

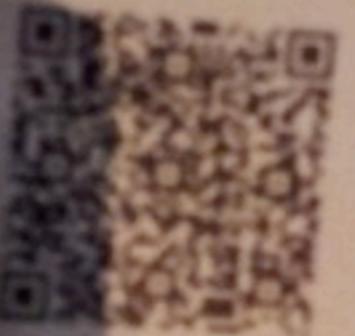
# Taming JavaScript with Cloud9 IDE: a Tale of Tree Hugging



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# Cloud9 IDE

*Your code anywhere, anytime*



.js

# browser.js



# db.js



mongoDB

# server.js



\*.js

# The collaborative application platform v3.0 Beta2 (unstable)

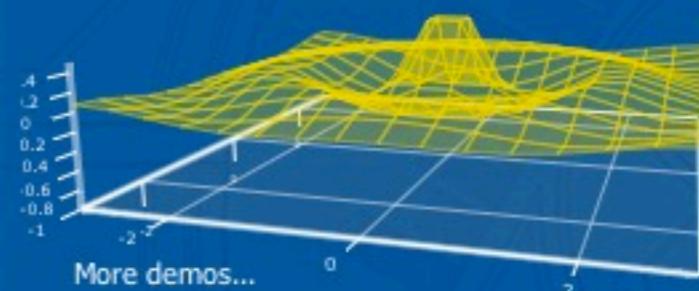
Ajax.org Platform is a pure javascript application framework for creating real-time collaborative applications that run in the browser. **Ajax.org Platform radically changes the way you write applications:**

- Live markup
- Markup and JSON api
- Collaborative backbone
- 100% open source software (more info)

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This is a demo of the charting engine.

Use your mouse to interact!



APF is free software

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## Promote JS



## Getting Started

### Read about APF

- [Getting Started Tutorial](#)
- [APF Manual](#)

