What is React?

Open source library for building user interfaces

Not a framework

Focus on UI

Rich ecosystem

Why learn React?

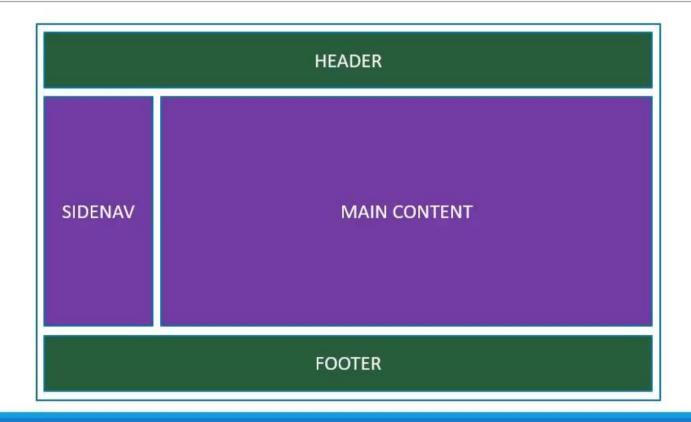
Created and maintained by Facebook

More than 100k starts on Github

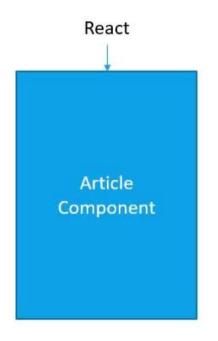
Huge community

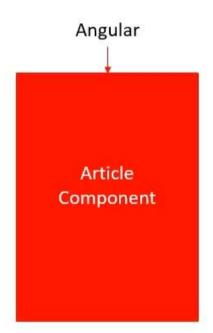
In demand skillset

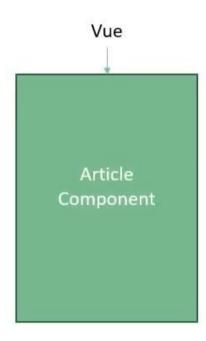
Component Based Architecture



Reusable code







React is declarative

Tell React what you want and React will build the actual UI

React will handle efficiently updating and rendering of the components

DOM updates are handles gracefully in React.

More on why React?

Seamlessly integrate react into any of your applications.

Portion of your page or a complete page or even an entire application itself.

React native for mobile applications

Prerequisites

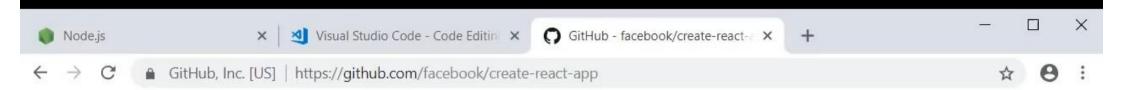
HTML, CSS and JavaScript fundamentals

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JavaScript – 'this' keyword, filter, map and reduce

ES6 – let & const, arrow functions, template literals, default parameters, object literals, rest and spread operators and destructuring assignment.

React from scratch



Create React App build passing

Create React apps with no build configuration.

- Creating an App How to create a new app.
- User Guide How to develop apps bootstrapped with Create React App.

Create React App works on macOS, Windows, and Linux. If something doesn't work, please file an issue.

Quick Overview

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npx create-react-app my-app
cd my-app
npm start

(npx comes with npm 5.2+ and higher, see instructions for older npm versions)

Create-react-app

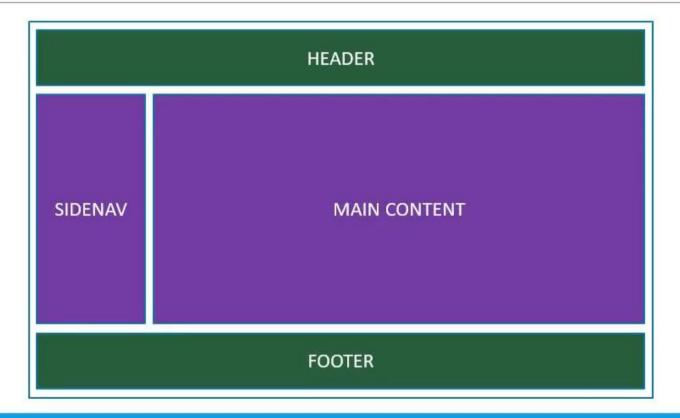
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npm package runner

