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Introduction

Since the introduction of the SharePoint Framework (SPFx) Microsoft has painted it as this new an improved way of development

SPFx was said to be similar to other modern web dev practices

SPFx was TypeScript based, being easier for C# devs to learn

SPFx was to be framework agnostic - React, Knockout, Angular

MS & SPFx stood behind React as their choice for front end framework

SPFx Popularity

- A couple years later SPFx is very popular and widely adopted
- Endless amounts of information from Microsoft + Community
 - Video Tutorials + Demos
 - Bi-Weekly call with engineering teams + community members
 - Large collection of examples in GitHub
 - Large community support / blogs / forums



What Really Happened

- The people currently building SharePoint solutions were trying to learn and build SPFx solutions for modern with little to no experience with the toolset, framework, TypeScript.
- Steep Learning Curve
 - React
 - Syntax
 - State Management
 - Passing Props
 - TypeScript
 - ES6 Syntax
 - Interfaces
 - Toolchain npm / gulp / webpack / bundling
 - Sass / CSS
 - Office UI Fabric



Little to no thought behind the impact on the tenant

Using different versions of the same libraries on the page

Bloated Solutions bundling all assets

Conflicts between developers

Poor Architecture

No / Improper Versioning

Unnecessarily including 3rd party libraries

Falling back to old habits, doing what's comfortable

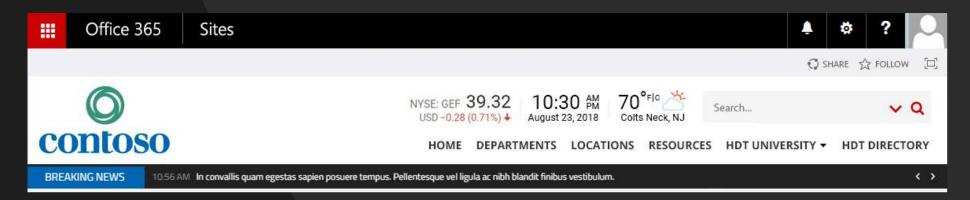
Let's Get Started

• The following material has been based on working with various developers over the course of the past year

-Tips
- ...Tricks
- ...Optimizations
- ...Lessons Learned

Scenario

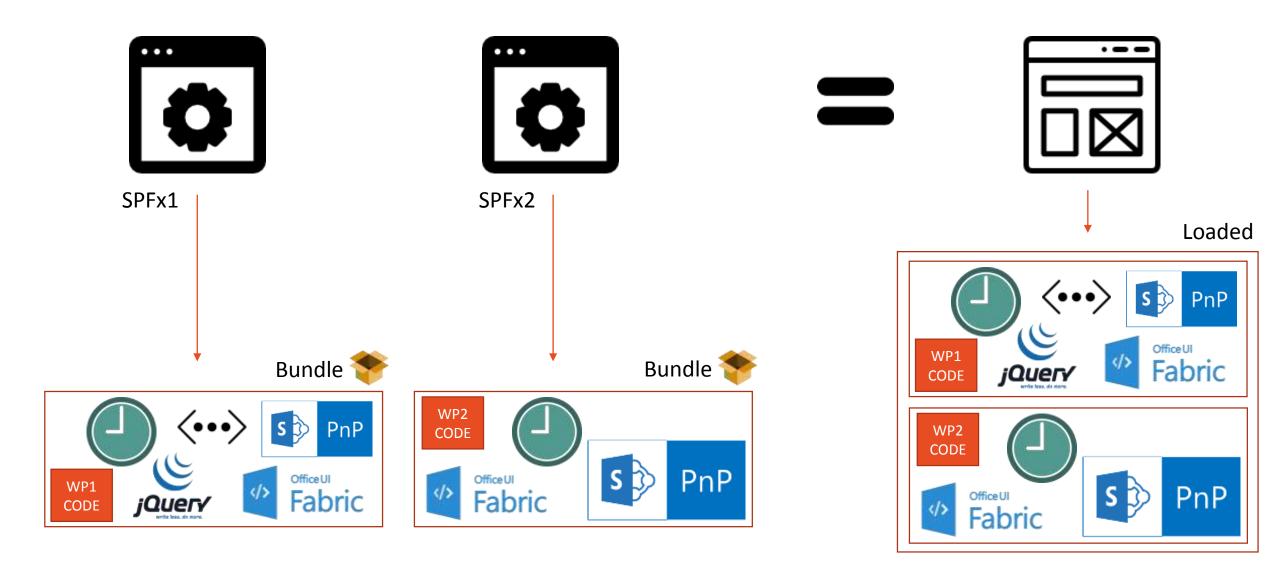
- We need to build a "thing" in SPFx
- Need libraries like:
 - Moment
 - Stock
 - Slider
 - Office UI Modal [for location selection]