### Get APF into your Editor



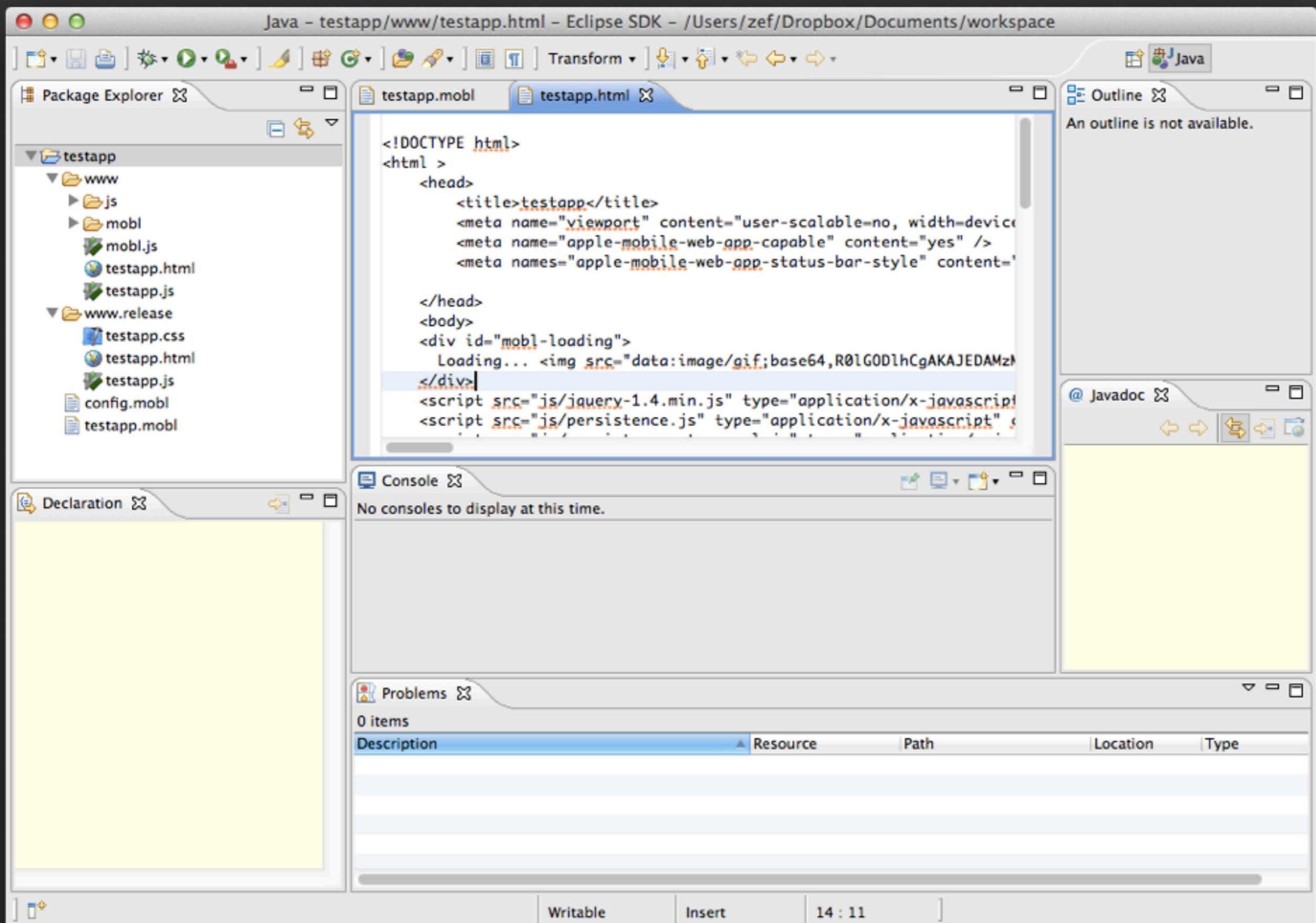
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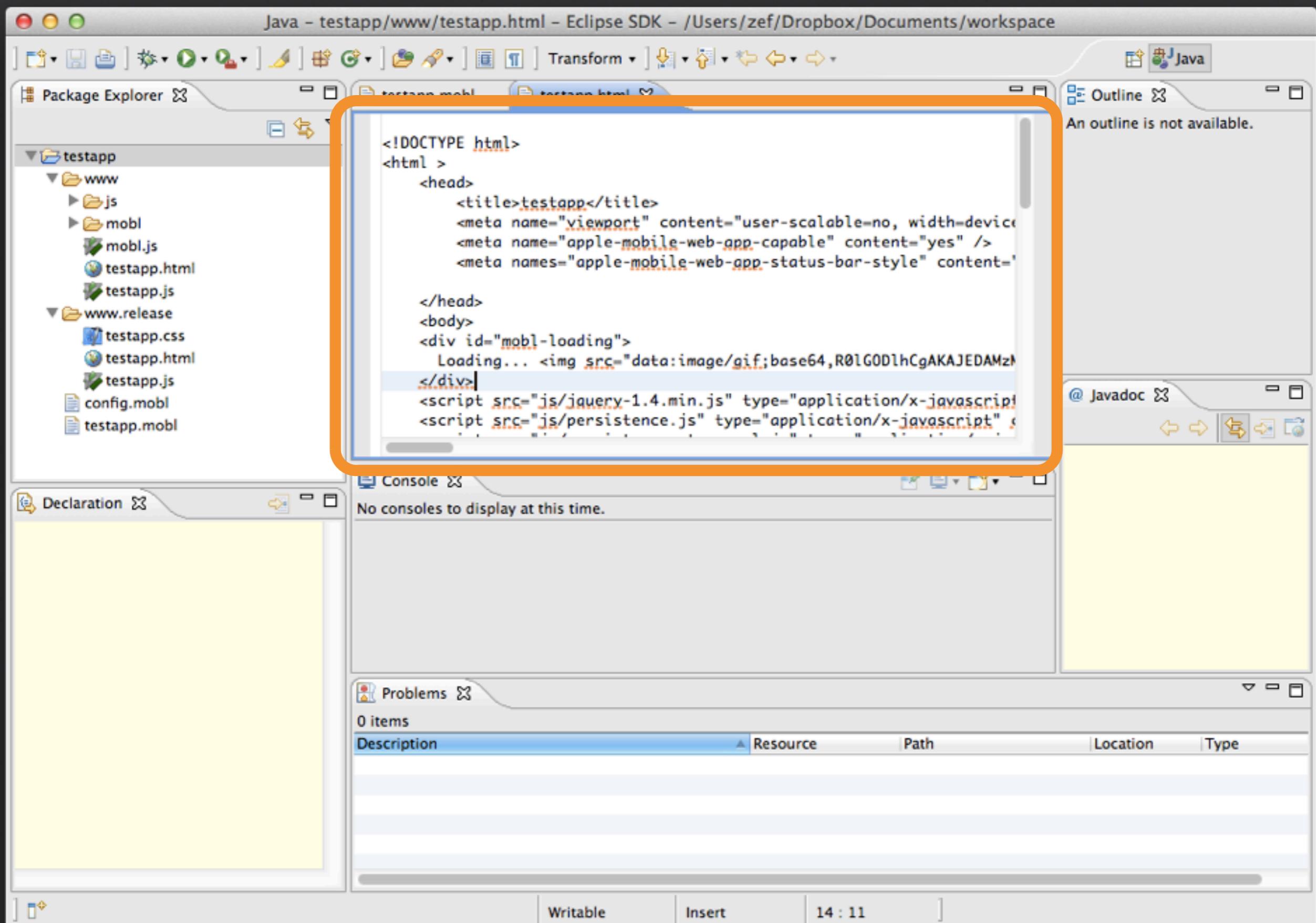
Tooling matters





