

# VueJS

VueJS-techniques for implementing  
SPA-applications

# Getting started

- Create directory c:\course
- Open command prompt and
  - > cd \course
  - > git clone https://github.com/tutorit/vue241202 trainer
  - > git clone https://github.com/tutorit/vue241202 mywork
  - > cd mywork\server
  - > npm i
  - > node server.js
- Material is available at cloned directory material-folder
- So you cloned the same repository twice
  - Idea is that you only work at mywork-folder
  - The instructor pushes his samples back to the repository
    - And you can always check the latest samples by running
      - > git pull
    - at trainer-folder

# Topics

## Modern SPA-applications

- SPA-models
- MVC-variations
- Component-centric UI

## VueJS architecture

- Overview of VueJS-application
- Features of VueJS
- Declarative rendering
- Extensions and helpers
- Programming models

## Basic use

- Application-instance
- Template syntax
- Data binding
- Using inputs
- Handling events
- Basics of components

## Filters

- Built-in filters
- Custom filters

*Removed from v3*

## Directives

- Conditional directives
- Looping
- Other directives
- Custom directives

## Components

- Implementing components
- Props and state
- Component hierarchies
- Mixins
- Special cases

## Navigation

- Using routing
- Vue-router
- Router parameters
- Nested routing

## State management

- Using RESTful interface
- Separation of concerns
- Designing the datamodel
- Pinia

## Security of SPA-application

# VueJS

Architecture and features

# Background

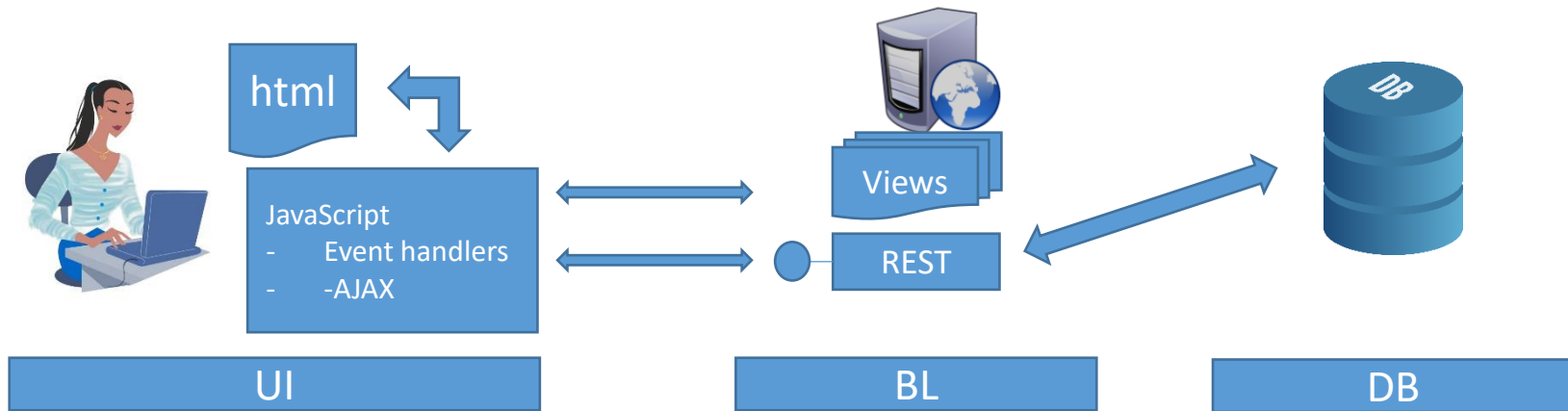
VueJS is a JavaScript Framework for building SPA-applications

- A challenger to Angular and React
- Borrowing ideas from AngularJS, but also to some extent React
  - Lightweight
  - Easy to get started with
- Originally released in 2014
  - Now at version 3.5.y (9/2024)
  - Some breaking differences between versions 2 and 3

# What is SPA

- Single Page Application
  - A single html-page is loaded to the browser
  - JavaScript handles events and modifies UI accordingly
  - JavaScript may also load data from the RESTful services implemented to serve with some AJAX-library
- Big megatrend of web application development today
  - Improved user experience
  - Better scalability
  - More straightforward application architecture
  - Libraries supporting SPA have evolved greatly, most traditional problems are automatically tackled

# Single Page Applications



- Application is built with html, css and JavaScript
- JavaScript handles events caused by user actions
  - Loads and updates data with AJAX
  - Changes views
  - Manipulates UI

- Web-server hosts the application
  - Html-page
  - Images
- Views are served by web-server
  - Html-fragments
  - Forms
  - Listings
- Service interface to data
  - Data validations
  - Security

