

Module 2: Frontend Single Page Applications

React Core, Forms & Routing

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Real Estate App

We are building a Real Estate listing application with React.

Core Requirements:

1. **Listing**: Display property cards with images and details.
2. **Filtering**: Filter by type, price range, and search.
3. **Forms**: Add new properties with validation.
4. **Navigation**: Multi-page app with React Router.

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2. React Basics

What is React?

React is a JavaScript library for building user interfaces.

Key Concepts:

- 1. Declarative:** Describe what UI should look like, not how to build it.
- 2. Component-Based:** Build encapsulated components that manage their own state.
- 3. Virtual DOM:** React updates only what changed, not the entire page.

```
// Declarative – What, not how
function Greeting({ name }) {
  return <h1>Hello, {name}!</h1>;
}
```

JSX: JavaScript + HTML

JSX is a syntax extension that looks like HTML in JavaScript.

```
// JSX (What you write)
const element = <h1 className="title">Hello, World!</h1>

// JavaScript (What it compiles to)
const element = React.createElement(
  'h1',
  { className: 'title' },
  'Hello, World!'
);
```

Key Differences from HTML:

- `className` instead of `class`
- `htmlFor` instead of `for`
- CamelCase for attributes (`onClick`, `onChange`)

Components: The Building Blocks

Components are reusable pieces of UI.

```
// Function Component (Modern)
function PropertyCard({ property }: { property: Property }) {
  return (
    <div className="card">
      <img src={property.imageUrl} alt={property.title} />
      <h2>{property.title}</h2>
      <p>${property.price.toLocaleString()}</p>
    </div>
  );
}

// Usage
<PropertyCard property={myProperty} />
```

Props: Passing Data Down

Props are read-only inputs to components.

```
// Parent component
function App() {
  return (
    <PropertyCard
      title="Beach House"
      price={500000}
      bedrooms={3}
    />
  );
}

// Child component
interface PropertyCardProps {
  title: string;
  price: number;
  bedrooms: number;
}

function PropertyCard({ title, price, bedrooms }: PropertyCardProps) {
  return <div>{title} - ${price} - {bedrooms} beds</div>;
```

Children: Composition

The `children` prop allows component composition.

```
// Reusable Card wrapper
function Card({ children }: { children: React.ReactNode }) {
  return (
    <div className="bg-white rounded-lg shadow-md p-4">
      {children}
    </div>
  );
}

// Usage
<Card>
  <h2>Property Title</h2>
  <p>Description here...</p>
  <Button>View Details</Button>
</Card>
```

Conditional Rendering

Render different UI based on conditions.

```
function PropertyCard({ property }: Props) {
  return (
    <div className="card">
      {/* Conditional with && */}
      {property.featured && <Badge>Featured</Badge>}

      {/* Ternary operator */}
      {property.available
        ? <span className="text-green-500">Available</span>
        : <span className="text-red-500">Sold</span>
      }

      {/* Early return pattern */}
      {!property.imageUrl && <Placeholder />}
    </div>
  );
}
```

Lists & Keys

Render arrays of data with `.map()`.

```
function PropertyList({ properties }: { properties: Property[] }) {
  return (
    <div className="grid grid-cols-3 gap-4">
      {properties.map((property) => (
        <PropertyCard
          key={property.id} // Required unique identifier
          property={property}
        />
      )))
    </div>
  );
}
```

Why Keys? React uses keys to identify which items changed, were added, or removed.

3. Hooks & State

useState: Component State

State is data that can change over time.

```
import { useState } from 'react';

function Counter() {
  // Declare state variable with initial value
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  return (
    <div>
      <p>Count: {count}</p>
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>
        Increment
      </button>
      <button onClick={() => setCount(prev => prev - 1)}>
        Decrement (functional update)
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

State Updates are Asynchronous

React batches state updates for performance.

```
// BAD: May not work as expected
function handleClick() {
  setCount(count + 1);
  setCount(count + 1);
  // Result: count + 1, not count + 2
}
```

```
// GOOD: Use functional updates
function handleClick() {
  setCount(prev => prev + 1);
  setCount(prev => prev + 1);
  // Result: count + 2
}
```

Rule: When new state depends on previous state, use the functional form.

Complex State with Objects

```
interface Filters {
  search: string;
  type: string;
  maxPrice: number;
}

function PropertyFilters() {
  const [filters, setFilters] = useState<Filters>({
    search: '',
    type: 'all',
    maxPrice: 1000000
  });

  const updateFilter = (key: keyof Filters, value: string | number) => {
    setFilters(prev => ({
      ...prev,           // Spread previous state
      [key]: value     // Update specific field
    }));
  };

  return <input onChange={(e) => updateFilter('search', e.target.value)} />;
}
```

useEffect: Side Effects

Effects let you run code after render.

