

ReactiveUI

Turning MVVM up to 11

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MVVM

MVC

MVP

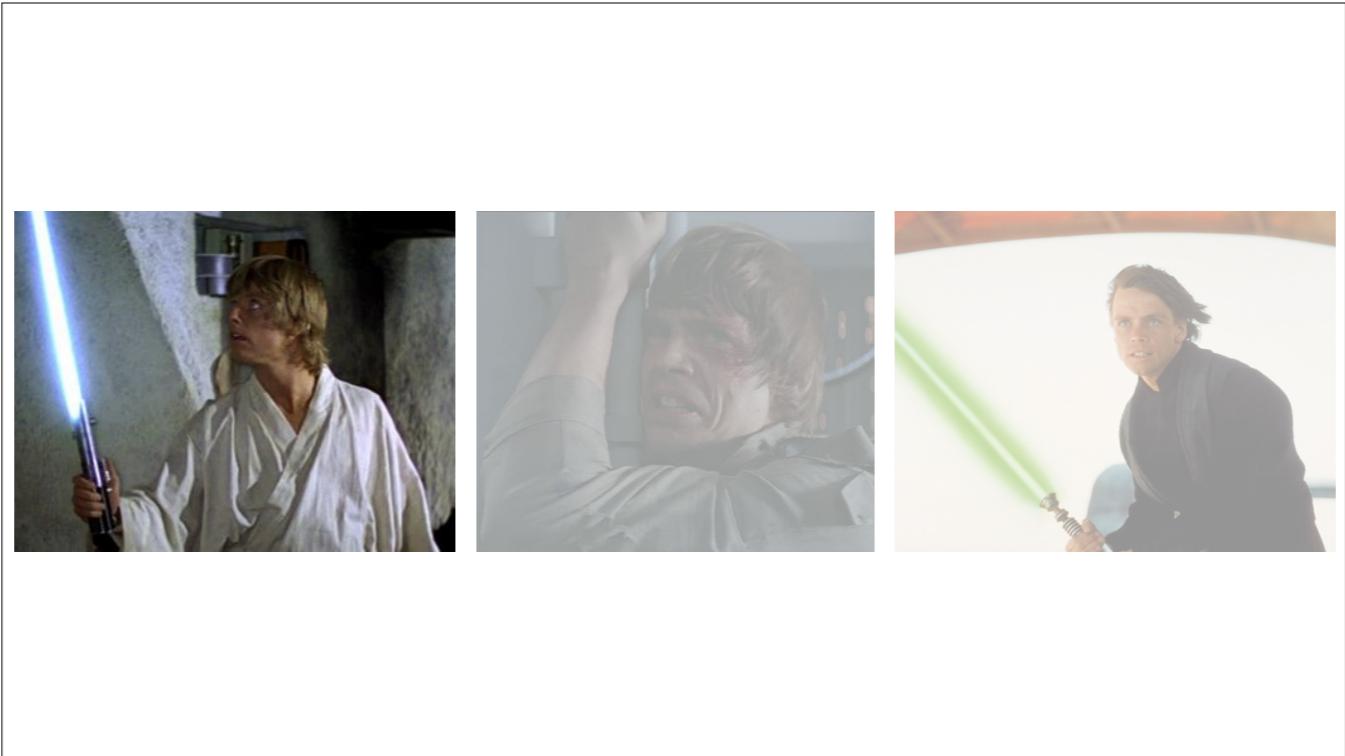
MVYOLO

MVVM

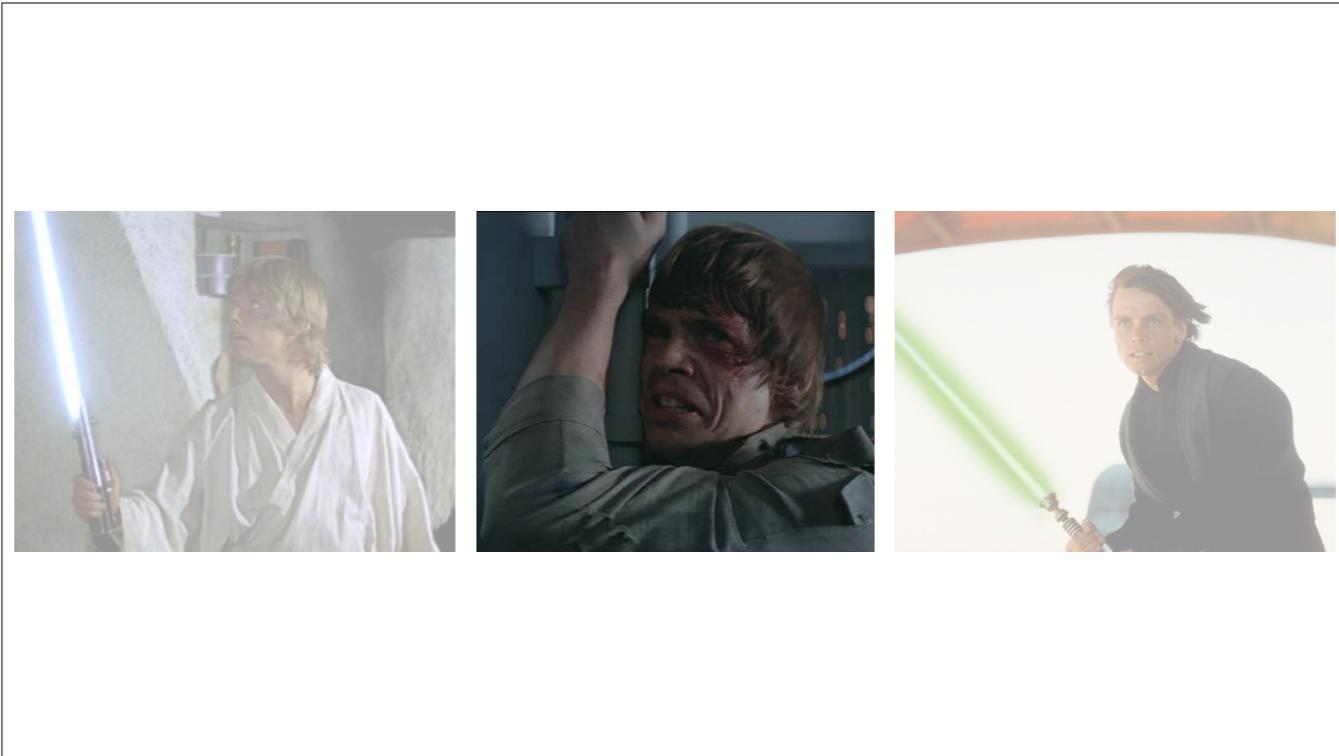


