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# Functional, Reactive Web Abstractions for .NET

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WebSharper 

# WebSharper

Open source at:

<http://github.com/IntelliFactory/websharper>



# Project templates

- Single-Page Applications (SPAs) - client-only
- Client-Server Applications - sitelet-based
- HTML Applications - client only, sitelet-based

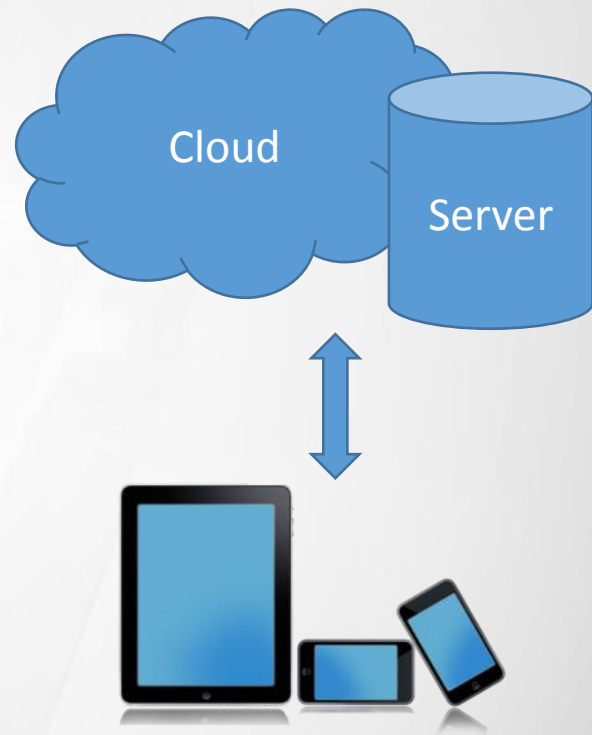
<http://websharper.com/docs/templates>



# Bridging the language mismatch

open WebSharper

```
module Server =  
  [<Rpc>]  
  let MyServerFunction(...) = ...  
  
module Client =  
  [<JavaScript>]  
  let MyClientFunction(...) =  
    ...  
    let v = MyServerFunction(...)  
    ...
```



# WebSharper

## Composable functional programming abstractions

1. **Sitelets**: web applications
2. **Pagelets**: dynamic markup and behavior
3. **UI.Next**: reactive DOM and dynamic dataflow
4. **Formlets**: complex and dependent web forms
5. **Flowlets**: sequences of user forms
6. **Piglets**: formlets on steroids: UIs for any device



# Sitelet microservices

```
module MyApplication
```

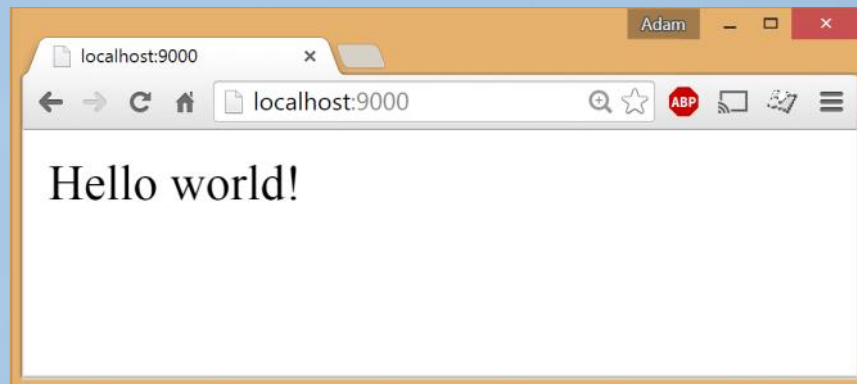
```
open WebSharper
```

```
open WebSharper.Sitelets
```

```
[<Website>]
```

```
let Main =
```

```
    Application.Text (fun ctx ->  
        "Hello World!")
```



# Sitelet microservices

```
module MyApplication
```

```
open WebSharper
```

```
open WebSharper.Sitelets
```

```
open WebSharper.UI.Next.Html
```

```
open WebSharper.UI.Next.Server
```

```
[<Website>]
```

```
let Main =
```

```
Application.SinglePage (fun ctx ->
```

```
Content.Page(h1 [text "Hello World!"]))
```



# Sitelet microservices

```
type EndPoint = int
```

```
[<Website>]
```

```
let Main =
```

```
    Sitelet.Infer (fun ctx (endpoint: EndPoint) ->
```

```
        match endpoint with
```

```
        | i -> Content.Text (string (i*i))
```

```
)
```

# HTML and other responses

- **Plain text** using `Content.Text`
  - `Content.Text "Hello World!"`
- **JSON** using `Content.Json`
  - `type Person = { First: string; Last: string; Age: int }`  
`Content.Json { First="John"; Last="Smith"; Age=30 }`
- **Files** using `Content.File`
  - `Content.File("../../Main.fs",  
AllowOutsideRootFolder=true,  
ContentType="text/plain")`
- **Error codes, etc.**

