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Zepto!
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“real” computer

- Fast and stable network connection
- Lots of storage
- Fast, multi-core CPUs
- Hardware-accelerated graphics


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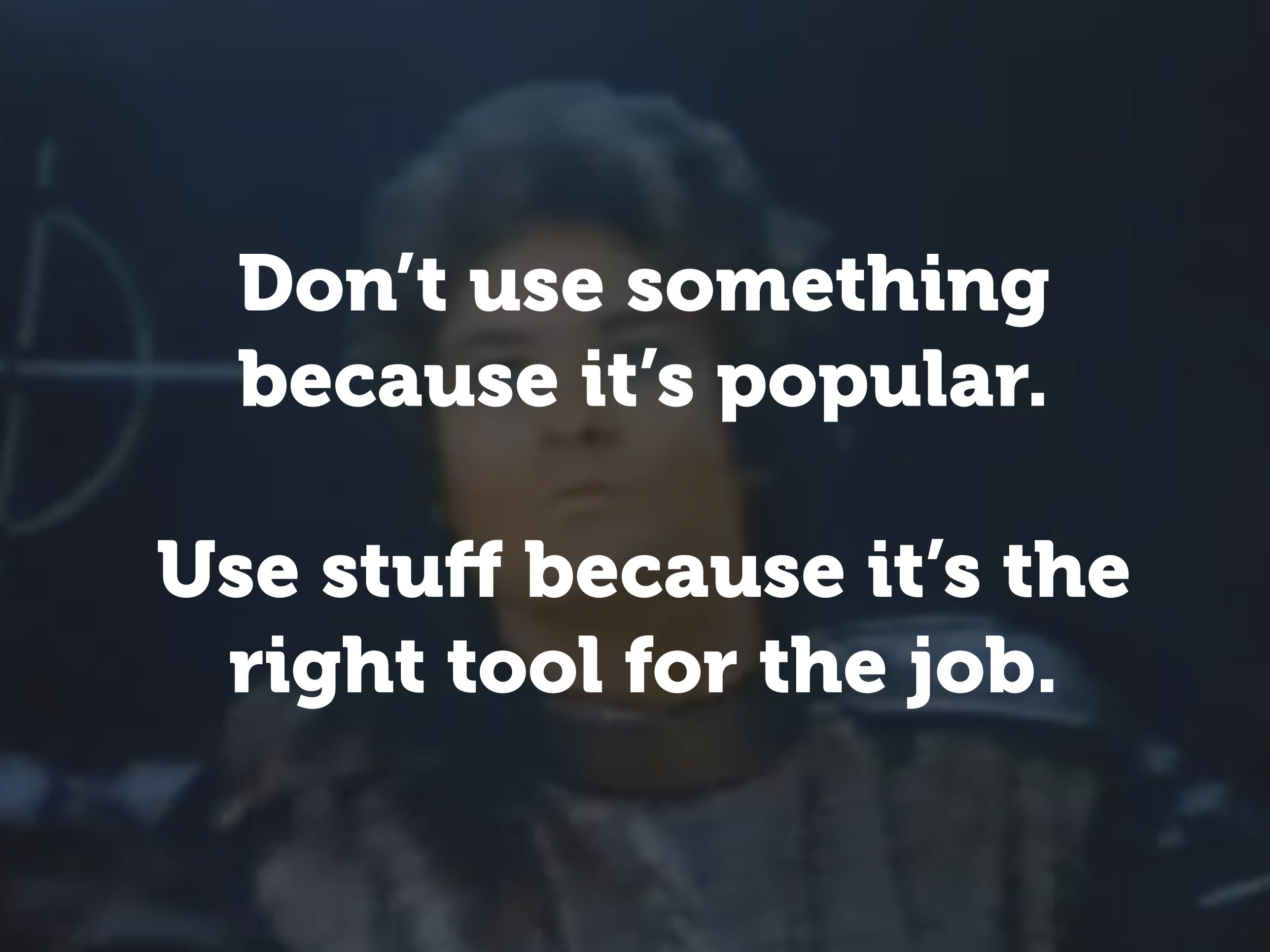
- Slow & unstable network connection
- Limited storage
- Slow CPUs
- Hardware acceleration only on iOS

All major JS libs where created before phones had web browsers to write home about.


Don’t use something because it’s popular.
Use stuff because it’s the right tool for the job.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WebKit

Proprietary features

Adoption of features from JavaScript frameworks

Proprietary features are awesome

CSS Selectors

```
document.querySelectorAll('div.awesome > p')
```

full featured CSS3 selectors

```
// select all li elements with both "just" and "testing"
classnames
document.querySelectorAll('li.just.testing')

// how many paragraphs?
document.querySelectorAll('p').length

// select even paragraphs
document.querySelectorAll('p:nth-child(2n+1)')
```

```
[].slice.apply(nodelist)
```

