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# React

## Lecture 1

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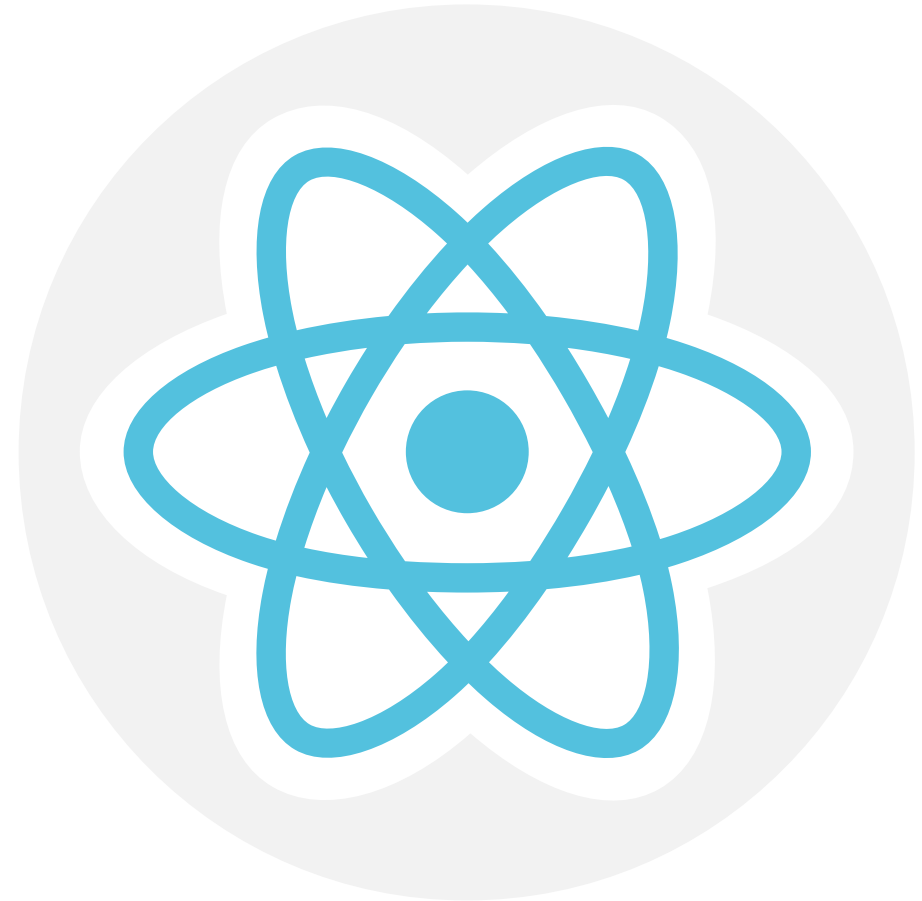
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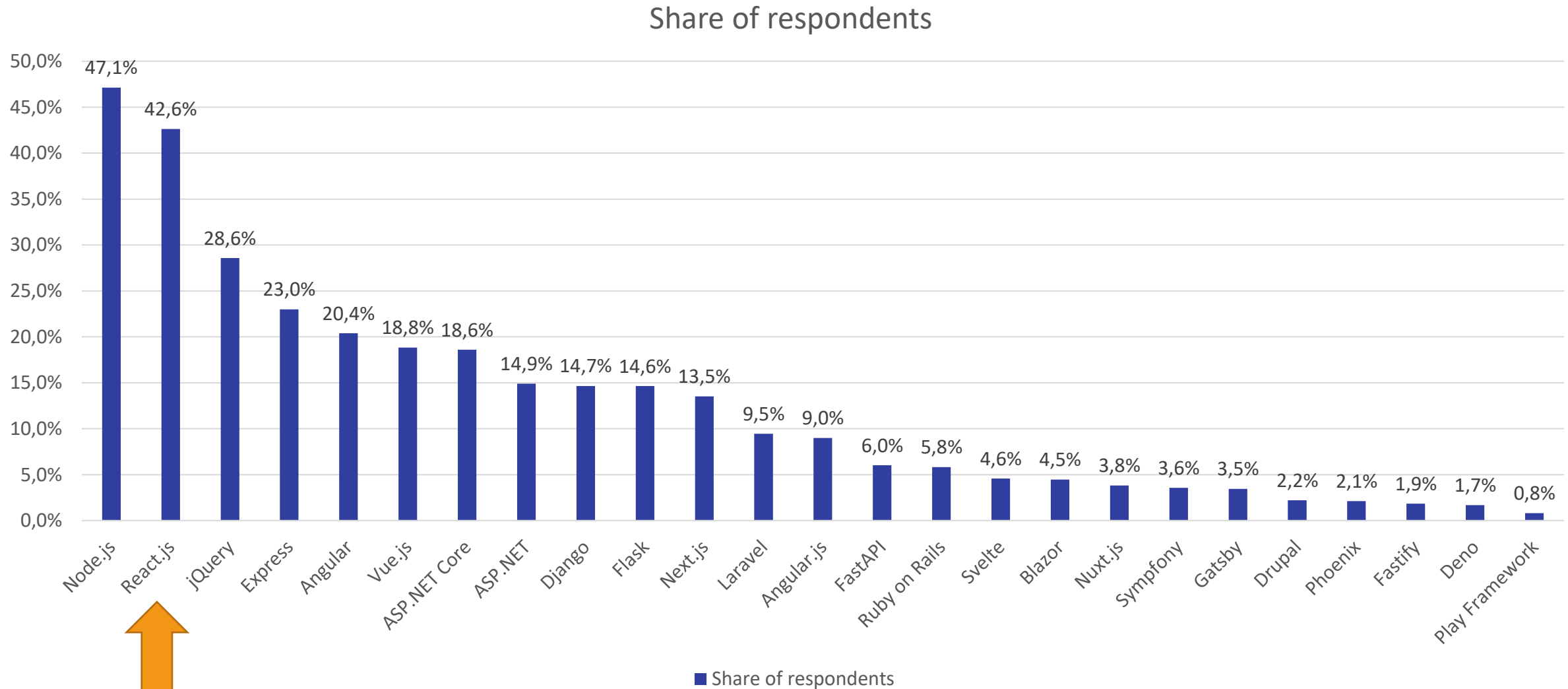
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# What is React? Why learn it?

- Front-end JS library for web development
  - Developed by Jordan Walke on Facebook's newsfeed in 2011, later Instagram in 2012
  - Officially announced open-source in May 2013
  - The most popular frontend JS library in the industry (for now)
  - Huge community support, frequent updates, and developer tools available
- Simple and high performant tool
- Quick development of interactive UIs and responsive single-page applications
- Based on independent, isolated & reusable components



