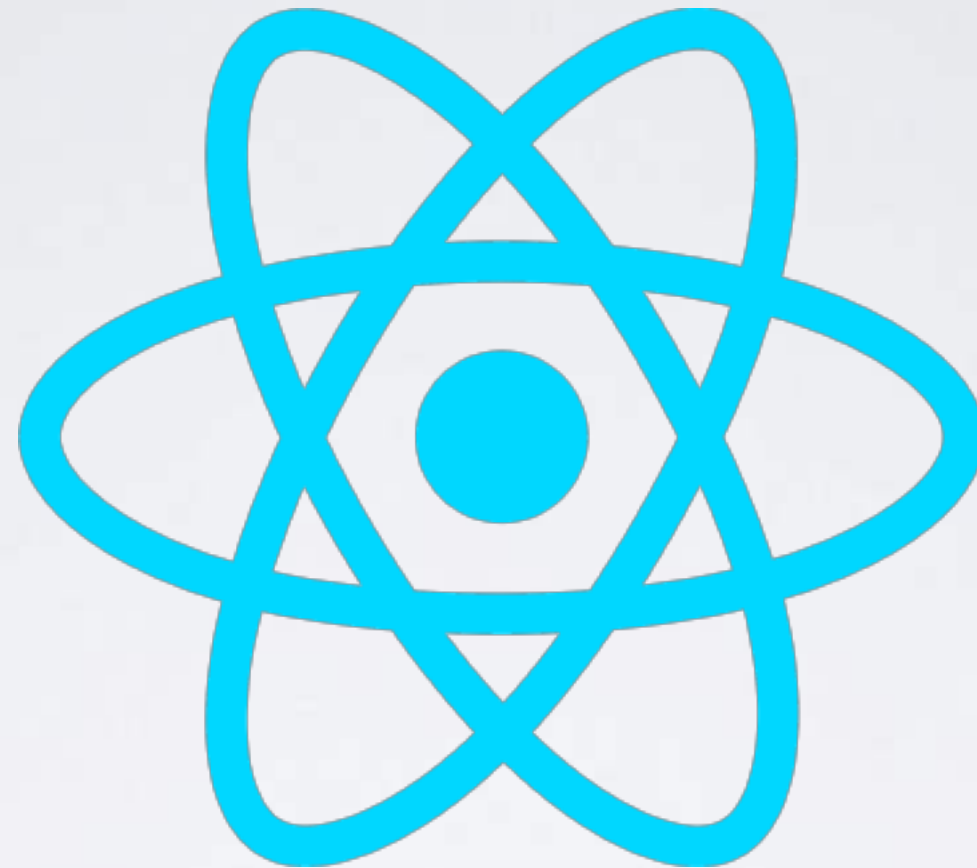


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Recap Immutable State management

- **structuredClone** creates a deep copy, which is not recommended. Render Optimizations with *memoization* are not possible with deep cloning ...
React docs don't mention **structuredClone** but just the "spread" copying:
<https://react.dev/learn/updating-objects-in-state>
- mutating state is not recommended:
<https://react.dev/learn/updating-objects-in-state#why-is-mutating-state-not-recommended-in-react>
 - newer features of React like concurrent rendering / **startTransition** might fall back and render an previous version of the state ...
recommendation: *treat state as a immutable snapshot*
<https://react.dev/learn/state-as-a-snapshot>

Side Topic: Maintenance

A "small" Angular project from 2018:

```
>cd angular-project-from-2018
>nvm use 8
>npm install

...

added 1288 packages from 1314 contributors
found 1396 vulnerabilities
(985 low, 18 moderate, 391 high, 2 critical)
```

Real-World example:

