

ReactJS



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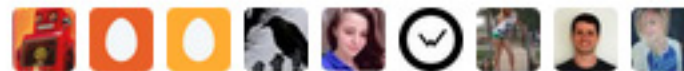
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An (another) javascript framework

An (another) javascript ~~framework~~ library !

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No MVC

No MVVM

No DM-VM-CM-VC-V*

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Testable

Maintanable

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Use shadow DOM

Managed only by their parent

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React components are not Web Components

Web components are **for strong encapsulation**

React components are **made to be sync with datas**

Let's write a component

```
import React from 'react'

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  render() {
    return (
      <p>It's my first component with React !</p>
    );
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← render() method displays the template of the component

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```
import { render } from 'react-dom'  
import MyFirstComponent from 'MyFirstComponent'
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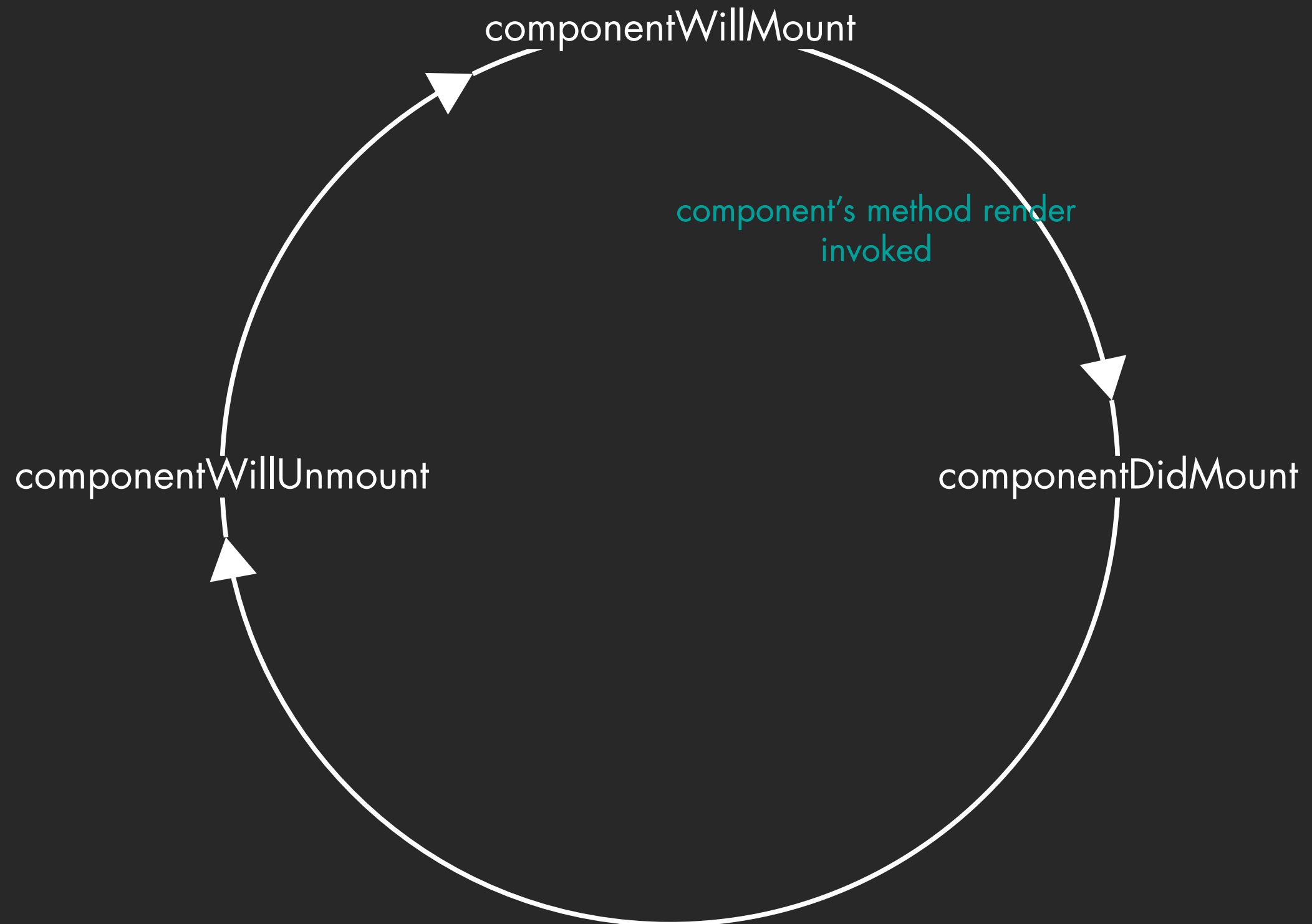
```
render(  
  <MyFirstComponent />,  
  document.getElementById('content')  
);
```

We start the React app

Note : There can be only one render() per page

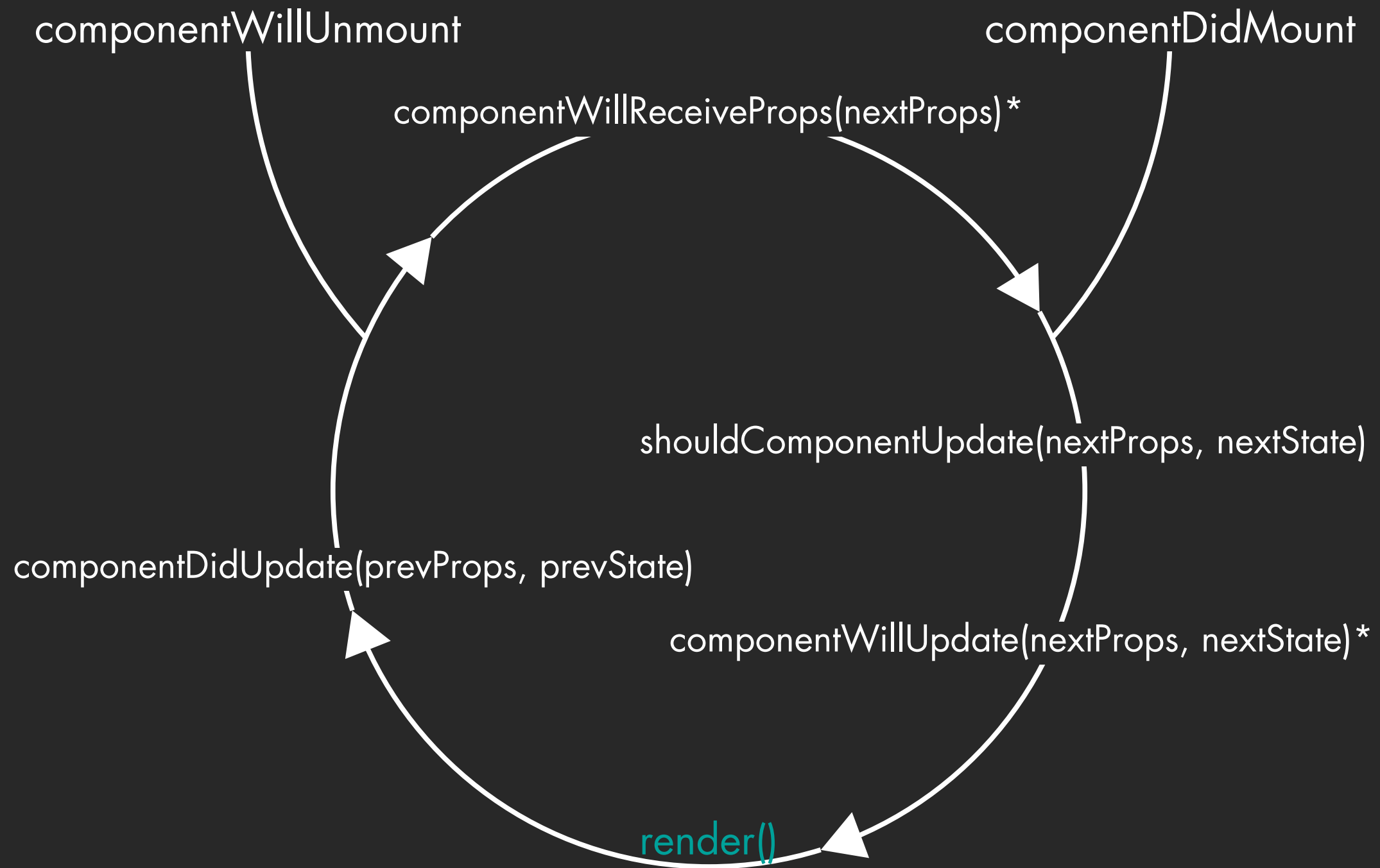


Component life cycle



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(between `componentWillUnmount` and `componentDidMount`)



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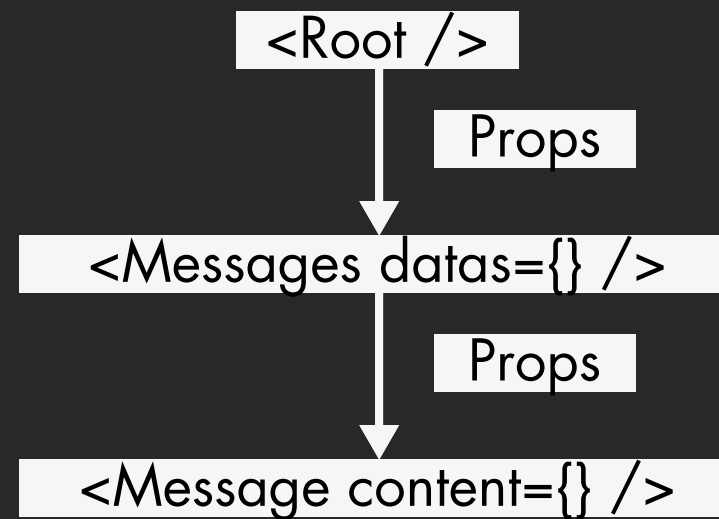
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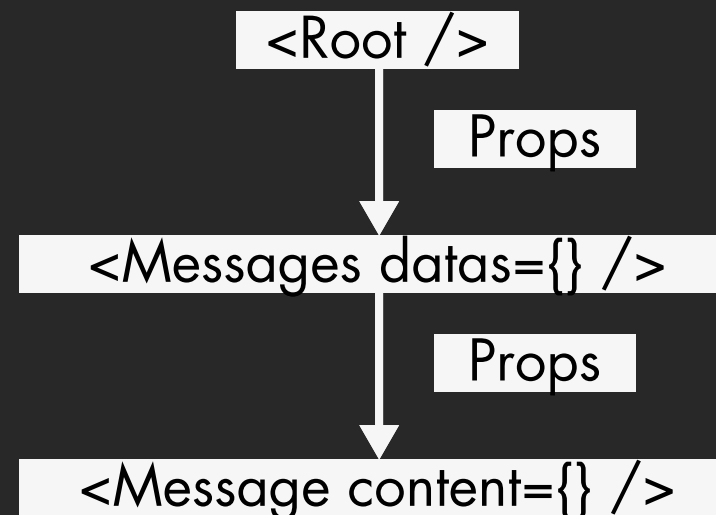
State **mutates in component**

ReactJS's data flow is **unidirectional**

Data flow (down)



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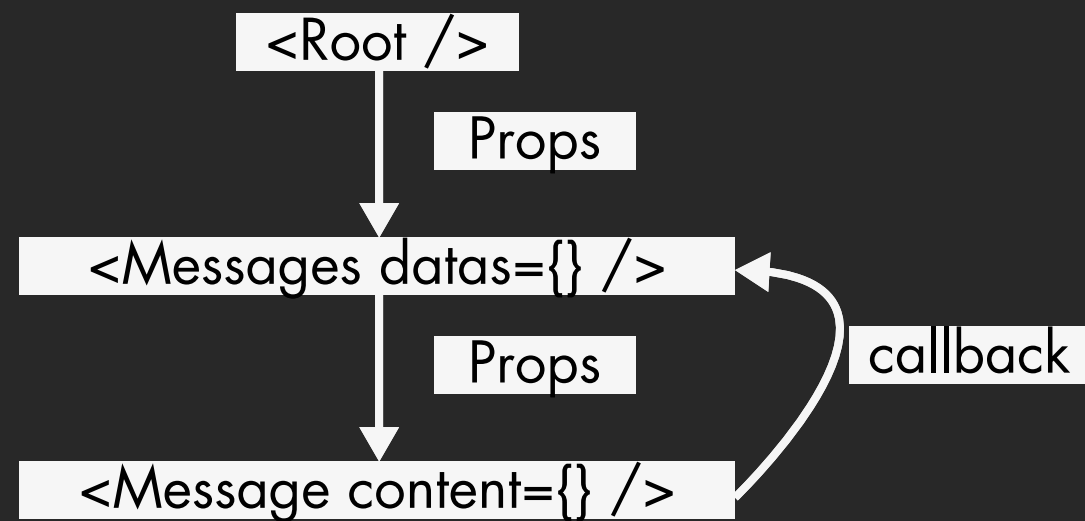


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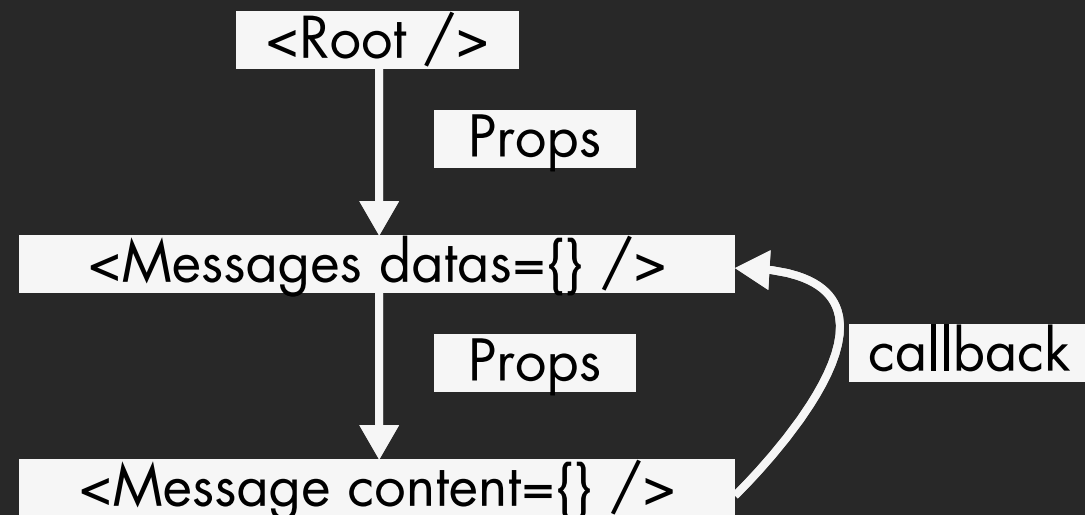
export default class Messages extends React.Component {
  constructor (props) {
    super(props);
  }

  render() {
    return (
      <Message content={this.props.datas[0]} />
    );
  }
}
```