- Data-storage

# How do you build your UI

UI is traditionally built from reusable UI-components

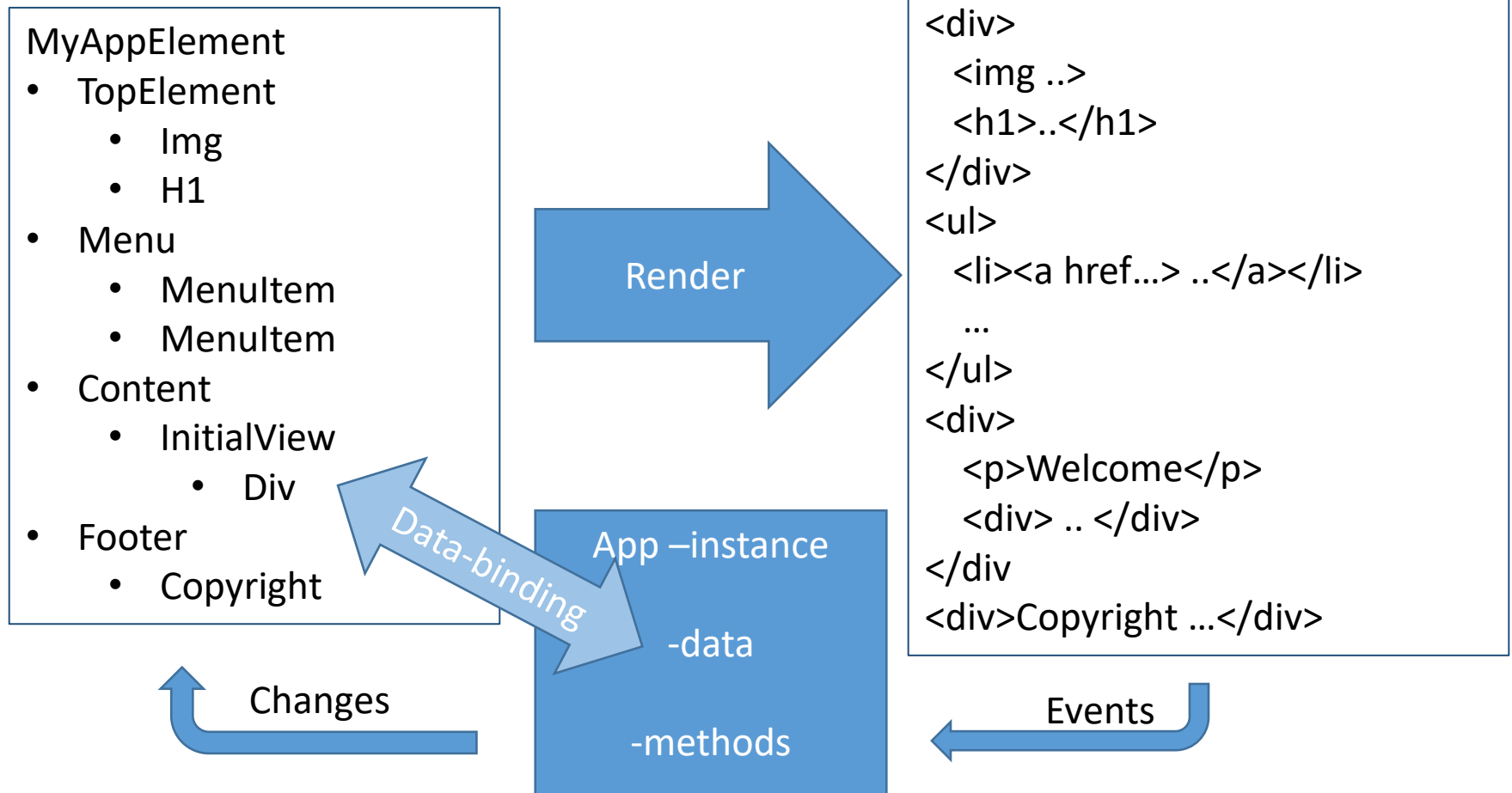
- A component may be very simple
  - Display data
  - Allow editing with some intelligence
  - Display list
  - Etc
- Component may be a container
  - Container holds other components
  - Adds intelligence to behavior of the component group
- Container may be a full window
  - Form with components and intelligence for as specific use-case

This is basically also the approach used with VueJS



# VueJS Architecture

Idea of virtual DOM is similar to that of React  
(apart from databinding)



# VueJS -features

- VueJS is an UI-library
  - UI-templating (View of MVVM)
    - Raw html as basis
    - Extended with custom elements, Components
    - Control of styles for elements and css effects
    - Directives extend vocabulary as extra attributes
  - Define data model for UI (ViewModel of MVVM)
    - Properties, calculated properties, watchers
    - Event handlers to manipulate data
    - Props to initialize data
- Vue Router add-on
  - Navigate between pages
- Pinia add-on
  - Manage application state
  - Replaces Vuex

