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COMP 431 / COMP 531

# Model-View-Controller (and others)

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# Recap

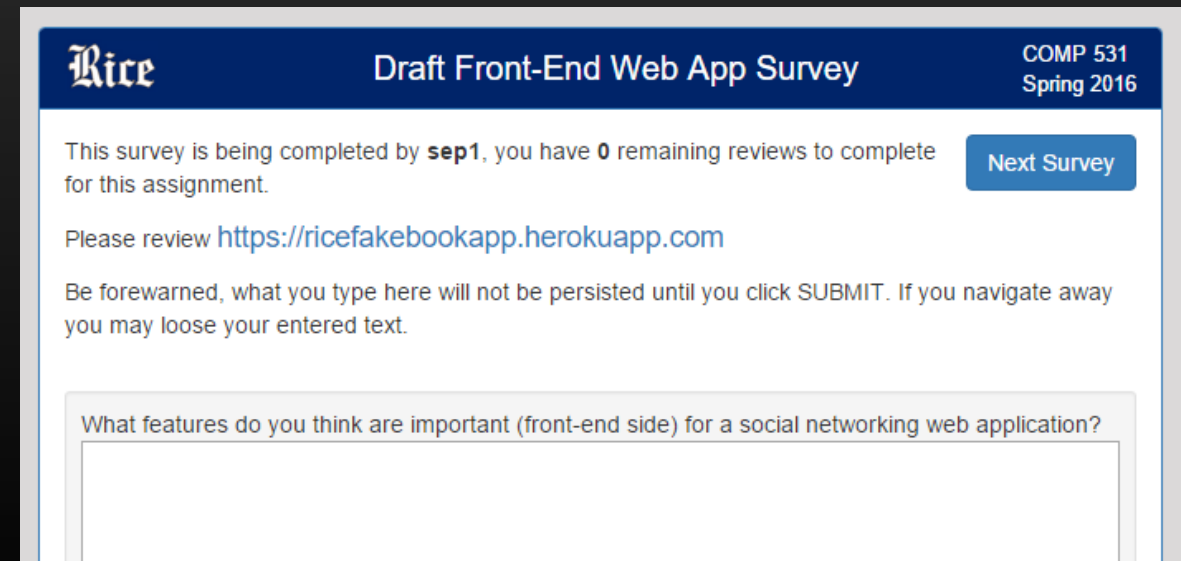
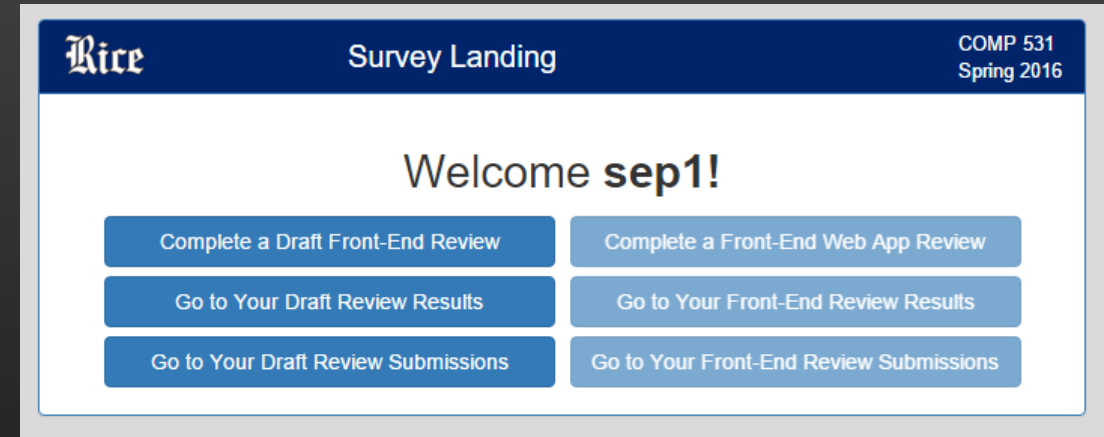
- HTML and HTML5
- JavaScript and JS Libraries
- Forms
- CSS and Style Frameworks
- Events
- Homework Assignment 4 (JavaScript Game)
  - **Due Thursday 2/18**

~~Style (Bootstrap)~~  
~~Libraries (jQuery)~~  
MVC  
AngularJS

*COMP 531*  
*Draft Front-End Review*  
Due Tuesday 2/23

# COMP 531 Draft Front-End Review

- Go to this address and log in using your netid and 3-word password supplied to you by email for the dummy server
- You will be asked to review 7 websites of your peers
- Provide useful, constructive feedback
- Provide a critical comparative evaluation of each site with yours



# Separation of Concerns

In computer science, **separation of concerns** (SoC) is a design principle for **separating** a computer program into distinct sections, such that each section addresses a separate **concern**. A **concern** is a set of information that affects the code of a computer program. -Wikipedia

- Simplify development
- Increase maintainability
- Improve reusability
- Parallelize development
- Promotes Interface development and Encapsulation

