

and the future of JavaScript

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Who is this guy?

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COO & co-founder, npm Inc.



This talk is about you

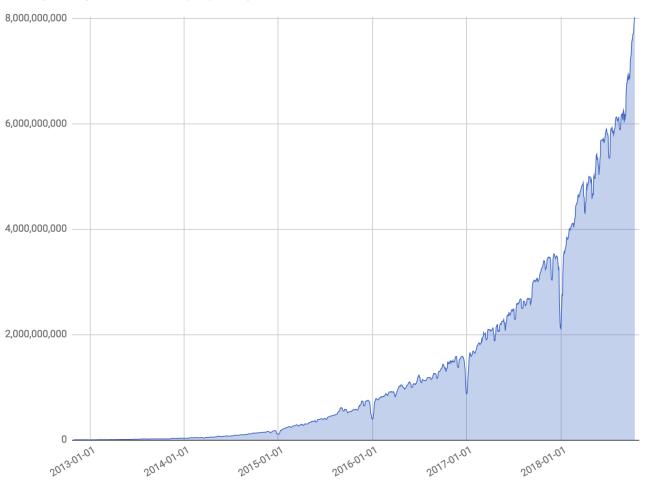
Three parts:

- 1. What you should know about npm
- 2. What npm knows about you
- 3. The future of JavaScript

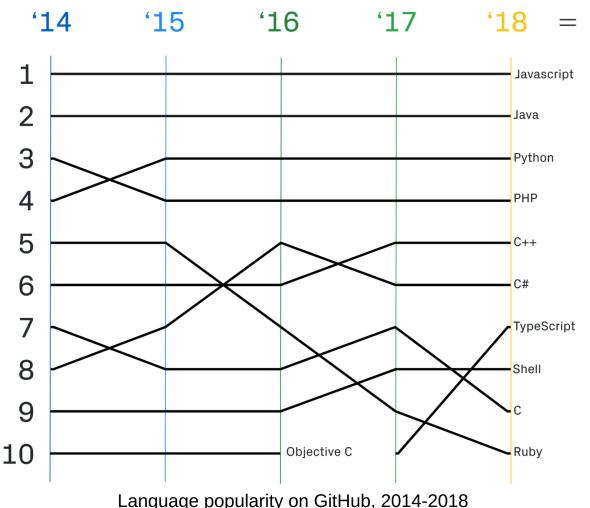
Part 1: what you should know about npm

npm is popular

Rolling weekly downloads of npm packages



JavaScript is enormously popular



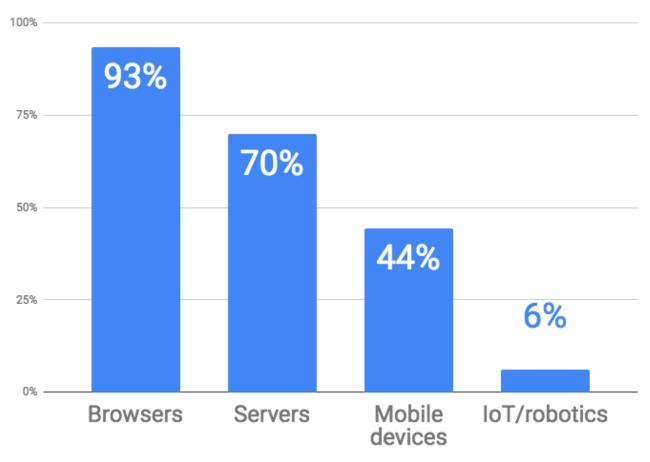
Who's using npm?

- All 50 of the Fortune 50 (we checked!)
- All 50 of the 50 biggest banks
- All 50 of the 50 biggest tech companies
- All 500 of the Fortune 500

JavaScript is the most important programming language in the world

npm is the package manager for all JavaScript

The JavaScript I write runs on...



But npm is especially for web developers

97%

of the code in a modern web app comes from npm

npm is super fast now

Why not destroy the conference wifi by upgrading right now?

Is npm faster than Yarn?

npm 6 locks by default

npm ci will double the speed of your builds

You can use

npm ci

anywhere you used to use

npm install

and it will be twice as fast

npm Security

A bunch of new features

npm 6 has 2FA: two-factor auth

Secure your npm account in 30 seconds:

http://go.npm.me/2fa

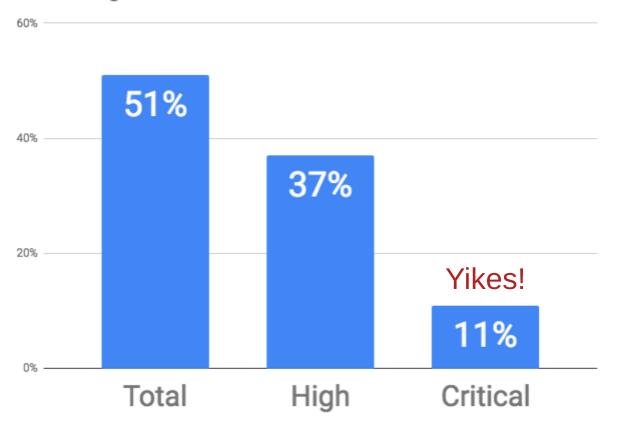
npm Quick Audits

Just run npm install!

npm Quick Audit stats

4 million scans per week

Percentage of modules downloaded with vulnerabilities



npm audit

Just run in your current project:

npm audit

Learn more:

http://go.npm.me/audits

npm audit fix

Just run in your current project:

npm audit fix

or

npm audit fix --force

for the adventurous

Security has become central to npm Inc.

