SolidJS

Simple and performant reactivity for building user interfaces

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Focus:

- Web
- Security





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Agenda

- SolidJS Reactivity
- JSON Web Token
- Component Props
- Control Flow
- Stores
- Async



SolidJS Basics

Components, Reactivity & more



What is SolidJS?

- Performant
- Powerful
- Pragmatic
- Productive





Performant

Name Duration for	vanillajs	solid- v1.5.4	vue- v3.2.47	svelte- v3.58.0	angular- v15.0.1	react- v18.2.0
Implementation notes	772					
Implementation link	code	code	code	code	code	code
create rows creating 1,000 rows (5 warmup runs).	37.9 ± 0.4 (1.07)	36.4 ± 0.2 (1.03)	42.0 ± 0.7 (1.18)	48.4 ± 0.1 (1.37)	45.7 ± 0.5 (1.29)	47.5 ± 0.6 (1.34)
replace all rows updating all 1,000 rows (5 warmup runs).	38.4 ± 0.3 (1.00)	40.7 ± 0.3 (1.06)	44.8 ± 0.5 (1.17)	51.4 ± 0.7 (1.34)	48.2 ± 0.6 (1.25)	52.8 ± 0.3 (1.37)
partial update updating every 10th row for 1,000 rows (3 warmup runs). 16 x CPU slowdown.	88.4 ± 2.3 (1.01)	90.4 ± 2.0 (1.03)	103.5 ± 3.4 (1.18)	103.0 ± 3.0 (1.17)	96.7 ± 2.5 (1.10)	128.1 ± 3.0 (1.46)
select row highlighting a selected row. (5 warmup runs). 16 x CPU slowdown.	11.8 ± 1.3 (1.24)	13.1 ± 1.0 (1.37)	22.1 ± 1.3 (2.31)	15.8 ± 1.3 (1.65)	15.6 ± 1.0 (1.64)	39.3 ± 0.6 (4.12)
swap rows swap 2 rows for table with 1,000 rows. (5 warmup runs). 4 x CPU slowdown.	25.0 ± 0.8 (1.01)	28.7 ± 0.5 (1.16)	29.0 ± 0.8 (1.17)	27.6 ±0.9 (1.11)	166.0 ± 1.0 (6.71)	163.5 ±0.7 (6.61)
remove row removing one row. (5 warmup runs). 4 x CPU slowdown.	38.8 ± 0.9 (1.01)	39.6 ± 1.1 (1.03)	45.8 ± 1.1 (1.20)	41.1 ± 1.1 (1.07)	42.3 ±1.2 (1.10)	47.7 ± 1.3 (1.25)
create many rows creating 10,000 rows. (5 warmup runs with 1k rows).	398.2 ± 1.7 (1.00)	420.5 ± 3.5 (1.06)	475.3 ±1.5 (1.19)	524.0 ± 3.6 (1.32)	474.2 ±1.9 (1.19)	661.5 ± 2.4 (1.66)
append rows to large table appending 1,000 to a ta- ble of 10,000 rows. 2 x CPU slowdown.	82.2 ± 0.6 (1.00)	85.4 ± 0.5 (1.04)	94.7 ± 0.8 (1.15)	109.1 ± 0.4 (1.33)	101.7 ±0.8 (1.24)	115.0 ± 0.7 (1.40)
clear rows clearing a table with 1,000 rows. 8 x CPU slowdown. (5 warmup runs).	29.2 ± 0.7 (1.02)	34.5 ± 0.6 (1.20)	34.7 ± 1.2 (1.21)	40.5 ± 1.0 (1.41)	61.1 ± 1.7 (2.13)	37.9 ± 1.0 (1.32)
geometric mean of all factors in the table	1.04	1.10	1.27	1.30	1.60	1.87



7 Source: https://krausest.github.io/js-framework-benchmark/2023/table_chrome_114.0.5735.90.html

Essentials of SolidJS Components

- JSX Syntax: good support in all editors & TypeScript
- **Component Composition:** Nested and reusable components
- Rerender Control: executed once

 only the parts of the UI that are
 affected by the change will be
 updated
- Component Lifecycle: onMount & onCleanup

```
function MyButton() {
  return (<button>I'm a button</button>);
}
export default function MyApp() {
  onMount(() =>
     console.log("app mounted")
  );
  return (
```

```
<div>
```

```
<h1>Welcome to my app</h1>
```