# SoC for a Web Application

- Content

HTML

- Presentation

CSS

- Behavior

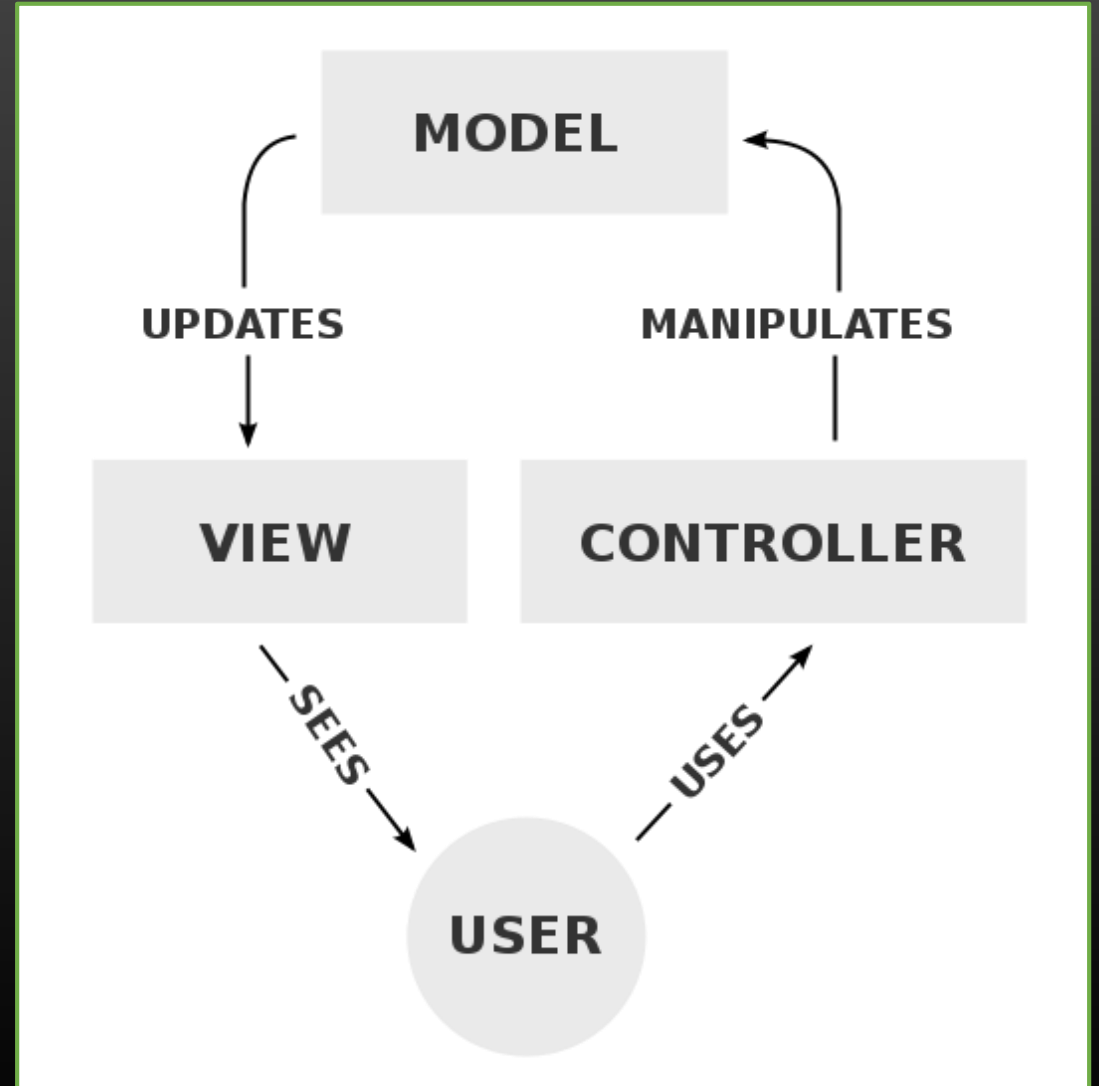
JAVASCRIPT

## User interface design

- Dynamic layout
- Dynamic content
- Respond to user actions

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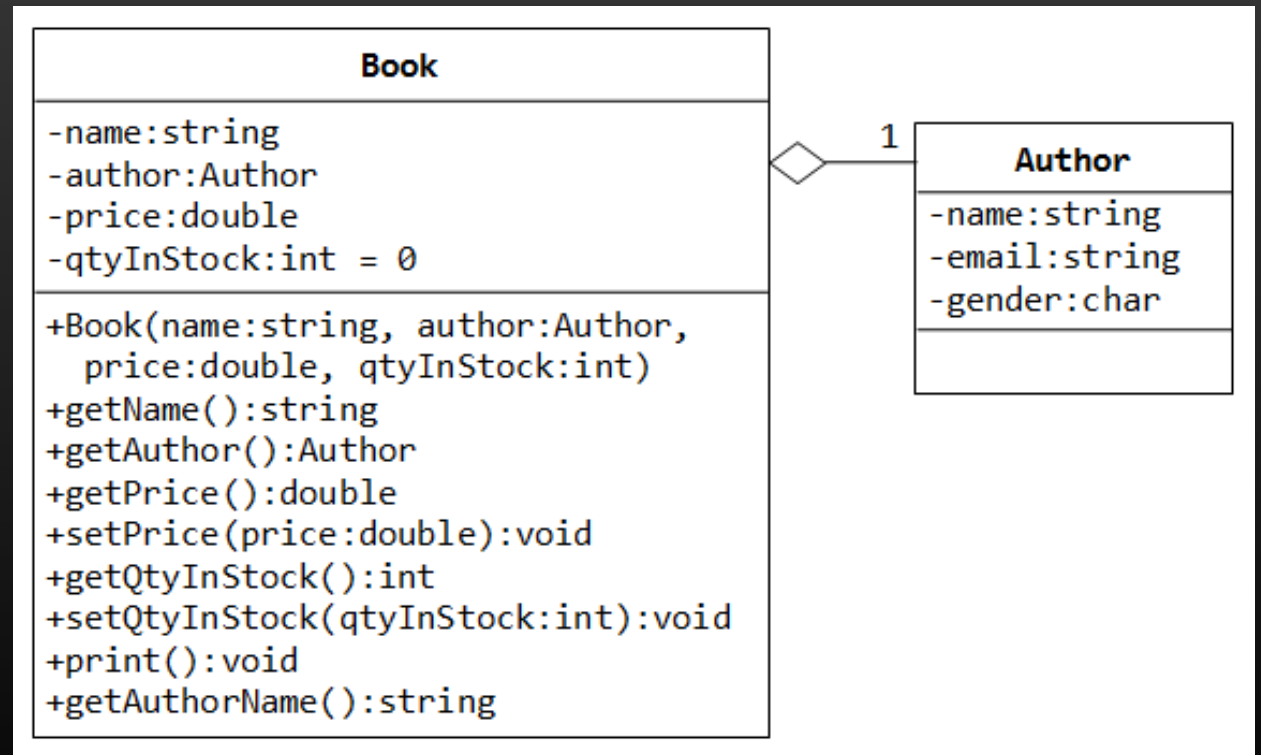
# Example: Online Bookstore