Scenario (Continued)

- Adding those libraries increases the bundle size which contributes to load times causing the page to slow down
- If these were web parts we have multiple bundles bloating the page
- If other webparts were using the same packages we get 2 possible scenario's
 - Same libraries being loaded once or more on page load
 - Multiple versions of libraries being loaded on page load

As Solutions Grow



What Can We Do?

- Trim as much as you possibly can
- Identify the largest portions of code
- Identify where we can reuse packages
- Identify where we can remove packages
- Optimize Wherever Possible

Comments on 3rd Party Libraries

- Existing libraries allows you to be more productive
- Lets you focus on adding value for your organization
 - There are tons of helpful packages within the npm repository
 - Quicker to use than to build
 - You can get a sense of maturity by the statistics users, contributors, issues
- By default, 3rd libraries are bundled into your project
- Users end up downloading the same library multiple times with each component.
- The total page size grows significantly, taking longer to load and leading to a poor user experience, particularly on slower networks.

Why Bundle

- Makes deployment simpler
- Optimal to load 1 larger file vs many little files
- Loads modules in the order they are required
- Faster for end users

When to Bundle vs Eternalize

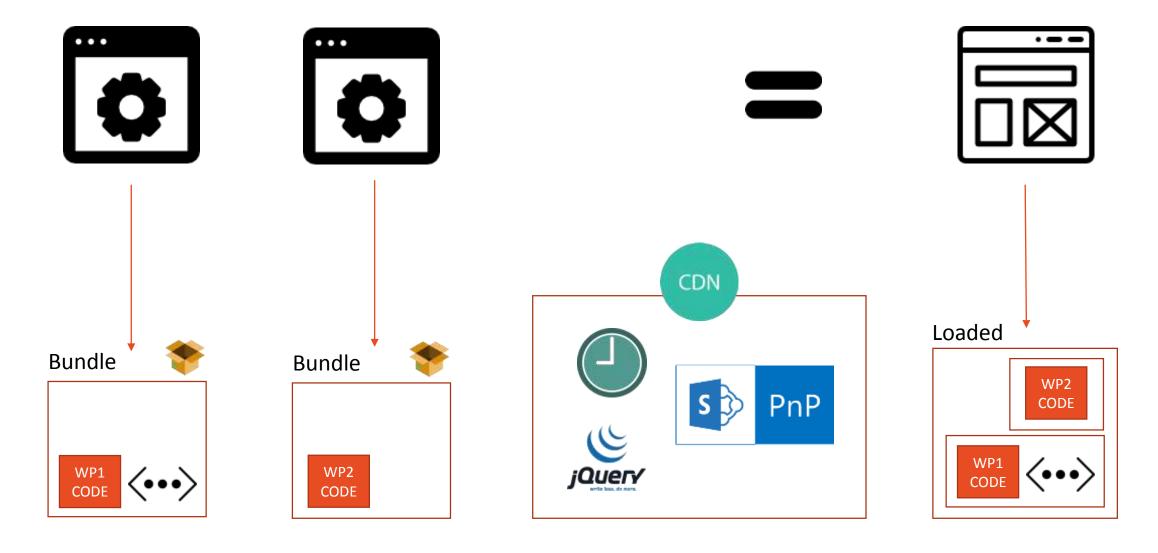
Bundle

- Lack of external internet access
- Blocking to particular websites
- Insulate yourself from external changes to CDN / code
- Maintain full control over assets
 & versions

Externalize

- Shared Libraries across multiple webparts
- Benefits of one time payload hit
- Generally speaking, Microsoft suggests this method

Externalize 3rd Party Libraries



Summary

- You can argue that you're web part bundle loads once and then you get the benefits of caching
- The benefit is loading the 3rd Party items once instead of 2, 3, 4x depending on web parts
- Recommended by SPFx to eternalize 3rd Party Libraries
- Recommend using CDN
 - Delivers static assets faster
 - 3rd Party libraries could already be cached