# Plain HTML, no build

- Vue can be used directly on HTML-page
  - To add functionality to the page
  - Like JQuery or any other JavaScript library
  - As contrary to building and application of several components
- For the first examples we use this method
  - Easy and quick to familiarize you with basic concepts and notations
- You just need to load the required js-file

```
<head>
  <script type="importmap">
    {
      "imports": {
        "vue": "/libs/vue.esm-browser.js"
      }
    }
  </script>
</head>
```

# Hello world

```
<body>
  <h1>Vue-demonstration</h1>
  <div id="vuecontent">
    <p>{{message}}</p>
    <input v-model="message" />
  </div>
  <script type="module">
    import { createApp } from 'vue';
    let app=createApp({
      data() {
        return {
          message: 'Hello Vue!'
        }
      }
    });
    app.mount('#vuecontent');
  </script>
</body>
```

Identify element on page

Text-interpolation

Data-binding with v-model  
directive

Create App-instance

Properties on data-model  
are available on page

# Exercises

- Study [wwwroot/hello.html](#)
  - There is also [hello2.html](#), do not worry about that just yet
- Work with [wwwroot/calculator.html](#)
  - Display the sum of figures entered to the two input fields

# Components

- Components are reusable UI-elements
- At simplest, they are just objects defining the template and possibly the data for the component

```
const Hello={  
  template:`<div><input v-model="message" />{{message}}</div>`,  
  data(){  
    return {message:"Hello, Vue!"}  
  }  
}
```

- Now the application can be constructed of the definition above
  - So actually createApp takes the component descriptor object as parameter

```
import { createApp } from 'vue'  
const app=createApp(Hello);  
app.mount('#vuecontent');
```

# App.component

- Api can also be used to create component

```
import { createApp } from 'vue'
const app=createApp({});
app.component("Hello",{
  template:`<div><input v-model="message" />{{message}}</div>`,
  data(){
    return {message:"Hello, Vue!"}
  }
})
app.mount('#vuecontent');
```

- And now the component name can be used as element within the rendered application

```
<div id="vuecontent">
  <Hello />
</div>
```

# Exercise

- Study `wwwroot/hello-component.html`
- Work with `calculator-component.html`
- Create `calc-component` that is displayed on the page
  - Just create object that describes calculator and use it to create the application
- Extra
  - Make a copy of `calculator-component.html` and work with it
  - Use `app.component-method` to create the actual component and display the `calc-element` on the page



# Computed properties

- Data-model may hold properties whose values are calculated based on other information
  - Either from model or elsewhere
- Add computed-property to the model

```
data: {  
  greeting: 'Hello',  
  name: 'Vue'  
},  
computed: {  
  message: function() {  
    return this.greeting + " " + this.name + "!";  
  }  
}
```

Computed properties are defined as functions that return the value for the property  
OR  
As an object having get and set methods as for Object.defineProperty

```
<div id="vuecontent">  
  <p>{{message}}</p>  
</div>
```

# Watchers

- Watcher associated with property is called when property-value changes
  - Watch-property in the model
  - Function that takes the new value and the old value as parameters
- Use to
  - Implement validators against data
  - Update properties asynchronously

```
data: {  
  message: 'Hello'  
},  
  
watch:{  
  message:function(newValue,oldValue){  
    console.log("Watch",newValue,oldValue);  
    this.message=newValue.split(' ')[0];  
  }  
},
```

Only allow one word in  
message, space character  
is ignored...

# Exercise

- Add “result” as computed property to your calculator
- Add “calculation” property to data, “1 + 2 = 3”
  - Add a watch that changes the property when data for calculation changes
  - Display the property on template
  - Note that this also could be implemented (even more straightforwardly) with a computed property

# Two programming models, API styles

- Options-API
  - Used in previous examples
  - “Traditional” way of using Vue
    - Vue concepts (application, component, directive) are created using options-object
- Composition-API
  - Now you can study hello2.html
  - Setup method is used to describe aspects of application, component or directive
  - The API is more “functional” style
  - Especially suitable for Single File Components of bigger application
  - We’ll mostly be working with this API-style from now on

```
import {createApp, ref, computed} from 'vue'
const app=createApp({
  setup() {
    const fig1=ref(1);
    const fig2=ref(2);
    const result=computed(() => fig1.value+fig2.value);
    return {
      fig1,
      fig2,
      result
    }
  }
});
```