<MyButton />

```
</div>
```

);



Reactivity: Signals

- createSignal is the basic building block
- returns a getter and setter function
- SolidJS tracks signal *getter* usage in components
- on setter usage, all depended components are updated
- updates are fine-grained and do not force a component rerender

```
function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(1);
  const increment = () =>
    setCount(count() + 1);
```

```
return (
<button type="button" onClick={increment}>
    {count()}
</button>
);
```



Derived Signals

- Functions wrapping signals also behave as signals.
- Reactivity Source: Derived signals gain reactivity from accessed signals.

```
function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);
  const doubleCount = () => count() * 2;
  setInterval(() => setCount(count() + 1), 1000);
  return <div>Count: {doubleCount()}</div>;
```



createEffect

- Run side effects when dependencies change
- Dependencies: Signals, Memos, Props, Stores
- Effects are meant primarily for side effects that read but don't write to the reactive system

```
function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(0);
  createEffect(() => {
    console.log("The count is now", count());
  });
  return <button onClick={() => setCount(count() + 1)}>Click Me</button>;
}
```





createMemo

- Memos are both an observer, like an effect, and a read-only signal
- Run only once for any change
- Cache values in order to reduce duplicated work

```
function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = createSignal(1);
  const fib = createMemo(() => {
    console.log('Calculating Fibonacci');
    return fibonacci(count());
  });
  return <button onClick={() => setCount(count() + 1)}>{fib()}{fib()}</button>;
}
```

JSON Web Token

Short JWT introduction



JSON Web Tokens (JWT)

- **JWT Definition**: Digitally signed tokens for secure data exchange.
- **Self-contained**: Encodes all relevant information within the token.
- **Usage**: Primarily for authentication and secure information exchange.
- Scalable Authorization: Stateless design reduces server load.
- **Data Transmission**: Flexible, supports claims for multiple parties.



Structure of a JWT

- Header: Defines token type (JWT) and signing algorithm used.
- **Payload**: Contains claims or pieces of information about the entity.
- **Signature**: Ensures the sender's identity and data integrity.
- **Encoding**: Each part Base64Url encoded, separated by periods.

• Format:

encodedHeader.encodedPayload.sig nature for a complete JWT.

Example:

eyJhbGci0iJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9 .eyJzdWIi0iI0MiIsIm5hbWUi0iJBcnRodXI iLCJpYXQi0jE1MTYyMzkwMjJ9.kxQ5yjGcYt _H_uDihzbrx9G7sAQP9rdhl_sc0VgtUrM

```
{
    "alg": "HS256",
    "typ": "JWT"
}
{
    "sub": "42",
    "name": "Arthur",
    "iat": 1516239022
```





JWT are typically send with every request in the *Authorization* HTTP header as *Bearer Token*.

Example: curl -X GET \ -H "Authorization: Bearer eyJhbG...VgtUrM" \ https://example.com/api/resource



JWT Disclaimers

- Treat JWT as secrets and never paste them into websites
- Use local tools (you trust) to explore JWTs
 - Do not implement verification yourself
- Token revocation is a hard problem
- Big JWT increase the size of every request



Exercise 1: Signals & Effects

- 1. git clone https://github.com/meldron/solid-jwt-workshop.git
- 2. Follow setup and run instructions
- 3. Open **src/App.tsx** and add reactivity to **Token** text area so that new Tokens update Header, Payload & co
- 4. Bonus: verify Token





Component Props & Control FLow



Component Properties

- Props: readonly reactive properties passed to components
- Consistent Form: unchanged by signals, expressions, or static values
- Access Method: utilized via props.propName
- Avoid Destructuring : Prevents reactivity loss outside tracking scope
- Utility Functions: merge/split reactive objects, preserving reactivity



Component Properties Example

```
interface GreetingProps {
                                                          <Greeting name="Bernd"/>
  name: string;
  age?: number;
                                                          renders as
}
                                                          Hello, my name is Bernd.
const Greeting: Component<GreetingProps> = (props) => { I am 42 years old.
  const merged = mergeProps({ age: 42 }, props);
  return (
   <div>
     Hello, my name is {merged.name}.
     I am {merged.age} years old.
   </div>
  );
};
```



