



# SOLIDJS

Getting Started



# SolidJS: Origins

# **SolidJS:** Yet another JavaScript Framework



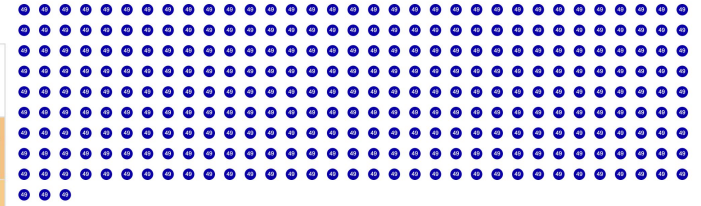
- Started development in 2016
- A return to fine-grained reactivity
- Performance without a Virtual DOM

# SolidJS: Performance Champion

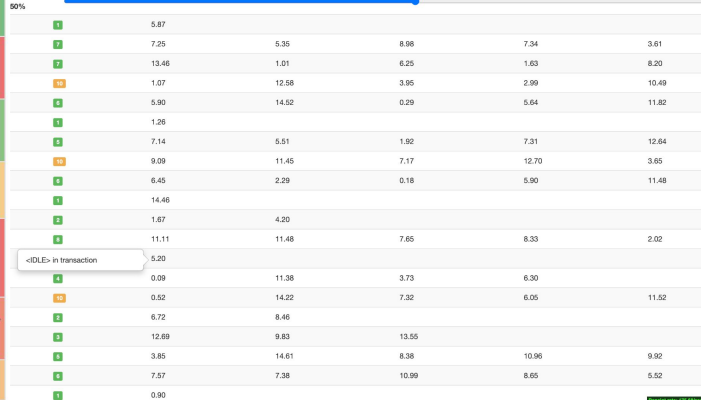
Duration in milliseconds ± standard deviation (Slowdown = Duration / Fastest)

