

Vue.js Developer friendly, Fast and Versatile

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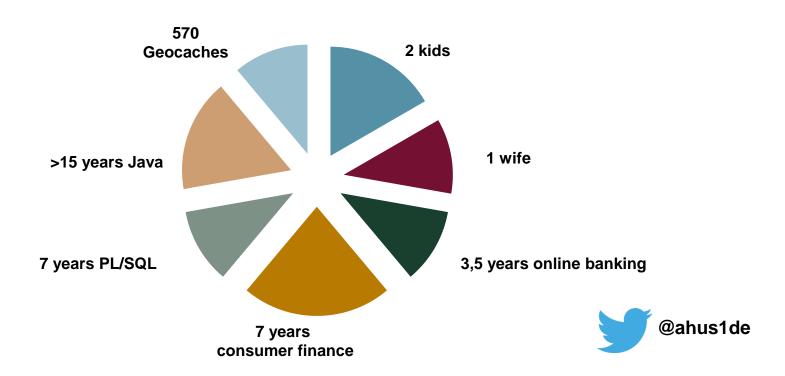


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Why boring is good for your health

JavaScript Fatigue Fatigue:

- Too many JavaScript Frameworks
- JavaScript needed to deliver expected User Experience
- Life of the application is longer than the hype cycle of the framework or framework version

What we looked for and found with Vue.js:

- Easy to learn Framework even for JavaScript newbies
- Productivity in day-to-day work
- No rough corners and edges that lead to problems in the project
- Stable APIs



Getting started

Online-Documentation



- 1. https://github.com/vuejs/awesome-vue
- https://vuejs.org/v2/guide/
- 3. https://leanpub.com/vuejs2

Book (Leanpub)



Awesome

Vue.js Liste



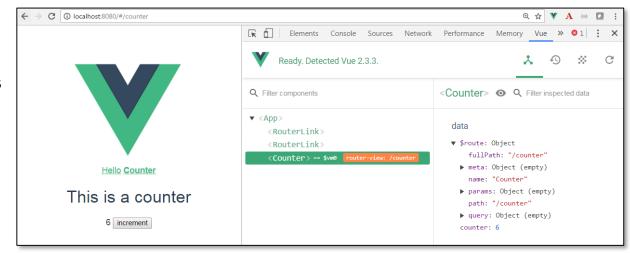
The Tools

vue-cli: Starter-Project with a complete build chain

- webpack vs. browserify
- simple vs. full feature (hot-reload, linting, testing, progressive web app)

Plugins:

- For IDEs use Vue.js plugins by JetBrains for IntelliJ/PHPStorm or Vetur plugin for VS Code
- For Chrome: Vue.js devtools



- 1. https://github.com/vuejs/vue-cli
- 2. https://plugins.jetbrains.com/plugin/9442-vue-js
- 3. https://github.com/vuejs/vue-devtools



Core Functionality and Extensions

Core Functionalities (abbreviated):

- View-, Input-, Event-Binding, Conditionals, Loops
- Templates, Components, Mixins
- Transitions, Lifecycle Hooks, Computed

Additional Packages (still part of the official Vue.js project):

- Routing
- Streaming Server Side Rendering with Client Side Hydration
- TypeScript as alternative to JavaScript
- JSX-templates as alternative to HTML-Templates
- Flux/React style applications with vuex
- 1. https://ssr.vuejs.org/en/
- 2. https://vuejs.org/v2/quide/typescript.html
- 3. https://github.com/vuejs/babel-plugin-transform-vue-jsx
- 4. https://vuex.vuejs.org/en/



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Initialization of Vue.js

- Define DOM-Area
- Load Vue.js
- 3. Initialize Vue.js

```
<div | id="app" >
       message } }
</div>
<script | src="js/vue.js" ></script>
<script>
var app = new Vue({
    el: '#app',
    data: {
        message: 'Hello Vue.js!'
</script>
```



Minimal Example

- View-, Input- and Event-Bindung
- Conditionals

```
<div id="app">
   {{ message }}
   Please enter a Message!
   <q>
     <input | v-model="message" |>
   <button
     v-on:click="reverseMessage">
     Reverse Message
   </button>
</div>
```

```
var app = new Vue({
    el: '#app',
    data: {
        message: 'Hello Vue.js!'
    methods: {
        reverseMessage: function () {
            this.message =
                 this.message
                    .split('')
                    .reverse().join('')
```