# Sitelet endpoints

Endpoint Type	Sample Request	Parsed Request
Int	/12	12
Float	/12.34	12.34
String	/abc1234	"abc1234"
System.Net.HttpStatusCode	/200	HttpStatusCode.OK
System.DateTime	/2015-08-24-12.55.14	System.DateTime(2015,8,24,12,55,14)
string * int	/abc/1234	("abc", 1234)
{ Name: string; Age: int }	/john/12	{ Name="John"; Age=12 }
string option	/None /Some/abc	None Some "abc"
int list	/2/1/2	[1; 2]
float list	/2/1.1/2.2	[1.1; 2.2]
string list	/2/abc/1234	["abc"; "1234"]
int array	/2/1/2	[ 1; 2 ]
float array	/2/1.1/2.2	[ 1.1; 2.2 ]
string array	/2/abc/1234	[ "abc"; "1234" ]

# Sitelet endpoint modifiers

- [`<EndPoint ...>`]: Specifying URL/method pairs

```
type EndPoint =
```

```
| [<EndPoint "GET /about">] About
```



# Sitelet endpoint modifiers

- [`<Query("param1", ...)>`]: specifying query parameters

```
type EndPoint =
```

```
| [<EndPoint "/doc"; Query "version">] Document of int * version: int option
```

Sample Request	Parsed Request
<code>/doc/1234?version=1</code>	<code>Document(1234, Some 1)</code>
<code>/doc/1234</code>	<code>Document(1234, None)</code>

# Sitelet endpoint modifiers

- [`<Json "param">`]: Specifying arguments to be passed as JSON (on POST)

```
type EndPoint =  
  | [<EndPoint "POST /create"; Json "order">]  
    CreateOrder of data: OrderData
```

```
and OrderData =  
  { item: string; quantity: int }
```

Sample Request	Parsed Request
<code>/create</code> <code>{ item:"Book", quantity:1 }</code>	<code>CreateOrder({</code> <code>item="Book";quantity=1 })</code>

# Sitelet endpoint modifiers

- [`<FormData("param1", ...)>`]: Specify arguments to be passed as form data

# Client-side templating

```
type MainTemplate = Templating.Template<"Main.html">
```

```
let Main ctx action title body =  
    Content.Page(  
        MainTemplate.Doc(  
            title = title,  
            menubar = ...,  
            body = body  
        )  
    )
```

# HTML templates

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
  <meta charset="utf-8" />
  <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0" />
  <meta data-replace="meta" />
  <title>${title}</title>
  <meta data-replace="styles" />
</head>
<body>
  <div data-replace="body"></div>
  <script data-replace="scripts"></script>
</body>
</html>
```

- data-replace
- data-hole
- \${var}

# Reactive template placeholders

**data-var**: bind the value of an input control to a reactive variable

**data-attr**: assign an attribute

**data-event-xxx**: bind an event handler for xxx

**data-template**: use the given node as a template

**data-children-template**: use the contents of the given node as a template

**\${var}**: the view of a reactive variable

<http://try.websharper.com/example/todo-list>



# Constructing HTML with UI.Next

```
let Main () =  
    let input = inputAttr [attr.value "" ] []  
    let output = h1 []  
    div [  
        input  
        buttonAttr [  
            on.click (fun _ _ ->  
                async {  
                    let! data = Server.DoSomething input.Value  
                    output.Text <- data  
                }  
            |> Async.Start  
        )  
    ] [text "Send"]  
    hr []  
    h4Attr [attr.`class` "text-muted"] [text "The server responded:"]  
    divAttr [attr.`class` "jumbotron"] [output]  
]
```

# Event handling

```
[<JavaScript>]
let Main () =
    let input = inputAttr [attr.value ""] []
    ...
    buttonAttr [
        on.click (fun _ _ ->
            async {
                let! data = Server.DoSomething input.Value
                output.Text <- data
            } |> Async.Start
        )
    ] [text "Send"]
```

# Write your server-side code

```
module Server =  
    [    let DoSomething input =  
        let R (s: string) = System.String(Array.rev(s.ToCharArray()))  
        async {  
            return R input  
        }
```

# Put your pages together

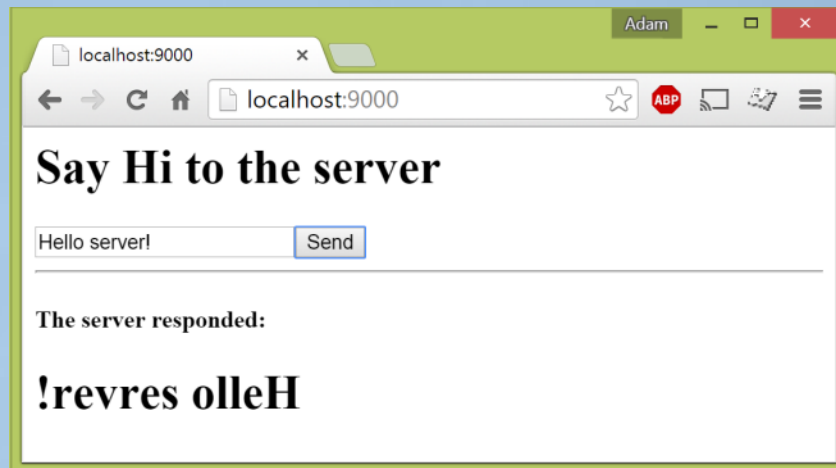
```
module Site =  
    let HomePage ctx =  
        Templating.Main ctx EndPoint.Home "Home" [  
            h1 [text "Say Hi to the server!"]  
            div [client <@ Client.Main() @>]  
        ]  
  
    let AboutPage ctx =  
        Templating.Main ctx EndPoint.About "About" [  
            h1 [text "About"]  
            p [text "This is a WebSharper client-server application."]  
        ]
```

# Client-server applications