Use npm because npm is safer than Yarn

BREAKING NEWS: Company recommends own product.

A user journey from Yarn back to npm:

https://mixmax.com/blog/to-yarn-and-back-again-npm

Yarn to npm migration tool:

https://npm.im/deyarn

npm.community

npm is a company that sells good and services that you will find useful

npm Organizations

Private packages and security for teams

npm Enterprise

A full-featured private registry for your company.

npm Security

is worth paying for

Part 2: What npm knows about you

- 1.5 billion log events per day
- 16,000+ survey responses

Part 2A: demographics

Please stand up!

(If you can't stand up, raise a hand)

Sit down if you don't match the description.

use npm

write JavaScript that runs in browsers

write JavaScript at work

are concerned about security of open source code

mostly taught yourself JavaScript

also write PHP or Java sometimes

work at a company that isn't considered a "tech company"

started using npm less than 2 years ago

use webpack

use babel

work on a React app

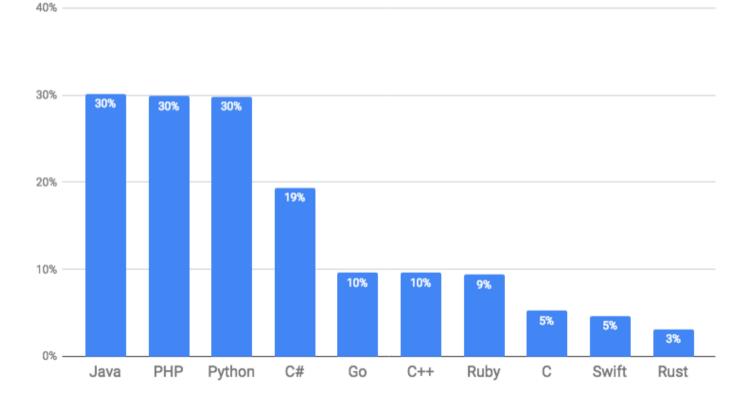
use TypeScript



So we know some stuff about you

npm users don't always write JavaScript

What languages do you use in addition to JavaScript?



