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# Bridging the Gap: Single-Page Apps and AEM Bruce Lefebvre, Adobe



# Hello

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#### Goals

- Introduce the SPA pattern
- Propose using AngularJS as our framework
- Involve our Authors with AEM
- Prosper in App Stores with PhoneGap

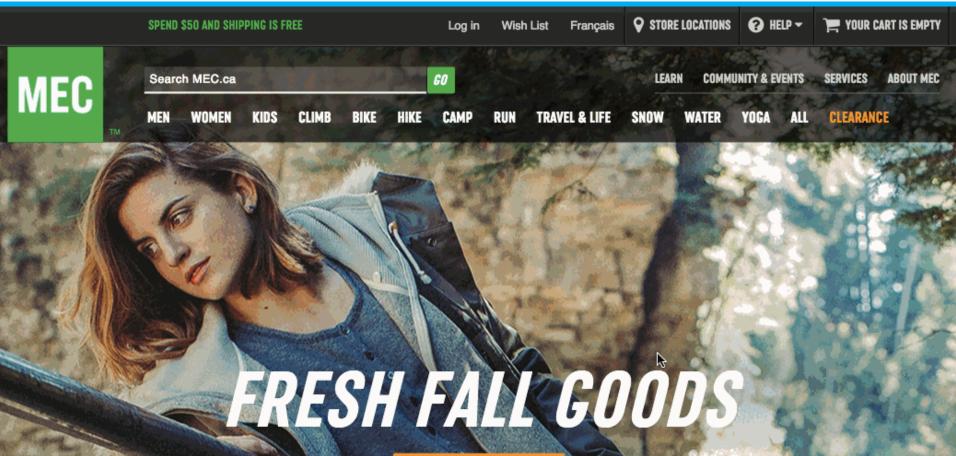


# The Case for Single-Page Apps

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# SPAs: because your customers won't wait

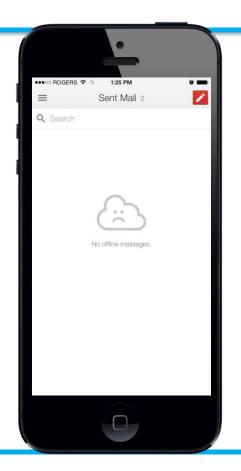




SPAs: because connectivity is not a

guarantee









# Benefits of the SPA pattern

- Fluid, fast transitions between app states
  - Achieve that 'native app' feel
- Limits network requests
  - Using page fragments and/or JSON
- Offline capable
- Many framework options available





# Cons of the SPA pattern



- SEO challenges
- Initial 'time to glass' increase
- Requires JavaScript
- Many framework options available



# Speaking of JavaScript Frameworks...





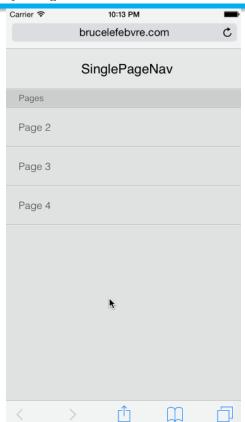
# "When you decide to not pick a public framework, you will end up with a framework anyway: *your own*"

- Ryan Florence, You Can't Not Have a Framework

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#### <Your framework here!>

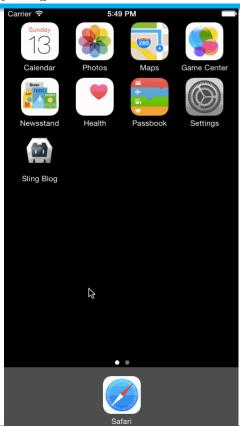


- Getting simpler with ES6/2015
- Early AEM Apps used
   github.com/blefebvre/single-page-nav





# For example: a Single-Page App



- Only one "complete" page
  - often named index.html
- Everything else is loaded dynamically, as required

https://github.com/blefebvre/cordova-sling-blog-sample



# **Introducing Angular**



# Proposal: AngularJS

- Opinionated
  - Means less boilerplate
- Extends HTML vocabulary
  - Components (aka Directives)
- Seamless SPA routing
- Huge community & body of knowledge





# Your first Angular component

- Augment the HTML vocabulary as you wish
- For example:

```
<cant-touch-this>
      can't touch this!
</cant-touch-this>
```

bit.ly/cant-touch





# Your first Angular component

```
app.directive('cantTouchThis', function() {
    var link = function(scope, element, attrs) {
      element.on('mouseenter', function() {
       // move element to random location
      });
                                                       can't touch this!
    return {
      // link this directive to the DOM
      link: link
});
```