FEELINGS

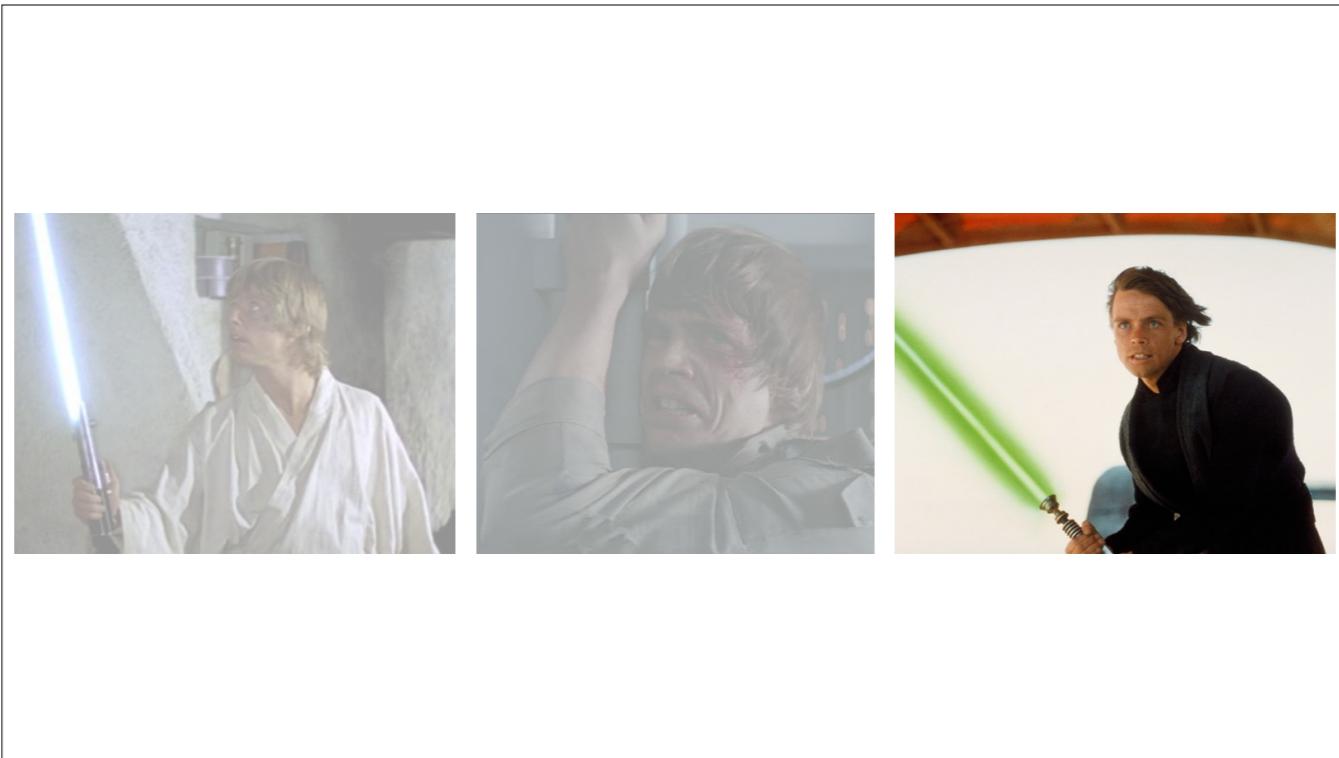
MVYOLO



Part 1: discover this lovely new pattern called MVVM and start out on a journey to save the world



Part 2: drop you in a situation where