

Angular vs Ember vs Backbone

(and Knockout) in real applications



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Welcome

Joakim

Hello **Joakim!**
I hope that your Jfokus
presentation is going fine.

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Joakim

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```
<h3>Welcome</h3>
```

```
<input type="text" ng-model="yourName">
```

```
<p ng-if="yourName">
```

```
  Hello <b>{{ yourName }}</b>!<br>
```

```
  I hope that your Jfokus presentation  
  is going fine.
```

```
</p>
```

Dark Blue Header Bar

Dark Blue Square	Table Header
Dark Blue Square	Table Row 1
Dark Blue Square	Table Row 2
Dark Blue Square	Table Row 3
Dark Blue Square	Table Row 4
	Table Row 5
	Table Row 6
	Table Row 7
	Table Row 8
	Table Row 9
	Table Row 10
	Table Row 11
	Table Row 12
	Table Row 13
	Table Row 14
	Table Row 15
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	Table Row 19
	Table Row 20
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	Table Row 25
	Table Row 26
	Table Row 27
	Table Row 28
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	Table Row 35
	Table Row 36
	Table Row 37
	Table Row 38
	Table Row 39
	Table Row 40
	Table Row 41
	Table Row 42
	Table Row 43
	Table Row 44
	Table Row 45
	Table Row 46
	Table Row 47
	Table Row 48
	Table Row 49
	Table Row 50

Form Panel

Input Field 1

Input Field 2

Input Field 3

Input Field 4	Input Field 5
Input Field 6	Input Field 7

Orange Button



http://127.0.0.1:3000/images/demo5.png



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<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	



