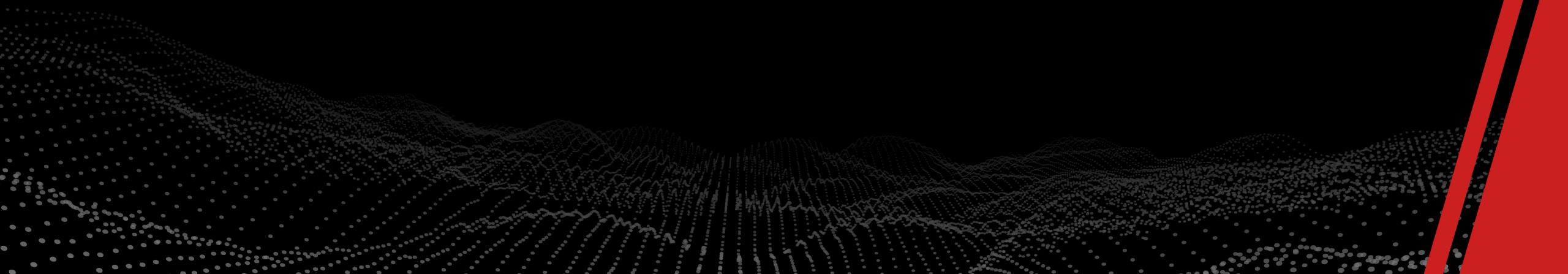




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# React behind the scenes

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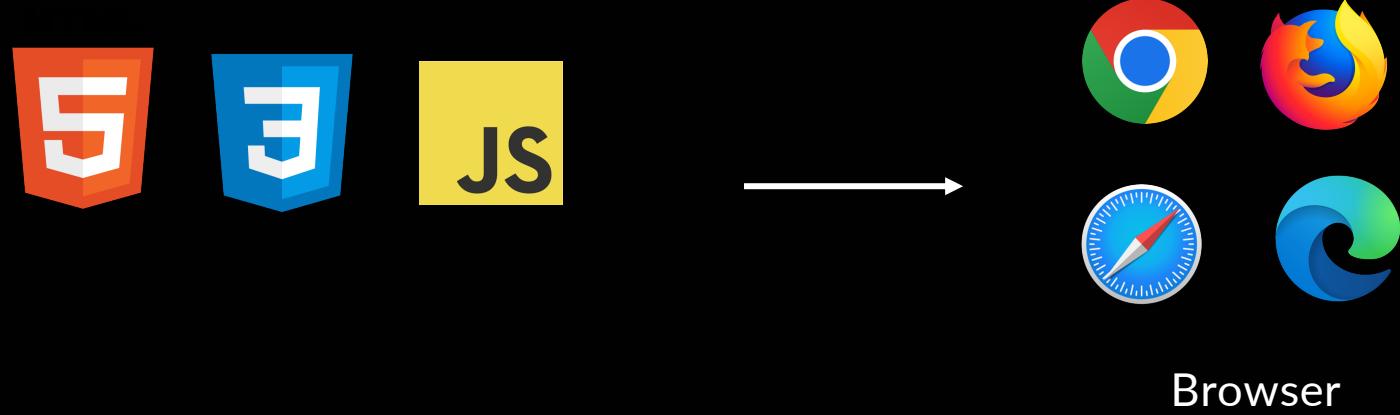


Ask all the questions you want, the idea is  
to debate... and learn

# Agenda

- 1 The classic web development approach
- 2 The React approach
- 3 Three step rendering process
- 4 State as a snapshot
- 5 The React state changes queue

# The web development classic approach



# The web development classic approach



```
<div class="root">
  <h1>The best food shop in the whole market</h1>
  <div class="card">
    
    <div class="card-content">
      <h1>Bananas</h1>
      <h2>$1000</h2>
      <p>
        Our nutrient-rich bananas are an excellent source of natural energy and essential vitamins, including potassium, vitamin C, and vitamin B6. Whether enjoyed as a quick and satisfying snack on the go or used in your favorite recipes, our bananas add a touch of natural sweetness and a boost of nutrition to your daily diet.
      </p>
      <button id="button" class="card-button">Next item (1)</button>
    </div>
  </div>
</div>
```



# The web development classic approach

JS

```
import url('https://fonts.googleapis.com/css2?family=Roboto:ital,wght@0,300;0,400;5,400;1,400;1,700;1,900')

html,
body {
  height: 100%;
  font-family: "Roboto", sans-serif;
  font-weight: 400;
}

h1 {
  font-weight: 500;
}

* {
  margin: 0;
}

.root {
  display: flex;
  min-height: 100%;
  flex-direction: column;
  align-items: center;
  justify-content: center;
}

.color-container {
  height: 100vh;
  width: 100%;
  background-color: #antiquewhite;
  padding: 30px;
}
```



The logo consists of a stylized orange '5' inside a white rounded square.