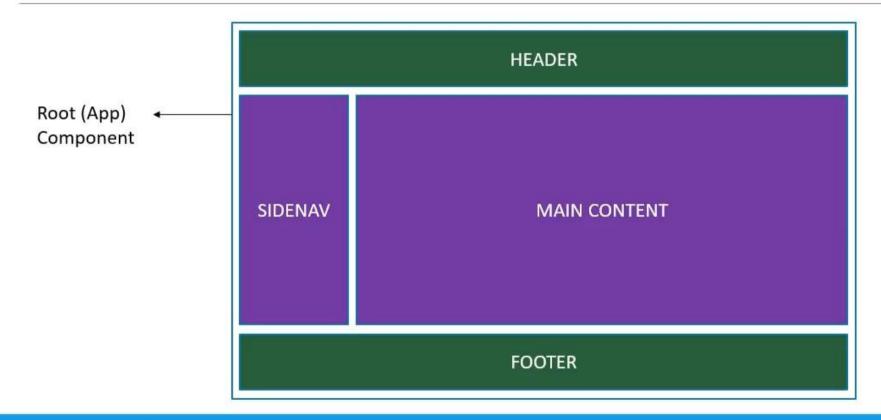
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create-react-appproject_name>

Components



Components



Component in Code

JavaScript File

Component Code

App.js

AppComponent

Component Types

Stateless Functional Component

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JavaScript Functions

function Welcome(props) {
   return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;
}
```

Stateful Class Component

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Class extending Component class
Render method returning HTML

class Welcome extends React.Component {
    render() {
        return <h1>Hello, {this.props.name}</h1>;
    }
}
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Components Summary

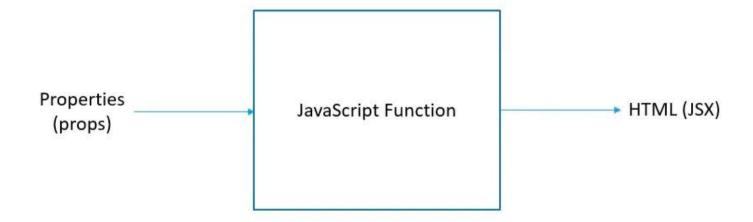
Components describe a part of the user interface

They are re-usable and can be nested inside other components

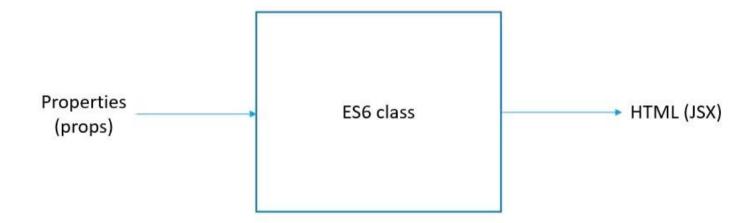
Two Types -

- Stateless Functional Components
- Stateful Class Components

Functional Components



Class Components



Class Components



Functional vs Class components

Functional

Simple functions

Use Func components as much as possible

Absence of 'this' keyword

Solution without using state

Mainly responsible for the UI

Stateless/ Dumb/ Presentational

Class

More feature rich

Maintain their own private data - state

Complex UI logic

Provide lifecycle hooks

Stateful/ Smart/ Container

React 16.7.0-alpha

Cool new feature which kind of contradicts what we've learnt about functional versus state components













React