http://127.0.0.1:3000/images/demo6.png



Main content area with horizontal lines for text entry. A light gray horizontal bar is present near the top.

Right sidebar containing form elements: three stacked text input fields, two columns of two smaller input fields each, and an orange button.

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-

<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

Whiskey

Vermouth

Vodka

Rom

Gin

Pineapple

Lingon...

Orange

Cream

Cubes

Crushed

27 ml

20 ml

80 ml

13 ml



Customers

+ New



Id number	Name	City
555555-5555	Johan Svensson	Göteborg

Customer

Id number
555555-5555

Name
Johan Svensson

Street
Storgatan 1

Zip code
12345

City
Göteborg

Phone
031-123456

Mobile
0708-123456

✓ Save

Cancel

Live demo of working DrinkLab

Backbone.js

Backbone.js

Quick facts

First release 2010, october

Developers Jeremy Ashkenas

Version 1.1.0

Size 20 + 14 KB

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View +
Router +

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Drink LAB

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Recipes

+ New



Name	Mixing time	Ingredients
Bronx	10 s	4
Cowboy	15 s	3
Dry Martini	10 s	3
Manhattan	10 s	3
Robinson Crusoe	10 s	3
Vargtass	15 s	3
Wembley	10 s	4

Recipe

Name
Bronx

Mixing time
10

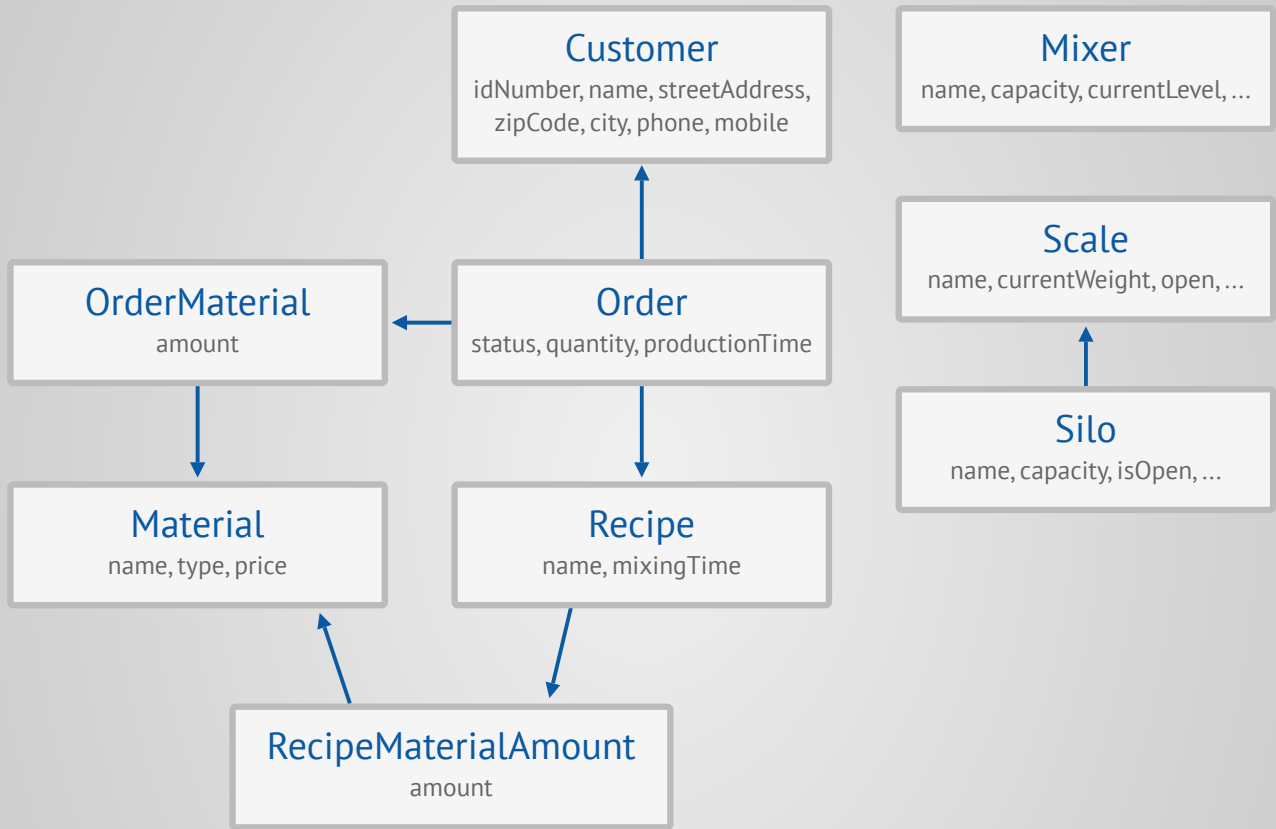
+ Add another ingredient

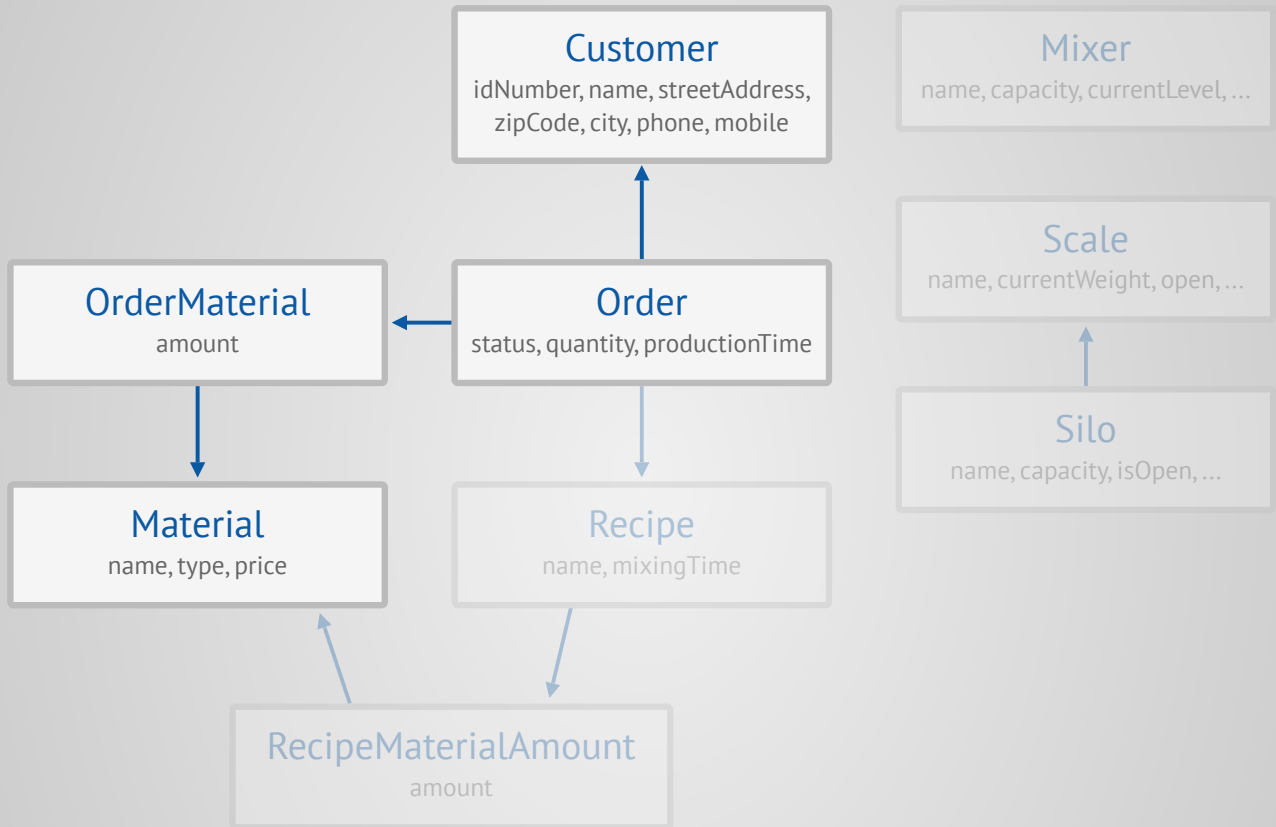
Ingredient	Amount
Gin	50
Vermouth	30
Orange	50
Cubes	60

✓ Save

Cancel

Live demo showing data binding





Customer



