

*A Target Always Moving*

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# New Rails Features

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and how to use them



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# Who is This Clown?

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*It's the high level*

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# Part 1 - Overview

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# Timeline

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- Rails 4.2      December 20, 2014      • Active Job, ActionMailer  
#deliver\_later
- Rails 5.0      June 30, 2016      • Action Cable, Turbolinks 5,  
Attributes API,  
ApplicationRecord
- Rails 5.1      April 27, 2017      • Webpacker



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*It's almost over!*

# Questions?

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*Let's get to the details*

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## Part 2 - Backend



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# ActiveJob

Adapters						
	Async	Queue	Delayed	Priorities	Timeout	Retries
Backburner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Job	Global
<b>Delayed Job</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Job	Global	Global
Qu	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Global
Que	Yes	Yes	Yes	Job	No	Job
queue_classic	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes	No	No
<b>Resque</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes (gem)	Queue	Global	Yes
Sidekiq	Yes	Yes	Yes	Queue	No	Job
Sneakers	Yes	Yes	No	Queue	Queue	No
Sucker Punch	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Active Job Async	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Active Job Inline	No	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<http://api.rubyonrails.org/v5.1.4/classes/ActiveJob/QueueAdapters.html> for adapters



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# deliver\_later

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Lets you easily queue mail so your users never wait for SMTP handshakes



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# ActiveJob

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```
bin/rails generate job guests_cleanup --queue urgent
```

```
class GuestsCleanupJob < ApplicationJob
  queue_as :default

  def perform(*guests)
    # Do something later
  end
end
```

```
# Configure
config.active_job.queue_adapter = :sidekiq
```



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# ActiveJob

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```
# Enqueue a job to be performed as soon as the queuing system is free
GuestsCleanupJob.perform_later guest
```

```
# Enqueue a job to be performed tomorrow at noon.
GuestsCleanupJob.set(wait_until: Date.tomorrow.noon).perform_later(guest)
```

```
# Enqueue a job to be performed 1 week from now.
GuestsCleanupJob.set(wait: 1.week).perform_later(guest)
```

```
# `perform_now` and `perform_later` will call `perform` under the hood so
# you can pass as many arguments as defined in the latter.
GuestsCleanupJob.perform_later(guest1, guest2, filter: 'some_filter')
```



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# ActiveJob

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## Callbacks

- `before_enqueue`
- `around_enqueue`
- `after_enqueue`
- `before_perform`
- `around_perform`
- `after_perform`



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# Exercise

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In app samvera-active-job in the VirtualBox image, move the following to be background tasks

- Sending an email report from SearchRecord once a day
- Creating a SearchRecord when a search is done



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```
class Reservation < ApplicationRecord
  after_initialize :set_default_start_date
  after_initialize :set_default_end_date
  attr_accessor :end_date

  def price=(value)
    return super(0) if !value.to_s.include?('$')

    price_in_dollars = value.gsub(/^\$/, "").to_d
    super(price_in_dollars * 100)
  end

  private

  def set_default_start_date
    self.start_date = 1.day.from_now if start_date.blank?
  end

  def set_default_end_date
    self.end_date = 8.days.from_now if end_date.blank?
  end
end
```



```
2.3.1 :001 > reservation = Reservation.new
=> #<Reservation id: nil, start_date: "2016-12-03",
      price: nil, created_at: nil, updated_at: nil>

2.3.1 :002 > reservation.start_date
=> Sat, 03 Dec 2016

2.3.1 :003 > reservation.end_date
=> Sat, 10 Dec 2016

2.3.1 :004 > reservation = Reservation.new(start_date: 3.days.from_now)
=> #<Reservation id: nil, start_date: "2016-12-05",
      end_date: "2016-12-10",
      price: nil, created_at: nil, updated_at: nil>

2.3.1 :005 > reservation.start_date
=> Mon, 05 Dec 2016
```



```
class Reservation < ApplicationRecord
  attribute :start_date, :date, default: -> { 1.day.from_now }
  attribute :end_date, :date, default: -> { 8.days.from_now }

  def price=(val)
    return super(0) if !value.to_s.include?('$')

    price_in_dollars = value.gsub(/\$/, "").to_d
    super(price_in_dollars * 100)
  end
end
```



app/types/price.rb