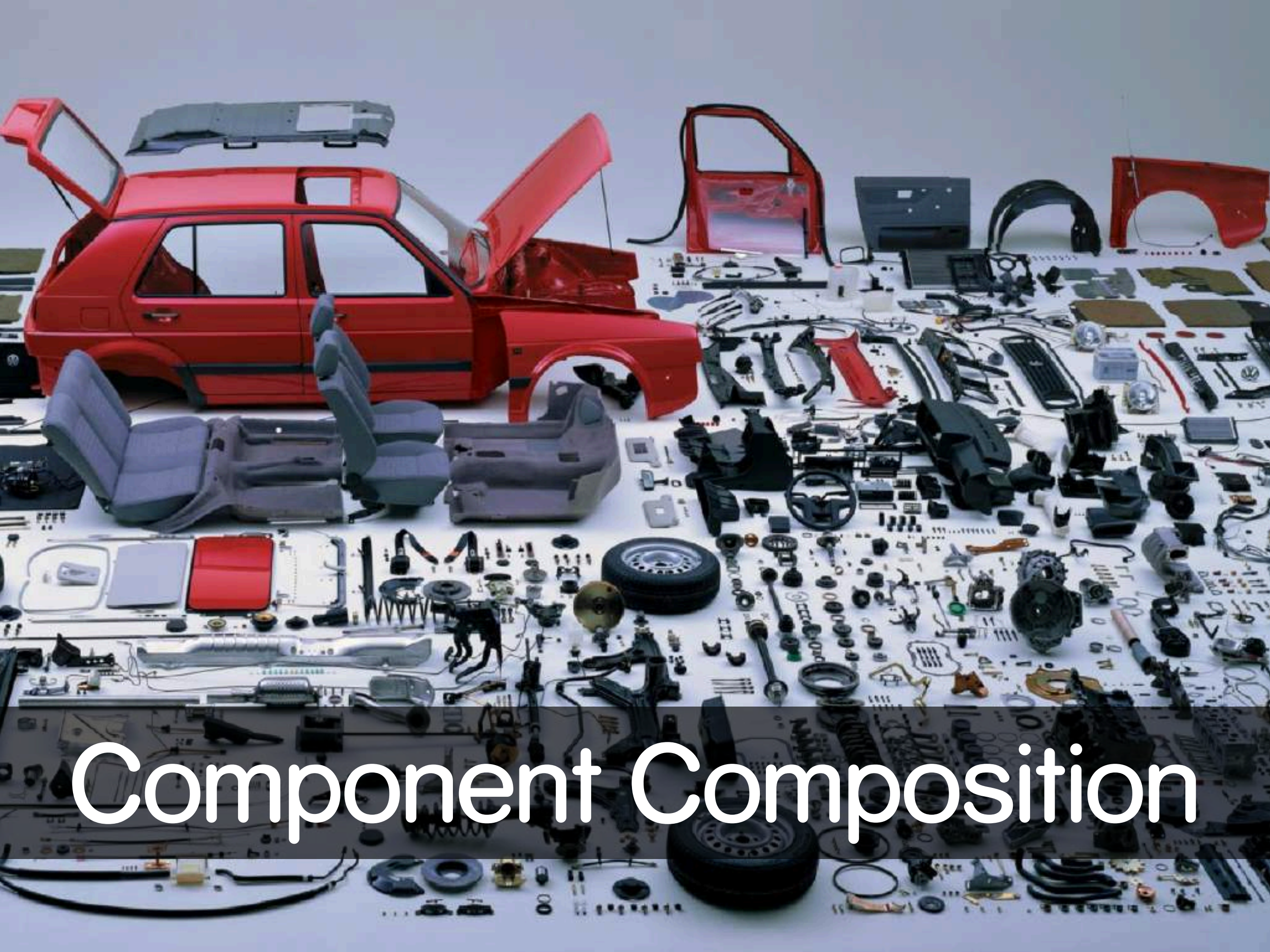
In-house React component library, several years untouched:

```
>npm audit

...

found 165426 vulnerabilities (109880 low, 526 moderate, 55018 high, 2 critical) in 4149 scanned packages
run npm audit fix to fix 164670 of them.
678 vulnerabilities require semver-major dependency updates.
78 vulnerabilities require manual review. See the full report for details.
```

However `npm audit` vulnerabilities might not be a good metric: <https://overreacted.io/npm-audit-broken-by-design/>



Component Composition

Container vs. Presentation Components

"Separation of Concerns"

Application should be decomposed in container- and presentation components:

Container

Little to no markup

Pass data and actions down
typically stateful / manage state

Presentation

Mostly markup

Receive data & actions via props

mostly stateless

better reusability

aka: Smart- vs. Dumb Components

Separation of Concerns

Separation of concerns is not equal to
separation of file types!

Keep things together that change together.

You can split a component into a controller and a view:

```
import {View} from './View';

export function Controller {
  ... // state & behavior
  return (
    <View data={...}
      onEvent={...} />
  );
}
Controller.js
```

```
export function View({data, onEvent}){
  return (
    <div>
      {data.message}
      <button onClick={()=>onEvent()}>
        Go!
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
View.js
```

<https://codesandbox.io/s/NxqMqyxID>

<https://medium.com/styled-components/component-folder-pattern-ee42df37ec68>

Controlling Component Lifecycle with a Key

React is preserving state in a component "instance".
By passing a **key** to a component, you can control the lifecycle of the "instance".

Example:

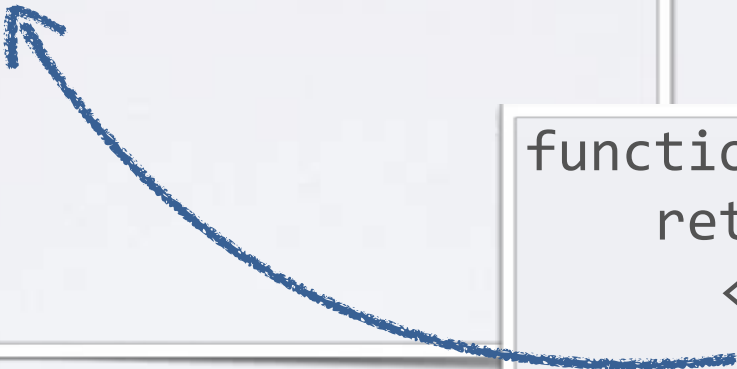
```
export default function ProfilePage({ userId }) {  
  const [comment, setComment] = useState('');  
  
  // 🚫 Avoid: Resetting state on prop change in an Effect  
  useEffect(() => {  
    setComment('');  
  }, [userId]);  
  // ...  
}
```

```
export default function ProfilePage({ userId }) {  
  return (  
    <Profile  
      userId={userId}  
      key={userId}  
    />  
  );  
}  
  
function Profile({ userId }) {  
  // ✅ This and any other state below will reset on key  
  // change automatically  
  const [comment, setComment] = useState('');  
  // ...  
}
```