JavaScript Developer







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```
    if (!processCount)
        return callback();
    }, 100);
};

this.spawn = function(runnerId, options, eventName, callback) {
    if (this.disposed)
        return callback("cannot run script - the process manager has already been disposed");

    var self = this;
    var runnerFactory = this.runners[runnerId];
    if (!runnerFactory)
        return callback("Could not find runner with ID " + runnerId);

    var child = runnerFactory(options, this.eventEmitter, eventName);
    child.spawn(function(err) {
        if (err)
            return callback(err);

        self.processes[child.pid] = child;
        callback(null, child.pid);
    });
    this.

};
```

debug(pid, debugMessage, callback)

destroy()

disposed

exec()

in the

exec(runnerId, options, onStart, onExit)

this.exec()

execCommands(runnerId, cmds, callback)

if (kill(pid))

prepareShutdown(callback)

processes

runnerFactory = this.runners[runnerId];

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child.exec(function(err, pid) {
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HTML

CSS

JavaScript

Client

HTML5

CSS3

JavaScript

Client

HTML5  
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Server

Node.js  
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XMLHttpRequest  
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last cmd: history

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Canvas

# Browser Wars



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Document **JavaScript**

Mode **JavaScript**

Split **None**

Theme **TextMate**

Font Size **20px**

Code Folding **mark begin**

Full Line Selection

Highlight Active Line

Show Invisibles

Persistent HScroll

Animate scrolling

Key Binding **Ace**

Soft Wrap **Off**

Show Gutter

Show Print Margin

Use Soft Tab

Highlight selected word

Enable Behaviours

Fade Fold Widgets

```
1 function foo(items, nada) {-
2     for (var i=0; i<items.length; i++) {-
3         alert(items[i] + "juhu\n");-
4     }→ // Real Tab.-_
5 }
```

DOM

# Sidebar

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# Ajax.org Cloud9 Editor

Previously Skywriter, Bespin

JavaScript

Scala

HTML

Lua

C/C++

SCSS

Java

Markdown

Closure

PHP

SQL

Perl

C#

CoffeeScript

CSS

Ruby

Textile

Coldfusion

Scad

JSON

OCaml

XML

Groovy

LaTeX



## zefhemel / persistencejs

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Current branch: master

## persistencejs / lib / persistence.js

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Code Preview Tabs 8 No wrap

```
27     exports.createPersistence = function() {
28         return initPersistence({})
29     }
30     var singleton;
31     exports.__defineGetter__("persistence", function () {
32         if (!singleton)
33             singleton = exports.createPersistence();
34         return singleton;
35     });
36 }
37 else {
38     window = window || {};
39     window.persistence = initPersistence(window.persistence || {});
40 }