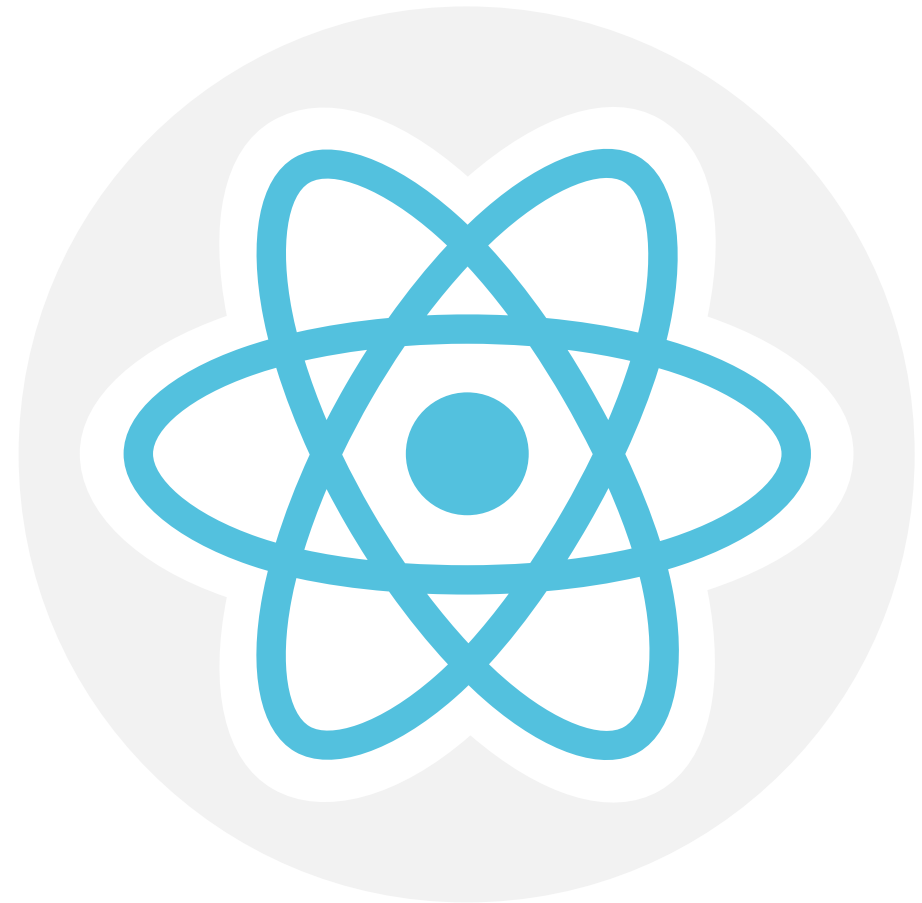
# Most Used Web Frameworks Worldwide – 2022



Adapted from: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1124699/worldwide-developer-survey-most-used-frameworks-web/>

# What should you know? Will learn?

- Fundamentals of JS, e.g., Objects, Arrays, Conditionals, etc.
- Knowledge of HTML and CSS
- Additional knowledge from the latest JS standard, e.g.,
  - Classes
  - Destructure objects
  - Array methods (map, forEach, spread operator [...])
  - Arrow functions (syntax: `() => {}`)
  - Fetch API & promises

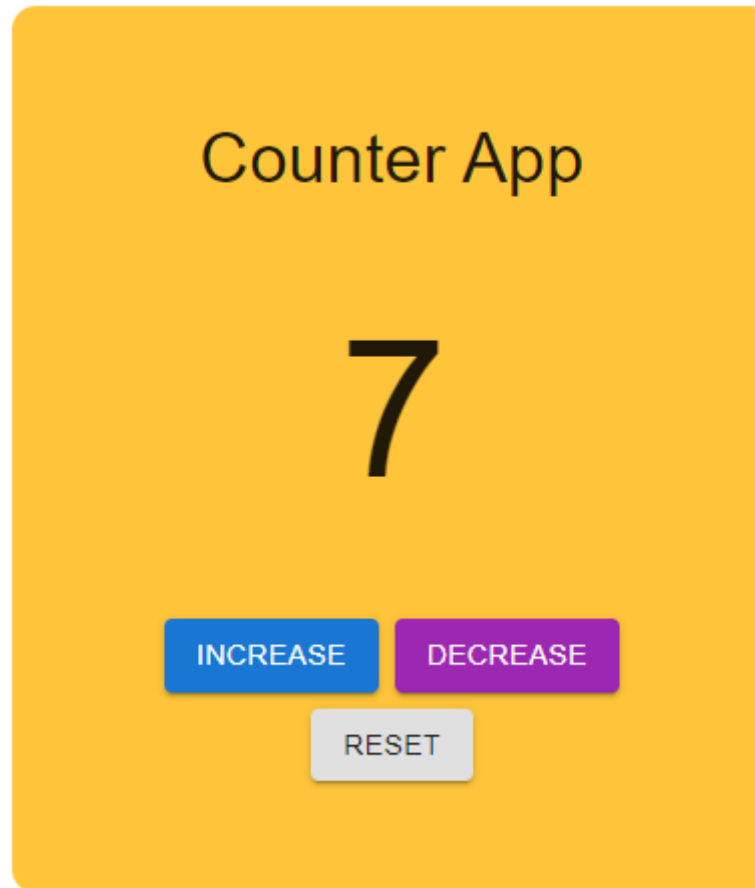


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- Components
- States
- JSX, React Element, and Virtual DOM
- Event handlers
- Props
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Interactive buttons and display counts



[Codes available here](#)