Composition with `props.children`

```
import type {ReactNode} from 'react';
type Props = {children: ReactNode}

function WrapperComponent(props: Props) {
  return (
    <div className="container">
      <hr/>
      {props.children}
      <hr/>
    </div>
  )
}
```



```
function App() {
  return (
    <WrapperComponent>
      <ChildComponent>
    </WrapperComponent>
  );
}
```

TypeScript: There are several possibilities to type children. Popular choices are:

- `React.ReactNode`
- `JSX.Element`
- `React.PropsWithChildren`

<https://www.totaltypescript.com/jsx-element-vs-react-reactnode>

<https://react.dev/learn/passing-props-to-a-component#passing-jsx-as-children>

Components as props

```
import type {ReactNode, FunctionComponent} from 'react';
type Props = {leftComponent: ReactNode,
               middleComponent: ReactNode, rightComponent: FunctionComponent}

function Layout({leftComponent, middleComponent, rightComponent}: Props) {
  return (
    <div className="row">
      <div>{leftComponent}</div>
      <div>{middleComponent}</div>
      <div style={{display: 'flex', flexDirection: 'column'}}>
        {[1,2,3].map((i) => (
          <div key={i}>
            {React.createElement(rightComponent)}
          </div>
        ))}
      </div>
    </div>
  );
}
```

passing component type

```
function App() {
  return (
    <Layout
      leftComponent={<Navigation/>}
      middleComponent={<MainContent/>}
      rightComponent={Advertisement}/>
  );
}
```

Passing component instance

Higher Order Components

```
function withBackground(Component){  
  return () => (  
    <div className="container">  
      <hr/>  
      <Component/>  
      <hr/>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

Higher Order Component: takes a component as argument & returns a new component

```
function Content() {  
  return (  
    <div>Test!</div>  
  )  
}  
const WrappedComponent = withBackground(Content);
```

`lazy()` and `memo()` are two examples of higher order components.

applying the higher order component

For TypeScript typing see: https://react-typescript-cheatsheet.netlify.app/docs/hoc/full_example/

Note: HOCs were very popular before hooks. Hooks did replace many scenarios for HOCs!

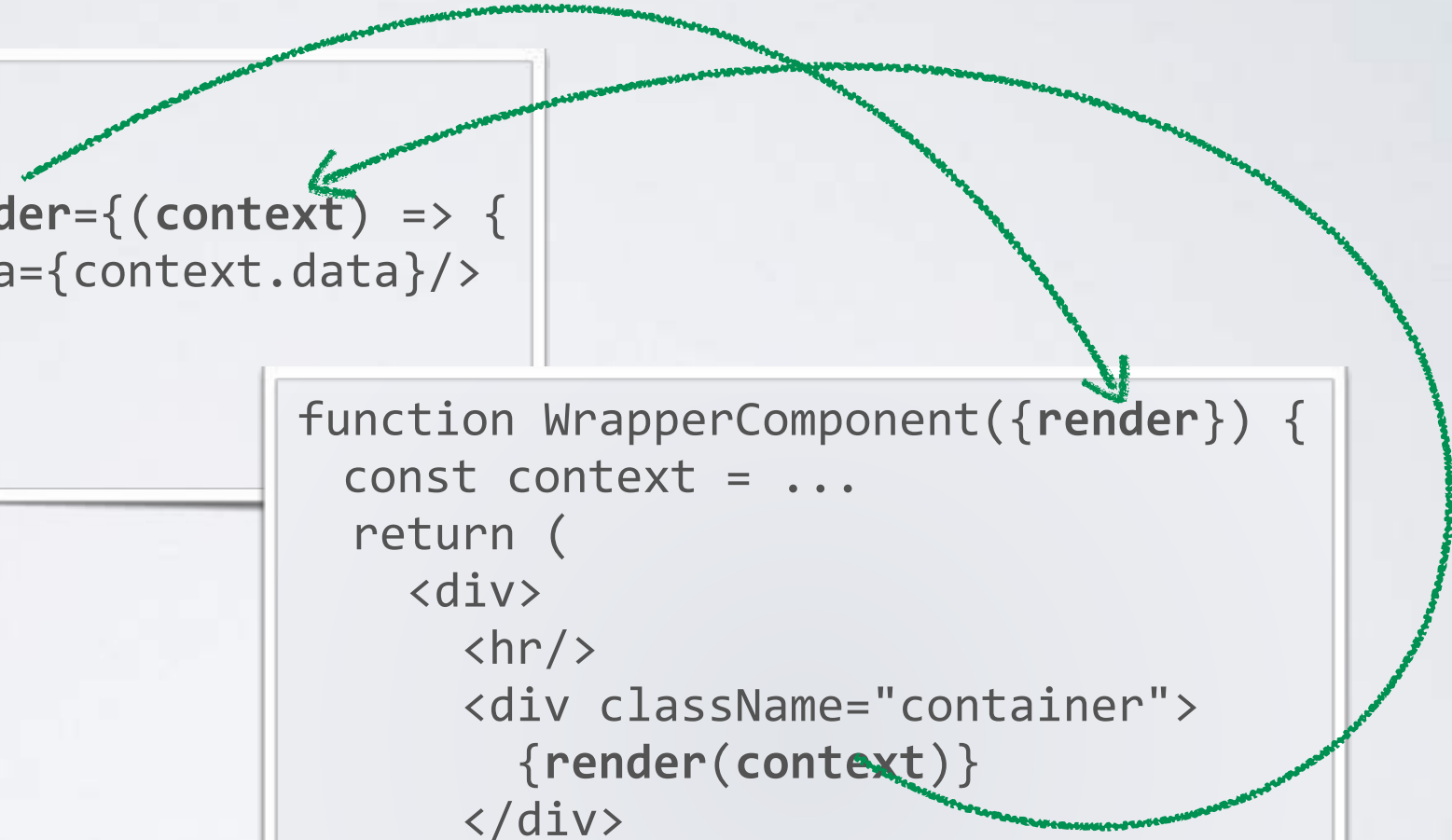
Recompose: Higher-Order Component Library
<https://github.com/acdlite/recompose> (not maintained any more)

<https://reactjs.org/docs/higher-order-components.html>
<https://www.robinwieruch.de/react-hooks-higher-order-components>

Render Props

"render props" is a technique for sharing code between components.

