

Analysing Front-End Engineering and its Libraries and Frameworks in Web

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Abstract: *In this period of rapid development, technology and their patterns change on a daily basis and evolve on their own. The Web Consortium has taken the lead in the history of the internet with this evolution. The use of the web platform improves the engagement between the media and the public, and this participatory culture is the ideal method for cultural communication to develop in the future. The transition from a display-type online to an application-type web, as well as the larger contents of public cultural services, will undoubtedly lead to the growth of front-end engineering. Front-end development and libraries such as React, Vue, and Angular, to mention a few, have exploded in popularity as the internet has grown over the previous few decades. Front-end and its frameworks, such as React, Vue, and Angular, to name a few, have undoubtedly made their way into the field of online performance measurement services as the internet has grown over the previous several decades. The conclusions of the study are examined from many angles in this publication. This study will examine the benefits and drawbacks of each framework, and it will conclude with a summary, contributions, and a prediction about the future of front-end development.*

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I. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Preface

For high-performing and reliable mobile and web application development, modern technologies are required. The Internet is a worldwide network of interconnected computer networks that connect devices using the Internet protocol suite (TCP/IP). It is a network of networks made up of local to global private, public, academic, business, and government networks linked by a variety of electrical, wireless, and optical networking technologies. The Internet began as a US military project called ARPANET, which was commanded by Robert Taylor and maintained by Lawrence Roberts. The World Wide Web (abbreviated WWW or the Web) is an online information space in which documents and other web resources are identified by Uniform Resource Locators (URLs), connected together by hypertext links, and accessed via the Internet.

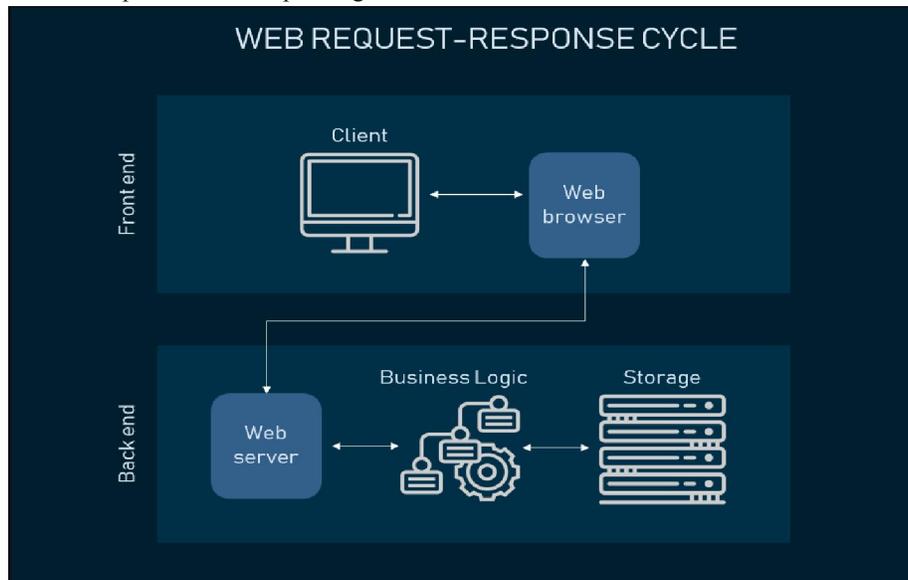
Now, in order to leverage these services, we'll need some software that can build things, thereby assisting our web work. HTML, CSS, Javascript, Node.js, Express.js, and other web technologies will be covered to develop such things. Back-end will be mostly focused on Node.js, which powers a large number of device websites. As a result, it is critical in the field of web development, particularly because of its non-blocking IO characteristic, which is emphasised whenever node.js is mentioned. The building of dynamic web applications is accomplished through web programming, often known as web development. Web applications include social networking sites such as Facebook and e-commerce sites such as Amazon.

1.2 Intro to Front-End

Engineers utilise a combination of HTML (for fundamental page structure and content), CSS (for visual editing), and JavaScript to develop the front end (for making websites interactive). Progressive web apps — mobile apps that appear and feel like native apps but are built using front-end technologies – are made with the same set of tools. More information can be found in the linked article.