```
// Declare the model and collection _____  
DL.Model.Customer = Backbone.Model.extend({  
  defaults: { city: 'Stockholm' }  
});  
DL.Collection.Customer = Backbone.Collection.extend({  
  model: DL.Model.Customer,  
  url: 'http://localhost:8080/api/customers'  
});
```

```
// Get a collection of customers from the server _____  
var customers = new DL.Collection.Customer();  
customers.fetch({  
  success: function (customers) {  
    console.log('Successfully fetched customers');  
  }  
});
```

```
// Update a model and save it _____
```



```
uri: 'http://localhost:8080/api/customers'  
});
```

```
// Get a collection of customers from the server _____  
var customers = new DL.Collection.Customer();  
customers.fetch({  
  success: function (customers) {  
    console.log('Successfully fetched customers');  
  }  
});
```

```
// Update a model and save it _____  
var customer = customers.at(0);  
customer.set({ name: 'Kalle Svensson' });  
customer.save({}, {  
  success: function (customer) {  
    console.log('Successfully saved a customer');  
  }  
});
```

```
    }  
  });  
  
  // Update a model and save it _____  
  var customer = customers.at(0);  
  customer.set({ name: 'Kalle Svensson' });  
  customer.save({}, {  
    success: function (customer) {  
      console.log('Successfully saved a customer');  
    }  
  });
```

Order data



```
{
  "status": "Created",
  "quantity": 1,
  "productionTime": "2014-01-10T09:00:00",
  "customer": 1,
  "recipe": 1,
  "materialAmounts": [
    {
      "amount": 40,
      "material": "1"
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

Order



```
// Declare the model and collection of the relation _____  
DL.Model.MaterialAmount = Backbone.Model.extend();  
DL.Collection.MaterialAmount = Backbone.Collection.extend({  
  model: DL.Model.MaterialAmount  
});
```

```
// Declare the order model _____  
DL.Model.Order = Backbone.Model.extend({  
  defaults: { quantity: 1 },
```

```
// Declare how our relations should behave _____  
relations: {  
  materialAmounts: DL.Collection.MaterialAmount  
},
```

```
// Override parse to handle relations _____  
parse: function (response) {
```

```
DL.Model.Order = Backbone.Model.extend({
```

```
  defaults: { quantity: 1 },
```

```
  // Declare how our relations should behave _____
```

```
  relations: {
```

```
    materialAmounts: DL.Collection.MaterialAmount
```

```
  },
```

```
  // Override parse to handle relations _____
```

```
  parse: function (response) {
```

```
    for (var key in this.relations) {
```

```
      if (this.relations.hasOwnProperty(key)) {
```

```
        response[key] =
```

```
          new this.relations[key](response[key],
```

```
            { parse: true });
```

```
      }
```

```
    }
```

```
    return response;
```

```
  }
```

```
});
```

```
materialAmounts: DL.Collection.MaterialAmount
```

```
},
```

```
// Override parse to handle relations _____
```

```
parse: function (response) {  
  for (var key in this.relations) {  
    if (this.relations.hasOwnProperty(key)) {  
      response[key] =  
        new this.relations[key](response[key],  
          { parse: true });  
    }  
  }  
  return response;  
}  
});
```