## The best food shop in the whole market



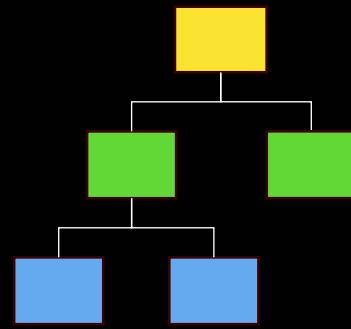
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# The classic approach| DOM API

JS



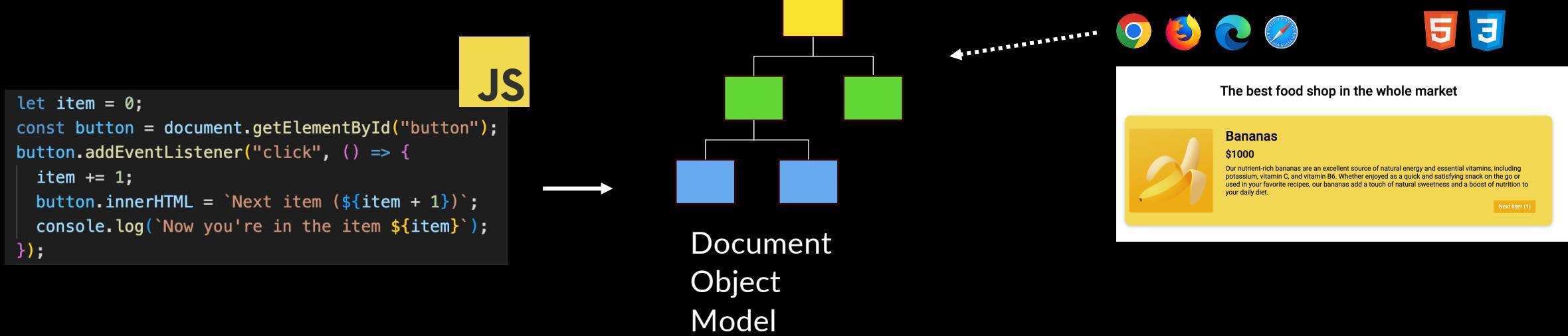
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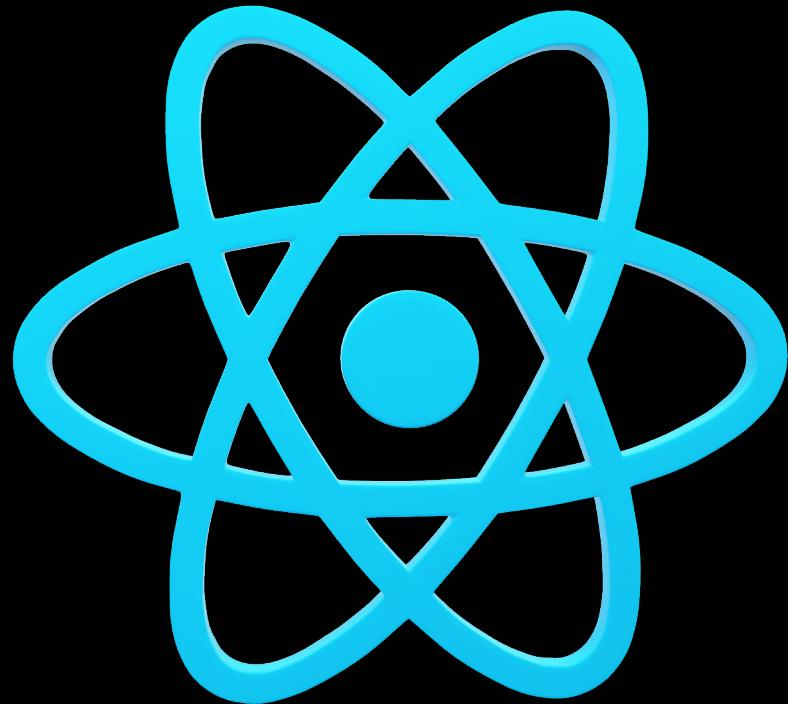
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# The classic approach | DOM API