- A database of books
    - Books have properties
  - Display all the books
    - Include selected properties
  - User can select books for purchase
- Model
    - A book
  - View
    - Presentation of books
  - Controller
    - Load model from database
    - Respond to user selection

# Model of a Book

```
Book {  
    author: string  
    title: string  
    publicationDate: date  
    publisher: string  
    ISBN: string  
    price: float  
}
```

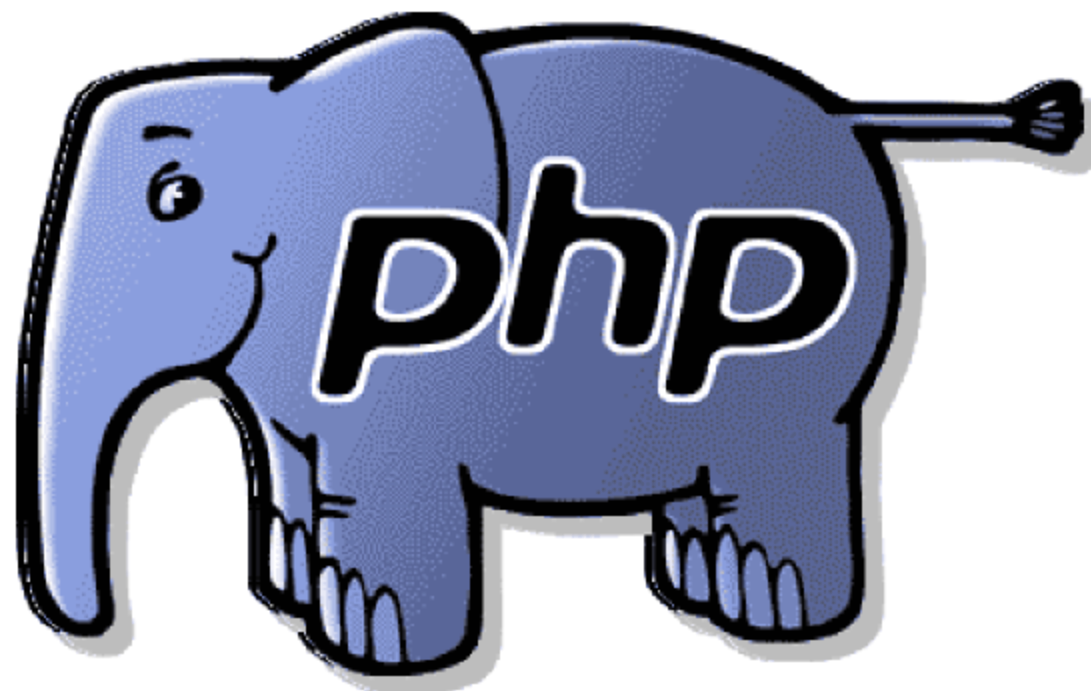
## Classic UML Object Design







**WARNING**



# “Dynamic” View of Books

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Author</th><th>Title</th><th>Price</th>
  </tr>

  <?php foreach ($books as $book): ?>
    <tr>
      <td> <?php echo $book['author']; ?> </td>
      <td> <?php echo $book['title']; ?> </td>
      <td> <?php echo $book['price']; ?> </td>
    </tr>
  <?php endforeach; ?>

</table>
```

# Book Controller

```
class BookController {  
    public function init() {  
        $this->Model = new BookModel();  
  
        // $books is in "scope" for the view  
        $this->$books = $this->Model->getAll();  
    }  
}
```