convert to
JavaScript array

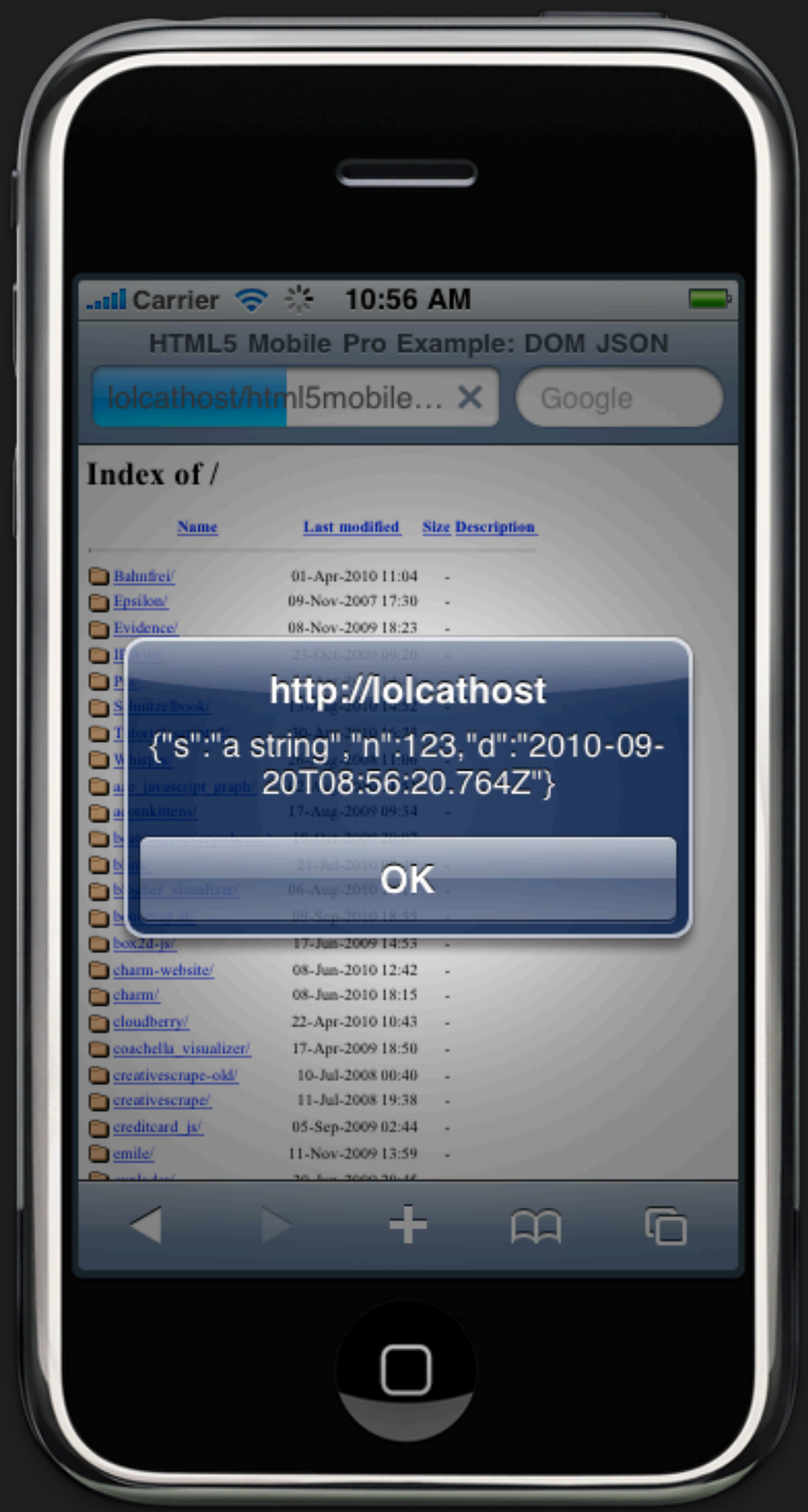
document.querySelectorAll returns a NodeList, not an array

querySelectorAll

- Full-featured CSS selectors
- No need for external JavaScript libraries
- Fast, native implementation
- Returns a NodeList, not an array

JSON

```
JSON.stringify({
    s: 'a string',
    n: 123,
    d: new Date
})
```



```
JSON.parse('{"some":"json","test":123}')
```

Native JSON

- Parsing JSON (convert to JS object)
- Serializing JS objects to JSON
- Fast, native implementation
- No problem with security of “eval” as in some JavaScript-based implementations

Array iteration

```
[1,2,3].forEach(alert);
```

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```

array with three numbers

```
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```

forEach is a native function on arrays, taking a function argument

```
[1,2,3].forEach(alert);
```

call with `window.alert` function

```
[1,2,3].forEach(alert);
```

```
[].slice.apply(nodelist).forEach(
  function(element){
    alert(element.innerHTML);
  }
);
```

Iterate through all elements found, alerting the element's contents

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No more for loops required

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Mobile JavaScript framework?

Why not use Prototype, jQuery or other frameworks?

Some functionality is not supported or not meaningful on mobile devices.

resizing & scrolling
orientation
fixed positioning
fonts
SVG

More code causes longer download and initialization times.

Most of the downloaded code isn’t even used.

(there’s no IE 6 to support on mobile phones, lucky us)

A lot of the rest of the code is duplicating features that are directly available as native implementations.

Goals for a mobile JavaScript framework

Reduce code size as much as possible to keep download and initialization times down.

Easy to use API—possibly emulating jQuery because developers already know it.

Easy to extend and customize—again, jQuery has a familiar plugin/extension mechanism

Ideally, have a fallback mechanism in case it's run on non-WebKit mobile browsers.

It’s not so important what’s there, but what’s not there.

Meet zepto.js

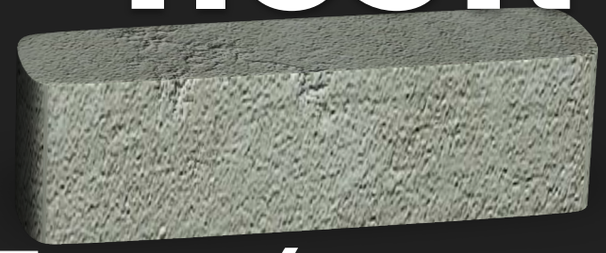
http://github.com/madrobby/zepto

- Target size: 5K
- jQuery-compatible API
- Uses mobile WebKit features whenever possible
- Easily replaceable with jQuery proper if needed
- Doesn't cover all of jQuery (but lots of it!)

31.33K

jQuery 1.6

4.83K



Zepto (master)