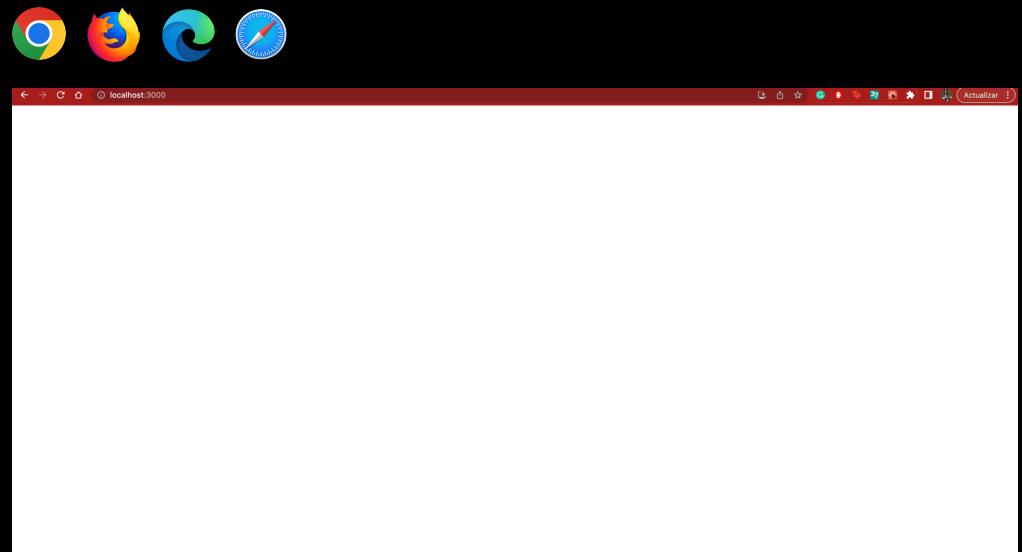
# The React Approach



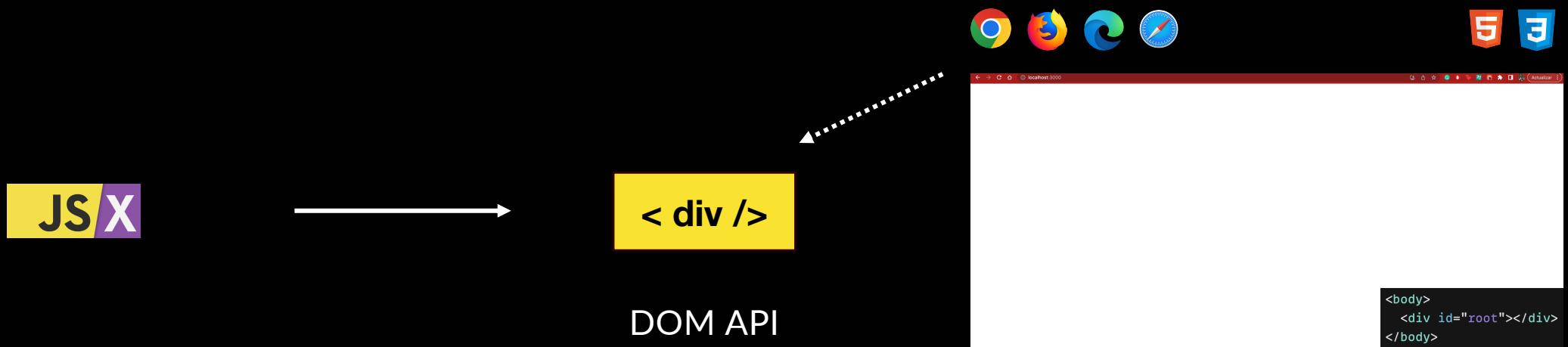
# The React Approach

JSX

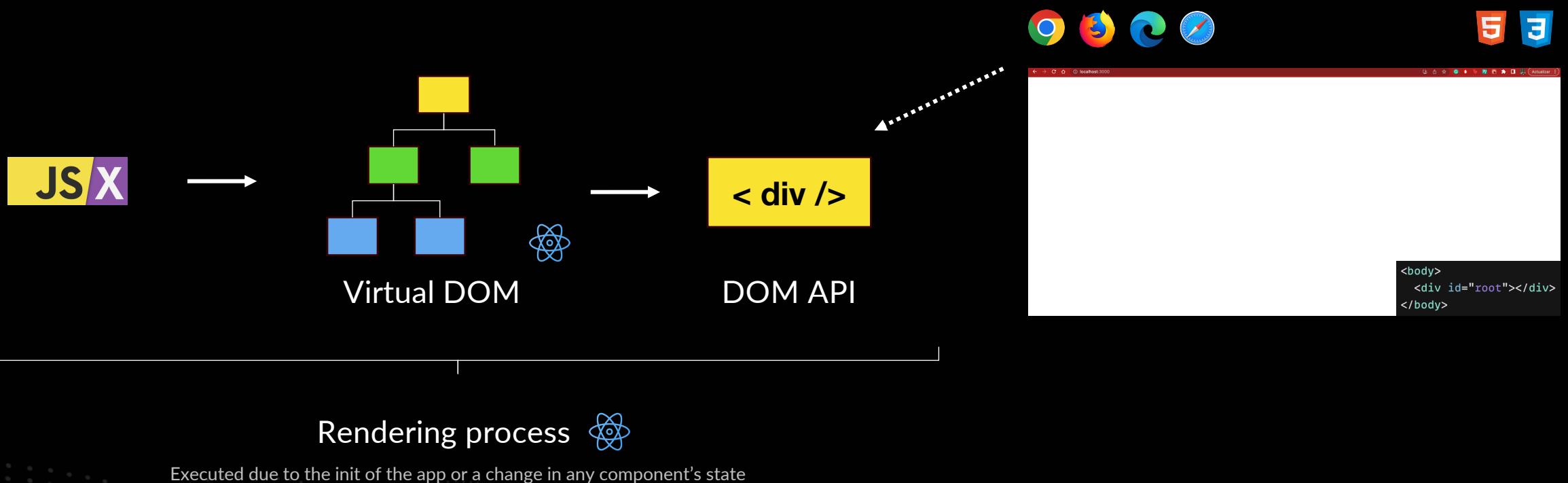
```
<body>  
  <div id="root"></div>  
</body>
```