42 function initPersistence(persistence) {
43     if (persistence.isImmutable) // already initialized
44         return persistence;
45
46 /**
47 * Check for immutable fields
48 */
49 persistence.isImmutable = function(fieldName) {
50     return (fieldName == "id");
51 };
52
53 /**
54 * Default implementation for entity-property
55 */
56 persistence.defineProp = function(scope, field, setterCallback, getterCallback) {
57     scope.__defineSetter__(field, function (value) {
58         setterCallback(value);
59     });
60     scope.__defineGetter__(field, function () {
61         return persistence;
```

Commit message:

Edited lib/persistence.js via GitHub

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# Component Systems

Decoupling

# Message Queues





*Unearthing the excellence in JavaScript*



# JavaScript: The Good Parts

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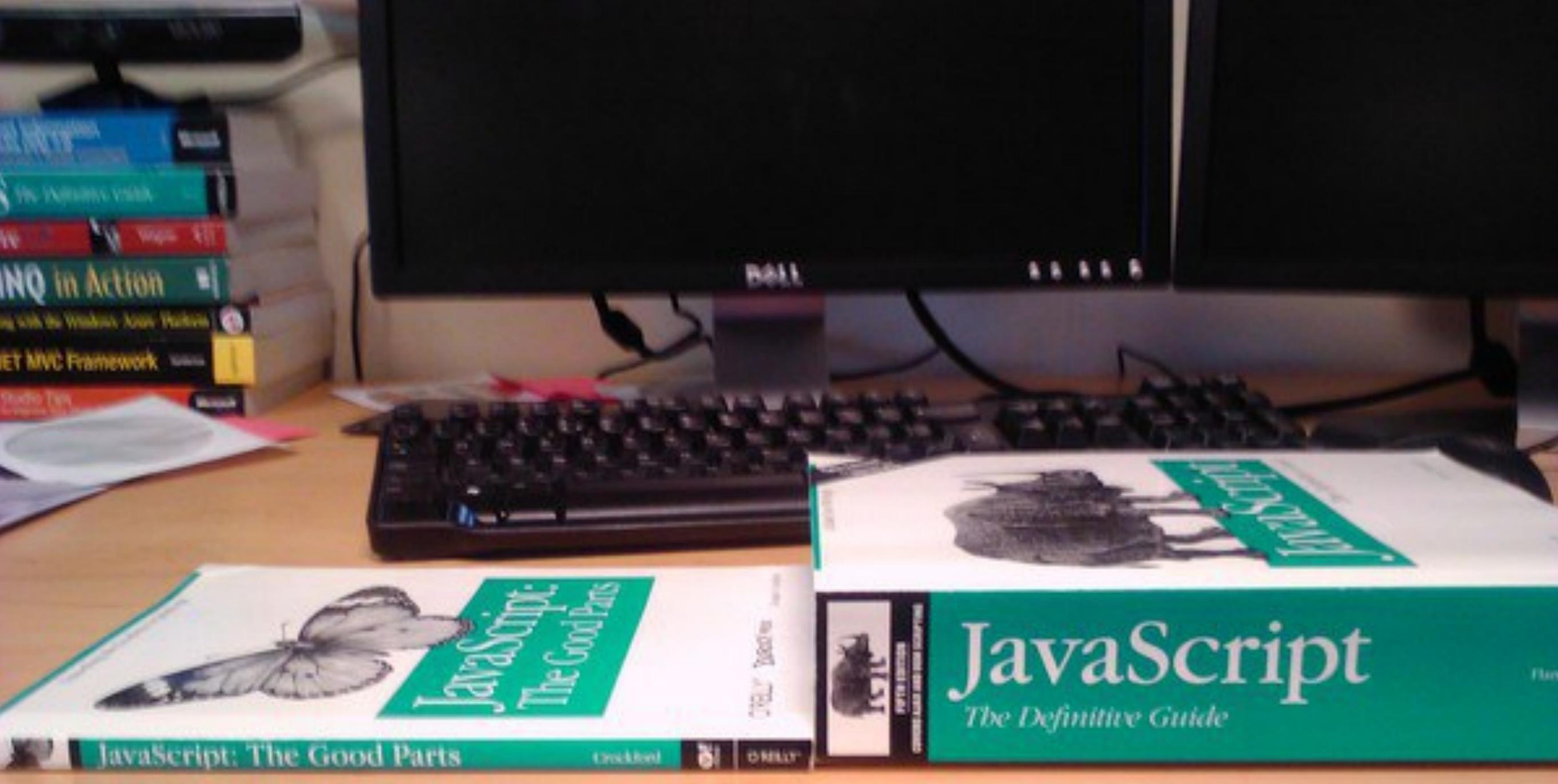
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Tooling matters  
especially for JavaScript

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Unleash the  
awesome power of...



static



program analysis

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Iterating using undeclared variable

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Warning: you are in an anonymous inner function with its own “this” pointer

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Did you mean “length”?