Earlier calculator application  
with Composition API

# Vue-project

Building an application from single file components

# Single File Components (SFC)

- Working with component template string will become tedious in bigger projects
  - It would be easier if the template would be in a html-file
- Single file-components of Vue allow you to combine script, css and html-based template required for the component to a single file
  - But these must be compiled before they can be distributed to the browser

Hello.vue, composition API

```
<script setup>
  import {ref} from 'vue';
  const message=ref("Hello, Vue!");
</script>
<template>
  <p>{{message}}</p>
</template>
<style scoped>
p{
  color:red;
}
</style>
```

Hello.vue, options API

```
<script>
export default {
  data(){
    return {
      message:"Hello,Vue!"
    }
  }
}
</script>
<template>
  <p>{{message}}</p>
</template>
<style scoped>
p{
  color:red;
}
</style>
```

# Walkthrough, create project

- Current preference is to use Vite
  - `npm create vue@latest`
    - Name book-app, no to all other questions
  - `cd book-app`
  - `npm i`
  - `npm run dev`
- Open book-app folder with your editor
  - Study folder contents briefly
  - Simplify the template at App.vue

If you are using Visual Studio Code, you should install Official Vue extension

After npm run dev:

Press  
h for help,  
o to open application  
in browser

```
<template>
  <div>
    <hello-world msg="I did it" />
  </div>
</template>
```

# Props

- Props are “parameters” passed to a component instance
  - They must be described for component
    - At least name, possibly type and even validator
- The container gives them as attributes to the component element

```
<script setup>
// Props can be defined as an array of strings
defineProps(["greeting", "target"])
</script>
```

```
<script setup>
// Or for more complex cases, as an object
defineProps({
  greeting: {
    type: String,
    required: true
  },
  target: {
    type: String,
    validator: value => value.length > 2
  }
})
</script>
```

```
<hello greeting="Hi" target="You" />
```



# Exercise

- Calculator once more, but now as SFC
- Create Calculator.vue to components-directory
- Add
  - `<script setup>...</script>`
  - `<template>...</template>`
- You should have fig1 and fig2 refs and the calculated property result
- Template should display
  - input fields with bindings to fig1 and fig2
  - Result with interpolation

# Excercise

- Create CalculatorContainer.vue
- It should just display the calculator
- Also pass optional props fig1 and fig2 to the calculator
  - To actually pass a number you need to prefix the attribute name with a colon

```
<calculator :fig1="17" />
```

# Slightly deeper

Lifecycle hooks

Template syntax

Data binding

Using inputs

Handling events

# The lifecycle hooks

- The options-object may hold declarations for lifecycle methods
- If composition API is used the lifecycle method must be imported from 'vue' and the hook function is passed as parameter to that
  - Lifecycle-methods are prefixed with 'on': onMounted etc
- Hooks
  - beforeCreate – created : The instance is (being) created, not mounted to the dom yet
  - beforeMount – mounted: The instance is (being) mounted to the dom
  - beforeUpdate – updated: The updates are (being) rendered to the dom
  - activated – deactivated: Kept-alive component is activated/deactivated
  - beforeDestroy – destroyed: Component instance is (being) destroyed
  - errorCaptured: Kind of a “catch” for errors occurring in descendants

```
import {onActivated,onMounted,onUpdated} from 'vue';  
onActivated(() => console.log("Component activated"));  
onMounted(() => console.log("Component mounted"));  
onUpdated(() => console.log("Component updated"));
```

# Exercise

- Experiment with some of the Lifecycle hooks
  - Just use `console.log` to display which ones are executed

# Template Syntax

- We have already seen
  - Text interpolation with `{{ dataInsertedIntoContent }}`
  - And v-model -directive used for data binding with input-elements
- We can also use directives (they always appear as attributes)
  - v-once, element is rendered just once, further updates skipped
  - v-pre, contents of the element are not compiled
  - v-show, conditionally show element
  - v-html and v-text, set innerHtml or innerText
  - v-bind:attribute (:attribute for short)
  - v-on:event (@event for short)

# Data binding

- Both the mustache-notation `{{}}` and `v-bind` do the databinding
  - Mustache-notation used for content
  - `v-bind` used in attributes
- For both the value given may be a single variable or a JavaScript expression that is evaluated
  - Evaluated value is used as content or attribute value
- If `v-once` directive is used the databinding is only done once upon initialization of the element
  - Affects all the bindings for that element
- If raw html needs to be inserted into contents, it cannot be done with mustache-notation
  - `v-html` –directive must be used instead

# Event handling

- Event handlers are implemented with `v-on:event` –directive
  - Often the shorthand `@event` is used
  - Where event is the name of the event (click, change, blur...)
- The handler may be defined
  - By giving the name of function implemented into the vm's method-property
  - By calling a function declared for component by giving explicit parameter
    - `$event` in template refers to the original dom-event
- Modifiers may be added: `v:on:event.modifier[.modifier]`
  - `.stop` : `stopPropagation`
  - `.prevent` : `preventDefault`
  - `.capture` : catch the event before children
  - `.self` : do not process events targeting child elements
  - `.once` : for components only
  - `.passive` : As `addEventListener` - passive



