

What is ReactJS?

- Open source library for building UI
- JS library not a framework
- Focus on UI

Why?

- It's a project created & maintained by Facebook
- More than 100k stars on github
- Huge community i.e. you are able to find 1000's of articles when you are facing an obstacle while starting a react.

Features

1. Component based architecture

Eg. header, footer sidebar & main content

2. Reusable code

Eg. article component in react can be reused in article data on angular & vuejs also, for enterprise projects reusable code is a plus point.

3. React is declarative

Eg. Tell react what you want & react will build the actual UI, like go to an artist & ask them to draw a landscape you don't tell them how to draw it, it's up to you that is declarative.

4. It will handle efficiently updating & rendering of the components

5. DOM updates are handled gracefully in react.

Prerequisites

- html,css and js fundamentals
- ES6
- js - this keyword, filter, map & reduce
- ES6 - let & const, arrow function, template literals, default parameter, object literals, rest & spread operator and destructuring assignment.

How to Create React App

1. **npx:** npx is npm package runner which allows us to create an app without having the configuration of react.

Syntax: npx create-react-app project_name

2. **npm:**

Syntax: npm install create-react-app -g and create-react-app project_name

Folder Structure

- package.json: This file contains the dependencies & script require for the project.
- node_modules folder: In which all the dependencies are installed & generated when you run create-react-app
- public folder: containing the index.html
- src folder: you will be working with the most during development.

Components:

- It describe a part of ui
- They are re-usable and can be nested inside other components
- Two types: functional & class component
- They are the building blocks of any react app

Types of Component:

1. Functional Component (Stateless/Dumb/Presentational):

- It looks like a simple function that will return a simple or regular html.
- It's a JS component that accepts an input of properties as a props & return html that describe the UI.

2. Class Component (Stateful/ Smart/ Container):

- It's a regular class of es6 that extends react component class from the react library.
- It must contains render() that will in term return simple html.
- It is basically es6 class similar to functional component can optionally accepts a props & return html, apart from that its can also maintain a private internal state, it can maintain some info which is private to that component & use that info to describe the UI.

Functional Component	Class Component
Simple function: recieving props & return declaration. Try to use functional component as much as possible. Absence of 'this' keyword which is encountered in class based component. this keyword is quite tricky for beginner & functional component will help you in that aspect. solution without using state: force to think a solution without having a use of state. mainly responsible for the UI Stateless/Dumb/Presentational	More feature rich. Maintain their own private data known as state. Maintain the complex UI logic. Provide lifecycle hooks Stateful/ Smart/ Container

JSX

- JavaScript XML(JSX) - Extension to the JS language syntax.
- With a react library it's an extension to write XML like code for elements & components
- JSX tags have tag name, attributes, and children.

Why JSX

- JSX is not necessary to write React applications.
- JSX makes your react code simpler and elegant.
- JSX ultimately transpiles to pure js which is understood by the browser.

JSX Syntax Changes:

Class => className

For => htmlFor

camelCase property naming convention

1. onclick => onClick
2. tabIndex => tabIndex

Props:

Its short form of property is an optional input that your component can accept also allow component to be dynamic, props are immutable mean readonly.

State:

It is nothing but a object privately maintained inside a component, it can be changed within the component.

Props vs State

Props	State
1. props get passed to the component	1. state is managed within the component
2. function parameter	2. variables declared in the function body
3. props are immutable	3. state can be changed
4. props - functional component	4. useState Hook - functional component
5. this.props - class component	5. this.state - class component

setState:

- Always make use of setState and never modify the state directly.
- Code has to be executed after the state has been updated? Place that code in the call back function which is second argument to the setState method.

- When you have to update state based on the previous state value, pass a function as an args instead of the regular object.

Destructuring:

Extract the properties from an object that is known as destructuring.

Binding event handler:

1. `onClick={this.changeHandler.bind(this)}`
2. `onClick={() => this.changeHandler()}`
3. `this.changeHandler = this.changeHandler.bind(this)` inside constructor
4. `changeHandler = () => { this.setState({message:'good bye'}) }` as a property of class

Methods as props

1. `onClick={props.changeHandler}` // default function
2. `onClick={() => props.changeHandler('child')}` // parameterized function

Conditional rendering

1. if/else
2. element variables
3. ternary conditional operator
4. short circuit operator

Note:

1. JSX is not worked in if/else
2. Recommended: short circuit or ternary

Eg 1. `if(this.state.isLogin){`
 `return <div>Hello Admin</div>`
 `}else{`
 `return <div>Hello Guest</div>`
 `}`

Eg 2. `let message`

```
if(this.state.isLogin){
  message = <div>Hello Admin</div>
```

```

    } else{
      message = <div>Hello Guest</div>
    }
    return (<div>{ message}</div>)

```

Eg 3. `return this.state.isLogin ? (<div>Hello Admin</div>) : (<div>Hello Guest</div>)`

Eg 4. `return this.state.isLogin && <div>Hello Admin</div>`

Key props

Key help react to identify which item in the list have changed or added or removed to handle UI efficiently.