```
new BookController().init();
```

```
class Book {  
    public $author;  
    public $title;  
    ...  
    // create a Book from a database row  
    public function __construct($row) {  
        $this->$author = ...  
    }  
}
```

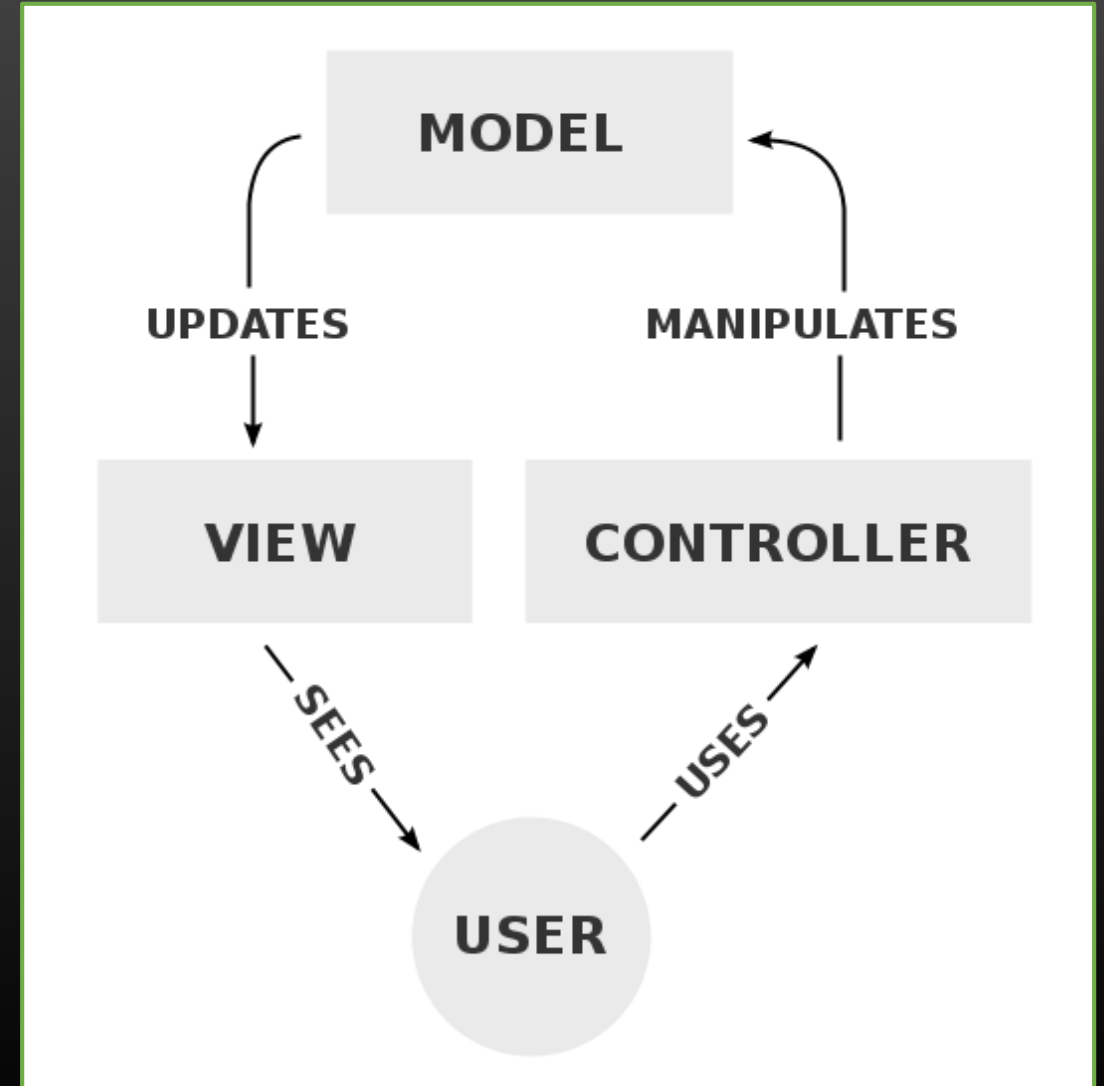
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```
class BookModel {  
    // make database query to get all of the books.  
    // return the ResultSet as an array of Books  
    public function getAll() {  
        $results = array();  
        $resultSet = $this->db->getAllBooks();  
        foreach ($resultSet as $row) {  
            $results[] = new Book($row);  
        }  
        return $results;  
    }  
}
```

DAO

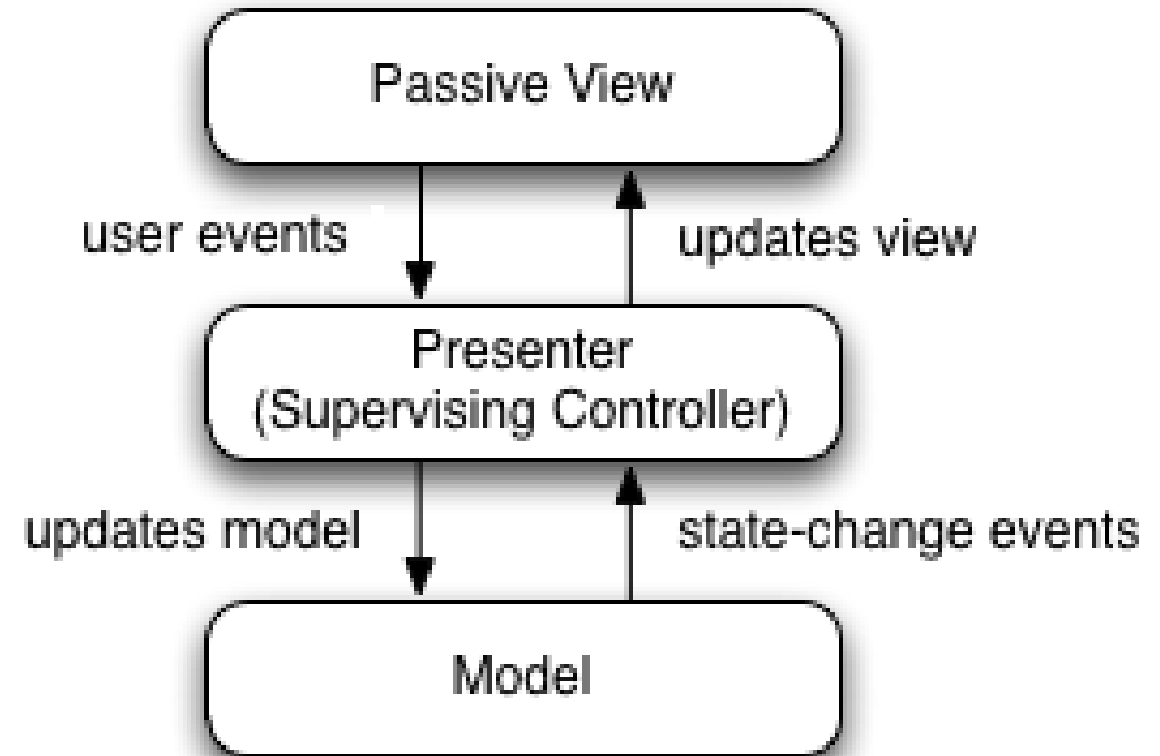
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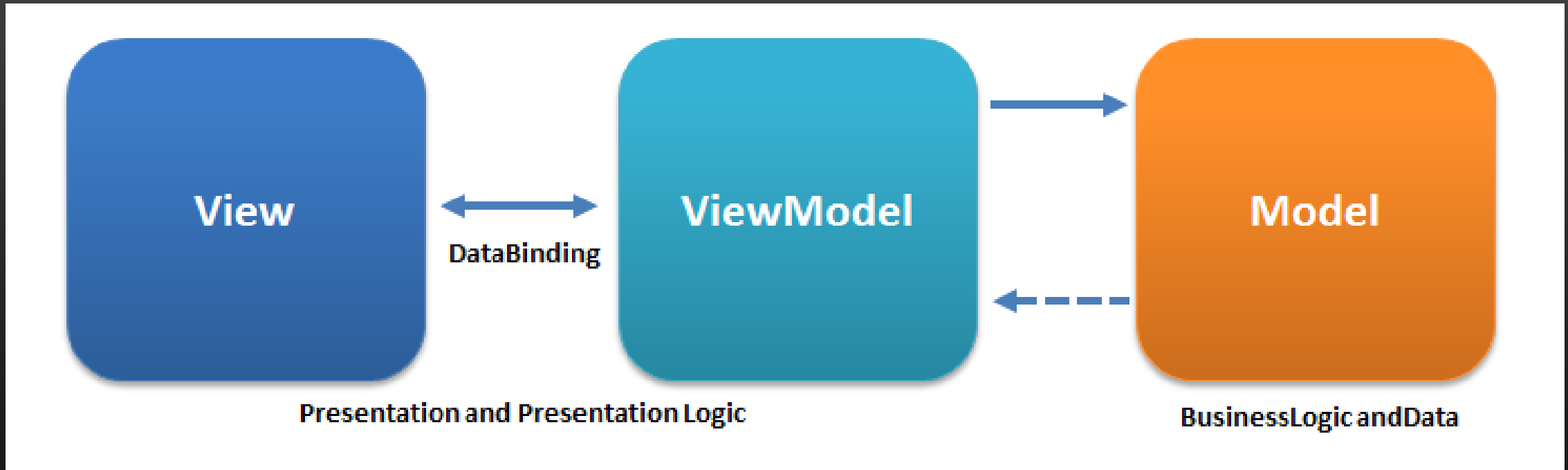


