Refactoring with React



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Pretest



What is state?

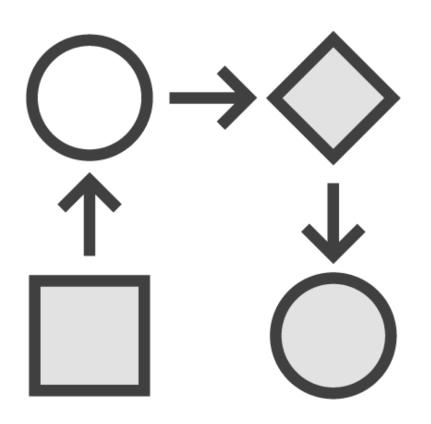
What is inverse data flow?

What is a pure function?

How to test events and functions with Jest?



React Development Process



Create a Component Hierarchy
Build a Static Version
Identify the Minimal UI State
Identify Where State Should Live

Add Inverse Data Flow





Types of Data in React

Props

Is passed from parent to child

Is immutable

State

Is modified using setState()

Calling setState() triggers re-render

State updates may be asynchronous



Minimal UI State

Is it not passed in from a parent?

Does it change over time?

Is it not possible to compute based on other state or props?



What's Our State?



Button Name?

No, it's passed as a prop

Map Name?

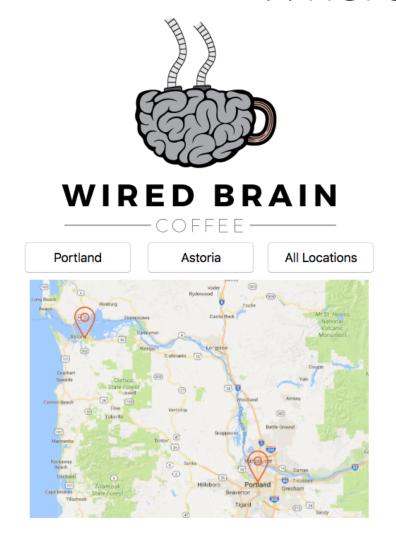
No, it's computed

Currently Displayed Map!

Yes! It changes based on user input



Where Should the State Live?



Identify every component that renders something based on the state
Button, Map

Find a common owner (or parent)
StoreLocator



Inverse Data Flow



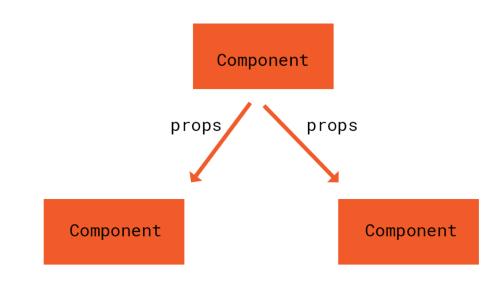
React uses one-way data binding

Make data flow explicit

Update state using callbacks

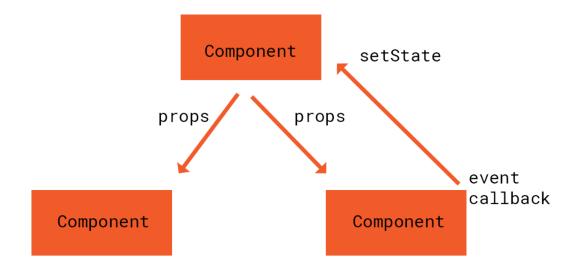


Components pass props to their children



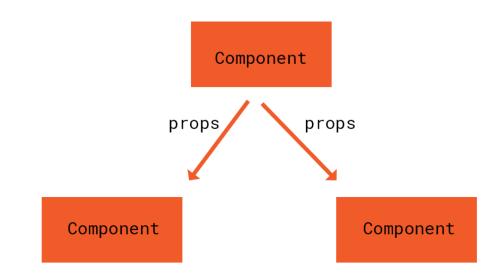


Event callbacks modify the parent's state



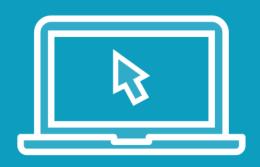


The new state is passed to the children as props





Demo



Adding Inverse Data Flow



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Updating State