#### bit.ly/cant-touch



# In ~30 lines of JS, we've extended HTML



# Basic Routing in Angular



#### HTML:



# Basic Routing in Angular cont'd

#### JS:

```
$routeProvider
.when('/page1', {
   template: '<h3>Page 1 content!</h3>'
})
// define other routes here
.otherwise({
   redirectTo: '/page1'
});
```





#### Controllers

Provide data to your template

# **Route Config:**

```
$routeProvider
.when('/page1', {
   template: '<h3>Page 1. Hello {{name}}!</h3>',
   controller: 'PageController'
})
```





#### Controllers cont'd

## PageController:

```
.controller('PageController', function($scope) {
   $scope.name = 'Bruce';
}]);

Page 1 Page 2 Page ?

Page 1 content. Hello Bruce!
Result
```



#### Services



- Where the work gets done
- Lazily instantiated for speed
- Singletons
- Core Angular services include:
  - \$http
  - \$scope
  - \$location (and many more)



# Services Example

Each service is a factory function

```
app.factory('counterService', function() {
    var count = 1;
    return function() {
       return count++;
    }
}
```

bit.ly/basic-service



# Goal: Authorable content in an Angular SPA





# Challenges

- Single page apps vs. page based system
  - Access control?
  - Reusability of author's skillset?
  - Content reuse across channels?
  - Automated testing?







ex-Googler: "Managing content is hard. We tried it at Google & decided to focus on easier stuff, like self-driving cars."

◆ Reply ★ Retweeted ★ Favorite ••• More

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#### Solution

- Serve complete page on author
- Produce partials for SPA
- Routes generated based on hierarchy
- go(..) navigates based on wcmmode:

```
<a ng-click="go('/content/phonegap/app/en/home/subpage')">
    Subpage
</a>
```



#### Solution cont'd



- Via Sling, each page produces:
  - "Partial"

subpage.template.html

- Data subpage.angular.json
- Supporting assets
- sling:resourceType inheritance FTW!



# **Angular Components in AEM**

- Include cq:template node
  - Prop: frameworkType: angular
- Optional: define a controller
  - Via controller.js.jsp
- Optional: include a data file
  - Via angular.json.jsp





# Goal: App store presence



# Things you can do on Mobile



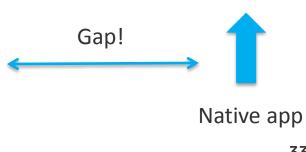


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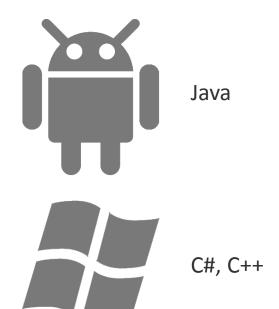


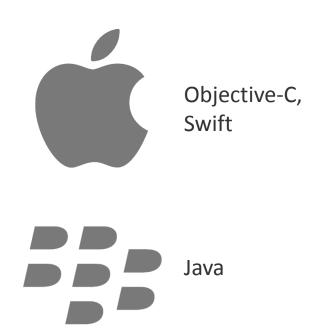






# Mobile platforms 2015

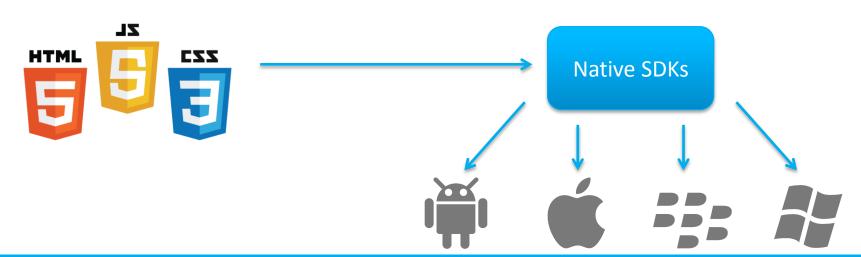






# Enter Cordova/PhoneGap

- Web app wrapped in a device native shell
- Write once, run everywhere\*
  - \*aka "the promised land"





#### But... Web vs. Native!

- Both built on the same set of technologies
- Web capabilities sufficient for most apps



"If a browser doesn't do something its not because it can't;
it's just because we haven't gotten around to implementing that part
yet."

-Brian LeRoux



## Cordova/PhoneGap



## Supported platforms

- iOS
- Android
- BB10
- WP7, WP8, Windows 8
- Amazon Fire OS
- Tizen
- and more...



# Cordova CLI at a glance



## Create your app:

cordova create helloAdaptTo

### Add a platform:

cd helloAdaptTo
cordova platform add ios

## Run your app on a simulator:

cordova emulate ios



# Cordova Plugins

### Core:

- Camera
- Geolocation
- Accelerometer
- File
- Contacts
- Events
- Connection
- Notification
- And many more...

