

Fundamental Concepts of React

→ React is a popular JavaScript library for building user interfaces, particularly single page applications. Developed & maintained by Facebook, it emphasizes a component-based architecture, allowing developers to create reusable UI components.

→ JSX (JavaScript XML)

- JSX is a syntax extension for JavaScript that allows you to write HTML-like code within JavaScript. It makes it easier to create & visualize the structure of the UI.

Code Example:

```
import React from 'react';  
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
```

```
const element = <h1>Hello, World!</h1>;  
ReactDOM.render(element, document.getElementById('root'));
```

→ Components

Components are the building blocks of a React application. They encapsulate part of the UI & behaviour into a reusable piece.

Code Example:

```
function Welcome (props)
{
  return <h1> Hello, {props.name} </h1>;
}

const element = <Welcome name="Sara" />;
ReactDOM.render (element, document.getElementById('root'));
```

⇒ The 'Welcome' function is a functional component that takes 'props' as an argument & returns a JSX element. In this case it renders a 'h1' element with a personalised greeting. Components can be composed together to build complex ~~web~~ UIs.

→ State

- State is a built-in object used to contain data or information about the component.

A component's state can change over time, typically in response to user actions.

Code Example:

```
class Clock extends React.Component {  
  constructor (props) {  
    super (props);  
    this.state = { date: new Date() };  
  }  
  
  componentDidMount () {  
    this.timerID = setInterval(() => this.tick(), 1000);  
  }  
  
  componentWillUnmount() {  
    clearInterval (this.timerID);  
  }  
  
  tick() {  
    this.setState ({  
      date: new Date(),  
    });  
  }  
}
```

```
render()
```

```
{
```

```
  return (
```

```
    <div>
```

```
      <h1> Hello, world! </h1>
```

```
      <h2> It is { this.state.date.toLocaleTimeString() }. </h2>
```

```
    </div>
```

```
  );
```

```
}
```

```
ReactDOM.render(<Clock />, document.getElementById('root'));
```

→ Props

- props are read-only attributes used to pass data from a parent component to a child component.

Code Example:

```
function App()
```

```
{
```

```
  return (
```

```
    <div>
```

```
      <Welcome name="Himanshu" />
```

```
      <Welcome name="Aman" />
```

```

    <Welcome name="Ayush" />
  </div>
);
}

function Welcome(props) {
  return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;
}

ReactDOM.render(<App />, document.getElementById('root'));

```

Here, the 'App' component renders three 'welcome' components, each with different 'name' prop.

The 'Welcome' component receives the 'name' prop & renders it as 'h1' element.

Props allow components to be reusable & dynamic.