Externalizing Dependencies

Externalize Scripts

- Beware of types of JavaScript files
 - Module [AMD, UMD, CommonJS] vs Non-Module

Angular v1.x is a non-module script. You register it as an external resource in a SharePoint Framework project by specifying its URL and the name of the global variable it should register with:

```
"angular": {
   "path": "https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/angular.js/1.5.8/angular.min.js",
   "globalName": "angular"
}
```

It's important that the name specified in the **globalName** property corresponds to the name used by the script. That way it can correctly expose itself to other scripts that might depend on it.

Don't know whether it's module or non-module?

<u>SharePoint Framework Script Check by Rencore</u>

Externalize Scripts w/ Dependencies

jQuery is an AMD script. To register it, you could simply use:

```
"jquery": "https://code.jquery.com/jquery-2.2.4.js"
```

Imagine now that you wanted to use jQuery with a jQuery plug-in that itself is distributed as a non-module script.

As mentioned previously, SharePoint Framework allows you to specify dependencies for non-module plug-ins. These dependencies are specified using the **globalDependencies** property:

```
"jquery": "https://code.jquery.com/jquery-2.2.4.js",
"simpleWeather": {
    "path": "https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery.simpleWeather/3.1.0/jquery.simpleWeather.min.js",
    "globalName": "jQuery",
    "globalDependencies": [ "jquery" ]
}
```

If you try to build the project now, you would get another error, this time stating that you can't specify a dependency to a non-module script.

Externalize Scripts w/ Dependencies (cont'd)

To solve this problem, all you need to do is to register jQuery as a non-module script:

```
"jquery": {
    "path": "https://code.jquery.com/jquery-2.1.1.min.js",
    "globalName": "jQuery"
},
"simpleWeather": {
    "path": "https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/jquery.simpleWeather/3.1.0/jquery.simpleWeather.min.js",
    "globalName": "jQuery",
    "globalDependencies": [ "jquery" ]
}
```

Handle Different Tenants

- Issue: external reference contain hard coded references to URL's and hosting location of the bundled files
- Requires manually modifying configuration files between builds

```
"sp-runtime": {
    "path": "https://contoso.sharepoint.com/_layouts/15/SP.Runtime.js",
    "globalName": "SP",
    "globalDependencies": [
        "microsoft-ajax"
    ]
},
"sharepoint": {
    "path": "https://contoso.sharepoint.com/_layouts/15/SP.js",
    "globalName": "SP",
    "globalDependencies": [
        "sp-runtime"
    ]
}
```

Handle Different Tenants (cont'd)

- spfx-build-url-rewrite by Wictor Wilén
- Replaces https://contoso.sharepoint.com w/ target-cdn value

Rewrite using the command line

In order to re-write using the command line use the --target-cdn argument like this:

gulp build --target-cdn https://fabrikam.sharepoint.com

Reference CSS Stylesheets

• While the project configuration in the **config.json** file allows you to specify external resources, it applies only to scripts.

Load CSS from the URL using the SPComponentLoader

```
import { SPComponentLoader } from '@microsoft/sp-loader';

In the same file, override the onInit()

protected onInit(): Promise<void> {
    SPComponentLoader.loadCss('https://code.jquery.com/ui/1.12.1/themes/base/jquery-ui.min.css');
    return super.onInit();
}
```

Use SPComponentLoader instead of require so assets do not get bundled

```
require('../../node_modules/jquery-ui/themes/base/core.css');
require('../../node_modules/jquery-ui/themes/base/accordion.css');
require('../../node_modules/jquery-ui/themes/base/theme.css');
```