1. Key is a special string attribute you need to include when creating lists of elements.
2. Keys give the elements a stable identity.
3. Key help react identify which item have changed, are added, or removed.
4. Help in efficient update of the user interface.

Index as key

Reference: <https://codepen.io/gopinav/pen/gQpepq>

When to use index as key?

1. The items in your list do not have a unique id.
2. The list is a static list and will not change.
3. The list will never be reordered or filtered.

Styling React Components

1. css stylesheets: conditionally(ternary) add className
2. inline styling: `style={obj}` // `obj = {fontSize:'72px' }`
3. css modules: `appStyle.modules.css` // import styles from "appStyle.modules.css" only apply child not subchild
4. css in js libraries

Lifecycle Hooks

1. **Mounting**: When an instance of a component is being created and inserted into the DOM.

methods: constructor, static `getDerivedStateFromProps`, `render` and `componentDidMount`

2. **Updating**: When component is being re-rendered as a result of changes to either its props or state

methods: static `getDerivedStateFromProps`, `render`, `getSnapshotBeforeUpdate`, `shouldComponentUpdate`, `componentDidUpdate`

3. **Unmounting**: When a component is being removed from the DOM.

methods: `componentWillUnmount`

4. **Error Handling**: When there is an error during rendering, in a lifecycle method, or in the constructor of any child component.

methods: static `getDerivedStateFromError` and `componentDidCatch`

constructor: a special function that will get called whenever a new component is created.

pure component: it is use to prevent unnecessary rendered component & give you a performance boost.

1. create component by extending the `PureComponent` class
2. it implements `shouldComponentUpdate` lifecycle method by performing a shallow comparison on the props & state of the component.
3. if there is no diff, the component is not re-rendered -- performance boost
4. it is a good idea to ensure that all the children components are also pure to avoid unexpected behaviour.
5. Never mutate the state. Always return a new Object that reflects the new state.

API Integration using Axios

1. `npm install axios`
2. import axios from 'axios' inside component.
3. set state `posts:[]`
4. `componentDidMount(){`

```

        axios.get('path')
    ).then(res => {
        console.log(res);
        this.setState({ posts:res.data})
    }).catch(error => {
        console.log(error);
    })
  })
}

```

Higher Order Component:

1. To share common functionality between components.
2. A pattern where a function takes a component as an args and returns a new component.

```
const NewComponent = higherOrderComponent(Original)
```

Router in React:

Command: install react-router-dom –save

<Router>: The router that keeps the UI in sync with the URL.

<Link>: Renders a navigation link

<Route>: Renders a UI component depending on the URL.

<Switch>: will make the path matching exclusive rather than inclusive (as if you were using **<Route>** components).

For example, even if you duplicate the route for the Messages component:

When visiting the /messages path, the Messages component will be rendered only once.

In a web application, you have two options:

1. **<BrowserRouter>**, which uses the HTML5 History API.

Eg: <http://localhost:3000/route/subroute>

2. **<HashRouter>**, which uses the hash portion of the URL. (window.location.hash)

Eg: <http://localhost:3000/#/route/subroute>

Example of Router:

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Link, Route, Switch, Redirect } from 'react-router-dom';
```

```
<Router>
```

```
  <Link to='/home'>Home</Link>
```

```
  <Link to='/about'>About</Link>
```

```
  <Link to='/form'>Form</Link>
```

```
  <Switch>
```

```
    <Route path='/home' component={ Home } />
```

```
      <Route path='/about' component={ About } />
```

```
      <Route path='/about' component={ About } />
```

```
      <Route path='/form' component={ Form } />
```

```
      <Redirect to='/home' />
```

```
  </Switch>
```

```
</Router>
```

Reference:

<https://blog.logrocket.com/react-router-dom-set-up-essential-components-parameterized-routes-505dc93642f1/>

Redux:**Boilerplate**

Reference: <https://github.com/Angelfire/React-Redux-Thunk-Boilerplate>