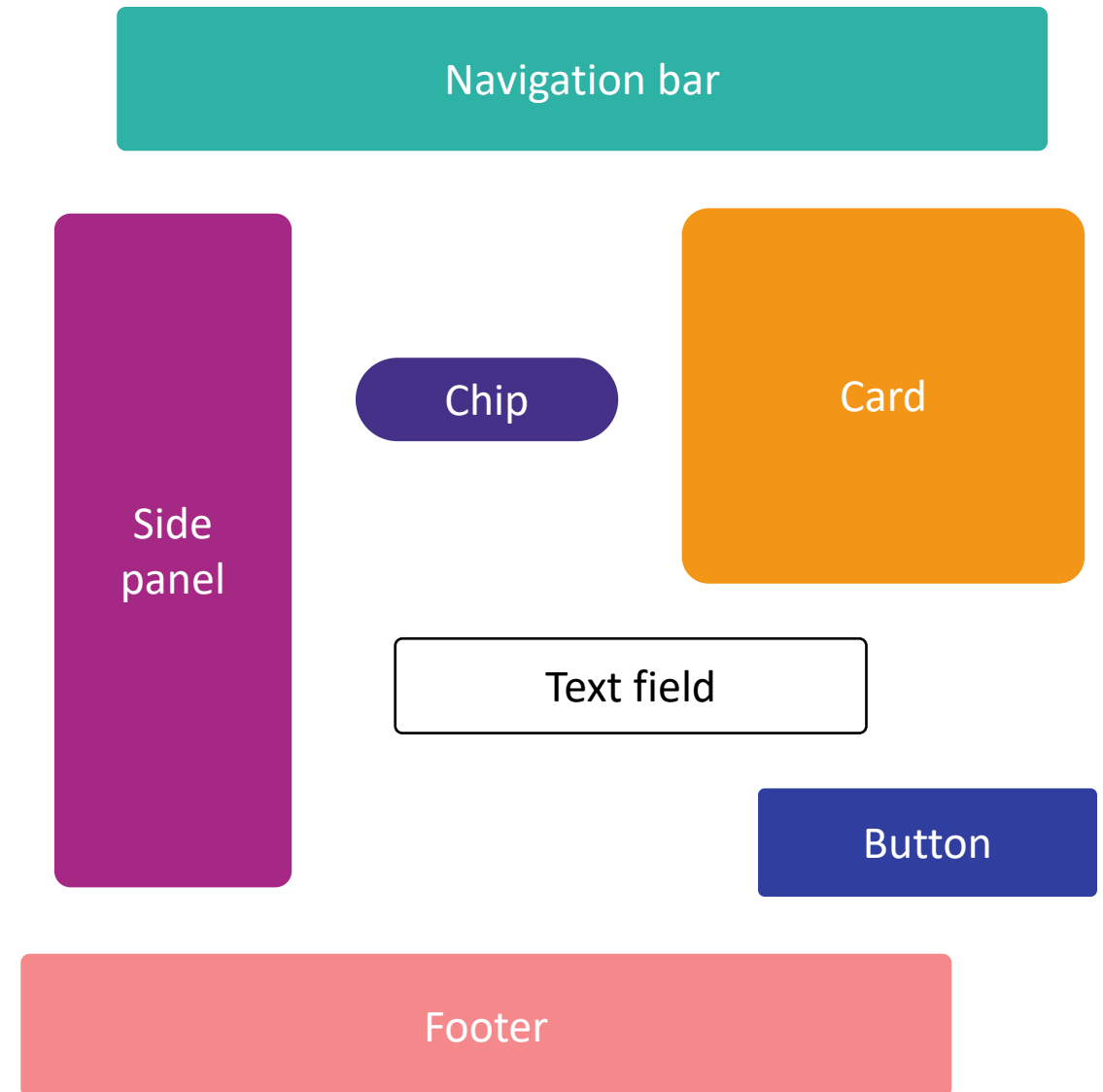
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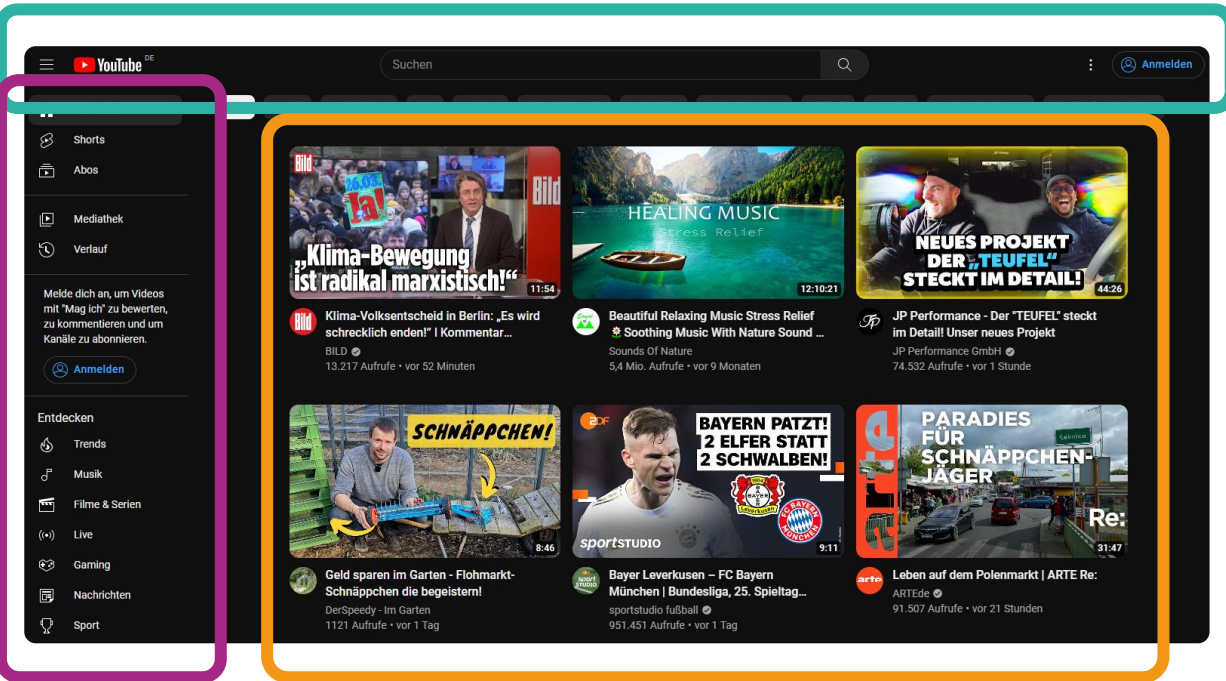
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- Building block of a User Interface
- Independent, isolated, and reusable
- Multiple components work together to form a complex UI