# Keyboard events

- Very often we want to process keyboard events only if a specific key was pressed
  - Vue makes this easy through the use of modifiers `v-on:keyup.65`
- Vue defines aliases for common keys
  - `.enter`
  - `.tab`
  - `.esc`
  - `.space`
  - `.up` , `.down`, `.left` and `.right`
- Key names from the standard `KeyboardEvent.Key` can be used
  - When translated to “Kebab”-case
    - `PageDown` becomes `page-down`

# Exercise

- Create another version of the Calculator called EventCalculator
  - Add a button to the UI and only calculate the result when button is clicked
- How about calculating when Enter is pressed?
- Show also this calculator on CalculatorContainer

# Components

Component hierarchy

Events

Data binding

Mixins and Composables

Special cases

# Components

- Components are reusable pieces of UI
  - Declared as Single File Components of by App.component-function
- Each component instance has its own data
  - State of component
  - Items created with ref-function

- Component instances form a hierarchy

```
const inst=getCurrentInstance();  
console.log("Component itself, parent and app",  
  inst,inst.parent,inst.root);
```

- The container may pass initialization data to its children
  - Props seen as attributes on the template
- The container may handle the events signaled by its children

# Props

- Props are the attributes that are passed to the component instance
- Props must be defined for the component with props-property in the descriptor
  - Array of strings naming the possible props
  - Object where property name identifies the prop and property value identifies the type (by constructor-function, not string)

```
Vue.component("simple-1",{
  data(){
    return {
      greeting:this.initial || "Hello"
    }
  },
  props:["initial"],
  template:"<p>{{greeting}}</p>"
});
```

```
Vue.component("simple-2",{
  props:["initial"],
  template:`<p v-on:click="initial='And even changed'">{{this.initial}}</p>`
});
```

```
Vue.component("simple-3",{
  props:{ initial:String },
  template:"<p>{{initial}}</p>"
});
```

```
Vue.component("simple-4",{
  props:{
    initial:{
      type:String,
      required:true,
      validator: value => value.length > 10
    }
  },
  template:"<p>{{initial}}</p>"
});
```

<simple-X initial=Pass props as attributes' />

# Container and children

Child can

- Signal changes with an event
  - \$emit on template
  - `const emit=defineEmits(["resultChange"]);` // at setup you may define emit function
- Allow databinding with model
- Display content given by container with `<slot>` -element

```
app.component("child",{
  props:["item","name"],
  model:{
    prop:"item",
    event:"change"
  },
  template:`<div v-on:click="$emit('change','Changed by '+name)">
    <p>{{name}} {{item}}</p>
    <slot></slot>
  </div>`
});

app.component("container",{
  data:function(){return {someValue:'Value from parent'}},
  template:`<div>
    <child name="First child" :item="someValue" v-on:change="v => someValue=v"/>
    <child name="Second child" v-model="someValue" />
    <child name="Third child" v-model="someValue">
      <p><em>Click any of the paragraphs above</em></p>
    </child>
    <p>My value: {{someValue}}</p>
  </div>`
});
```

# Exercise

- CalculatorContainer should already display both calculators
- In the EventCalculator
  - Signal “resultChange” when the button is clicked
  - Display the result on CalculatorContainer
- In the original calculator
  - Emit a string that describes the calculation “1+2=3”
  - You might want to implement a watcher for the result

```
watch(result, (newValue, oldValue) => {  
    console.log("Watcher", newValue, oldValue)  
})
```

# Extra exercise

- If you are quick....
- Create yet another calculator: ObjectCalculator
- Modify CalculatorContainer to pass v-model that is an object to the calculator
- The ObjectCalculator will receive modelValue-prop...

```
<script setup>
import {ref} from 'vue'
import Calculator from './ObjectCalculator.vue'

const myCalc=ref({
  fig1:3,
  fig2:4
});

</script>
<template>
<div>
  <object-calculator v-model="myCalc" />
  <p>{{myCalc.fig1}}+{{myCalc.fig2}}</p>
</div>
</template>
```

This is the container



# v-for

- The directive v-for is used to repeat an element for each item in a collection
  - The v-bind:key must be specified with a binding to a unique identifier in the data item

```
app.component("for-component",{
  data:function(){ return {
    cars:[
      {id:1,make:"Volvo",model:"V40"},
      {id:2,make:"Toyota",model:"Auris"}
    ],
    selectedId:0
  }},
  template:`<div><select v-model="selectedId">
  <option value="0">Please select</option>
  <option v-for="car in cars" :value="car.id"
    :key="car.id">
    {{car.model}}</option>
</select>
<p>SelectedId: {{selectedId}}</p></div>`
});
```

