React Review

You should understand:

- React components as functions
- React components are composable
- Components can pass props to other components
- How to set the state of a component
- State and prop changes trigger re-renders

A Bigger Example

Consider:

```
// ...
if(userState.isLoggedIn) {
   content = <ShowStuff stuff={userState.info}/>;
} else {
   content = <Login onLogin={login}/>;
}

return (
   <div className="app">
        <Nav user={userState} onLogout={logout}/>
        {content}
        </div>
);
```

Conclusions

Readability:

- login/logout are functions
 - *inside* the component
- content is just for cleanliness

Separation of Concerns:

- userState is managed in this component
- other components have it as a **read-only** prop

Side Note: Props are Read Only

Props should be read-only

Common mistake: use them to initialize state

Problems when they change in the ancestor/sibling or on a re-render

Which version is true?

Avoid this: **Props are read-only**

Considering Nav

Nav Thoughts?

Why an ?

- Common menu structure, unrelated to React
- React doesn't change these conventions

user isn't called userstate here

- it's not state, it's a prop
- change is made through onLogout()

Service call is encapsulated within Nav.jsx

• App doesn't know HOW Nav did the logout

Login

Basic Login Thoughts

So much state local to component

- isLoading
- error
- username

Logic in JSX file, but out of JSX syntax

• performLogin

Spinner!

More Login code

```
const performLogin = () => {
  if(!username) {
    setError(messages.USERNAME_REQUIRED);
    return;
}
setError('');
setIsLoading(true);

fetchLogin(username)
    .then( (userInfo) => onLogin(userInfo.username) })
    .catch( (err) => {
        setError(messages[err.code || 'DEFAULT']);
        setIsLoading(false);
    });
};
```

More Login Thoughts

Note lack of state "cleanup"

• Assumes component will be removed after login

What is messages? Why CAPS?

- common CONSTANTS convention
- external config file:

```
export default messages = {
   DEFAULT: 'Oh no! Something went wrong, please try again',
   USERNAME_REQUIRED: 'Username is required',
   NETWORK_ERROR: 'There was a problem reaching your network, please try again',
   LOGIN_REQUIRED: 'You must be logged in to view this content',
   LOGIN_UNAUTHORIZED: 'You are not permitted to view this content',
};
```

How to tie interactions to rendering

useEffect hook:

- does NOT return anything
- runs when component renders
- or only when any listed vars change

useEffect example

```
useEffect( () => {
  fetchLoginStatus()
  .then( userInfo => {
    setUserState({
      isLoggedIn: true,
        username: userInfo.username,
      });
  });
});
},[]);
```

useEffect thoughts

- Here we are rendering only on **initial** render
 - the [] means it only runs once
 - an array of vars means rerun only if they change
 - ...no vars in array, so nothing triggers change
- If component removed and replaced, total new state
 - But that can't happen for this example

useEffect advice

- Use cautiously
- Load state as needed
- Remember spinners to account for delay