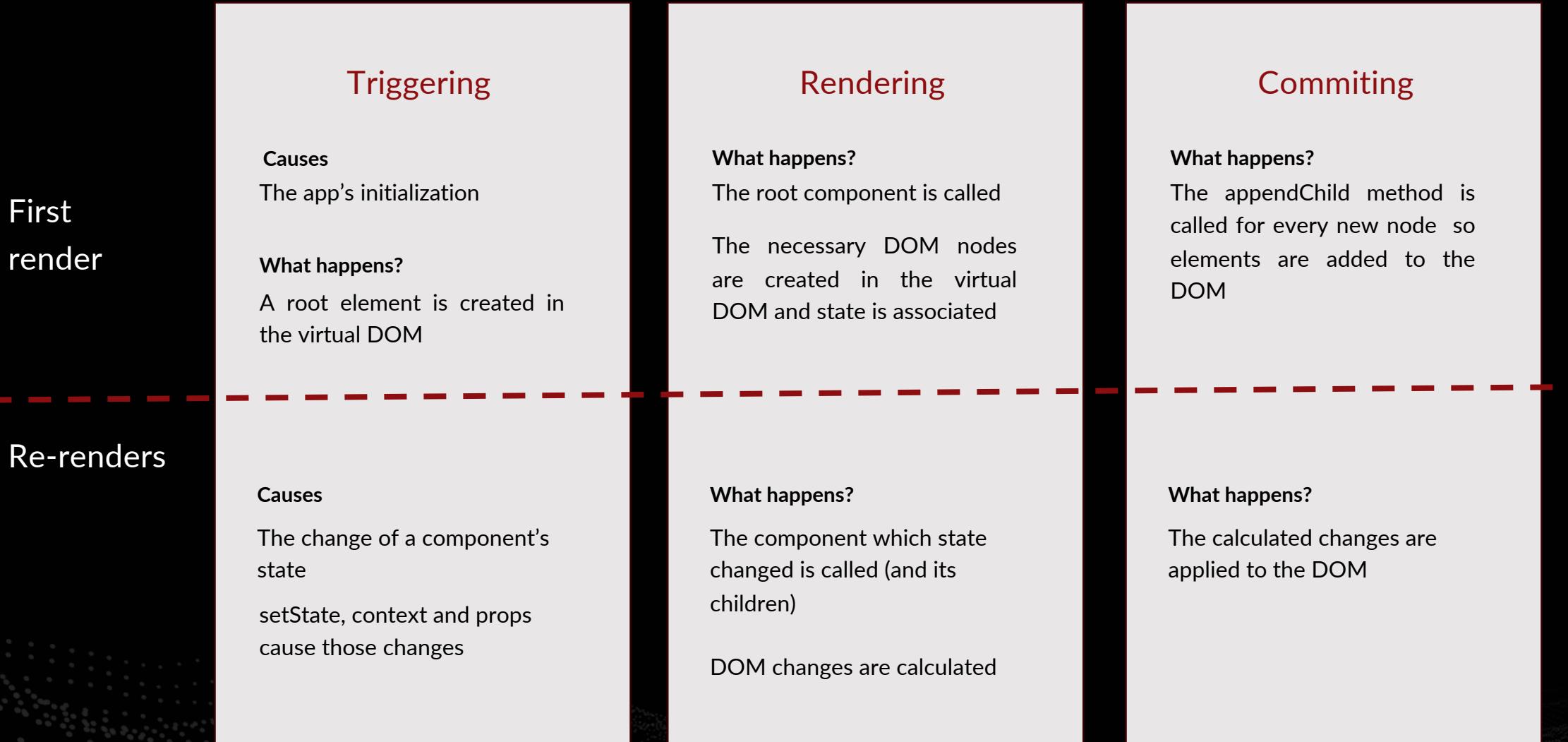
# The React Approach



# The React Approach



# React rendering process



# React rendering process | First render

## Triggering

### Causes

The app's initialization

### What happens?

A root element is created in the virtual DOM

## Rendering

### What happens?

The root component is called

The necessary DOM nodes are created in the virtual DOM and state is associated

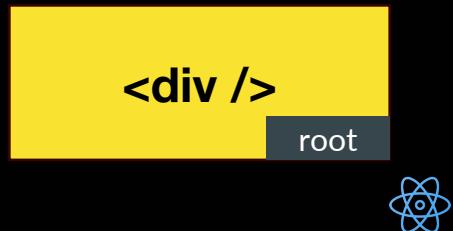
## Committing

### What happens?

The `appendChild` method is called for every new node so elements are added to the DOM

# First render | Triggering

A root element is created in the virtual DOM



```
const root = ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById("root"));
```

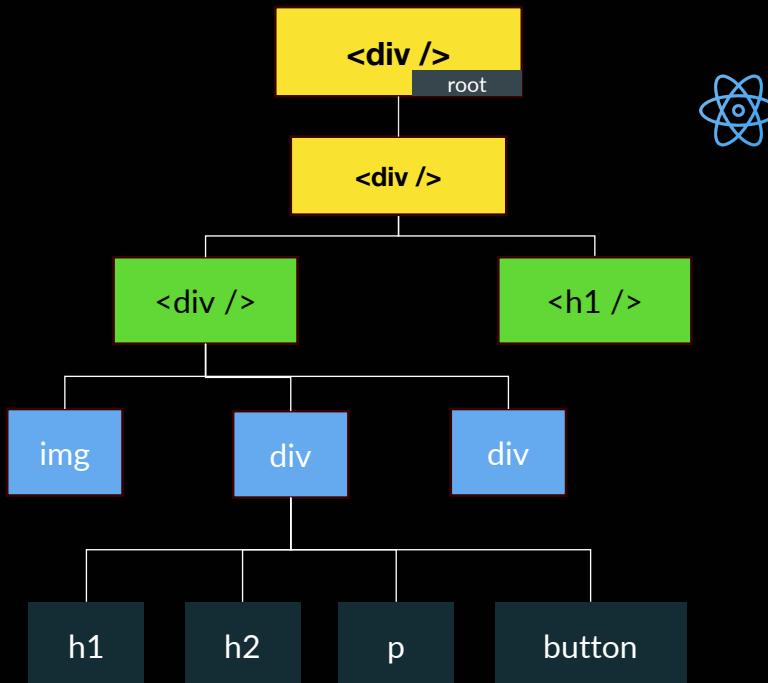
# First render | rendering

As the root component is renderer, the whole app is executed.