# Example: Component



One big application

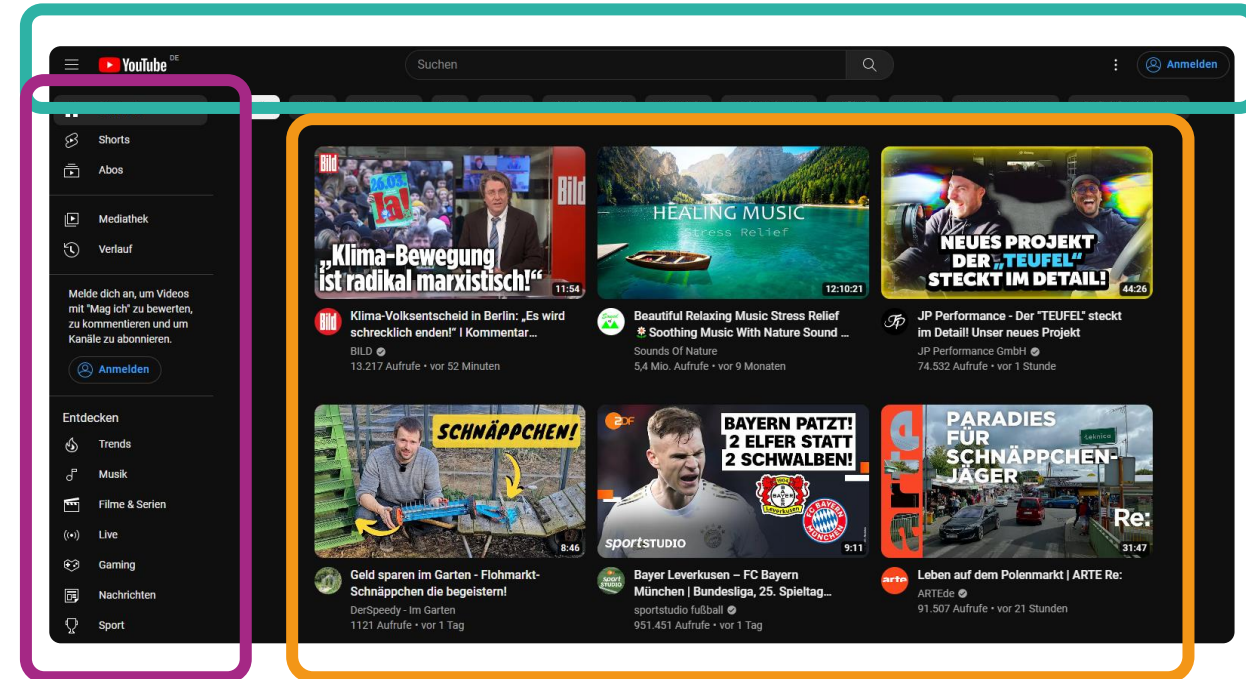
# Example: Component



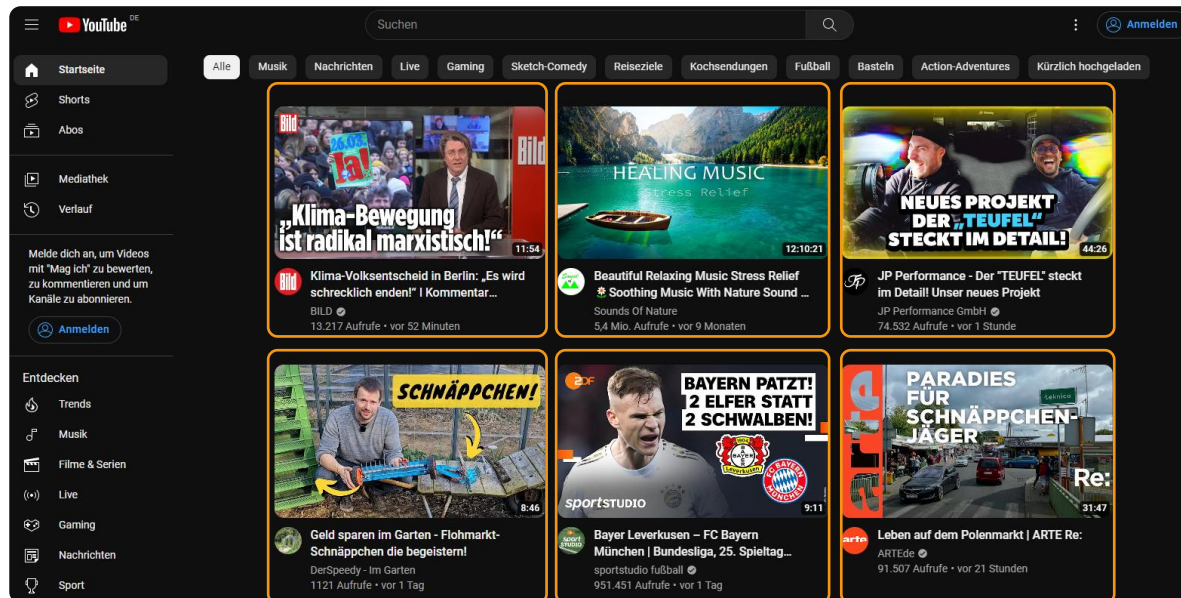
Navigation bar

Side panel

Videos



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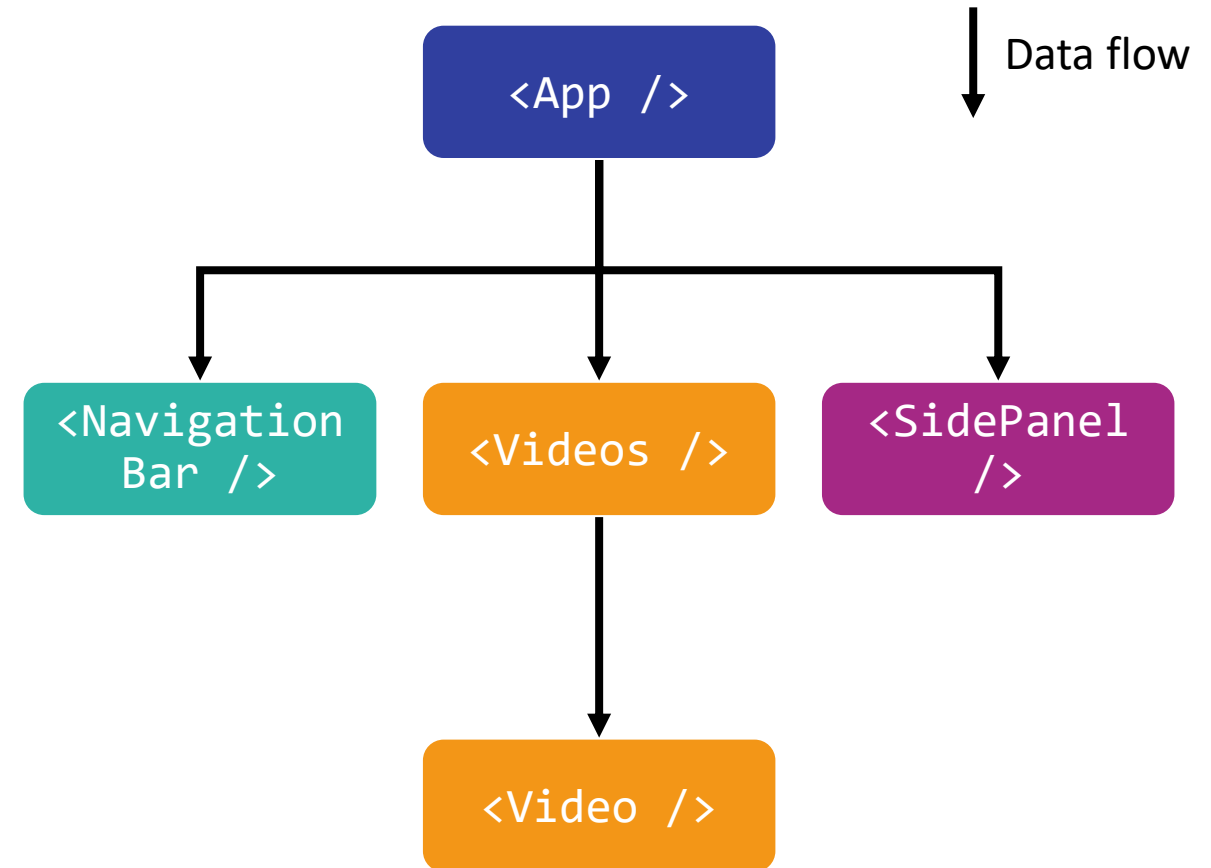


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- Root component = App component
- Parent-child relationship
- Tree of components
- Top-down data flow



- ~~Class-based component~~

- ~~Constructor~~
- ~~Super(props)~~
- ~~State JS object~~
- ~~Render method~~

- Functional-based component

- React Hooks
- Return statement



```
// Class-based App Component
class App extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = {
      count: 7
    };
  }

  render () {
    return (
      ...
    );
  }
}
```

```
// Functional-based App component
export default function App (props) {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);

  return (
    ...
  );
}
```

- Import statements and declare component name
- State
  - Contains data or information about a component
  - Re-renders component when it changes
- Return statement
  - Returns data from component
  - Describes how the UI should look

Typical structure of React components

```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  return (
    <div>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
    </div>
  );
}
```



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- Defined using `useState` hook
  - One input parameter
    - Initial value of the state
  - Returns an array with two values
    - Current value of the state
    - Function to update the state
- Various types
  - Numbers/strings, e.g., 9, "abc"
  - JS objects e.g., {name: "John"}
  - Arrays, e.g., [9, 2, 10]
  - HTML + CSS codes
  - and more...
- Re-renders component when state changes



```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App");

  const increaseCount = () => {
    setCount(count + 1);
  };

  const changeName = () => {
    setName("Counter Application");
  };

  console.log(count, name);

  return (
    <div>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
      <button onClick={increaseCount}>
        Increase
      </button>
      <button onClick={changeName}>
        Change name
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```



## 1. Initialize states using `useState` hook

## 2. Access state

- Return statement
- Inside a function
- Browsers console

## 3. Update state

- Takes new value
- Re-renders component

```
1 import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
1 export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App");

  2,3 const increaseCount = () => {
    setCount(count + 1);
  };

  3 const changeName = () => {
    setName("Counter Application");
  };

  2 console.log(count, name);

  return (
    <div>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
      <button onClick={increaseCount}>
        Increase
      </button>
      <button onClick={changeName}>
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      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