The programming language you pick is determined by the libraries available

http://sns.cs.princeton.edu/docs/asr-oopsla13.pdf

Devs pick JavaScript because of npm



npm users are concerned about security

- 77% are concerned
- 52% said current tools aren't adequate

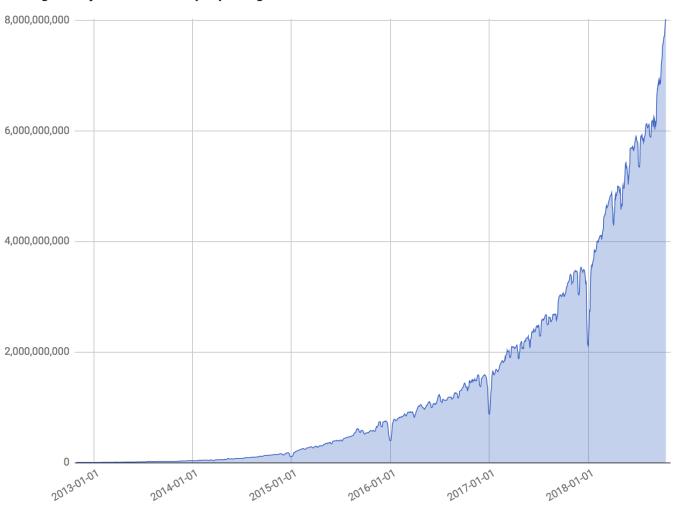
Part 2B: the tools we use

I am about to make you angry

with graphs

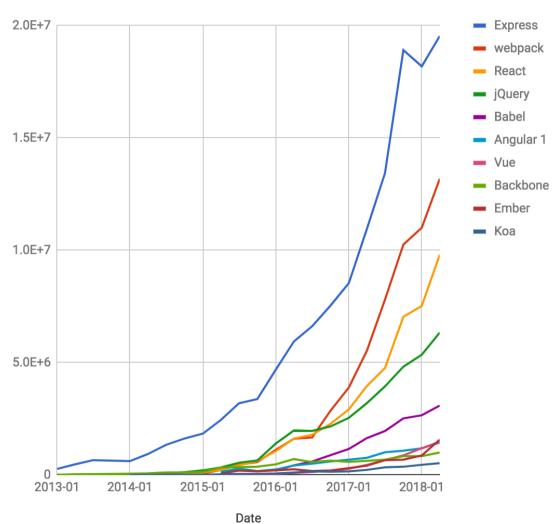
Growth in context

Rolling weekly downloads of npm packages



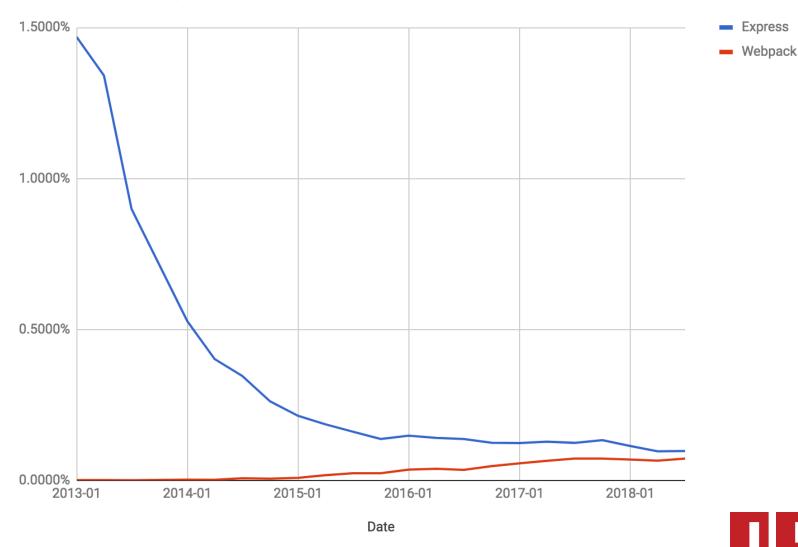
Everything in npm grows

Absolute growth of npm frameworks



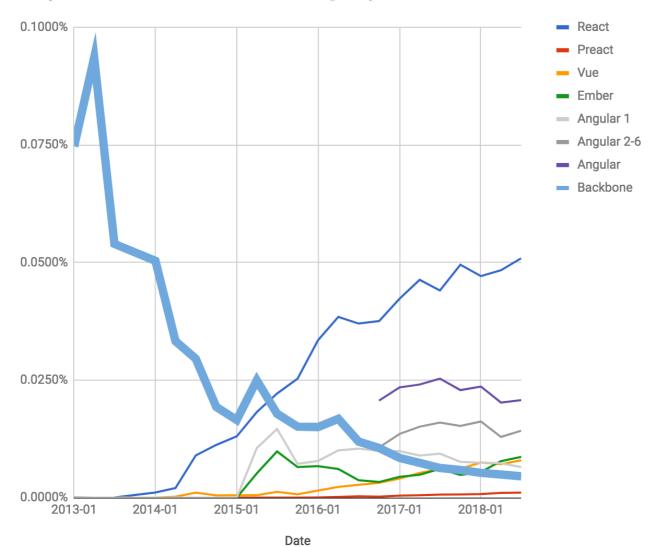
Share of registry

Express vs Webpack



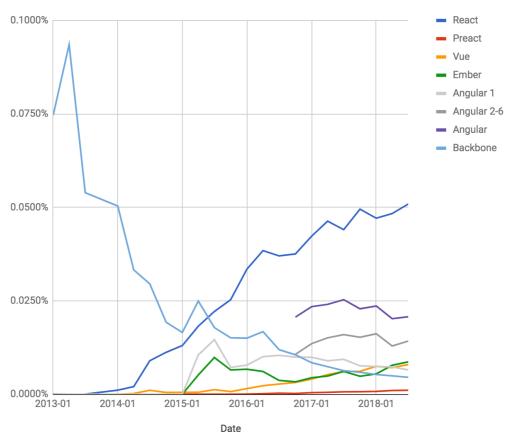
Front end frameworks

Major FE frameworks, share of registry