Dynamic Bundling

Conditionally loading CSS or JS

Code can dynamically inject assets - does not increase the bundle size

Assets load on the fly as the are needed

David Warner Blog - <u>Dynamic SPFx Package Bundling</u>

Measuring Bundles

Measuring Your Files

• The size of the .sppkg is NOT the size of the bundle

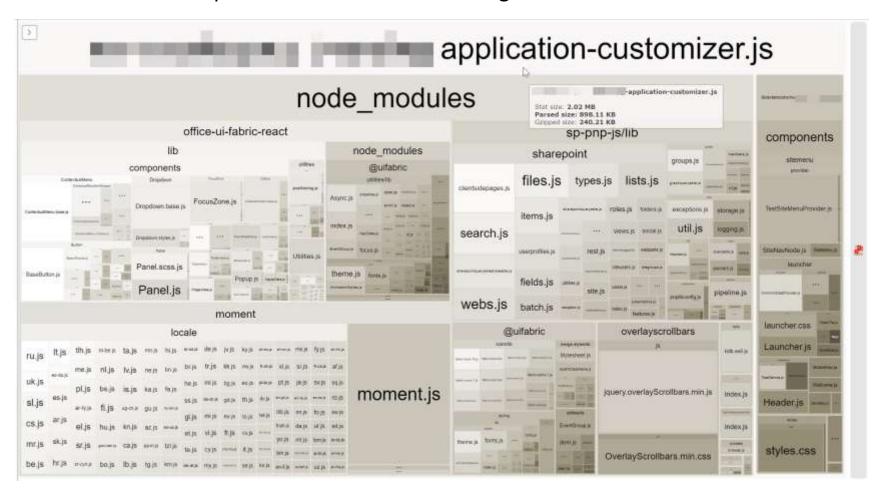
Must make sure to build Production vs Development Builds (--ship)

- SPFx recommends webpack-bundle-analyzer
 - This measures all the combined JavaScript files in your solution (excluding external references)

Chrome will show you full download / gzipped size or if cached

Webpack Bundle Analyzer

A visual html report each build demonstrating code size relative to each other



Install Webpack Bundle Analyzer

 Install the webpack-bundleanalyzer in your project directory

```
npm install webpack-bundle-analyzer --save-dev
```

Change the gulpfile.js

```
'use strict';
const gulp = require('gulp');
const path = require('path');
const build = require('@microsoft/sp-build-web');
const bundleAnalyzer = require('webpack-bundle-analyzer');
build.configureWebpack.mergeConfig({
  additionalConfiguration: (generatedConfiguration) => {
    const lastDirName = path.basename( dirname);
    const dropPath = path.join(__dirname, 'temp', 'stats');
    generatedConfiguration.plugins.push(new bundleAnalyzer.BundleAnalyzerPlugin({
      openAnalyzer: false,
      analyzerMode: 'static',
      reportFilename: path.join(dropPath, `${lastDirName}.stats.html`),
      generateStatsFile: true,
      statsFilename: path.join(dropPath, `${lastDirName}.stats.json`),
      logLevel: 'error'
    }));
    return generatedConfiguration;
});
build.initialize(gulp);
```

Size Definitions

webpack-bundle-analyzer reports three values for sizes. defaultSizes can be used to control which of these is shown by default. The different reported sizes are:

stat

This is the "input" size of your files, before any transformations like minification.

It is called "stat size" because it's obtained from Webpack's stats object.

parsed

This is the "output" size of your files. If you're using a Webpack plugin such as Uglify, then this value will reflect the minified size of your code.

gzip

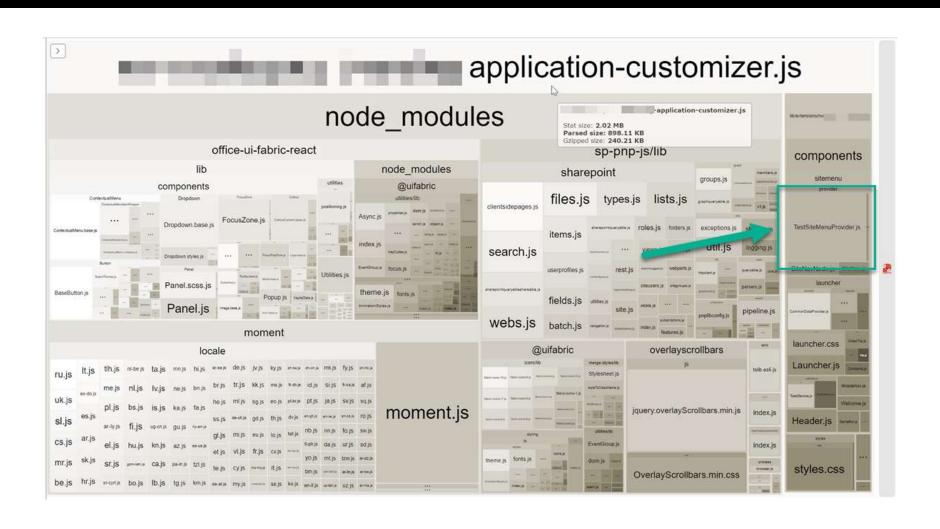
This is the size of running the parsed bundles/modules through gzip compression.



