STHLM.JS



Stencil 101

Introduction to a web components library like no other



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Who are we?

Introducing myself and introducing OVH OVH Cloud





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OVHcloud: A Global Leader

200k Private cloud VMs running

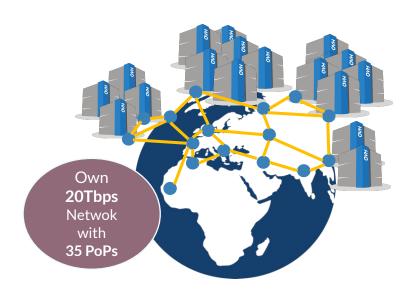


Dedicated IaaS Europe

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Hosting capacity: **1.3M** Physical
Servers

360k Servers already deployed



30 Datacenters

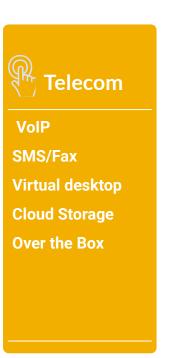
> 1.3M Customers in 138 Countries

OVHcloud: Our solutions







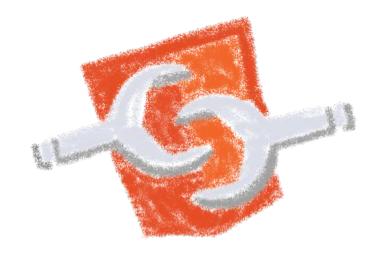




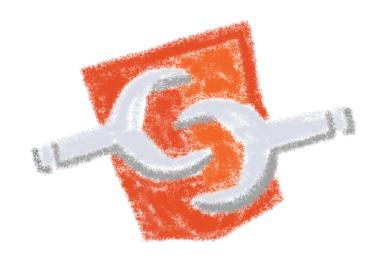


The 3 minutes context

What the heck are web component?



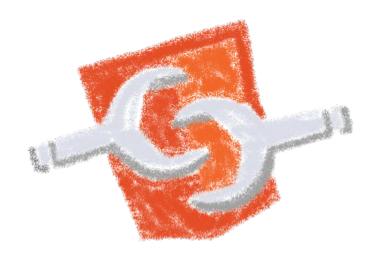




Web standard W3C



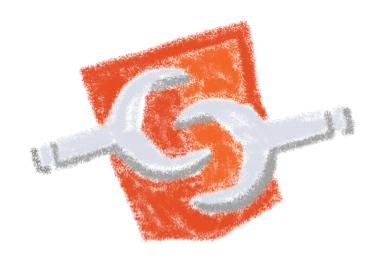




Available in all modern browsers: Firefox, Safari, Chrome

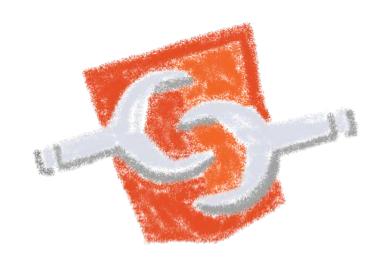




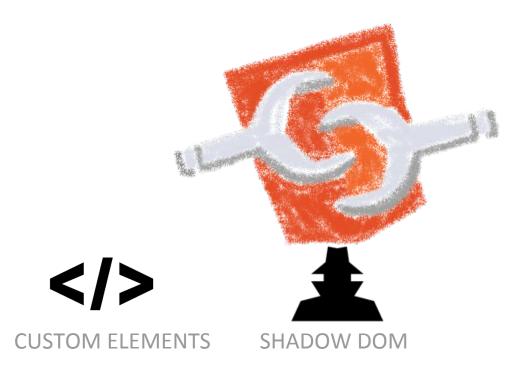


Create your own HTML tags Encapsulating look and behavior





Fully interoperable
With other web components, with any framework









Custom Element



To define your own HTML tag

```
<body>
  <script>
   window.customElements.define('my-element',
        class extends HTMLElement {...});
  </script>
  <my-element></my-element>
</body>
```

Shadow DOM



To encapsulate subtree and style in an element

```
Hello, world!
```



```
<button>Hello, world!</button>
<script>
var host = document.querySelector('button');
const shadowRoot = host.attachShadow({mode:'open'});
shadowRoot.textContent = 'こんにちは、影の世界!';
</script>
```

こんにちは、影の世界!