Demo

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- JavaScript code + HTML/XML
- Transpiler required, e.g., Babel.js, to convert JSX to JS
- Benefits
  - Optimized code translation and faster than regular JS
  - Brings different technologies together
    - JavaScript, HTML, CSS
    - Easy to create templates
  - Type safe
- Transpiler creates **React Element** object



```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  return (
    <div>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
    </div>
  );
}
```

- Building block of UI and specifies how UI looks like
- Method `createElement` structure
  - `type` of HTML element, e.g., `div`, `h1` tags, etc.
  - `props`, e.g., `style`, `Eventhandlers`, etc.
  - `children` are things to be displayed, e.g., `states`
- Render the App component using the `render` method
  - Element that needs to be rendered
  - The place to render in DOM
- React interacts with the `Virtual DOM`

Method to create a React Element

```
React.createElement(type, props, ...children);
```

```
import React, { useState } from "react";
import { createRoot } from "react-dom/client";

// App component
const App = () => {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App");
```

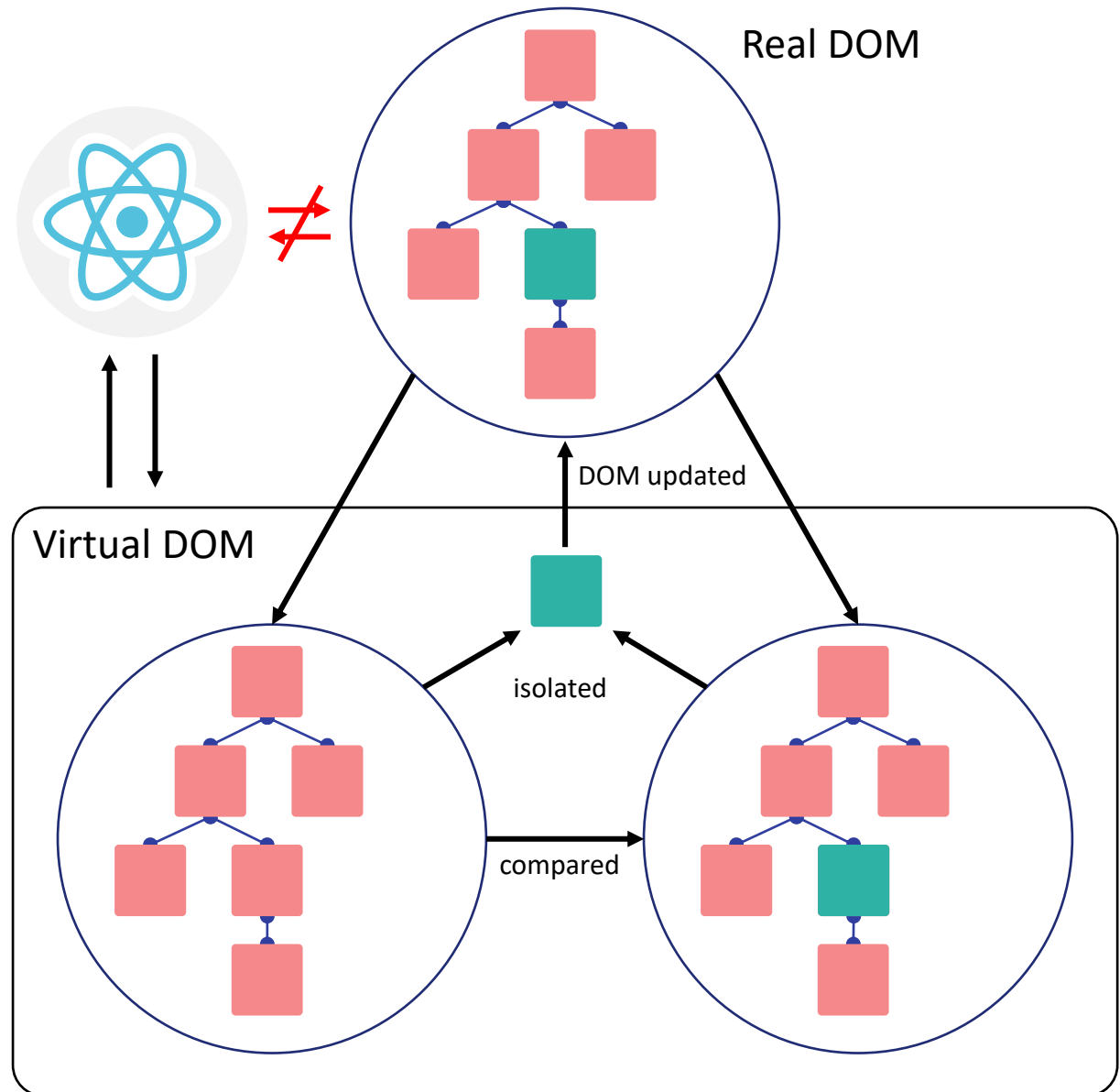
```
  return React.createElement(
    "div",
    {},
    React.createElement("h4", null, name),
    React.createElement("h1", null, count)
  );
};
```

```
const rootElement = document.getElementById("root");
const root = createRoot(rootElement);
```

```
root.render(<App />);
```

Demo

- Lightweight React Element (JS) object
- Copy of real DOM
- Benefits
  - Re-rendering real DOM is costly
  - In-memory (fast!)
- Works in three steps
  - Re-renders UI when data changes in the Virtual DOM
  - Calculates the difference between copies of virtual DOM
  - Updates real DOM
- React doesn't read from real DOM
- React interacts with the Virtual DOM



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- Events?
  - Actions triggered by users
  - E.g., pressing a key, mouse click, etc.
- Event handlers
  - Determines what kind of action to take
  - E.g., onClick, onChange, etc.
- Naming convention in camelCase
- Pass a function as the event handler

```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);

  const increaseCount = () =>
    setCount(count + 1);
};

const decreaseCount = () => {
  setCount(count - 1);
};

const resetToDefault = () => {
  setCount(7);
};

return (
  <div>
    <h4> {name} </h4>
    <h1> {count} </h1>
    <button onClick={increaseCount}> Increase </button>
    <button onClick={decreaseCount}> Decrease </button>
    <button onClick={resetToDefault}> Reset </button>
  </div>
);
}
```

Demo

- Function accepts one input parameter value (in our case!)
- Functions with parameters called directly inside the event handler?
  - Function called when a component is loaded, causing an endless loop:

1-Uncaught Error: Too many re-renders. React limits the number of renders to prevent an infinite loop

- Triggered only when clicked using an arrow function

```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);

  const resetToDefault = () => {
    setCount(7);
  };

  const resetToDefaultWithPar = (value) => {
    setCount(value);
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <button onClick={resetToDefaultWithPar(7)}> Reset </button>
      <button onClick={() => resetToDefaultWithPar(7)}>
        Reset
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

Demo



- Provides extra details specific to a type of event
- Function with an event parameter
- Access to events such as `shiftKey`, `ctrlKey`, `altKey`

```
import React, {useState} from "react";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);

  const increaseCount = () => {
    setCount(count + 1);
  };

  const increaseCountByTen = (event) => {
    if (event.shiftKey) {
      setCount(count + 10);
    } else {
      increaseCount();
    }
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <button
        onClick={(event) => increaseCountByTen(event)}>
        Increase
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