everything is terrible and you start to question everything around you



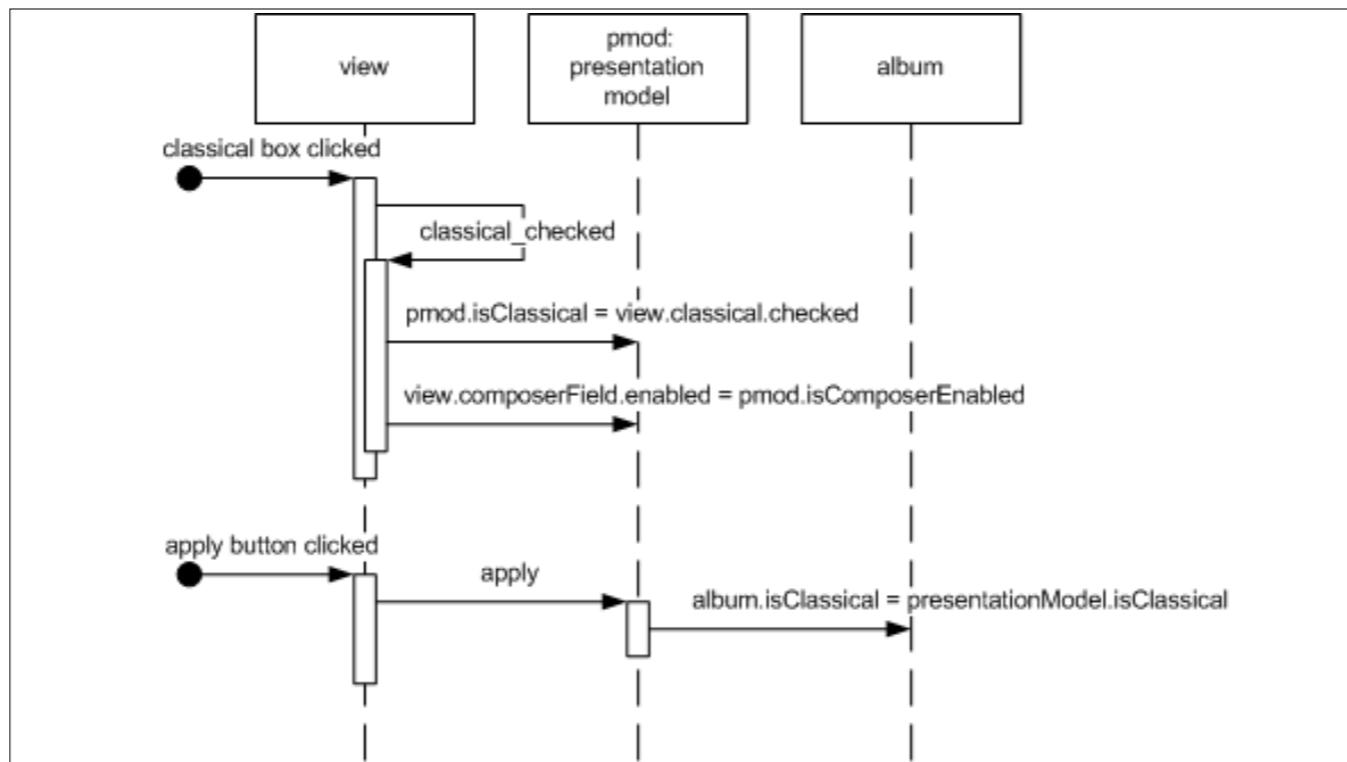
Part 3: reflect, meditate and return to the fight armed with a better tool for the job