# v-if

- V-if –directive is used to conditionally render an element
- Using v-if for an element that has v-for is not recommended
  - Though possible

```
app.component("if-component",{
  data:function(){
    return {showIt:true}
  },
  template:`<div>
    <input type="checkbox" v-model="showIt" />
    Show it
    <p v-if="showIt">Here it is</p>
  </div>`
});
```

# Exercise

- Create BookList –component that displays holds an array of books in the data
  - Take a peek at server/bookdao.js
  - Display the books in a table: id, title and author columns are enough to start with
- Create Main-component that sets the page-layout and shows the BookList
  - This should be rendered by the Vue-instance

```
<div>
  <header>
    <h1>The app header</h1>
  </header>
  <main>
    <book-list />
  </main>
  <footer>
    Some footer content
  </footer>
</div>
```

# Filters

- Filters are functions that manipulate data
  - Pipe the data through a filter
  - May take parameters
- Can be registered
  - Globally by `Vue.filter` – function
  - Locally to one component

This feature is no longer available at version 3

If you are updating an older project to version 3 you need to replace filters most likely with computed properties

```
Vue.filter("upper",function(str){
  return str.toUpperCase();
})

Vue.filter("left",function(str,len){
  return str.substring(0,len);
})

Vue.component("filter-component",{
  filters:{
    year:function(dt){
      return dt.getFullYear();
    }
  },
  template:`<div>
    <p>{{"Hello world" | upper }}</p>
    <p>{{"Hello world" | left(5) }}</p>
    <p>{{new Date() | year}}</p>
  </div>`
});
```

# Exercise

- Show price of the book with two decimals and currency sign
- Show published date formatted nicely “4.3.1922”
- Replace headers for columns title and author with input fields
  - Try filtering the table contents: title must contain what is entered into title-input, author must contain what is entered into author-input
- Replace header for id with a combobox with options Title and Author
  - Selection change should change the sort order of the books in the table

# Styles

- Most of the styles for the application should of course be declared in global css-files
- It is possible to declare component specific styles in the .vue-files with scoped-option (<style scoped>)
- And you can do data-binding against style- and class properties of the element

```
app.component("style-component",{
  data:function(){ return {
    colorClass:'ok',
    emStyle:'bold'
  }},
  methods:{
    swapClass() { this.colorClass=this.colorClass=="ok" ? 'bad' : 'ok' },
    swapStyle() {this.emStyle=this.emStyle=='bold' ? 'normal' : 'bold'}
  },
  template:`<div>
    <p :class="colorClass" @click="swapClass">Using css-class</p>
    <p :style="{fontWeight:emStyle}" @click="swapStyle">and style</p>
  </div>`
});
```

# Transitions and animations

- Components may contain transition element
  - That automatically assigns specific css classes to the element when hiding/showing with v-if or v-show
- Transition flows through states
  - css may be applied to different states
  - JavaScript-hook may be applied to different states

```
app.component("transition-component",{
  data(){ return{
    state:'',
    showBig:true
  }},
  template:`<div>
    <p @click="showBig=!showBig">Transition state: {{showBig}} {{state}}</p>
    <transition name="shrink"
      v-on:enter='state="enter"'
      v-on:after-enter='state="afterEnter"'
      v-on:leave='state="leave"'
      v-on:after-leave='state="afterLeave"'>

      <p v-if="showBig">Transition element</p>
    </transition>
  </div>`
});
```

# Exercise

- Declare .tooSmall and .ratherBig css-classes for the BookList
- Display high prices with ratherBig-class and low prices with tooSmall class
- Use style binding to display low prices in red and high prices in green

```
<style scoped>

.tooSmall{
  font-weight: bold;
}

.ratherBig{
  font-style: italic;
}

</style>
```



# Mixins

Mixins are Vue-way of inheritance

- Describe an object that holds items that are common to several components
  - Attach the object to the component descriptor with mixins-property
- There are algorithms to solve problems with overlapping properties within mixins but try to avoid situation

```
let sampleMixin={
  data:function(){
    return { mixinData:'Hello' }
  },
  methods:{
    log(s){
      alert(this.$vnode.tag,s);
    }
  },
  filters:{
    upper: str => str.toUpperCase()
  }
}
```

```
Vue.component("mixin-component",{
  name:'MixinComponent',
  mixins:[sampleMixin],
  template:`<div>
    <p @click="log('clicked')">{{mixinData | upper}} world!</p>
  </div>`
});
```