Customers.html



```
...
<tbody>
  <% _.each(customers, function(customer) { %>
    <tr>
      <td><%= customer.idNumber %></td>
      <td><%= customer.name %></td>
      <td><%= customer.city %></td>
    </tr>
  <% }); %>
</tbody>
...
```

Order



```
var dlServices = angular.module('dlServices', ['ngResource']);
dlServices.factory('Order', ['$resource',
  function ($resource) {
    return $resource('api/orders/:orderId',
      { orderId: '@id' });
  }
]);
```

```
var dlApp = angular.module('dlApp', ['dlServices']);
dlApp.controller('OrderListCtrl', [
  '$scope', 'Order', function ($scope, Order) {

    $scope.orders = Order.query();

    $scope.save = function () {
      var order = $scope.orders[0];
      order.quantity = 2;
      order.$save();
    };
  }
]);
```



```
    }  
  });  
  
  var dlApp = angular.module('dlApp', ['dlServices']);  
  dlApp.controller('OrderListCtrl', [  
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      $scope.orders = Order.query();  
  
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        order.$save();  
      };  
    }  
  ]);
```

Order data



```
{
  "status": "Created",
  "quantity": 1,
  "productionTime": "2014-01-10T09:00:00",
  "customer": {
    "id": 1,
    "name": "Kalle Svensson"
  },
  "recipe": ...,
  "materialAmounts": [
    {
      "amount": 40,
      "material": ...
    },
    ...
  ]
}
```

Orders.html



```
<tbody>
  <tr ng-repeat="order in orders">
    <td>{{ order.customer.name }}</td>
    <td>{{ order.quantity }}</td>
    <td>{{ order.recipe.name }}</td>
    <td>
      <ul>
        <li ng-repeat="amount in order.materialAmounts">
          {{ amount.material.name }}
        </li>
      </ul>
    </td>
  </tr>
</tbody>
```

See [Marius Gundersen at JSConf EU](#) for performance considerations

Orders.html



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      </ul>
    </td>
  </tr>
</tbody>
```

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Order



```
// Declare the order model _____  
DL.Order = DS.Model.extend({  
  status: DS.attr(),  
  quantity: DS.attr('number'),  
  productionTime: DS.attr('date'),  
  
  customer: DS.belongsTo('customer'),  
  recipe: DS.belongsTo('recipe'),  
  
  materialAmounts: DS.hasMany('orderMaterialAmount')  
});
```

```
// Declare the order material amount model _____  
DL.OrderMaterialAmount = DS.Model.extend({  
  amount: DS.attr('number'),  
  
  material: DS.belongsTo('material')  
});
```

```
materialAmounts: DS.hasMany('orderMaterialAmount')
});
```

```
// Declare the order material amount model _____
DL.OrderMaterialAmount = DS.Model.extend({
  amount: DS.attr('number'),

  material: DS.belongsTo('material')
});
```

```
// Get a collection of orders from the server _____
var orders = this.store.find('order');
orders.then(function (orders) {
  console.log('Successfully fetched orders');
});
```

```
// Update a model and save it _____
var order = orders.firstObject();
order.set('name', 'Kalle Svensson');
order.save().then(function (order) {
  console.log('Successfully saved a order');
});
```

```
material: DS.belongsTo('material')
});
```

```
// Get a collection of orders from the server _____  
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  console.log('Successfully fetched orders');  
});
```