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|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>create rows</b><br>Duration for creating 1000 rows after the page loaded.   | 126.7 ± 4.2 (1.0)    | 128.5 ± 4.1 (1.0)    | 141.0 ± 5.6 (1.1)    | 165.3 ± 9.3 (1.3)         | 177.6 ± 6.4 (1.4)       | 174.6 ± 9.3 (1.4)    | 182.1 ± 7.6 (1.4)    | 220.4 ± 4.9 (1.7)    | 185.2 ± 10.2 (1.5)   | 169.8 ± 8.2 (1.3)    | 180.5 ± 7.3 (1.4)    | 170.5 ± 7.6 (1.3)    | 145.3 ± 5.1 (1.1)     | 406.8 ± 15.8 (3.2)   | 336.7 ± 14.1 (2.7)    |
| <b>replace all rows</b><br>Duration for updating all 1000 rows of the table (with 5 warmup iterations).                  | 134.6 ± 2.3 (1.0)    | 137.6 ± 2.3 (1.0)    | 136.7 ± 1.8 (1.0)    | 162.9 ± 11.9 (1.2)        | 172.5 ± 1.3 (1.3)       | 157.3 ± 4.5 (1.2)    | 158.8 ± 2.7 (1.2)    | 231.6 ± 3.3 (1.7)    | 161.2 ± 2.7 (1.2)    | 161.6 ± 3.0 (1.2)    | 157.3 ± 2.0 (1.2)    | 156.7 ± 3.3 (1.2)    | 162.0 ± 3.4 (1.2)     | 269.1 ± 23.6 (2.0)   | 335.9 ± 6.6 (2.5)     |
| <b>partial update</b><br>Time to update the text of every 10th row (with 5 warmup iterations) for a table with 10k rows. | 65.1 ± 2.6 (1.0)     | 64.5 ± 3.3 (1.0)     | 67.6 ± 2.7 (1.0)     | 80.1 ± 5.7 (1.2)          | 79.2 ± 4.2 (1.2)        | 96.2 ± 3.0 (1.5)     | 156.4 ± 9.8 (2.4)    | 75.1 ± 3.8 (1.2)     | 68.8 ± 3.7 (1.1)     | 89.9 ± 5.1 (1.4)     | 81.9 ± 2.7 (1.3)     | 134.9 ± 4.2 (2.1)    | 288.8 ± 18.9 (4.5)    | 134.9 ± 5.9 (2.1)    | 70.4 ± 3.4 (1.1)      |
| <b>select row</b><br>Duration to highlight a row in response to a click on the row. (with 5 warmup iterations).          | 11.0 ± 2.3 (1.0)     | 9.5 ± 2.5 (1.0)      | 12.1 ± 3.2 (1.0)     | 10.6 ± 6.4 (1.0)          | 10.7 ± 3.5 (1.0)        | 10.5 ± 3.5 (1.0)     | 10.6 ± 2.0 (1.0)     | 10.7 ± 1.0 (1.0)     | 7.9 ± 4.3 (1.0)      | 8.4 ± 3.8 (1.0)      | 10.3 ± 2.1 (1.0)     | 8.7 ± 2.5 (1.0)      | 16.0 ± 2.2 (1.0)      | 8.7 ± 1.9 (1.0)      | 10.0 ± 2.8 (1.0)      |
| <b>swap rows</b><br>Time to swap 2 rows on a 1K table. (with 5 warmup iterations).                                       | 17.5 ± 6.7 (1.0)     | 17.9 ± 2.8 (1.0)     | 18.3 ± 4.6 (1.0)     | 18.4 ± 5.8 (1.1)          | 21.9 ± 5.3 (1.3)        | 23.1 ± 2.9 (1.3)     | 20.0 ± 2.9 (1.1)     | 20.4 ± 4.4 (1.2)     | 105.8 ± 1.8 (6.1)    | 104.4 ± 1.2 (6.0)    | 106.5 ± 1.9 (6.1)    | 107.4 ± 1.5 (6.1)    | 25.5 ± 2.7 (1.5)      | 122.0 ± 2.9 (7.0)    | 108.6 ± 1.9 (6.2)     |
| <b>remove row</b><br>Duration to remove a row. (with 5 warmup iterations).   | 46.1 ± 0.9 (1.0)     | 48.0 ± 1.5 (1.0)     | 47.9 ± 2.2 (1.0)     | 61.2 ± 4.7 (1.3)          | 52.0 ± 1.7 (1.1)        | 49.3 ± 0.6 (1.1)     | 54.2 ± 2.2 (1.2)     | 48.2 ± 1.0 (1.0)     | 47.1 ± 3.0 (1.0)     | 47.6 ± 1.9 (1.0)     | 49.6 ± 0.8 (1.1)     | 50.2 ± 2.1 (1.1)     | 60.1 ± 4.6 (1.3)      | 55.7 ± 1.0 (1.2)     | 52.9 ± 1.0 (1.1)      |
| <b>create many rows</b><br>Duration to create 10,000 rows  | 1,229.1 ± 39.7 (1.0) | 1,313.1 ± 55.4 (1.1) | 1,338.0 ± 42.5 (1.1) | 1,663.2 ± 57.6 (1.4)      | 2,011.2 ± 81.3 (1.6)    | 1,852.0 ± 51.6 (1.5) | 1,603.2 ± 34.8 (1.3) | 2,376.0 ± 40.7 (1.9) | 1,693.9 ± 70.1 (1.4) | 1,562.1 ± 44.1 (1.3) | 1,935.4 ± 33.6 (1.6) | 1,519.1 ± 71.8 (1.2) | 1,474.5 ± 35.9 (1.2)  | 2,931.9 ± 42.9 (2.4) | 3,081.0 ± 130.9 (2.5) |
| <b>append rows to large table</b><br>Duration for adding 1000 rows on a table of 10,000 rows.                            | 205.6 ± 4.0 (1.0)    | 209.5 ± 6.8 (1.0)    | 212.4 ± 4.1 (1.0)    | 244.8 ± 3.7 (1.2)         | 265.5 ± 7.7 (1.3)       | 271.7 ± 3.8 (1.3)    | 342.5 ± 6.0 (1.7)    | 354.4 ± 11.8 (1.7)   | 243.3 ± 6.3 (1.2)    | 270.9 ± 7.2 (1.3)    | 268.6 ± 6.9 (1.3)    | 301.1 ± 11.0 (1.5)   | 541.9 ± 23.7 (2.6)    | 403.7 ± 32.5 (2.0)   | 3,352.9 ± 71.8 (16.3) |
| <b>clear rows</b><br>Duration to clear the table filled with 10,000 rows.  | 131.4 ± 3.9 (1.0)    | 136.2 ± 2.7 (1.0)    | 149.1 ± 3.3 (1.1)    | 166.2 ± 2.1 (1.3)         | 152.7 ± 2.2 (1.2)       | 194.1 ± 2.1 (1.5)    | 191.9 ± 6.1 (1.5)    | 183.5 ± 4.1 (1.4)    | 263.9 ± 3.0 (2.0)    | 215.4 ± 1.8 (1.6)    | 175.4 ± 4.1 (1.3)    | 182.7 ± 1.6 (1.4)    | 264.1 ± 5.8 (2.0)     | 203.1 ± 3.6 (1.5)    | 466.7 ± 40.7 (3.6)    |
| <b>slowdown geometric mean</b>   | 1.00                 | 1.03                 | 1.06                 | 1.21                      | 1.25                    | 1.29                 | 1.38                 | 1.39                 | 1.50                 | 1.50                 | 1.50                 | 1.56                 | 1.62                  | 2.11                 | 2.69                  |