Presentation Model - July 2004

<http://martinfowler.com/eaaDev/PresentationModel.html>

"as an abstract of the view that is not dependent on a specific GUI framework."

“The essence of a **Presentation Model** is of a fully self-contained class that represents all the **data** and **behavior** of the UI window, but without any of the controls used to render that UI on the screen”



Hints of things to come

“Probably the most **annoying** part of Presentation Model is the **synchronization between Presentation Model and view.**

It's simple code to write, but I always like to minimize this kind of boring repetitive code.”

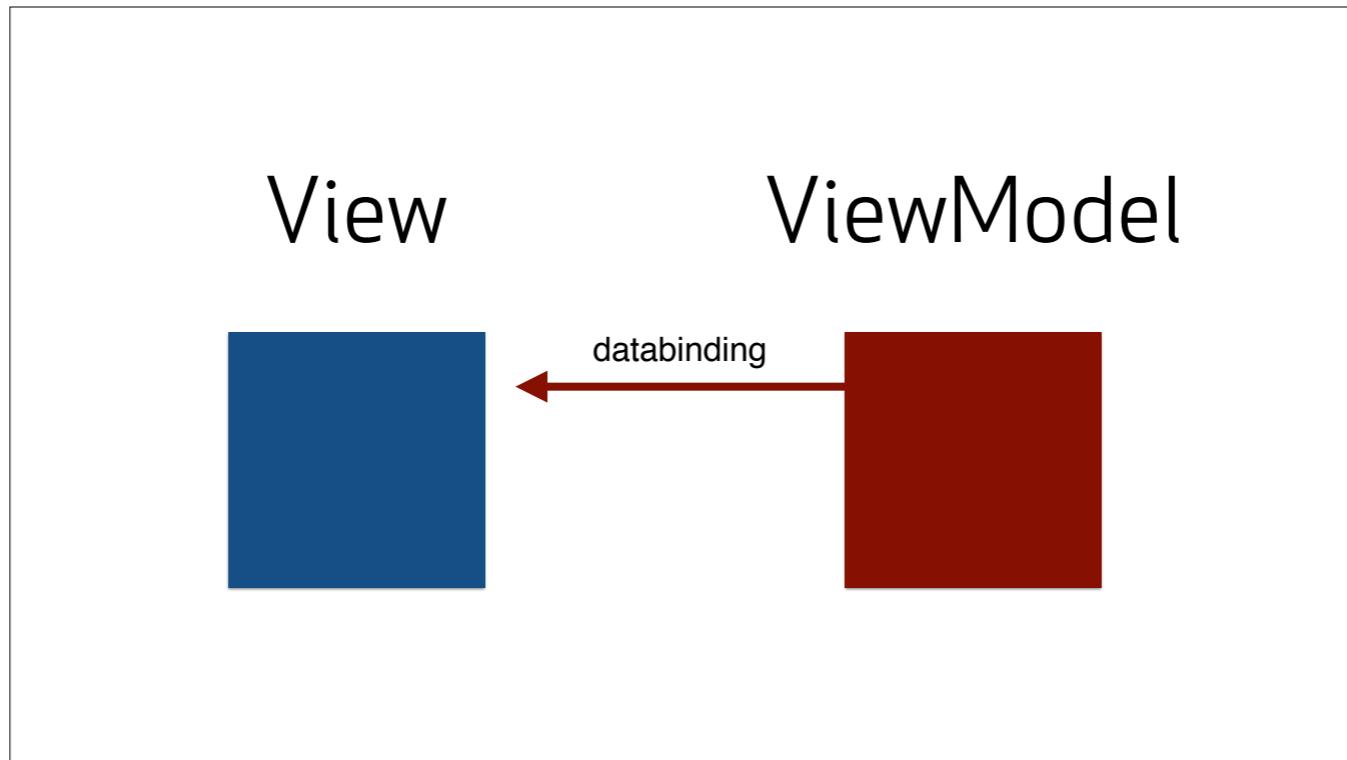
Model-View-ViewModel - September 2005

John Gossman was the first to use the name. The name and pattern as we know it was birthed in the WPF team

