# A New Vue: The Server Side WebAssembly/WASI Platform

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# A brief, incomplete history of WebAssembly



# ASM.js

C/C++ ■ JS (subset)



# **Emscripten**

C/C++/... ■ LLVM ■ JS Subset/WebAssembly ("Core") Module



Component Model ("Modern" WebAssembly)

C/C++/Rust/JS/... LLVM/... WebAssembly Components



# Why WebAssembly?



### Security

No access to the outside world

Control over execution with fuel & epochs

# Efficiency

Close to native execution

**Small Binaries** 

### Robustness

Multiple languages compile to Wasm

Wasm runtimes can run on multiple platforms(\*)

# **Open Source, Open Standards**

Work is done in the open

Stewarded by the Bytecode Alliance



# Language Support is growing



























# Why "Modern" WebAssembly?



### Standards for interoperability and composition

How would you define a WebAssembly import for writing to console.log?

What if one WebAssembly module could call another one?

Asynchronously?

If everyone does this separately, is it possible to interoperate?



The Component Model enables standardized interoperability and composition for WebAssembly



# Why "Modern" WebAssembly?



### Rich Types via WebAssembly Interface Types (WIT)

If WebAssembly only knows i32, i64, f32, f64 (\*) how do we use string?

```
package local:example;
interface greeter {
  greet: func(name: string) -> string;
world component {
  export greeter;
```



WebAssembly Interface Types (WIT) extend the **Component Model with strong typing** 



# Why "Modern" WebAssembly?



### Components show you their capabilities

Need to [log | access ENV | read files | ... ]? Ask and the nearby platform delivers.

```
package local:example;
interface greeter { ... }
world component {
  import wasi:cli/stdout;
  import wasi:cli/environment;
  export greeter;
```



By default, WebAssembly has access to none of the underlying platform, not even filesystem access.



### A quick look at how this works in practice, in Rust

#### component.rs

```
mod bindings;
use bindings::Guest;
struct Component;
impl Guest for Component {
    fn greet(name: String) -> String {
        format!("Hello, {name}!")
     }
}
bindings::export!(Component)
```

#### component.wasm

# Oh Right, we're at a Javascript conference

A quick look at how this works in practice, in Rust Javascript

### component.js

```
export const greeter = {
    greet(name) {
        return `hello, ${name}`;
};
```

#### component.wasm

```
(component
  (type (;0;)
      (instance
      (type (;0;) (tuple string string))
      (type (;1;) (list 0))
      (type (;2;) (func (result 1)))
      (export (;0;) "get-environment" (func
(type 2)))
  (import "wasi:cli/environment@0.2.0" ...
```

componentize-js -o component.wasm code.js (jco componentize -o component.wasm code.js)



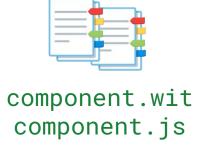
# Q: How does any of this relate to Vue?

A: Vue apps and components can be packaged as WebAssembly components, and run wherever WebAssembly runs

# OK, How?

- 1. **Vue** is written in Javascript
- 2. SpiderMonkey is a Javascript Engine
- 3. **StarlingMonkey** is a fork of SpiderMonkey that compiles to WebAssembly
- 4. We jam these two things together and make your code WebAssembly











# 🤔 OK, but actually, how?

There are (at least) 3 ways to build your Vue apps & Components:

- \* WebAssembly HTTP Server for Client Side Rendered Vue code
- \*\* WebAssembly HTTP Server for Server Side Rendered Vue Code
- \*\* \*\* Build your Vue (Vapor) component into a WebAssembly Component

Scan this QR or go here github.com/t3hmrman/2025-vue-fes



# Wait, WebAssembly can make HTTP servers?

With the <u>WebAssembly System Interface (WASI)</u>, you can write components that are web servers for any platform that supports the idea of serving HTTP.

StarlingMonkey also has support for fetch-event

```
addEventListener("fetch", (event) =>
  event.respondWith(
    (async () => {
      return new Response("Hello Web Standards!");
    })(),
   ),
);
```





### WebAssembly HTTP Server for Client Side Rendered Vue code

This is simple - all we have to do is serve a client bundle:

```
import { Hono } from "hono";
import { fire } from "hono/service-worker";
// Our entire client-side app has been reduced to
// this one entry point via vite-plugin-singlefile
import staticHTML from "../dist/app/index.html";
export const app = new Hono();
app.get("/", async (c) => c.html(staticHTML));
// Run the actual app, via fetch-event support
fire(app);
```

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fire(app);

### \*\* WebAssembly HTTP Server for Server Side Rendered Vue Code

```
import { createSSRApp } from "vue";
import { renderToString } from "vue/server-renderer";
import clientJS from "../dist/app/ssr.js";
import clientCSS from "../dist/app/ssr.css";
import indexLayout from "./app/index.layout.html";
const vueApp = createSSRApp(App);
export const app = new Hono();
app.get("/app.js", async (c) => {
    c.header('Content-Type', 'application/javascript');
   return c.body(clientJS);
});
app.get("/app.css", async (c) => {
    c.header('Content-Type', 'text/css');
   return c.body(clientCSS);
});
app.get("/", async (c) => {
    const renderedApp = await renderToString(vueApp);
   const renderedHTML = indexLayout.replace(" APP HTML ",
renderedApp);
   return c.html(renderedHTML);
});
```

```
// client code for hydration
import { createSSRApp } from
"vue";
import App from "./app/App.vue";
const app = createSSRApp(App);
app.mount("#app");
```



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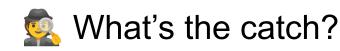
### \*\* \*\* Build your Vue (Vapor) component into a WebAssembly Component

# Here's the plan:

- Shim the DOM related dependencies of Vue
- Build Vue components into WebAssembly
- Ship WebAssembly
- ???
- 5. Run everywhere WebAssembly runs



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Support for arbitrary node: \* bultins hasn't landed yet (Web standards )
(We're working on this, in more ways than one)

Our Browser WASI shim is still experimental (It works, but the ecosystem has some better options)

■ There is no native WebAssembly DOM support in browsers (yet?), but WebIDL can be converted to WIT and used

JS WebAssembly binaries are somewhat large (for WebAssembly) – StarlingMonkey alone is currently around 10MB(\*), Rust is xxxKB



# The JS WebAssembly Ecosystem

Awesome people make the WebAssembly ecosystem work.

There are too many people to thank to put on just one slide, so I won't try.

There's lots more building to do – come join us!



- <u>@bytecodealliance/componentize-js</u>
- @bytecodealliance/jco
- <u>@bytecodealliance/StarlingMonkey</u>
- @bytecodealliance/wasmtime





Try out the examples!