```
function $(selector, context){
  if (!selector) return Z();
  if (context !== undefined) return $(context).find(selector);
  else if (isF(selector)) return $(document).ready(selector);
  else if (selector instanceof Z) return selector;
  else {
    var dom;
    if (isA(selector)) dom = compact(selector);
    else if (selector instanceof Element || selector === window || selector === document)
      dom = [selector], selector = null;
    else if (fragmentRE.test(selector)) dom = fragment(selector);
    else if (selector.nodeType && selector.nodeType == 3) dom = [selector];
    else dom = $$(document, selector);
    return Z(dom, selector);
  }
}
```

Various special cases

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```

Main use case `$(some selector)`

```
$.qsa = $$ = function(element, selector){
  return slice.call(element.querySelectorAll(selector));
}
```

this saves ~6k of selector engine code

```
function Z(dom, selector){
  dom = dom || [];
  dom.__proto__ = Z.prototype;
  dom.selector = selector || '';
  return dom;
}

Z.prototype = $.fn;
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make sure dom is a JavaScript array

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swap out the
prototype,
but leave “length”
and other properties
intact, uses the
proprietary
__proto__ property

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Z.prototype is pointing to $.fn which holds all methods that are used on found elements

```
$.fn = {
    forEach: [].forEach,
    map: [].map,
    reduce: [].reduce,
    push: [].push,
    indexOf: [].indexOf,
    concat: [].concat,
```

Reusing array methods, works because
we have an array-like object

`this` is an array-like of resulting nodes
and a Zepto object at the same time

```
is: function(selector){
  return this.length > 0 && $(this[0]).filter(selector).length > 0;
},
```

`insertAdjacentElement` is IE-proprietary, but supported by WebKit

```
var adjacencyOperators = {append: 'beforeEnd', prepend: 'afterBegin', before: 'beforeBegin', after: 'afterEnd'};

for (key in adjacencyOperators)
  $.fn[key] = (function(operator) {
    return function(html){
      return this.each(function(index, element){
        if (html instanceof Z) {
          dom = html;
          if (operator == 'afterBegin' || operator == 'afterEnd')
            for (var i=0; i<dom.length; i++) element['insertAdjacentElement'](operator, dom[dom.length-i-1]);
          else
            for (var i=0; i<dom.length; i++) element['insertAdjacentElement'](operator, dom[i]);
        } else {
          element['insertAdjacent'+(html instanceof Element ? 'Element' : 'HTML')](operator, html);
        }
      });
    };
})(adjacencyOperators[key]);
```

(doesn't work on Firefox!)

Zepto.js

http://github.com/madrobby/zepto

- CSS Selectors and DOM manipulation
- Ajax including x-domain JSONP
- Events (including touch events)
- Polyfills and bug fixes for older WebKits
- Modular (can leave out events, xhr, etc.)
- WebKit only! (with focus on mobile)

Basecamp for iPhone, Android, Blackberry, and Palm.

http://basecamphq.com/mobile

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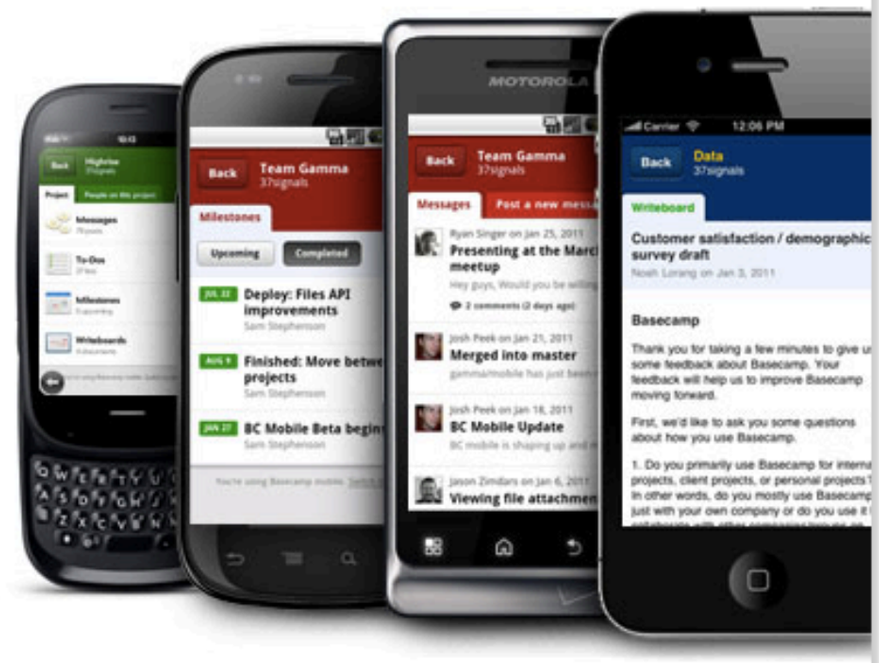

Custom made for popular mobile phones and devices.