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# Model-View-ViewModel



- **ViewModel** is a state representation of the data from the **Model**
- **Binder** utilizes **declarative data and command binding** in the markup for data synchronization

# MVVM vs MVC

## MVVM

1. ViewModel encapsulates presentation logic and state.
2. ViewModel is an optional Pattern.
3. User hits the View first
4. View can't see the Model
5. View has an instance of the ViewModel

## MVC

1. The Controller determine the Application Flow.
2. Controller is a must.
3. User hits the Controller first
4. The View knows about the Model
5. View gets an instance of the Model

# Front-End Frameworks

- Template engines for Views
- Utilize data-binding to populate View from ViewModel / Controller / Presenter
- Lots to choose from – different styles and techniques
- Some modular, others opinionated



# View Template

## Preprocessed on Server

```
<table>
  <tr>
    <th>Author</th><th>Title</th><th>Price</th>
  </tr>

  <?php foreach ($books as $book): ?>
    <tr>
      <td> <?php echo $book['author']; ?> </td>
      <td> <?php echo $book['title']; ?> </td>
      <td> <?php echo $book['price']; ?> </td>
    </tr>
  <?php endforeach; ?>
</table>
```

## Front-End Controlled by JS

```
<tr data-repeat="book in books">
  <td>{{ book.author }}</td>
  <td>{{ book.title }}</td>
  <td>{{ book.price }}</td>
</tr>
```

# The Mustache Template System

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4     <script src="http://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/mustache.js/0.7.0/mustache.min.js"></script>
5     <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.1.3/jquery.min.js"></script>
6 </head>
7 <body>
8
9 <h1>Posts</h1>
10
11 <div id="posts"></div>
12
13 <script id="postTpl" type="text/template">
14 {{#posts}}
15 <h2>{{title}}</h2>
16 <h3>Posted {{date}} by {{author}}</h3>
17 <p>{{body}}</p>
18 <hr>
19 {{/posts}}
20 </script>
```

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1 <!DOCTYPE html>
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20 </script>
```

## Posts

### Church-key irony meggings ...

Posted Wed Jul 01 2015 06:40:47 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time) by Hipster

Church-key irony meggings biodiesel chillwave bespoke. Excepteur adipisicing polaroid, ex ullamco delectus tilde do nostrud salvia Portland mlkshk sunt culpa. Meditation Tumblr Etsy, delectus sint aute meh chambray ex selfies. Consequat ad disrupt sed. Godard aliqua sed DIY eu, freegan squid art party. Craft beer flannel bitters before they sold out butcher, vegan tousled Godard. Nulla culpa flexitarian, butcher irony pickled polaroid forage 3 wolf moon mixtape hella anim placeat odio paleo.

### 8-bit aesthetic American ...

Posted Wed May 06 2015 12:07:44 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time) by Hipster

8-bit aesthetic American Apparel do pork belly. Fap Banksy roof party XOXO reprehenderit, officia cred organic Odd Future 8-bit biodiesel Brooklyn. Marfa distillery placeat Shoreditch et, bicycle rights eiusmod banjo retro. Master cleanse semiotics craft beer occaecat Banksy. Fugiat vegan cray, authentic kitsch banjo Banksy hashtag narwhal bespoke Marfa tilde iPhone. Sustainable plaid meditation, listicle fugiat selvage aesthetic ugh keffiyeh tilde health goth Godard artisan 8-bit. Mumblecore tofu cupidatat, deserunt skateboard sed health goth non farm-to-table Banksy sartorial Godard Etsy distillery.

### Single-origin coffee post-ironic ...

Posted Sat Jul 18 2015 23:32:56 GMT-0500 (Central Daylight Time) by Hipster

Single-origin coffee post-ironic fap messenger bag. Organic High Life nulla viral, elit gentrify Kickstarter Blue Bottle kogi Carles. Post-ironic craft beer aesthetic, Williamsburg gastropub Godard street art occaecat letterpress placeat raw denim. Exercitation Kickstarter quinoa semiotics, listicle trust fund vero readymade kitsch cornhole taxidermy single-origin coffee salvia fap. Trust fund readymade blog pariatur, sriracha wayfarers minim street art slow-carb Carles occupy quis. Neutra in meditation, sint officia irony gastropub. Velit kitsch skateboard tousled, butcher chambray ea +1 Blue Bottle asymmetrical Tumblr cliché.