Performed 4230 iterations in 31925.90 ms (average 7.55 ms per loop).

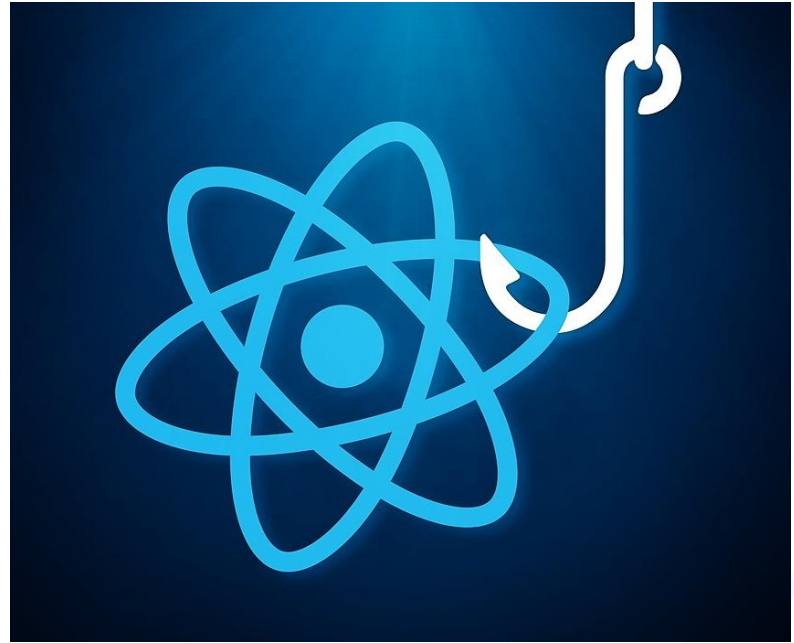


mutations:



## Enter React Hooks

- Return to primitives
- Adopted almost in every framework
- They look a lot like reactive primitives



# Reactivity vs Hooks

main.tsx +

```
function MyApp() {  
  const count = observable(0);  
  const double = pureComputed(  
    () => count() * 2  
  );  
  computed(  
    () => console.log(double())  
  );  
  /* ... */  
}
```