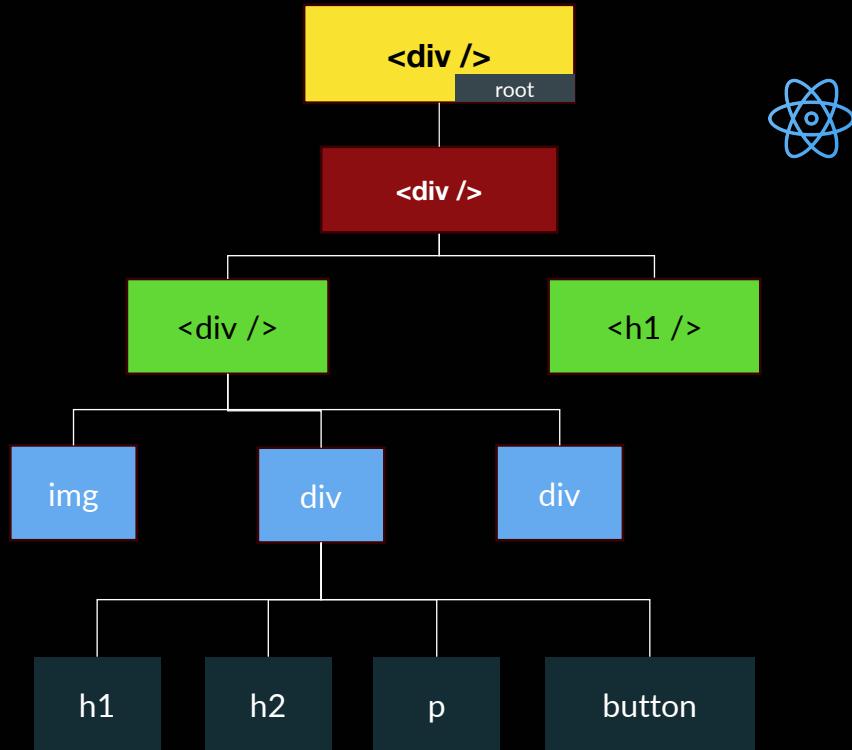
React calculates the virtual DOM based on the returned JSX and state

```
root.render(      App.jsx
  <React.StrictMode>
    <App />
  </React.StrictMode>
);
```

```
return (
  <div className={classes.root}>
    <h1>{componentsTitle}</h1>
    <Card {...product} onClick={handleClick} index={index} />
  </div>
);
```



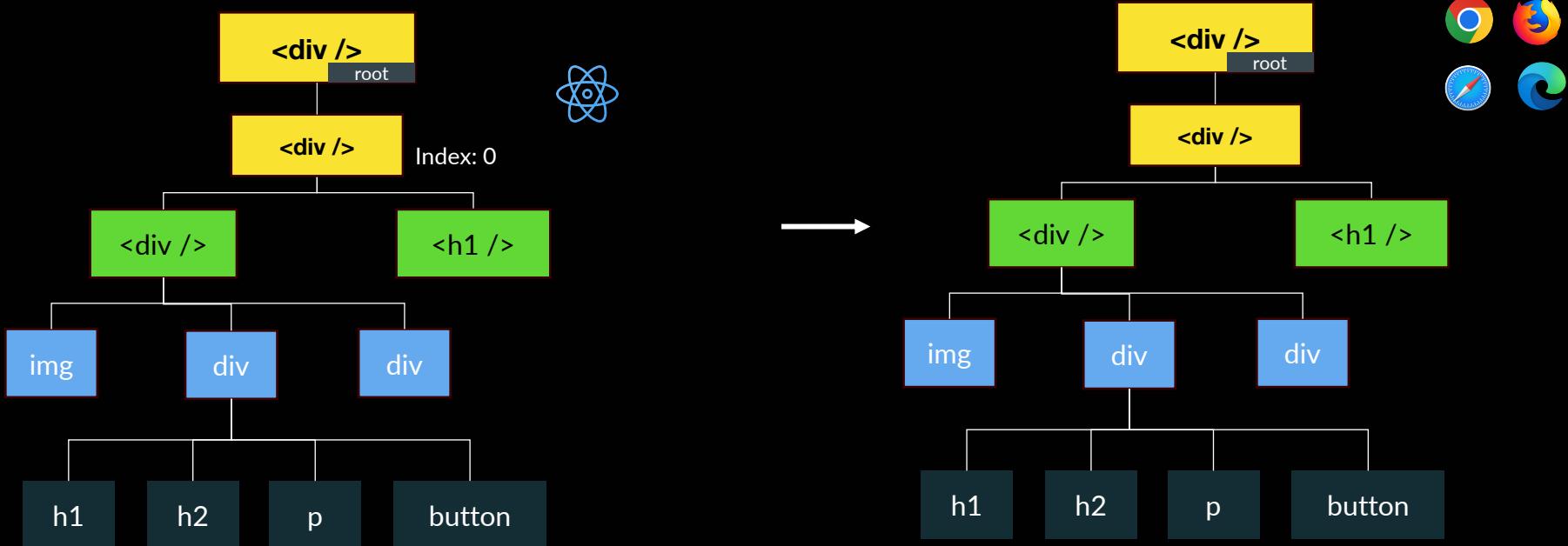
# First render | rendering



Which are the state variables of the red div and what value do they have when the app is initialized?

# First render | Committing

The DOM API is changed based on the state of the Virtual DOM for the initial render



# React rendering process | Re-renders

## Triggering

### Causes

The change of a component's state  
setState, context and props cause those changes

## Rendering

### What happens?

The component which state changed is called (and its children)

DOM changes are calculated

## Committing

### What happens?

The calculated changes are applied to the DOM

# Re-renders | Triggering

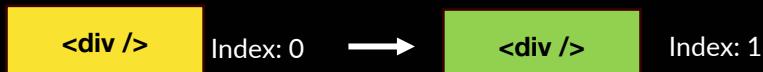
A component's state changed, this process triggers a new render with the new state

Handle click is executed, so the index state variable changes

```
App.jsx
const handleClick = () => {
  setIndex(index + 1);
  console.log(`Now you're in the item ${index}`);
};
```

The component is executed again with it's new state

```
App.jsx
return (
  <div className={classes.root}>
    <h1>{componentsTitle}</h1>
    <Card {...product} onClick={handleClick} index={index} />
  </div>
);
```