```
import { useEffect, useState } from 'react';

function PropertyList() {
  const [properties, setProperties] = useState<Property[]>([]);

  useEffect(() => {
    // Runs after every render (no dependency array)
    // Runs once on mount (empty array [])
    // Runs when dependencies change ([dep1, dep2])

    async function fetchProperties() {
      const data = await api.getProperties();
      setProperties(data);
    }

    fetchProperties();
  }, []); // Empty array = run once on mount

  return <div>{/* render properties */}</div>;
}
```

Effect Cleanup

Some effects need cleanup (subscriptions, timers).

```
useEffect(() => {
  // Setup
  const timer = setInterval(() => {
    console.log('Tick');
  }, 1000);

  // Cleanup function (runs before next effect or unmount)
  return () => {
    clearInterval(timer);
  };
}, []);

// With event listeners
useEffect(() => {
  const handleResize = () => setWidth(window.innerWidth);
  window.addEventListener('resize', handleResize);

  return () => window.removeEventListener('resize', handleResize);
});
```

useMemo: Expensive Calculations

Memoize computed values to avoid recalculation.

```
import { useMemo } from 'react';

function PropertyList({ properties, filters }: Props) {
  // Only recalculates when properties or filters change
  const filteredProperties = useMemo(() => {
    return properties
      .filter(p => p.type === filters.type || filters.type === 'all')
      .filter(p => p.price <= filters.maxPrice)
      .filter(p => p.title.toLowerCase().includes(filters.search)));
  }, [properties, filters]);

  return (
    <div>
      {filteredProperties.map(p => <PropertyCard key={p.id} property={p} />)}
    </div>
  );
}
```

useCallback: Stable Function References

Memoize functions to prevent unnecessary re-renders.

```
import { useCallback } from 'react';

function PropertyList() {
  const [properties, setProperties] = useState<Property[]>([]);

  // Without useCallback, this creates a new function every render
  // causing child components to re-render unnecessarily
  const handleDelete = useCallback((id: string) => {
    setProperties(prev => prev.filter(p => p.id !== id));
  }, []); // No dependencies = stable reference

  return (
    <div>
      {properties.map(p => (
        <PropertyCard key={p.id} property={p} onDelete={handleDelete} />
      ))}
    </div>
  );
}
```

4. Component Patterns

Shadcn UI: Component Library

Pre-built, customizable components based on Radix UI.

```
# Installation
npx shadcn@latest init
npx shadcn@latest add button card input
```

```
// Usage
import { Button } from '@/components/ui/button';
import { Card, CardHeader, CardTitle,CardContent } from '@/components/ui/card';

function PropertyCard() {
  return (
    <Card>
      <CardHeader>
        <CardTitle>Beach House</CardTitle>
      </CardHeader>
      <CardContent>
        <Button variant="outline">View Details</Button>
      </CardContent>
    </Card>
  )
}
```

Form Handling with React Hook Form

Uncontrolled forms with validation using React Hook Form + Zod.

```
import { useForm } from 'react-hook-form';
import { createPropertySchema, CreatePropertyInput } from '@/types/property';

function PropertyForm({ onSubmit }: Props) {
  const { register, handleSubmit, formState: { errors } } = useForm<CreatePropertyInput>({
    resolver: async (values) => {
      const result = createPropertySchema.safeParse(values);
      if (result.success) return { values: result.data, errors: {} };

      const errors = result.error.issues.reduce((acc, issue) => ({
        ...acc,
        [issue.path[0]]: { type: issue.code, message: issue.message }
      }), {});
      return { values: {}, errors };
    },
    defaultValues: { title: '', price: 0, propertyType: 'apartamento' }
  });

  return (
    <form onSubmit={handleSubmit(onSubmit)}>
      <input {...register('title')} />
      {errors.title && <p>{errors.title.message}</p>}
      <button type="submit">Save</button>
    </form>
  );
}
```

Form Validation

Validate inputs before submission.