Data flow (up)



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```
export default class Messages extends React.Component {  
  myCallback () {  
    console.log('my child talks to me !');  
  }  
  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <Message content={this.props.datas[0]} onClickCB={this.myCallback} />  
    );  
  }  
}
```

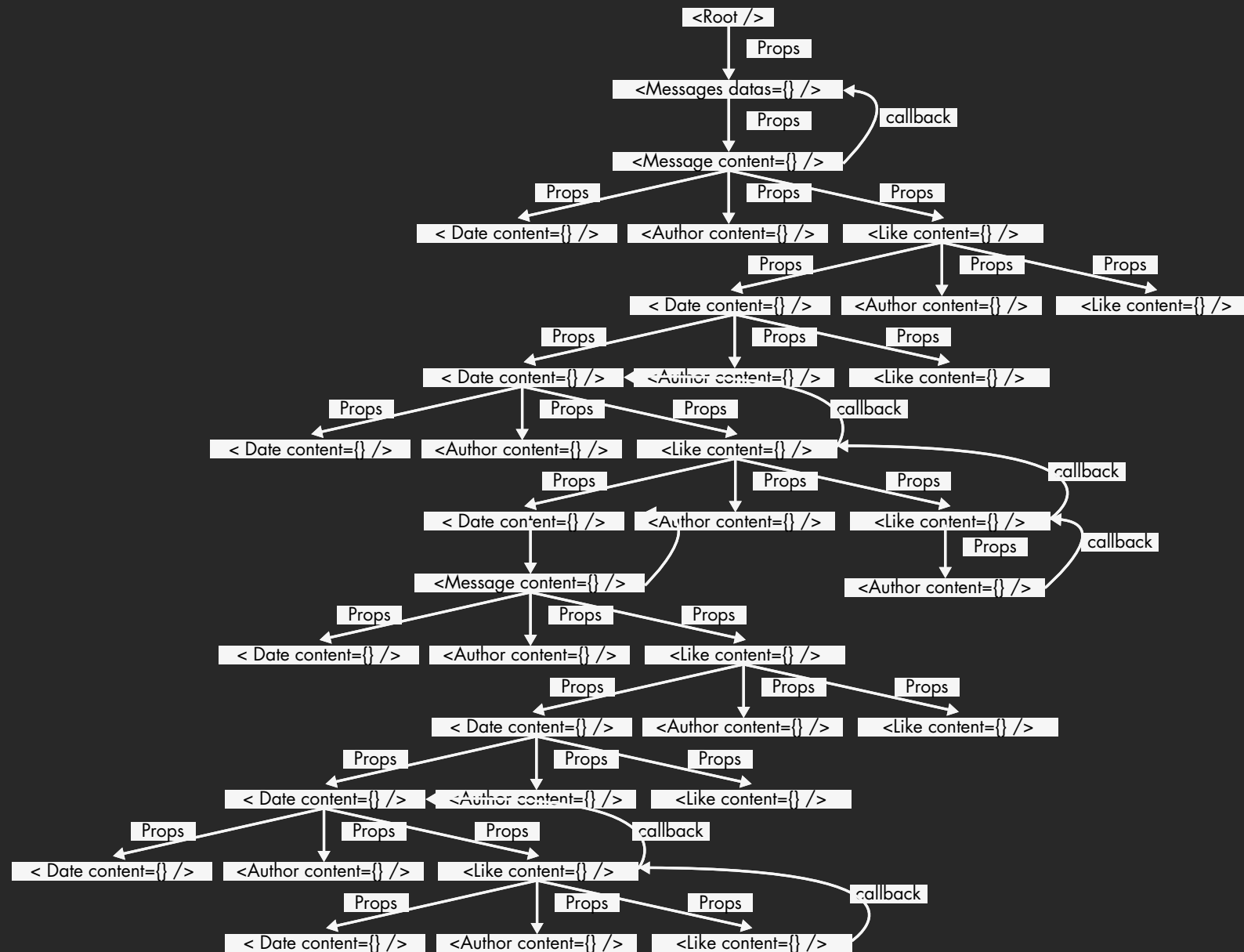

Data flow (up)

```
export default class Message extends React.Component {  
  messageClick () {  
    this.props.onClickCB()  
  }  
  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <p onClick={this.messageClick}> {this.props.content} </p>  
    );  
  }  
}
```

Demo

This data flow is (totally) a mess

If we scaled up, this kind of thing can happen





Demo

Inline style

To be a real component, it needs to overcome any extra files like stylesheets

React brings **inline style** with JS to solve this issue.