“The most important thing I have done as a programmer in recent years is to aggressively pursue static code analysis.”

John Carmack

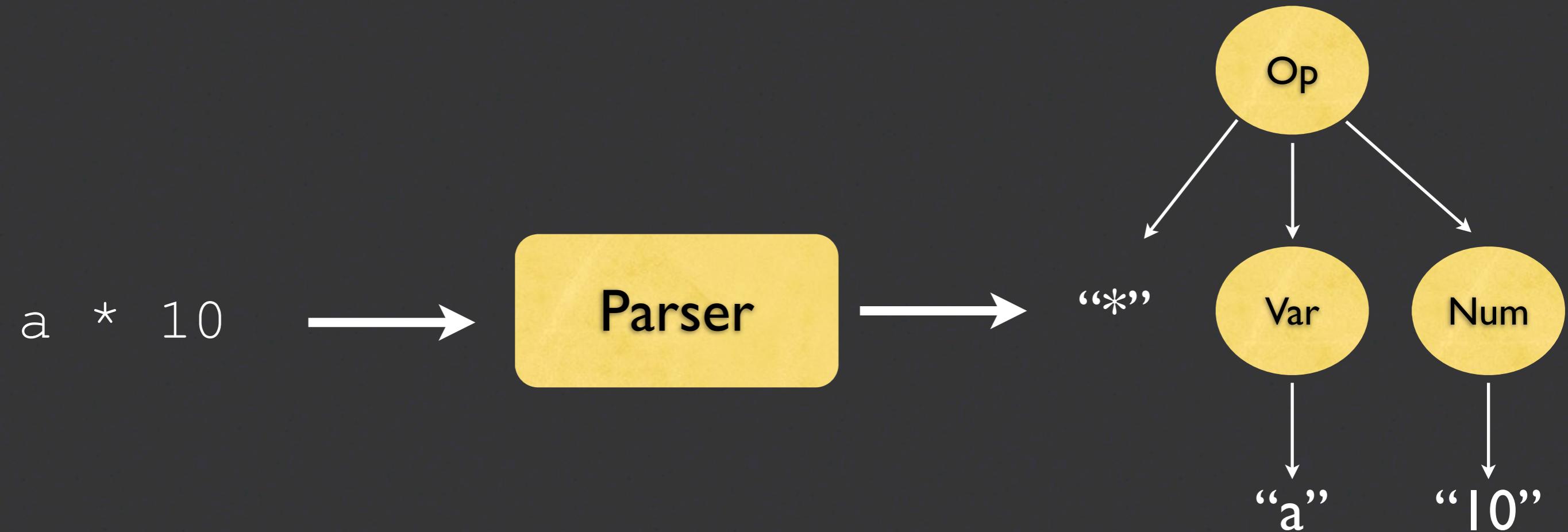
How?

**Parse**

**Analyze**

Code → Parser → AST

# Abstract Syntax Tree



Zeon

Narcissus

UglifyJS

language.js

Esprima

performance (speed/memory)

AST datastructure

traversal tools

# JavaScript specific

performance (speed/memory)

AST + structure

traversal tools

A photograph of a man in a blue long-sleeved shirt and jeans hugging a massive tree trunk. He is smiling and has his left arm around the tree. The tree is very large, with a dark, textured bark. The background shows other trees and foliage, suggesting a forest setting.

