

St. Louis Java User Group 20th Anniversary!

Some History

- OCI started this group back in May 1997
- I gave the first two talks and 21 more after that
- Initially the talks were presented from an overhead projector using transparencies
- The first talk focused heavily on how great Java Applets were
- Apparently I'm not a fortune teller

My Talks

May 1997
Java - What's the
Excitement About?

August 1998
JDBC

November 2001
Web Services
& SOAP

July 2005
Ajax

April 2012
Node.js

June 1997
AWT Event Model

October 1998
JNI

September 2002
Axis

May 2007
Ruby

July 2015
ECMAScript 6

October 1997
Serialization

April 1999
JTable

May 2003
JAXB

June 2008
ANTLR

March 2016
React

November 1997
Reflection

January 2000
XML

August 2003
Aspect-Oriented
Programming

September 2008
Writing API for XML
(WAX)

January 1998
Remote Method
Invocation (RMI)

March 2001
Ant

February 2004
J2EE 1.4
Web Services

May 2009
Clojure

What Does This Mean?

- Technology changes fast!
- Learn it anyway
 - there is value in seeing the similarities between older and newer technologies
- Document what you learn
- Share what you have documented

JavaScript?

- The talk tonight will show how to build a web app without using JavaScript
- For many Java developers, a primary reason they dislike JavaScript is because it doesn't have types
- Flow and TypeScript address that
- I'm giving a talk on Flow next week
 - Stl ReactJS Meetup
 - Wednesday, May 17
 - <https://www.meetup.com/Saint-Louis-ReactJS-Meetup/>