Basecamp mobile works on the following devices: iPhone 3GS, iPhone 4, iPad, Motorola Droid X, Motorola Droid 2, Samsung Galaxy S, HTC Incredible, HTC Evo, Palm Pre 2, BlackBerry Torch, and any device running iOS 4+, Android 2.1+,


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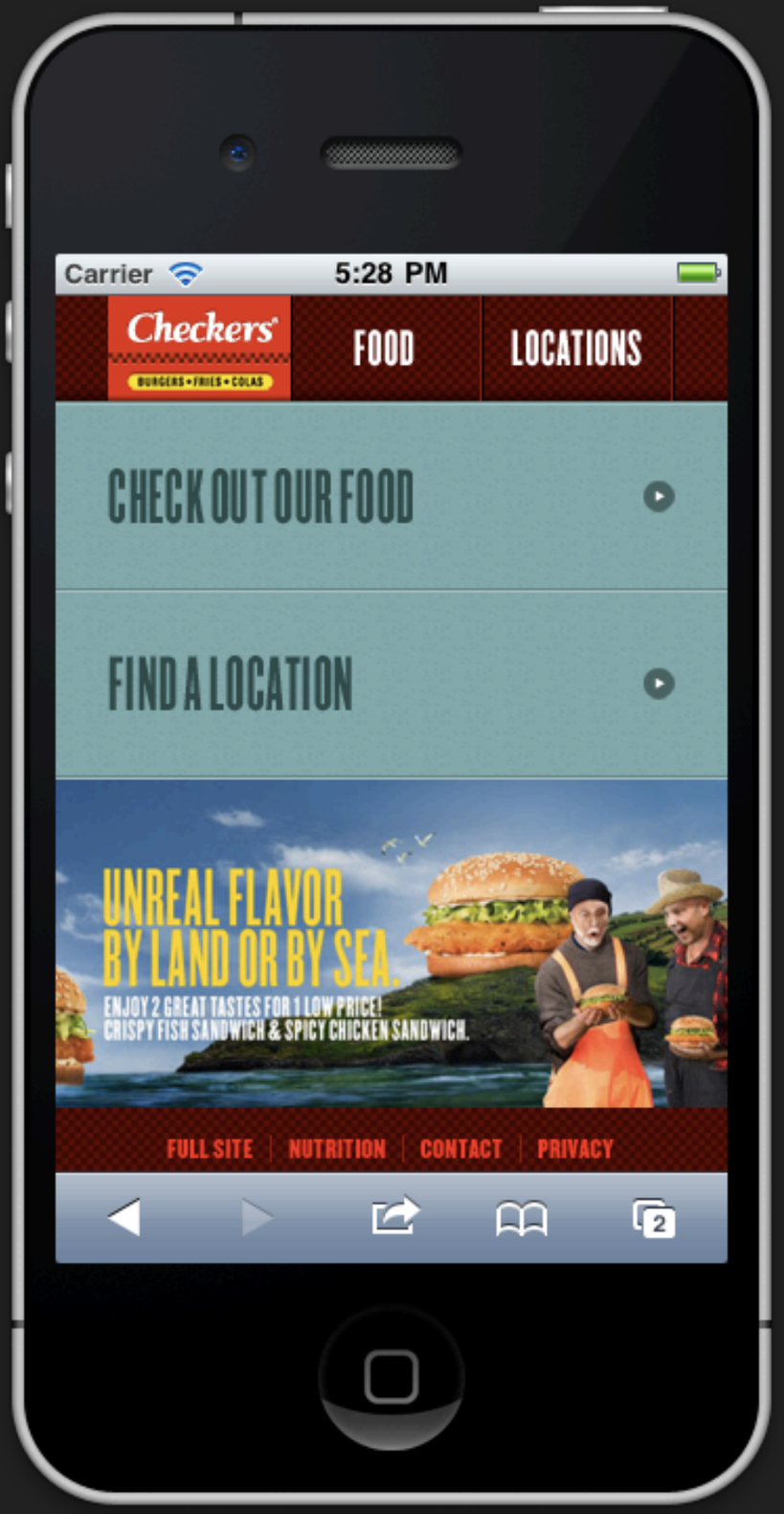