Version 2 example

At version 3 the preferred way to do this is to use Composables

# Composables

- Reusable logic that different components may need should go to composables
- Essentially functions that return an object of reusable items

```
import {ref,onMounted,onUnmounted} from 'vue';

export function myTimer(interval){
  const value=ref(0);
  let timer=0;
  function clear(){
    if (timer) clearInterval(timer);
  }
  onMounted(() => timer=setInterval(() => value.value=value.value+1, interval));
  onUnmounted(() => clear());
  return {value,clear};
}
```

- Component can now use the logic

```
<script setup>
  import {myTimer} from '../MyTimer';
  const {value,clear}=myTimer(1000);
</script>
<template>
  <p @click="clear">Timer {{value}}</p>
</template>
```

# Directives

- Vue gives us some built in directives
  - Show or hide based on Boolean value: v-if, v-elseif, v-else and v-show
  - Repeat element: v-for
  - Insert content: v-text and v-html
  - Databinding: v-bind and v-model
  - Event handling: v-on
  - Compiling: v-pre and v-cloak
  - Rendering: v-once
- We can also implement directives for our own purposes
  - Extra attributes that may be attached to components
  - Somehow affect the behavior or the appearance of the component

# Custom Directive

- Often components would serve you better....

Object may contain hooks for:

- bind and unbind
- inserted
- update and compenentUpdated

```
app.directive("u1", (el, binding) => {
  let s=el.innerHTML;
  binding.value.forEach(char => {
    s=s.replace(new RegExp(char, "g"), "<u>"+char+"</u>");
  });
  el.innerHTML=s;
});

app.component("dir-component", {
  directives: {
    border(el, binding) {
      el.style.border=binding.value;
    }
  },
  template: `<div v-border="'1px solid black'">
    <p v-ul="['e','o']">Hello world</p>
    <p>Some <span v-ul="['t','l']">what longer</span> text</p>
  </div>`
});
```

# Custom directive on setup

- Setup script may have variables prefixed with v
  - These are automatically used as custom directives
  - Just add the needed lifecycle hooks
- Example from documentation
  - Automatically set focus to an input field, not just on page load but also when component is dynamically displayed

```
<script setup>
  import {ref} from 'vue';
  const message=ref("Hello, Vue!");
  const vFocus = {
    mounted: (el) => el.focus()
  }
</script>
<template>
<div>
  <input v-focus v-model="message" />
  <p>{{message}}</p>
</div>
</template>
```

# Exercise

- Can you figure out where you might want to use a custom directive or Composable?

# Routing

# Routing overview

With routing module we automate changing the view based on the url-pattern

- Vue-router -module needs to be loaded and configured
- hashHistory, traditional SPA urls with hashes
  - `http://myserver.com/#listview`
  - No server configuration
  - We load the same page, just “navigate” to a bookmark
- browserHistory
  - `http://myserver.com/listview`
  - Requires server configuration so that regardless of the URL the same page is served



# First you need to configure routing

- Select navigation mode: createWebHistory, createWebHashHistory
- Each route is described as object
  - Path and component members, name is optional

```
import { createRouter, createWebHistory } from 'vue-router'
import HomeView from './views/HomeView.vue'

// create app

const router = createRouter({
  history: createWebHistory(),
  routes: [
    {
      path: '/',
      name: 'home',
      component: HomeView
    },
    {
      path: '/about',
      name: 'about',
      component: () => import('./views/AboutView.vue')
    }
  ]
})

app.use(router)
// mount app
```

Code for about-component will be dynamically loaded when the route is visited

# And we can modify the main component

- We can use RouterLink element instead of a hrefs to navigate
- We need to have RouterView-element as a placeholder
  - Router will place the component selected by the route to this location

```
<nav>  
  <RouterLink to="/">Home</RouterLink>  
  <RouterLink to="/about">About</RouterLink>  
</nav>  
<RouterView />
```

# Exercise

- `npm i vue-router`
- Configure the routing into the main.js
  - `import Router from 'vue-router';`
  - Instantiate the router with routes
    - Root should display the BookList
    - `/calc` should display the calculator
- Extend the App-component with nav-section
  - Links to Booklist and Calculator
  - And remember to add `<RouterView />`

# Dynamic routing

- Route path may contain “parameter-slots” marked with colon
  - /person/:id
- After navigation the parameters are available at
  - \$route.params.id
  - \$route is a variable that can be used on template
- Or at setup

```
<script setup>
import {useRouter,useRoute} from 'vue-router'

const router=useRouter(); // Not used in this example
const route = useRoute()
let id=route.params.id;

</script>
```

