JavaScript Monorepo Using Lerna

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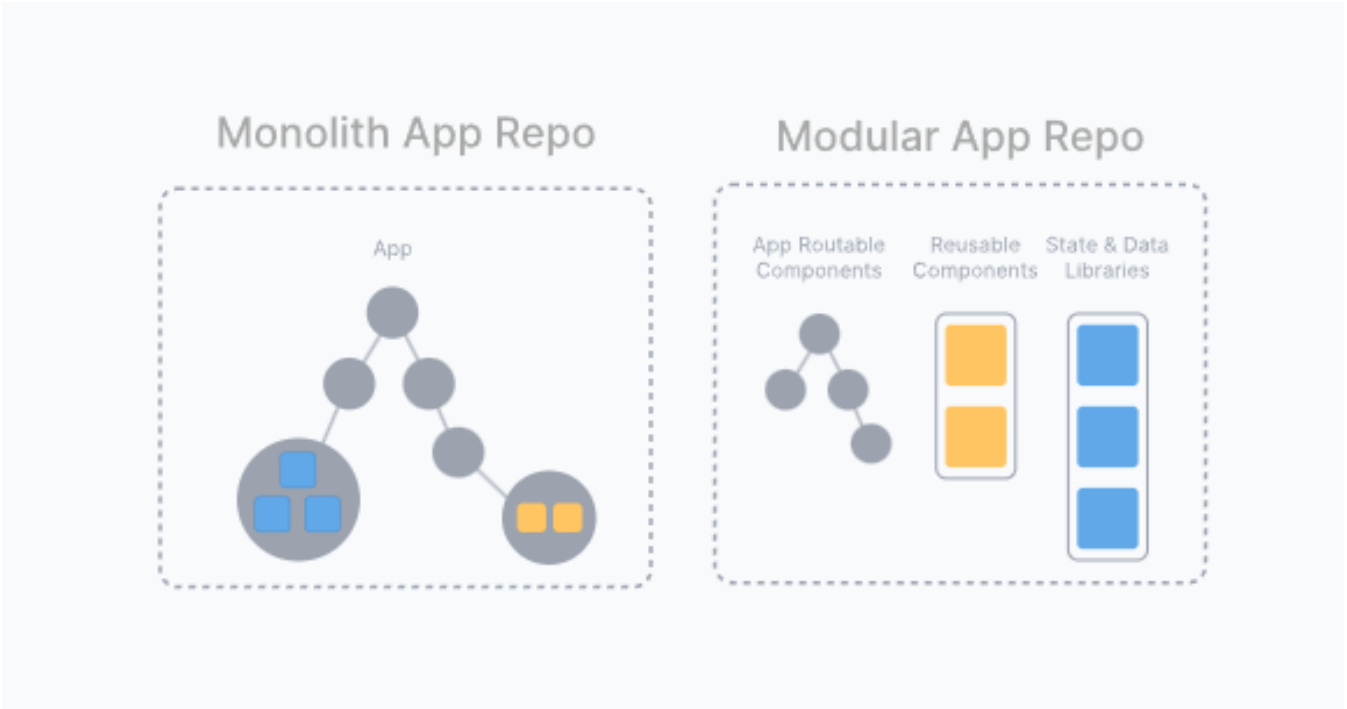
When a Project Need to scale

- When the backend server has too much logic and tasks that the REST API server cannot handle.
- Microservice is needed