```
function App() {  
  return (  
    <WrapperComponent render={{context}} => {  
      return <Content data={context.data}/>  
    }>  
  );  
}
```



```
function WrapperComponent({render}) {  
  const context = ...  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <hr/>  
      <div className="container">  
        {render(context)}  
      </div>  
      <hr/>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

Note: many use-cases for render props can be replaced with hooks in a more elegant way!

(but hooks can't render anything, can't set values on a context and can't implement error boundaries)

Lazy Loading & Suspense



Lazy Loading of Components

React makes it very easy to load components on demand with
React.lazy & **<Suspense>**

<https://react.dev/reference/react/lazy#suspense-for-code-splitting>

```
import React, {lazy, Suspense} from 'react';
const OtherComponent = lazy(() => import('./OtherComponent'));

function MyComponent() {
  return (
    <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
      <OtherComponent />
    </Suspense>
  );
}
```

<Suspense> will render the **fallback** if a contained component is not yet loaded.

Note: **React.lazy()** is built on top of dynamic **import()** specified in ECMAScript 2020:

<https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Operators/import>

Suspense

<https://react.dev/reference/react/Suspense>

```
function App() {  
  return (  
    <>  
      <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>  
        <Content />  
      </Suspense>  
    </>  
  )  
}
```

```
let loaded = false;  
const promise = new Promise((resolve) => {  
  setTimeout(() => {  
    loaded = true;  
    resolve(loaded);  
  }, 1000);  
});  
  
function Content() {  
  if (!loaded) {  
    throw promise;  
  }  
  return <h1>Content</h1>;  
}
```


Suspense

<https://github.com/pmndrs/suspend-react>

```
function App() {  
  return (  
    <>  
    <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>  
      <Content />  
    </Suspense>  
  </>  
)  
}
```

```
async function loadData() {  
  const promise: Promise<string> = new Promise((resolve) => {  
    setTimeout(() => {  
      resolve("Test");  
    }, 1000);  
  });  
  return promise;  
}  
  
function Content() {  
  const data = suspend(loadData);  
  return <h1>{data}</h1>;  
}
```




Umleitung

Error Boundaries

Error Boundary

An Error Boundary is a component that can catch errors that happen during render or lifecycle methods in the components below them in the tree.

```
class ErrorBoundary extends React.Component {  
  
  static getDerivedStateFromError(error) {  
    // return a state update object with error data  
    // next render can then use that error data  
  }  
  
  componentDidCatch(error, info) {  
    // perform an action based on the error  
  }  
  
  render() {  
    //  
  }  
}
```

"pure" function, no side-effects, just updating the state

side-effects like logging are executed here

```
<ErrorBoundary>  
  <MyWidget />  
</ErrorBoundary>
```

Errors in render or during the component lifecycle, can't be handled with try/catch since React is calling these functions, based on declarative JSX.

react-error-boundary

Small wrapper library providing a JSX element for an error boundary.
(so you don't need to write a class component)

```
npm install react-error-boundary
```

```
<ErrorBoundary  
  onError={myErrorHandler}  
  fallback={<CustomErrorComponent/>}>  
  
  <ComponentThatMayError />  
  
</ErrorBoundary>
```

React Error Handling

imperative vs. declarative code paths

```
export function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  function increaseCount() {
    try {
      const val = maybeThrowError();
      return () => setCount((count) => count + val);
    } catch(e) { console.log('Error!') }
  }

  const val = maybeThrowError();

  return (
    <div>
      <div>Display of Counter: {val}</div>
      <button onClick={increaseCount}>count is {count}</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

event handling is imperative
=> handling with try-catch

rendering is declarative
=> handling with error-boundary

```
function App() {
  return (
    <div className="App">
      <ErrorBoundary fallback={<h1>Error ...</h1>}>
        <Counter />
      </ErrorBoundary>
    </div>
  );
}
```

React Error Handling

bridging from imperative to declarative error handling

```
export function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  function increaseCount() {
    try {
      const val = maybeThrowError();
      return () => setCount((count) => count + val);
    } catch(e) { e => setError(e); }
  }

  if (error) throw error;

  return (
    <div>
      <div>Display of Counter: {val}</div>
      <button onClick={increaseCount()}>count is {count}</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```


EXERCISE



Exercise: Component Composition



Hooks

Advantages of Hooks

Hooks *embrace JavaScript* closures and avoid introducing React-specific APIs where JavaScript already provides a solution.

Reduce complexity in components.

Enable reuse:

Logic can easily be decoupled from components and shared among components.

Hooks are composable: new Hooks can be created by composing other Hooks.

Favoring composition over inheritance.

