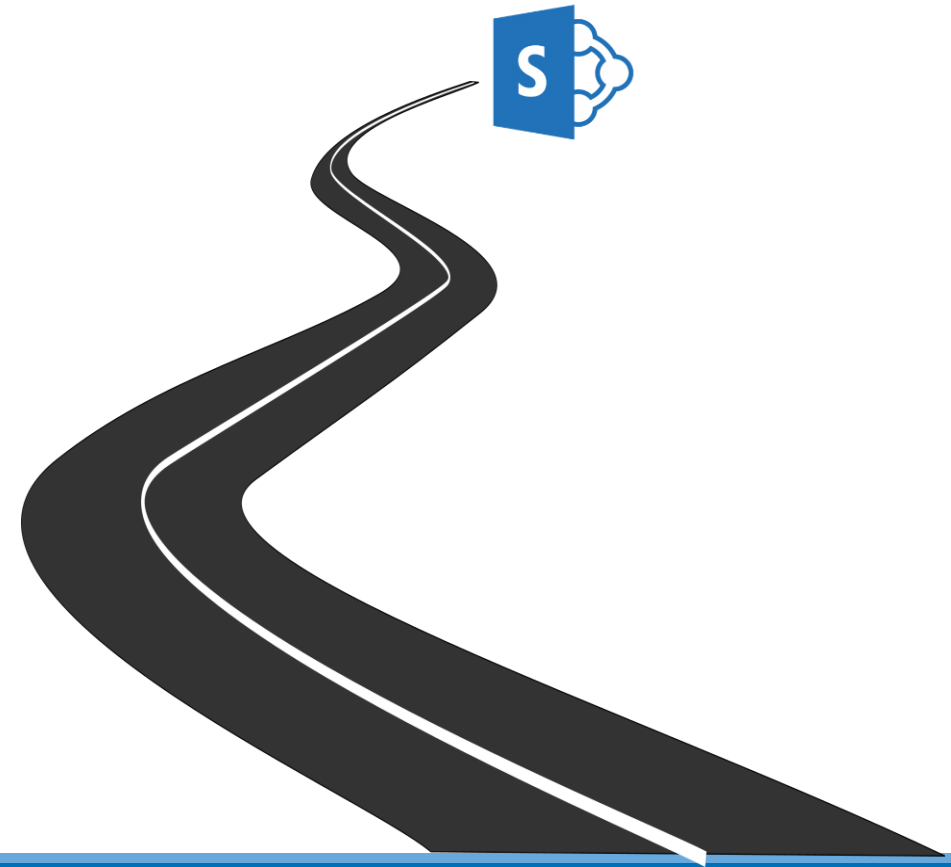
Native Graph access from SPFx GA

Enterprise solutions for SPFx to Teams

Global deployment for SPFx

Dynamic data in SPFx components

SPFx in SharePoint 2019 - including modern experiences





# Thank You

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## Join me Wednesday 2pm

Advanced SharePoint Framework Webpart Strategies

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