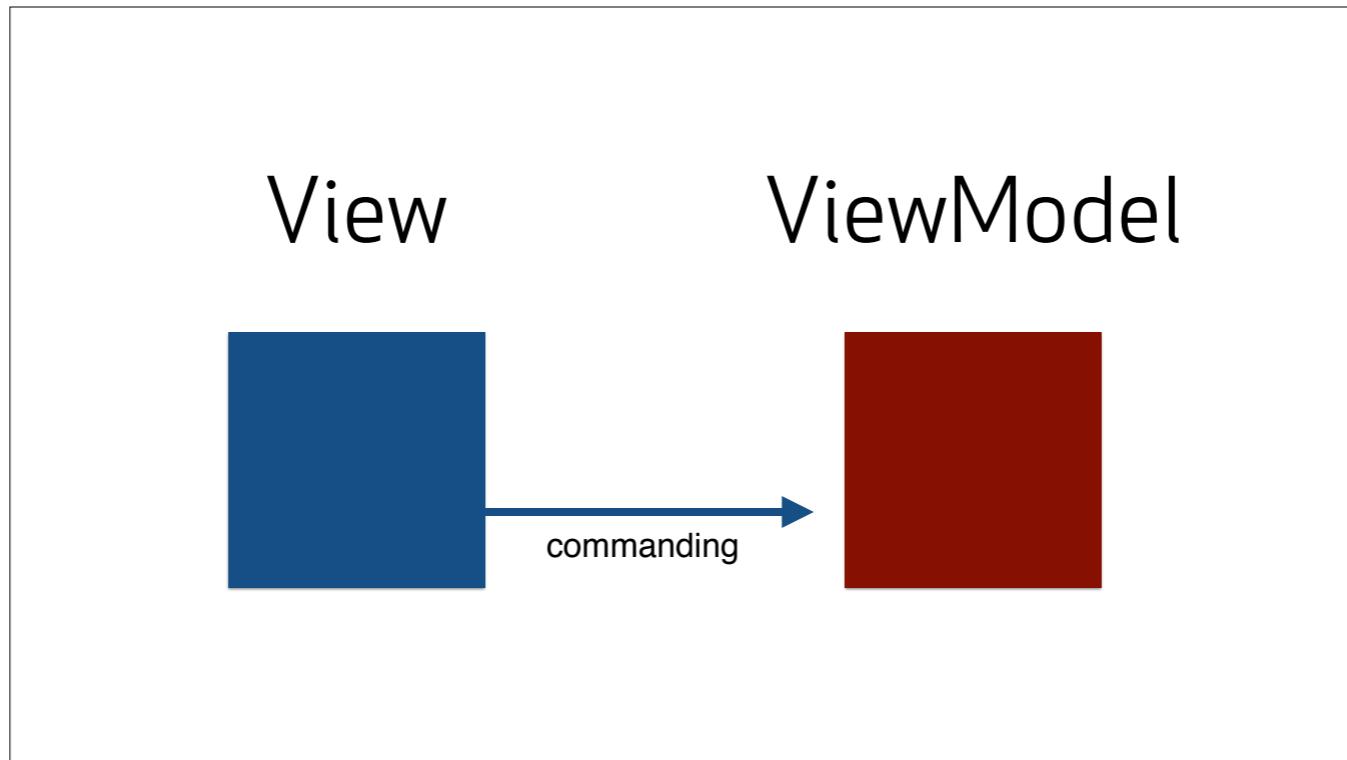
<http://blogs.msdn.com/b/johngossman/archive/2005/10/08/478683.aspx>

WPF 3.0 - November 2006

The innovative bit at the time was the two interactions which were baked into WPF.

