

What is React?

What is webpack?

Why should I care?

Who am I?

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Audience Pulse

- Who has had exposure to webpack?
- React?
- JavaScript?

JavaScript is *Everywhere*.

- StackOverflow's 2016 developer survey places JavaScript as “the most commonly used programming language on earth.”
- “Even Back-End developers are more likely to use it than any other language.”
- <http://esc.re/1RV4qQC>

JavaScript has *Changed*.

- “Modern” language design started in 1999 with focused development starting in 2009.
- In 1999, ES3 was finalized. IE6 was ES3 compliant.
 - This is the JavaScript many of us learned and use today.
 - For the MS tech stack, this is the equivalent of still using Classic ASP and VB6.

ES6 / ES2015 is a Standard.

- Chrome - 96%
- Firefox - 90%
- MS Edge (v14) - 85%,
- Safari 9 - 54% (but WebKit @ 98%)

What's new in ES2015?

- Modules
- Classes
- Scoped Variables
- Arrow Functions
- Template Strings
- Spread Operator
- Destructuring
- Default Values
- Rest Parameters
- for-of Iterator
- Symbols
- Promises
- ... and more

Modules

```
// my-module.js
```

```
export function DoSomething() {  
  console.log('Did it')  
}
```

```
export function DoSomethingElse() {  
  console.log('No')  
}
```

```
// use-module.js
```

```
import * as myFuncs from './my-module'  
import { doSomething } from './my-module'
```

```
myFuncs.doSomething()
```

```
myFuncs.doSomethingElse()
```

```
doSomething()
```


Classes

```
class MyBase {  
    constructor(name) { this.name = name }  
}  
class MyClass extends MyBase {  
    constructor(name) {  
        super(name)  
    }  
    sayMyName() {  
        console.log(this.name)  
    }  
}  
  
var inst = new MyClass('example')  
inst.sayMyName()
```

Scoped Variables

```
function scopeIt() {  
  let x = 'foo'  
  {  
    const x = 'bar'  
    //x = 'no reassign'  
  }  
  //let x = 'nodupe'  
  console.log(x)  
}
```

scopeIt()

Arrow Functions

```
const inventory = {  
  prefix: 'Item: ',  
  items: ['Thing 1', 'Thing 2'],  
  
  listItems() {  
    this.items.forEach(item => {  
      console.log(this.prefix + item)  
    })  
  }  
}  
  
inventory.listItems()
```

Template Strings

```
const name = 'Sean'
```

```
// Note the backtick
```

```
console.log(`${name} loves
```

```
string interpolation
```

```
${'so much'}.toUpperCase()}`)
```

Spread Operator

*// The spread operator expands
// elements of an array*

```
const values = [1, 2, 3]
```

```
const moreValues = [...values, 4]
```

```
function addEmUp(a, b, c, d) {  
    console.log(a+b+c+d)  
}
```

```
addEmUp(...moreValues)
```

Destructuring

```
var [thing1, , thing2] =  
    ['thing1', null, 'thing2']
```

```
console.log(thing2)
```

```
function outputName({name: x}) {  
    console.log(x)  
}
```

```
var Sean = { isHere: true, name: 'Sean' }  
outputName(Sean)  
outputName('test')
```

Default Values

```
function printName(name = 'Missing') {  
    console.log(name)  
}
```

```
printName()  
printName(undefined)  
printName('Sean')
```

Rest Parameters

```
function showIt(prefix, ...items) {  
  items.forEach(item => {  
    console.log(`${prefix}: ${item}`)  
  })  
}
```

```
showIt('Item', 'Thing 1', 'Thing 2')  
showIt('More', ...['This', 'That'])
```


Semicolons Optional



The Rise of ES*

- Switching to a living standard
- Yearly, incremental releases
- Feature stages (0 - 4)

Stage 0	Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4
Strawman	Proposal	Draft	Candidate	Final

ES* Spread Features

- Rest Properties
- Spread Properties

Rest Properties

```
const Sean = {  
  name: 'Sean',  
  isSpeaking: true  
}  
  
const { name, ...otherInfo } = Sean  
  
console.log(`  
  name: ${name},  
  otherInfo.name: ${otherInfo.name},  
  otherInfo.isSpeaking: ${otherInfo.isSpeaking}  
`)
```

Spread Properties

```
const otherInfo = {  
  name: 'Sean',  
  isSpeaking: true  
}
```

```
let isHere = true  
const Sean = { isHere, ...otherInfo }
```

```
console.log(`  
  name: ${Sean.name},  
  isHere: ${Sean.isHere}`)
```

But I have to support IE 8!

- I can relate.
- Let me introduce you to transpiling!

Meet Babel - JavaScript Compiler

- Built out of plugins
- Compose a transformation pipeline
- Use presets, plugins, or a combination of both

ES2015 Preset

- Composed of individual plugins
- Use the preset... or make your own preset with the plugins you want to use!