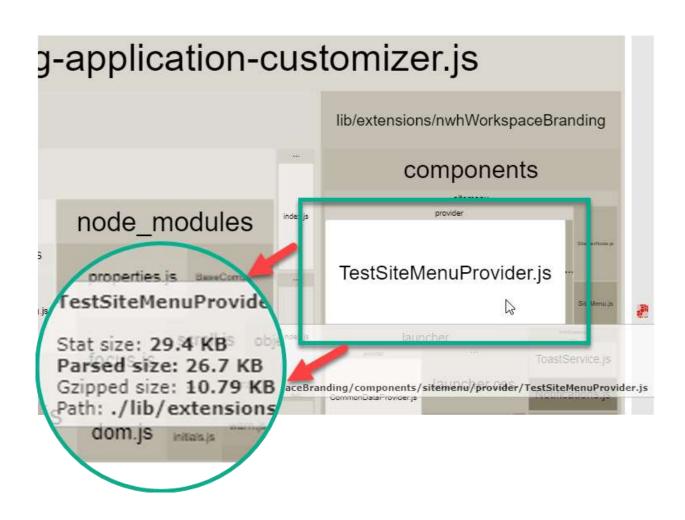
Trimming out Mock Data

- Mock data / services are used to develop and test your web part while using the workbench.
- Browser is unable to call SharePoint locally due to CORS (cross-origin resource sharing)
 - <u>sp-rest-proxy SharePoint REST API Proxy for local Front-end development tool-</u>chains
- These mock services could be large depending on the amount of data
 - Exclude your mock data and other modules from your production bundle in SPFx by Elio Struyf

Size Relative to Custom Code



Mock Provider Size



How to Exclude Mock Data / Services

• Make use of if(DEBUG) to conditionally mock data

```
import ISiteMenuProvider from "./model/ISiteMenuProvider";
// you will need the next two lines in order to get type safety
import * as test from "./provider/TestSiteMenuProvider";
let TestSiteMenuProvider: typeof test.default = null;
if(DEBUG) {
  TestSiteMenuProvider = require("./provider/TestSiteMenuProvider");
if (DEBUG && Environment.type === EnvironmentType.Local) {
 this.siteNavMenuProvider = new TestSiteMenuProvider();
} else {
 this.siteNavMenuProvider = new SiteMenuProvider();
```

Getting Data from SharePoint

SP-PnP-JS

PnPjs is a collection of fluent libraries for consuming SharePoint,
 Graph, and Office 365 REST APIs in a type-safe way

https://pnp.github.io/pnpjs/

Benefits of Using SP-PnP-JS

- Intellisense & TypeChecking
- Simplify development experience
- Intuitive using fluent library
- Easier to read code intent
- All the cool kids are using it
- Asynchronous, built on Promises
- Built-in caching
- Abstracts devs from low level details

Remember SPServices?





Simple Example

JSOM

```
function getwebdetails() {
   var ctx = SP.ClientContext.get_current();
   oWeb = clientContext.get_web();
   ctx.load(oWeb, 'Title', 'Description');
   clientContext.executeQueryAsync(new function() {
      var iHtml = "<b>Web Title:</b> " + oWeb.get_description() + " ";
      console.log(strmsg);
   }, onQueryFailed);
}

ExecuteOrDelayUntilScriptLoaded(getwebdetails, "sp.js");
```

REST

```
$.ajax({
    url: _spPageContextInfo.webAbsoluteUrl + "/_api/web?$select=Title,Description",
    method: "GET",
    headers: {
        "Accept": "application/json; odata=verbose"
    },
    success: function(data) {
        console.log("Web: " + data.d.Title + " - Description: " + data.d.Description);
    }
});
```

SP-PnP-JS

```
$pnp.sp.web.get().then(function(data) {
   console.log(data.Title + ' - ' + data.Description);
});
```



