



Willow

The interaction tour

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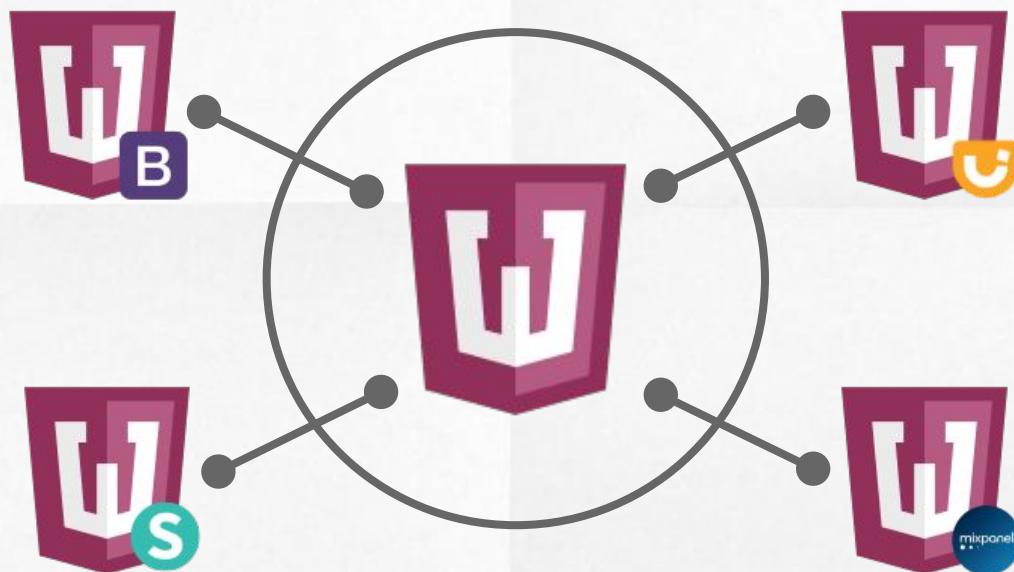
- Intro
- Components
- Interaction affordances
- Real life examples
- Complex interactions
- Conclusion

Intro

What is Willow?

Is a Web Interaction Library that eases
the burden of creating AJAX-based
web applications...

... conforming an ecosystem with specific integrations.



Why Willow?

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Why Willow?

So that people can stop writing things like these:

```
html anchor
  id: 'idAjaxAnchor';
  onClick:
    (html jQuery
      script: [ :script |
        script
          << (JSStream on: 'this.onclick = function(){ return false; }').
        script
          <<
            (html jQuery ajax
              callback: [ flagDialog := false.
                [ self setupVoceAttiva: each ]
                on: Error
                do: [ :ex | flagDialog := true ] ];
            onSuccess:
              (html jQuery ajax
                script: [ :s |
                  flagDialog
                    ifTrue: [ s
                      << (s jQuery: #dialogId) dialog open ] ])
            with: [ self renderItem: each on: html ]
```

Why Willow?

And start writing like these:

```
| anchor |  
  
anchor := self componentSupplier  
    asynchronousLinkLabeled: [ :html | self renderItem: each on: html ]  
    applying: [ ].  
anchor onTrigger  
    determineBehaviorByEvaluating: [ :response |  
        [ self setupVoceAttiva: each ]  
        on: Error  
        do: [ :ex | response onReturn open: self dialog ] ]
```

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Frontend integration

Component creation can be abstracted by using a component supplier, supporting:

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Built on top of Seaside rendering capabilities.

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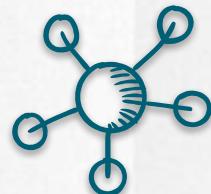
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- **Text Field**
- **Date Field**
- **Number Field**

Selection

- Listbox
- Dropdown List
- Radio Groups
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Command Input

- Buttons
- Links
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Containers

- Lists
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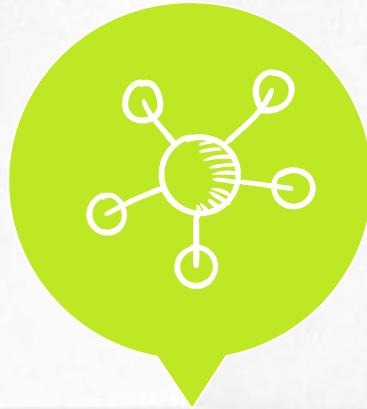
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Interaction affordances

Each interactive component supports the
#onTrigger message

Client Execution

button onTrigger

```
executeOnClient: [ :canvas |  
    canvas javascript alert: 'Hi'  
]
```

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Click me!