```
type EndPoint =
    | [<EndPoint "/">] Home
    | [<EndPoint "/about">] About
```

[<Website>]

```
let Main =
    Application.MultiPage (fun ctx endpoint ->
        match endpoint with
        | EndPoint.Home -> HomePage ctx
        | EndPoint.About -> AboutPage ctx
    )
```



A close-up shot of Leonardo DiCaprio from the movie 'Inception'. He is wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bowtie. He is holding a martini glass filled with a golden liquid, looking directly at the camera with a slight, knowing smile. The background is dark with out-of-focus blue and white lights, suggesting a party or a night scene with falling confetti.

**YES!**

**THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT.**



# REST services

```
type Action =
```

```
| [<EndPoint "GET /person"; Query "id">] GetPerson of id:int
```

```
| [<EndPoint "POST /person"; Json "data">] PostPerson of data:Person
```

```
| [<EndPoint "PUT /person"; Query "id"; Json "data">] PutPerson of id:int * data:Person
```

```
| [<EndPoint "DELETE /person"; Query "id">] DeletePerson of id: int
```

[http://www.websharper.com/tutorials#web\\_development/implementing\\_a\\_rest\\_api\\_\(f-sharp\)](http://www.websharper.com/tutorials#web_development/implementing_a_rest_api_(f-sharp))

# Two-way data binding

A “bound” input control

Type text here...

Program code

```
...  
let res = compute...  
myVar <- res
```

Reactive variable



# Reactive variables, bound controls, and views

```
open WebSharper.UI.Next
```


```
open WebSharper.UI.Next.Client
```

```
let v = Var.Create "first value"
```

```
let textbox = Doc.Input [] myVar
```

```
let view = View.FromVar v
```

**Doc**: a representation for a reactive DOM fragment (empty, or single or multiple node)



<http://try.websharpener.com/snippet/adam.granicz/00001u>

```

30     ]
31   ]
32 ]
33 ]
34 ]
35 let view = View.FromVar rvText
36
37 let viewCaps =
38   view |> View.Map (fun s -> s.ToUpper())
39 let viewReverse =
40   view |> View.Map (fun s -> new string(Array.rev(s.ToCharArray())))
41 let viewWordCount =
42   view |> View.Map (fun s -> s.Split([' ']).Length)
43 let viewWordCountStr =
44   View.Map string viewWordCount
45 let viewWordOddEven =
46   View.Map (fun i -> if i % 2 = 0 then "Even" else "Odd") viewWordCount
47
48 let views =
49   [
50     ("Entered Text", view)
51     ("Capitalised", viewCaps)
52     ("Reversed", viewReverse)
53     ("Word Count", viewWordCountStr)
54     ("Is the word count odd or even?", viewWordOddEven)
55   ]
56
57 let tableRow (lbl, view) =
58   tr [
59     td [text lbl]
60     tdAttr [attr.style "width:70%"] [
61       textView view
62     ]
63   ] :> Doc
64
65 let tbl =
66   divAttr [cls "panel panel-default"] [

```

### Result

#### Input

Write something:

#### Output

Entered Text	Reactive bound controls
Capitalised	REACTIVE BOUND CONTROLS
Reversed	slortnoc dnuob evitcaeR
Word Count	3
Is the word count odd or even?	Odd



```
# source index.html Comments Embed
5 open WebSharper.Core
6 open WebSharper.UI.Next
7 open WebSharper.UI.Next.Client
8
9 [<JavaScript>]
10 module Code =
11
12     type IndexTemplate = Templating.Template<"index.html">
13
14     [NoComparison]
15     type Task = { Name: string; Done: Var<bool> }
16
17     let Tasks =
18         ListModel.Create (fun task -> task.Name)
19         [ { Name = "Have breakfast"; Done = Var.Create true }
20           { Name = "Have lunch"; Done = Var.Create false } ]
21
22     let NewTaskName = Var.Create ""
23
24     let Main =
25         IndexTemplate.Main.Doc(
26             ListContainer =
27                 [ListModel.View Tasks |> Doc.Convert (fun task ->
28                     IndexTemplate.ListItem.Doc(
29                         Task = task.Name,
30                         Clear = (fun _ -> Tasks.RemoveByKey task.Name),
31                         Done = task.Done,
32                         ShowDone = Attr.DynamicClass "checked" task.Done.View id)
33                 )],
34             NewTaskName = NewTaskName,
35             Add = (fun _ ->
36                 Tasks.Add { Name = NewTaskName.Value; Done = Var.Create false }
37                 Var.Set NewTaskName ""),
38             ClearCompleted = (fun _ -> Tasks.RemoveBy (fun task -> task.Done.Value))
39         )
40     |> Doc.RunById "tasks"
41
42
```

Result

## My TODO list

 Have breakfast ✕ Have lunch ✕

### New task

Add

You are going to add: Write a new book chapter



# Formlets

A compositional abstraction for constructing web forms:

```
Formlet.Return (fun fn age -> { FirstName=fn; Age=age })  
<*> Controls.Input "First name"  
<*> (Controls.Input "20"  
    |> Validation.IsMatch "^[1-9][0-9]*$" "Need an int"  
    |> Formlet.Map (int))
```

<http://try.websharper.com/snippet/adam.granicz/00003G>

# Dependent formlets and flowlets

Enhance flowlets with dynamic composition

Use the bind operator (`!let` in an F# computation expr)

J. Bjornson, A. Tayanovskyy, A. Granicz. *Composing Reactive GUIs in F# using WebSharper*. IFL 2010.

```
Formlet.Do {  
    let! fn = Control.Input "First name"  
    let! age = (Control.Input "20" |> ...)  
    return { Firstname=fn; Age=age }  
}
```

# Reactive formlets

```
let rvUsername = Var.Create ""
let rvPassword = Var.Create ""
Formlet.Return (fun user pass -> (user, pass))
<*> (Controls.InputVar rvUsername
    |> Formlet.WithLabel (text "Username: "))
<*> (Controls.InputVar rvPassword
    |> Formlet.WithLabel (text "Password: "))
|> Formlet.WithSubmit "Log in"
|> Formlet.WithFormContainer
|> Formlet.Run (fun (user, pass) ->
    JS.Alert ("Welcome, " + user + "!"))
|> Doc.RunById "main"
```





# Reactive piglets – WebSharper.Forms