```
export default class Messages extends React.Component {  
  [...]  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <Message style={Styles.message} content={this.props.datas[0]} />  
    );  
  }  
}
```

```
const Styles = {  
  message: {  
    fontSize: 25,  
    textAlign: 'center'  
  }  
}
```

Inline style

Inline style in ReactJS is a nice feature, but there are some cons :

- No pseudo-format/class support (:hover, :last-child...)
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Inline style

Libs for uncomplete style management in React

- classnames
- radium
- CSSModules

Sources

<https://github.com/JedWatson/classnames>

<https://github.com/FormidableLabs/radium>

<https://github.com/css-modules/css-modules>

First part in a nutshell

React bring real component (DOM + CSS + JS in same file)

JSX is strongly encourage for templating

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Props allow parent to set datas to its children

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State is **updated by component himself**

State is **mutable**

Inline styles missing features are solved by Radium & CSS Modules

Data flow in ReactJS is a mess... except if we use...

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<https://github.com/FormidableLabs/radium>

<https://github.com/css-modules/css-modules>



Redux

Redux ?

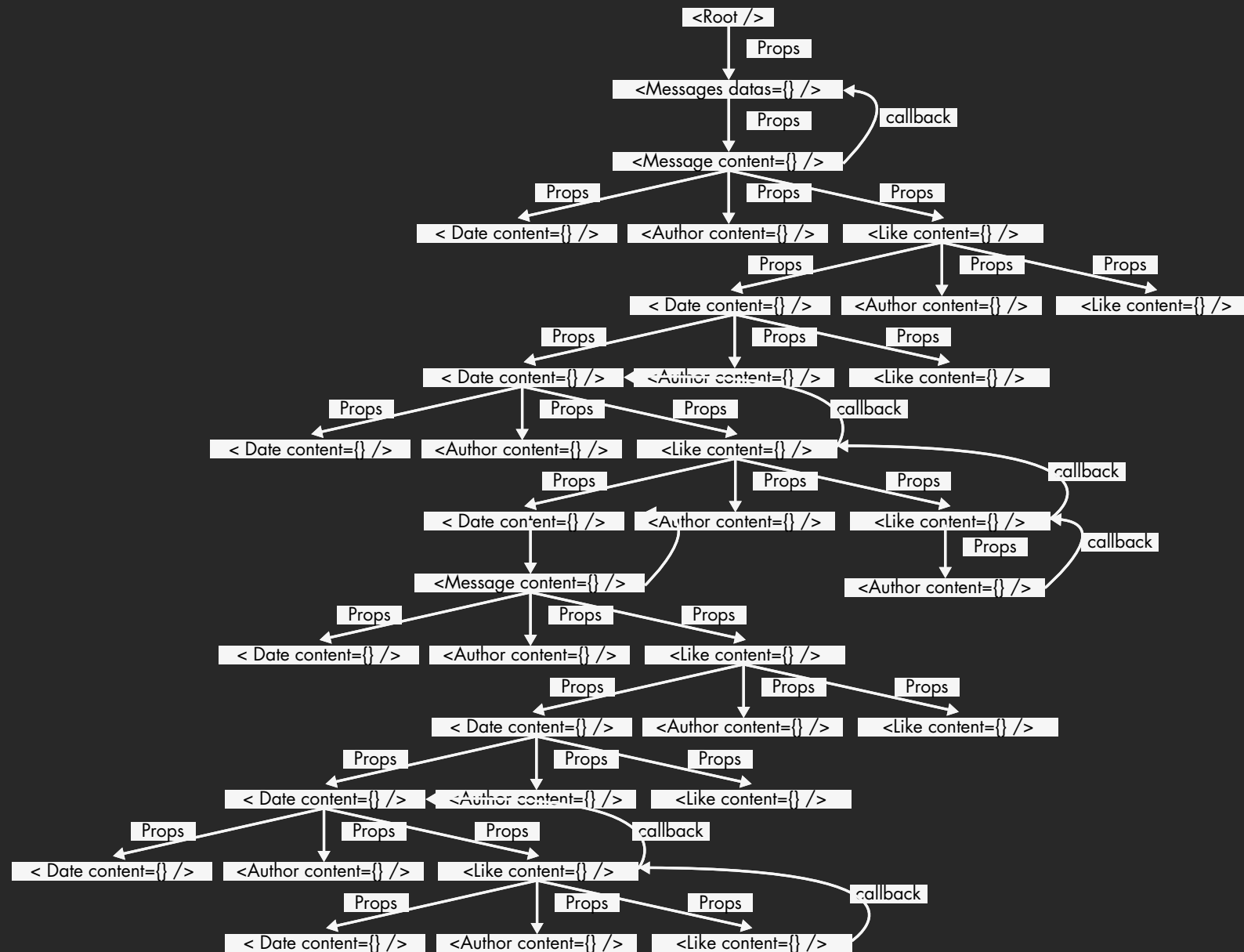
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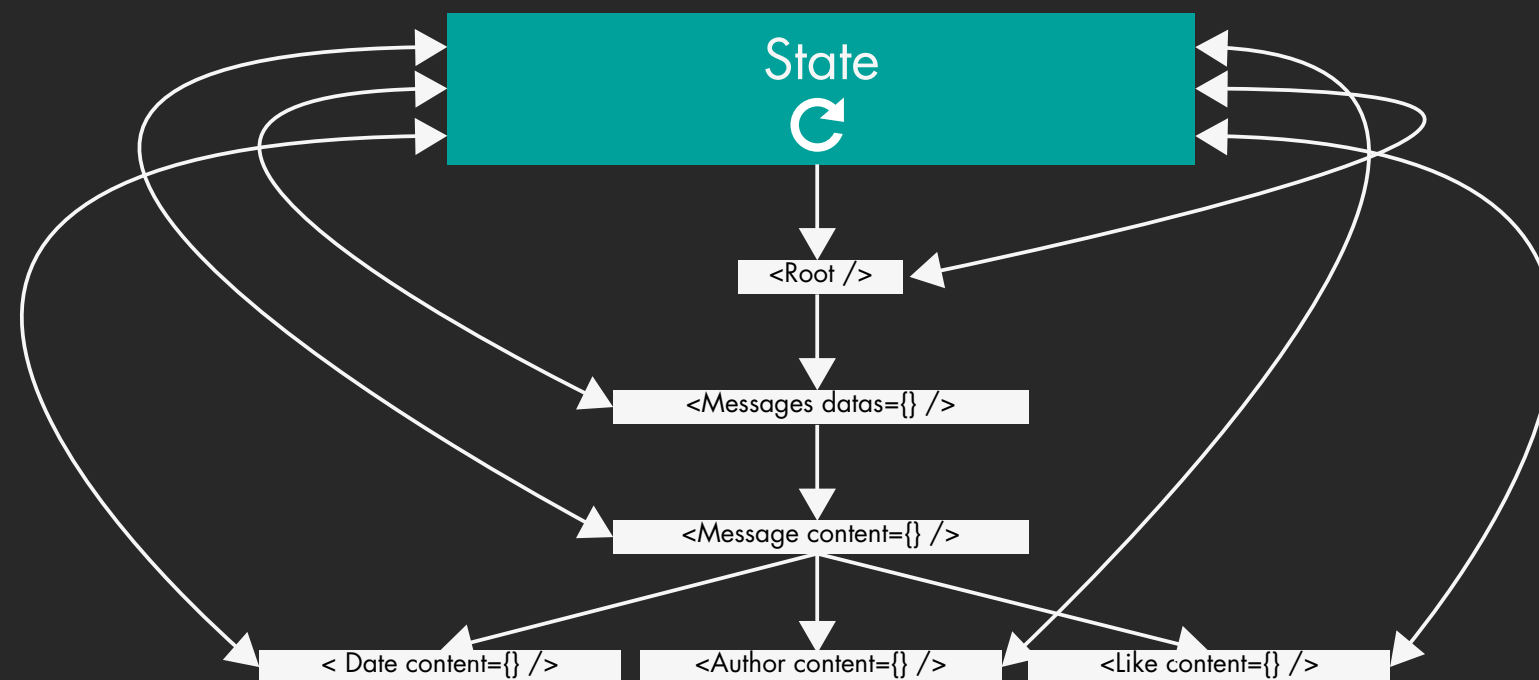
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With Redux, ReactJS app **has only one state
for the whole app**

Dataflow (up and down) without Redux