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Server Evaluation

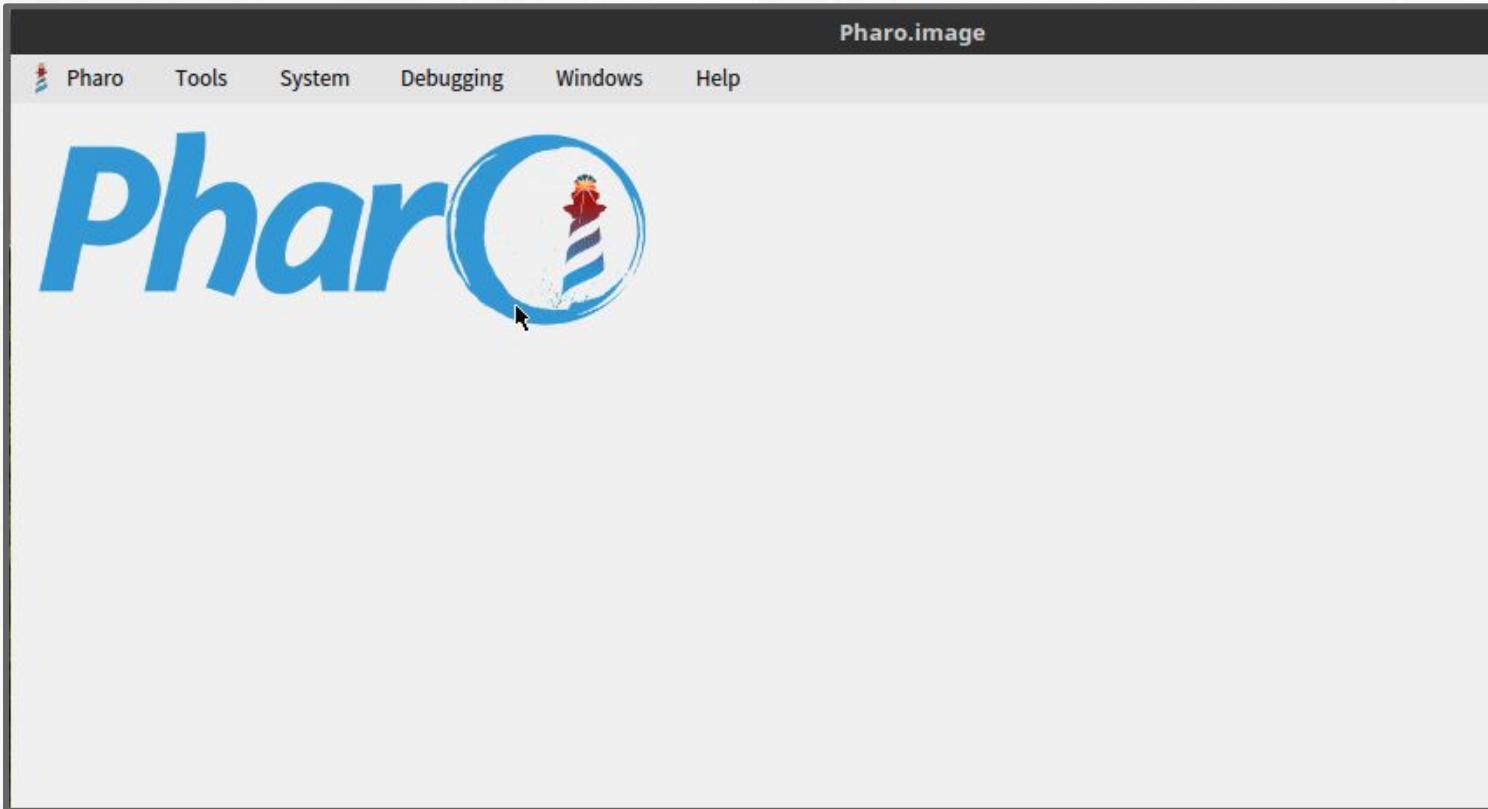
button onTrigger

evaluate: [

'The button was clicked on the browser' inspect

]

