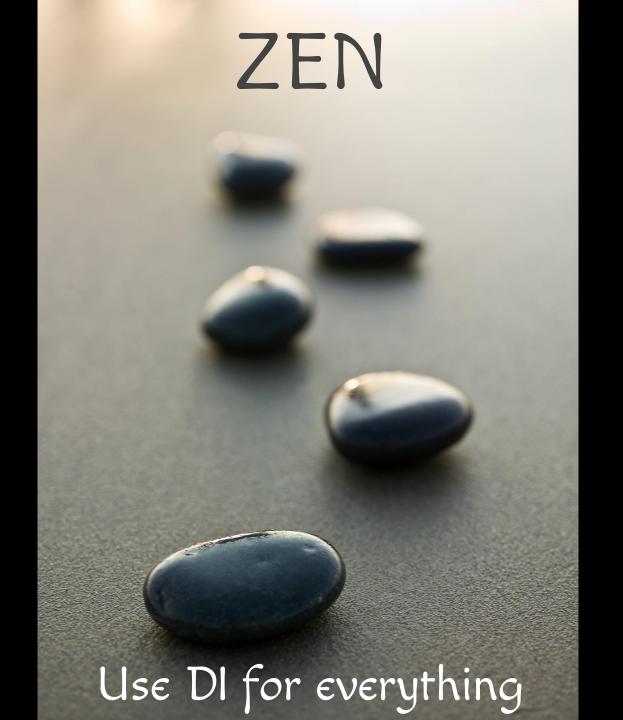


Best Practices

Directory Structure

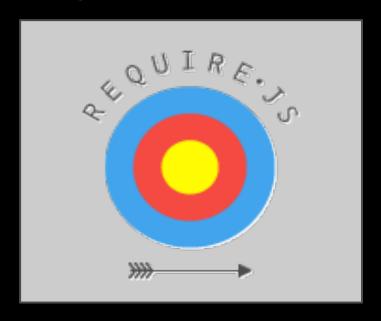
- Do you need it?
 - Not really, but...
 - O Why invent the wheel when you can generate?
 - Working with others
 - Not forgetting important components
- Use what is there:
 - Yeoman
 - O <u>angular-seed</u>





Script Loading

- Options:
 - <script> tags at the bottom
 - ng-app bootstrap
 - builtwith.angularjs.org
 - AMD (such as require.js)
 - manual bootstrap



ZEN

Wrap callbacks for 3rd party API into \$apply

Flash of Unstyled Content

Issue: User will see {{}} on index.html

Solution:

- hide it with ng-cloak directive
- use <u>ng-bind</u> instead of {{interpolation}}

Minification and Compilation

- Do you need it?
 - Angular apps are smaller already
- Minification is an issue because...
 - Angular views use reflection to access model data.
 - basic minification only (no property rename)
 - Dependency injection uses reflection to assemble the application
 - Use proper <u>annotation</u>.
- Never compile angular.min.js (it's already compiled)
 - We are working on better <u>jscompiler</u> support



Templates

- Extend your HTML and turn it into DSL
 - < <my-component>
 - < <div my-component>
 - < <div class="my-component">
 - < <!-- directive:my-component -->
- Use a prefix
 - <my-component>
 - < <my:component>
 - broken on <u>IE</u> so use: <div my-component>
- Optionally make it valid
 - < <div x-my-component>
 - < <div data-my-component>



Separate presentation and business logic

Structuring Business Logic

- Controllers
 - should not reference DOM
 - should have view behavior
 - What should happen if user does X
 - Where do I get X from?
- Services
 - should not reference DOM (mostly)
 - are singletons
 - have logic independent of view
 - Do X operation

PS: Do put DOM manipulation in Directives



Scope

- Treat scope as read-only in templates & write-only in controllers
 - The purpose of the scope is to refer to model not to be the model.
 - The model is your javascript objects
- When doing bidirectional binding (<u>ng-model</u>)
 make sure you <u>don't bind directly</u> to the
 scope properties.
 - unexpected behavior in child scopes



Structuring modules

- Why multiple modules?
- Usually one module for application
- One module per third-party reusable library
- Possibly for testing
 - create test modules which override services (mocks ngMock)
 - test portion of the app (*)
- Possibly for incremental code loading
- If you have multiple modules per app
 - Group by functionality / feature not by type
 - You should group by view since views will be lazy loaded in near future



Deployment Techniques

- minify and concatenate your JS
- gzip enable your server
- index.html (non-cachable)
- cache by version:
 - views
 - code
 - images
 - O CSS

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