

REACT.JS

A JavaScript library for building user interfaces

PROBLEM: MAKING A USER INTERFACE IS HARD

WHY: SO MUCH STUFF TO
REMEMBER!

STATE + VIEW

- ◉ **Every user interface has data (which we often call “state”), and presents something based on that data**
- ◉ **Any change to the underlying data should be reflected in the view**

todos

▼ *What needs to be done?*



~~Write a UI~~



Bake cookies



Take over world

2 items left

All

Active

Completed

Clear completed

```
{
  "todos": [
    {"text": "Write a UI", "status": "completed"},
    {"text": "Bake cookies", "status": "active"},
    {"text": "Take over world", "status": "active"}
  ],
  "showStatus": "all"
}
```


*“Let’s just wrangle
the DOM to look like
we want”*

Cowboy Coder,
2010



ADD A TODO

- ◉ **Push to our “todos” array**
- ◉ **Append a new element to the DOM**

WAIT

- ◉ **Push to our “todos” array**
- ◉ **Does the “status” of the todo match what we’re currently showing?**
 - **Yes: Append a new element to the DOM**
 - **No: Okay, don’t append a new element to the DOM**

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OKAY, NOW WE SWITCH BACK TO ALL

- ◉ **Change the “showStatus” to “all”**
- ◉ **Check our list of “todos” and add any that aren’t showing back in**
 - But make sure they’re in the right order!
 - Don’t just wipe the slate clean though - that’s bad for performance!
 - Also make sure to change the highlighting so that “All” looks selected

OKAY, SO REMEMBERING TO CHANGE
THE VIEW AFTER WE CHANGE THE
DATA IS HARD...

...WHAT IF WE GOT RID OF THE
DATA?