Demo

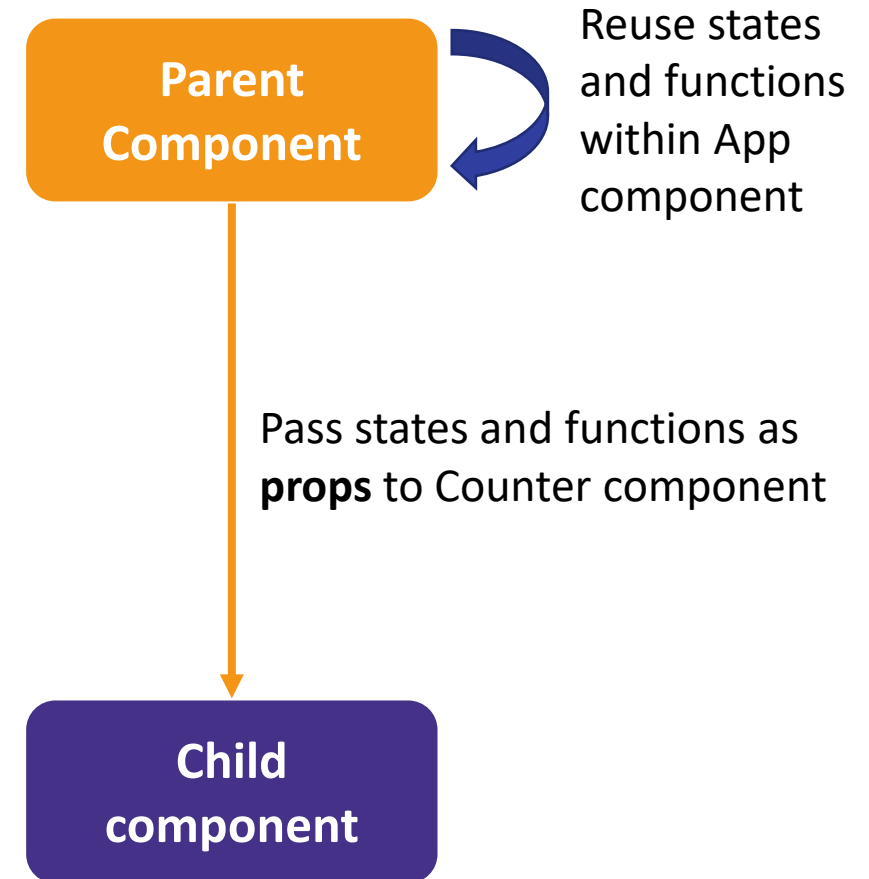
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- Props, a.k.a. properties
- Inputs to components
  - Single values
  - Objects with a set of values
  - States
  - Functions
- Pass from parent component to child component(s)
- Can trigger a change in state
- Immutable



# Props – Counter Component

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
import Counter from "../Counter";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  const increaseCount = () => setCount(count + 1);
  const decreaseCount = () => setCount(count - 1);
  const resetToDefault = () => setCount(7);

  return (
    <div>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
      <button onClick={increaseCount}> Increase </button>
      <button onClick={decreaseCount}> Decrease </button>
      <button onClick={resetToDefault}> Reset </button>

      // Pass props to child component "Counter"
      <Counter
        name={name}
        count={count}
        increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount}
        resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />
    </div>
  );
}
```

```
import React from "react";

// Counter Component
export default function Counter({
  // Read props inside the child component "Counter"
  name,
  count,
  increaseCount,
  decreaseCount,
  resetToDefault,
}) => {

  // Child component "Counter" has no states

  return (
    <>
      <h4> {name} </h4>
      <h1> {count} </h1>
      <button onClick={increaseCount}> Increase </button>
      <button onClick={decreaseCount}> Decrease </button>
      <button onClick={resetToDefault}> Reset </button>
    </>
  );
}
```

# Props – Modular Component Counter

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
import Counter from "../Counter";

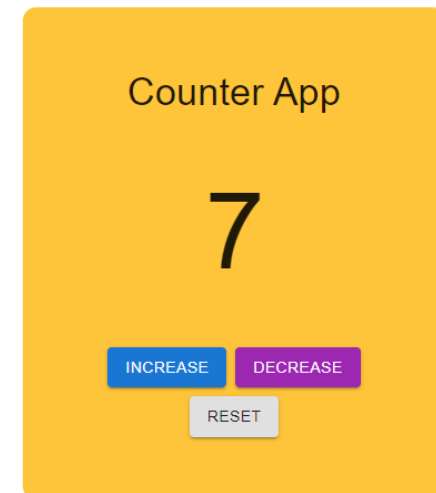
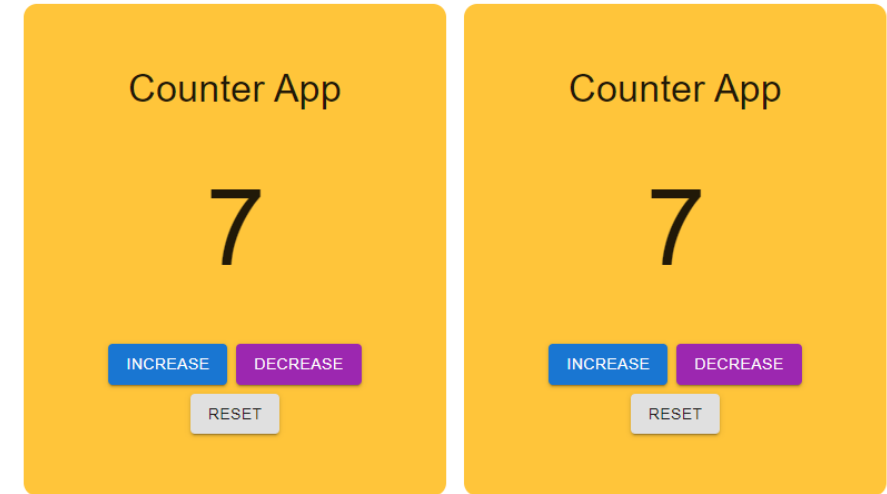
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  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  const increaseCount = () => setCount(count + 1);
  const decreaseCount = () => setCount(count - 1);
  const resetToDefault = () => setCount(7);

  return (
    <div>
      <Counter name={name} count={count} increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount} resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />

      <Counter name={name} count={count} increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount} resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />

      <Counter name={name} count={count} increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount} resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />
    </div>
  );
}
```



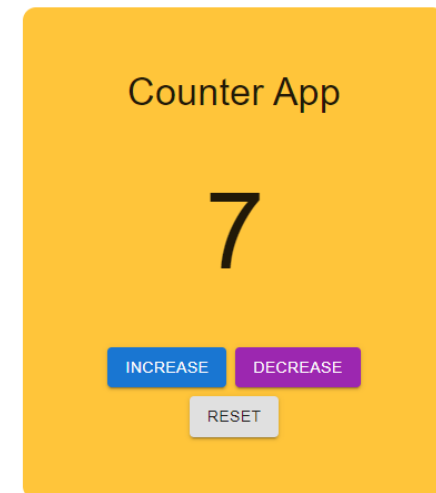
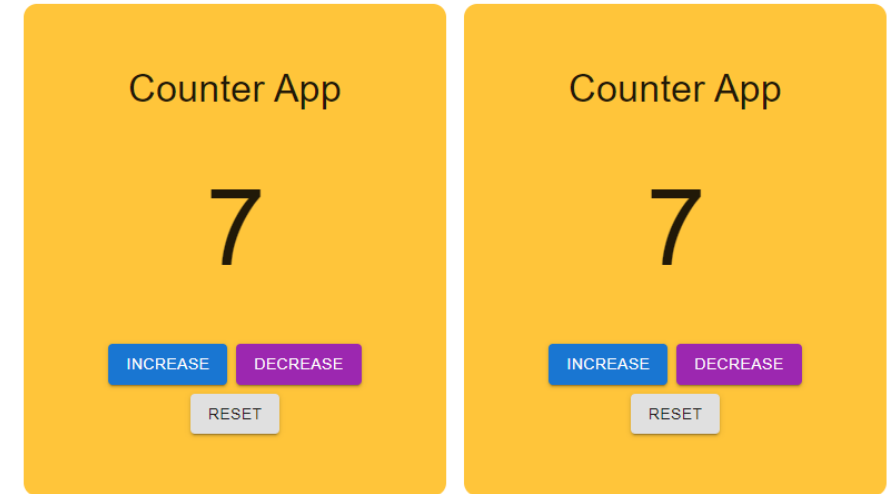
# Map method