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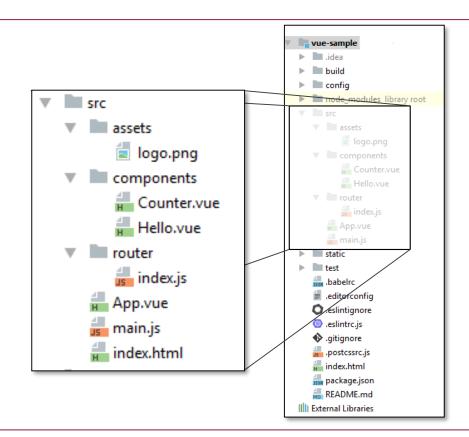
Standard Project Structure

Create structure:

npm install -g vue-cli
vue init ...

Run for development including hot reload:

npm install
npm run dev





Single File Components

For every component HTML, JavaScript and CSS in one single file. This gives you good overview of all resources of a page.

The IDE provides syntax highlighting for all three parts. Navigation between parts via your IDE.

```
<template>
  <div class="hello">
      <!-- ->
  </div>
</template>
<script>
export default {
  /* ... */
</script>
<style scoped>
h1, h2 {
  font-weight: normal;
</style>
```



Router switches between components

Different routes lead to different components. When the URL changes, the displayed component changes as well.

```
Vue. use (Router)
export default new Router({
  routes:
      path: '/',
      name: 'Hello',
      component: Hello
    },
      path: '/counter',
      name: 'Counter',
      component: Counter
```



Transitions between states and views

Transitions for the data displayed (states) or for the HTML shown (views).



Welcome to Your Vue.js App

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```
<template>
  <div id="app">
    <transition name="slide-fade"</pre>
                 mode="out-in">
      <router-view></router-view>
    </transition>
  </div>
</template>
<style>
.slide-fade-enter-active {
  transition: all .3s ease;
</style>
```

Sarah Drasner @ Software Engineering Daily https://softwareengineeringdaily.com/2017/12/01/animating-vuejs-with-sarah-drasner/

^{2.} Vue Guide on Transitions: https://vuejs.org/v2/guide/transitions.html



Parent-Child relations for components

```
<template>
  <clickButton v-bind label="'click here'"</pre>
     v-on:clickedbutton="processevent">
  </child>
</template>
<script>
import ClickButton
          from '@/components/ClickButton'
export default {
  name: 'parent',
  components: {
    'clickButton': ClickButton
  /* ... */
</script>
```

The parent component passes props to the child.

Parent can listen for custom events of the child.

```
<script>
export default {
  name: 'clickButton',
 props: {
   label: String
 methods: {
    clickedbutton: function () {
      this. $emit('clickedbutton')
</script>
```



Slots to override default sub-templates of the child

The parent passes slots that can override pre-defined parts of the HTML displayed by the child.

The child defines props that can be used in the slots to display data.