```
class PriceType < ActiveRecord::Type::Integer
  def cast(value)
    return super if value.kind_of?(Numeric)
    return super if !value.to_s.include?('$')

    price_in_dollars = BigDecimal.new(value.gsub(/\$/, ''))
    super(price_in_dollars * 100)
  end
end
```

config/initializers/types.rb

```
ActiveRecord::Type.register(:price, Price)
```



```
class Reservation < ApplicationRecord
  attribute :start_date, :date, default: -> { 1.day.from_now }
  attribute :end_date, :date, default: -> { 8.days.from_now }
  attribute :price, :price
end
```



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# Exercise

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- Use a combination of ApplicationRecord and Attributes API to refactor the code found in samvera-attributes





*But really, mostly Javascript*

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# Frontend



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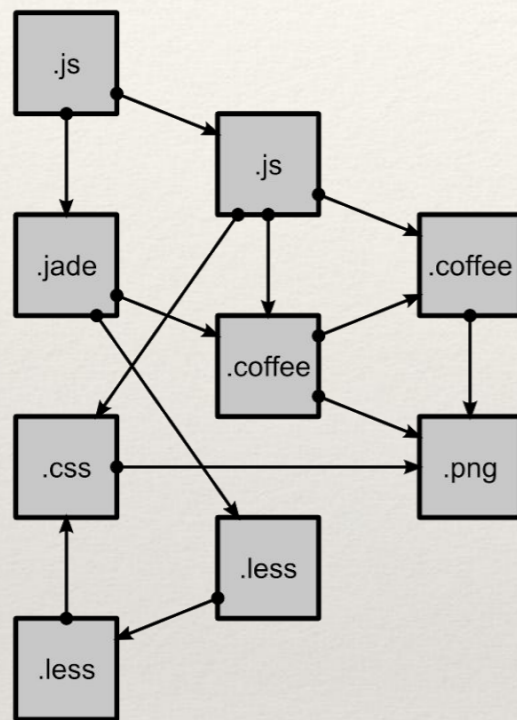
# Webpack in Rails

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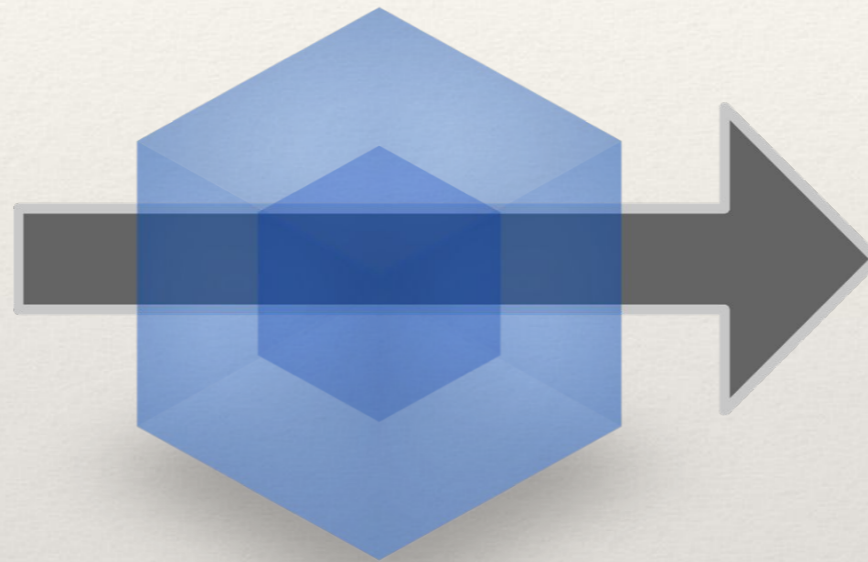
- Webpack is Javascript preprocessor and bundler that has wide adoption among current JS tools like React, Vue and and others.