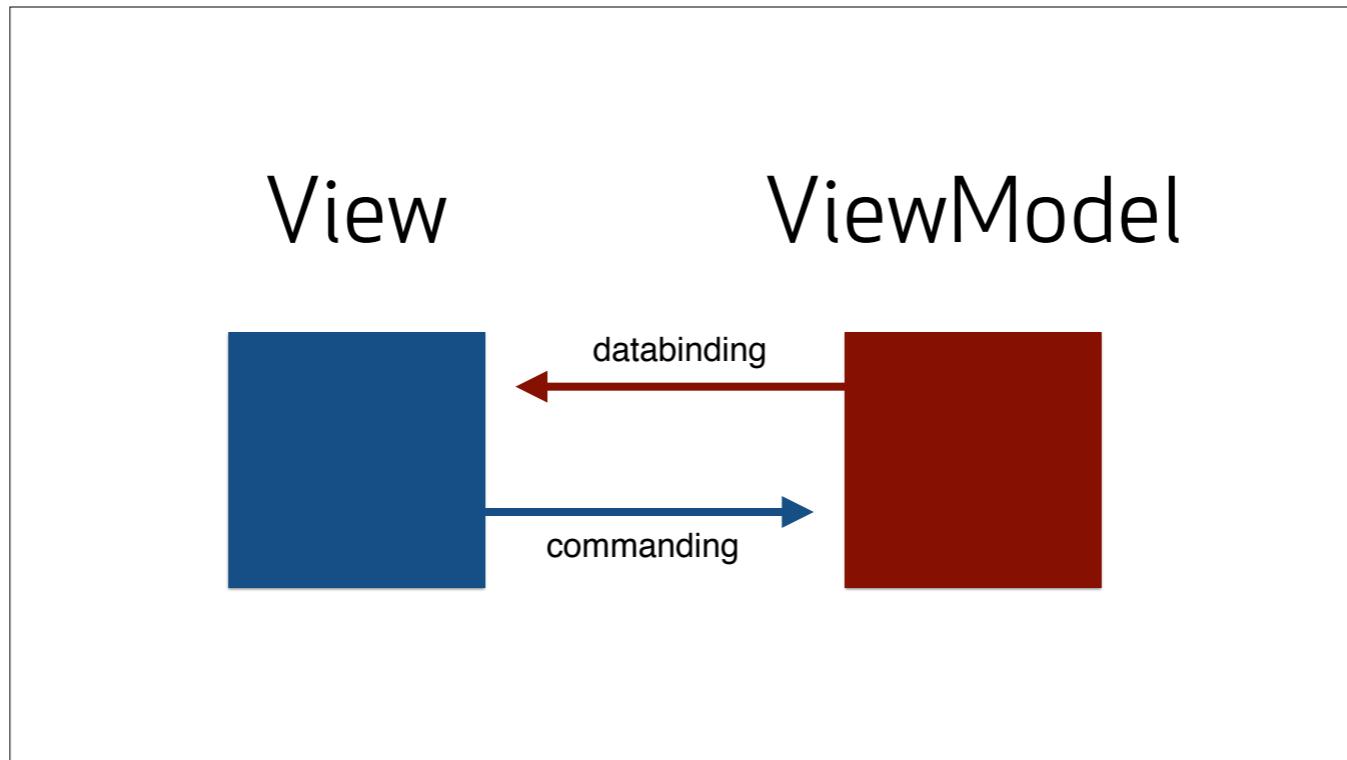


INotifyPropertyChanged
INotifyCollectionChanged



ICommand

```
bool CanExecute(object o)  
void Execute(object o)
```



Separation of Concerns!
Testability!
Composition!

