

Crash Course in AngularJS + Ionic (Deep dive)

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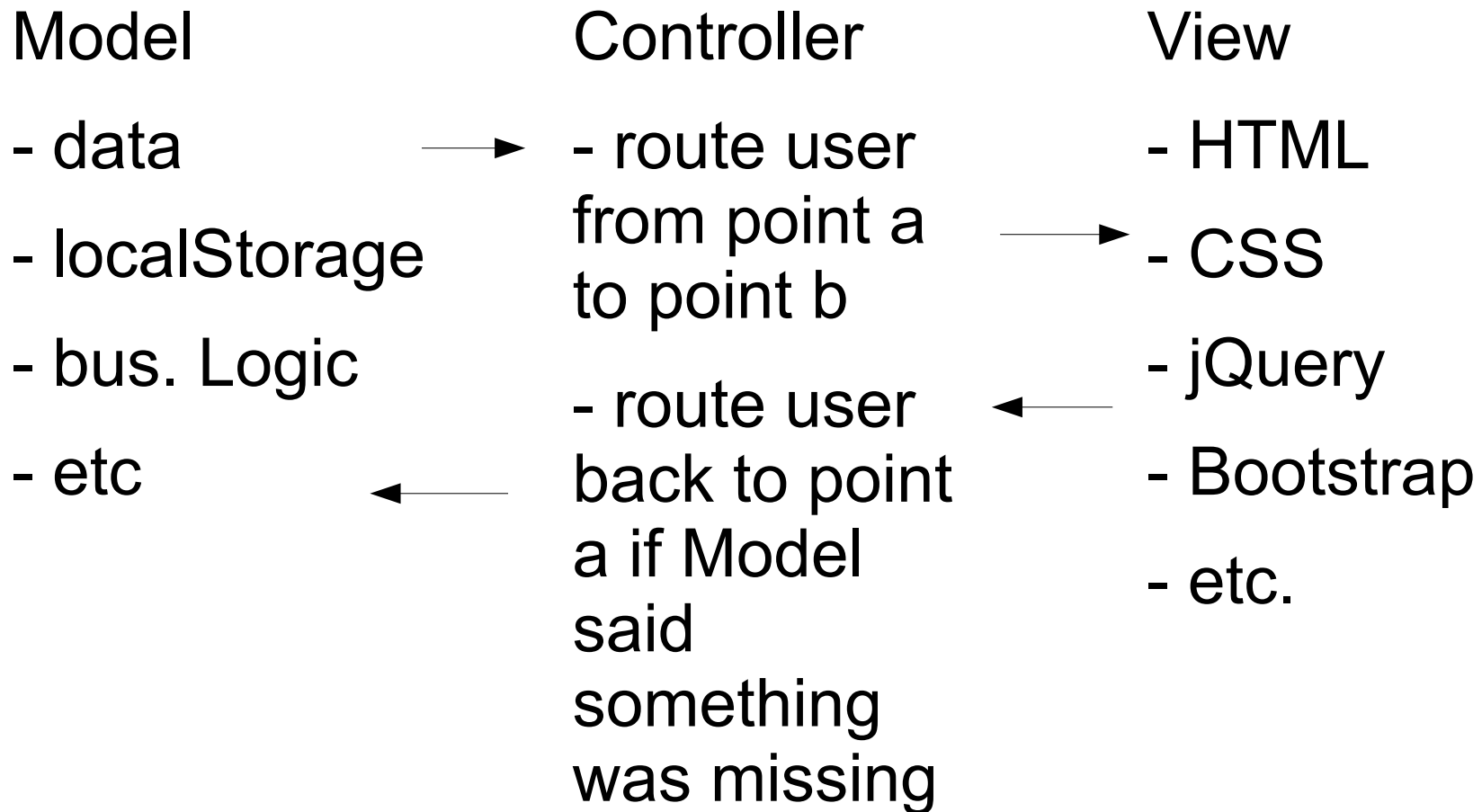
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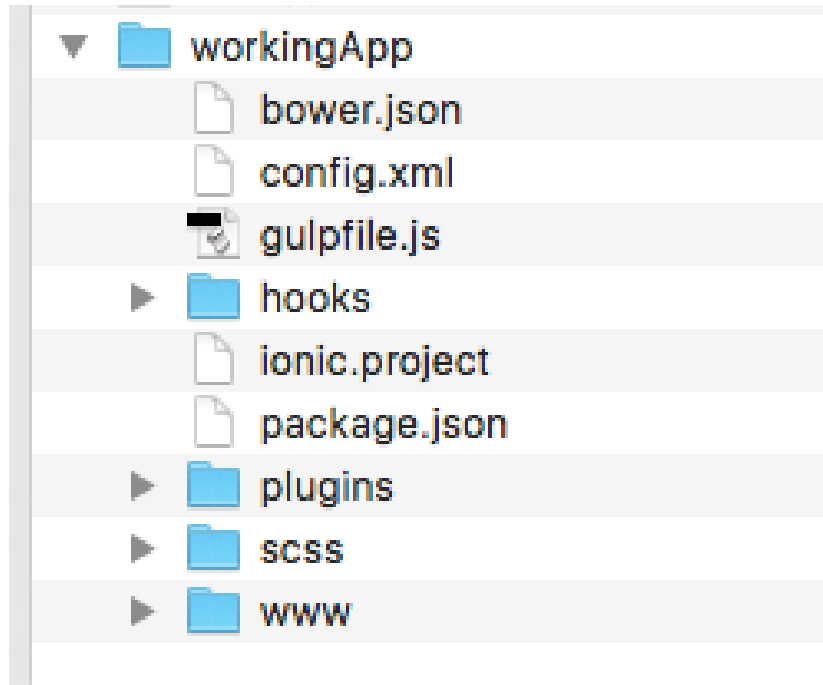
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Project Structure