React Preset

- **plugins**
 - **transform-react-jsx**
 - **transform-flow-strip-types**
 - **syntax-flow**
 - **syntax-jsx**
 - **transform-react-display-name**


Umm... JSX?


React @ JSCon

JS Coach and 18 others follow
 **gold** @jongold · 29 May 2013
Is **React.js** an elaborate troll?

CSS-Tricks and 3 others follow
 **James Brown** @ibjhb · 29 May 2013
Wow, not good initial reactions to **React.js** from Facebook.... #jsconf

 **Ben Alman** @cowboy · 29 May 2013
Really? Facebook **React** den
Which is a HUGE step back i

 **Joony** @Joony · 30 May 2013
React.js - PHP for the browser... Yikes.
facebook.github.io/react/

John Hann and 1 other follow
 **Middleton** @middle2000lb · 29 May 2013
If there was a dance where you took c
would be called **React.js** #jsconf

Fast-forward

 Jordan and 1 other liked



Brian Crescimanno @bcrescimanno · 30 May 2014

Last year I sat in this audience as we all collectively sighed as **React.is** was



gold @jongold · Mar 2

Building design tooling in React is basically the most fun I've ever had in this industry. Can't wait to show u what I've been making.

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Kevin Old @kevinold · 27 May 2015

So far at **#jsconf** EVERY conversation I've had as steered to using **React.js** and/or Flux. Most I did not bring it up first.



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JSX Example

```
import React, { Component } from 'react'  
  
class MyComponent extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <div>  
        <span>What is this madness?</span>  
      </div>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

Components...

All the Way Down

- Often termed as the 'V' in 'MVC'
- All about building reusable, composable, testable components
- Declarative, one-way data flow
 - Render the state that is passed in
 - Re-render only what has changed
- Client and / or server-side rendering!

Component Props

```
render() {  
  return (  
    <ul>  
      <li>Name: {this.props.name}</li>  
      <li>Role: {this.props.role}</li>  
    </ul>  
  )  
}
```

```
ReactDOM.render(  
  <User name="Sean" role="Speaker" />,  
  document.body)
```

Component Lifecycle

- Mounting
 - `componentWillMount()`
 - `componentDidMount()`
- Updating
 - `componentWillReceiveProps()`
 - `shouldComponentUpdate()`
 - `componentWillUpdate()`
 - `componentDidUpdate()`
- Unmounting
 - `componentWillUnmount()`

Wrapping Another Library

```
import $ from 'jquery'
require('jquery-tooltipster/js/jquery.tooltipster.js')

class HoverMe extends Component {
  componentDidMount() {
    $(ReactDOM.findDOMNode(this.refs.tooltip)).tooltipster({
      content: $('<h1>BOOM</h1>')
    });
  }

  render() {
    return (<div ref="tooltip">Hover Me!</div>)
  }
}

ReactDOM.render(<HoverMe />, document.body)
```


Re-using Our Component

```
class Wrapper extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <div><h1>Children</h1>{this.props.children}</div>  
    )  
  }  
}  
  
class App extends Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <Wrapper>  
        <User name="Sean" role="Speaker" /><ThirdParty />  
      </Wrapper>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

Styling Our Component

- Inline styling
- CSS modules

Problems with CSS at Scale

- Christopher Chedeau's "CSS in JS" talk
- Global namespace
- Dependencies
- Dead code elimination
- Minification
- Sharing constants
- Non-deterministic resolution
- Isolation

CSS Modules

- Local by default
- Explicit dependencies
- Composable
 - Even from other files
- Particularly nice w/ React

Importing CSS into JS?

How does that even work?

It's time to talk about webpack.

Your front-end has many dependencies

- HTML
- JavaScript
- CSS / SASS / Less
- Fonts
- Images
- JSON
- Etc.

webpack understands and bundles dependencies

- Understands dependency relationships
- Provides mechanisms to split the dependency tree into on-demand chunks
- Highly extensible via loaders and plugins

webpack has a learning curve

- Documentation is confusing
- Not clear at first why you want it
- Feels like progress initially occurs by beating your head against it until something moves

... but it turns out it's not complicated (just flexible)

- Ignore starter kits
- Start small
- Add one thing at a time
- Think about entry points

Loaders

- webpack processes JavaScript natively.
- Loaders transform resources into JavaScript representations.
- Loaders can be chained (final one **must** return JavaScript).
- Loaders are generally bound to specific file extensions / RegExs.
- Processed right-to-left

Some Loaders

- babel
- style
- css
- sass
- less
- postcss
- mustache
- eslint
- stylelint
- ngtemplate
- Many, many more

Plugins

- Augment loaders and bundling with additional functionality
- Generally less file specific and more bundle specific

Some Plugins

- Banner
- UglifyJS
- Commons Chunk
- HtmlWebpack
- S3

Thanks for coming!

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