Frameworks never die; they only fade away

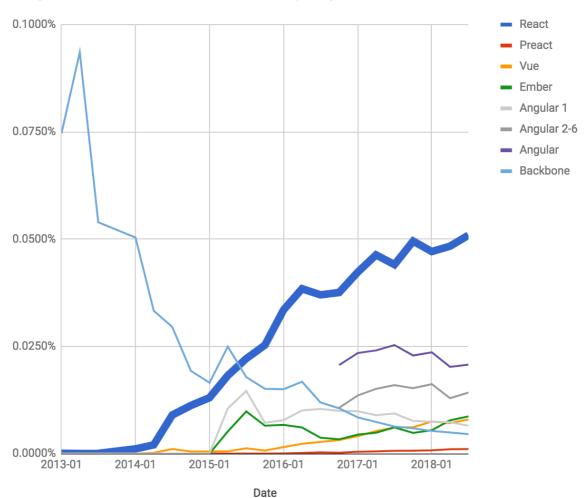




React

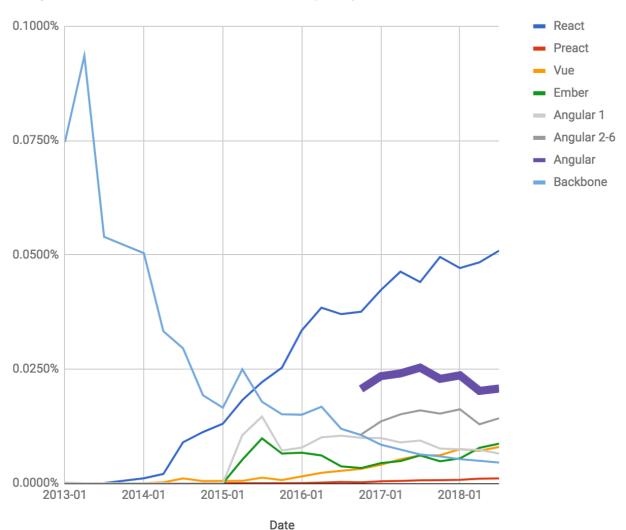
60% of npm users say they use React

Major FE frameworks, share of registry



Angular

Major FE frameworks, share of registry



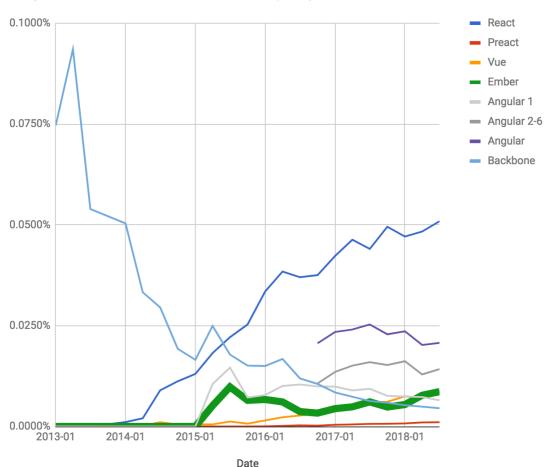
Angryler

Angular is seeing fewer downloads, please don't yell at me about it.

Ember

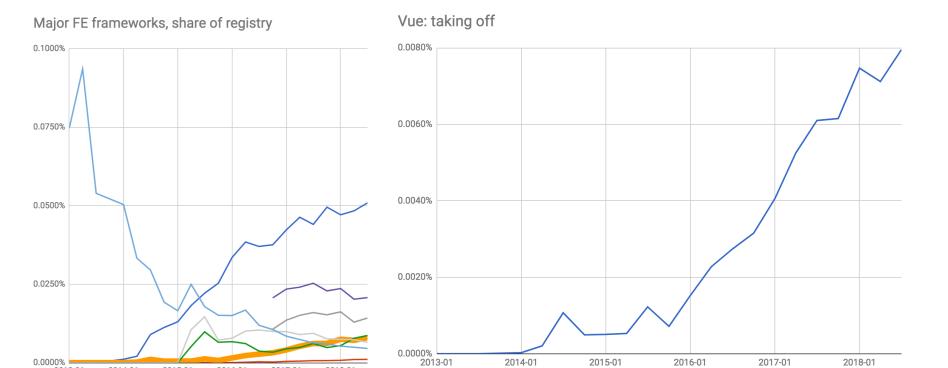
The comeback kid

Major FE frameworks, share of registry



Vue

The next big thing?



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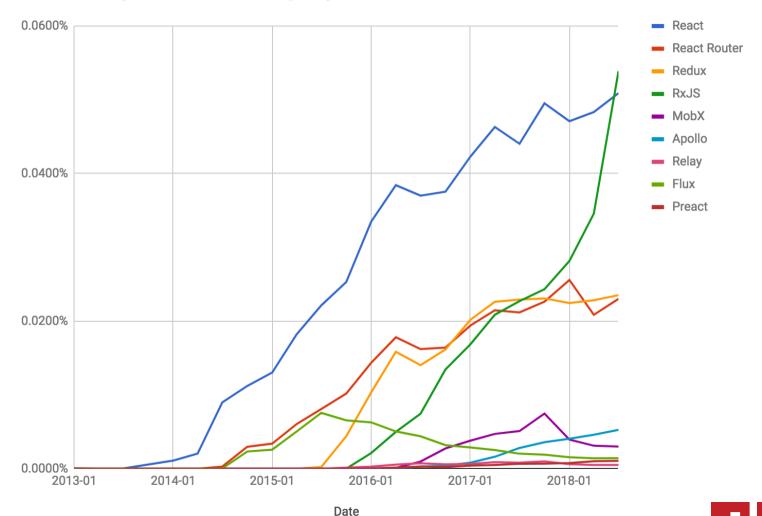
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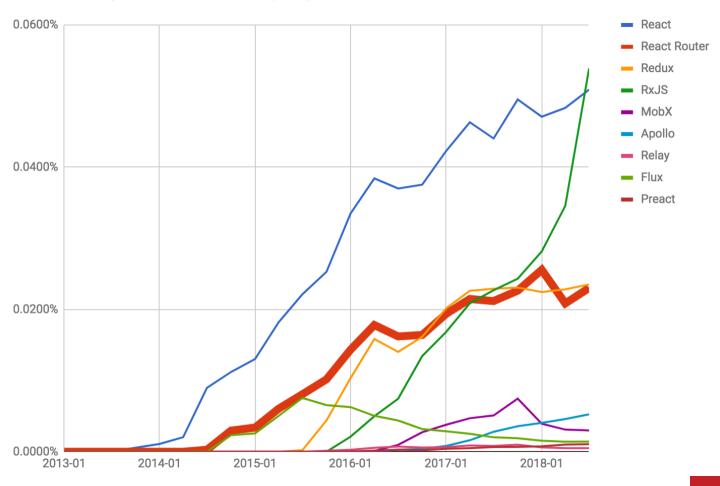
The React ecosystem