Hooks are a new feature proposal that lets you use state and other React features without writing a class. They're currently in React v16.7.0-alpha and being discussed in **an open RFC**.

INSTALLATION ~

MAIN CONCEPTS ~

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HOOKS (PROPOSAL) ^

1. Introducing Hooks

- 2. Hooks at a Glance
- 3. Using the State Hook
- 4. Using the Effect Hook
- 5. Rules of Hooks
- 6. Writing Custom Hooks
- 7. Hooks API Reference

JSX

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JSX is not a necessity to write React applications.

JSX makes your react code simpler and elegant.

JSX ultimately transpiles to pure JavaScript which is understood by the browsers.

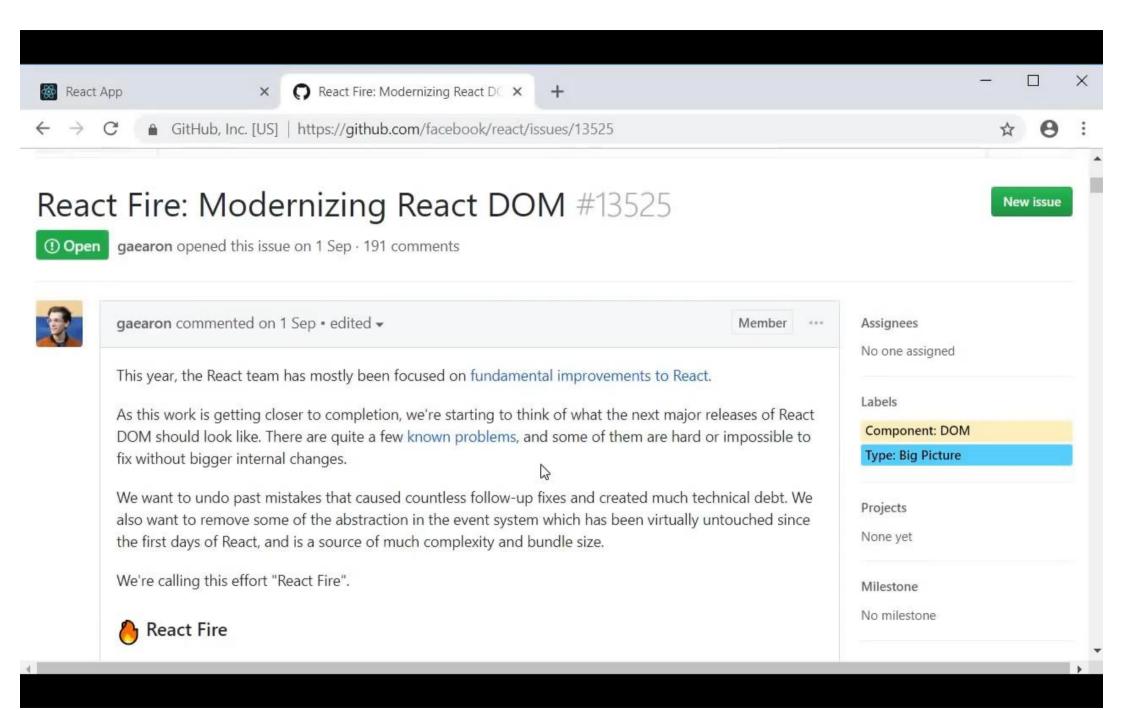
JSX differences

Class -> className

for -> htmlFor

camelCase property naming convention

- onclick -> onClick
- tabindex -> tabindex



- Drastically simplify the event system (#4751). The current event system has barely changed since its initial implementation in 2013. It is reused across React DOM and React Native, so it is unnecessarily abstract. Many of the polyfills it provides are unnecessary for modern browsers, and some of them create more issues than they solve. It also accounts for a significant portion of the React DOM bundle size. We don't have a very specific plan here, but we will probably fork the event system completely, and then see how minimal we can make it if we stick closer to what the DOM gives us. It's plausible that we'll get rid of synthetic events altogether. We should stop bubbling events like media events which don't bubble in the DOM and don't have a good reason to bubble. We want to retain some React-specific capabilities like bubbling through portals, but we will attempt to do this via simpler means (e.g. re-dispatching the event). Passive events will likely be a part of this.