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return (
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    <Card {...product} onClick={handleClick} index={index} />
  </div>
);
```



As the component is executed, its children are executed too (their props have changed)

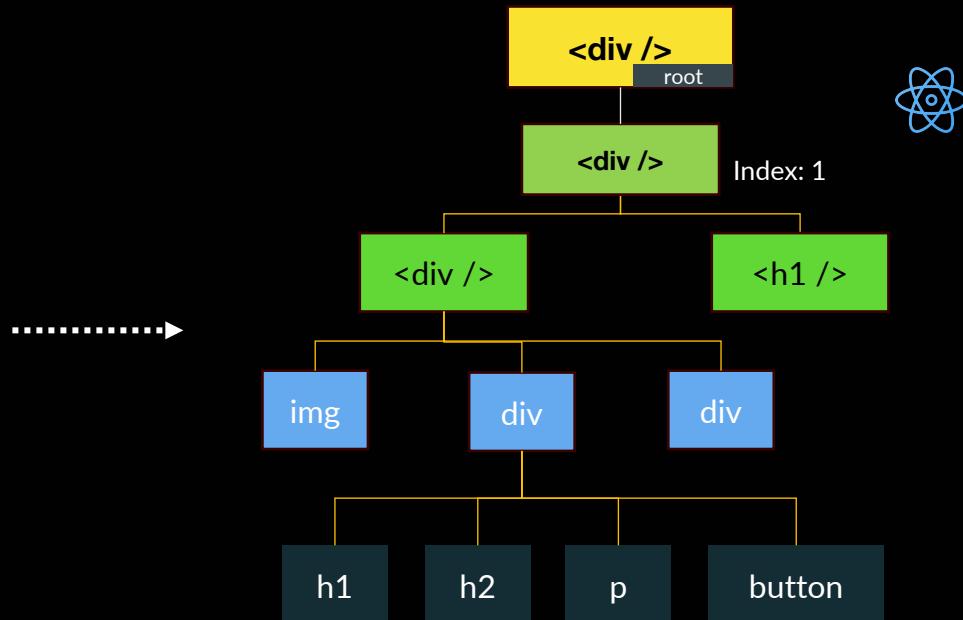
```
Card.jsx
const Card = ({  
  index,  
  image,  
  title,  
  price,  
  description,  
  onClick,  
  bgImage,  
  bgContent  
}) => {
```

# Re-renders | rendering

Each render is a snapshot.

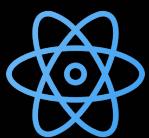
```
return (
  <div className={classes.card} style={{ backgroundColor: bgContent }}>
    {price > 3000 && <Discount />}
    <img src={image} alt={title} style={{ backgroundColor: bgImage }} />
    <div className={classes["card-content"]}>
      <h1>{title}</h1>
      <h2>{price}</h2>
      <p>{description}</p>

      <button
        id="button"
        className={classes["card-button"]}
        onClick={onClick}
        style={{ backgroundColor: bgImage }}
      >
        Next item ({index + 1})
      </button>
    </div>
  </div>
);
```

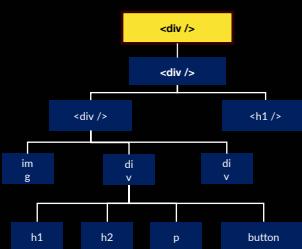


# Re-renders | rendering

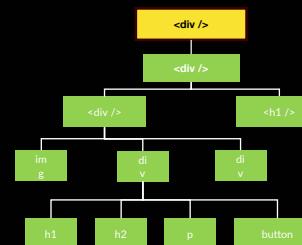
Different states should return different results



Index: 1



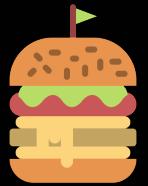
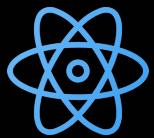
Index: 2



# Re-renders | rendering

React is based on functional components. Those components must be pure.

It's like ordering food in a restaurant!



Index: 1



Index: 3



Index: 245



# Re-renders | rendering

```
function App() {
  const [index, setIndex] = useState(0);
  registerSession();

  const handleClick = () => {
    setIndex(index + 1);
    console.log(`Now you're in the item ${index}`);
  };

  let product = objects[index];

  return (
    <div className={classes.root}>
      <h1>The best food shop in the whole market</h1>
      <Card {...product} onClick={handleClick} index={index} />
    </div>
  );
}
```



We want to execute the `registerSession()` method once per user's session. There's an approach for that... do you think it'll work?

# Re-renders | rendering

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(index + 1);  
  setIndex(index + 2);  
  setIndex(index - 1);  
}
```

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex("two");  
}
```

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(index + 1);  
  setIndex(index + 4);  
  setIndex(index + 2);  
}
```



Now the market's owner wants us to add a "Next item" button outside the card that shows only the even index items. Which function accomplish that?

# React makes a queue of the state changes it'll do

React first takes all the changes and add them to the queue, once there is no change left, it executes them all according to the “given instructions”

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(index + 1);  
  setIndex(index + 4);  
  setIndex(index + 2);  
}
```

Assigning a direct value to the `setIndex` is like saying “hey, it doesn’t matter what value it has, reset it to this one”

# React makes a queue of the state changes it'll do

If we want to make operations in state variables on a single render, we must use a function that takes the actual value as parameter and returns the expected result

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(index => index + 1);  
  setIndex(index => index + 1);  
}
```

Here you're saying "Hey, take the actual value and do an operation with that. I want to accumulate those operations

# Re-renders | rendering

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex((index) => index + 2);  
  setIndex(0);  
  setIndex((index) => index + 3);  
  setIndex(index - 1);  
}
```