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
import Counter from "../Counter";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  const increaseCount = () => setCount(count + 1);
  const decreaseCount = () => setCount(count - 1);
  const resetToDefault = () => setCount(7);

  return (
    <div>
      {Array(3).fill(0).map((c, index) => {
        return (
          <Counter
            key={index}
            name={name}
            count={count}
            increaseCount={increaseCount}
            decreaseCount={decreaseCount}
            resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
          />
        );
      })}
    </div>
  );
}
```



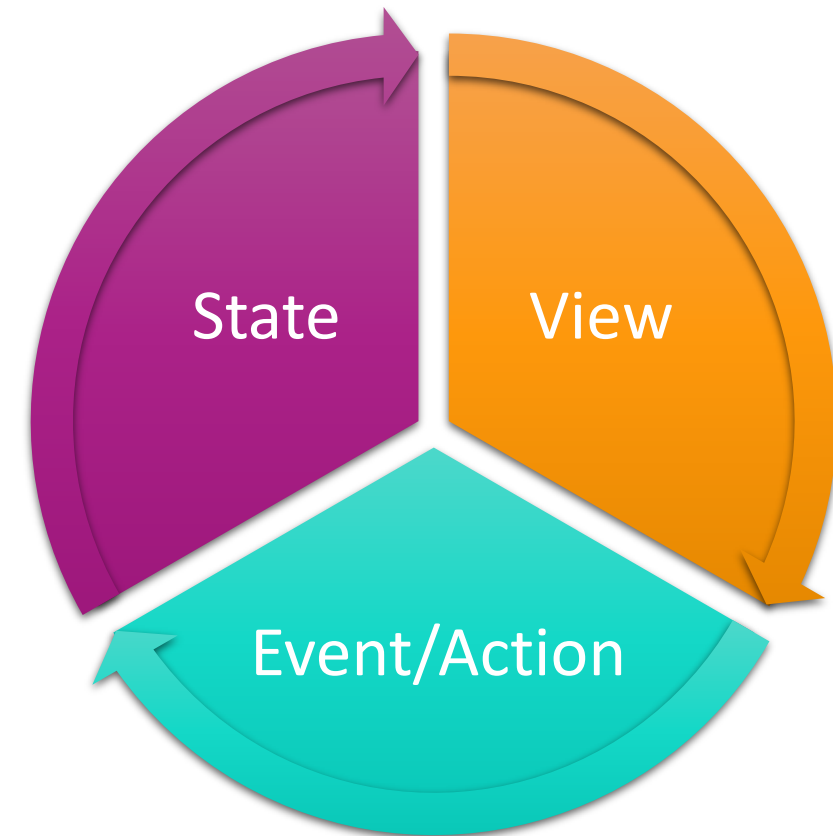
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- Connection between the **Model** and the **View**
- Change in the model leads to a change in view and vice versa
- One-/Two-way data binding
- Data binding in React
  - One-way data binding
  - View cannot change State
  - Only through an **event/action**





```
import React, {useState} from "react";
import Counter from "../Counter";

// App Component
export default function App() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(7);
  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  const handleChangeName = (event) => {
    console.log(event);
    setName(event.target.value);
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <Counter name={name} count={count}
        increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount}
        resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />
      <input
        onChange={handleChangeName}
        placeholder="Type a new name here"
      />
    </div>
  );
}
```

Console

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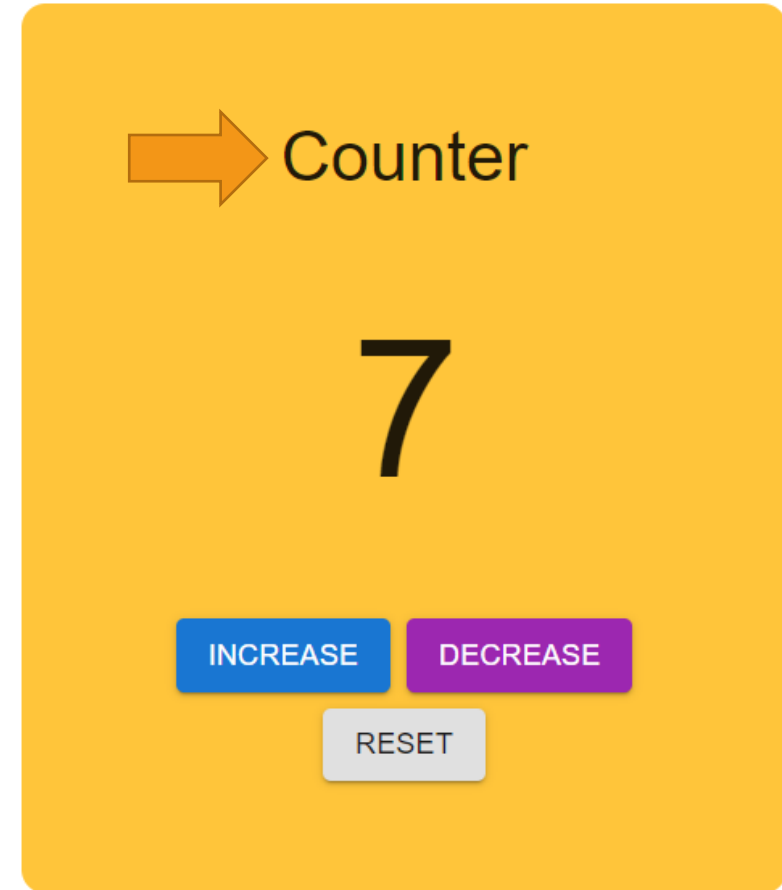
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  cancelable: false
  currentTarget: null
  defaultPrevented: false
  eventPhase: 3
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  ▶ isPropagationStopped: f functionThatReturns
  isTrusted: true
  ▶ nativeEvent: InputEvent {isTrusted: true,
  ▼ target: input#r1::MuiInputBase-input.Mui
    value: "Counter"
    ▶ __reactEvents$tw8p2kgijy: Set(1) {'inva
```

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
import Counter from "../Counter";