Server Evaluation



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```
'button> event
  ▼ click http://localhost:8080/willow101:1 ↴
    ▼ function(event) {
      ▼ Willow.callServer({
        "url": "/willow101",
        "data": ["_s=I9DKUvCUOMuKDmA", "_k=d_-KXmJBNAnbvZH1",
        "21"].join("&")
      })
    }
```

Rendering

```
companionView := IdentifiedWebView  
    forSpanNamed: 'Companion'  
    containing: [ :canvas | canvas strong: self currentTime ].  
button onTrigger render: companionView
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            })
        }
```

Headers Cookies Params Response Timings Stack Trace

Request URL: http://localhost:8080/willow101?_s=I9DKUvCU0MuKDiMA&_k=d_-KXmJBNAnbvZH1&44&_=1535657651227

Request method: GET

Remote address: 127.0.0.1:8080

Status code: 200 ⓘ Edit and Resend Raw headers

Version: HTTP/1.1

Filter headers

Response headers (288 B)

Request headers (495 B)

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Response payload

```
1 $("Companion-id46").html("<strong>16:58:33</strong>")
```

Serialization

When working with form elements the contents must be serialized so that the server elements have the updated values. Here are some alternatives:

- `serialize`
- `serializeWithHiddenInputs`
- `serializeForm:`
- `serializeContainerForm`

Serialization

```
button onTrigger
    serializeContainerForm;
    disable;
    determineBehaviorByEvaluating: [ :response || answer |
        answer := self askDeveloper: input contents.
        response onReturn
            setValueTo: answer thenTriggerChangeOf: input ]
```

Serialization

Form To Submit

Enter a question

Ask it!



Serialization

```
</button> event
▼ click http://localhost:8080/willow101:1 ↴
  ▼ Willow.callServer({
    "type": "POST",
    "url": "/willow101",
    "data": ["_s=I9DKUvCUOMuKDiMA", "_k=d_-KXmJBNAnbvZH1", "57",
      $(this).closest("form").find(":input").serialize().join("&")
    ]
  })
  ↴
```

DOM Manipulation

Several affordances are available to manipulate DOM elements:

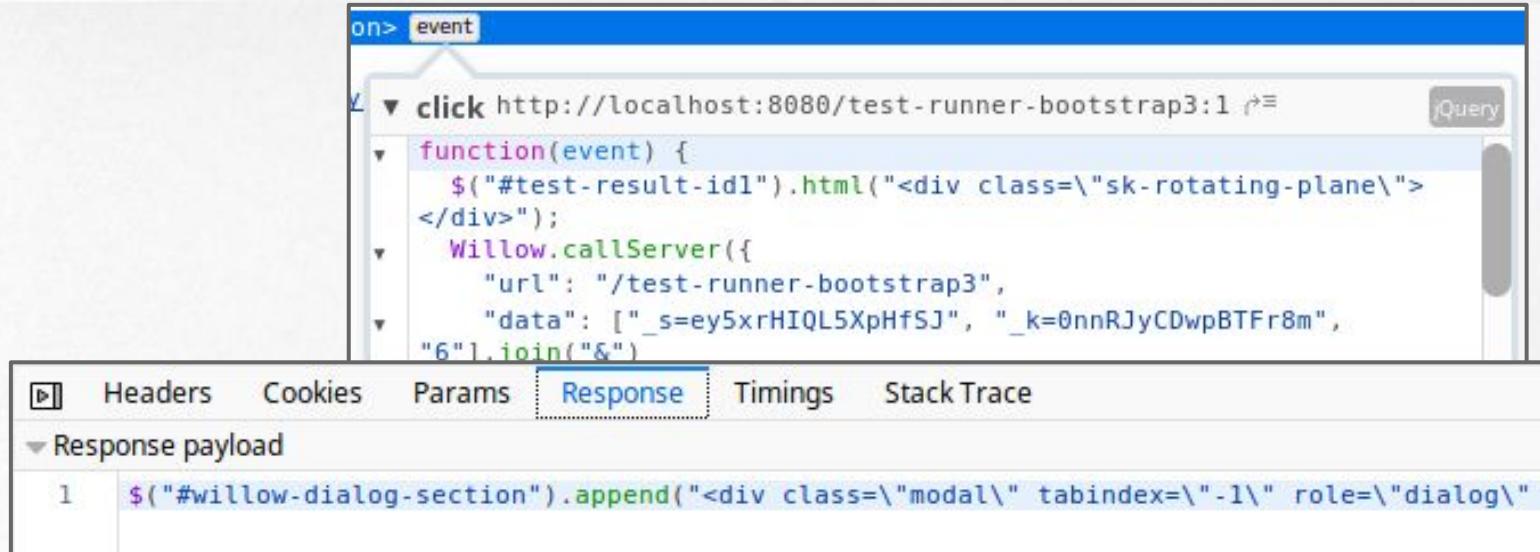
- disable/enable
- focus
- remove: identifiedView
- transform: identifiedView into: renderable
- setValueTo: val thenTriggerChangeOf: input
- show: renderable
whileCallingServerToRender: identifiedView
- and more...

CSS Classes

- addCssClass:
- changeCssClass:to:
- removeCssClass:
- toggleCssClass:
- and some variations...

Dialogs

- closeLastDialog
- closeAllDialogs
- open: dialogView



The screenshot shows a browser developer tools Network tab with a single entry for a 'click' event. The event payload is a JavaScript function:

```
on> event
  click http://localhost:8080/test-runner-bootstrap3:1
    function(event) {
      $("#test-result-id1").html("<div class=\"sk-roating-plane\">
</div>");
      Willow.callServer({
        "url": "/test-runner-bootstrap3",
        "data": [ "_s=ey5xrHIQL5XpHfSJ", "_k=0nnRJyCDwpBTFr8m",
        "6" ].join("&") })
```

The Response tab is selected, showing the response payload:

```
Headers Cookies Params Response Timings Stack Trace
Response payload
1 $("willow-dialog-section").append("<div class=\"modal\" tabindex="-1\" role=\"dialog\"")
```



Real life
examples



Combining Interactions

```
toolbar onRunSelectedTestsTrigger  
    transform: testResult  
    into: SpinKitTripleBounce new;  
    evaluate: [ self session runTests ];  
    render: testResult.
```

toolbar runTestsButton onTrigger

toolbar onRunSelectedTestsTrigger
transform: testResult
into: SpinKitTripleBounce new;
evaluate: [self session runTests];
render: testResult.

Combining Interactions

0 run, 0 passes, 0 skipped, 0 expected failures, 0 failures, 0 errors, 0 unexpected passes. [See the details here.](#)

▶ Run Selected

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Test Case Selection

Package Categories

- Collections-DoubleLinkedList-Tests
- Collections-Tests-Abstract
- Collections-Tests-Arrayed
- Collections-Tests-Atomic
- Collections-Tests-Sequenceable**
- Collections-Tests-SplitJoin
- Collections-Tests-Stack

Test Cases

- ArrayType
- ByteArrayTest
- CollectionRootTest
- FIFOQueueTests
- FloatArrayTest
- HeapTest
- IntegerArrayTest

Dialog Opening

```
detailsLinkShowing: testResult
| detailsAnchor |
detailsAnchor := self componentSupplier
    asynchronousLinkActingAsButtonLabeled: 'See the details.'
    applying: [ :anchor | anchor addClass bootstrap alertLink ].  