- Webpacker, now built in to Rails, makes building React components in Rails applications first class citizens in the asset pipeline
- Doesn't require complex manipulation by Sprockets (the existing asset packager in Rails) but instead uses the same tool chain (Webpack and Bable) these communities use in other places.



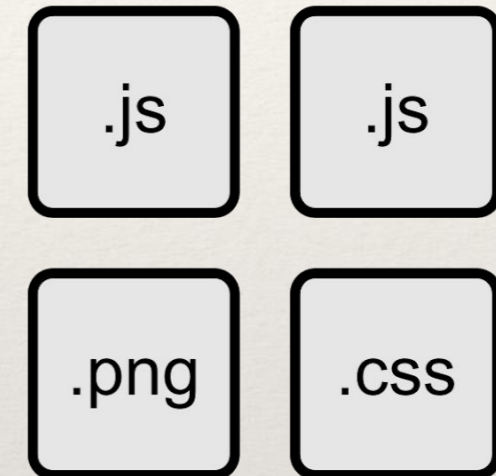
# Webpack



modules  
with dependencies



**webpack**  
MODULE BUNDLER

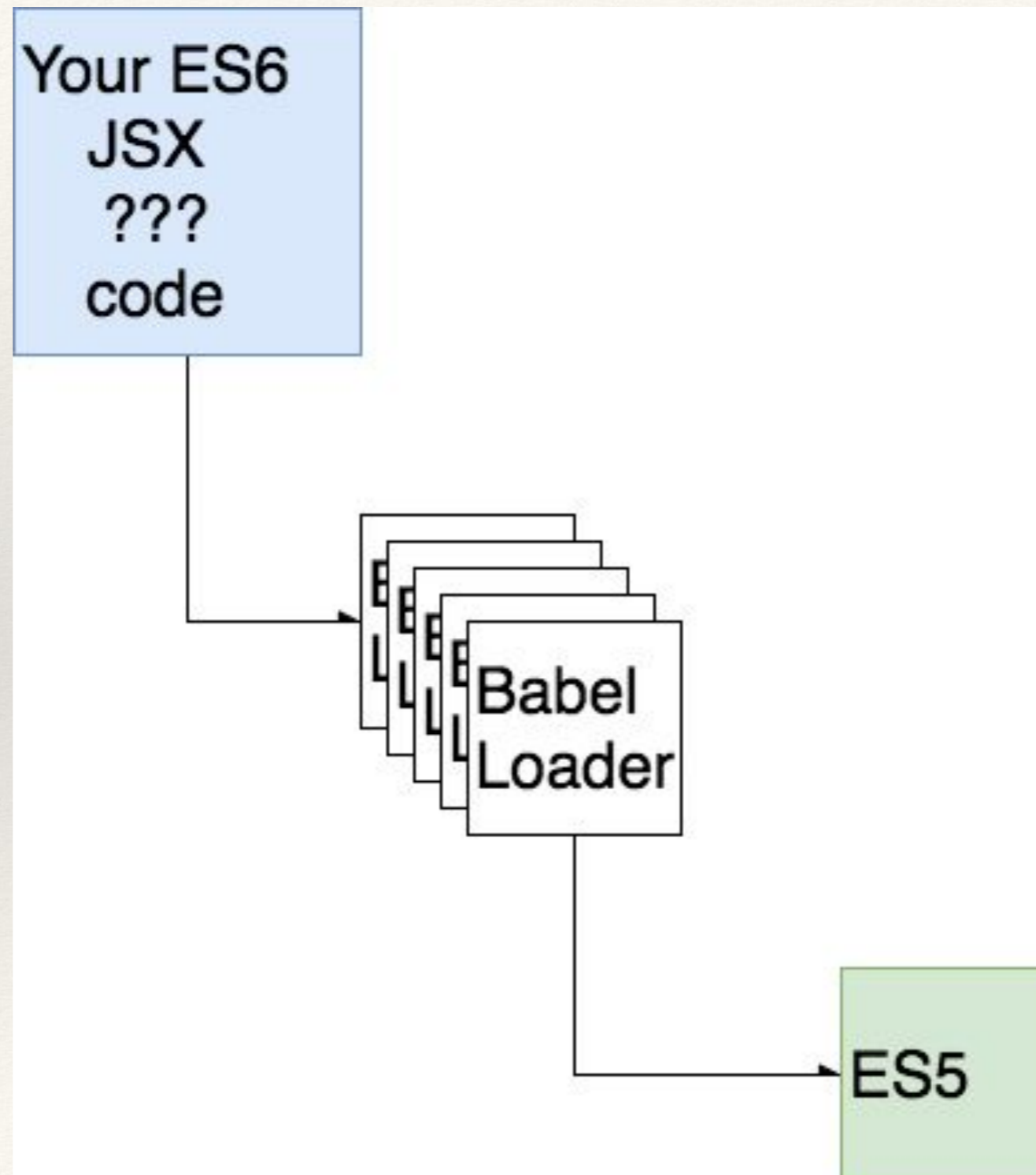


static  
assets



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# What is Babel



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# Webpacker in Rails

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- Javascript / CSS / Image sets can be built in to “packs” which are individually packaged up files that all get loaded together.
- A dashboard with several React widgets would be a good example of a pack.
- Packs live alongside your existing JS, but should not be intermixed
- Pack files live in `app/javascript` as opposed to `app/assets/javascripts`
- `./bin/webpacker-dev-server` is only needed for hot reloading, we’re going to skip it for now and focus on what’s built in



# Webpack Plus Babel

.babelrc