Why Hooks (2024)?

Because the React ecosystem has embraced Hooks.

All modern React libraries expose their API via Hooks:

- ReactRouter / ReactLocation
- MaterialUI
- MobX, ReactRedux, Recoil ...
- ReactQuery
- react-i18next
- ...

Basic Hooks

useState
useEffect
useRef
useContext
useReducer

useMemo
useCallback

useImperativeHandle
useSyncExternalStore

useTransition
useDeferredValue

useLayoutEffect
useInsertionEffect
useDebugValue
useId

useActionState
useOptimistic
useFormStatus

The Rules of Hooks

(a part of the *Rules of React*)

Hooks are JavaScript functions, but you need to follow two rules when using them.

1. Only Call Hooks at the Top Level
(don't call Hooks inside loops, conditions, or nested functions)
2. Only Call Hooks from React Functions
(from function components or custom hooks)

Use the ESLint plugin to enforce these two rules:

<https://www.npmjs.com/package/eslint-plugin-react-hooks>

Rules of Hooks: <https://react.dev/reference/rules/rules-of-hooks>

Rules of React: <https://react.dev/reference/rules>

<https://medium.com/@ryardley/react-hooks-not-magic-just-arrays-cd4f1857236e>

EXERCISE



Exercises: Hooks - 1 to 5

DOM Access with `useRef`

React abstracts the real DOM behind the component tree and the virtual DOM.
But sometimes you need access to real DOM elements.

```
function TextInputWithFocusButton() {  
  const inputEl = useRef(null);  
  function buttonClicked() {  
    // `current` points to the mounted text input element  
    inputEl.current.focus();  
  };  
  return (  
    <>  
      <input ref={inputEl} type="text" />  
      <button onClick={buttonClicked}>Focus the input</button>  
    </>  
  );  
}
```

`useRef()` combined with the `ref` attribute can be used to access DOM nodes.

<https://react.dev/reference/react/useRef#examples-dom>

However, `useRef()` can be used for keeping any mutable value for the full lifetime of the component (a "replacement" for instance fields in classes)

<https://react.dev/reference/react/useRef>

React Context & useContext

Context provides a way to pass data through the component tree without having to pass props down manually at every level.

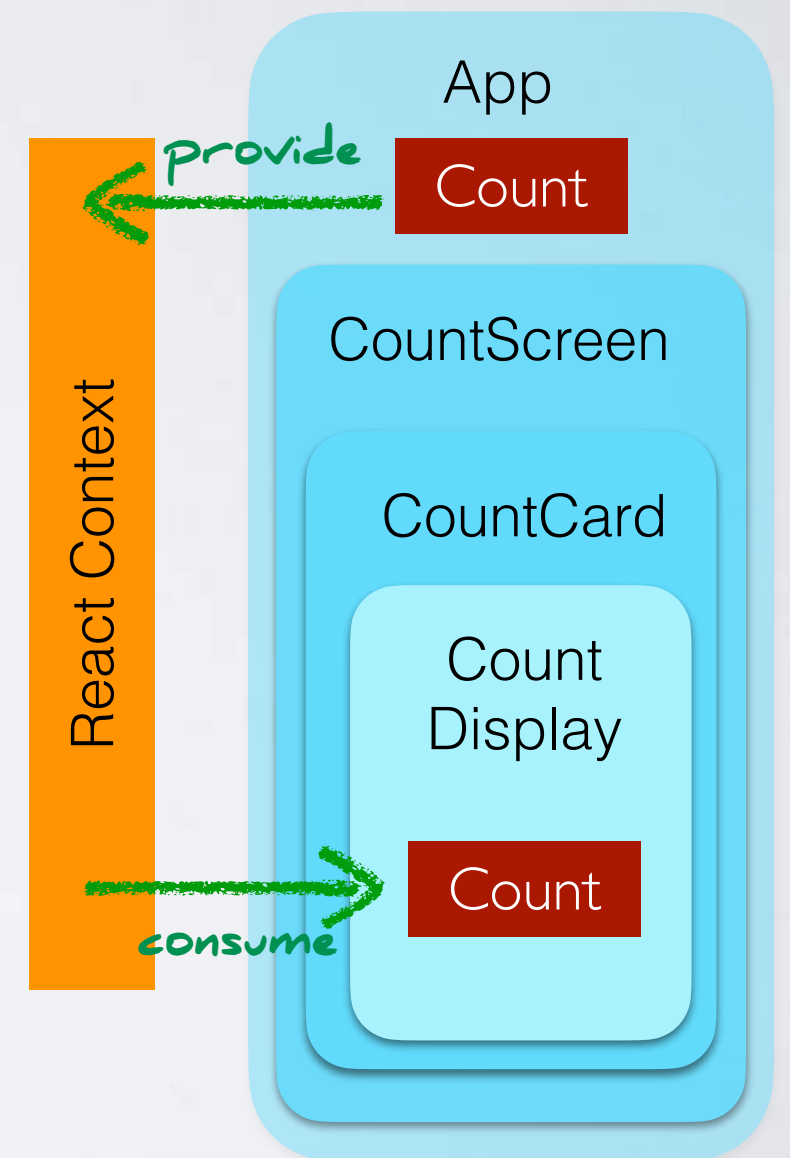
```
export const MyContext = React.createContext('my-context');
```

```
import {MyContext} from '../MyContext';  
...  
const contextObject = ...  
<MyContext.Provider value={contextObject}>  
  <App />  
</MyContext.Provider>
```

an object is provided somewhere in the component tree

```
import React, {useContext} from 'react';  
import {MyContext} from '../MyContext';  
...  
function MyComponent(){  
  const contextObject = useContext(MyContext);  
  // do something with the context object  
}
```

the object can be consumed deeper down in the component tree



Note: in React v19 a context can be consumed with use (a new API which is not a Hook) <https://react.dev/reference/react/use>