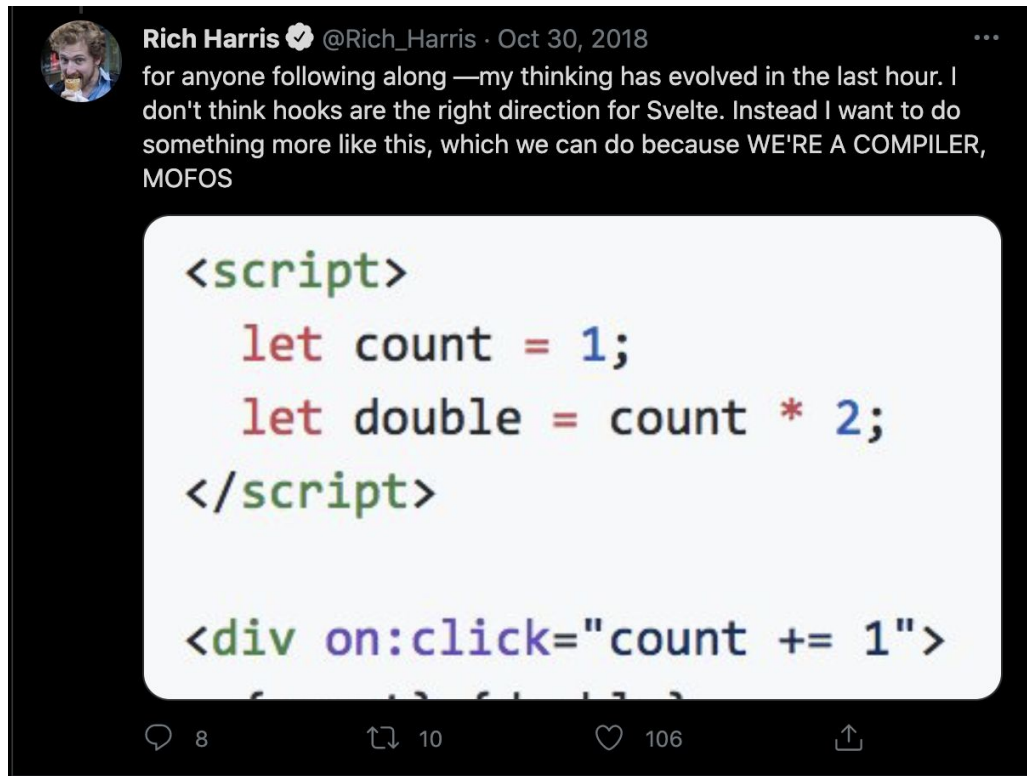
main.tsx +

```
function MyApp() {  
  const [count] = useState(0);  
  const double = useMemo(  
    () => count * 2  
    , count);  
  useEffect(  
    () => console.log(double)  
    , double);  
  /* ... */  
}
```



# Primitives everywhere

- React Hooks
- Reactivity as a language
- Composition API
- Solid's primitives
- Common Hooks for Web Components



A screenshot of a tweet from Rich Harris (@Rich\_Harris) dated October 30, 2018. The tweet discusses his evolving thoughts on Svelte and proposes a more compiler-like approach. It includes a code snippet showing a script block with variable declarations and a div with an event listener.

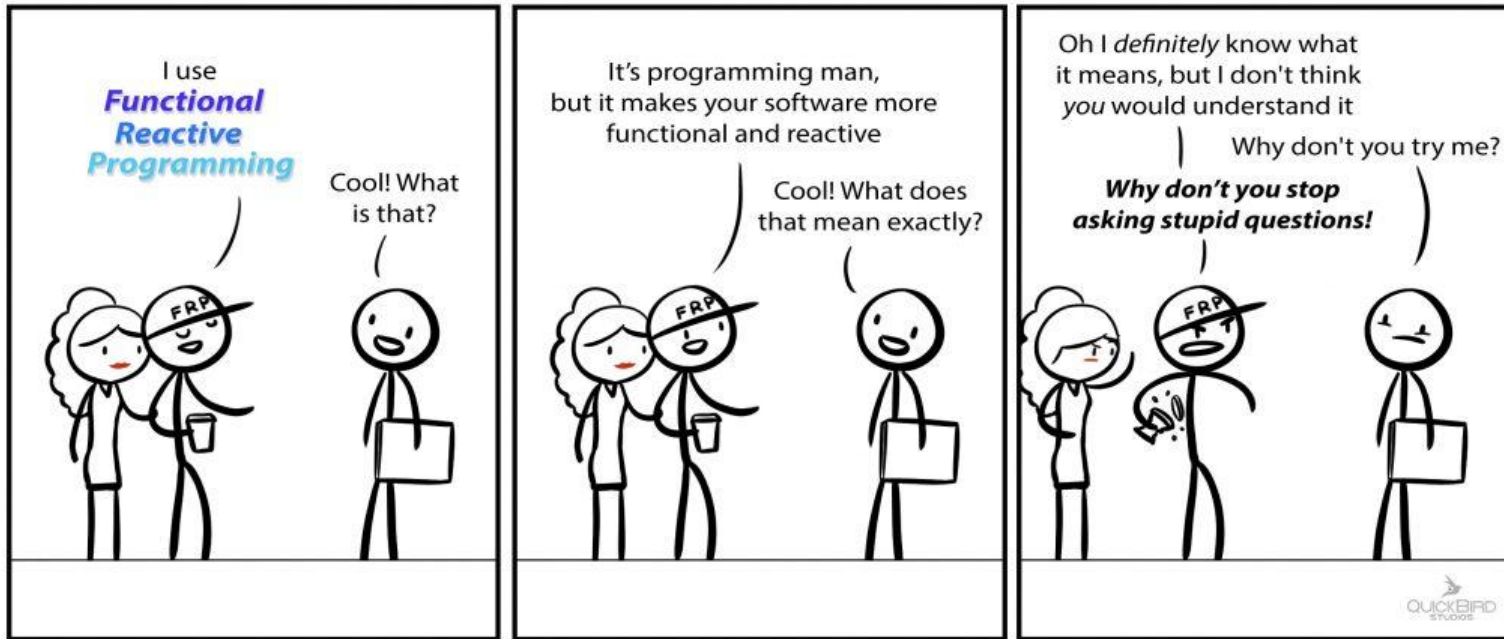
**Rich Harris** @Rich\_Harris · Oct 30, 2018