Caching

- Use when data doesn't change quickly / often
- Caching Timeout
- Globally Disable [for testing/debugging]
- Storage Options
 - Session Storage persists until window closed
 - Local Storage persists until explicitly deleted

```
pnp.setup({
    defaultCachingStore: "session", // or "local"
    defaultCachingTimeoutSeconds: 30,
    globalCacheDisable: false // or true to disable caching in case of debugging/testing
});

pnp.sp.web.lists.getByTitle("Tasks").items.top(5).orderBy("Modified").usingCaching().get().then(r => {
        console.log(r)
});
```

Common Issues

- Requires Setup for Modern Pages (must establish context) guidance
- Disabling Cache <u>guidance</u>
 - Delete or clear cache when testing: turn off in code or purge in browser
 - Remember! If a user logs out and then a different users logs on the same machine / same browser cached results would be the same
 - Beware if you are caching security trimmed results or personal properties
- Publishing Image Fields cannot be retrieved with an item in PnP-JS (requires 2 calls) – <u>guidance [see paragraph on</u> <u>PublishingRollupImage]</u>
 - Use JSOM to get everything in 1 call <u>example</u>

Optimize Queries

- Regardless of REST, JSOM, or PnP-JS you should always optimize queries
- Optimizations reduce payload size of data transfers
- Use row limit or top to reduce the number of returned results
- Specify only the fields which you need back
- Use where or filters where appropriate

REST

```
var queryUrl = _spPageContextInfo.webServerRelativeUrl +
   "_api/web/lists/getbytitle('Homepage Slideshow')/items?$select=FileRef,SlideLinkUrl,Title&
   $filter=(SlideActive eq 1)&$orderby=SlideOrder";

$.ajax({
    headers: {
```

SP-PnP-JS

JSOM

```
<Query>
  <And>
      <And>
       <Eq><FieldRef Name='5[Constants.ItemActiveFieldName]' /><Value Type='Te</pre>
       <Eg><FieldRef Name='$(Constants:LauncherKeyFieldName)' /><Value Type='
       <Eq><FieldRef Name='$(Constants.ContentTypeFieldName)' /><Value Type='
   </And>
  </Where>
 <OrderBy>
   <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.ItemOrderFieldName)' />
 </OrderBy>
(/Ouery)
(ViewFields)
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.IdFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.TitleFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.BackgroundColorFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.IconFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.UrlFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$(Constants.ContentTypeFieldName)'/>
 <FieldRef Name='$[Constants.OpenInNewWindowFieldName]'/>
c/ViewFields>
<RowLimit>$(maxItems)</RowLimit>
```

Miscellaneous & Somewhat Random Tips

UI Frameworks

- Recommended to use Office UI Fabric
 - Core Grids / Icons / Animations
 - Components Loaders / Pickers / Inputs / Surfaces
- Office UI Fabric current version is greater than O365 deployed version
- Eventually the dev path of Office UI Fabric will converge w/ Office 365
- Other framework's may not work with Office 365, leaving you stuck

Office UI React Guidance

• It's recommended that you use the versions of the Office UI Fabric React package included in the project in the SharePoint Framework's Yeoman generator.

 For instance, the SharePoint Framework v1.7.0 release uses Fabric React v5.131.0

Using Office UI Fabric Core and Fabric React in SharePoint Framework

jQuery

- Highly recommend NOT using jQuery
- React is unaware of changes made to the DOM outside of React
- There are other ways to get items from SP other than \$.ajax or \$.get
- If you absolutely must use it these are things to consider:
 - Be mindful of what you are doing to prevent React from updating
 - jQuery registers globally as \$
 - Multiple webparts loading different jQuery versions can be very bad
- Use references to react components
 - Integrating with Other Libraries

TypeScript – Typing Specifically

You are already using TypeScript

• It's your job to type your objects, interfaces, variables

- By typing objects
 - Reduces defects
 - Easier to add new features / enhance code
 - Clearly defines inputs & outputs

TypeScript — Typing Specifically (cont'd)

Typing inputs & outputs

```
public getFeaturedImage(key: string): Promise<IFeaturedImage> {
```

Typing variables

```
let myString: string = "hello world";
let myNumber: number = 5;
let myObject: object = {};
let myCustomObject: IVideo;
let myAny: any;
```