Monorepo

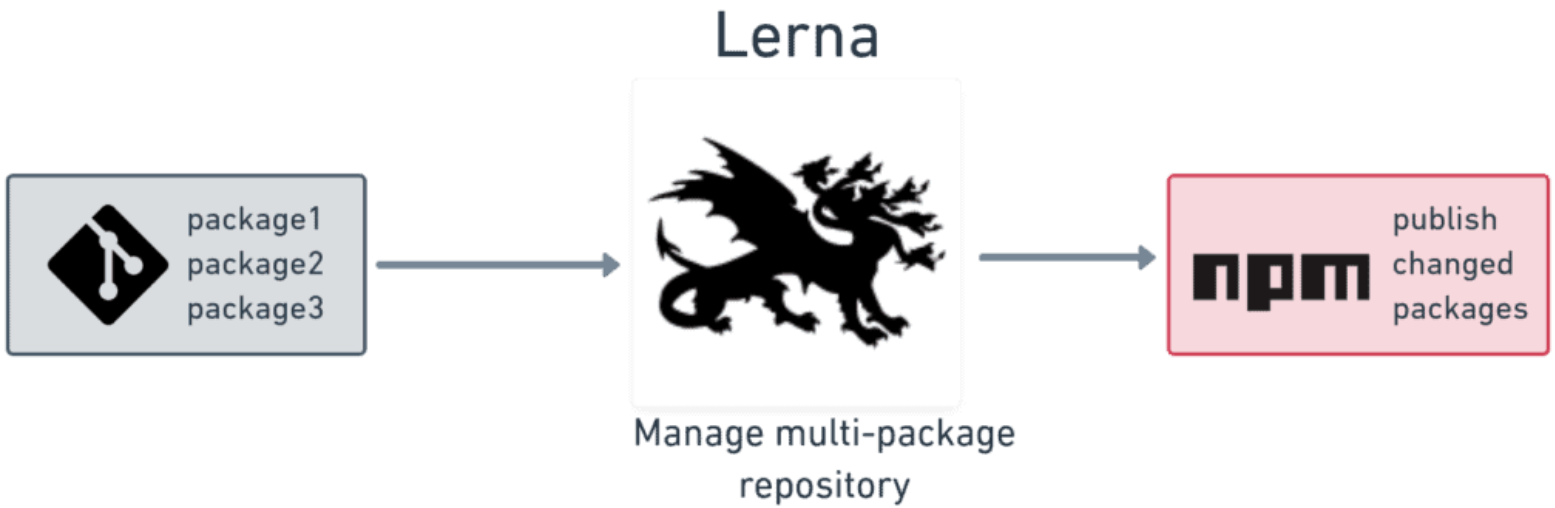
- Mono repository but not Monolith
- Many Packages in one repository
- Fit for not very large and not small projects
- Central Library, Central Logic = less duplicate code

Monorepo Tools

- Visit monorepo.tools

Lerna

- Fast, modern build system for managing and publishing multiple JavaScript/TypeScript packages from the same repository.
- More info at lerna.js.org



Demo on Lerna

- The Very basic Application from scratch using React, Express with together use constant library
- Final demo code can be found at GitHub [theethawat/lerna-demo]

Initial Project

- Initial your project with `npm init -y` and then `npx lerna init`
- Create folder `packages/` to store the application
- Checking in `package.json` at must include workspaces key

```
  },
  "homepage": "https://github.com/theethawat/lerna-demo#readme",
  "workspaces": [
    "packages/*"
  ],
  "dependencies": {      You, 1 hour ago • 🎉 Initial Commit
    "lerna": "^8.0.2"
  }
```

Create Basic Application Inside

- Change directory into packages and create basic react app using vite
  - `npm create vite@latest frontend –template react`
  - `npm install`

```
D: 〉 … 〉 packages  main ?2  21:54  0.007s  npm create vite@latest frontend --template react
Need to install the following packages:
  create-vite@5.1.0
Ok to proceed? (y) y
√ Select a framework: » React
√ Select a variant: » JavaScript

Scaffolding project in D:\Theethawat\lerna-demo\packages\frontend ...

Done. Now run:

  cd frontend
  npm install
  npm run dev
```

Create Basic Application Inside (Cont.)

- Create Node.js Express app on `packages/` create backend directory and initial with `npm init -y` and Create `index.js` file
- Install express and nodemon as dependencies using `npm install`

packages > backend > index.js > ...

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```
1  import express from "express";
2
3  const app = express();
4
5  app.get("/", (req, res) => {
6    res.send("Hello World!");
7  });
8
9  app.listen(3001, () => {
10   console.log("Example app listening on port 3001!");
11 });
12
```

Create Running Script

- For frontend, Vite will create `dev` running script in `package.json`
- For backend, create dev script to running from nodemon

```
"scripts": {
  "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1",
  "dev": "nodemon index.js"
},
```

- So both frontend and backend both have an dev script

Create Running Script (Cont.)

- Adding `dev` script on root project package.json add `lerna run dev`
- This command will run all inside projects with `npm run dev` command

```
D: ... lerna-demo  main ?1 ~4  22:19  0.007s  npm run dev

> lerna-demo@1.0.0 dev
> lerna run dev

lerna notice cli v8.0.2

 > Lerna (powered by Nx)  Running target dev for 2 projects:

    - @theethawat/lerna-demo-backend
    - @theethawat/lerna-demo-frontend

> @theethawat/lerna-demo-backend:dev


> @theethawat/lerna-demo-frontend:dev
```

Initial the constant package

- Create constant/ under folder packages/
- Initial with `npm init -y`
- Create first constant file

Customize Package Info

- This Info will be our package info in npm registry when we publish

```
kages > constant > package.json > ...
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{
  "name": "@theethawat/lerna-demo-constant",
  "type": "module",
  "version": "0.0.4",
  "description": "",
  "main": "index.js",
  "publishConfig": {
    "access": "public"
  },
  ▷ Run Nx Targets | ▷ Debug
  "scripts": {
    "test": "echo \"Error: no test specified\" && exit 1"
  },
  "keywords": [],
  "author": "",
  "license": "ISC"
}
```

Import our package

- Import constant package to our backend

```
"author": "",
"license": "ISC",
"dependencies": {
  "@theethawat/lerna-demo-constant": "*",      You, 10 ho
  "express": "^4.18.2",
  "nodemon": "^3.0.3"
```

- Running `npm install` on root project and rerun again

Import our package (cont.)

- Now on we can use our package in our development, lerna will manage for us

```
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import express from "express";
import { WORKING_STATUS } from "@theethawat/lerna-demo-constant";

const app = express();

app.get("/", (req, res) => {
  console.log("Working Status List", WORKING_STATUS);
  res.send("Hello World!");
});

app.listen(3001, () => {
  console.log("Example app listening on port 3001!");
});
```

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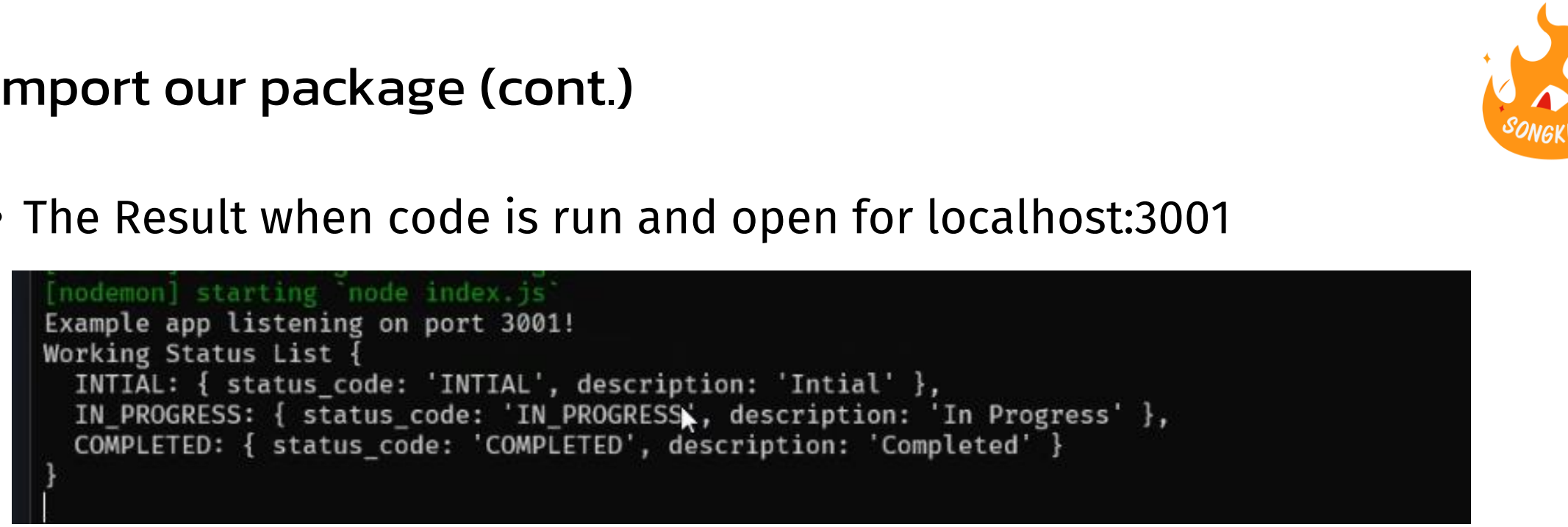

- The Result when code is run and open for localhost:3001
- We can use this concept on frontend packages too

Package Publishing

- Adding Script `lerna publish --no-private` in root project package.json
- Make repository clean
- Make sure npm account is logged in in your terminal
- Run `npm run publish`

Any Questions ?

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