Bower, Gulp, etc

- build things (optional)

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- main code folder

/scss

- Optional SASS things

/plugins

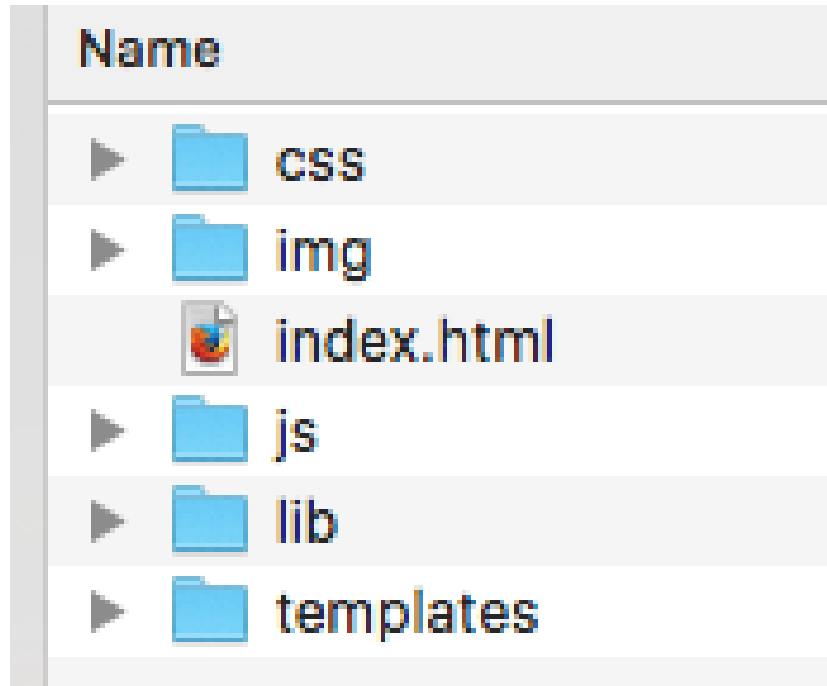
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[DEMO ionic start DevObjective2016 tabs]

Project Structure – www folder



/css

- empty by default

/img

- Auto-resized by ionic build

/js

- My code for the app

/lib

- JS libraries, angular, ionic
- Ionic CSS, SVG fonts, etc

/templates

- My views for the app

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[DEMO 4]

[DEMO 5]

Project Structure

- Lots of CSS classes
- Very Bootstrap-esque
 - Add class or classes to HTML tags for most of the base functionality.