```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(5000000);  
  setIndex(index + 3);  
  setIndex((index) => index - 1);  
  setIndex((index) => index + 0);  
}
```

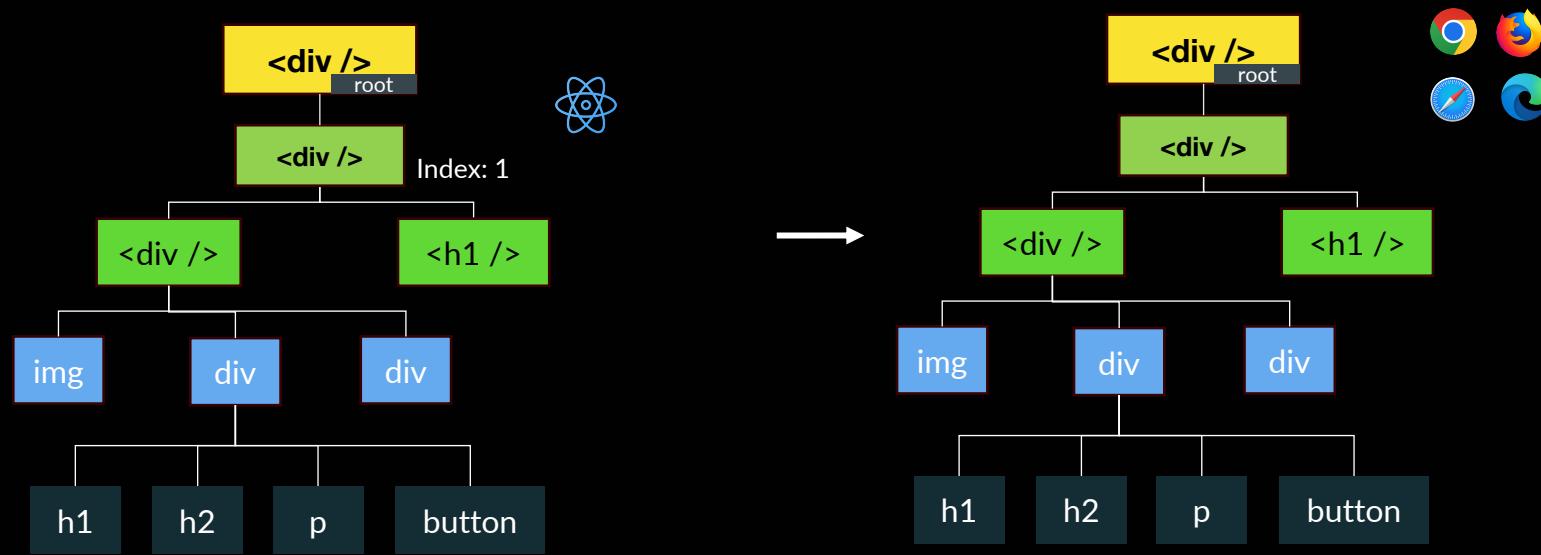
```
function onNextClick() {  
  setIndex(12392912);  
  setIndex((index) => index + 2);  
}
```



Now there are other approaches to fulfill the same task... Which one is correct?