The goal is for *everything* to have a type!

```
.... Try not to use any
```

Of course there are some exceptions

- It's not an object from your library
- You don't have typedefs available

TypeScript Do's and Don'ts

TypeScript – Typing Specifically (cont'd)

Creating interfaces

```
export default interface IVideo {
    key: string;
    title: string;
    videoUrl: string;
    videoThumbnail: string;
    body: string;
}
```

```
let myCustomObject: IVideo;
myCustomObject = {
    key: "x",
    title: "y",
    videoUrl: "z",
    videoThumbnail: "a",
    body: "b"
};
```

```
[ts]
Type '{ key: string; title: string; videoUrl: string; videoThum
nail: string; }' is not assignable to type 'IVideo'.
Property 'body' is missing in type '{ key: string; title: str
ing; videoUrl: string; videoThumbnail: string; }'.

let myCustomObject: IVideo
myCustomObject = {
    key: "x",
    title: "y",
    videoUrl: "z",
    videoThumbnail: "a",
};

missing parameter
```

Productivity & Plugins

- Use a code repository to work on the same project
- Chrome Debug Tools
 - Cache Killer Classic always kills cache / no worries about ctrl-f5
 - React Developer Tools inspect React Components State & Properties
 - SP Insider inspect anything in O365 & Generate REST / Search Queries!
 - Scratch JS write JS in the browser for quick testing
 - SP-Editor PnP JS console built in quickly write / test queries
- Visual Studio Code Plugins
 - GitLens
 - Rencore Deploy SPFx Package
 - Prettier code formatter
 - XML code formatter
- Stick to the same coding standards
 - Airbnb React/JSX Style Guide
- Use versioning on projects
 - How to version new SharePoint Framework projects
 - SPFx Automatically Generating Revision Numbers + Versioning

Build / Bundle / Package Script

Commands to execute before pushing to live SharePoint env.

build-prod.cmd

```
1 cls
2
3 call gulp clean
4
5 call gulp build --ship
6
7 call gulp bundle --ship
8
9 call gulp package-solution --ship
10
11 call explorer .\sharepoint\solution\
```

Debugging & Testing

- Use Chrome Dev tools or FireFox, far superior than IE (not even a contest)
 - Blackbox native SP scripts
 - Disable cache
- The local workbench can increase the speed of your development
 - It's a good practice to mock your data to simulate interactive w/SP
- Test Live using a real sites workbench
 - {siteUrl}/_layouts/15/workbench.aspx
- Test Live on your site, append this to your URL
 - Solution must be deployed and added to the site first
 - ?debugManifestsFile=https://localhost:4321/temp/manifests.js&loadSPFX=true

Choose your primary client-side library

 Consider multiple components on same page, or across different pages

Using same library loaded from same URL, web browser will used cached results

 portal loads faster

- Rationalize which libraries and versions AND where you load from
 - Not just project specific but for the whole organization

Versions in Reality

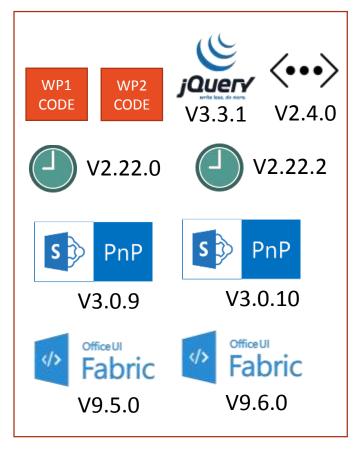












Reference only the necessary components

- When working with external libraries, you might actually not need the whole library
- Take <u>Lodash</u> as example:
 - Reference entire library = 527KB (unoptimized)

```
import * as _ from 'lodash';
```

Reference specific method = 45KB (unoptimized)

```
const at: any = require('lodash/at');
```

Check SPFx First!