The back end, on the other hand, is all that occurs behind the scenes. It houses the servers that host your web pages as well as the logic that governs the website's functionalities and procedures. If you want to learn more about how web applications function, we have a detailed description.

The back end is created with the help of a different set of technologies, including Java, PHP, Ruby, C#, and sometimes JavaScript, which we'll explain in a corresponding section.



A process of web-request and response

A. HTML5

Since its initial release in 1991, HTML has undergone many updates. HTML5 released in 2014. It has added such features as offline media storage support, more precise content elements (i.e. header, footer, navigation), and support for audio and video embedding.

HTML is the most important front-end technology.

HTML is made up of tags, which are shortcodes that are normalised into a text file by the site builder. The text is subsequently saved as an HTML file, which may be viewed using a browser. The browser analyses the file and converts the text into a viewable format, rendering the page as intended by the designer in the best case scenario.

- HyperText is the method of navigating the internet by clicking on hyperlinks, which are special texts that go to other pages. It's non-linear, which means you can go anywhere you choose because there's no set order to follow.
- Markup specifies the properties that HTML tags apply to the content contained within them. Tags identify it as a specific type.

B. CSS and its Frameworks

- A CSS framework is a collection of CSS and HTML files that come with a website. It expands a front-end developer's website design skills. CSS frameworks not only help with responsive design, but they also provide separate and symmetric layouts, sparing developers from having to start from scratch every time.
- They're usually thought to be a suitable fit for a variety of platforms and screen sizes. CSS frameworks significantly speed up development workflow by providing common user interface components, grid systems, layouts, and many other capabilities.
- External style sheets are saved as .css files and can be used to define the design of an entire website with just one file, rather than having to add multiple instances of CSS code to each HTML element that needs to be changed. To make advantage of an external style sheet, .html files need to contain a header section that connects to the external style sheet.
- Internal style sheets are CSS directions put straight into the header of a particular .html page.
- Inline styles are snippets of CSS recorded into HTML code itself.

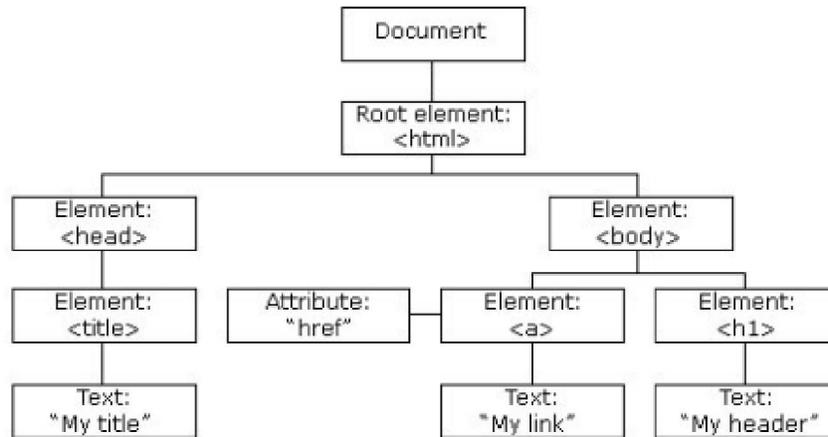
Many frameworks exist in the CSS Universe:

- Full featured (Bootstrap, Foundation, Semantic UI, and more),
- Aimed at Material Design: (Materialize and Material Design Lite), and
- Lightweight (Pure).