<https://react.dev/learn/passing-data-deeply-with-context>
<https://react.dev/learn/scaling-up-with-reducer-and-context>

Note: historically there have been other ways to consume a context via render props and "injection"
<https://reactjs.org/docs/context.html>

useReducer

<https://react.dev/reference/react/useReducer>

```
const initialState = {count: 0};

function reducer(state, action) {
  switch (action.type) {
    case 'increment':
      return {count: state.count + 1};
    case 'decrement':
      return {count: state.count - 1};
    default:
      throw new Error();
  }
}

function Counter() {
  const [state, dispatch] = useReducer(reducer, initialState);
  return (
    <>
      Count: {state.count}
      <button onClick={() => dispatch({type: 'decrement'})}>-</button>
      <button onClick={() => dispatch({type: 'increment'})}>+</button>
    </>
  );
}
```

Background: Reduce

```
var a = [1,2,3,4,5];

var result = a.reduce(
  // reducer function
  (acc, val) => {
    const sum = acc.sum + val;
    const count = acc.count + 1;
    const avg = sum/count;
    return {sum, count, avg};
  },
  // state object
  {sum:0, count:0, avg:0}
);

console.log('Statistics:', result);
```

The reducer function is a pure function.

State Reducer Pattern

State changes are modelled with a reducer function.
With this pattern state updates can be consolidated outside of components.

(old state , action) => new state

aka: "reducer function"



EXERCISE



Exercise: Hooks



Custom Hooks

"Hooks are just functions."

"Hooks can be composed from other hooks."

DEMO:

- simple wrapper around useState
- useToggle
- useState with localStorage persistence
- useTodold in ToDo app router solution

Hook Libraries

<https://github.com/streamich/react-use>

<https://usehooks.com/>

<https://github.com/antonioru/beautiful-react-hooks>

<https://usehooks-ts.com/>

<https://github.com/palmerhq/the-platform>

<https://github.com/rehooks/awesome-react-hooks>

<https://github.com/alibaba/hooks>

<https://nikgraf.github.io/react-hooks/>

<https://observable-hooks.js.org/>

<https://crutchcorn.github.io/rxjs-use-hooks/>

...

Examples of custom Hooks:

- <https://rangle.io/blog/simplifying-controlled-inputs-with-hooks/>
- <https://overreacted.io/making-setinterval-declarative-with-react-hooks/>
- <https://upmosty.com/tutorials/using-custom-react-hooks-simplify-forms/>

3rd Party Hook Demos

useInterval

<https://github.com/streamich/react-use/blob/master/docs/useInterval.md>

useImmer

<https://github.com/immerjs/use-immer>

useAxios

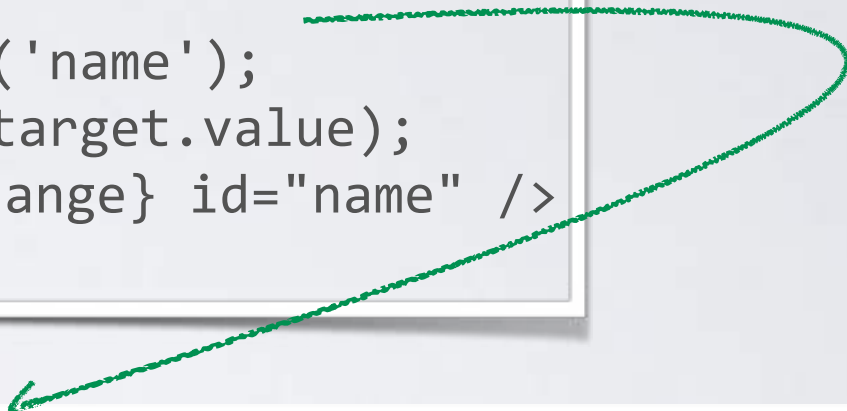
<https://github.com/simoneb/axios-hooks>

Custom Hook

Hooks are just function. Custom Hooks can call other hooks.

usage in component:

```
function App() {  
  const [name, setName] = useLocalStorageState('name');  
  const handleChange = event => setName(event.target.value);  
  return <input value={name} onChange={handleChange} id="name" />  
}
```