Dataflow (up and down) with Redux



Principles

- Single source of truth
- State **is immutable**
- Changes are made with pure functions

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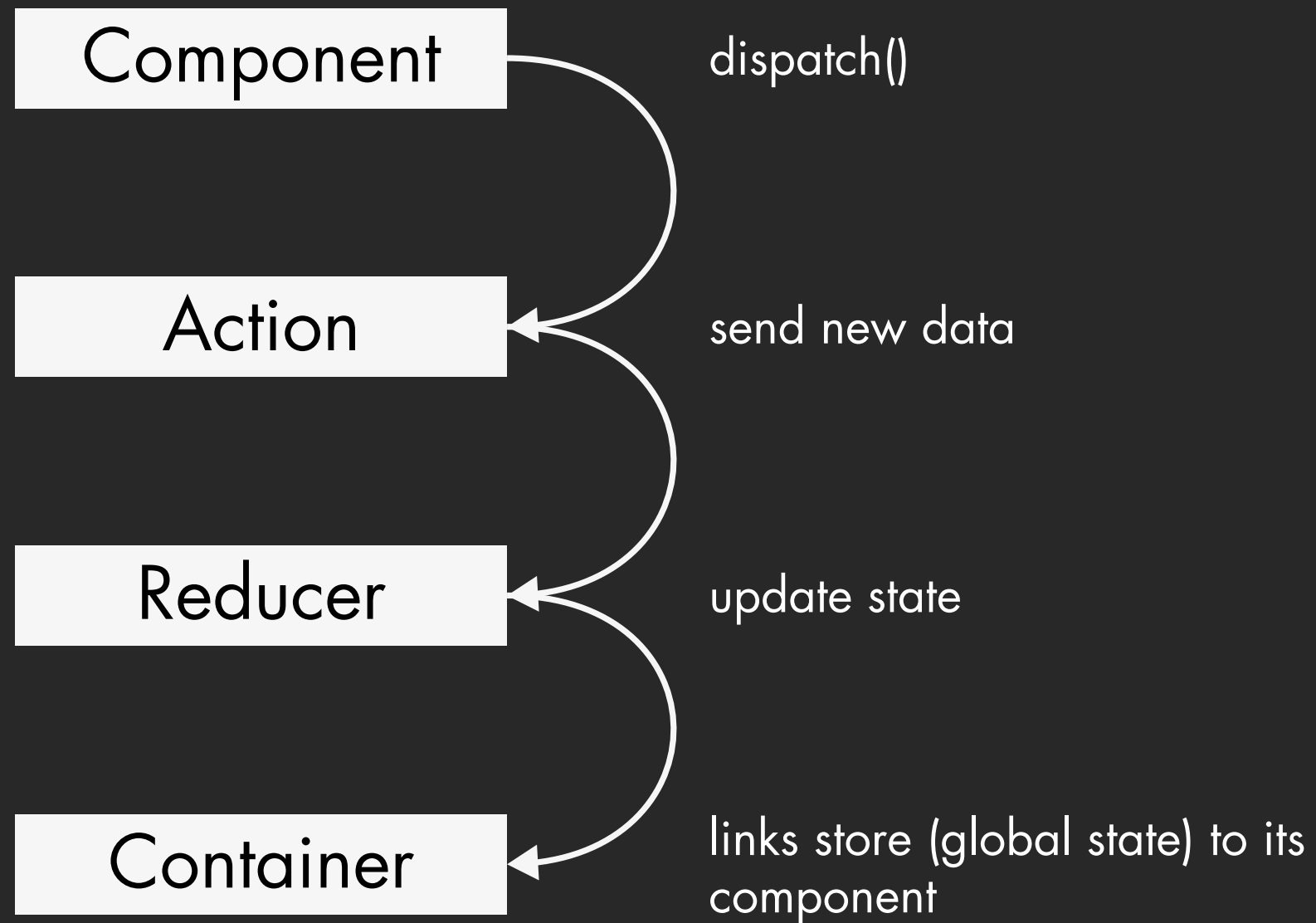
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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pure_function

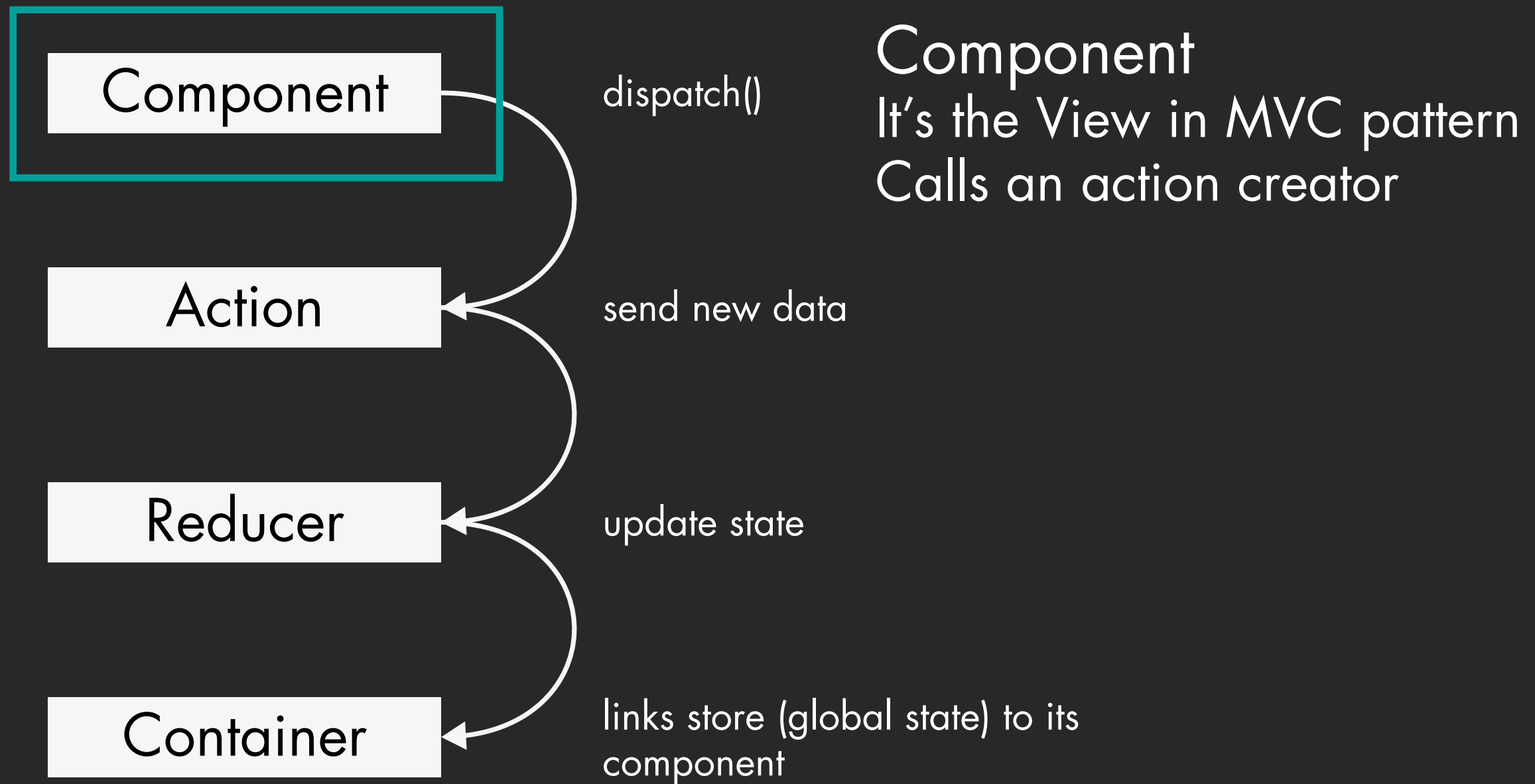
Advantages

- Easier to debug ReactJS apps ; All datas transit in the same place
- Brings (M)VC pattern to ReactJS (remember : ReactJS is only View)
- Limits corrupted datas ; Redux rewrites state at each change

Redux dataflow in details



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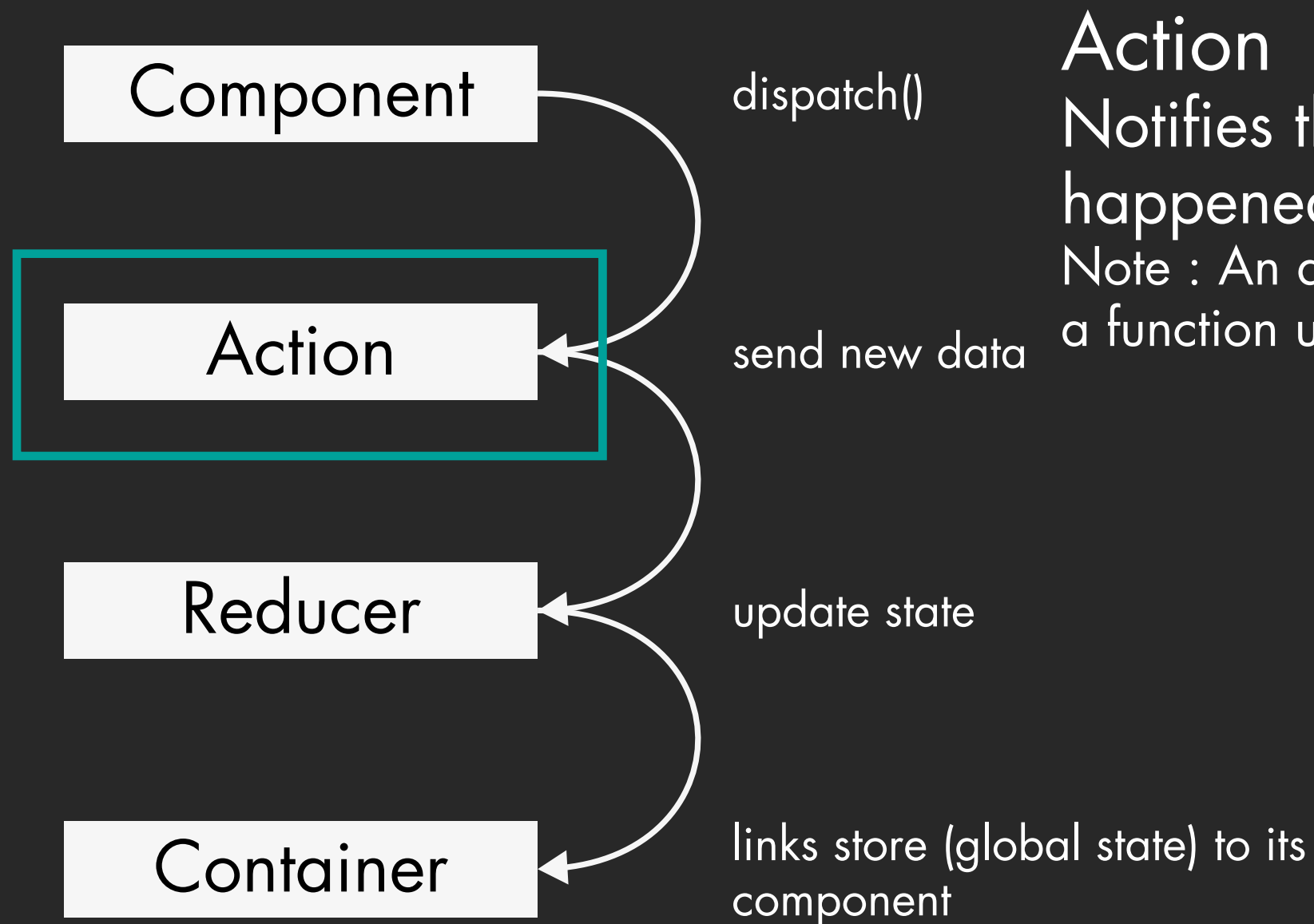
Redux dataflow in details - Component

It's the View in MVC pattern. Calls an action creator