detailsAnchor onTrigger open:
(WPTestRunnerTestResultDetailsDialog for: testResult).
^ showDetailsAnchor
```

Dialog Opening

Willow Based Test Runner

330 run, 323 passes, 0 skipped, 0 expected failures, 7 failures, 0 errors, 0 unexpected passes. [See the details here.](#)

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- Collections-Tests-Support
- Collections-Tests-Unordered
- Collections-Tests-Weak
- Commander-Core-Tests
- Compression-Tests-Archives
- Compression-Tests-Streams
- ConfigurationCommandLineHandler-Tests
- Debugger-Tests
- EmbeddedFreeType-Tests

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- IntegerArrayList
- IntervalTest
- LIFOQueueTests
- LinkedListTest
- NativeArrayList
- OrderedCollectionTest
- OrderedDictionaryTest
- OrderedIdentityDictionaryTest
- ReduceTest
- SharedQueueTest

File Edit View Search Terr
gobject.source_remove(s
/usr/lib/python2.7/dist-p
667 was not found when at

Conditional response

button onTrigger

sendToMixpanel: [:mixpanel |

mixpanel track: 'Clicked on "Search>Analyze"';

determineBehaviorByEvaluating: [:response |

self applicationContext

 withBondUnderAnalysisDo: [:bond |

response onReturn open:

 (**BondInvestmentDialogWebView** for: **bond**)]

 ifUnused: []].

Conditional response

The screenshot shows a user interface for bond analysis. At the top, there is a search bar labeled "Buscar bono..." and a button labeled "Analizar". Below the search bar, a cursor is hovering over a dropdown menu icon. The main title "BIENVENIDO" is displayed prominently in orange. Below it, the text "Comience eligiendo una familia de bonos" is shown. A dropdown menu is open, displaying the option "Argentina - Soberanos - Letras del BCRA - ARS". To the right of this dropdown is a button labeled "Ver Curva".

Send To Mixpanel is just syntactic sugar

`sendToMixpanel: aBlock`

```
^self executeOnClient: [:canvas |  
| mixpanel |  
mixpanel := canvas mixpanel.  
aBlock cull: mixpanel cull: canvas.  
mixpanel]
```



Complex Interactions

(the crazy stuff)

Passing client parameters

```
| interpreter |
```

```
interpreter := WebInteractionInterpreter forInstantEvaluation.
```

```
userAgent := "".
```

```
interpreter
```

```
evaluate: [:clientUserAgent | userAgent := clientUserAgent]
```

```
with: (JSStream on: 'navigator') access: 'userAgent'.
```

```
interpreter applyTo: aCanvas document on: aCanvas
```

Interaction with external JSObjects

```
interpreter := WebInteractionInterpreter  
    forEvaluationOf: #click: withAll: #().  
  
interpreter determineBehaviorByEvaluating: [:response |  
    self context setBondUnderAnalysisToBe: bond.  
    response onReturn  
        open: (BondInvestmentDialogWebView for: bond)].  
  
events := HighchartsPlotOptionsScatterEvents new.  
interpreter applyTo: events on: aCanvas.  
^events
```

Subclass of
JSObject

Interaction with external JSObjects

Buscar bono... Analizar

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BONOS EN LA CURVA

Bono	TIR	MD	Paridad	VT	Cotización
A2E2	6.92 %	2.91	96.49 %	100.58	3,100.00 *
A2E3D	9.92 %	3.57	82.43 %	100.64	2,650.00 *
A2E7	7.85 %	5.95	94.97 %	100.71	3,055.00 *
A2E8	7.52 %	6.63	90.03 %	100.85	2,900.00 *
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AA19	7.91 %	0.58	99.08 %	102.22	3,235.00 *
AA25	8.90 %	4.30	87.34 %	102.16	2,850.00 *
AA26	10.48 %	5.09	86.15 %	102.67	2,825.00 *
AA37	9.50 %	8.27	86.14 %	102.86	2,830.00 *
AA46	10.37 %	8.83	77.57 %	102.71	2,545.00 *

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Legend:

- AA19
- AO20
- A2E2
- A2E3D
- A2E7
- A2J9
- AA25
- AA26
- AA37
- AA46
- AE48
- DICA
- DICY
- PAA0
- PAY0
- PARA
- PARY
- AC17
- DIY0
- DIA0
- AY24
- A2E8

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Conclusions

- Simplified interactions by using a wide range of ready to use components
- Seaside compatible
- Advanced components available
- Complex interactions still possible

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