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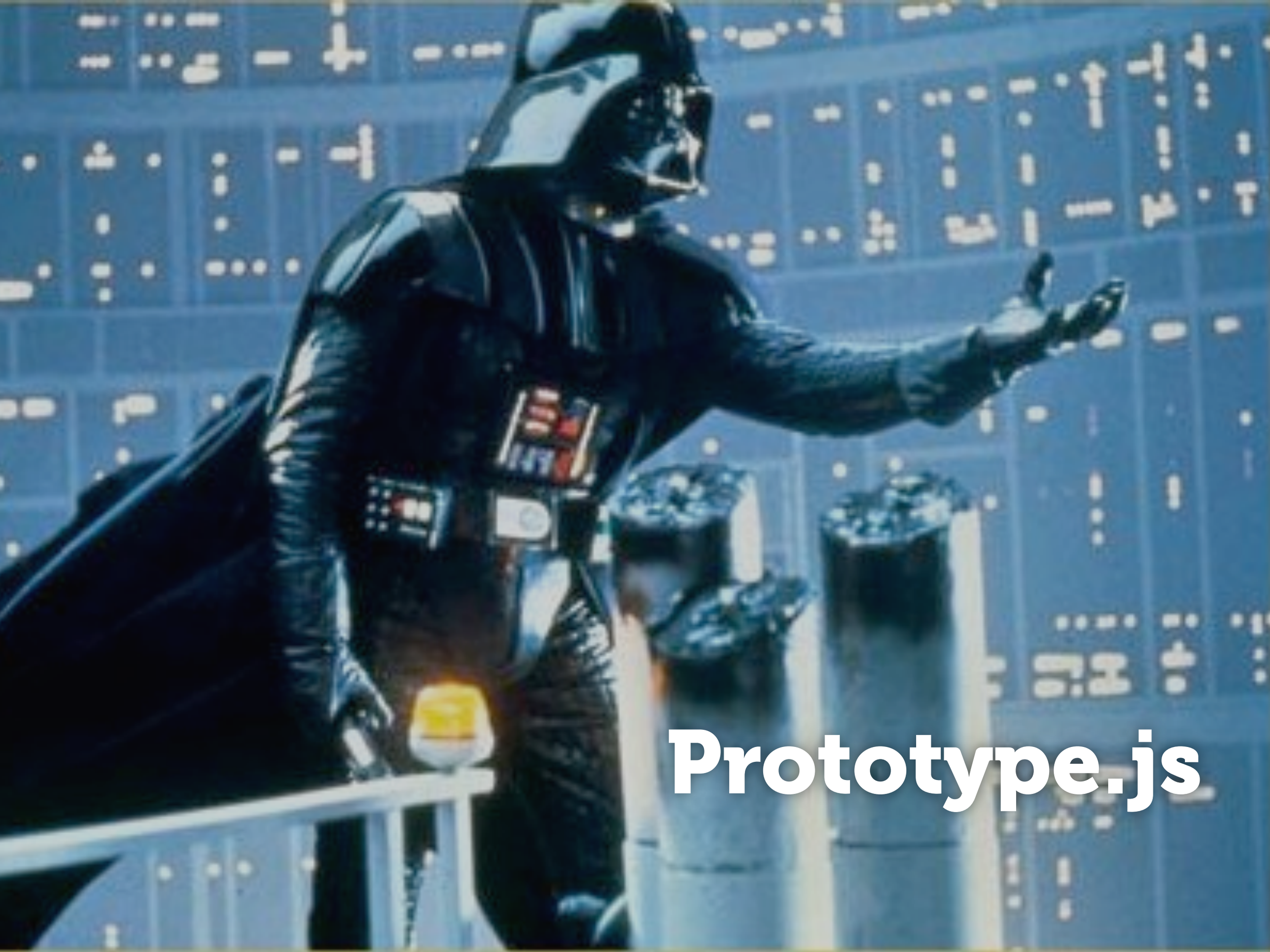

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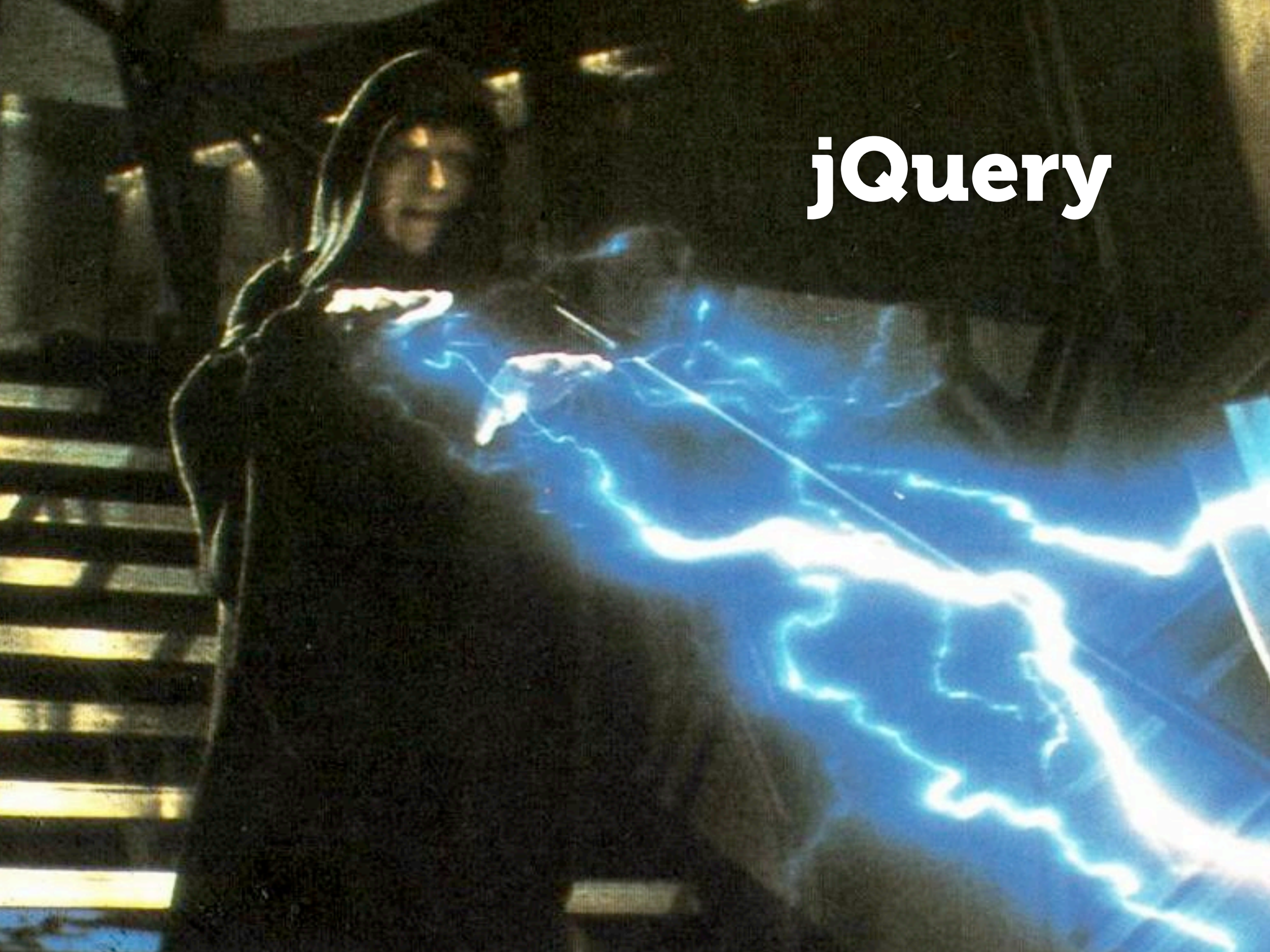