for anyone following along —my thinking has evolved in the last hour. I don't think hooks are the right direction for Svelte. Instead I want to do something more like this, which we can do because WE'RE A COMPILER, MOFOS

```
<script>
  let count = 1;
  let double = count * 2;
</script>

<div on:click="count += 1">
```

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# SolidJS: Reactivity



# What's Reactive Programming?

$$a = b + c$$

\* where the value of **a** updates whenever the value of **b** or **c** changes.

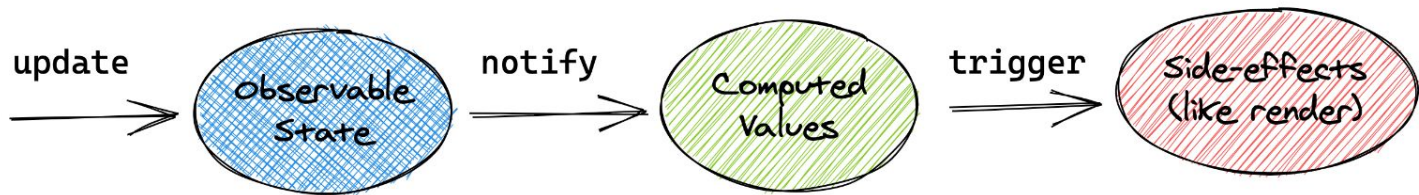
# Why Reactive Programming

Declarative

Composable

Simple model consists of only 3 concepts:

- Signals
- Derivations
- Effects



# Signals

Getter, Setter, and a value

Also known as Observable,  
Ref, Atom, Behavior

```
const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);  
  
// read a value  
console.log(count()); // 0  
  
// set a value  
setCount(5);  
console.log(count()); //5
```

## Effects

Creates Side Effects

Also known as: Reactions,  
Autoruns, Watches,  
Computeds

```
const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);

createEffect(() => {
  console.log("The count is", count());
});
// The count is 0

setCount(5);
// The count is 5

setCount(10);
// The count is 10
```

## Derivations

Both observer and a signal

Only re-calculates when value of dependencies change

Also known as Computed, Memos, Selectors

```
const [first, setFirst] = createSignal("John");
const [last, lastName] = createSignal("Smith");
const fullName = createMemo(() => `${first()} ${last()}`);

createEffect(() => {
  console.log("My name is", fullName());
});
// My name is John Smith

setFirst("Will");
// My name is Will Smith
```

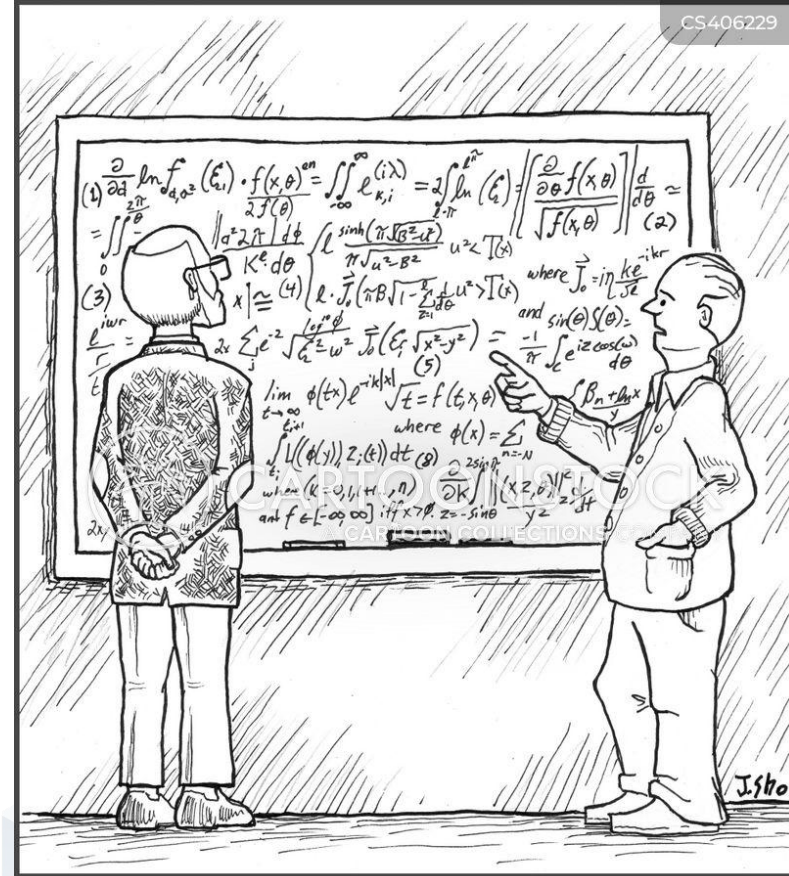
# Why Derivations?

