

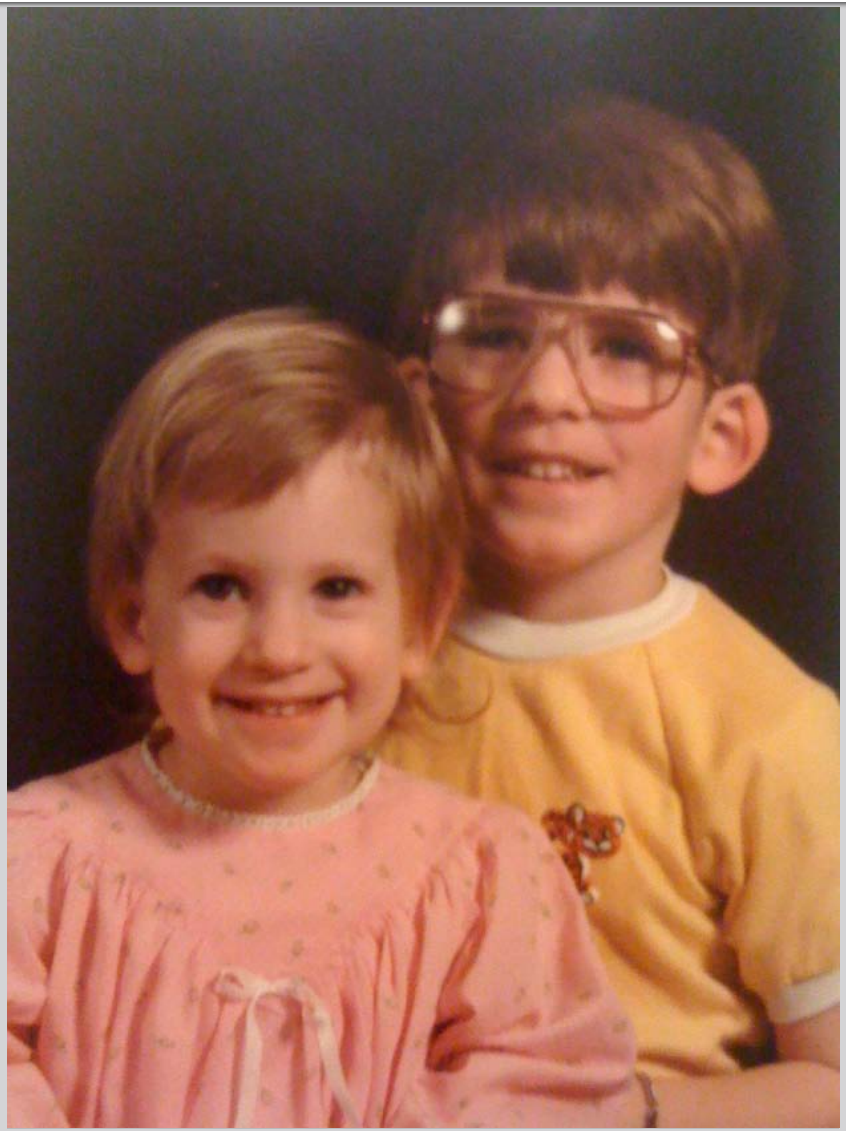
What Is (And How Do I Use)

Progressive Enhancement

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Who, What, When, Where, and Why?



Oxford comma!



Glad Wrap Hats!





Escalators!





Elevators!





Progressive Enhancement

- Target baseline
 - No CSS?
 - No JS?
 - Broken support?
- Enhance for better UAs
- CSS is PE!
- Strictly additive
 - No regression!



Graceful Degradation

- Target high-end
- Degrade for other UAs
 - Rounded corners
 - Client-side validation
- Lots of 'degrade' targets
 - High regression



PE vs. GD

PROGRESSIVE ENHANCEMENT

- Accessibility
 - Rich UAs still benefit
 - No alienation
- JS disabled
- CSS compromised

GRACEFUL DEGRADATION

- Here's hoping!
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The Basic Pieces

RIAs are for later. They are interesting as a counterpoint to the PE vs. GD debate, but they're a different animal.



Semantic Markup

- Semantic Markup
 - HTML₄ is reasonable
 - HTML₅ standardizes semantics



Element Targeting

- CSS
 - Present semantics

- jQuery(...), \$\$(...)
 - Enrich semantics



Functional Targeting

- `if (navigator.geolocation)`
- `jQuery.support.XXX`
- Modernizr



Additive Approach

- Start simple
- Enhance where possible
 - Client-side manipulation



Client-Side Manipulation

- DOM manipulation
- Partial-page injection



RIAs

- Platform specific
- Holistic approach



Elevators!





Code!

Because codeless presentations are for boring old people who couldn't manage to walk through the snow uphill both ways in time to write the code.