- Lodash @sp-lodash-subset
- SPHttpClient, SPHttpClientConfiguration @microsoft/sp-http
- Logging @microsoft/sp-core-library
 - Logging in SharePoint Framework solutions
- omnicrosoft/sp-page-context [SPUser, SPWeb, SPSite]
- SPFx includes some versions of their own polyfills
- Polyfills mainly Map and Proxy. IE 11 can be your worst enemy
- Importing ES6-Shim or Core.js/ES6 Shims for ES6 library support in SPFX [babel-polyfill]
 - SPFX Polyfill Out of Stack Space exception

Reusable Components & Examples

- Reusable React controls for your SharePoint Framework solutions
- Reusable property pane controls for the SharePoint Framework solutions
- SharePoint Framework Client-Side Web Part Samples & Tutorial Materials
- Office Fabric UI Components
- SPFx Fantastic 40 Web Parts

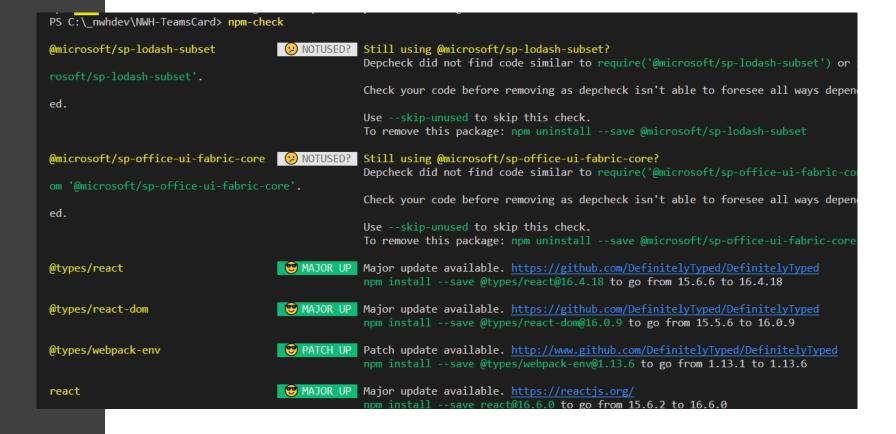
Packages.json

- dependencies
 - Modules required during runtime
 - Packages you would bundle
- devDependencies
 - Modules only required during development
 - Packages you won't bundle
 - Packages you plan to externalize
 - · Packages only required to build
- Keep it to the packages you are using, remove anything else

```
"dependencies": {
 "@microsoft/decorators": "~1.4.1",
_ "@microsoft/sp-application-base": "~1.4.1",
"@microsoft/sp-core-library": "^1.4.1",
  "@microsoft/sp-dialog": "~1.4.1",
  "@microsoft/sp-lodash-subset": "^1.4.1",
 "@types/es6-promise": "0.0.33",
  "@types/webpack-env": "1.13.1",
  "office-ui-fabric-react": "^5.120.0",
 "overlayscrollbars": "^1.5.0",
 "react-resize-aware": "^2.7.1"
},
"devDependencies": {
 "@microsoft/sp-build-web": "~1.4.1",
  "@microsoft/sp-module-interfaces": "~1.4.1",
 "@microsoft/sp-webpart-workbench": "~1.4.1",
  "@types/chai": ">=3.4.34 <3.6.0",
  "@types/microsoft-ajax": "0.0.33",
  "@types/mocha": ">=2.2.33 <2.6.0",
```

Packages Checker

- npm-check
- Checks packages.json for unused dependencies
- Has interactive update functionality



Warnings & Considerations

- SPFX 1.7 is now using React 16
- SPFX 1.7 still using TypeScript 2.4.2
 - Some npm libraries won't compile with that
- IE 11 is not your friend
 - Check for browser supportability: Caniuse.com
- Watch out for npm packages that use polyfills that collide w/ SPFx
- Read Release Notes when new versions of SPFx are released
- Check <u>SPFx github when you encounter issues Report Bugs</u>

Staying Current

Community Calls

Community call	When	Description	Skype
Monthly community call	Second Tuesday of each month at 8:00 AM PT / 4:00 PM GMT	Monthly community call covering the latest changes in SharePoint development-related topics within the last month, including news, UserVoice updates, and community contributions	Direct Skype link to meeting
Special interest group call for SharePoint Framework	Bi-weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 AM PT / 3:00 PM GMT	SharePoint Engineering updates, SharePoint Framework, PnPJS, Office 365 CLI, and reusable SPFx controls	Direct Skype link to meeting
Special interest group call for general SharePoint development	Bi-weekly on Thursdays at 7:00 AM PT / 3:00 PM GMT	SharePoint Engineering updates, end-to-end solution designs, provisioning, PnP CSOM, and PnP PowerShell	Direct Skype link to meeting

• https://docs.microsoft.com/en-us/sharepoint/dev/community/community/



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