	Full-featured					Material-based		Very Lightweight
	Bootstrap	Foundation	Semantic UI	UIKit	Bulma	Materialize	Material Design Lite	Pure
Principles	RWD, Mobile first	RWD, Mobile first Semantic	Semantic Tag, Ambivalence, Responsive	RWD, Mobile first	RWD, Mobile first, Modern free	Responsive, Web design, UX-focused	Cross-device use	SMACSS, Minimalism
Size(zip folder)	592 KB	233 KB	1.8 MB	347 KB	113 KB	162 KB	205 KB	72 KB
Preprocessors	Sass	Sass	Less	Less, Sass	Sass	Sass	Sass	-
Unique Features	Jumbotron, Card component, Responsive navbar	Icon Bar, Clearing Lightbox, Flex video, Keystrokes, Joyride, Pricing tables	Divider, Flag, Rail, Reveal, Step, Advertisement, Card, Feed, Item, Statistic, Dimmer, Rating.	Article, Comments, Placeholder Flex, Cover, HTML editor	-	ScrollFire, ScrollSpy, Wave behaviors, Slide-out drawer menu, Toast, Parallax	Tooltips, Spinners	-
Flexbox	+	- (some key components can be converted)	+	+ (The Flex component)	+	-	+	-
Grid	up to 12 columns	XY 12-column grid: float grid empowered by Flexbox features	default theme: 16 columns	components: grid, flex and width; offers a border between grid columns	Simple building of columns layout	a standard 12-column fluid responsive grid system	12 - desktop; 8 - tablet; 4 - phone	a 5ths and 24ths unit-based grid
Documentation	Excellent	Good	Excellent	Good	Good	Good	Excellent	Good
JS skills required	+ -	+	+	-	-	+	-	-
Learning curve	Mild	Steep	Moderate	Moderate	Mild	Mild	Mild	Mild

DOM-The Web Page Structure

A programming interface for HTML and XML documents is known as the Document Object Model (DOM). It interprets the page so that programmes can change the structure, style, and content of the document. The document is rendered as nodes and objects by the DOM, which allows computer languages to connect to the page.



C. JavaScript

JS improves the overall interactivity of a website. It allows you to create animated UI elements like picture sliders, pop-ups, and comprehensive site navigation menus, among other things. JavaScript adds functionality to a website that would otherwise be impossible to provide with HTML and CSS alone. Web pages that employ JavaScript can respond to user activities and dynamically refresh themselves. This process does not necessitate a page reload to change its representation, thanks to JavaScript.

D. Angular

Angular is a Google-powered front-end framework that works with the majority of popular code editors. Angular is a well-known open source front-end web application framework that was established by Google in 2010 and is based on JavaScript ES5. The main purpose of Angular is to make it simpler for web designers to create a persistent web form. As time goes on, Angular's stance improves to meet more development criteria, allowing web developers to build more complex projects with the Angular framework. Angular, on the other hand, has slipped behind competing front-end frameworks in recent years due to its core design model. In order to keep Angular up to date, Google released Angular 2, its second version, in 2016. The main concept of Angular 1 is two-way data binding in web browsers, which significantly reduces the back-end data processing burden on web servers. Figure 2 shows how Angular 1 handles data binding. The custom tag attributes have been incorporated in JSON, and Angular 1 uses them as directives to link input or output elements of the website page to a model represented by Scope. When users take interactive activities on websites, the values of certain JavaScript variables are updated from dynamic JSON resources, and the data is submitted to the server. The two-way data binding of Angular allows whole interactions to be performed in web browsers, avoiding the need for website changes to wait for data processing from the back-end server and directly rendering the updated data in front-end by HTML. Consequently, the HTML rendering speed can be faster without waiting for back-end response due to Angular 1 technology.

E. Vue.js

It is another another SPA framework that is open-source. It uses a component-based programming architecture and allows users to attach components to projects. Vue.js is an example of a framework rather than a library. The ability to use Vue.js requires a thorough understanding of HTML and CSS. It alludes to a slew of development-related templates and patterns. Vue is most well-known for its minimal document sizes and HTML-based syntax.

In 2014, Evan You founded Vue.js, a popular JavaScript ES6-based open source framework. The first purpose of Vue's development is to use a basic Application Programming Interface to enable responsive data binding and UI components (API). Despite the fact that Vue is designed for single-page apps, it is frequently seen as having limited capabilities and being difficult to implement in commercial applications. However, the open source community has built a strong third-party supporting library and packages to assist Vue with routing, state management, and build tooling in complicated single-page applications.

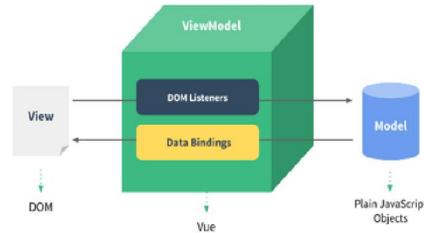


Figure 2 Vue.js Data driven concepts

F. React

React.js and React Native are two different types of React.js. Facebook created the React JavaScript library in order to improve the user experience on the Facebook and Instagram websites. Due to React’s powerful features, Facebook released React as an open source JavaScript ES6 based library to global developers and companies in 2013 . Besides, Facebook also launches React Native to develop a mobile application with React under major mobile platforms such as IOS and Android in 2015.