Geolocation

```
<form method="post" action="submit.cfm" class="locate-form">
  <input type="submit" value="Save Location" />
</form>
```

```
if (navigator.geolocation) {
  navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(
    function(pos) {
      jQuery('form.locate-form')
        .append('<input name="location" value="' + pos.latitude + ',' + pos.longitude + '" />')
    },
    function(err) {
      jQuery('form.locate-form')
        .append('<div>geolocation errored</div>')
    },
    {
      timeout: 5000
    }
  )
} else {
  jQuery('form.locate-form')
    .append('<div>no geolocation support</div>')
}
```

Username Validation

```
<form method="post" action="submit.cfm">
  Add Username:<br />
  <input name="username" value="#url.username#" class="check-username" autocomplete="off" /><br />
  <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
</form>

var checkTimeout;
jQuery('input.check-username').keyup(function() {
  var $this = jQuery(this)
  clearTimeout(checkTimeout);
  checkTimeout = setTimeout(function() {
    jQuery.ajax({
      url: 'exists.cfm',
      data: { username: $this.val() },
      success: function(data) {
        $this.parent().find('.check-username-status').remove();
        if (jQuery.trim(data) == 'false') {
          $this.after('<span style="color:green" class="check-username-status">Username available!</span>');
          $this.parents('form').find('input[type=submit]').removeAttr('disabled')
        } else {
          $this.after('<span style="color:red" class="check-username-status">Username already taken</span>');
          $this.parents('form').find('input[type=submit]').attr('disabled', 'disabled')
        }
      }
    })
  }, 250);
})
```



Other Use Cases

- Semantic form validation



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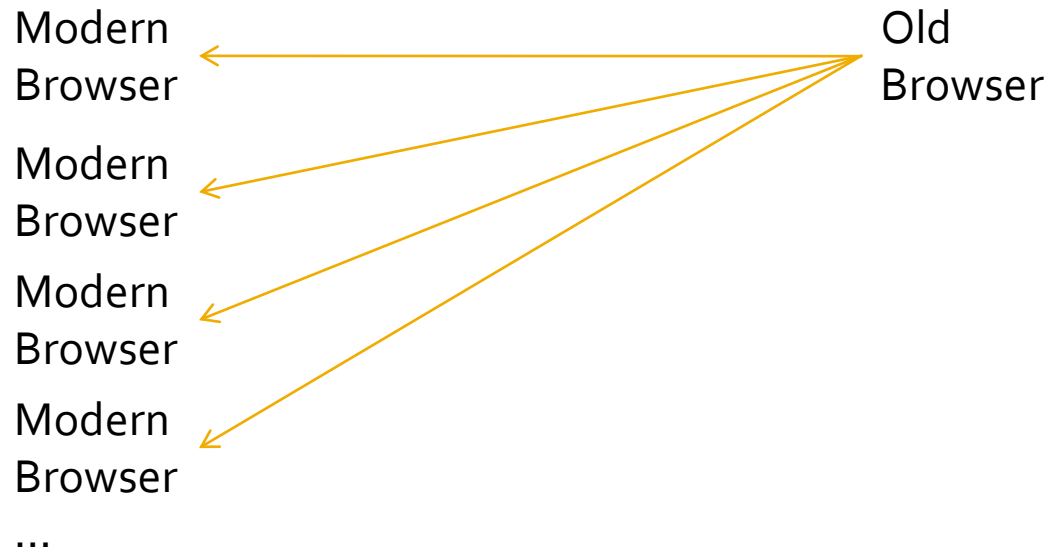
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- Semantic form validation
- Increasing widget usability
- Collapse multi-pageload process
- No-reload paging
- No-reload sequential submission

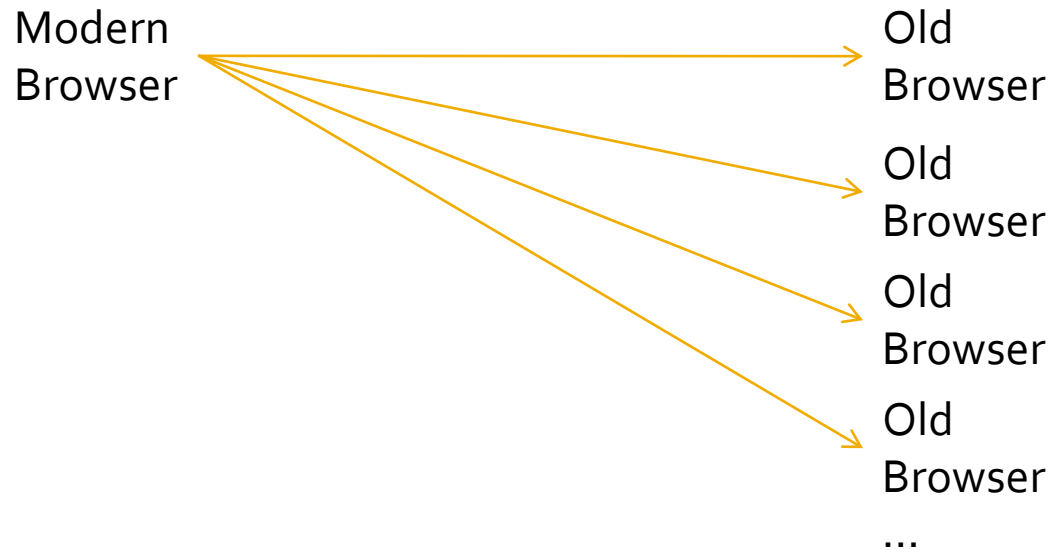
Testing

Can there be enough? Never. Can we try? Yes. Should we? Probably.
Should we follow that up with a Scotch? Yep. Or three? YES!

Progressive Enhancement



Graceful Degradation





Development Mindset

- GD == build awesome, pray it works
- PE == build working, make it awesome



Conclusion

For without a conclusion, the sounds from my mouth were but a pointless disturbance of air molecules.



Which One Are They?



Other Sessions

- Sandra Clark
 - WAI-ARIA (in 15 minutes, right here)
- Adrian Pomilio
 - Building HTML5 Applications (Friday @ 3 pm)

Soapbox*

- If you're not using version control, start. Before you write another line of code.
- If you don't use a Front Controller framework, start. (I like FB3Lite, but then I wrote it)
- Learn about your tools. They're all **far** more powerful than you believe.

* I'm going to read this one verbatim. Sorry.

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