React ecosystem, share of registry



React Router

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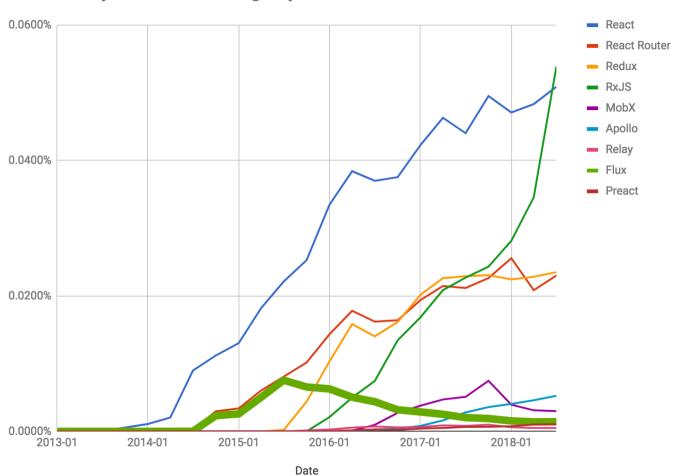


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React is a triumph of modular design

Flux

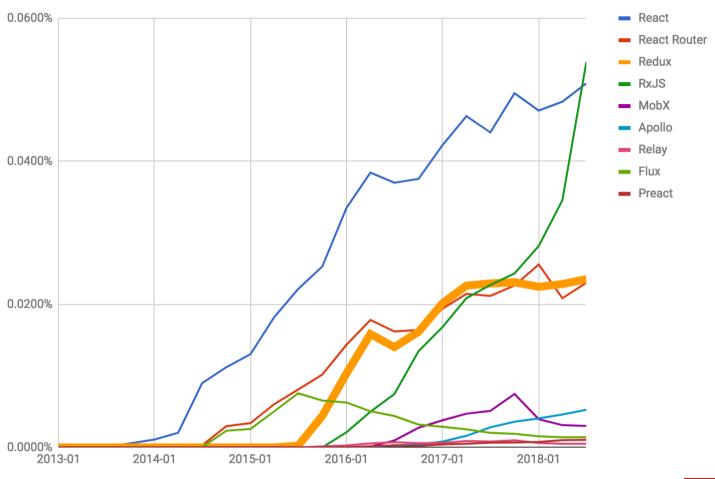
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Redux

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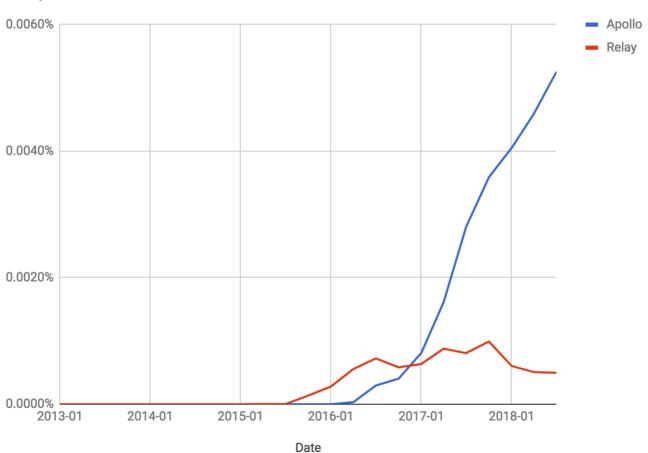


React Hooks

Coming soon to a repo near you

GraphQL

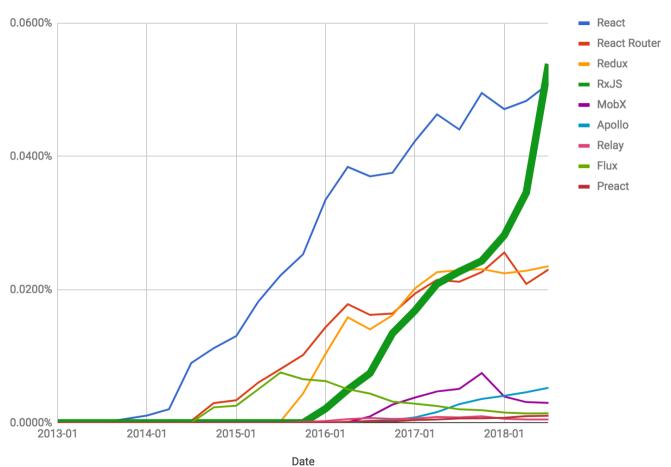
GraphQL libraries



RXJS

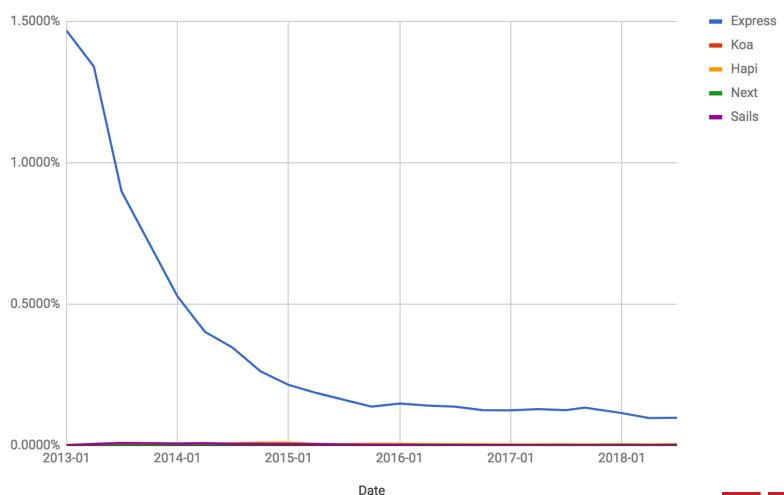
Get Hannah to explain!