```
function PropertyForm() {
  const [errors, setErrors] = useState<Record<string, string>>({});

  const validate = (): boolean => {
    const newErrors: Record<string, string> = {};

    if (!formData.title.trim()) {
      newErrors.title = 'Title is required';
    }
    if (Number(formData.price) <= 0) {
      newErrors.price = 'Price must be positive';
    }

    setErrors(newErrors);
    return Object.keys(newErrors).length === 0;
  };

  const handleSubmit = (e: React.FormEvent) => {
    e.preventDefault();
    if (validate()) {
      // Submit form
    }
  };
}
```

React Router: Navigation

Client-side routing for SPAs.

```
import { BrowserRouter, Routes, Route, Link } from 'react-router-dom';

function App() {
  return (
    <BrowserRouter>
      <nav>
        <Link to="/">Home</Link>
        <Link to="/new">Add Property</Link>
      </nav>

      <Routes>
        <Route path="/" element={<HomePage />} />
        <Route path="/new" element={<NewPropertyPage />} />
        <Route path="/property/:id" element={<PropertyDetailPage />} />
        <Route path="*" element={<NotFound />} />
      </Routes>
    </BrowserRouter>
  );
}
```

Dynamic Routes & Params

Access URL parameters in components.

```
import { useParams, useNavigate } from 'react-router-dom';
import { getPropertyById } from '@/lib/storage';

function PropertyDetailPage() {
  const { id } = useParams<{ id: string }>();
  const navigate = useNavigate();
  const [property, setProperty] = useState<Property | null>(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    if (id) {
      const found = getPropertyById(id);
      setProperty(found);
    }
  }, [id]);
}

if (!property) return <p>Property not found</p>

return (
  <div>
    <h1>{property.title}</h1>
    <button onClick={() => navigate('/')}>Go Home</button>
  </div>
)
```

LocalStorage Persistence

Save state to localStorage for persistence.

```
// lib/storage.ts
export function saveToStorage<T>(key: string, data: T): void {
  localStorage.setItem(key, JSON.stringify(data));
}

export function loadFromStorage<T>(key: string, defaultValue: T): T {
  const stored = localStorage.getItem(key);
  return stored ? JSON.parse(stored) : defaultValue;
}

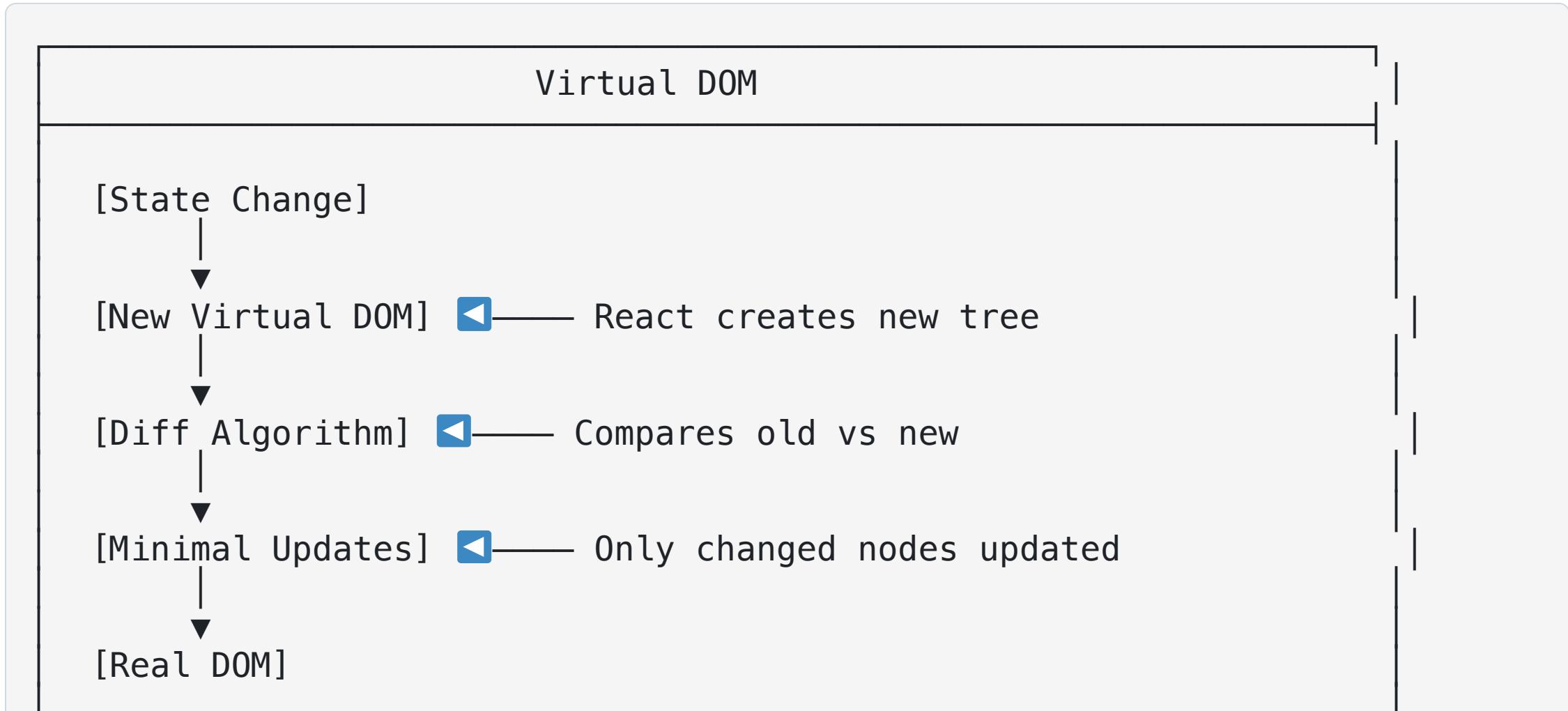
// Usage in component
const [properties, setProperties] = useState<Property[]>(() =>
  loadFromStorage('properties', sampleProperties)
);