MvvmLight
Caliburn.Micro
MvvmCross
Catel
Cinch
KnockoutJS
DurandalJS

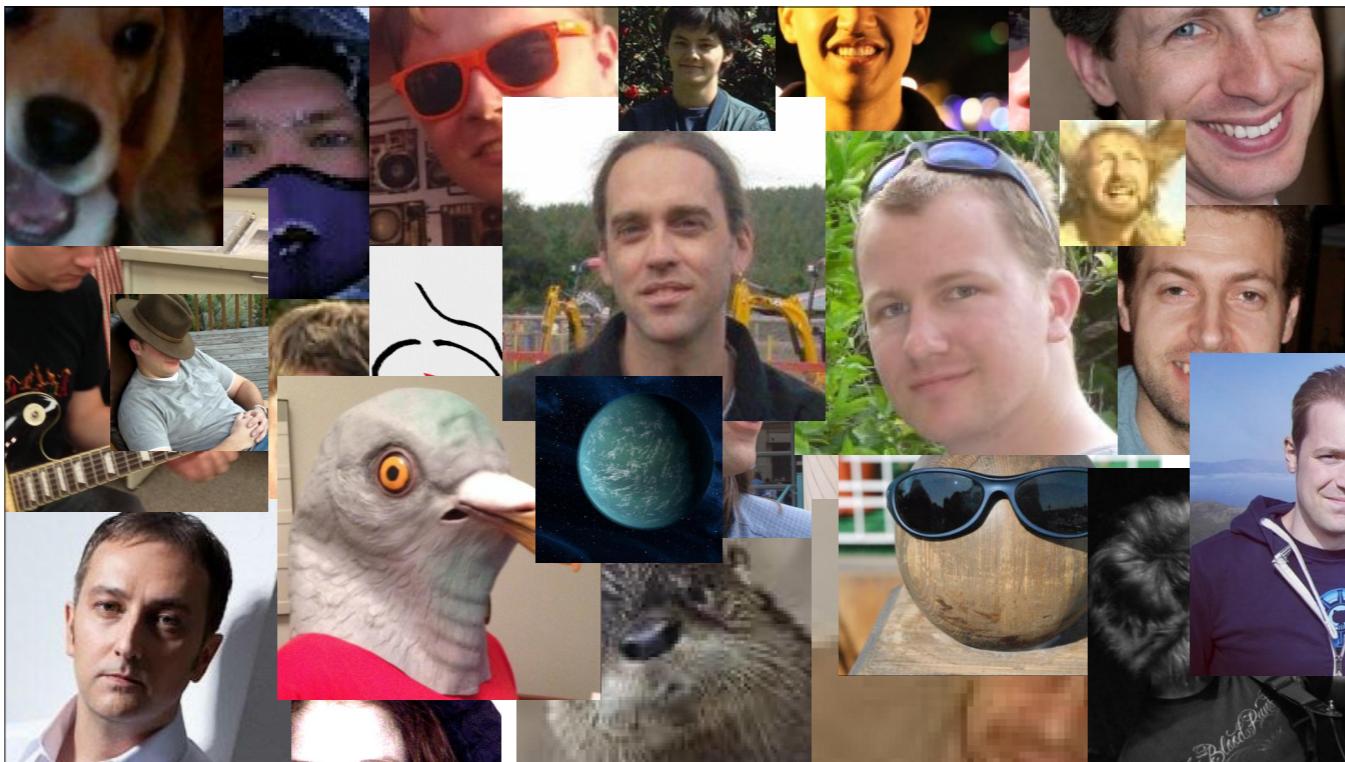
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Lots of other frameworks out there

ReactiveUI
reactiveui.net



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54 contributors (PRs merged)

.NET 4.5
WP8
Windows Runtime
Monotouch/MonoMac
MonoAndroid
Universal Apps (v6)

ReactiveUI

Reactive Extensions

Functional Reactive Programming and Bacon

Mikael Brevik

Wednesday 16:20 - 17:20

Scaling Event Processing at all scales and all languages with the Reactive Extensions

Matthew Podwysocki

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Reactive Extensions

in 10ish mins

```
foreach(var i in items) {  
    // do something with i  
}
```

```
public interface IEnumerable<T> {
    IEnumerator<T> GetEnumerator();
}
```

```
public interface IEnumerator<T> {  
    bool MoveNext();  
    T Current { get; }  
}
```

What if the data isn't present
at the time `MoveNext` is
called?

What if `MoveNext`
throws an exception?

What about [events](#)?

```
public interface IObservable<T> {  
    IDisposable Subscribe(  
        IObservable<T> observer);  
}
```

```
public interface IObserver<T> {
    void OnNext(T item);
    void OnException(Exception ex);
    void OnCompleted();
}
```

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Duality

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dual_\(category_theory\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dual_(category_theory))

<http://csl.stanford.edu/~christos/pldi2010.fit/meijer.duality.pdf>

[demo]

cold observables:
inactive when no
observers subscribed

hot observables:
always active, even when no
observers subscribed

schedulers:
control where work runs

TaskPoolScheduler
ThreadScheduler
DispatcherScheduler

...

[the app]

```
<TextBox Grid.Row="1"
         Text="{Binding SearchText, Mode=TwoWay,
UpdateSourceTrigger=PropertyChanged}">
    <i:Interaction.Triggers>
        <i:EventTrigger EventName="KeyUp">
            <cal:ActionMessage MethodName="UpdateSearchResults" />
        </i:EventTrigger>
    </i:Interaction.Triggers>
</TextBox>
```

fix behaviour

[refactor]

ReactiveObject

this.WhenAny

eliminate ActionMessage

Observables



Properties

decompose complexity

[refactor]

ReactiveCommand
.Create()
.CreateAsyncTask()