- className → class (#4331, see also #13525 (comment) below). This has been proposed countless times. We're already allowing passing class down to the DOM node in React 16. The confusion this is creating is not worth the syntax limitations it's trying to protect against. We wouldn't do this change by itself, but combined with everything else above it makes sense. Note we can't just allow both without warnings because this makes it they difficult for a component ecosystem to handle. Each component would need to learn to handle both correctly, and there is a risk of them conflicting. Since many components process className (for example by appending to it), it's too error-prone.

Tradeoffs

 We can't make some of these changes if we aim to keep exposing the current private React event system APIs for projects like React Native Web. However, React Native Web will need a different

props vs state

props

props get passed to the component

Function parameters

props are immutable

props – Functional Components this.props – Class Components

state

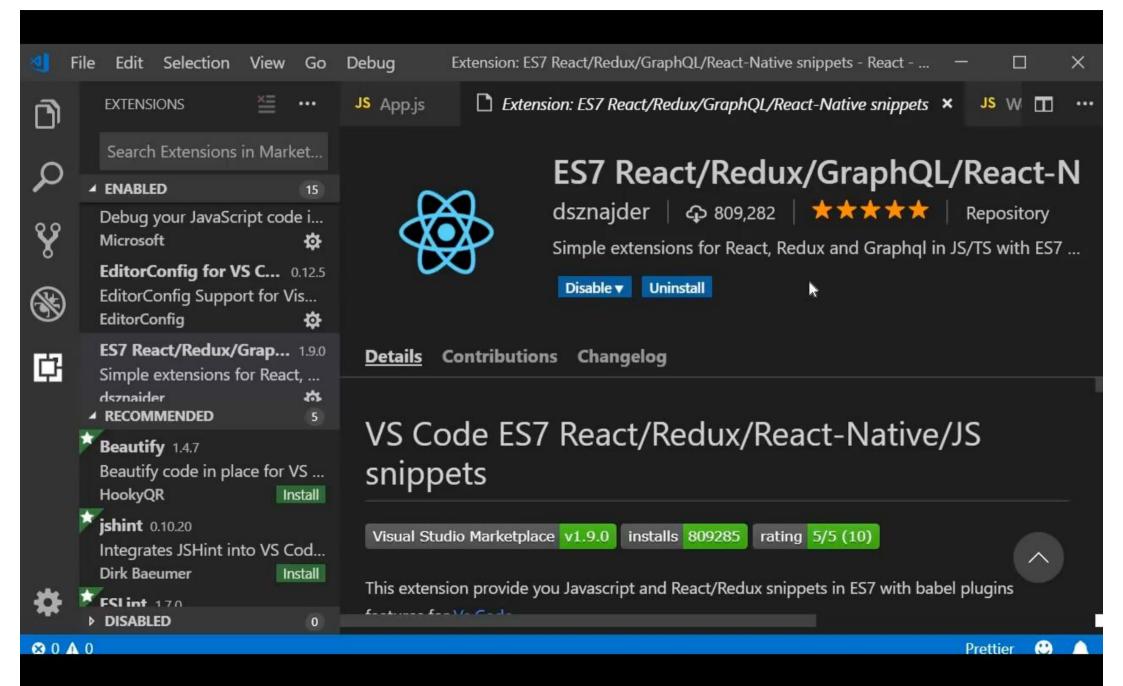
state is managed within the component

Variables declared in the function body

state can be changed

useState Hook – Functional Components

this.state - Class Components



setState

Always make use of setState and never modify the state directly.

Code has to be executed after the state has been updated? Place that code in the call back function which is the second argument to the setState method.

When you have to update state based on the previous state value, pass in a function as an argument instead of the regular object.