jQuery


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Micro-Frameworks

you/users are the rebels —the ewoks are helping you achieve your goals

Classic frameworks


Do all things and do it ok-ish


Force you into an API


Not modular/not modular enough


25k+ minified & gzipped


Many extensions are now available in the DOM or JavaScript

Micro-Frameworks

(are awesome!)

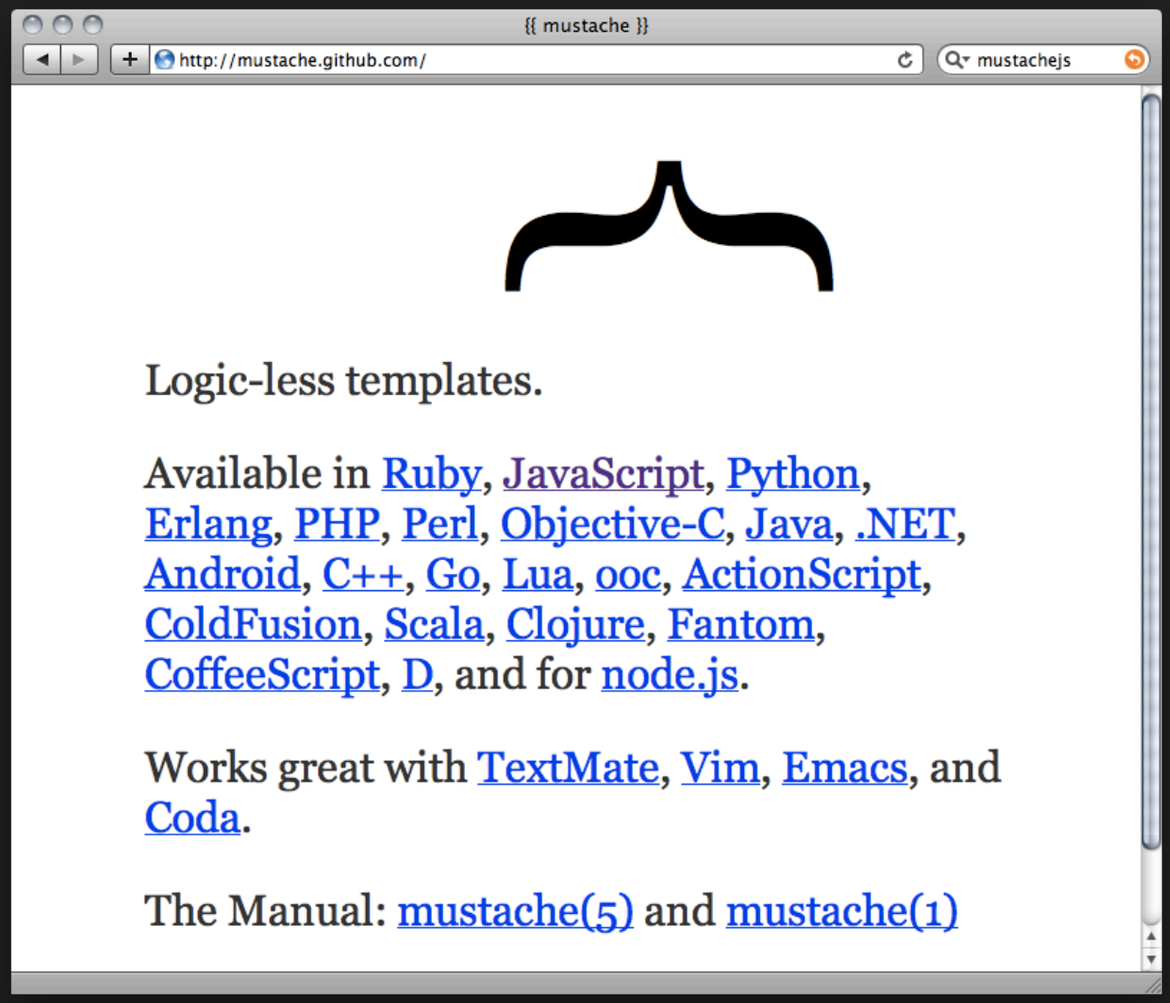
do one thing and do it really well

smaller than 5k, minified & gzipped

use directly or loosely coupled

Small is beautiful

- easier to understand code & fork
- downloads and runs faster
- fewer bugs (less code!)
- …and you'll learn how JavaScript REALLY works