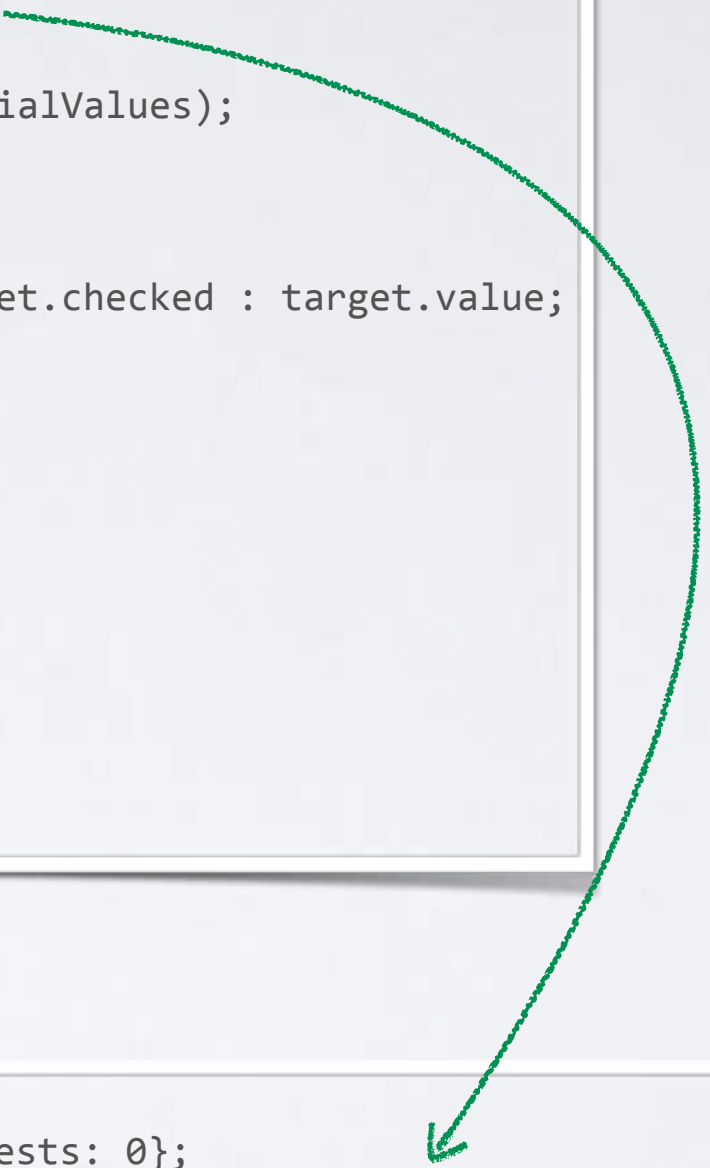
custom hook:

```
function useLocalStorageState(key, defaultValue = '') {  
  const [state, setState] = React.useState(  
    () => window.localStorage.getItem(key) || defaultValue  
  );  
  
  React.useEffect(() => {  
    window.localStorage.setItem(key, state);  
  }, [key, state]);  
  
  return [state, setState];  
}
```


Custom Hook

custom hook:

```
function useForm(initialValues, submitHandler){  
  
  const [formValues, setFormValues] = useState(initialValues);  
  
  function handleChange(event) {  
    const target = event.target;  
    const value = target.type === "checkbox" ? target.checked : target.value;  
    const name = target.name;  
    setFormValues({...formValues, [name]: value});  
  }  
  
  function handleSubmit(e) {  
    e.preventDefault();  
    submitHandler(formValues)  
  }  
  
  return {formValues, handleChange, handleSubmit};  
}
```



usage in component:

```
function AppComponent() {  
  const initialValues = {isGoing: true, numberOfGuests: 0};  
  let {formValues, handleChange, handleSubmit} = useForm(initialValues, submitForm);  
  ...  
}
```

Custom Hooks for Data Fetching

```
function useUsers(){  
  
  const [data, setData] = useState(initialValue);  
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);  
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);  
  
  useEffect(() => {  
    let cancelled = false;  
    async function loadData(){  
      try {  
        const res = await fetch('https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users');  
        const resJson = await res.json();  
        if (!cancelled) setData(resJson);  
      } catch (err) {  
        if (!cancelled) setError(err);  
      } finally {  
        if (!cancelled) setLoading(false);  
      }  
    }  
    loadData();  
    return () => { cancelled = true }  
  }, []);  
  
  return {loading, data, error};  
}
```

custom Hook

```
function AppComponent() {  
  const {loading, data, error} = useUsers();  
  
  if (loading) return <Spinner/>;  
  if (error) return <>...</>;  
  ...  
  return <>...</>  
}
```

Consider using **axios-hooks**, **use-http**, **react-fetch-hook** or *TanStack Query* or *SWR* instead of implementing the low-level fetch.

EXERCISE



Exercise: Custom Hooks



Performance

React Performance

How fast is a "render-cycle"?

How many render cycles do we have?

Mechanisms from React:

- **memo**: higher order component to prevent re-renders by memoizing a component

<https://reactjs.org/docs/react-api.html#reactmemo>

- **useMemo**: hook to memoize a value to prevent expensive calculations on every render

<https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-reference.html#usememo>

- **useCallback**: hook to memoize a function to make callbacks

<https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-reference.html#usecallback>

<https://kentcdodds.com/blog/fix-the-slow-render-before-you-fix-the-re-render>

<https://reactjs.org/docs/profiler.html>

React Compiler

"under construction"

In the future the "React Compiler" will hopefully make manual optimization with memo, useMemo and useCallback obsolete ...