Template



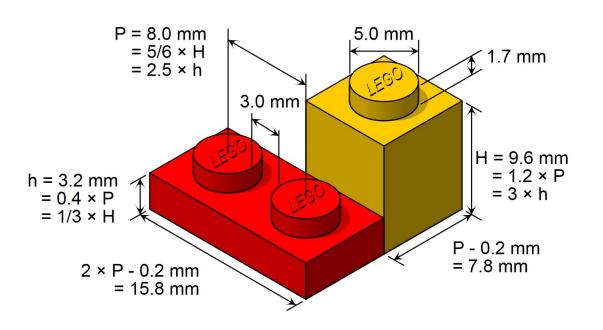
To have clonable document template

```
<template id="mytemplate">
  <img src="" alt="great image">
  <div class="comment"></div>
</template>
var t = document.querySelector('#mytemplate');
// Populate the src at runtime.
t.content.querySelector('img').src = 'logo.png';
var clone = document.importNode(t.content, true);
document.body.appendChild(clone);
```



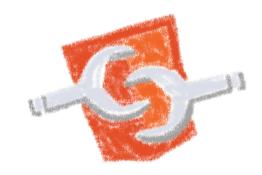
But in fact, it's just an element...

- Attributes
- Properties
- Methods
- Events



Aren't the multiple Web Components libs a sign of failure?

If the standard worked, people would use Vanilla, wouldn't them?





Web component standard is low level



At it should be!



Standard == basic bricks

Standard exposes an API to:

- Define elements
- Encapsulate DOM





Libraries are helpers



They give you higher-level primitives



Different high-level primitives



Each one tailored to a use



Sharing the same base



High-performant, low-level, in-the-platform web components standard



Libraries aren't a failure of standard



They happen by design

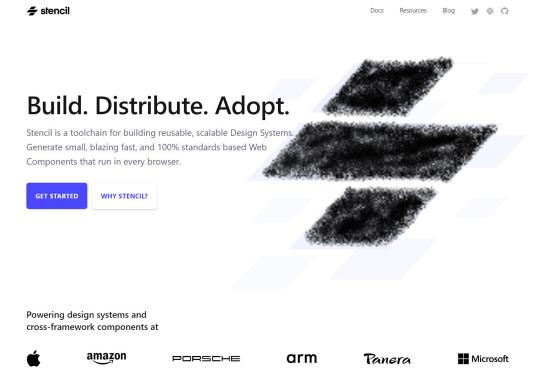
Stencil

Powering Ionic 4+





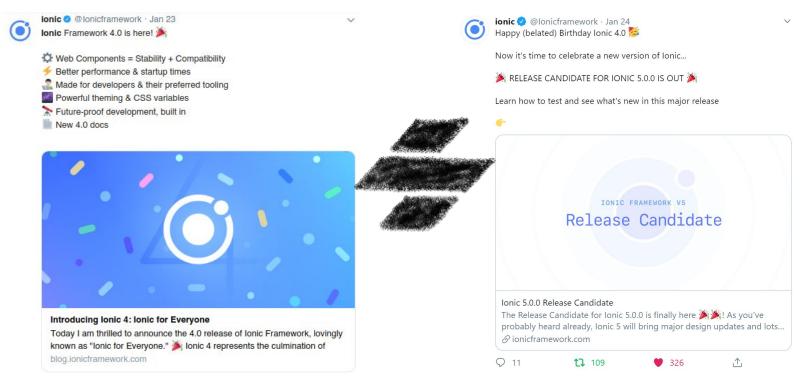
Not another library



A Web Component toolchain



A mature technology

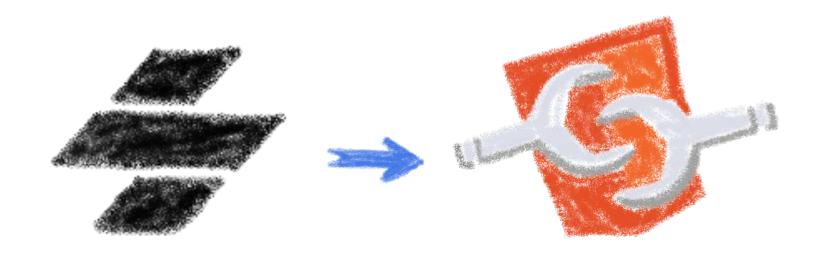


Ionic 4 released on year ago, powered by Stencil!