Control Flow

- Solid provides several control flow components:
 Show, For, ErrorBoundary, Switch / Match, Index, Suspense, Dynamic, Portal
- Should be preferred over JS control flow (e.g., Array.map)
 - **Fine-grained Reactivity**: Only affected components rerender.
 - **Memory Efficiency**: Automatic cleanup of signal listeners.
 - **Syntax Consistency**: Embed control logic directly in JSX.
 - Keyed Updates: Better tracking and handling of lists



Show Component

- Conditionally renders children, if the when condition is true
- When used with a callback, the callback is only executed, if the condition is null asserted
- Optionally can be keyed to a specific data model => the function is re-executed whenever the model is replaced

```
<Show when={merged.age > 17}
    fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
    <div>My Mature Content</div>
</Show>
```

```
<Show when={merged.user}
fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
{(user) => <div>{user.name}</div>}
</Show>
```

```
<Show when={merged.user}
keyed>
{(user) => <div>{user.name}</div>}
</Show>
```



For Component

- Iterates over lists for rendering
- Accepts an each and fallback prop
- The callback takes the current item as the first argument
- The optional second argument is an *index* signal
- On a list change, updates or moves items in the DOM

```
<For each={merged.users}
fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
{(item, index) => (
<div>
#{index()} {item.name} - {item.age}
</div>
)}
</For>
```



ErrorBoundary Component

- Catches uncaught errors and renders fallback content
- Also supports callback form which passes in error and a reset function.

```
<ErrorBoundary
fallback={<div>My Bad</div>}>
<Greeting name="Test"/>
</ErrorBoundary>
```

```
<ErrorBoundary
fallback={
   (err, reset) =>
    <div onClick={reset}>
    Error: {err.toString()}
    </div>
}>
   <Greeting name="Test"/>
</ErrorBoundary>
```



Exercise 2: Refactor into Components

- Refactor the app into multiple components with props
 - TokenInput
 - Header
 - Payload
 - o ...
- Use Control Flow Components to enhance the user experience
 - For loop over header properties / values
 - Show an error message if the JWT is invalid (not set)
 - o ...
- Use .tsx as file extension for components
- Bonus: verify token only for HS256 JWTs







Stores

- Stores are proxy objects supporting nested reactivity
- Signals are created as needed under tracking scopes
- createStore returns a readonly store proxy and a setter function
- Merges new properties with state and supports nested updates
- **Path Syntax**: Allows powerful iteration, range capabilities and granular reactivity

```
28 Source: https://www.solidjs.com/tutorial/stores_createstore
```

```
const [todos, setTodos] =
  createStore([]);
```

```
const addTodo = (text) => {
  setTodos(
    [...todos,
    { id: ++todoId,
      text.
      completed: false
    }]);
const toggleTodo = (id) => {
  setTodos(
    todo => todo.id === id,
    "completed",
    completed => !completed
  );
```



Store Mutations

- Solid strongly recommends the use of shallow immutable patterns for updating state
- **produce** is and an <u>Immer</u> inspired store modifier
- **produce** mutates writable proxy version of the Store

```
const [todos, setTodos] =
  createStore([]);
const addTodo = (text) => {
  setTodos(
    produce((todos) => {
      todos.push(
        { id: ++todoId,
          text,
          completed: false
      );
    }));
};
const toggleTodo = (id) => {
  setTodos(
    todo => todo.id === id,
    produce((todo) =>
     (todo.completed =
        !todo.completed)),
  );
```



Exercise 3: add Stores

- Add store(s) in separate file(s) (use .ts file extension)
- Use store in your components to pass state around







createResource

- **createResource** provides simple and efficient data-fetching.
- Streamlines handling of async operations in UI.
- Automatically handles component re-render on data change.
- Built-in suspense and error boundary support.

```
const [data, { refetch }] =
  createResource(requestToken);
```

return (

<>

);

```
<Show when={data()}>{data()}</Show>
<Show when={data.loading}> </Show>
<Show when={data.error}>
    {data.error.message}
</Show>
</></>></>>
```



More Async Helper

- **lazy**: Allows dynamic import of components to supports code splitting
- **Suspense**: coordinating multiple async events, eliminating partial loading states, and offering fallback during resolvement
- SuspenseList: allows grouping and ordering the reveal of loaded Suspense components
- **useTransition**: maintaining current view until all asynchronous events are complete



Exercise 4: Async Calls

- cd into token-server/ and run npm run start
- Explore src/facts.ts
- Use a createResource to load a JWT with requestToken
- Use getFact with the loaded JWT to receive a animal fact
- Display animal fact



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