# The Template System

```
<script id="postTpl" type="text/template">
{{#posts}}
<h2>{{title}}</h2>
<h3>Posted {{date}} by {{author}}</h3>
<p>{{body}}</p>
<hr>
{{/posts}}
</script>
```

```
<script>
window.onload = function() {
  var url = 'http://hipsterjesus.com/api/'

  $.get(url, function(result) {
    var posts = []
    result.text.split('<p>')
      .filter(function(t) { return t.length > 0 })
      .forEach(function(text) {
        var body = text.replace('</p>', '')
        var s = text.split(' ')
        var title = [s[0], s[1], s[2], '...'].join(' ')
        var entry = {
          "author": "Hipster",
          "title": title,
          "body": body,
          "date": new Date(1430012345678 + Math.random()*130e8)
        }
        posts.push(entry)
      })
    var template = $('#postTpl').html()
    var html = Mustache.to_html(template, {"posts":posts});
    $('#posts').html(html)
  })
}
</script>
```

# Knockout JS

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html>
3 <head>
4     <script src="https://cdnjs.cloudflare.com/ajax/libs/knockout/3.3.0/knockout-min.js"></script>
5     <script src="https://ajax.googleapis.com/ajax/libs/jquery/2.1.3/jquery.min.js"></script>
6 </head>
7 <body>
8
9 <h1>Posts</h1>
10
11 <div id="posts" data-bind="foreach: posts">
12     <h2 data-bind="text: title"></h2>
13     <h3>Posted <span data-bind="text: date"></span>
14         by <span data-bind="text: author"></span></h3>
15     <p data-bind="text: body"></p>
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Mustache Template

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16   <hr>
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var html = Mustache.to_html(template, {"posts":posts});
$('#posts').html(html)
```

Mustache

```
function PostModel(text) {
  var body = text.replace('</p>', '')
  var s = text.split(' ')
  var title = [s[0], s[1], s[2], '...'].join(' ')

  this.author = "Hipster"
  this.title = title
  this.body = body
  this.date = new Date(1430012345678 + Math.random()*130e8)
}

function PostViewModel() {
  var vm = this;
  vm.posts = ko.observableArray([])

  var url = 'http://hipsterjesus.com/api/'
  $.get(url, function(result) {
    result.text.split('<p>')
      .filter(function(t) { return t.length > 0 })
      .forEach(function(text) {
        vm.posts.push(new PostModel(text))
      })
  })
}