```
Piglet.Return (fun user pass -> (user, pass))
<*> Piglet.Yield ""
<*> Piglet.Yield ""
|> Piglet.WithSubmit
|> Piglet.Run (fun (user, pass) ->
    JS.Alert ("Welcome, " + user + "!"))
|> Piglet.Render (fun rvUsername rvPassword submit ->
    form [
        ...
    ]
)
```

<http://try.websharper.com/snippet/00004x>

# Reactive “sitelets”

Client-side routing

<http://try.websharper.com/snippet/adam.granicz/000033>

F# source index.html Comments Embed

## Snooker by WebSharper

1 month ago

## Embed it into your website

## Direct link

<http://try.websharper.com/cache/snooker>

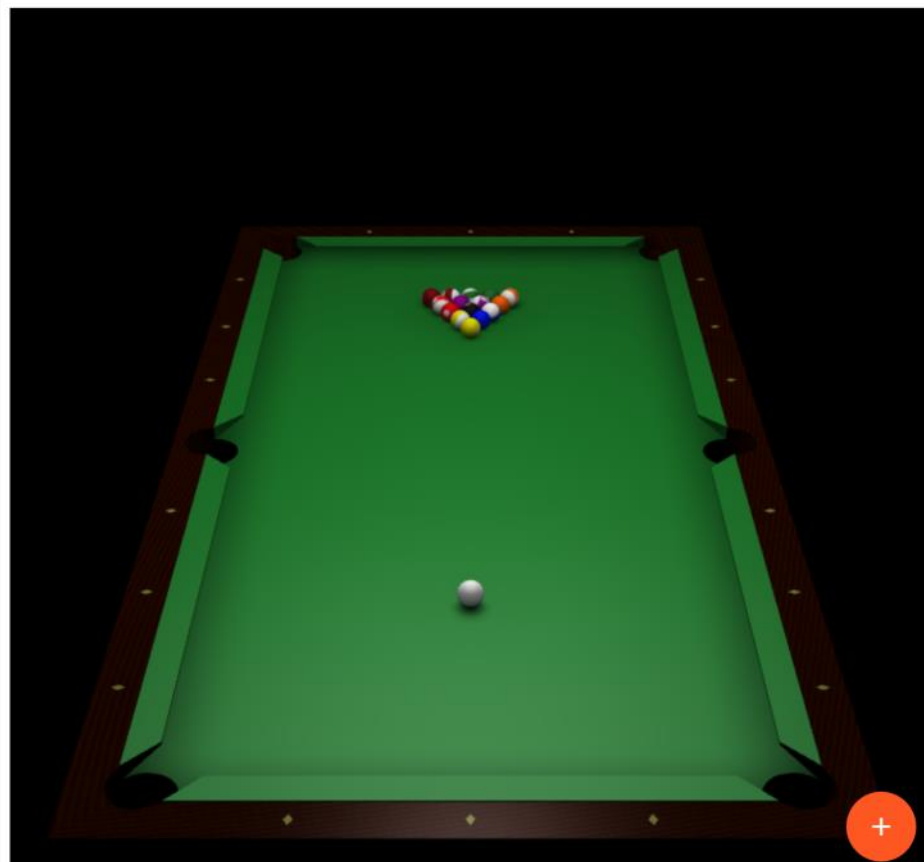
## Embed link

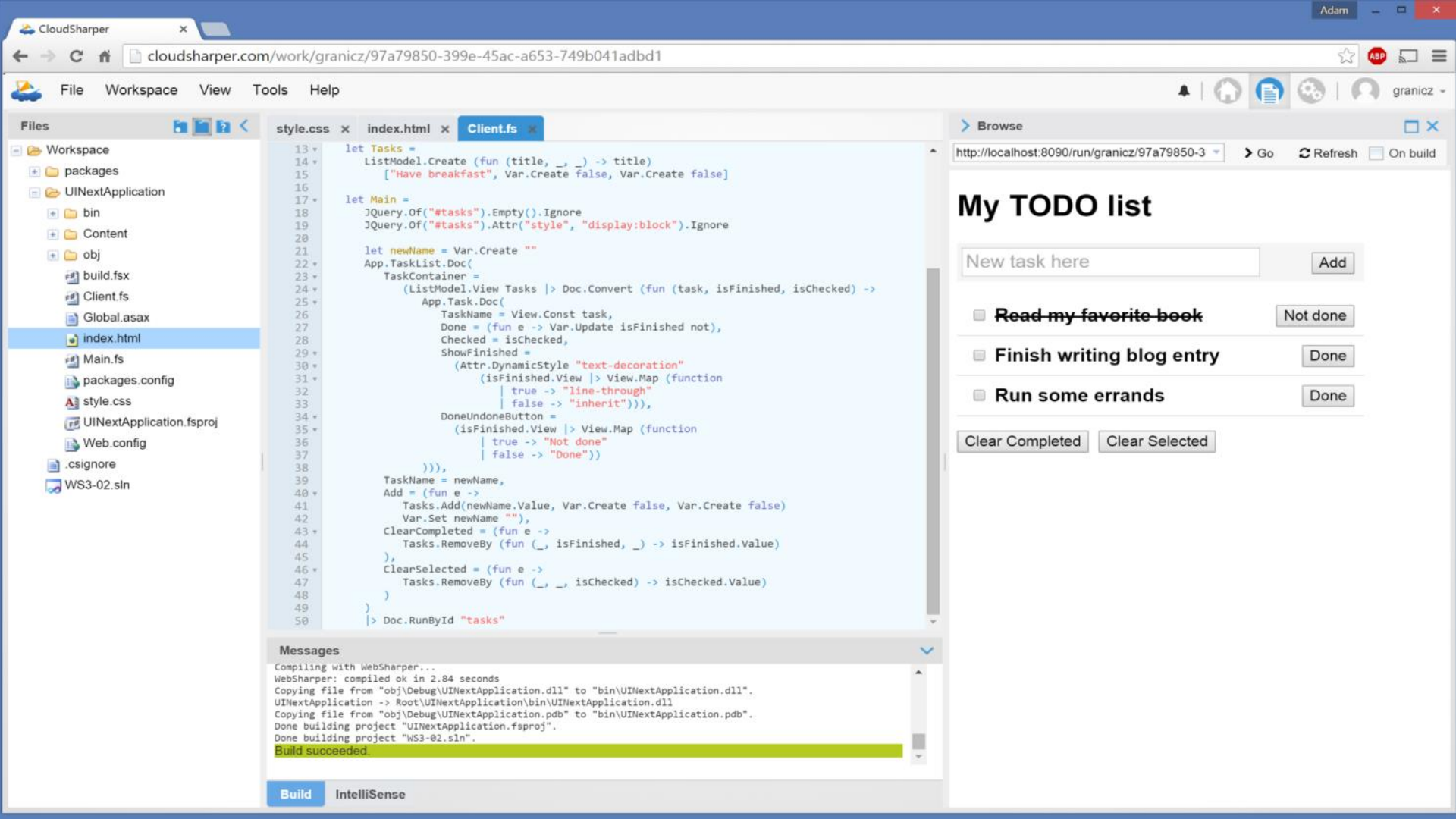
<http://try.websharper.com/embed-example/snooker>

## Responsive frame

```
<div style="width:100%;min-height:300px;position:relative"><iframe style="position:absolute;border:none;width:100%;height:100%" src="http://try.websharper.com/embed-example/snooker"></div>
```

Result





Files

- Workspace
  - packages
  - UINextApplication
    - bin
    - Content
    - obj
      - build.fsx
      - Client.fs
      - Global.asax
      - index.html**
      - Main.fs
      - packages.config
      - style.css
      - UINextApplication.fsproj
      - Web.config
      - .csignore
      - WS3-02.sln