```
export default class Message extends React.Component {
  submitMessage (e) {
    e.preventDefault();
    this.props.dispatch(addMessage('Hello world'));
  }

  render() {
    const { messages } = this.props;
    return (
      <h1>{ messages[messages.length - 1] }</h1>
      <form>
        <textarea name='message' value={this.props.content} />
        <button>Add message</button>
      </form>
    );
  }
}
```

Redux dataflow in details



Action

Notifies the app that something happened

Note : An action must be an object, to use a function use `redux-thunk`

Redux dataflow in details - Action

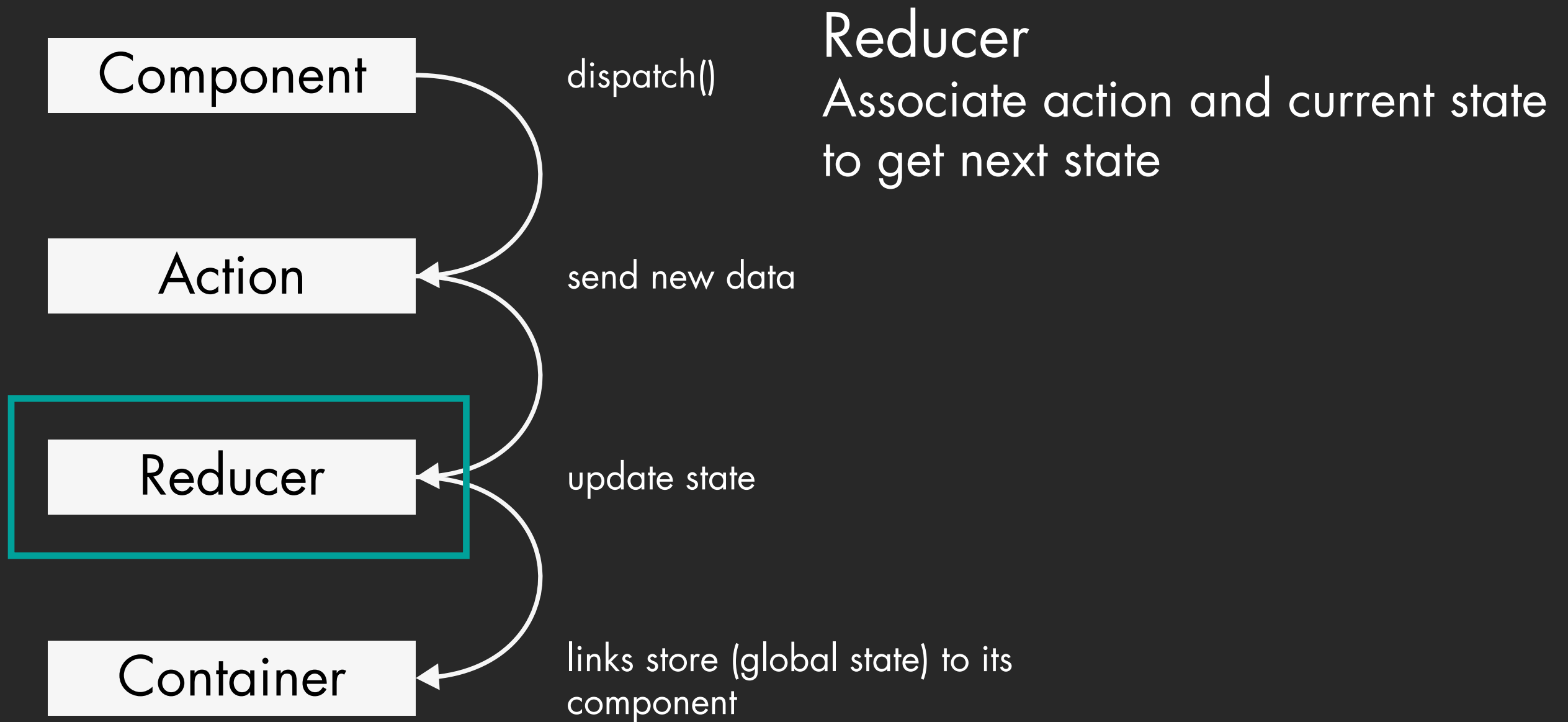
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```
export const addMessage = function (id) {  
  return {  
    type: 'ADD_MESSAGE',  
    text: text  
  }  
}
```