useEffect(() => {
  saveToStorage('properties', properties);
})
```

5. Deep Dive

1. Virtual DOM

React uses a virtual representation of the DOM for efficiency.



2. Reconciliation & Keys

How React decides what to update.

Without Keys:

```
// React can't tell which item changed
<ul>
  <li>Item A</li>
  <li>Item B</li> /* If removed, React might update wrong item */
  <li>Item C</li>
</ul>
```

With Keys:

```
// React tracks each item by key
<ul>
  {items.map(item => (
    <li key={item.id}>{item.name}</li> // Stable identity
  )))
</ul>
```

3. React Strict Mode

Development tool for finding potential problems.

```
// main.tsx
import { StrictMode } from 'react';

createRoot(document.getElementById('root')!).render(
  <StrictMode>
    <App />
  </StrictMode>
);
```

What it does:

- Renders components twice (in dev) to catch side effects
- Warns about deprecated APIs
- Detects unexpected side effects in render phase
- Note: This is why effects run twice in development!

4. Component Re-rendering

Understanding when components re-render.

Triggers:

1. State changes (`setState`)
2. Props change (parent re-renders)
3. Context value changes

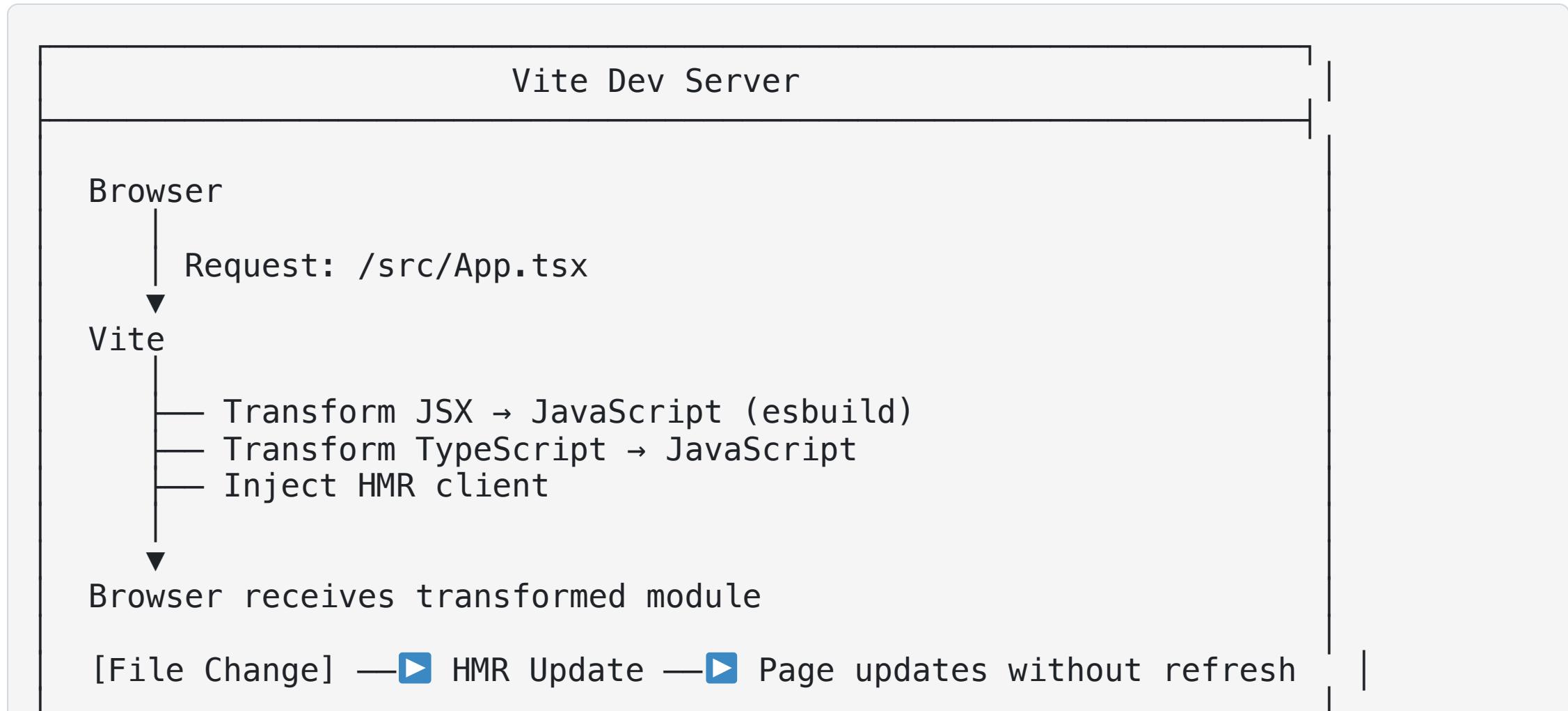
Optimization:

```
// React.memo prevents re-render if props unchanged
const PropertyCard = React.memo(function PropertyCard({ property }: Props) {
  return <div>{property.title}</div>;
});

// Only re-renders if property object reference changes
```

5. Vite + React

How Vite serves React applications.



6. Challenge Lab

Practice & Application

Part 1: Property Comparison

Context:

Users want to compare multiple properties side-by-side before making a decision.

Your Task:

Implement a comparison feature that:

- Allows selecting up to 3 properties for comparison
- Shows a comparison table with key metrics
- Highlights the best value in each category
- Provides a way to remove properties from comparison

Files to Create/Modify:

- `src/components/CompareButton.tsx`
- `src/pages/ComparePage.tsx`

Part 1: Definition of Done

Criteria	Description
Selection UI	Checkbox or button to select properties
Max 3 limit	Cannot select more than 3 properties
Comparison table	Side-by-side view with property details
Metrics shown	Price, bedrooms, bathrooms, area, price/sqm
Best highlighted	Lowest price, highest area highlighted
Remove from compare	Can deselect from comparison view
Empty state	Message when no properties selected

Part 2: Image Gallery

Context:

Properties should support multiple images with a gallery view on the detail page.

Your Task:

Implement an image gallery that:

- Shows thumbnail grid of all property images
- Opens full-screen modal on click
- Supports keyboard navigation (arrow keys, escape)
- Shows image counter (e.g., "3 of 10")

Files to Create/Modify:

- `src/components/ImageGallery.tsx`
- `src/components/ImageModal.tsx`

Part 2: Definition of Done

Criteria	Description
Thumbnails grid	Property images shown as clickable thumbnails
Modal opens	Clicking thumbnail opens full-screen view
Navigation arrows	Left/right buttons to navigate images
Keyboard support	Arrow keys and Escape work
Image counter	Shows current position (e.g., "3 of 10")
Close button	X button to close modal
Backdrop click	Clicking outside image closes modal

Resources & Wrap-up

Resources

React

- [React Documentation](#)
- [React Tutorial \(Tic-Tac-Toe\)](#)
- [Thinking in React](#)
- [React Hooks Reference](#)

TypeScript + React

- [React TypeScript Cheatsheet](#)
- [Total TypeScript: React](#)

Shadcn UI

- [Shadcn UI Documentation](#)

[Shadcn UI Components](#)

Recommended Articles

React Fundamentals

- [A Complete Guide to useEffect](#) - Dan Abramov
- [Before You memo\(\)](#) - Dan Abramov
- [React re-renders guide](#) - Developer Way

Performance

- [Optimizing Performance](#) - React Docs
- [useMemo and useCallback](#) - Kent C. Dodds
- [When to useMemo and useCallback](#) - Kent C. Dodds