treehugger.js

“The JQuery of AST analysis.”

treehugger.js

Generic AST  
Data structure

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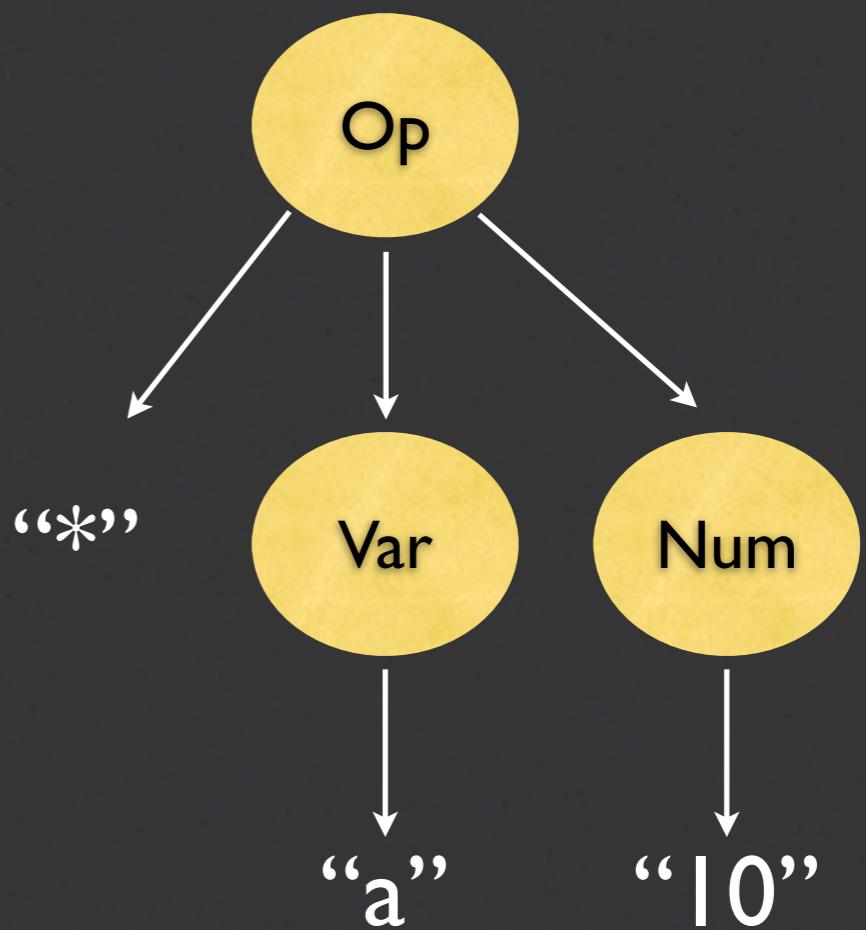
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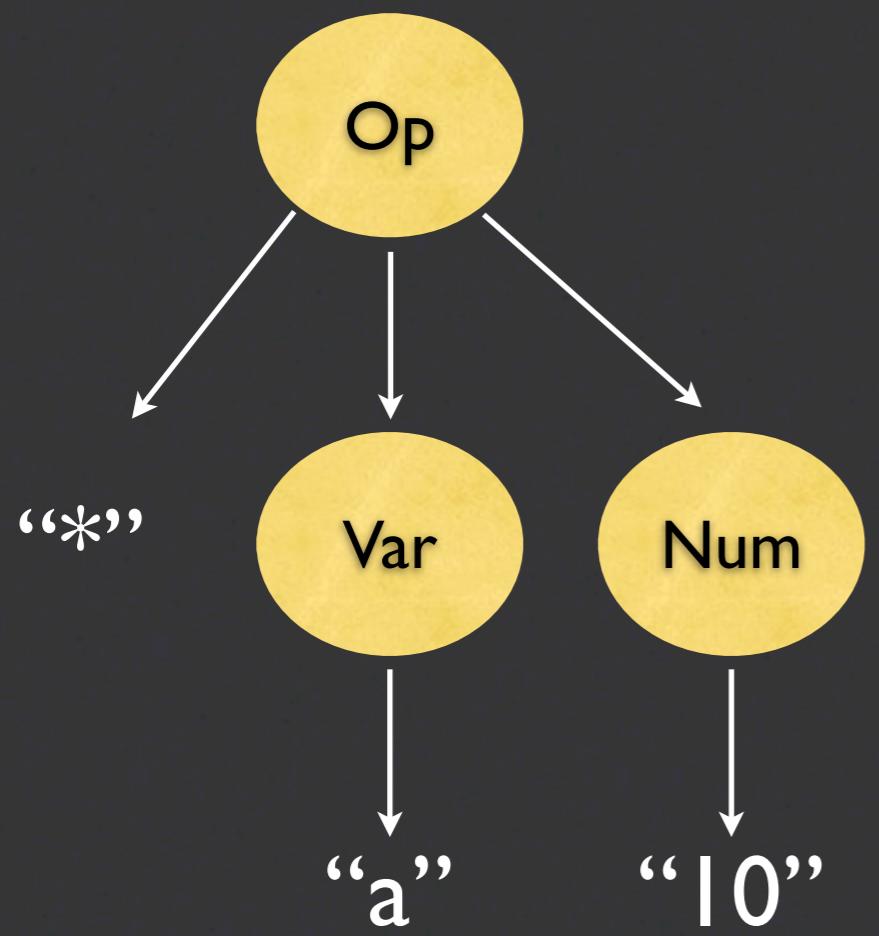
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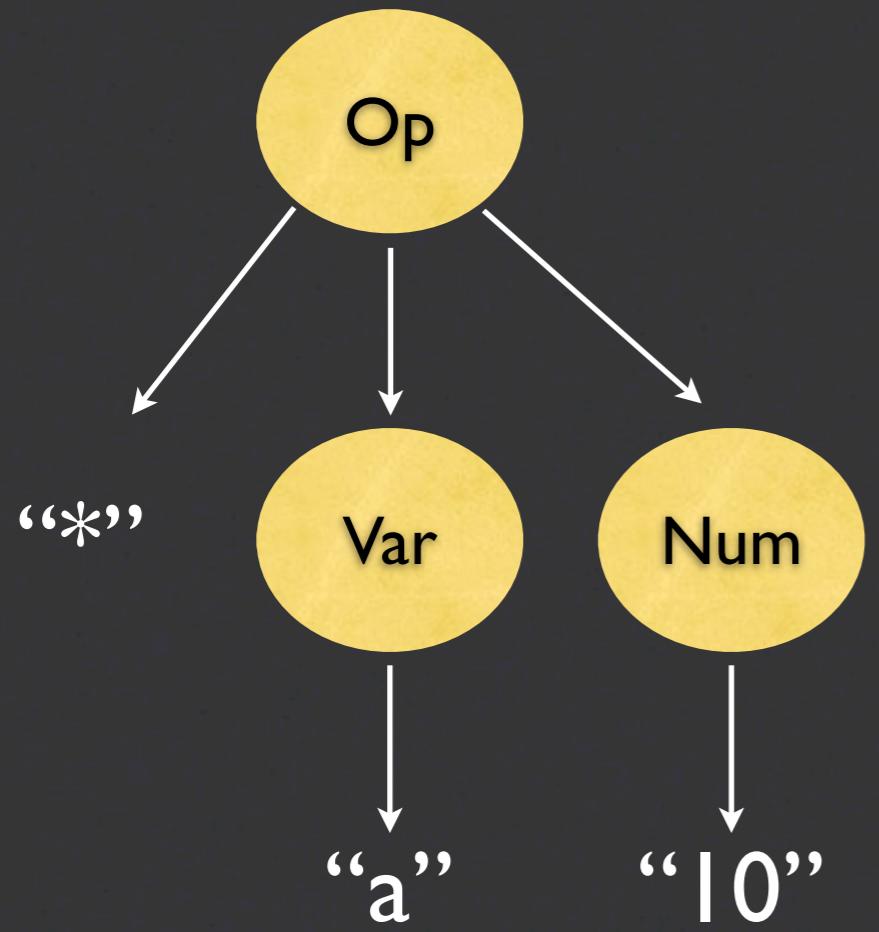
Generic  
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a \* 10





Op ("\*", Var ("a"),  
Num ("10"))



### ATerm

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```

Constructors      Var(\_)

Lists                [\_,\_]

Strings             "hello"

Placeholders      x

let's play

What  
can you do with it?

# Low-level tooling