window.onload = function() {
  ko.applyBindings(new PostViewModel());
}
```

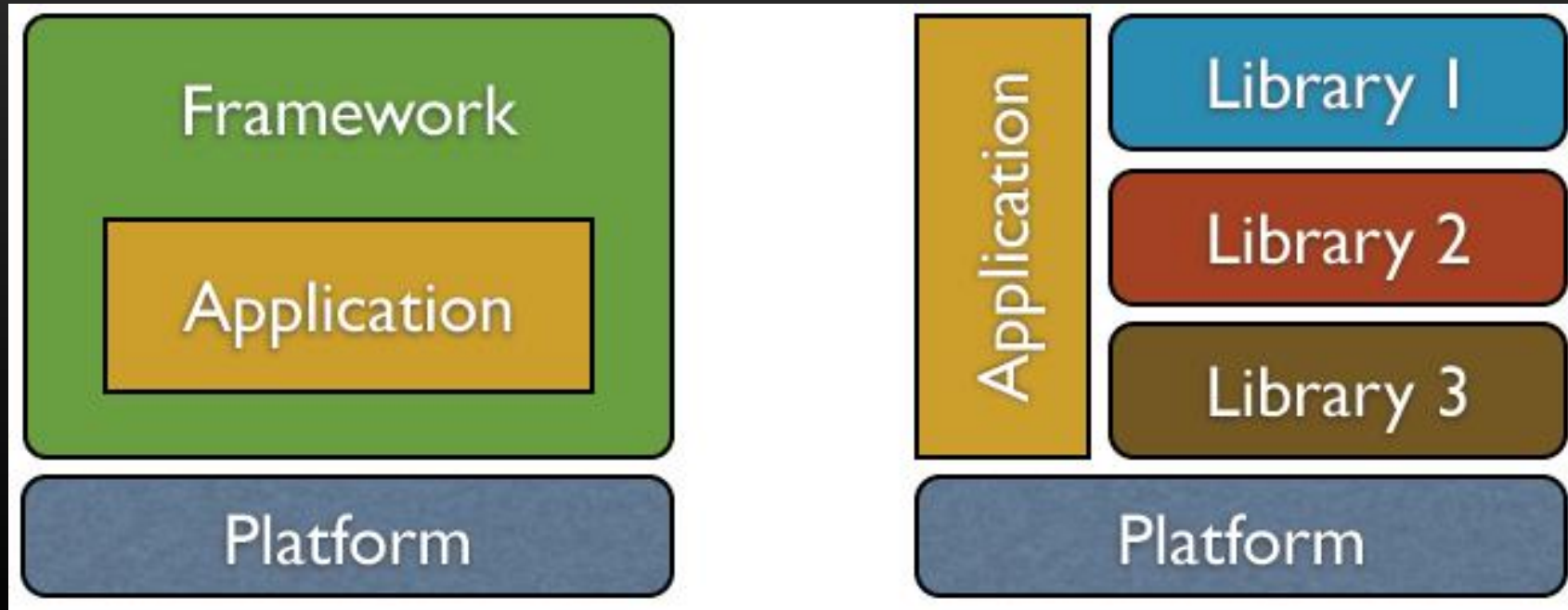


# Front-End JavaScript Frameworks

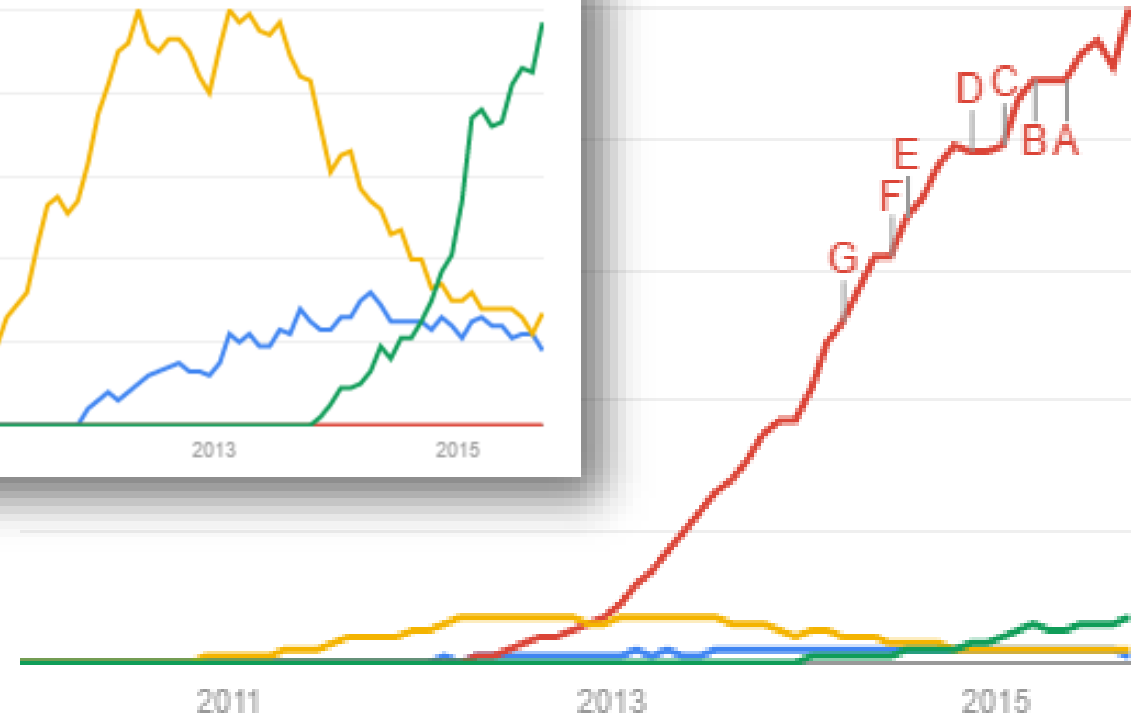
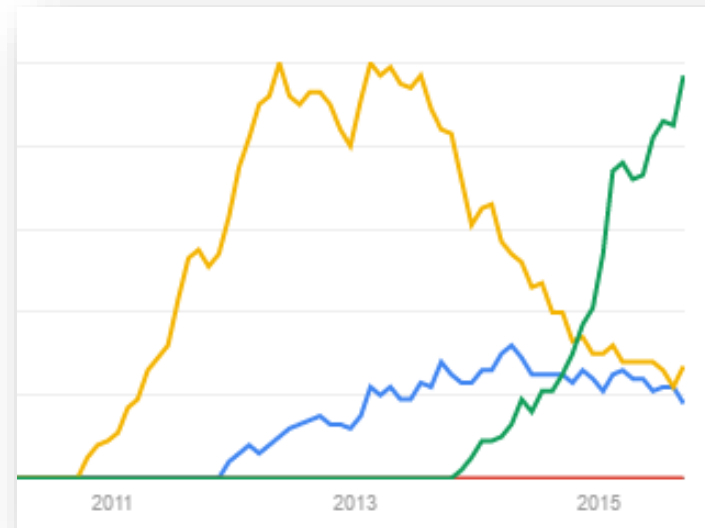
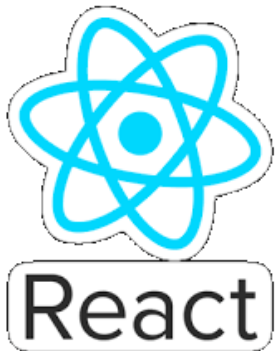
- Mustache, Handlebars, Knockout
- Dojo, MooTools, Backbone
- Ember, Angular, React

*~ Library*

**FRAMEWORK**



# Front-End JavaScript Frameworks



emberjs  
Search term

angularjs  
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backbone.js ×  
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reactjs  
Search term



# “the superheroic framework”



- Model-View-(Whatever)
- Single-Page-Application
- Two-Way Data Binding
  - Reduces boilerplate
  - Fast updates View-to-Model and back
- Observation built-in
- Separation of Concerns
  - HTML template vs JS logic
- Plain Old Javascript Objects
- Complete front-end stack
- Unit testing with Karma
- Great for tiny apps
- Good for medium apps
- Even works for large apps
  - Be careful of too many watchers
- Opinionated!
  - There is a “way” to do things

See also <http://jeffwhelpley.com/angularjs/>

# Run a Local Web Server using Python

Angular works best when using http(s) *NOT* file:///