A build time tool



To generate standard web components

Fully featured

- Web Component-based
- Asynchronous rendering pipeline
- TypeScript support
- Reactive Data Binding

- Component pre-rendering
- Simple component lazy-loading
- JSX support
- Dependency-free components







And the cherry on the cake



Server-Side Rendering





Stencil leverages the web platform

Stencil doesn't fight the web platform. It embraces it.



Simple

With intentionally small tooling, a tiny API, and zero configuration, Stencil gets out of the way and lets you focus on your work.



Lightweight

A tiny runtime, pre-rendering, and the raw power of native Web Components make Stencil one of the fastest compilers around.



Future proof

Build cross-framework components and design systems on open web standards, and break free of Framework Churn.

Working with the web, not against it

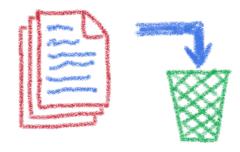


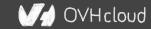




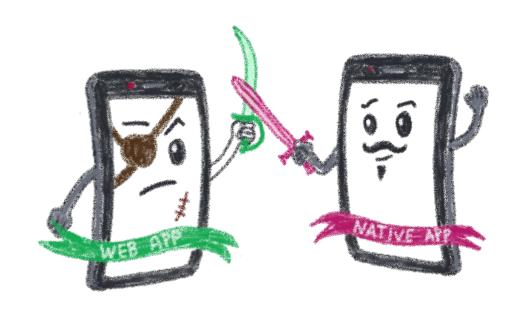
The Stencil story

A company tired of putting good code in the bin





Once upon a time there was a fight

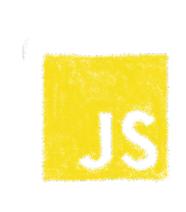


Between native apps and web app on mobile





A quest to the perfect solution









Hybrid apps, leveraging on web technologies

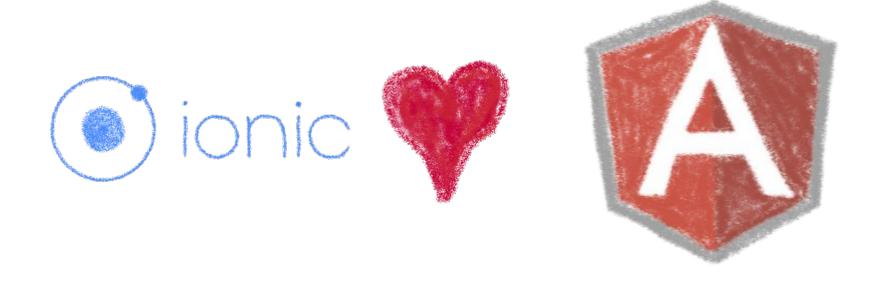
A company wanted to do it well



The perfect technology for mobile web and hybrid apps



The time is 2013

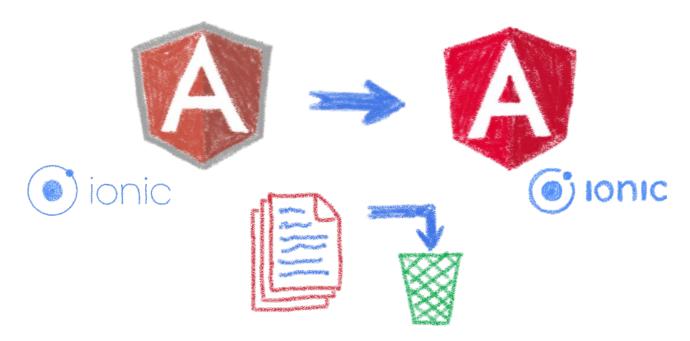


So what technology would you use?





Really soon after launch...



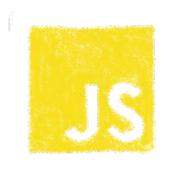
Hey folks, we are killing AngularJS!





What did Ionic people do?











Let's put everything in the trash bin and begin anew



But timed have changed...