React ecosystem, share of registry



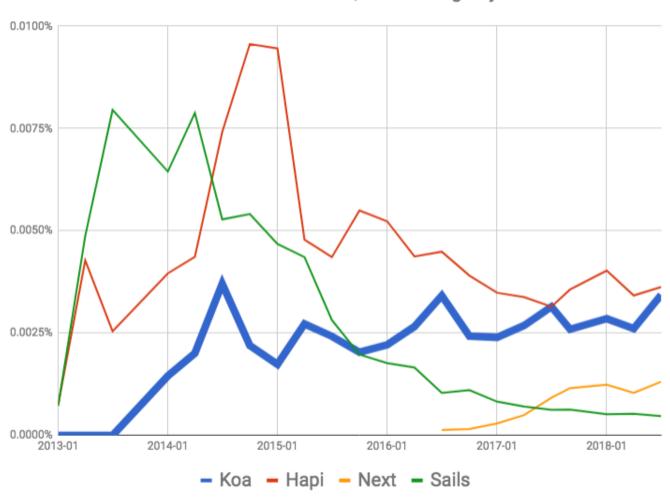
Back-end frameworks

There is only Express

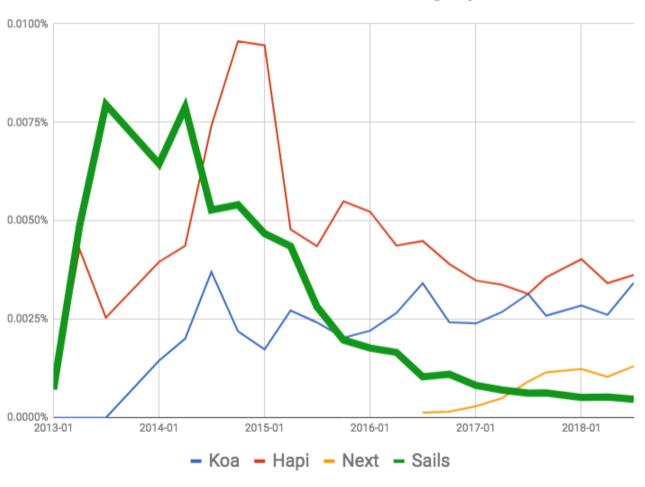




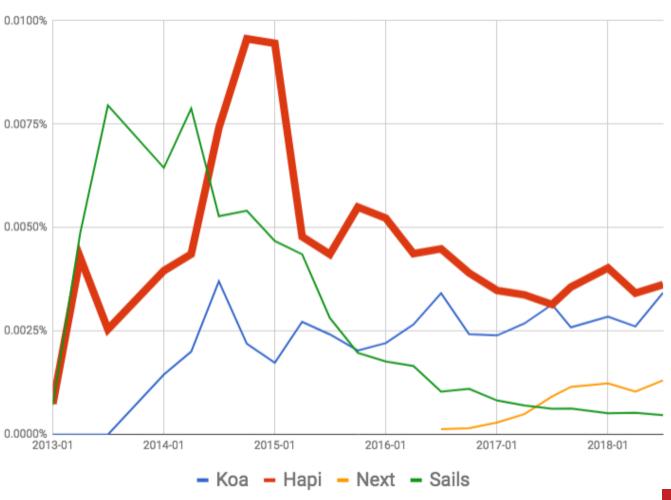
Koa



Sails

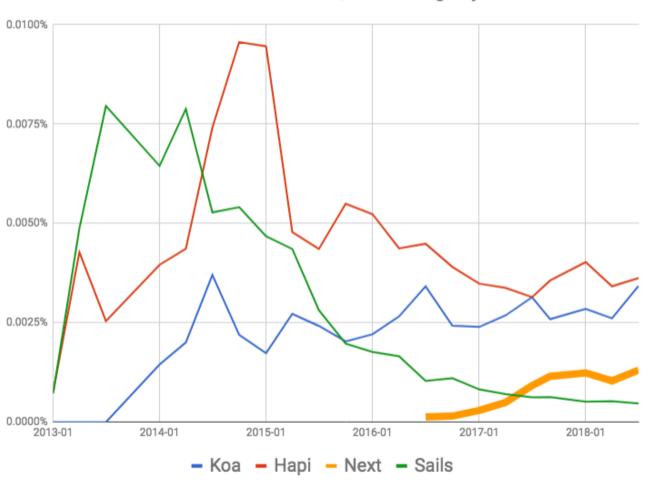


Hapi





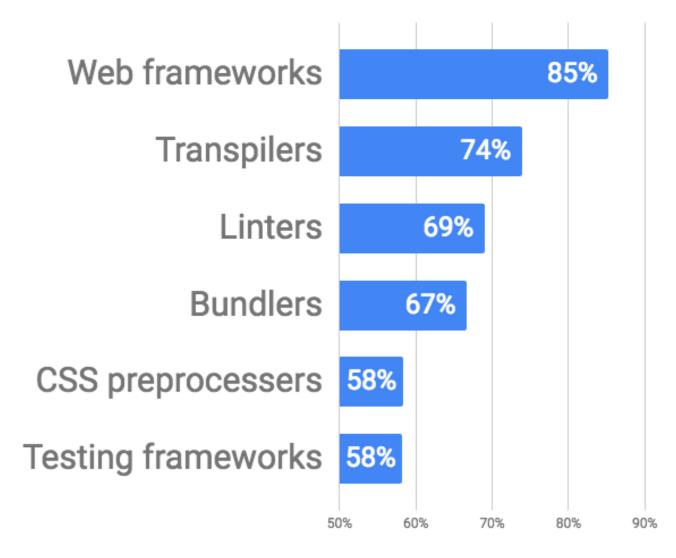