Cache work from expensive computations

Used in more than one computation

One of multiple dependencies in computation

What can be derived, should be derived





## Dynamic Tracking

Every execution dependencies are cleaned up and collected again.

This ensures that only currently dependencies are tracked.

This is something that can only feasibly be done at runtime.

```
const displayName = createMemo(() => {  
  if (!showFullName()) return firstName();  
  return `${firstName()} ${lastName()}`  
});
```



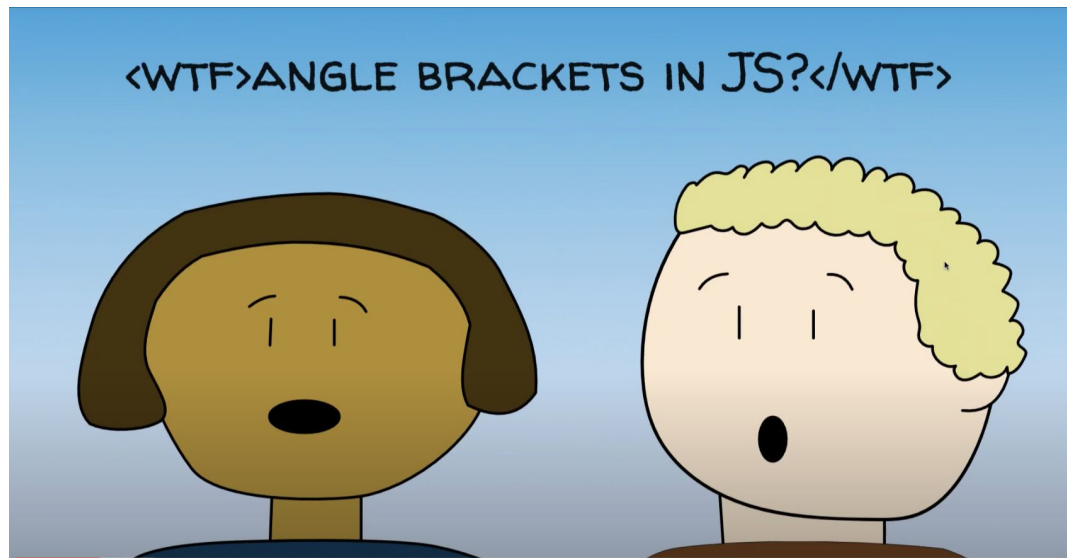
# SolidJS: Rendering

## Introducing JSX

JSX is a XML syntax in JavaScript popularized by React.

Describe your view inside your JavaScript.

Convenient syntax sugar for the DOM.



# React's JSX

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);  
  return <h2>{count()}</h2>;  
}
```

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);  
  return createElement("h2", {}, count());  
}
```

# Reactive JSX

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);  
  return <h2>{count()}</h2>;  
}
```

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);  
  
  const el = document.createElement("h2");  
  createEffect(() => {  
    el.textContent = count();  
  });  
  return el;  
}
```

# Making a Counter in Solid

```
import { createSignal, onCleanup } from "solid-js";

function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);
  const id = setInterval(() => {
    setCount(count() + 1)
  }, 1000);
  onCleanup(() => clearInterval(id));

  return <h2>{count()}</h2>;
}
```