```
{
  "presets": [
    ["env", {
      "modules": false,
      "targets": {
        "browsers": "> 1%",
        "uglify": true
      },
      "useBuiltIns": true
    }],
    "stage-0",
    "react"
  ],
  "plugins": [
    "syntax-dynamic-import",
    "transform-object-rest-spread",
    ["transform-class-properties", { "spec": true }]
  ]
}
```



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# Yarn in Rails

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- Webpacker packs have access to NPM packages which are installed via yarn. Adding a NPM dependency to your application is as easy as typing `yarn add DEPNAME`
- You can then import that package in your JS pack as normal



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# Autocomplete Search Field

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- Given an existing hyrax app, lets make the search field an auto completing React component



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# Create a React Component

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app/javascript/components/search/index.js

```
import React from 'react'
import {Component} from 'react'

export default class Search extends Component {
  render() {
    return(<h1>Hello from Search Component</h1>)
  }
}
```



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# Create a Pack

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app/javascript/packs/search.js

```
import Search from 'components/search'  
import WebpackerReact from 'webpacker-react'  
  
WebpackerReact.setup({Search})
```



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# Add Component To Form

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```
<!-- Add the pack to the document head -->
```

```
<% content_for :head do %>
```

```
  <%= javascript_pack_tag 'search' %>
```

```
<% end %>
```

```
...
```

```
<!-- Replace Text element ith our React component -->
```

```
<%= react_component('Search', {query: params[:q], placeholder:  
t('blacklight.search.form.search.placeholder')}) %>
```

```
...
```



# Expanded Component

```
import React from 'react'
import {Component} from 'react'

import Autocomplete from 'react-autocomplete'

export default class Search extends Component {
  constructor(props){
    super(props)
    this.state = {
      value: props.value,
      autocompleteOptions: [
        "John",
        "Paul",
        "George",
        "Ringo"
      ]
    }
  }
}
```



# Expanded Component

```
render() {
  return(
    <Autocomplete
      wrapperStyle={{width: "100%"}}
      inputProps = {{
        name: "q",
        type: 'text',
        placeholder: this.props.placeholder,
        id: "search-field-header",
        class: "q form-control"
      }}
      items={this.state.autocompleteOptions}
      value={this.state.value}
      onChange={(e) => this.setState({value: e.target.value})}
      onSelect={(val) => this.setState({value: val})}
      getItemValue={(item) => item}
      renderItem={(item, isHighlighted) =>
        <div
          key={item}
          style={{ background: isHighlighted ? 'lightgray' : 'white' }}
        >
          {item}
        </div>
      }
    />
  )
}
```



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# Exercise

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- Using the README in samvera-react as a guide follow the steps to get your first React component showing up in a Samvera app



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# ActionCable

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- Websockets in Rails
- Can create realtime updating events and access them both on the server and on the client side
- Uses PubSub for clients
- Connections
  - Handles Authentication
- Channels
  - Kind of like a controller



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# Before Action Cable

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Polling

Faye

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# Pubsub



# Before Pubsub we had polling

Server

ClientServer

No

Any Updates?