Action

Action creator

Redux dataflow in details



Redux dataflow in details - Reducer

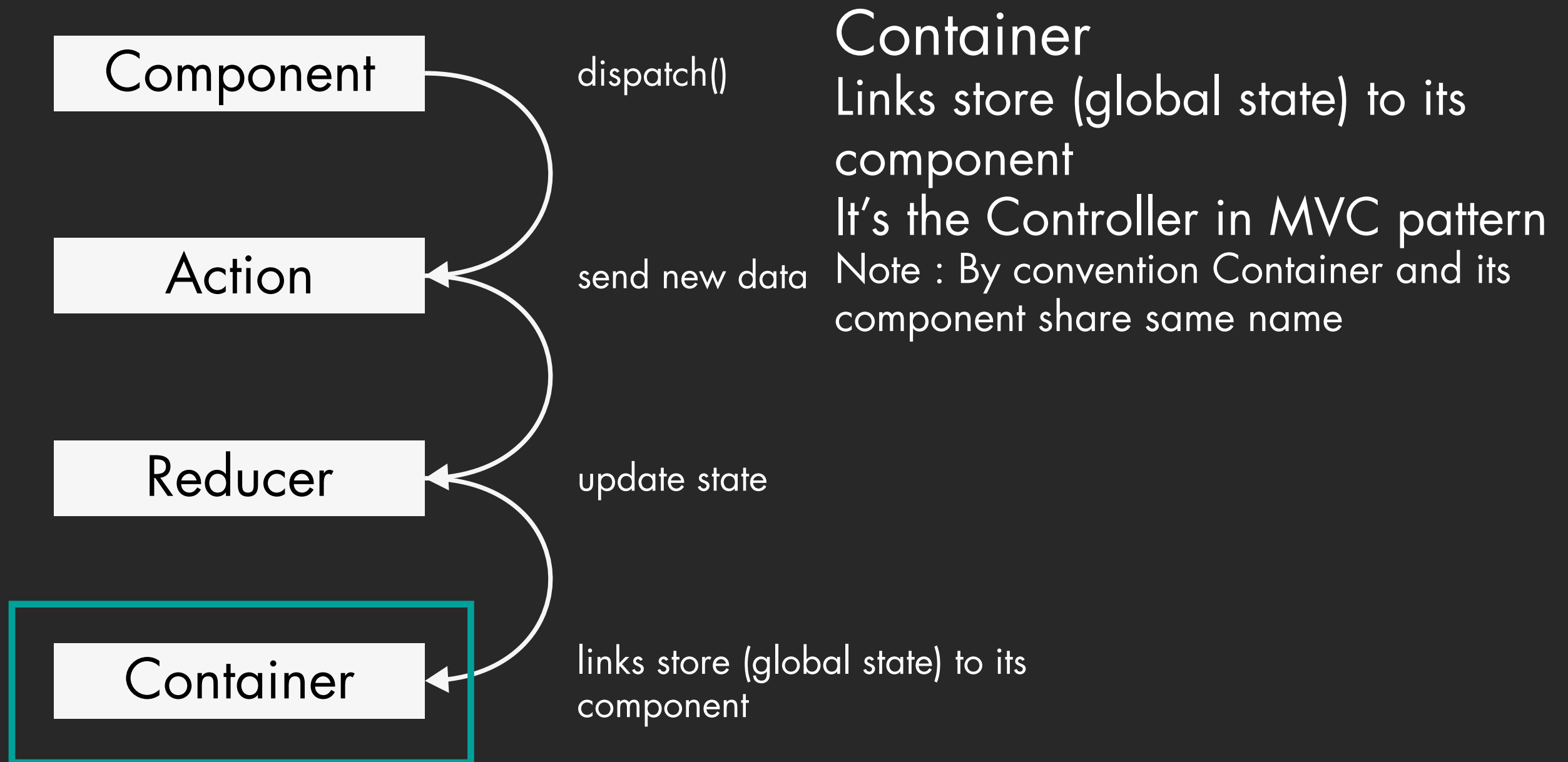
Associate action and current state to get next state.
(previousState, action) => newState

```
const message = function (state = '', action) {  
  switch (action.type) {  
    case 'ADD_MESSAGE':  
      return action.text;  
    default:  
      return state;  
  }  
}
```

Sources

<http://redux.js.org/docs/basics/Reducers.html>

Redux dataflow in details



Redux dataflow in details - Container

Add some logic to component. It's the Controller in MVC pattern

Note : By convention Container and its component share same name

```
import Messages from '../components/Messages'

function mapStateToProps(state) {
  return {
    messages: state.messages
  }
}

export default connect(mapStateToProps)(Messages)
```

Sources

<https://github.com/reactjs/react-redux/blob/master/docs/api.md#connectmapstatetoprops-mapdispatchtoprops-mergeprops-options>

« You might get the wrong impression from **over-engineered tutorials** and all the stuff that community has built around it. But **Redux itself is very simple.** »

Dan Abramov, Redux co-creator

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<http://www.slideshare.net/tedpennings/how-to-redux>

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Demo

Sources

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<https://github.com/DanYellow/React-Pokemon/tree/redux>

Redux's competitors

- Flux (facebook)
- DIY Facebook Flux
- Fluxxor
- McFly
- NuclearJS
- Flummox
- Fluxette
- Lux
- Marty
- Reflux
- Alt (number two on the list)
- Yahoo-Fluxible
- Delorean
- Barracks
- Fluxy
- MobX

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Last part in a nutshell

Redux is not related to ReactJS

Redux is really simple don't be afraid by over-engineered tutorials

Redux is not mandatory but highly recommended to **avoid spaghetti code**

Redux brings missing Controller to React

My opinion about ReactJS

- Powerful javascript library
- Easy to learn
- Useful for many cases. E.g. : Dealer locator
- Maybe the best library to manage view and data currently

For further

React router

React storyboard

Thank you
Questions ?

For further
<https://js.coach/react>
<https://github.com/facebookincubator/create-react-app>
<https://packagecontrol.io/packages/Babel%20Snippets>