```
// Update a model and save it _____  
var order = orders.firstObject();  
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order.save().then(function (order) {  
  console.log('Successfully saved a order');  
});
```

```
console.log('Successfully fetched orders');  
});
```

```
// Update a model and save it _____  
var order = orders.firstObject();  
order.set('name', 'Kalle Svensson');  
order.save().then(function (order) {  
    console.log('Successfully saved a order');  
});
```


Order



```
<tbody>
  {{#each order in orders}}
  <tr>
    <td>{{ order.customer.name }}</td>
    <td>{{ order.quantity }}</td>
    <td>{{ order.recipe.name }}</td>
    <td>
      <ul>
        {{#each amount in order.materialAmounts}}
        <li>{{ amount.material.name }}</li>
        {{/each}}
      </ul>
    </td>
  </tr>
  {{/each}}
</tbody>
```

Knockout

Quick facts

First release 2010, july
Developers Steve Sandersson

Version 3.0.0
Size 46 KB

★ Stars 4 585
🔗 Forks 755

Knockout

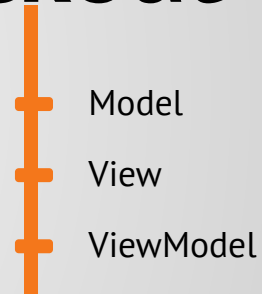
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Orders.html



```
...
<tbody data-bind="foreach: customers">
  <tr>
    <td data-bind="text: idNumber"></td>
    <td data-bind="text: name"></td>
    <td data-bind="text: city"></td>
  </tr>
</tbody>
...
```

Knockback

```
var model = new DL.Model.Order({ ... });

// Create a view model from our model _____
var view_model = Knockback.viewModel(model);

// ... the bindings to the view
```

Knockback

```
var model = new DL.Model.Order({ ... });  
  
// Create a view model from our model _____  
var view_model = Knockback.viewModel(model);  
  
// Apply the bindings to the view _____  
Knockout.applyBindings(view_model, $('#our-view')[0]);
```

Technical Dept

Custom solutions

Technical Dept

Custom solutions

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Dependencies

Technical Dept

Impossible to maintain



Access server data

① Ember ② Backbone ③ Angular



1

Access server data

① Ember ② Backbone ③ Angular

2

Handle relational data

① Ember ② Angular ③ Backbone



1

Access server data

① Ember ② Backbone ③ Angular

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3

Bind data to the DOM

① Angular ② Ember ③ Backbone

AngularJS

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Ember.js

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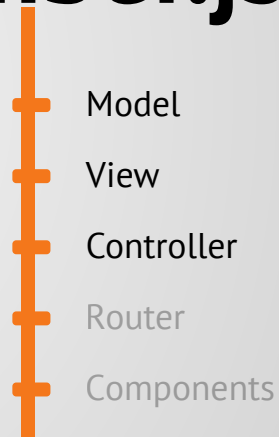
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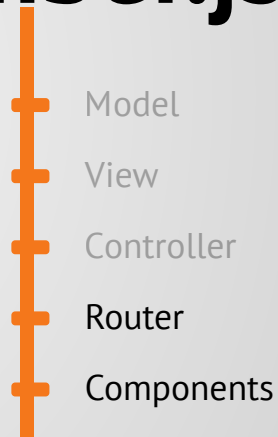
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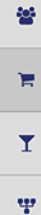




http://127.0.0.1:3000/demo/demo-web/#/orders/create

Drink LAB

Whiskey Vermouth Vodka Rom Gin Pineapple Lingon... Orange Cream Cubes Crushed



Orders

+ New Q

Customer	Recipe	Quantity
Johan Svensson	Wembley	1

New order

Customer
Johan Svensson

Quantity
2

Recipe
Manhattan

Ingredient	Amount
Whiskey	40
Vermouth	20
Cubes	80

✓ Save Cancel

Live demo showing routing

Routing



```
// Create a router for the application _____  
DL.Routers.ApplicationRouter = Backbone.Router.extend({  
  
  routes : {  
    'customers': 'listCustomers',  
    'customers/:customerId': 'editCustomer',  
    'customers/create': 'createCustomer'  
  },  
  
