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Magento 2 Frontend Development with ClojureScript

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ClojureScript in Magento

for

Fun

and

Profit

WTF?

DON'T
fight the
Framework!

Stuff needs to get done.

Quickly.

In okay quality.

**I don't want to fight the
framework.**

But sometimes it feels like it's fighting me.

As an eCommerce developer,
I want to build sites with Magento,
without being frustrated
by tangled UI Components,
so I can deliver work on time.

I would love to love all UI Components.

But it hasn't happened for me.

The next best thing:

*Not use them whenever working with them
takes an unreasonable amount of time.*

I need to find a tool that allows me to

- use Magento as much as possible
- selectively rebuild the parts that I do not want
- make the choice on a case-by-case basis

Concrete options:

- JavaScript
- TypeScript
- ScalaJS
- Elm
- PureScript
- ClojureScript

What is ClojureScript?

LISP

(List + Processor)

Clojure

- Hosted Language
 - JVM
 - JavaScript (Browser & Node)
 - CLR

(Clojure, ClojureScript, ClojureCLR)

Clojure

- Embraces the host runtime -> interop

Clojure

*One thing which seems important at first
turns out to be a non-issue:*

Parenthesis

PHP

```
print("Magento")
```

Clojure

```
(print "Magento")
```

But JS haz Objects...!

JavaScript

```
"Magento".toLowerCase()  
// => "magento"
```

ClojureScript

```
(.toLowerCase "Magento")  
;; => "magento"
```

JS

```
console.log("debug");
```

ClojureScript

```
(.log js/console "debug")
```

;; alternative syntactic JS interop sugar

```
(js/console.log "debug")
```

CLJS in Magento

- In Magento module:
compiled to `view/frontend/web/js/`
- In Magento base dir:
compiled to `pub/js/`
- The `<script src="...">` tag
needs to precede `requirejs`

Demo

Clojure

- Quick feedback loop
- Lovely developer experience

Clojure

- Extremely stable
- 10 years of growth

Clojure

— More Clojure devs than Clojure jobs

So many good ideas in ClojureScript...

I want talk about all of them!

But - that would take days...

But I can't just leave them out!

Wow, much good, such benefits!

- Immutability by default
- Immutable persistent data structures
- Versatile data structures: Maps, Sets, Lists and Vectors
- Large consistent core library
- Google Closure Compiler Inlining and Dead Code Elimination
- Dead Code Elimination also for external node modules
- Closure Spec
- core.async a.k.a. CSP a.k.a. go blocks
- React Native
- GCC module splitting and cross module code motion
- Direct access to the giant JavaScript library ecosystem
- Great testing story
- Modern frontend architecture
- Documentation and books
- Podcasts, YouTube Channels, International Conferences
- User groups and workshops
- Very cool people and projects to be inspired by
- And much more...

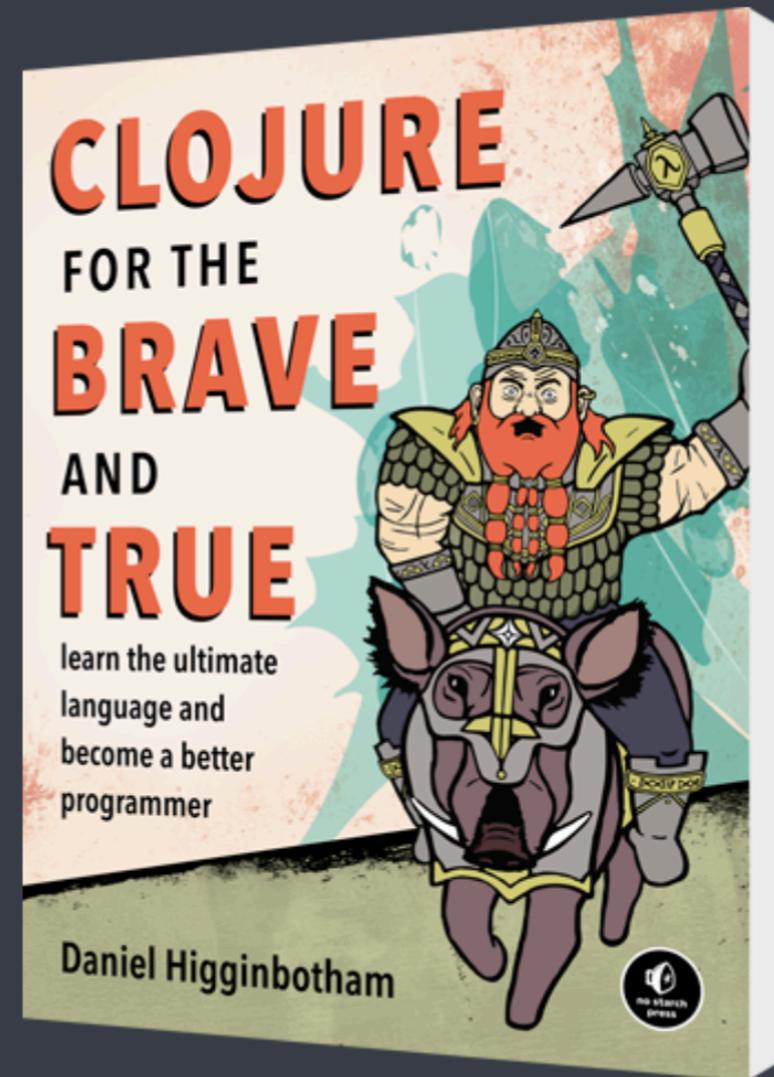
Want to dig in?

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Manchester Lambda Lounge (@LambdaMCR) - 20. Nov.



Virtual Clojure Meetup (on meetup.com)



ClojureBridge (@ClojureBridge) - 17.-18. Nov. London

Thank you!

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Questions, Thoughts, Ideas?

Demo Source: <https://github.com/Vinai/magento-cljs-giftlist>



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