# Controlling Flow

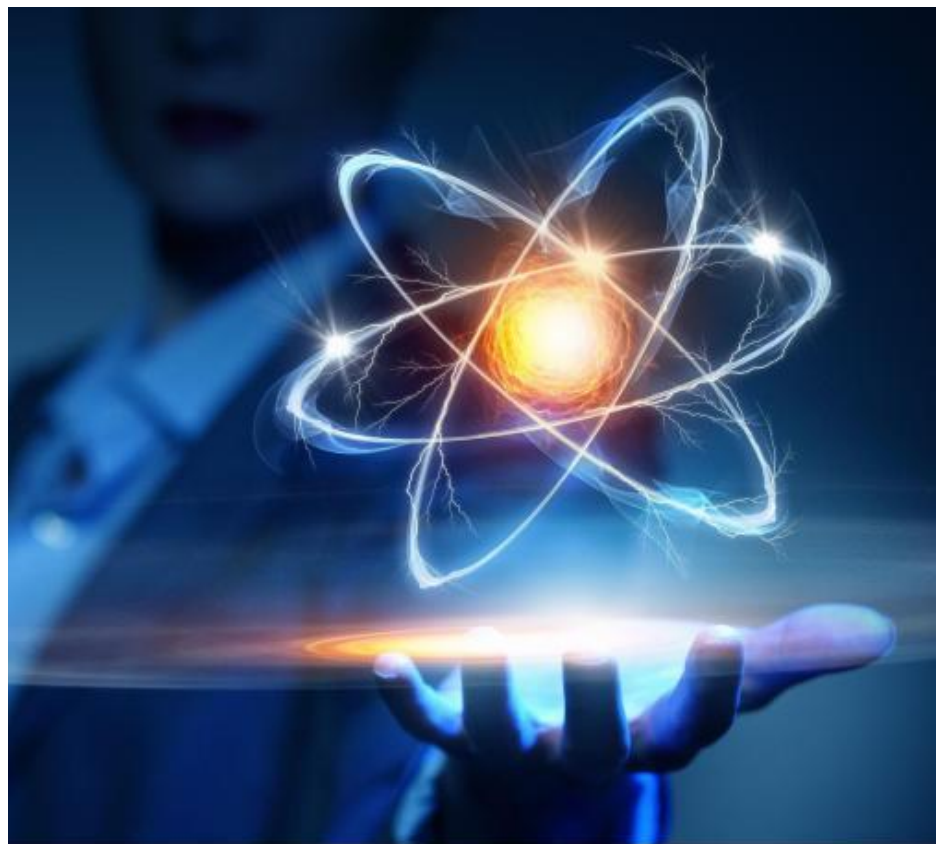
```
<ul>{  
  <Paginated each={list()}>{  
    (item) => <li>{item}</li>  
  }</Paginated>  
</ul>>
```

## Reactive Advantage

Components Run Once

Templates compile to Real DOM Nodes

State Independent of Component





# **SolidJS: Getting Started**

# Single Page App Starters

- > `npx degit solidjs/templates/js my-app`
- > `cd my-app`
- > `npm i # or yarn or pnpm`
- > `npm run dev # or yarn or pnpm`

## Static Site Generation with Astro

- > `cd my-app`
- > `npm init astro # select Solid`
- > `npm i`
- > `npm run dev`



# SolidStart: Adaptive Server Side Rendering

- > `cd my-app`
- > `npm init solid@next`
- > `npm i # or yarn or pnpm`
- > `npm run dev # or yarn or pnpm`



OG WANT TO EAT MEAT.  
JUST PUT IN MOUTH,  
RIGHT?



NO! USE FIRE!  
COOK MEAT!

FIRE HOT!  
HOW I NOT  
BURN HANDS?



USE POINTY  
STICK! OR USE  
HOT ROCK! OR  
KEEP FIRE IN BOX!

TOO MANY  
CHOICES!  
HOW I PICK?

DUNNO.



OK, MEAT ON FIRE!  
NOW EAT, RIGHT?

NO! WAIT!  
LET COOK!  
THEN ADD  
SALT ROCK  
AND FLAVOR  
LEAF!



SO IN ORDER TO EAT  
MEAT, I NEED FIRE  
AND STICK AND WAIT  
AND ROCK AND LEAF?

I JUST EAT MEAT RAW,  
STUPID.

MMMF.



AND THAT'S WHY  
I THINK THAT MODERN  
JAVASCRIPT IS  
TOO COMPLICATED.







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