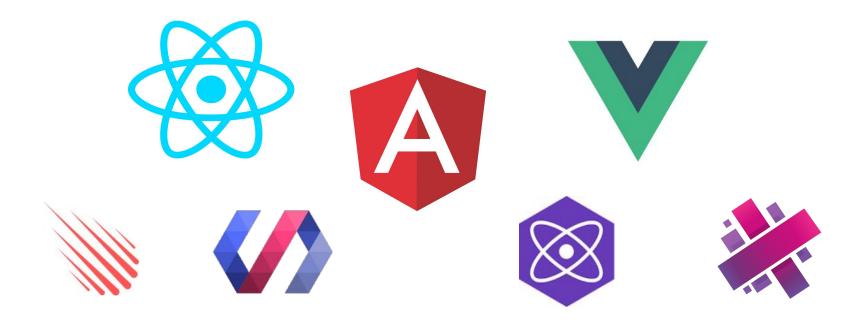


In 2013 Angular JS was the prom queen

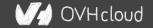




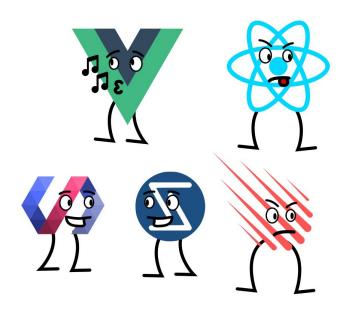
Times have changed...

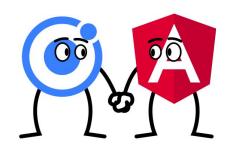


In 2017 Angular is only one more in the clique



Angular limits adoption of Ionic

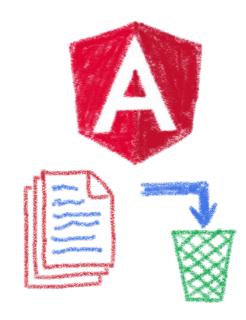




Devs and companies are very vocal about JS Frameworks



What did Ionic people do?



Let's put everything in the trash bin and begin anew...

But on which framework?



What about web components?



A nice solution for Ionic problems: Any framework, even no framework at all!







But what Web Component library?





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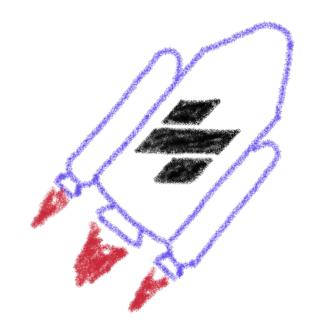






There were so many of them!

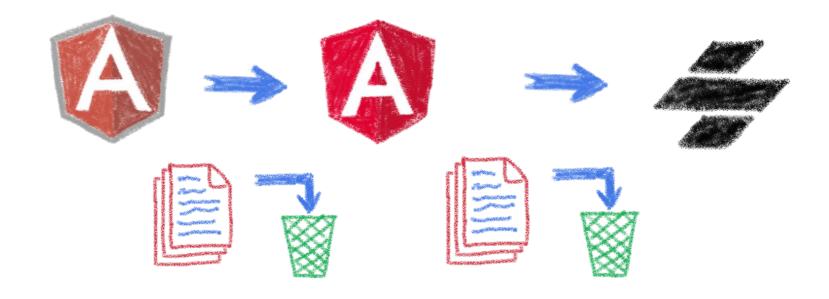
Let's do something different



A fully featured web component toolchain With all the bells and whistles!



Ionic rewrote all their code again



Ionic 4 is fully based on Ionic





Now Ionic works on any framework





And we have Stencil



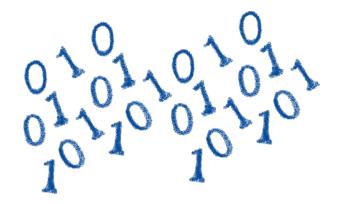
To use it in any of our projects





Hey dude, enough stories!

We are here to see some code!





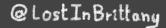
Hands on Stencil

Simply use npm init

```
npm init stencil
```

Choose the type of project to start







Hands on Stencil

And the project is initialized in some seconds!

```
Pick a starter > component
  Project name > sthlm-j
 All setup in 17 ms
$ npm start
  Starts the development server.
$ npm run build
  Builds your components/app in production mode.
$ npm test
  Starts the test runner.
We suggest that you begin by typing:
 $ cd sthlm-js
 $ npm start
Happy coding!
```







Starting the development server

npm start



Let's look at the code

```
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      EXPLORER

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                                                      tag: 'my-component',
       > .stencil
                                                      styleUrl: 'my-component.css',
       > dist
                                                      shadow: true
        > node modules
                                                    export class MyComponent {
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y components / my-component

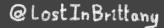
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```
import { Component, Prop, h } from '@stencil/core';
import { format } from '../../utils/utils';
@Component({
  tag: 'my-component',
  styleUrl: 'my-component.css',
  shadow: true
})
export class MyComponent {
  @Prop() first: string;
```