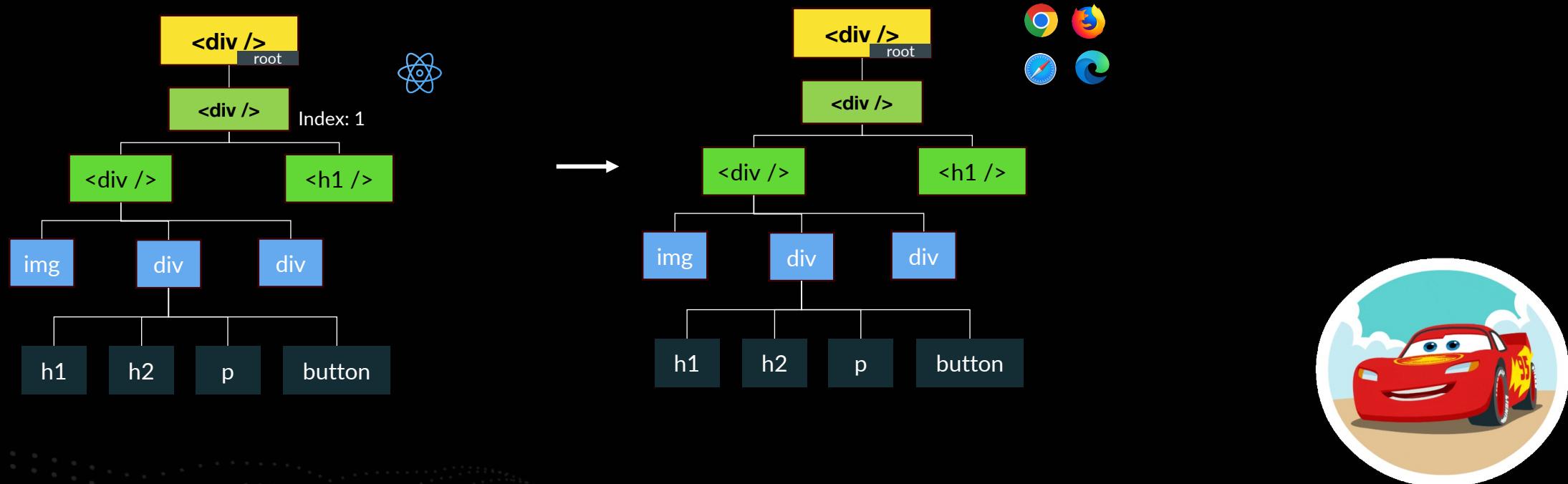
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React calculates the fastest way to make a change in the DOM

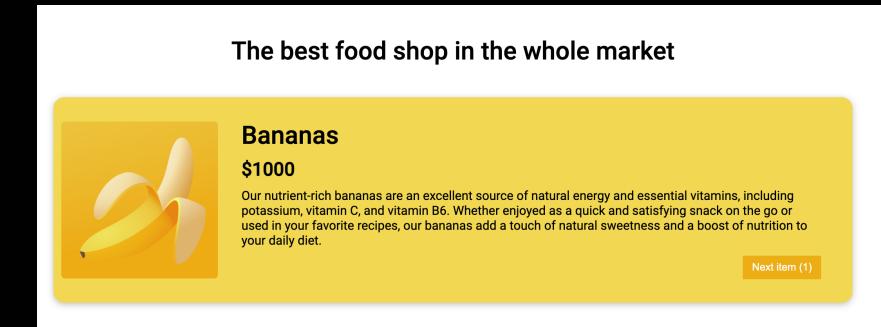
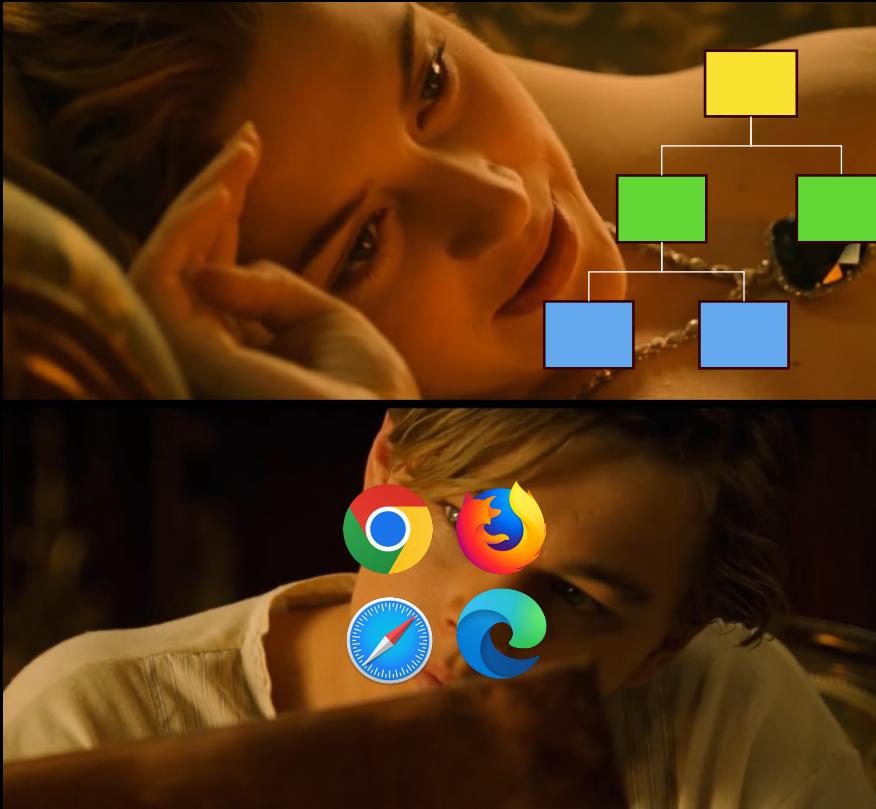


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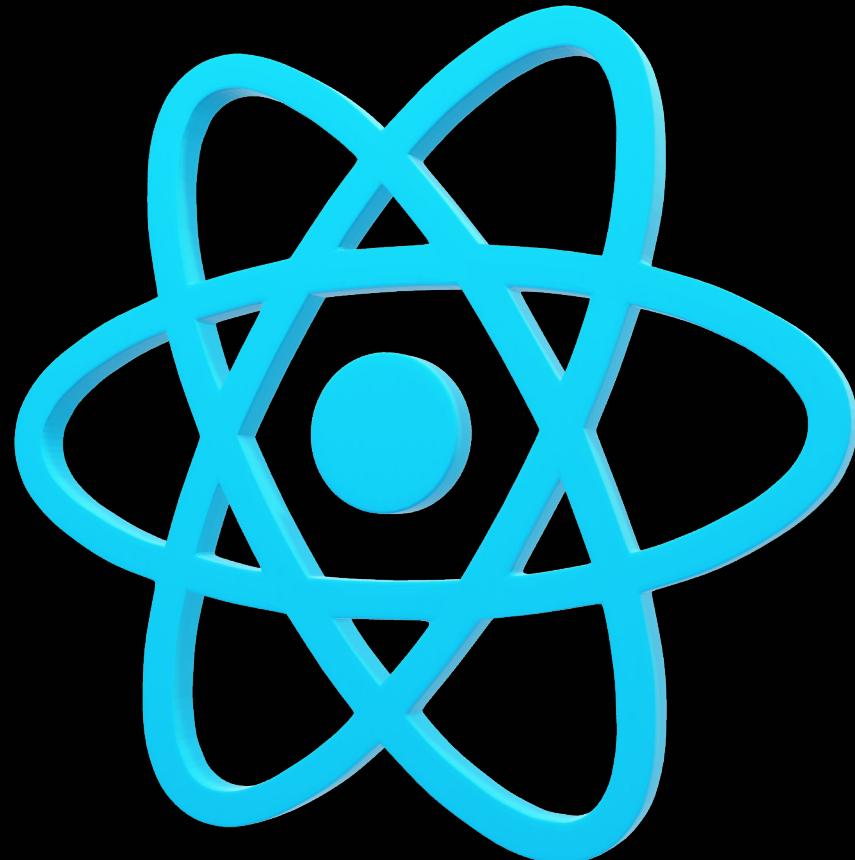


# Browser Paint





Questions?





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