// App Component
export default function App() {
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  const [name, setName] = useState("Counter App")

  const handleChangeName = (event) => {
    console.log(event);
    setName(event.target.value);
  };

  return (
    <div>
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        increaseCount={increaseCount}
        decreaseCount={decreaseCount}
        resetToDefault={resetToDefault}
      />
      <input
        onChange={handleChangeName}
        placeholder="Type a new name here"
      />
    </div>
  );
}
```



Type a new name here

Counter

- Components are the **building blocks** of UI in a React app
- States hold the **data** and can be manipulated by using **React Hooks**
- Virtual DOM is **faster** than real DOM
- JSX is a **mix** of HTML, CSS, and JS
- Event handlers provide **interaction** in React app
- Props are **states** and **methods** passed to child components
- Model cannot be manipulated **via view directly**

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## Next week

- React Lecture 2 on April 17 at 12:00
- React Hands-on 1 on April 19 at 14:00

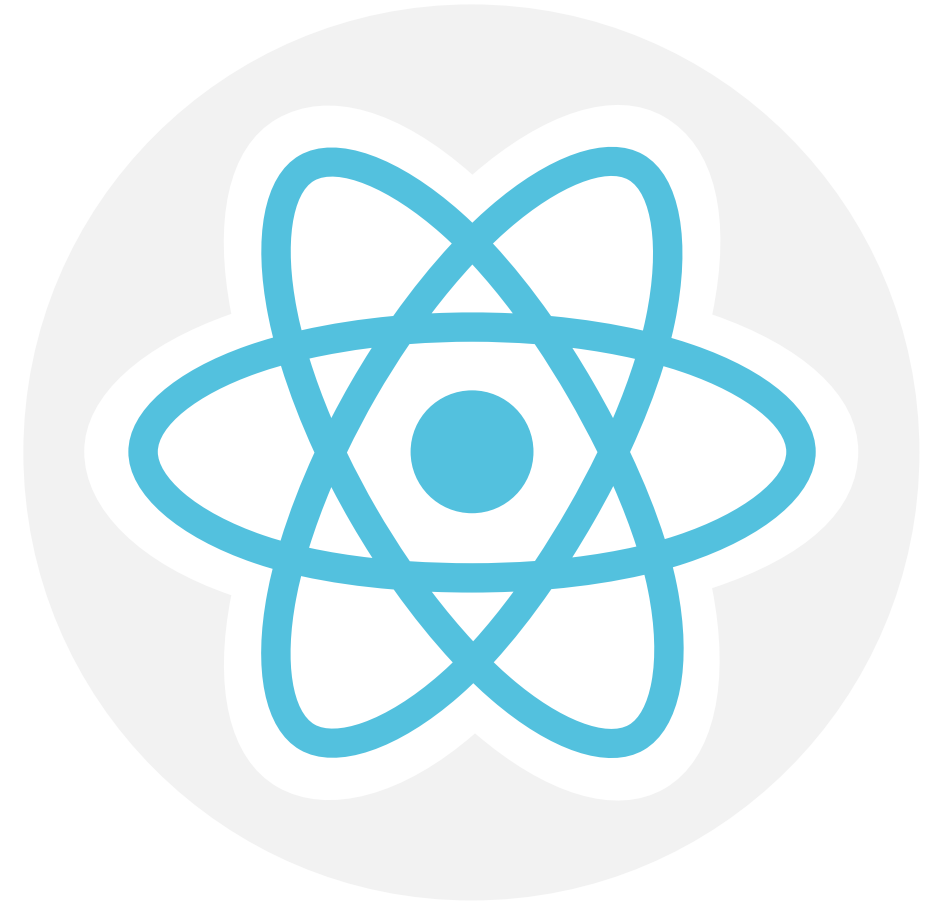
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- React Hands-on 2 on April 24 at 12:00

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- [Event Handlers – Event Param/Properties/Object](#)
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- [Props – Map method](#)
- [Data Binding](#)



## State

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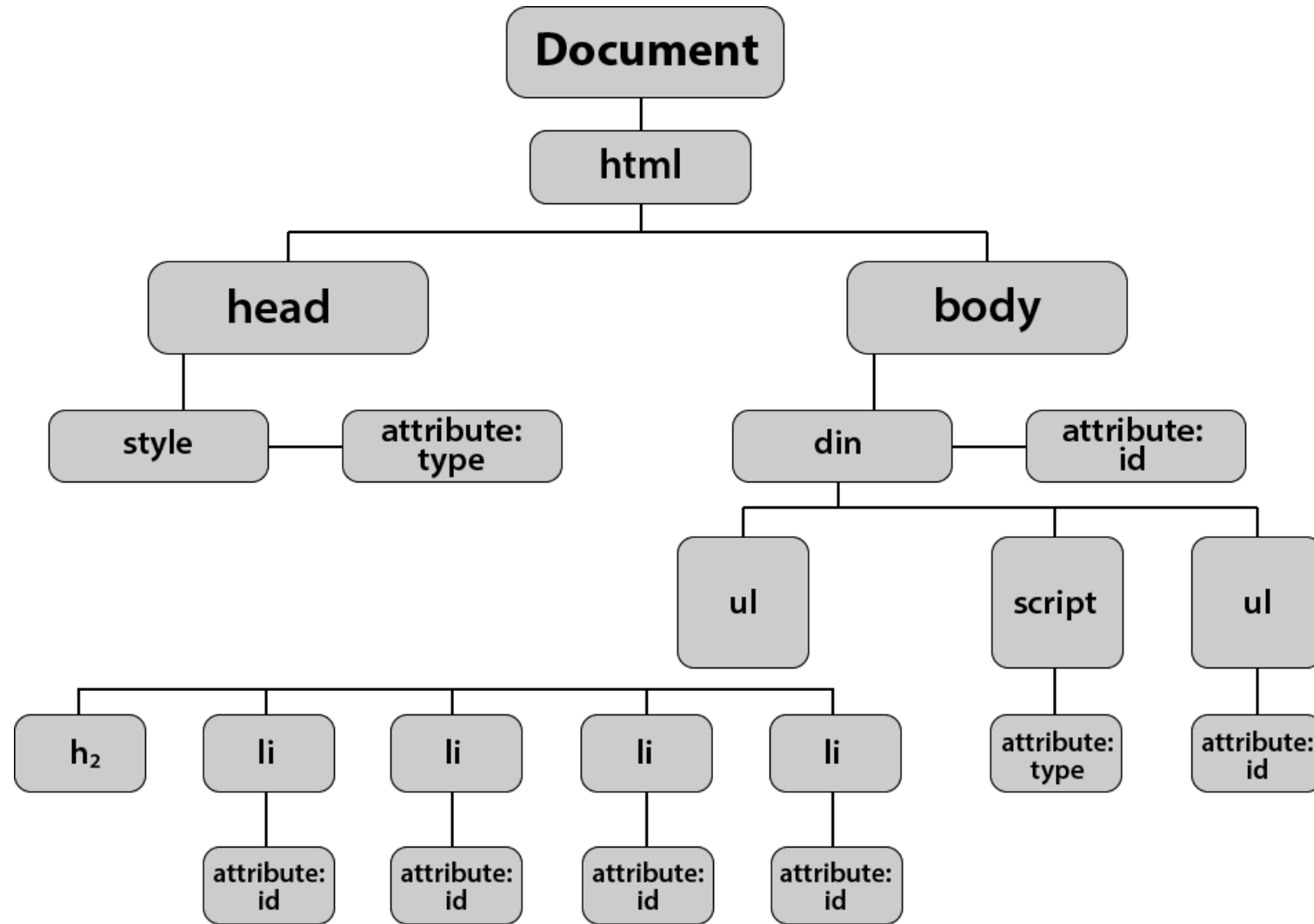
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## Data binding

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