Code Samples

- Header and Subheader

```
<div class="bar bar-header">
```

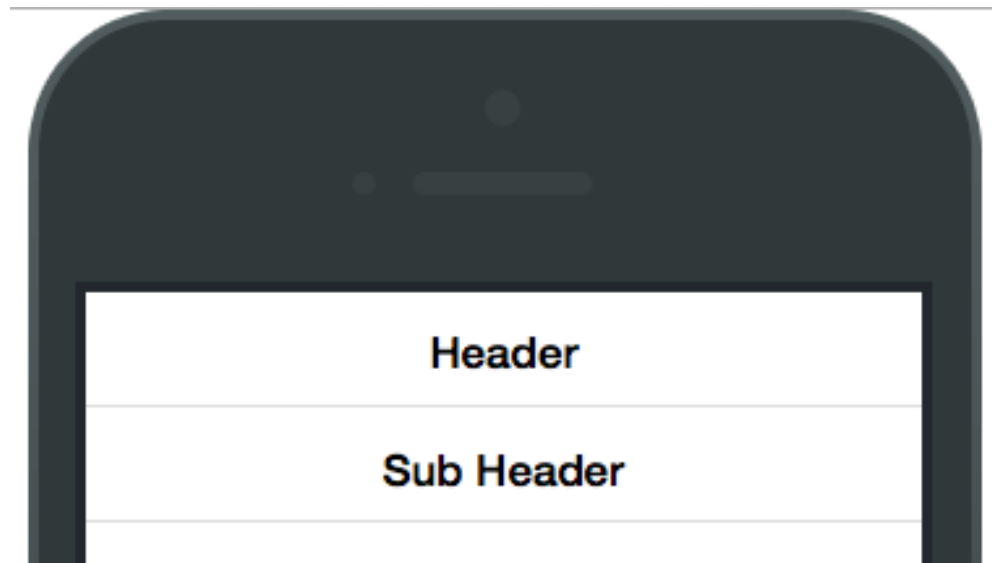
```
  <h1 class="title">Header</h1>
```

```
</div>
```

```
<div class="bar bar-subheader">
```

```
  <h2 class="title">Sub Header</h2>
```

```
</div>
```



Code Samples

- Buttons

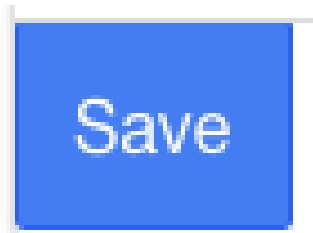
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`<button class="button button-positive"> Save </button>`



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```
<div class="list">
```

```
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```

```
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```

```
  <a class="item" href="#"> Eric Johnson </a>
```

```
  <a class="item" href="#"> Stanley Jordan </a>
```

```
</div>
```

Code Samples

- Cards

```
<ion-content>
```

```
<div class="card">
```

```
<div class="item item-text-wrap">
```

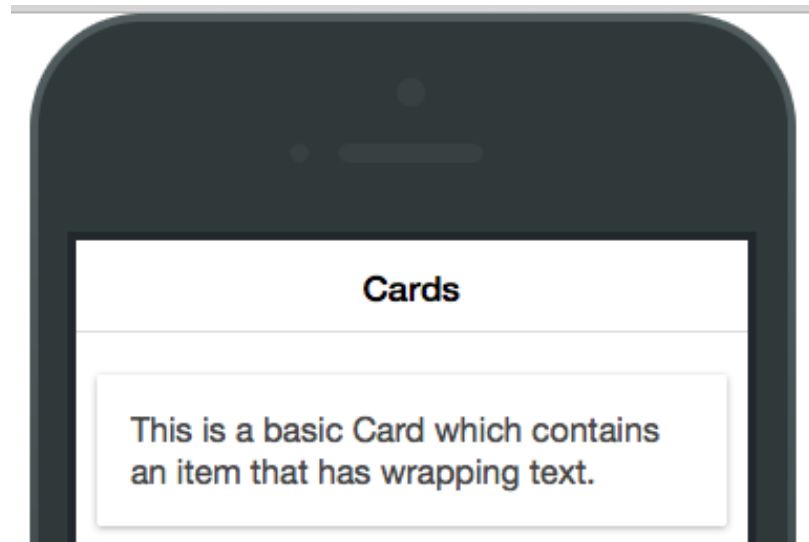
Card content goes here.