Next.js



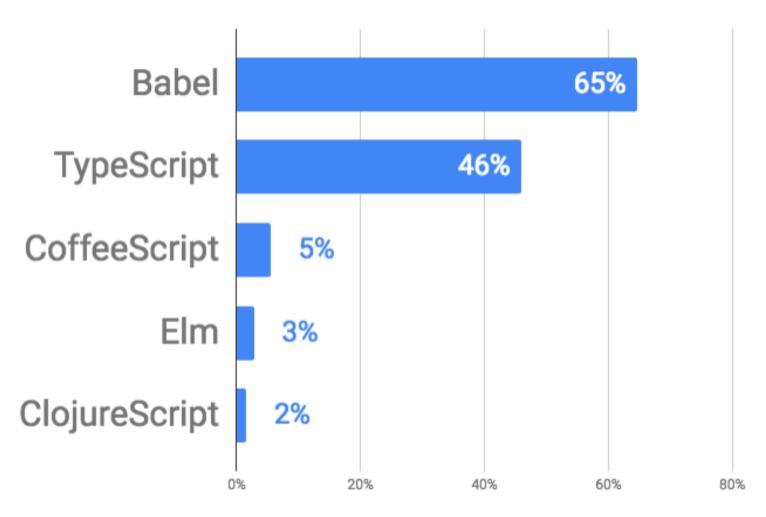
Team B / Team A

Tooling

What tools do we use?



Transpilers

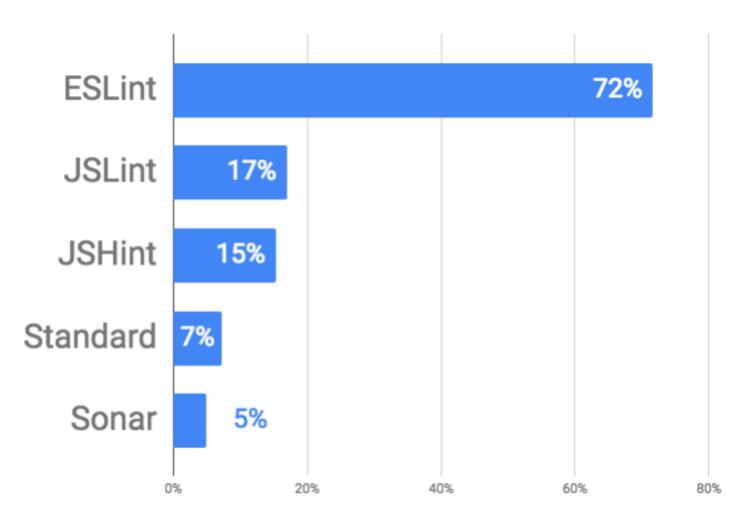


46% of npm users are using TypeScript

Say what?!

Source: npm user survey, 2017/2018

Linters



So about ESLint...