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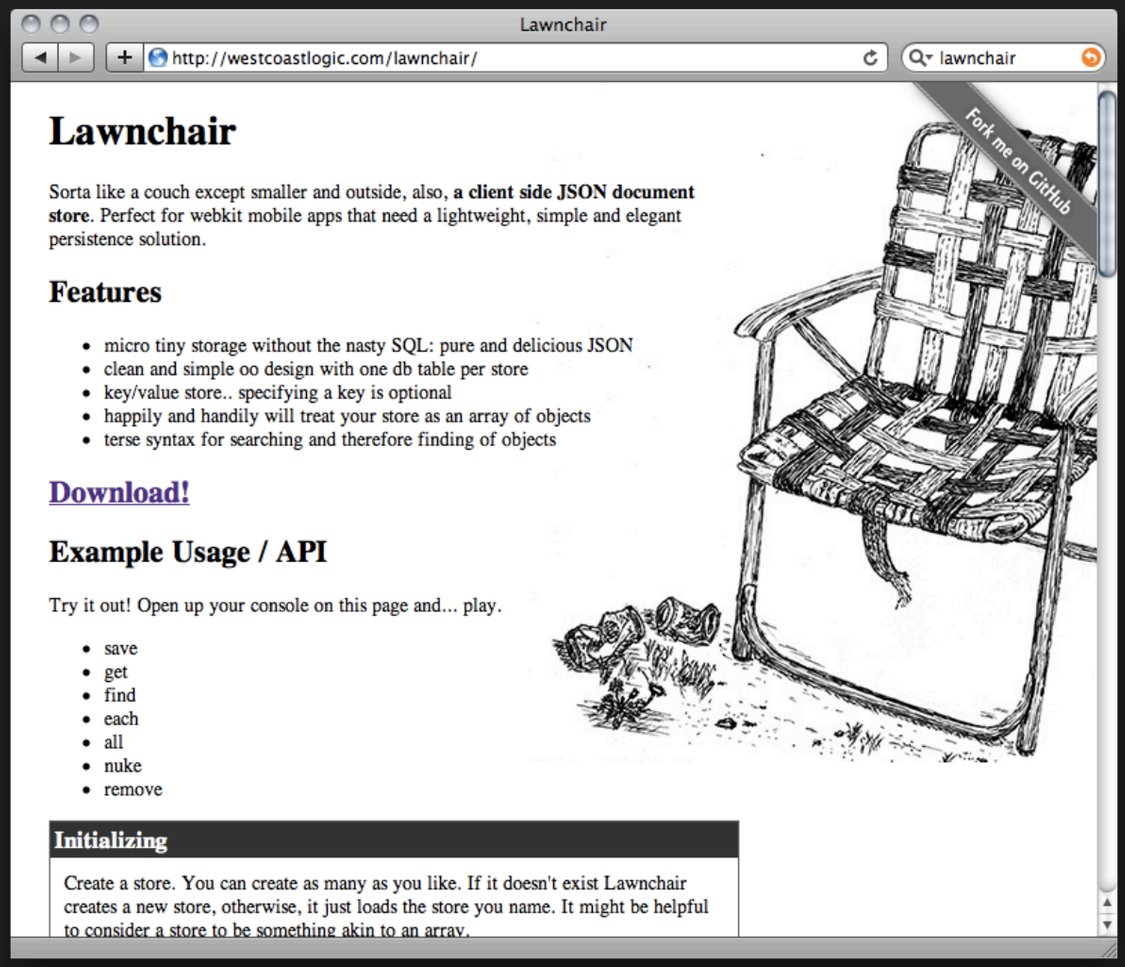

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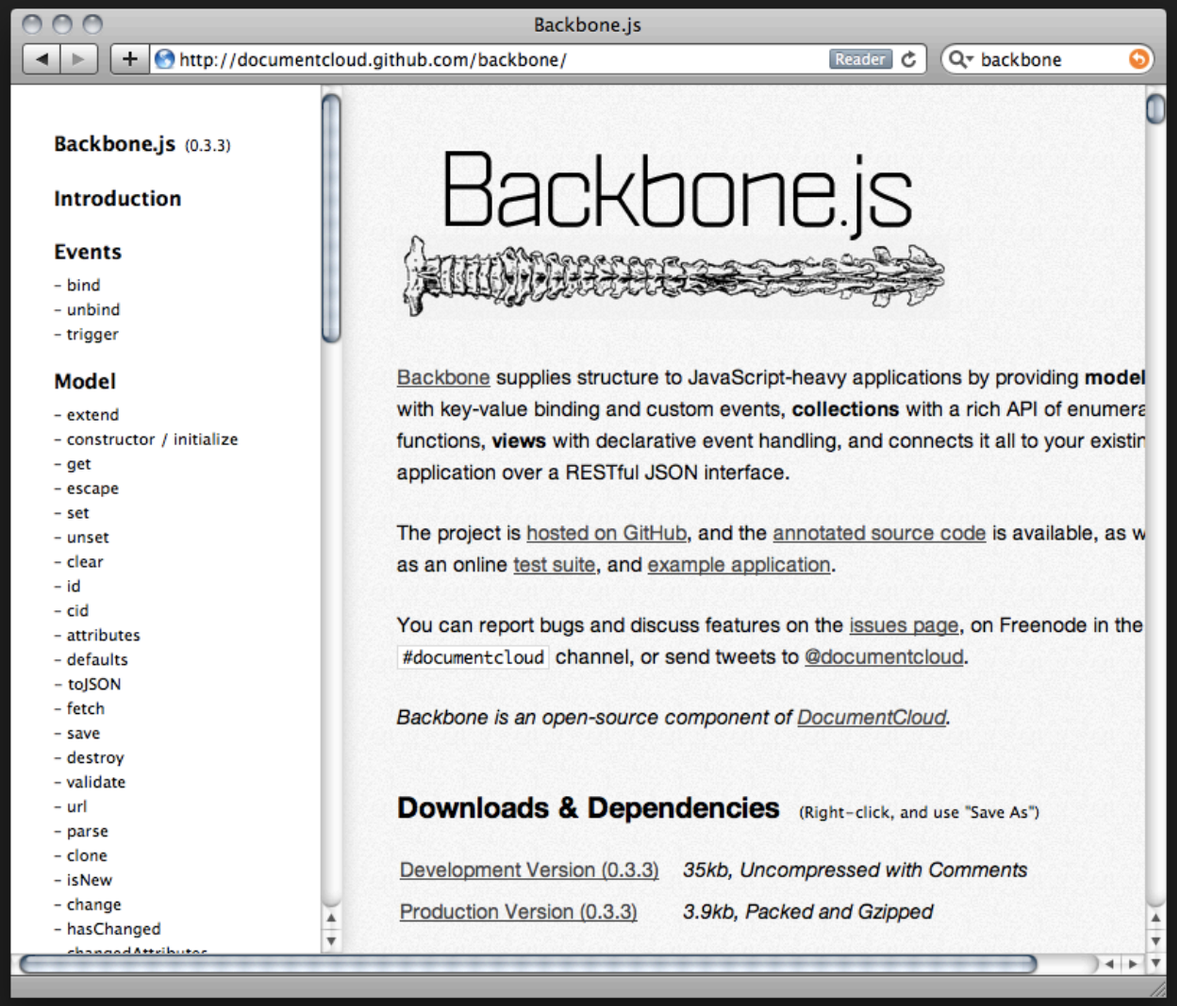