```
</div>
```

```
</div>
```

```
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```

[DEMO - cards]



Code Samples – Form Controls

```
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```

Placeholder Labels

First Name

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Comments

Submit

Code Samples – Form Controls

```
<div class="list">
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    <input type="text" placeholder="John">
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</div>
```

Stacked Labels
First Name John
Last Name Suhr
Email john@suhr.com
Create Account

Form Controls - Checkboxes

```
<ion-list>
```

```
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.flux">Flux Capacitor
```

```
    </ion-checkbox>
```

```
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.gigawatt">
```

```
    1.21 Gigawatts</ion-checkbox>
```

```
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.delorean">
```

```
    Delorean</ion-check>
```

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Flux Capacitor



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Delorean

Grid Layout

Grid

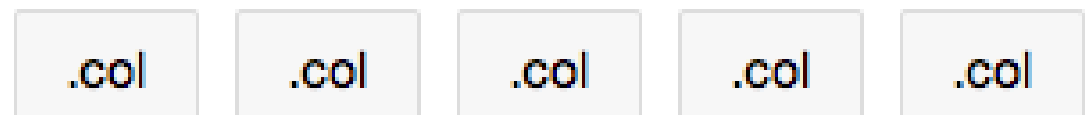


Based on FlexBox

Add a column and Ionic will figure out the “layout math” for you.

```
<div class="row">
  <div class="col">.col</div>
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  <div class="col">.col</div>
  <div class="col">.col</div>
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```

Evenly Spaced Columns



And lots more!

- Utility classes
 - Colors, icons, padding
 - Platform-specific classes
 - Style iPhone differently than Android, etc
- User created add-ons
- Plugins

Testing Your App

- ionic serve
 - Runs in the browser
- ionic serve --lab
 - Examples of iOS and Android layouts
- Code is sync'd
 - No reloading the browser needed
- ionic emulate iOS
 - Starts up the iOS simulator

Testing Your App

- Ionic View
 - <http://view.ionic.io/>
 - Easy private Beta testing
 - No iPhone Developer License needed
 - No “registering devices with Apple” needed
 - Install Ionic View app, add the serial #, done.

[DEMO – Ionic View upload, install]

Publishing Your App

- Same as any other mobile app
 - Google Play Store (Android)
 - Make your APK and submit it
 - Apple App Store
 - Jump thru all of Apple's hoops
 - Subject yourself to their pain
- Build.phonegap.com
 - Helps with build process
 - Still have to deal with Apple's submission process.
No way around that.

What's the catch?

- Same as any PhoneGap/Cordova project.
- Need to install the SDKs for each platform.
 - Takes time, hassles, etc.
 - Android isn't super intuitive
 - iOS requires Xcode, latest OSX, etc.

Other Resources

- AngularJS.org
- Book “Pro AngularJS”
- Book “PhoneGap Mobile Application Development Cookbook” – Matt Gifford
- IonicFramework.com
- Ionic Creator IDE
- Ionic View – easy “private QA” app
- Ray Camden's Ionic preso from CF.Objective last year.

Questions? Comments?

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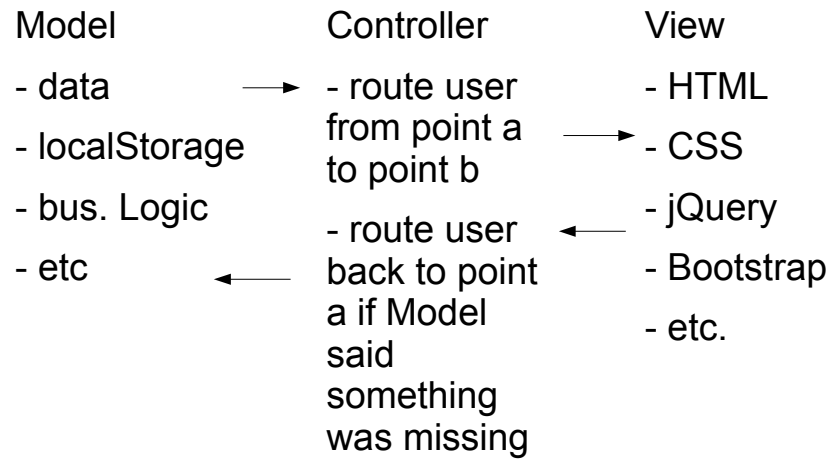
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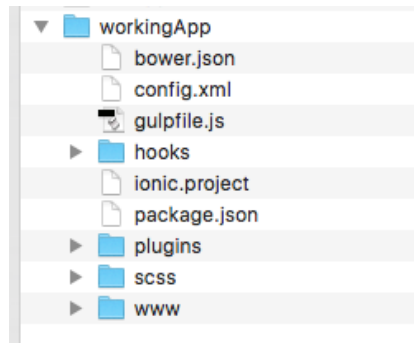
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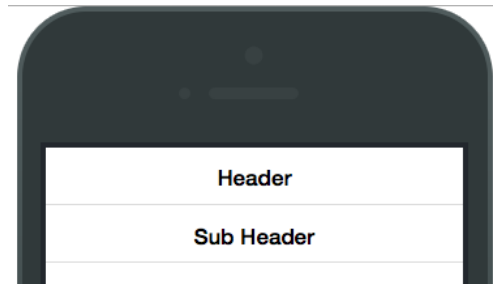
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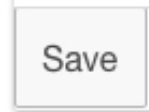
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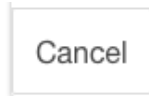
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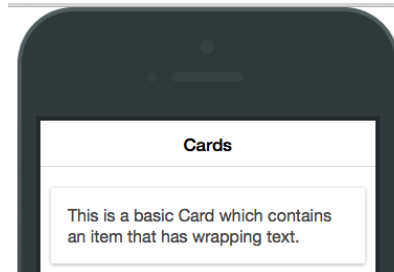
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Placeholder Labels