# Named route

- When the routing is configured a name can also be given to a route
- For router-link to an object may be given as value
  - Name-property
  - Params-property

```
// Route is configured as:  
{path: '/book/:id', name: 'bookDetail', component: BookDetail}  
  
// Link could be defined as  
<router-link :to="{name: 'bookDetail', params: {id: 4}}">{{book.id}}</router-link>
```

# Programmatic navigation

The component has `$router` property injected for it

- `push( path | object, onComplete?, onAbort?)`
- `replace` – similar to `push` but the new location is not added to the history
  - Router-link has `replace` prop for same purpose
- `go(n)` where `n` is steps to move up or down in history
  - `go(-1)=back()`
- `back()`, `forward()`

# Exercise

- Create BookDetail with input-fields for title and author
  - Show the component with /book/:id path
  - BookDetail should show the information about the selected book
  - And the BookDetail should also hold a Back-button
- Navigate to the BookDetail from the BookList
  - With router-link
  - With programmatic navigation
- Create BookService.js
  - Import bookService to BookList and BookDetail
  - Remove the list of books Booklist, instead use books from service
  - Query the book by id from service at BookDetail

```
import { reactive } from "vue";  
export const bookService=reactive({  
  books:[  
    ... original array of books ...  
  ],  
  get(id){  
    return this.books.find(b => b.id==id);  
  }  
});
```

reactive does pretty much the same as  
ref but catches all mutations of  
hierarchical construct

# Nested routing

- Basically any component may hold `<router-view />`
- And the route-configuration may contain children
  - An array of child-routes
- Easiest to
  - Move parameters to the child routes
  - Name the child routes
  - The container can navigate with
    - `:to="{name: 'bookDetail', params: {id: personId}}"`
    - `:to="{name: 'personExtra', params: {id: personId}}"`

```
{path: '/person', component: PersonContainer, children: [  
  {path: ':id', name: 'personDetail', component: PersonDetail},  
  {path: ':id/extra', name: 'personExtra', component: PersonExtra}  
]}
```



# Exercise

- Create DetailContainer
  - Default view is the current BookDetail
  - Also add PrintableDetail accessible at `/book/:id/printable`
- DetailContainer should have
  - links to both child views

# Named views

- `<router-view>` may have `name-prop`
  - And we may have several router views visible, each displaying a separate component
- If that is the case the route configuration must specify which component to display at which router-view

```
var r={path="/named",components:{  
  default: ComponentForUnnamedView,  
  some: ComponentForViewWithNameSome,  
  other: ComponentForViewWithNameOther  
}}
```

# Localization

Translations

Formattings

# Localization

- Localization is about
  - Translating the string constants
  - Formatting data according to locale
    - Date-formats
    - Number-formats
    - Currency?
- Vue in itself provides no support for localization
  - vue-localization –module offers some methods for working with translations
  - Vue-cli –tool has its own approach
- ES6 offers Intl-object to support localization
  - Collators
  - Date-formattings
  - Number and currency formattings

# Translating strings

- Basic idea is to define a replaceable object that holds the the translations
  - On object for each supported language
- Select which object to use when the language changes
- Instead of using constant strings in the ui use members of the selected translation object
  - The object must be globally available for all components
  - Or you might want to place it into context in the "main"-component so that the components that need translations may query it

# Intl-object (ES6)

- Can you trust that the browsers support this feature or do you need to implement a replacement for browsers that don't support it?

```
var fiCollator=new Intl.Collator("fi");
console.log(fiCollator.compare("ä","z"));

var fiNumberFormat=new Intl.NumberFormat("fi-FI",
    {minimumFractionDigits:2,maximumFractionDigits:2});
console.log(fiNumberFormat.format(1234567.56789));

var fiCurrency=new Intl.NumberFormat("fi-FI",
    {style: "currency", currency: "EUR" });
console.log(fiCurrency.format(1234567.89));

var fiDate=new Intl.DateTimeFormat("fi-FI");
console.log(fiDate.format(new Date()));
```

# Exercise

Your wwwroot/translations holds couple of translations.json-files

- Load one of them at startup at App.vue setup script
- Figure out mechanism to change the translations on fly

```
import {ref,provide} from 'vue';
import {HTTP} from './http';

const tx=ref({
  title:'SomeApp',
  buttons:{},
  book:{}
})
provide("tx",tx);

HTTP.get("/translations/translations_en.json").then(trans => {
  Object.assign(tx.value,trans);
  console.log(tx)
});
```

Instructor will point you to this

Dependency injection:  
someone provides, others  
can inject

Elsewhere (BookList) you can:

```
import {inject} from 'vue';
const tx=inject("tx");
```

At vite-config.js:

```
server:{
  proxy:{
    '/translations':'http://localhost:9000'
  }
}
```

# Thank you!

Any remaining questions?