# Using ClojureScript with heavy industrial equipment

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(defn hello
[name]
(str "Hello " name "!"))



(hello "YOW") ;;=> "Hello YOW!"



This one weird trick Hacker News keeps off the frontpage







## Talk outline





























## Needed: A better workflow



Paperwork is hard to sync, bulky Enable preventative maintenance Photos are easy + more detailed



# Complex details

# Discussion

# Flow charts



# Screen flows



### Add Observation

"Add Observation" button is available on components that allow open observations. Button always appears at the bottom of the observation list.

### **Select Observation Type** Modal overlay with scrolling list of open observations.

# User stories

"Ted the technician wants to..."

"Mary the manager needs to..."

# Prototypes



### Harel's Statecharts



## Back in the 80's







### Harel's doodles





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### STATECHARTS: A VISUAL FORMALISM FOR COMPLEX SYSTEMS\*

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Abstract. We present a broad extension of the conventional formalism of state machines and state diagrams, that is relevant to the specification and design of complex discrete-event systems. such as multi-computer real-time systems, communication protocols and digital control units. Our diagrams, which we call statecharts, extend conventional state-transition diagrams with essentially three elements, dealing, respectively, with the notions of hierarchy, concurrency and communication. These transform the language of state diagrams into a highly structured and economical description language. Statecharts are thus compact and expressive-small diagrams can express complex behavior-as well as compositional and modular. When coupled with the capabilities of computerized graphics, statecharts enable viewing the description at different levels of detail, and make even very large specifications manageable and comprehensible. In fact, we intend to demonstrate here that statecharts counter many of the objections raised against conventional state diagrams, and thus appear to render specification by diagrams an attractive and plausible approach. Statecharts can be used either as a stand-alone behavioral description or as part of a more general design methodology that deals also with the system's other aspects, such as functional decomposition and data-flow specification. We also discuss some practical experience that was gained over the last three years in applying the statechart formalism to the specification of a particularly complex system.

### 1. Introduction

The literature on software and systems engineering is almost unanimous in recognizing the existence of a major problem in the specification and design of large and complex reactive systems. A reactive system (see [14]), in contrast with a *transformational system*, is characterized by being, to a large extent, event-driven, continuously having to react to external and internal stimuli. Examples include telephones, automobiles, communication networks, computer operating systems, missile and avionics systems, and the man-machine interface of many kinds of ordinary software. The problem is rooted in the difficulty of describing reactive behavior in ways that are clear and realistic, and at the same time formal and





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### Statechart semantics
Login













The user starts on the login screen.

They can enter some credentials and then hit the button to submit the credentials.

The user is now "logging in" and we are waiting for a response from the server.

If the server replies that the login is valid, the user is sent into the app.

If the server replies that the login is not valid, the user is sent back to the login screen with an error message. There is also a 5 second timeout, so if we don't hear back from the server by then, the user is sent to a screen that explains that they need to be online to use this app.





### Implementing our app





### Implementation





### Lets start at "Login"



### Login screen

```
(defn login-template
  [username password transition]
```

```
[:div
[:h1 "Login Plz"]
[:form
    {:on-submit (fn [e]
                          (transition "submit credentials"
                          username password))}
```

[:input {:type "text" :value username}]
[:input {:type "password" :value password}]
[:input {:type "submit"} "Login"]]])

### Transition fn from statechart



### Similar states share templates



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                                username password))}
      [:input {:type "text" :value username
               :disabled (when (= "logging in" state) true)}]
      [:input {:type "password" :value password
               :disabled (when (= "logging in" state) true)}]
      [:input {:type "submit"
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### "Templates" = Functions



### Things you can take home



### Designers love it!



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### Composition

#### (defn checklist-item

```
[{:keys [path name note value]
      :as op}
      ctrl]
```



#### [:li [:p.name name] [:p.note {:on-click #(ctrl "expand note" {:path path :note note})} (or note "Add notes")]

#### [:.value (observation-point-selector op ctrl #(ctrl "update" {:path (get-in @op [:observation :path]) :update %}))]

```
(photo-icon ctrl path op)]
```

### Functions are real nice





# The entire UI can be a single function





### "Immediate mode" UI

## (render x) =



## (render x) =





## (render x') =





#### An immutable graph database

### Benefits of explicit app state

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## Viewable



# Benefits of explicit app state Reloadable $(f x) \cdots (f' x)$

### Benefits of explicit app state

## Undo

 $(f_X) \cdots \rightarrow (f_X') \cdots \rightarrow (f_X'')$ 

### Wrap up
## Specs are tricky...

#### Prototype



#### Discussions



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#### Flow charts



### Statecharts = formal specs



## Model state explicitly



(transition x "some event")  $\implies$  x'

## Build your UI as a function

# (render x) =



#### Functions are awesome!

# (render x) =



- Reuse
- Composition
- Testing

## Explicit data are awesome!

# (render x) =



- Introspection
  - Serializability
  - Reloadable
  - Undo

# Thanks!

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