First Name

Last Name

Comments

Submit

Code Samples – Form Controls

```
<div class="list">
  <label class="item item-input item-stacked-label">
    <span class="input-label">First Name</span>
    <input type="text" placeholder="John">
  </label>
  <label class="item item-input item-stacked-label">
    <span class="input-label">Last Name</span>
    <input type="text" placeholder="Suhr">
  </label>
  <label class="item item-input item-stacked-label">
    <span class="input-label">Email</span>
    <input type="text" placeholder="john@suhr.com">
  </label>
</div>
```

Stacked Labels
First Name John
Last Name Suhr
Email john@suhr.com
Create Account

Form Controls - Checkboxes

```
<ion-list>  
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.flux">Flux Capacitor  
    </ion-checkbox>  
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.gigawatt">  
    1.21 Gigawatts</ion-checkbox>  
  <ion-checkbox ng-model="power.delorean">  
    Delorean</ion-checkb  
</ion-list>
```



Flux Capacitor



1.21 Gigawatts



Delorean

Range Control

```
<div class="item range">  
  <i class="icon ion-volume-low"></i>  
  <input type="range" name="volume">  
  <i class="icon ion-volume-high"></i>  
</div>
```



Grid Layout

Grid



Based on FlexBox

Add a column and Ionic will figure out the "layout math" for you.

```
<div class="row">  
  <div class="col">.col</div>  
  <div class="col">.col</div>  
  <div class="col">.col</div>  
  <div class="col">.col</div>  
  <div class="col">.col</div>  
</div>
```

Evenly Spaced Columns



And lots more!

- Utility classes
 - Colors, icons, padding
 - Platform-specific classes
 - Style iPhone differently than Android, etc
- User created add-ons
- Plugins

Testing Your App

- ionic serve
 - Runs in the browser
- ionic serve -- lab
 - Examples of iOS and Android layouts
- Code is sync'd
 - No reloading the browser needed
- ionic emulate iOS
 - Starts up the iOS simulator

Testing Your App

- Ionic View
 - <http://view.ionic.io/>
 - Easy private Beta testing
 - No iPhone Developer License needed
 - No “registering devices with Apple” needed
 - Install Ionic View app, add the serial #, done.

[DEMO – Ionic View upload, install]

Publishing Your App

- Same as any other mobile app
 - Google Play Store (Android)
 - Make your APK and submit it
 - Apple App Store
 - Jump thru all of Apple's hoops
 - Subject yourself to their pain
- Build.phonegap.com
 - Helps with build process
 - Still have to deal with Apple's submission process.
No way around that.

What's the catch?

- Same as any PhoneGap/Cordova project.
- Need to install the SDKs for each platform.
 - Takes time, hassles, etc.
 - Android isn't super intuitive
 - iOS requires Xcode, latest OSX, etc.

Other Resources

- AngularJS.org
- Book “Pro AngularJS”
- Book “PhoneGap Mobile Application Development Cookbook” – Matt Gifford
- IonicFramework.com
- Ionic Creator IDE
- Ionic View – easy “private QA” app
- Ray Camden's Ionic preso from CF.Objective last year.

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Free music trivia instead of swag giveaways.
You're welcome.

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Thanks!