

RENDER PROPS

I heard you like rendering props so I got you some render props

**BUT FIRST...LET'S REVIEW
JSX...**



Q: WHAT DOES THIS GET COMPILED TO?

`<MyComponent />`

A:

`React.createElement(MyComponent)`



Q: WHAT IF MY COMPONENT ISN'T A COMPONENT?

```
const MyComponent = 'I am not a component.'
```

```
<MyComponent />
```

A: SAME THING:

```
React.createElement(MyComponent)
```

WHA?!?

- You may have noticed: When you fail to properly export a Component, it's *React* that complains (in the browser's console at runtime), rather than the compiler (in your terminal at build time)

HOW DOES JSX RECOGNIZE COMPONENTS?

IT DOESN'T

- **JSX doesn't know or care if the component you name exists**
- **It doesn't look up components by filename**
- **The JSX compiler just generates JS *assuming* that there is (or will be) a component of that name in scope by the time the JS runs**



Q: WHAT DOES THIS GET COMPILED TO?

```
<div />
```

A:

```
React.createElement('div')
```




Q: WHY THE QUOTES?

A: FOR HTML TAGS, JSX CREATES ELEMENTS WHOSE TYPES ARE STRINGS

```
React.createElement('div')
```



Q: HOW DOES IT KNOW THE DIFFERENCE?

```
<Div />    // Becomes React.createElement(Div)  
<div />    // Becomes React.createElement('div')
```

A: YEP, IT LITERALLY LOOKS AT CAPITALIZATION

COMPONENT GENERATION

- If your JSX tag begins with a capital letter, it generates a React Element whose type is a Component
- When an Element is rendered, that Component will get mounted:
 - If it's a pure function, it'll get called to generate its render output
 - If it's a class, it'll get instantiated with `new`, its lifecycle methods will get called, and `render` will be called to generate its render output
- Otherwise, it generates a React Element whose type is a string
- These Elements become HTML tags of that name when they're rendered



Q: WHAT ABOUT PROPS?

```
<MyComponent title='hello' foo={bar} />
```

A: PROPS ARE THE SECOND ARGUMENT TO CREATE ELEMENT

```
React.createElement(MyComponent, {  
  title: 'hello',  
  foo: bar  
})
```



Q: WHAT ABOUT NESTED ELEMENTS?

```
<MyComponent title='hello'>  
  <h1>Hi there</h1>  
  <AnotherComponent />  
</MyComponent>
```

**A: CHILDREN ARE THE THIRD ARGUMENT TO CREATE
ELEMENT 😊**

```
React.createElement(MyComponent, {title: 'hello'}, [  
  React.createElement('h1'),  
  React.createElement(AnotherComponent),  
])
```



A: CHILDREN ALSO GET PUT ON PROPS, SO THIS ALSO WORKS

```
React.createElement(MyComponent, {  
  title: 'hello',  
  children: [  
    React.createElement('h1'),  
    React.createElement(AnotherComponent),  
  ]  
})
```

LET'S PLAY