#### New!

- ContentSync
- Push plugin
- NativePageTransitions





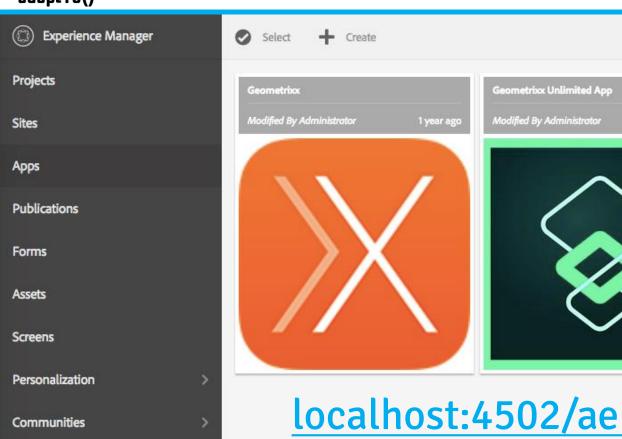
# Let's bring it all together





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## **AEM Apps: In Action**



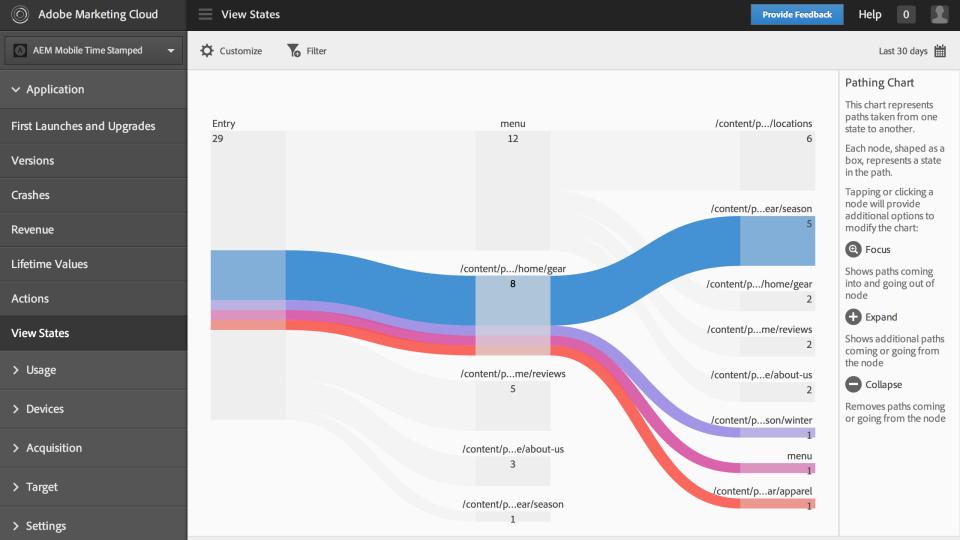
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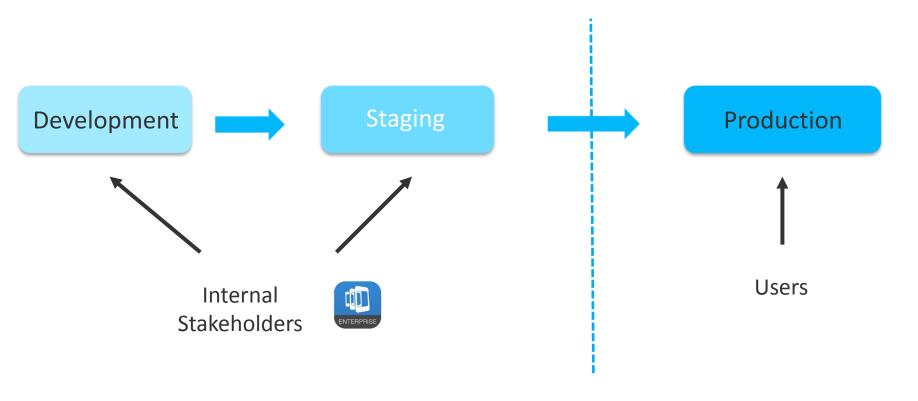
## **AEM Apps**

- Manage app content w/o writing code
- Push Over the Air content updates
- AngularJS integration
- Send push notifications from AEM
- App analytics with Adobe Mobile Services





## "PhoneGap Enterprise" Viewer App



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# **AEM Apps: Demo time!**





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## Thanks!

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## References

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- Pedestrian Detour
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- Hardhat and gloves Compliance and Safety
- Devices image
- Unixstickers 'all the things'

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