```

style.css x index.html x Client.fs x
13 let Tasks =
14   ListModel.Create (fun (title, _, _) -> title)
15   ["Have breakfast", Var.Create false, Var.Create false]
16
17 let Main =
18   JQuery.Of("#tasks").Empty().Ignore
19   JQuery.Of("#tasks").Attr("style", "display:block").Ignore
20
21   let newName = Var.Create ""
22   App.TaskList.Doc(
23     TaskContainer =
24       (ListModel.View Tasks |> Doc.Convert (fun (task, isFinished, isChecked) ->
25         App.Task.Doc(
26           TaskName = View.Const task,
27           Done = (fun e -> Var.Update isFinished not),
28           Checked = isChecked,
29           ShowFinished =
30             (Attr.DynamicStyle "text-decoration"
31               (isFinished.View |> View.Map (function
32                 | true -> "line-through"
33                 | false -> "inherit"))),
34           DoneUndoneButton =
35             (isFinished.View |> View.Map (function
36               | true -> "Not done"
37               | false -> "Done")))
38         )),
39     TaskName = newName,
40     Add = (fun e ->
41       Tasks.Add(newName.Value, Var.Create false, Var.Create false)
42       Var.Set newName ""),
43     ClearCompleted = (fun e ->
44       Tasks.RemoveBy (fun (_, isFinished, _) -> isFinished.Value)
45     ),
46     ClearSelected = (fun e ->
47       Tasks.RemoveBy (fun (_, _, isChecked) -> isChecked.Value)
48     )
49   )
50 |> Doc.RunById "tasks"

```

Messages

Compiling with WebSharper...

WebSharper: compiled ok in 2.84 seconds

Copying file from "obj\Debug\UINextApplication.dll" to "bin\UINextApplication.dll".

UINextApplication -> Root\UINextApplication\bin\UINextApplication.dll

Copying file from "obj\Debug\UINextApplication.pdb" to "bin\UINextApplication.pdb".

Done building project "UINextApplication.fsproj".

Done building project "WS3-02.sln".

**Build succeeded.**

Build IntelliSense

# My TODO list

New task here

- ~~Read my favorite book~~
- Finish writing blog entry
- Run some errands

### Recent Applications

- F# Adam's first**  
Last Opened: 5/27/2016 09:27 on My Lapto...
- F# Microservices**  
Last Opened: 5/27/2016 08:48 on My Lapto...
- F# First bot**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 14:32 on My Lapto...
- F# Adam's second**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 14:30 on My Lapto...
- F# Adam's first**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 13:26 on My Azure ...
- F# App1**  
Last Opened: 5/12/2016 16:29 on AppSharper

### My Hosts

- AppSharper ✓
- My Azure Host !
- My Laptop #1 !
- New Host +

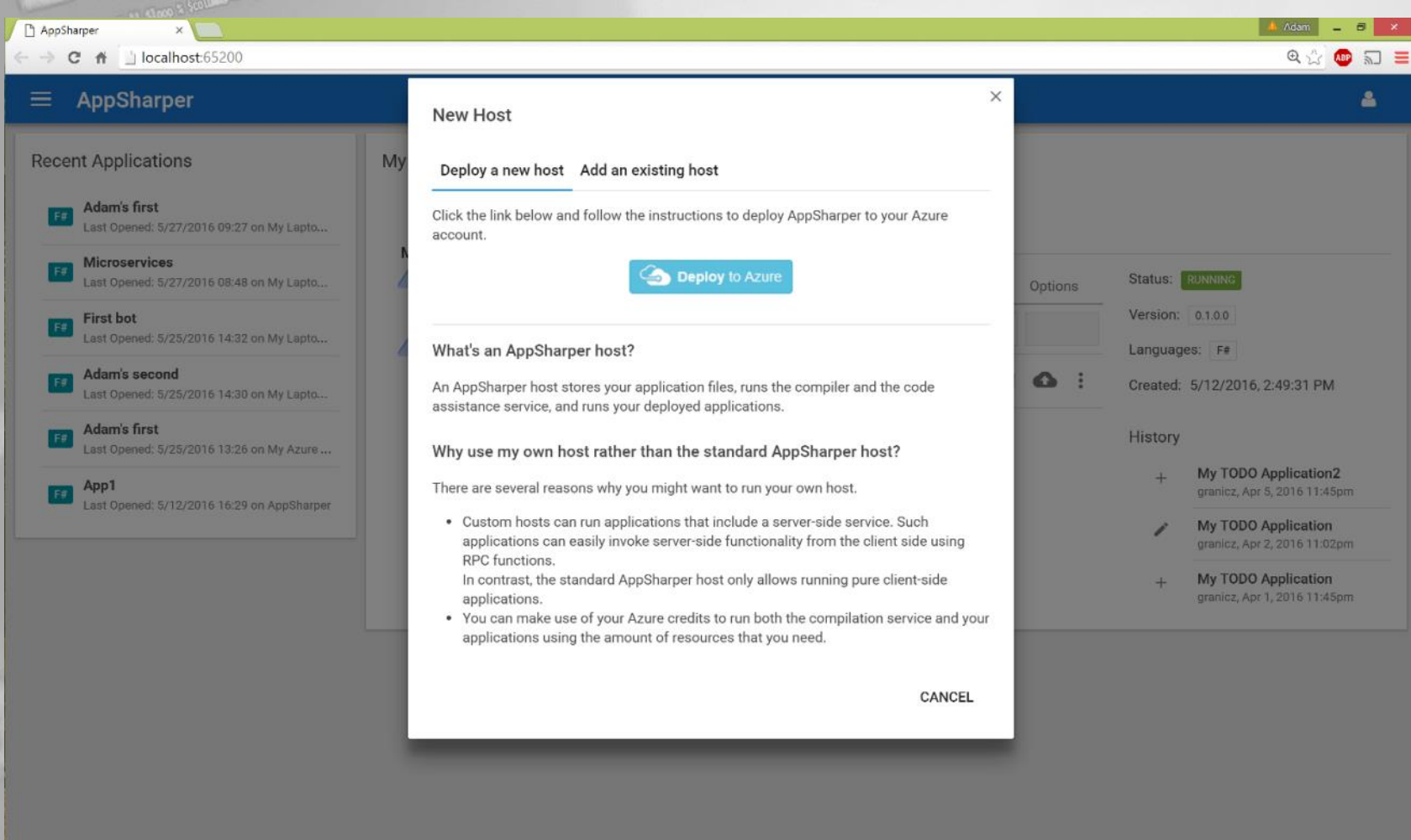
 **NEW APP**

App Name	Options	Status: <b>RUNNING</b>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	Version: 0.1.0.0
		Languages: <b>F#</b>
		Created: 5/12/2016, 2:49:31 PM

**F# App1**  
Modified on: 5/12/2016 15:29 by granicz

« < 1 - 1 / 1 (1) > »

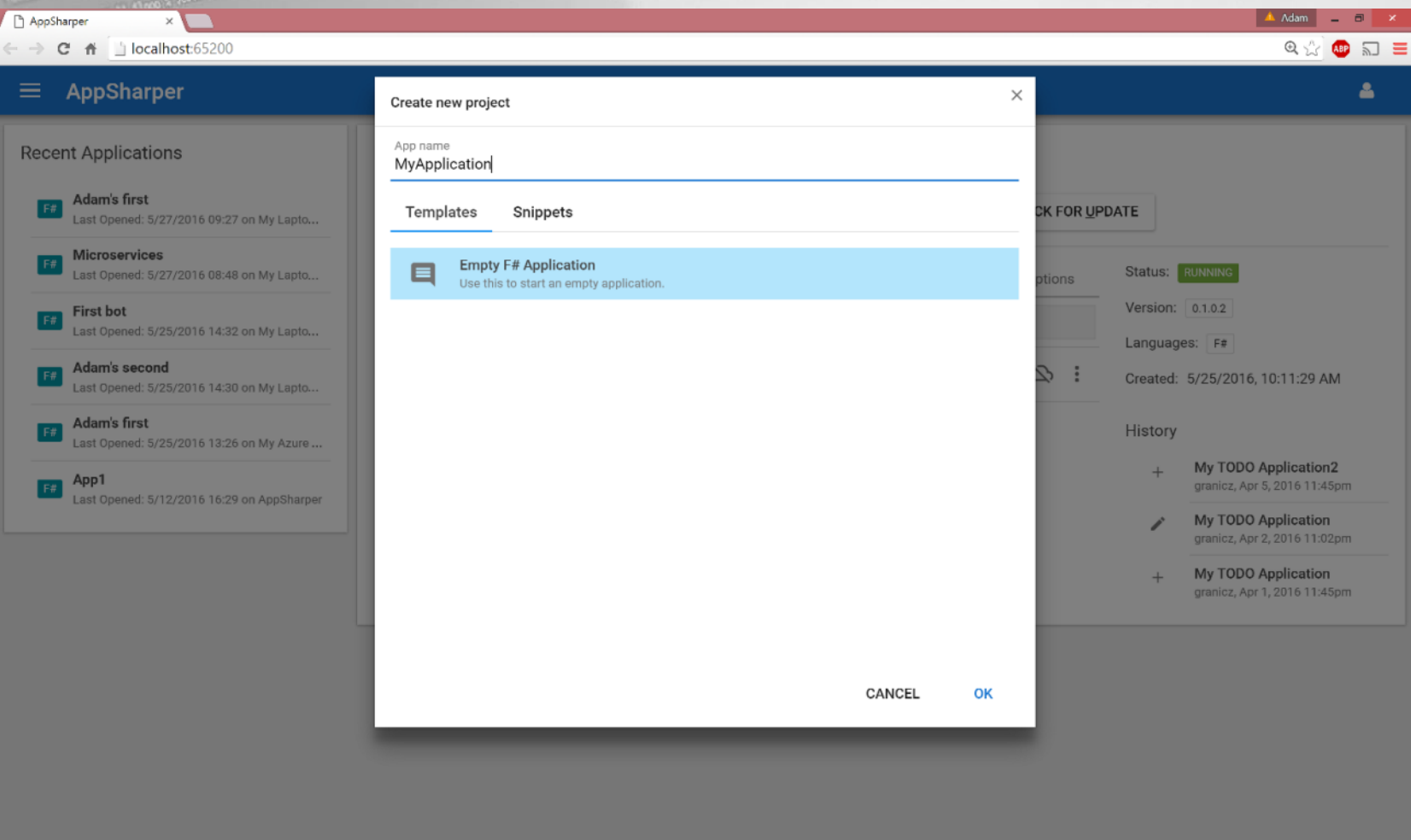
- Open in new window
- Download as a ZIP
- Rename application
- Delete Application
- Properties



The screenshot shows the AppSharper web application interface. A modal dialog box titled "New Host" is open in the center. The dialog has two tabs: "Deploy a new host" (selected) and "Add an existing host". Below the tabs, there is a text instruction: "Click the link below and follow the instructions to deploy AppSharper to your Azure account." A blue button with a cloud icon and the text "Deploy to Azure" is centered below the text. Underneath, there are two sections: "What's an AppSharper host?" and "Why use my own host rather than the standard AppSharper host?". The "What's an AppSharper host?" section contains a paragraph: "An AppSharper host stores your application files, runs the compiler and the code assistance service, and runs your deployed applications." The "Why use my own host rather than the standard AppSharper host?" section contains a paragraph: "There are several reasons why you might want to run your own host." followed by a bulleted list: 