Decorators







```
@Prop() first: string;
@Prop() middle: string;
@Prop() last: string;
@State() nickname: string;
```

Properties and States







```
render() {
  return <div>Hello, World! I'm {this.getText()}</div>;
3
```

Asynchronous rendering using JSX







```
@Prop() value: number;
@Watch(value)
valueChanged(newValue: boolean, oldValue: boolean) {
  console.log(`The new value is ${newValue}, it was ${oldValue} before`);
3
```

Watch







```
@Event() actionCompleted: EventEmitter;
someAction(message: String) {
   this.actionCompleted.emit(message);
}
```

Emitting events

```
@Listen('actionCompleted')
actionCompletedHandler(event: CustomEvent) {
  console.log('Received the custom actionCompleted event: ', event.detail);
}
```

Listening to events



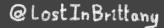




```
@Method()
async sayHello() {
  this.hello = true;
3
render() {
  return (
    <Host>
      <h2>{ this.hello ? `Hello sthlm.js` : ''}</h2>
    </Host>
  );
3
```

Asynchronous public methods



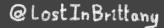




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})
export class MyComponent {
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Optional Shadow DOM







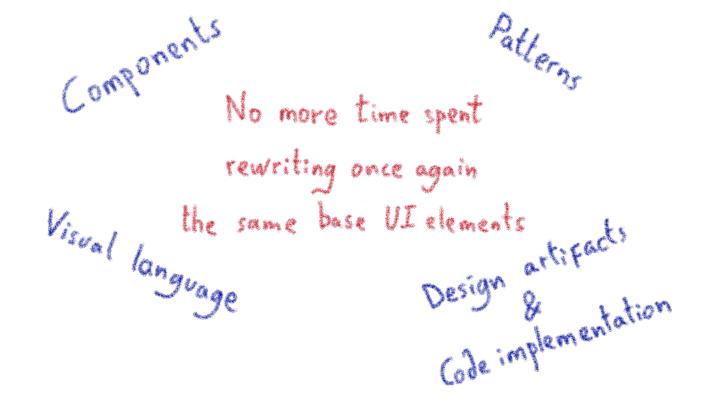
Stencil for design systems

Because web components really shine for that





What the heck is a design system?



Why Stencil is so good for design systems?





One more thing...*

Let's copy from the master





Stencil is not so important



WebComponents ARE







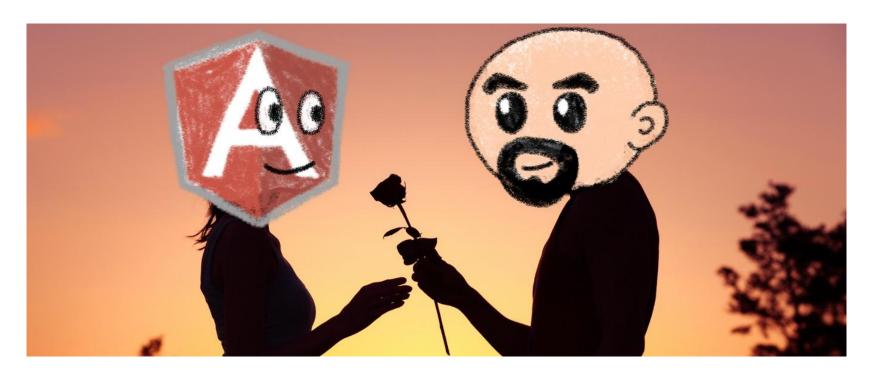
Use the Platform, Luke...





WebComponents ARE native

Do you love your framework?



Oh yeah, we all do



Would you marry your framework?



Like until death...

How much does cost the divorce?



Do you remember when you dropped AngularJS for Angular?



Why recode everything again?



Reuse the bricks in your new framework



Lots of web components libraries



LitElement





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For different need and sensibilities

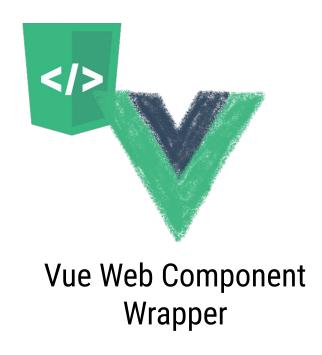






And some good news





Frameworks begin to understand it



So for your next app

Choose a framework, no problem...

But please, help your future self

Use Web Components!





Conclusion

That's all, folks!