Backbone.js ~ 3.9k

But how do I know what's out there?


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Minimal, logic-less templating with {{mustaches}}. Great for server- or client-side templating.
1.5k
Tweet-Templ
function t(s,d){for(var p in d)s=s.replace(new RegExp('{'+p+'}','g'),d[p]);return s;}
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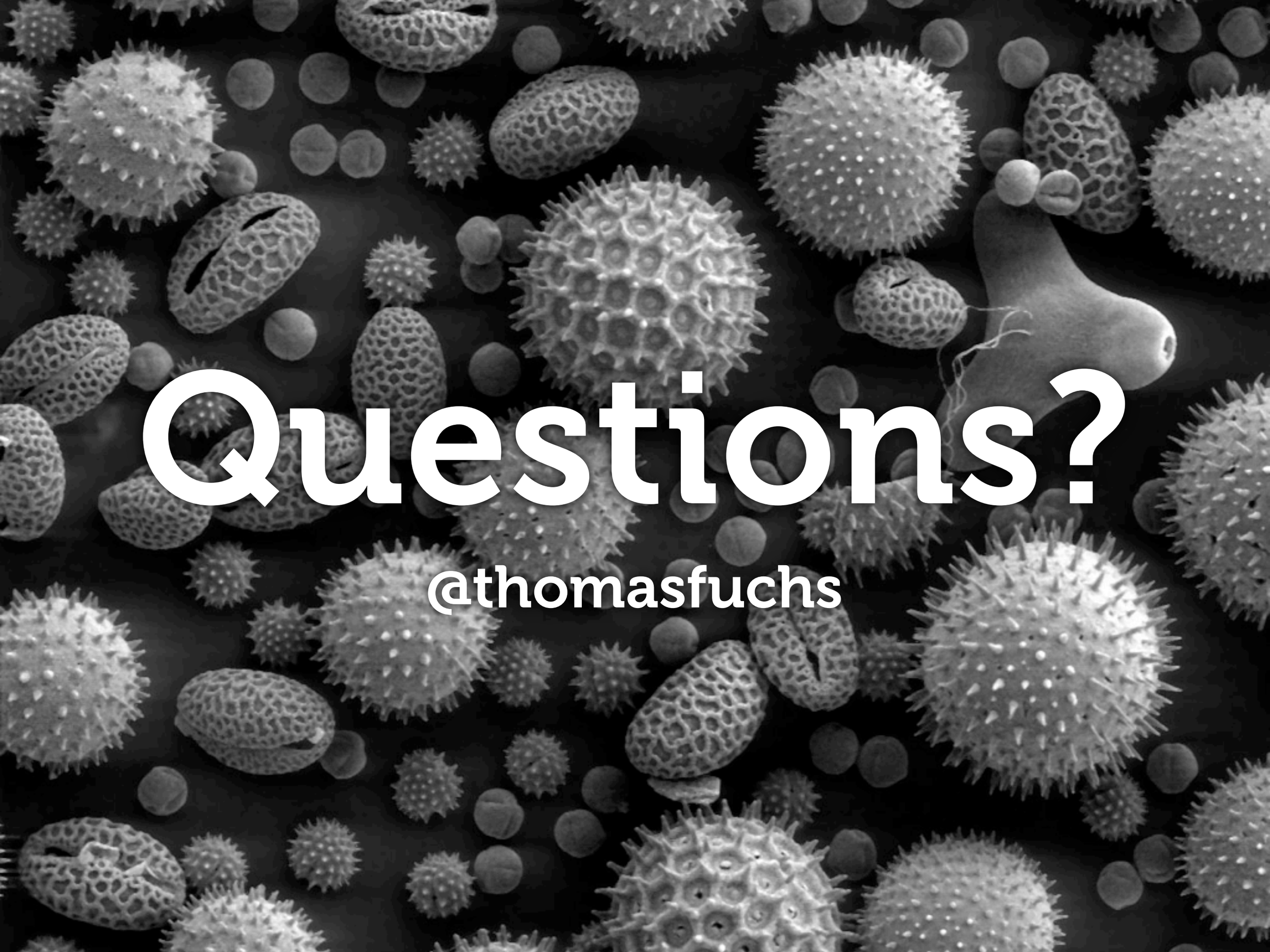
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