- Custom hosts can run applications that include a server-side service. Such applications can easily invoke server-side functionality from the client side using RPC functions. In contrast, the standard AppSharper host only allows running pure client-side applications.
- You can make use of your Azure credits to run both the compilation service and your applications using the amount of resources that you need.

 At the bottom right of the dialog is a "CANCEL" button. The background interface shows a sidebar with "Recent Applications" including "Adam's first", "Microservices", "First bot", "Adam's second", "Adam's first", and "App1". The main content area shows application details for "My" with fields for "Options", "Status: RUNNING", "Version: 0.1.0.0", "Languages: F#", and "Created: 5/12/2016, 2:49:31 PM". A "History" section lists three "My TODO Application" entries.



The screenshot shows the AppSharper web application interface. A modal dialog titled "Create new project" is open in the center. The dialog has a close button (X) in the top right corner. Inside the dialog, the "App name" field contains "MyApplication". Below the name field, there are two tabs: "Templates" (which is selected) and "Snippets". Under the "Templates" tab, there is a single option: "Empty F# Application" with a sub-description "Use this to start an empty application." At the bottom of the dialog, there are two buttons: "CANCEL" and "OK".

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localhost:65200

Recent Applications

- F# Adam's first**  
Last Opened: 5/27/2016 09:27 on My Lapto...
- F# Microservices**  
Last Opened: 5/27/2016 08:48 on My Lapto...
- F# First bot**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 14:32 on My Lapto...
- F# Adam's second**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 14:30 on My Lapto...
- F# Adam's first**  
Last Opened: 5/25/2016 13:26 on My Azure ...
- F# App1**  
Last Opened: 5/12/2016 16:29 on AppSharper

Create new project

App name  
MyApplication

Templates Snippets

**Empty F# Application**  
Use this to start an empty application.

CANCEL OK

BACK FOR UPDATE

Status: **RUNNING**

Version: 0.1.0.2

Languages: F#

Created: 5/25/2016, 10:11:29 AM

History

- + My TODO Application2  
granicz, Apr 5, 2016 11:45pm
- My TODO Application  
granicz, Apr 2, 2016 11:02pm
- + My TODO Application  
granicz, Apr 1, 2016 11:45pm



AppSharper
Adam

AppSharper | AppSharper / App1\*

Service App\* Design

Preview

🔄

### ❗ Can't quite run that yet, because

App 5:5-5:19 The namespace or module 'IntelliFactory' is not defined

App 13:8-13:16 The value, namespace, type or module 'Reactive' is not defined

App 14:11-14:19 The value, namespace, type or module 'Reactive' is not defined

App 21:8-21:15 The namespace or module 'ChartJs' is not defined

App 31:8-31:35 A unique overload for method 'Line' could not be determined based on type information prior to this program point. A type annotation may be needed. Candidates: static member LiveChart.Line : dataset:System.IObservable<float> -> Charts.LineChart, static member LiveChart.Line : dataset:System.IObservable<string \* float> -> Charts.LineChart

App 37:17-37:75 The type referenced through 'WebSharper.ChartJs.LineChartConfiguration' is defined in an assembly that is not referenced. You must add a reference to assembly 'WebSharper.ChartJs'.

Preview

