

# Using and Creating Directive

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Create your own directive to use in template.

- v-text: output some text
- v-html: output some HTML content (be careful of XSS)

Custom Directives: register directive globally in **main.js**

```
" Vue.directive('highlight', { // Hooks }); "
```

## How directives work – Hook Function

### Hooks

- **bind(el, binding, vnode)**: once directive is attached
- **insert(el, binding, vnode)**: inserted in parent node
- **update(el, binding, vnode, oldVnode)**: once component is updated (without children)
- **componentUpdated(el, binding, vnode, oldVnode)**: once component is updated (with children)
- **unbind(el, bind, vnode)**: once directive is removed

## Creating a Simple Directive

```
// main.js
...
Vue.directive('highlight', {
  bind(el, binding, vnode) {
    el.style.backgroundColor = 'green'; // set
    style
  }
});
...
```

and in the template, we can use *v-highlight* directive. No need to pass values or arguments.

```
\\ [component].vue
<template>
...
  <p v-highlight> Color this </p>
...
</template>
```

## Passing Values to Custom Directives

Passing values by the **binding** argument.

```
// main.js
...
Vue.directive('highlight', {
  bind(el, binding, vnode) {
    el.style.backgroundColor = binding.value;    //
    passing value
  }
});
...
```

```
\\ [component].vue
<template>
...
  <p v-highlight="'red'"> Color this </p>
...
</template>
```

## Passing Arguments to Custom Directives

Passing argument names and their values by the **binding** argument.

```
// main.js
...
Vue.directive('highlight', {
  bind(el, binding, vnode) {
    if (binding.arg == 'background') {           //
checking for argument
      el.style.backgroundColor = binding.value;
    } else {
      el.style.color = binding.value;
    }
  }
});
...
```

```
\\ [component].vue
<template>
...
  <p v-highlight:background="'red'"> Color this </p>
  <p v-highlight="'red'"> Color thai </p>
...
</template>
```

## Custom Directive Modifier

Adding our own modifier. For example, **delay** modifier.

```
// main.js
...
Vue.directive('highlight', {
```

```

bind(el, binding, vnode) {
  var delay = 0;
  if (binding.modifiers['delayed']) {
    delay = 3000;
  }
  setTimeout(()=> {
    if (binding.arg == 'background') {
      el.style.backgroundColor = binding.value;
    } else {
      el.style.color = binding.value;
    }
    , delay);
  }
});
...

```

```

\\ [component].vue
<template>
...
  <p v-highlight:background.delayed="'red'"> Color
  this </p>
  <p v-highlight.delayed="'red'"> Color thai </p>
...
</template>

```

## Registering Directives Locally

To register directives locally in a component.

```

\\ [component].vue
<script>
  export default {
    directives: {
      'local-highlight': {      // v-local-highlight

```

```

    bind(el, binding, vnode) {
      var delay = 0;
      if (binding.modifiers['delayed']) {
        delay = 3000;
      }
      setTimeout ()=> {
        if(binding.arg == 'background') {
          el.style.backgroundColor =
binding.value;
        } else {
          el.style.color = binding.value;
        }
      }, delay);
    }
  }
}
}
</script>

<template>
...
  <p v-local-highlight:background.delayed="'red'">
Color this </p>
  <p v-highlight.delayed="'red'"> Color thai </p>
...
</template>

```

## Using Multiple Modifiers

```

\\ [component].vue
<script>
  export default {
    directives: {
      'local-highlight': {    // v-local-highlight
        bind(el, binding, vnode) {
          var delay = 0;

```

```

        if (binding.modifiers['delayed']) {
            delay = 3000;
        }
        if (binding.modifiers['blink']) {
            var mainColor = bind.value;
            var secondColor = 'blue';
            var currentColor = mainColor;

            setTimeout ()=> {
                setInterval(() => {
                    if (currentColor == seconColor ?
currentColor = mainColor : currentColor =
secondColor;

                    if(bindind.arg == 'background') {
                        el.style.backgroundColor =
currentColor;
                    } else {
                        el.style.color = currentColor;
                    }
                }, 1000); // a second

            }, delay);
        } else {
            setTimeout ()=> {
                if(bindind.arg == 'background') {
                    el.style.backgroundColor =
binding.value;
                } else {
                    el.style.color = binding.value
                }
            }, delay);
        }
    }
}
}
}
}
</script>

<template>

```

```

...
<p v-local-highlight:background.delayed.blink="'red'"> Color
this </p>
  <p v-highlight.delayed="'red'"> Color thai </p>
...
</template>

```

## Passing more Complex Values to Directives

Passing complex values. For example, passing multiple values.

```

<template>
...
  <!-- Passing Object as value -->
  <p v-local-highlight:background.delayed.blink="
{mainColor: 'red', secondColor: 'green', delay:
500}"> Color this </p>
  <p v-highlight.delayed="'red'"> Color thai </p>
...
</template>

```

```

\\ [component].vue
<script>
  export default {
    directives: {
      'local-highlight': { // v-local-highlight
        bind(el, binding, vnode) {
          var delay = 0;
          if (binding.modifiers['delayed']) {
            delay = 3000;
          }
          if (binding.modifiers['blink']) {
            var mainColor = bind.value.mainColor;

```

```

        var secondColor = bind.value.secondColor;
        var currentColor = mainColor;

        setTimeout ()=> {
            setInterval(() => {
                if (currentColor == seconColor ?
currentColor = mainColor : currentColor =
secondColor;

                if(bindind.arg == 'background') {
                    el.style.backgroundColor =
currentColor;
                } else {
                    el.style.color = currentColor;
                }
            }, 1000);                                // a second

        }, delay);
    } else {
        setTimeout ()=> {
            if(bindind.arg == 'background') {
                el.style.backgroundColor =
binding.value.mainColor;
            } else {
                el.style.color =
binding.value.mainColor;
            }
        }, delay);
    }
}
}
}
}
}
</script>

```