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Introducing Apache™ FlexJS™  
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# Short Bio

- Software dev since 1998, mostly UI
- Freelance Flex and JS dev & consultant since 2010
- Apache Flex Committer and PMC Member since 2016

# Classic Flex SDK

- MXML
- AS3 (strongly typed, but ECMAScript)
- Good IDEs
- Flash Dependent
- Lots of features
- Big download size
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# Let's Build An App

- MXML
- IDE
- Non CSS layout
- Custom component

# Build for Flash

- Put a breakpoint in IDE
- Catch a Class Cast exception (handy for distributed development)
- Incremental Build
- Pixel perfect across browsers
- Right click - Flash

# Build for JS

- Right click - no flash
- Show sources (can be minified)
- Break and inspect in browser

# How did That Work?

- In Flash
  - IDE compiles
  - FlexJS is just a set of libraries
- In JS
  - Run Ant or Maven build
  - App code is transpiled (using Falcon JX)
  - Framework code was already transpiled



# Let's Modify Using a Bead

- Add a behavior
- Put in MXML

# What Are These Beads?

- Encapsulation of a single functionality
- Can be added or removed
- Can listen on strand or other beads
- Components are strands
- Model, view, controller, layout are examples of beads

# What's So Good About Them?

- Avoid overthinking hierarchy trees
  - Composition over inheritance
- Easily override behavior
- Configuration via CSS can be powerful
- Don't download code you don't use
  - Faster download, faster code
- Create your own components set by choosing your beads

# Demo

- Add bead
- Build, show code
- Remove Bead
- Build, show code

# Component Sets

- Choose your component set
- What are your needs?
  - Rapid development (Express)
  - Fast app startup (Basic)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> party library (MDL, CreateJS)
- You can mix

# Contributing to Framework

- Set up IDE to use framework libs
- Create an example app
- Add bead/component
- Run test example in IDE
- Run in JS
- Good? Make pull request.

Questions?