#### CHILD COMPONENTS UPDATE THEIR SIBLINGS' PROPS

# Child Components Update Sibling Components Patterns within patterns within patterns!

In lesson 1, you learned your first React programming pattern: a *stateful*, parent component passes down a prop to a *stateless*, child component.

In lesson 2, you learned that lesson 1's pattern is actually part of a larger pattern: a stateful, parent component passes down an *event handler* to a stateless, child component. The child component then uses that *event handler* to update its parent's state.

In this lesson, we will expand the pattern one last time. A child component updates its parent's state, and the parent passes that state to a *sibling* component.

An understanding of this final pattern will be very helpful in the wild, not to mention in the next React course. Click Next and we'll build an example!

#### **Instructions**

In this video, the Like and Stats components are siblings under the Reactions parent component.

- 1. The Reactions component passes an event handler to the Like component.
- 2. When Like is clicked, the handler is called, which causes the parent Reactions component to send a new prop to Stats.
- 3. The Stats component updates with the new information.

# One Sibling to Display, Another to Change

One of the very first things that you learned about components is that they should only have one job.

In the last lesson, Child had two jobs:

- 1 Child displayed a name.
- 2 Child offered a way to change that name.

You should divide Child in two: one component for displaying the name, and a different component for allowing a user to change the name.

In the code editor, select **Child.js**. Notice that these lines have vanished:

```
<h1>
  Hey, my name is {this.props.name}!
</h1>
```

The new version of Child renders a dropdown menu for changing the name, and that's it.

Select **Sibling.js** in the code editor.

Read through the render function's return statement.

Here, the name is displayed! Or at least it will be displayed, once you've done a little editing.

That brings us to the essential new concept for this lesson: you will have one stateless component *display* information, and a different stateless component offer the ability to *change* that information.

#### **Instructions**

#### 1. Click Run.

Select **Parent.js**, and look at the rendered <Parent /> in the browser. Try selecting a name from the dropdown menu. Does it work?

## Checkpoint 2 Passed

Hint

Run the code and try selecting a name from the dropdown menu. Does it work?

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import React from 'react';
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
import { Child } from './Child';
import { Sibling } from './Sibling';
```

```
class Parent extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = { name: 'Frarthur' };
    this.changeName = this.changeName.bind(this);
  }
  changeName(newName) {
   this.setState({
      name: newName
   });
  }
 render() {
    return (
      <div>
        <Child
          name={this.state.name}
          onChange={this.changeName} />
        <Sibling />
      </div>
    );
ReactDOM.render(
 <Parent />,
 document.getElementById('app')
```

```
import React from 'react';
export class Child extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
}
```

```
this.handleChange = this.handleChange.bind(this);
}
handleChange(e) {
  const name = e.target.value;
  this.props.onChange(name);
}
render() {
  return (
    <div>
      <select
        id="great-names"
        onChange={this.handleChange}>
        <option value="Frarthur">Frarthur</option>
        <option value="Gromulus">Gromulus</option>
        <option value="Thinkpiece">Thinkpiece</option>
      </select>
    </div>
  );
```

# Sibling.js

## Pass the Right props to the Right Siblings

Look at Parent.js in the code editor.

Three things have changed in this file since the last Lesson:

- 1. Sibling has been required on line 4.
- 2. A <Sibling /> instance has been added to the render function on line 27.
- 3. <Sibling /> and <Child /> have been wrapped in a <div></div>, since JSX expressions must have only one outer element.

#### **Instructions**

#### 1.

Sibling's job is to display the selected name.

That name is *stored* in Parent's state. Parent will have to pass the name to Sibling, so that Sibling can display it.

In Parent's render function, pass the name to <Sibling />:

# name={this.state.name}

Checkpoint 2 Passed

Hint

<Sibling /> starts looking like this:

### <Sibling />

Find that line, and change it to:

# <Sibling name={this.state.name} />

2.

Child's job is to offer a way to *change* the chosen name. *Not* to display it!

In Parent.js, look at lines 25 and 26.

You are passing Child two pieces of dynamic information:

- 1. The chosen name (this.state.name).
- 2. A way to change the chosen name (this.changeName).

One of those is now unnecessary!

Remove an attribute from <Child />, so that it receives a way to change the chosen name and nothing more.

```
Checkpoint 3 Passed
```

Hint

In **Parent.js**, <Child /> is currently being rendered with two attributes: name and onChange. Find the name attribute and remove it.

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    });
  render() {
    return (
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        <Child
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## Sibling.js

# Display Information in a Sibling Component

You're on the last step!

You've passed the name down to <Sibling /> as a prop. Now <Sibling /> has to display that prop.

#### Instructions

1.
Select Sibling.js.

Notice that Sibling doesn't use any dynamic information at all. Every time that Sibling renders, it will always look exactly the same. That's not what you want!

On line 5, declare a new variable called name. Set name equal to this.props.name. You'll use it in the next checkpoint.

#### Checkpoint 2 Passed

Hint

Find the line that contains render() {. Then, find the line that starts with return.

You'll declare your variable in between those two lines.
2.

Inside of the render function's return statement, there are three instances of the word Frarthur.

You want to replace each instance of Frarthur with whatever the chosen name is.

Replace each Frarthur with {name}. Click Run. Try selecting a new name from the dropdown menu.

#### Checkpoint 3 Passed

Hint

Find all occurrences of Frarthur and replace it with {name}.

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#### **Stateless Components Inherit From Stateful Components Recap**

You just executed your first complete React programming pattern!

Let's review. Follow each step in the code editor:

• A *stateful* component class defines a function that calls this.setState. (**Parent.js**, lines 15-19)

- The stateful component passes that function down to a stateless component. (**Parent.js**, line 24)
- That *stateless* component class defines a function that calls the passed-down function, and that can take an *event object* as an argument. (**Child.js**, lines 10-13)
- The stateless component class uses this new function as an event handler. (**Child.js**, line 20)
- When an event is detected, the parent's state updates. (A user selects a new dropdown menu item)
- The stateful component class passes down its state, distinct from the ability to *change* its state, to a different stateless component. (**Parent.js**, line 25)
- That stateless component class receives the state and displays it. (**Sibling.js**, lines 5-10)
- An instance of the stateful component class is rendered. One stateless child component displays the state, and a different stateless child component displays a way to *change* the state. (**Parent.js**, lines 23-26)

This pattern occurs in React all the time! The more that you see it, the more that its elegance will become clear.

Being introduced to this pattern is your first step towards understanding how React apps fit together! You'll get more practice using it throughout this course, as well as in the course after this one.

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