ReactiveCommand
.ThrownExceptions
.IsExecuting

ObservableAsPropertyHelper
eliminate state

declarative ViewModels

simpler bindings

[refactor]

IViewFor<T>

.Bind()

.OneWayBind()

.BindTo()

type-safe bindings
compile-time validation
advanced selectors

code-behind is fine
if you don't need/want
to test the code

real
observable
collections

[refactor]

ReactiveList
.CountChanged
.ItemAdded
.ItemRemoved



4GIFs.com

Navigation

Mobile

Service Location

<https://github.com/paulcbetts/splat>



what have I learned
from using RxUI?



limitedness of the interface

ReactiveCommand



[refactor]

declarative ViewModels

async everywhere
is amazing

tests and the concept of time

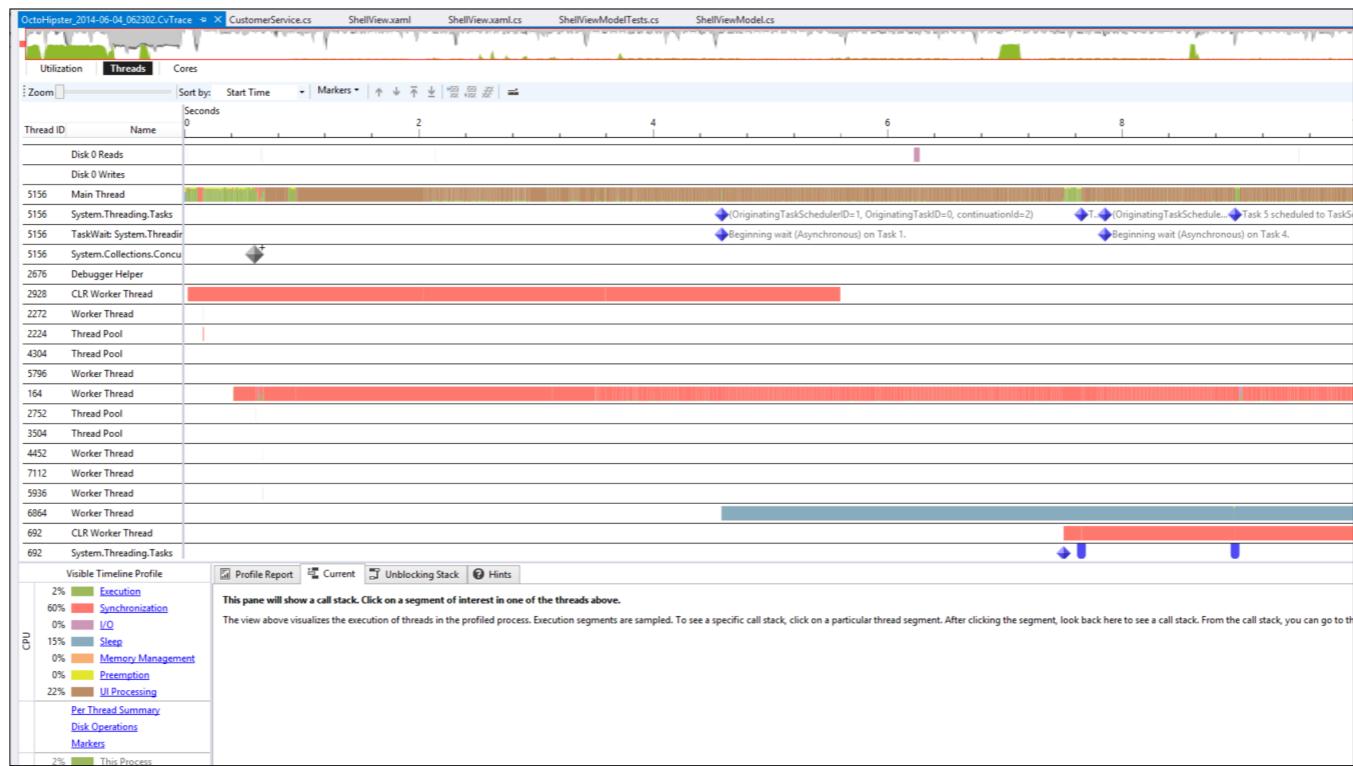
what is challenging
about RxUI?

dude, where's my **event**?

get off my lawn
main thread

Concurrency Visualizer

<http://visualstudiogallery.msdn.microsoft.com/24b56e51-fcc2-423f-b811-f16f3fa3af7a>



async everywhere
warps the mind

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