```
<!-- child with defaults -->
<template>
  <span>
    \langle dt \rangle
       <slot name="slot term"</pre>
             term="term">
          { { term } }
       </slot>
    </dt>
    <dd>>
       <slot name="slot description"</pre>
             :description="description">
          { {description } }
       </slot>
    </dd>
  </span>
</template>
```



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Performance during Development

Learnability

Online resources, few simple concepts

Comprehend code fellow developers wrote

simple project structure and single-file components

Fast round-trip developing

- hot-reload in development mode
- components and state visible with Vue.js Developer Tools in Chrome



Performance in Production

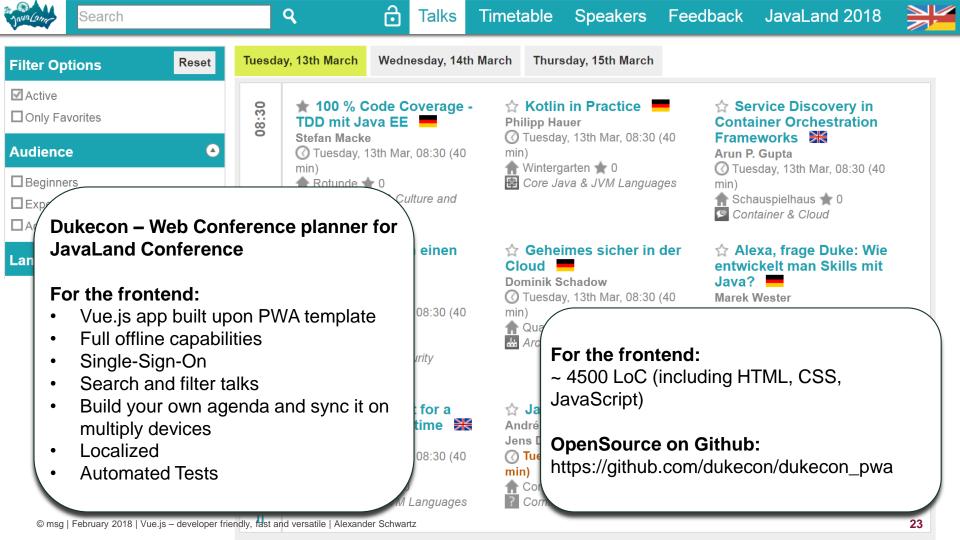
Stumbling blocks

New properties of the model needs to be placed with Vue.set to enable change tracking.

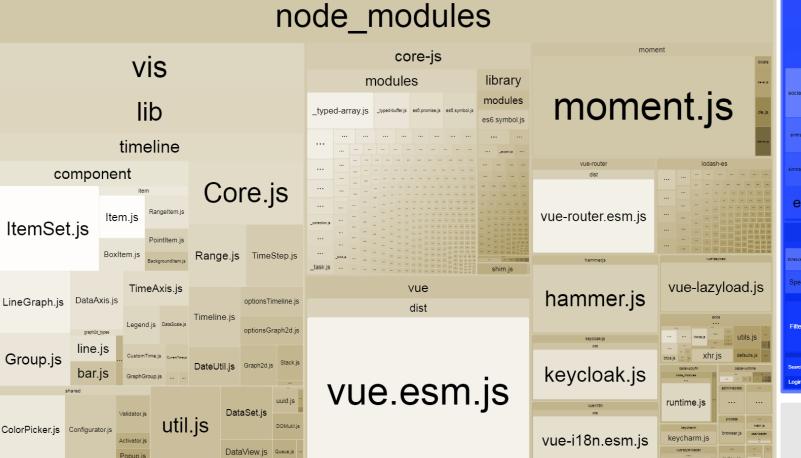
Load-Times and Rendering

- Small size: Vue.js has 20k min+gzip (no other dependencies, templates are pre-compiled during build)
- No optimization for rendering necessary, event for big tables
- Great performance benchmarks

^{1.} http://www.stefankrause.net/js-frameworks-benchmark6/webdriver-ts-results/table.html



static/js/vendor.49eb559721f153d1e248.js





static/js/app.ed818586d131cfc69390.js



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Expectations met

- Newbies got started quickly.
- Complex GUI delivered with great runtime performance and a maintainable structure.
- Components help structuring the application.
- We developed own shared components for navigation and tables.

Update from Vue.js 1.x to Vue.js 2.x:

- Minimal Vue.js changes, aided by upgrade and guide migration helper script provided by Vue.js (some changes could already be implemented while using 1.x)
- Benefits: faster rendering, better warning messages and error handling especially when developing
- Medium effort for Webpack upgrade including scripts



Links

Vue.js

https://vuejs.org/

Vue-router

https://router.vuejs.org/en/

Vuex

https://vuex.vuejs.org/en/

The Majesty of Vue.js 2

https://leanpub.com/vuejs2

Awesome Vue.js

https://github.com/vuejs/awesome-vue

Vue Dev Tools for Google Chrome

https://github.com/vuejs/vue-devtools

Sarah Drasner @ Software Engineering Daily

https://softwareengineeringdaily.com/2017/12/01/animating-vuejs-with-sarah-drasner/

Dukecon PWA

https://github.com/dukecon/dukecon_pwa





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