Yes

Any Updates?

No

Any Updates?



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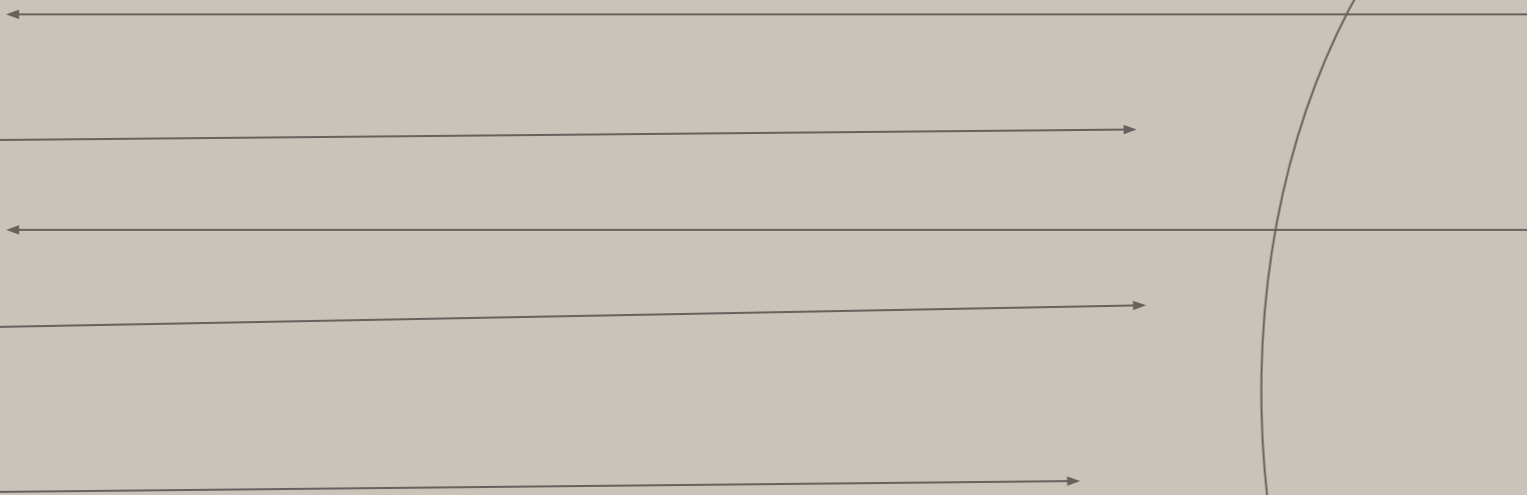
# Websockets

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Server

Client

Let me know if there are  
any changes.



# Server Side Connection

```
0 module Hyrax
1   module ApplicationCable
2     class Connection < ActionCable::Connection::Base
3       identified_by :current_user
4
5       def connect
6         self.current_user = find_verified_user
7       end
8
9       private
10
11       def find_verified_user
12         user = ::User.find_by(id: user_id)
13         if user
14           user
15         else
16           reject_unauthorized_connection
17         end
18       end
19
20       def user_id
21         session['warden.user.user.key'][0][0]
22       rescue NoMethodError
23         nil
24       end
25
26       def session
27         cookies.encrypted[Rails.application.config.session_options[:key]]
28       end
29     end
30   end
31 end
```