```
106      }
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108    };
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110    this.|boardHan|
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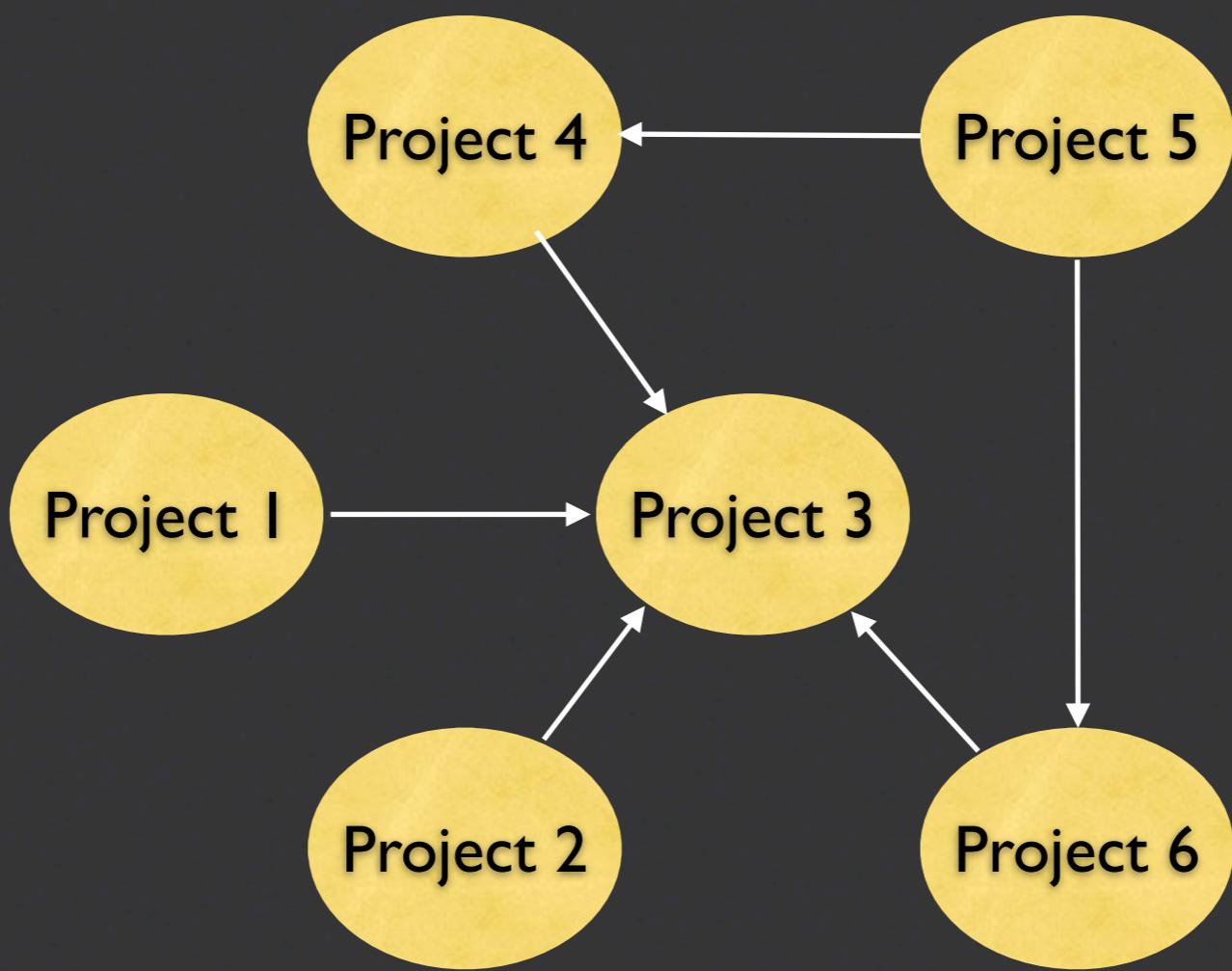
# Complex refactoring



# Cloud

Big data

What if...





Your (dev) environment matters  
use static analysis tools

**I don't always  
manipulate  
abstract syntax trees,**



**but when I do,  
I use treehugger.js**

@zef

<http://github.com/ajaxorg/treehugger>



**Cloud9 IDE**  
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