*“Let’s put the todo
data on the DOM
node”*

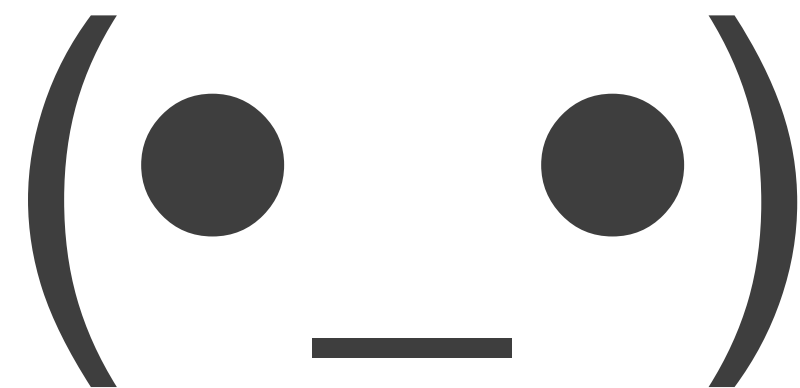
Cowboy Coder, 2010

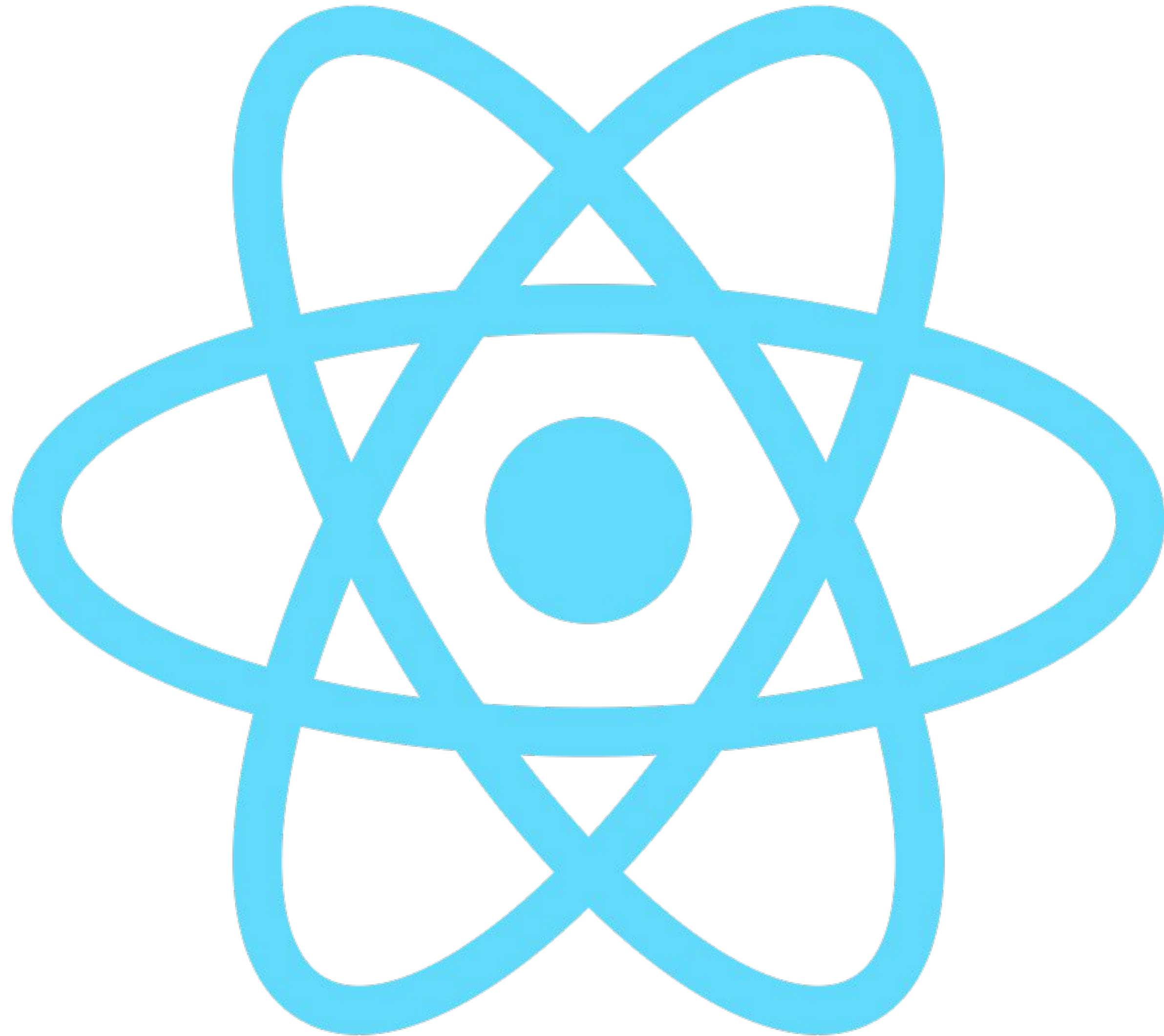




SO WHAT IF WE COULD JUST CHANGE
THE DATA, AND THE VIEW WOULD...

...REACT?





REACT

- ◉ **Data is called “state”**
 - More precisely: “state” is data that *changes*
- ◉ **When you update “state”, React re-renders the view for you**
- ◉ **React re-renders the view in a performant way**

*“Let’s mutate the state
object directly”*

Cowboy Coder, current day



SET STATE

- ◉ **We do not directly mutate “state”**
 - **Ex: If we have a piece of state** `showStatus`, **we DO NOT say** `showStatus = “all”`
- ◉ **We set the status by using its updater function, commonly called** `set<insert-statevalue-here>`. **For example:**
 - **Ex. we DO say** `setShowStatus(“all”)`
- ◉ **Why? So that React can handle things intelligently if multiple updates happen all at once!**

React

setStatus

**updated
view**



WHEN YOU SET STATE, REACT
WILL UPDATE THE VIEW



LET'S WRITE YOUR FIRST COMPONENT!