# Client Side Connection

```
0 // Action Cable provides the framework to deal with WebSockets in Rails.
1 // You can generate new channels where WebSocket features live using the rails generate channel command.
2 //
3 //= require action_cable
4 //= require_self
5 //= require_tree ./channels
6
7 (function() {
8   this.App || (this.App = {});
9
10  App.cable = ActionCable.createConsumer();
11
12 }).call(this);
```

Boilerplate. Rails set this up for us



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# A Channel

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```
# app/channels/chat_channel.rb
class ChatChannel < ApplicationCable::Channel
  def subscribed
    stream_from "chat_#{params[:room]}"
  end
end
```



# Broadcasting to a Channel

```
# app/controllers/messages_controller.rb

class MessagesController < ApplicationController

  def create
    message = Message.new(message_params)
    message.user = current_user
    if message.save
      ActionCable.server.broadcast "chat_#{params[:room]}",
        message: message.content,
        user: message.user.username
      head :ok
    end
  end
end
```



# Client Side

```
// app/assets/javascripts/channels/messages.js

App.messages = App.cable.subscriptions.create({channel: 'ChatChannel', room: 'Samvera'}, {
  received: function(data) {
    return $('#messages').append(this.renderMessage(data));
  },

  renderMessage: function(data) {
    return "<p> <b>" + data.user + ": </b>" + data.message + "</p>";
  }
});
```



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# React?

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```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

export default class LiveSearch extends Component {
  constructor(props){
    super(props)
    this.state = {
      searches: []
    }
  }

  componentWillMount(){
    App.cable.subscriptions.create('LiveSearchChannel',
    {
      received: function(data){
        const newSearches = this.state.searches.slice(0)
        newSearches.push(data)
        this.setState({searches: newSearches})
      }.bind(this)
    })
  }
}
```



# Live Coding



# Create a LiveSearch Component

/app/javascript/components/LiveSearch.js

```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

export default class LiveSearch extends Component {
  render() {
    return (
      <h3>Live Search</h3>
    );
  }
}
```



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# LiveSeach Pack

---

/app/javascript/packs/LiveSearch.js

```
import LiveSearch from '../components/LiveSearch'  
import WebpackerReact from 'webpacker-react'  
  
WebpackerReact.setup({LiveSearch})
```



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# Copy over layout for head

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Create a new file: /app/views/catalog/\_search\_sidebar.html.erb

```
<% content_for :head do %>  
  <%= javascript_pack_tag 'LiveSearch' %>  
<% end %>
```

```
<h4>Sidebar</h4>  
<%= react_component("LiveSearch") %>
```



# Working with Action Cable

```
$ rails g channel live_search
```

```
/app/channels/live_search_channel.rb
```

```
0 class LiveSearchChannel < ApplicationCable::Channel
1   def subscribed
2     stream_from "live_search"
3   end
4
5   def unsubscribed
6     # Any cleanup needed when channel is unsubscribed
7   end
8 end
```

```
~
~
~
```



# Live Search Component - Subscribe

/app/javascript/components/LiveSearch.js

```
import React, { Component } from 'react';

export default class LiveSearch extends Component {
  constructor(props){
    super(props)
    this.state = {
      searches: []
    }
  }

  componentWillMount(){
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    {
      received: function(data){
        const newSearches = this.state.searches.slice(0)
        newSearches.push(data)
        this.setState({searches: newSearches})
      }.bind(this)
    })
  }
}
```



# Live Search -Render

```
render() {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h3>Live Search</h3>  
      <h5>Check out some of these search by other users</h5>  
      {this.state.searches.map((search, index)=>{  
        return(  
          <div key={index}>  
            <div class='card-body'>  
              <a href={` /catalog?utf8=✓&locale=en&search_field=all_fields&q=${search}`}>  
                {search}  
              </a>  
            </div>  
          </div>  
        )  
      })}  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```



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# Broadcast Searches

---

```
before_action :broadcast_live_search

def broadcast_live_search
  if params[:q]
    ActionCable.server.broadcast "live_search",
params[:q]
  end
end
```



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# Exercise

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Use the samvera-action-cable repo to create your own live search component





*It's OVER!!*

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**Thank You!**

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