```
cd frontend
```

```
python -m SimpleHTTPServer 8080
```

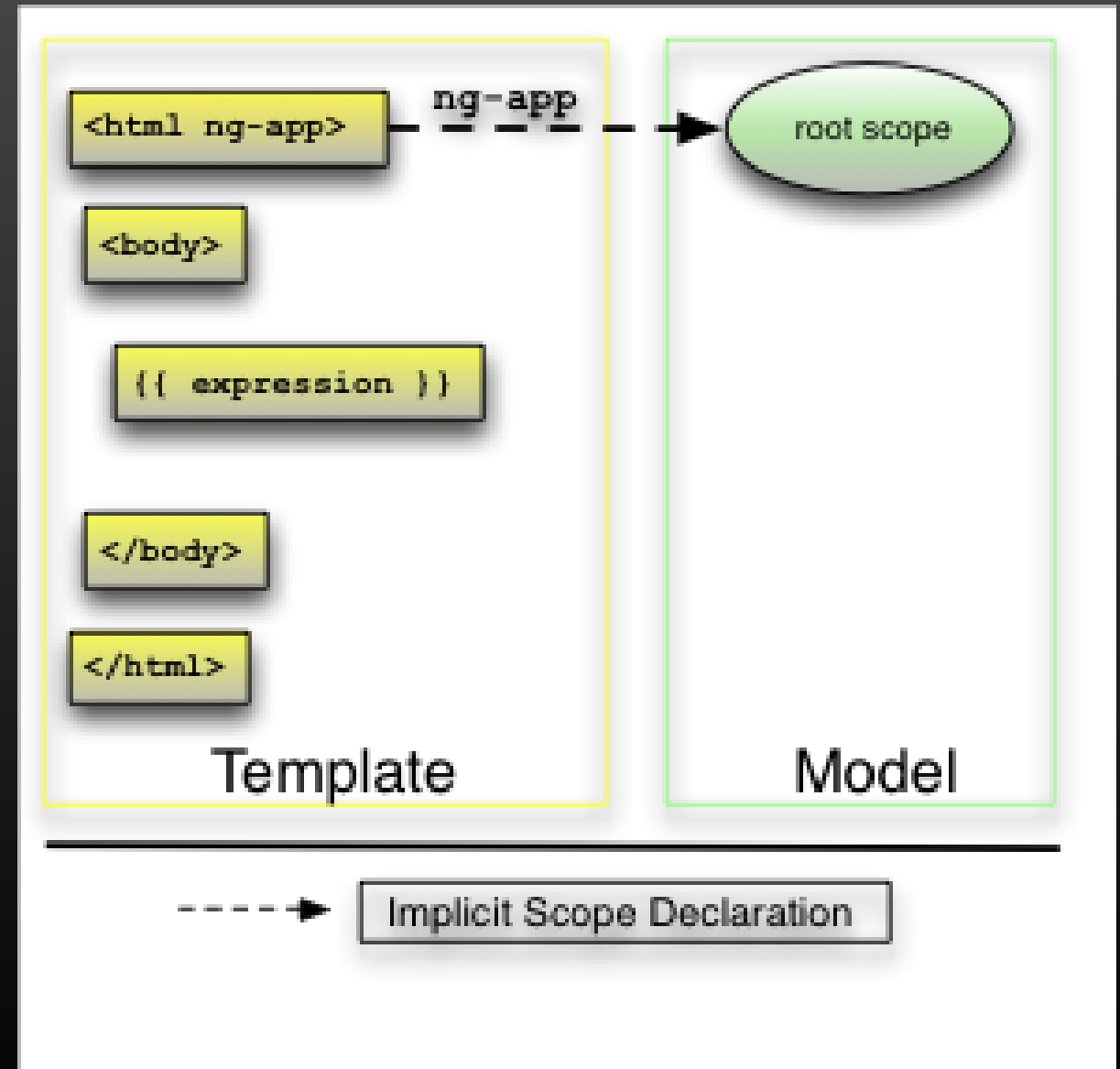
-OR-

```
python3 -m http.server 8080
```

Then navigate to <http://localhost:8080>

# Angular's Structure

- App
  - The **ngApp** defines the **root scope**
- View
  - Use **handlebar** style for templating
- Controller
  - In charge of section of **one view**
  - Can have multiple **Controllers** on a **single page (SPA)**
  - Will have **multiple view**, therefore multiple **Controllers**



```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html ng-app          >
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="utf-8" />
5   <title>Hello Angular</title>
6
7   <script src="lib/angular-1.4.6/angular.js"></script>
8
9
10
11
12
13 </head>
14 <body>
15
16 <div>
17   <h1>&nbsp;{{ userInput }}</h1>
18   <label for="in">Start Typing: </label>
19   <input id="in" type="text" ng-model="userInput">
20 </div>
21
22 </body>
23 </html>
```

# Hello Angular!

Start Typing:

Model



Two-Way Data Binding

```
1 <!DOCTYPE html>
2 <html ng-app="helloNg">
3 <head>
4   <meta charset="utf-8" />
5   <title>Hello Angular</title>
6
7   <script src="lib/angular-1.4.6/angular.js"></script>
8
9   <script>
10    angular.module('helloNg', [])
11    </script>
12
13 </head>
14 <body>
15
16 <div>
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23 </html>
```

ngApp is a Module

Model

Two-Way Data Binding

# Hello Angular!

Start Typing:

# A bit more interesting...

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3 <head>
4   <meta charset="utf-8" />
5   <title>Hello Angular</title>
6   <script src="lib/angular-1.4.6/angular.js"></script>
7   <script src="hello-angular.js"></script>
8 </head>
9 <body ng-controller="MainCtrl">
10
11 <div ng-repeat="post in posts">
12   <h3>{{post.title}}</h3>
13   <p>{{post.body}}</p>
14 </div>
15
16 </body>
17 </html>
```

```
4 angular.module('helloNg', [])
5   .controller('MainCtrl', MainCtrl);
6
7 MainCtrl.$inject = ['$scope']
8 function MainCtrl($scope) {
9   $scope.posts = [
10     {'title': 'the first', 'body': 'messa
11     {'title': 'the second', 'body': 'lore
12     {'title': 'the third', 'body': 'e plu
13   ]
14 }
```

the first

message

the second

lorem ipsum

the third

e pluribus unum

# In-Class Exercise: Hello AngularJS

<https://angularjs.org/> (*we want Angular 1 not 2*)

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Usil's fun status!

- Add AngularJS to your web app
- Use two-way data binding between the “status headline” and the “text input” for updating it.
- Add a Controller
- Using the Controller and ng-repeat, remove the hardcoded posts from main.html (*instead have hard coded data in the main.js file*)

***Turn in main.html&js to COMP431-S16:inclass-10***