<https://react.dev/learn/react-compiler>



Styling React

Styling React Components

- Traditional CSS

Optional with a CSS preprocessor: SASS, Less, Stylus

- Inline Styles

```
<h1 style={{color: 'red'}}> Test </h1>
```

Are Inline Styles Faster than CSS? https://danielnagy.me/posts/Post_tsr8q6sx37pl

- CSS Modules

CSS classes are scoped to components

- CSS-in-JS Library

Generate styles with JavaScript

- Emotion: <https://github.com/emotion-js/emotion>
- Styled Components: <https://github.com/styled-components/styled-components>
- Stitches: <https://stitches.dev/>
- Vanilla Extract: <https://vanilla-extract.style/>
- TSS React: <https://www.tss-react.dev/>

- Tailwind: <https://tailwindcss.com/>

```
npm i node-sass @emotion/core @styled-components
```

```
/** @jsx jsx */
import React from 'react';
import {css, jsx} from '@emotion/core'
import styled from 'styled-components'
import styles from './Greeter.module.scss';

const Title = styled.h1`
  color: brown;
`;

export default function Greeter() {
  return (
    <div>
      <h1 className={styles.title}>Styled with CSS module</h1>
      <h1 css={css`
        color: pink;
      `}>Styled with Emotion</h1>
      <Title>Styled with Styled components</Title>
    </div>
  )
}
```

css modules

emotion

styled components

Note: typically it does not make sense to use different styling libraries!



utility-first CSS framework

```
<button class="px-4 py-1 text-sm text-purple-600 font-semibold rounded-full border border-purple-200 hover:text-white hover:bg-purple-600 hover:border-transparent focus:outline-none focus:ring-2 focus:ring-purple-600 focus:ring-offset-2">
```

Message

```
</button>
```

<https://tailwindcss.com/docs/utility-first#why-not-just-use-inline-styles>

Framework agnostic but especially popular in React and other JSX-based frameworks:

Installation for any framework:

<https://tailwindcss.com/docs/installation/framework-guides>

Tailwind is traditionally strong for styling raw html elements. Typically it can't be used to style a traditional component library.

But the rise of headless component libraries open a new usage-scenario for Tailwind.

<https://tailwindcss.com/>

Tailwind is very controversial

Tailwind CSS is the worst:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHZwlzOUOZ4>

The Tailwind CSS Drama Your Users Don't Care About

<https://www.builder.io/blog/the-tailwind-css-drama-your-users-don't-care-about>

Why I don't like Tailwind:

<https://www.aleksandrhovhannisyan.com/blog/why-i-dont-like-tailwind-css/>



Unstyled Components + Tailwind
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// **shadcn/ui**

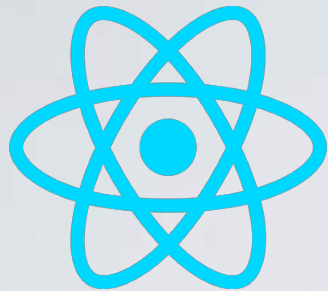
<https://ui.shadcn.com/>

"Code generator for components"

"Components are included as source code not as npm packages"



Component Libraries



Component Libraries



Material UI

<https://mui.com/>

- Chackra UI:
<https://chakra-ui.com/>
- Ant Design of React
<https://ant.design/docs/react/introduce>
- Semantic UI
<https://react.semantic-ui.com/>

And more:

Rainbow UI, Cloudscape Design
System, react-bootstrap, reactstrap ...

- KendoReact
<https://www.telerik.com/kendo-react-ui/>
- PrimeReact
<https://www.primefaces.org/primereact/>
- Infragistics / Ignite UI:
<https://www.infragistics.com/products/ignite-ui-react>
- DevExtreme
<https://js.devexpress.com/>
- Syncfusion:
<https://www.syncfusion.com/react-ui-components>
- jqWidgets:
<https://www.jqwidgets.com/react/react-js-components.htm>
- agGrid
<https://www.ag-grid.com/>

<https://github.com/brillout/awesome-react-components>



Headless Components

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Components with minimal or no UI.



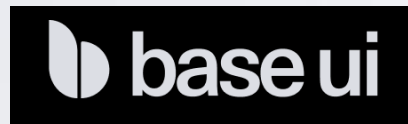
<https://www.radix-ui.com/>



<https://react-spectrum.adobe.com/react-aria/index.html>



<https://headlessui.com/>



<https://ark-ui.com/>



<https://base-ui.com/>

Often combined with Tailwind: <https://tailwindcss.com/>



<https://ui.shadcn.com/>

TanStack Table: <https://tanstack.com/table>

ReactRanger: <https://github.com/tannerlinsley/react-ranger>

TanStack Form: <https://tanstack.com/form>

HouseForm: <https://houseform.dev/>



```
npm install @mui/material @emotion/react @emotion/styled
```

```
import Button from "@mui/material/Button";  
  
<Button variant="contained" onClick={increment}>Click Me!</Button>  
  
<Button sx={{ color: "red" }} onClick={increment}>Click Me!</Button>
```




first install tailwind: <https://tailwindcss.com/docs/guides/vite>

```
npm install @radix-ui/react-switch
```

unstyled:

```
<div className="items-center">
  <div>Switch</div>
  <div>
    <Switch.Root>
      <Switch.Thumb />
    </Switch.Root>
  </div>
</div>
```

styled:

```
<Switch.Root className="w-[42px] h-[25px] bg-blackA6 rounded-full relative shadow-[0_2px_10px]
  shadow-blackA4 focus:shadow-[0_0_2px] focus:shadow-black data-[state=checked]:bg-
  black outline-none cursor-default">
  <Switch.Thumb className="block w-[21px] h-[21px] bg-white rounded-full shadow-[0_2px_2px]
    shadow-blackA4 transition-transform duration-100 translate-x-0.5 will-change-transform
    data-[state=checked]:translate-x-[19px]" />
</Switch.Root>
```