The ESLint Credentials Harvester



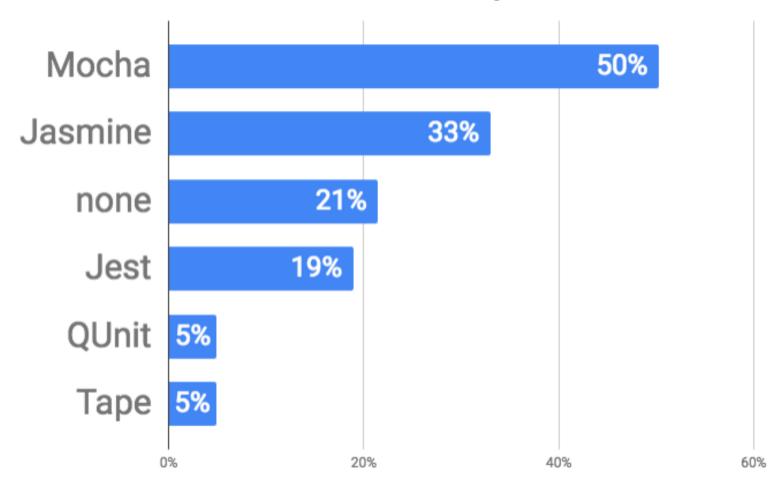
npm Security in action



Take JavaScript security seriously

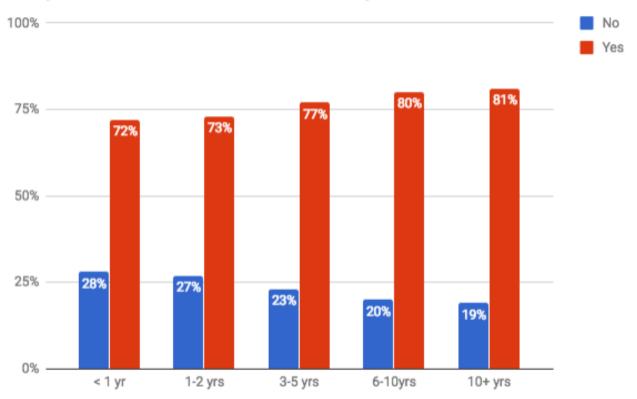


Testing



Splitting developers by experience

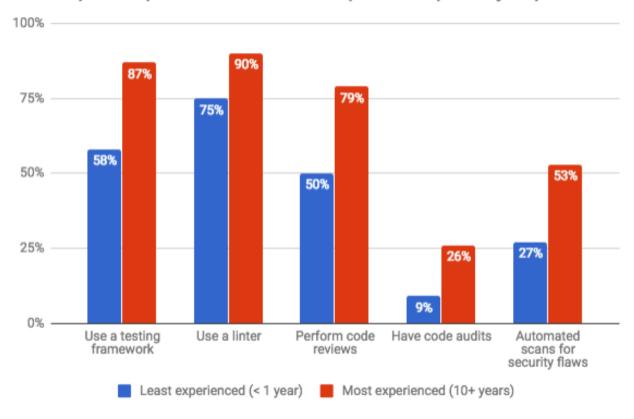
Are you concerned whether the OSS you use is secure?



By answer to "How long have you been using JavaScript?"

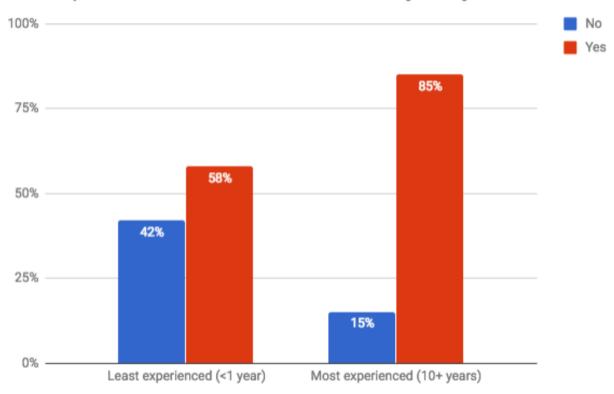
Best practices come with experience

Development practices of JavaScript developers by experience



Security is associated with experience

Developers who use some form of security analysis on code



By level of experience with JavaScript

Part 3: the future of JavaScript

Learning from history: nothing last forever

jQuery, we hardly knew ye.

III-advised prediction

Learn GraphQL

III-advised prediction

Use TypeScript

What happens to npm in the future?

npm is not only JavaScript

and it hasn't been for some time

WASM is coming

WASM is already here

https://hacks.mozilla.org/2018/04/hello-wasm-pack/

III-advised prediction

Bundling and transpiling are hard to get rid of

Transpilation is bad news for JavaScript

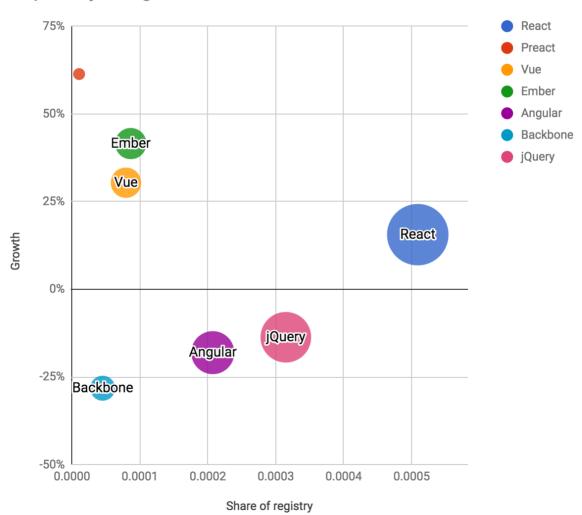
Node + JavaScript: merge or die

The best framework is always the one with the most users.

III-advised prediction

Use React

Popularity and growth of web frameworks, 2016-2017



Libraries either die or transcend

- Backbone died
- jQuery is part of every browser

Standards bodies are bad at inventing things

Make JSX part of JavaScript

We already did and it was called E4X

Can React transcend?

npm install react-color

What about that slowdown in React?

Can React components hit critical mass?

Frameworks adopting React would force browsers to act

What about web components?

Web components would be great if they worked but they don't, yet.

Don't @ me.

We can raise the web to a new level

Don't be afraid

Web developers will always have a job

A bigger web is a better web

npm is for the web

The future looks fun

The web will remain under construction



We can do this



Now would be a good time to follow me on Twitter



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