  // Show a list of customer _____  
  listCustomers: function () {  
    var customers = new DL.Collection.Customer();  
    customers.fetch({  
      success : function(collection) {  
        new DL.Views.CustomerListView({  
          collection : collection  
        });  
      }  
    });  
  }  
});
```

```
    'customers/create': 'createCustomer'
  },
  // Show a list of customer _____
  listCustomers: function () {
    var customers = new DL.Collection.Customer();
    customers.fetch({
      success : function(collection) {
        new DL.Views.CustomerListView({
          collection : collection
        });
      }
    });
  },
```

```
  // Show the edit form _____
  editCustomer: function (customerId) {
    var customer = new DL.Model.Customer({id : customerId});
    customer.fetch({
      success : function(model) {
        new DL.Views.CustomerEditView({
          model : model
        });
      }
    });
  }
}
```



```
});  
},
```

```
// Show the edit form _____  
editCustomer: function (customerId) {  
    var customer = new DL.Model.Customer({id : customerId});  
    customer.fetch({  
        success : function(model) {  
            new DL.Views.CustomerEditView({  
                model : model  
            });  
        }  
    });  
});
```

```
// Make sure that the list is also visible _____  
this.listCustomers();  
}  
});
```

```
}  
});
```

```
// Make sure that the list is also visible _____  
this.listCustomers();  
}  
});
```

Routing



```
// Create a router for the application _____  
DL.Router.map(function () {  
  
  this.resource('customers', function () {  
    this.route('edit', { path: ':customer_id' });  
    this.route('create');  
  });  
});
```

```
// Configure this edit customer route _____  
DL.CustomersEditRoute = Ember.Route.extend({  
  
  model: function (params) {  
    return this.store.find('customer', params.customer_id);  
  }  
});
```

```
// Configure the list customers route _____
```

```
});  
});
```

```
// Configure this edit customer route _____  
DL.CustomersEditRoute = Ember.Route.extend({  
  
  model: function (params) {  
    return this.store.find('customer', params.customer_id);  
  }  
});
```

```
// Configure the list customers route _____  
DL.CustomersRoute = Ember.Route.extend({  
  
  model: function () {  
    return this.store.find('customer');  
  }  
});
```

```
}  
});  
  
// Configure the list customers route _____  
DL.CustomersRoute = Ember.Route.extend({  
  
  model: function () {  
    return this.store.find('customer');  
  }  
});
```

Routing



```
angular.module('dlApp').config([ '$routeProvider',
  function($routeProvider) {

    $routeProvider.when('/customers', {
      templateUrl : '/views/customers/index.html',
      controller : 'CustomersCtrl'

    }).when('/customers/:customerId', {
      templateUrl : '/views/customers/edit.html',
      controller : 'CustomerEditCtrl'

    }).otherwise({
      redirectTo : '/customers'
    });

  }
]);
```

For nested routes in Angular, try [AngularUI Router](#)

Routing



```
angular.module('dlApp').config([ '$routeProvider',
  function($routeProvider) {

    $routeProvider.when('/customers', {
      templateUrl : '/views/customers/index.html',
      controller : 'CustomersCtrl'

    }).when('/customers/:customerId', {
      templateUrl : '/views/customers/edit.html',
      controller : 'CustomerEditCtrl'

    }).otherwise({
      redirectTo : '/customers'
    });
  }
]);
```

For nested routes in Angular, try **AngularUI Router**



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Handle advanced routing

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Handle advanced routing

① Ember ② Angular ③ Backbone

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Animate transitions

① Angular ② Ember, Backbone



Perform simple validation

- 1 Angular
- 2 Backbone
- 3 Ember

6

Perform simple validation

① Angular ② Backbone ③ Ember

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Perform advanced validation

① Angular ② Ember ③ Backbone

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Perform simple validation

① Angular ② Backbone ③ Ember

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Perform advanced validation

① Angular ② Ember ③ Backbone

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Handle “static” areas

① Angular, Ember ② Backbone

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Perform simple validation

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Perform advanced validation

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Handle “static” areas

① Angular, Ember ② Backbone

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React to WebSocket updates

① Backbone ② Ember ③ Angular

Winner?



Angular



Angular

...for now.

Angular vs Ember vs Backbone

(and Knockout) in real applications



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