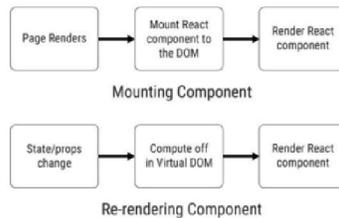


Figure 4 Mounting components in React & Re-rendering components in React.

Being an open-source library for building dynamic user interfaces, born and bred by Facebook, The framework is applied to create web-applications with multiple dynamic components. It relies on JavaScript and JSX, a Facebook PHP language extension. React enables building reusable HTML elements for the front end. React also includes React Native, a dedicated cross-platform mobile development framework. To discover more about the pros and cons of React and React Native, consider exploring our article on this subject.

II. FRONT-END SOLUTION ANALYSIS

In current web development, React, Angular, and Vue are definitely significant frontend development alternatives. They do, however, have distinguishing characteristics and ideas. To get the most out of their apps, different commercial criteria must choose an appropriate framework or library. A. Data Processing Data processing is an important part of front-end development because it determines the user experience while accessing the application. Data Binding in Front-End Frameworks (Table 1) React Vue Data Binding Angular 1 Angular 2 Two-way One-way and two-way One-way Two-way / One-way

Framework analysis

Following factors were used for analysis of the three frameworks to compare their performance side by side:

Manipulation of the DOM: It allows us to determine which architectures are best suited for extremely complicated applications that require a lot of DOM interaction [3]. Startup time: This factor helps us determine which frameworks are feasible when we need a faster initial load time [3]. Data Allocation: It shows which frameworks work well with data, such as performing bulk operations like reading or writing thousands of documents from a database[3]. The colours in the photos have meaning: a greener tint means the system is performing better than another. The colour red / yellow denotes poor performance on the chosen framework. The majority of the displayed comparisons are keyed models, and all time measurements are in milliseconds. Volume and Performance

A larger volume indicates that the framework or library has more features and functions, but it will take longer to load a framework or a library.

Activity	Angular 2	React	Vue
Ready-memory	4.8 ± 0.0 (1.4)	4.5 ± 0.1 (1.3)	3.8 ± 0.0 (1.1)

Angular 2 has the highest file size, at 143 kilobytes (KB), followed by Vue at 23 kilobytes (KB), and React at 43 kilobytes (KB). Angular 2 contains more comprehensive and broad functions and capabilities due to its large size. However, Angular 2's performance may be slower than React or Vue due to its sophisticated structure, especially when it comes to memory allocation. Table 3 shows that because of its flexibility and efficiency, Angular 2 takes longer to prepare and run the memory, but Vue requires less time. Language-based

Language-based considerations are also significant because different languages have varied situations in terms of project development, such as a learning curve and efficiency

	Angular 1	Angular 2	React	Vue
Language-based	JavaScript ES5	TypeScript	JavaScript ES6	JavaScript ES6

Table 3: Language-based in front-end frameworks and library

III. CONCLUSION

This paper looks at three different front-end development frameworks and libraries for building online apps, as well as potential web application development solutions. We may make some conclusions by comparing React, Angular 2, and Vue in various aspects such as data binding, language-based, technical support, volume, and performance.

As more people use their mobile devices to access the Internet rather than their computers, timeliness is becoming increasingly important. The online layout (including functionality and content) changes to the screen size and hardware in responsive design.

When a person visits a website from a desktop computer with a large monitor, for example, they will see several columns, heavy graphics, and a user interface developed specifically for mouse and keyboard. On mobile devices, the same website shows as a single column with the same base data, but customised for touch input. Take a peek at our responsiveness post for more information.

It's reasonable to infer that Angular 2 offers the greatest capabilities and functions, making it perfect for large commercial projects, especially in the eBusiness sector. React and Vue are strong candidates for live streaming, communication, blogging, and small to medium-sized apps. To exhibit professional UI, a UI framework must also be used when designing an entire front-end component..

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