```

1  module LiveChart
2
3  open WebSharper
4  open WebSharper.Charting
5  open IntelliFactory.Reactive
6  open WebSharper.UI.Next.Client
7
8  [<JavaScript>]
9  let Main =
10     let source = Event<float>()
11
12     let meanByPoint =
13         Reactive.Select
14         <| Reactive.Aggregate source.Publish (0., 0)
15             (fun (p, i) c ->
16                 let nc = (p * float i + c) / float (i + 1)
17                 (nc, i + 1))
18         <| fst
19
20     let config =
21         ChartJs.LineChartConfiguration(
22             DatasetFill = true,
23             BezierCurve = false)
24
25     Chart.Combine [
26         LiveChart.Line(source.Publish)
27             .WithFillColor(Color.Publish property Event.Publish: IEvent<float>)
28             .WithPointColor(Color.Rgba(40, 49, 150, 0.8))
29             .WithPointStrokeColor(Color.Rgba(40, 40, 150, 1.))
30             .WithStrokeColor(Color.Name "blue")
31         LiveChart.Line(meanByPoint)
32             .WithFillColor(Color.Rgba(40, 150, 40, 0.2))
33             .WithPointColor(Color.Rgba(40, 150, 40, 0.8))
34             .WithPointStrokeColor(Color.Rgba(40, 150, 40, 1.))
35             .WithStrokeColor(Color.Name "green")
36     ]
37     > fun ch -> Renderers.ChartJs.Render(ch, Window = 10, Config = config)
38     > Doc.RunById "main"
39
40     let rnd = System.Random()
41     async {
42         while true do
43             do! Async.Sleep 600

```

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