

ReactJS

Structuring development

ES6

The code in this presentation makes heavy use of ES6 <http://es6-features.org/>. If you are not familiar with the syntax please look it up.

- Arrow Functions <http://es6-features.org/#ExpressionBodies>
- Constants <http://es6-features.org/#Constants>
- Object.assign <http://es6-features.org/#ObjectPropertyAssignment>
- Default values for parameters <http://es6-features.org/#DefaultParameterValues>
- Exporting and importing <http://es6-features.org/#ValueExportImport>

Or read a full introduction to ES6 features <https://github.com/lukehoban/es6features>.

An introduction

ReactJS <https://facebook.github.io/react/> takes a simple enough approach:

For a given state describe how to render your application.

Thus we need concepts and tools to compliment ReactJS when we want to build an application.

Basic Example

```
import React from 'react'
import { render } from 'react-dom'

render (
  <div>
    Hello React
  </div>,
  document.getElementById('#app')
)
```

Note: Components need to be wrapped in a single parent.

Components

A *Component* is a description of how to render a part of our application, like a button.

```
//A simple button component.  
import React from 'react'  
  
const button = ({disabled, text, click}) => (  
  <button onClick={disabled ? () => {} : click} >  
    {text}  
  </button>  
)  
  
export default button
```

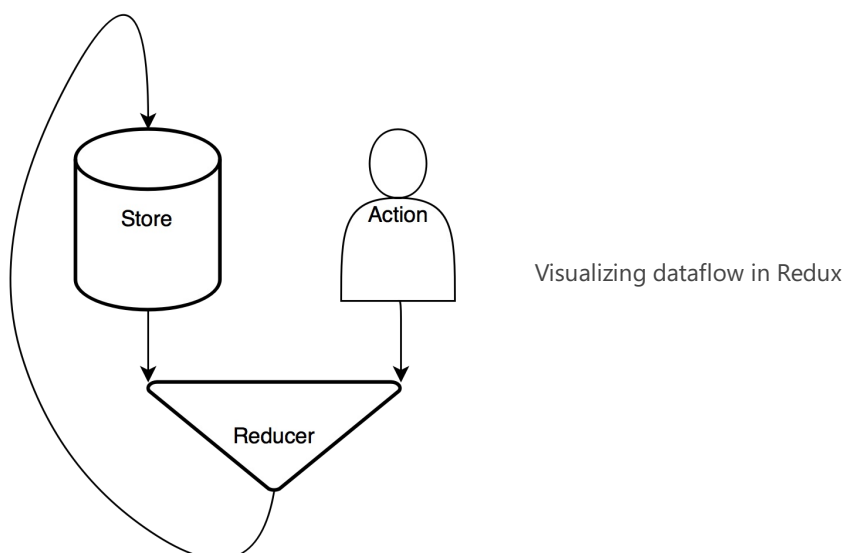
Note: Uses Destructuring to achieve named parameters that is where the `{}` come from.

Redux

Redux is a predictable state container for JavaScript apps.

A popular approach to handle this `state` that ReactJS renders is *Redux* <http://redux.js.org/>.

It takes a unidirectional approach to dataflow. Meaning data only flows in a single direction. This makes our application more predictable.



Store

The *Store* is the current representation of the state of your application.

```
//The store is simply one big object in JavaScript.
{
  printing: false,
  orders: [...]
}
```

Actions

You can think of this as an event. While the *Action* is the actual thing being propagated there are also *Actioncreators* which are functions used to create an action.

```
//Use ES6 Syntax to define a function.
export const startPrinting = () => {
  return {
    type: 'PRINTING_START'
  }
}
```

Reducers

Reducers are function that take a current store and return a new one based on an Action.

```
//Return a state for the action or a standard one.
const printing = (state = false, action) => {
  if(action.type === 'PRINTING_START') {
    return true
  } else if(action.type === 'PRINTING_STOP') {
    return false
  } else {
    return state
  }
}
```

Combining Reducers

```
import { combineReducers } from 'redux'
import printing from './printing'
import orders from './orders'

const reducers = combineReducers({
  printing,
  orders
})

export default reducers
```

```
const store = createStore(reducers)
```

Note: This can then be used for `createStore` to build the store.

Using the Store

```
<Provider store={store}>
  <div>
    <Button text="Invert" />
  </div>
</Provider>
```

➡ Pure functions

➡ Definition

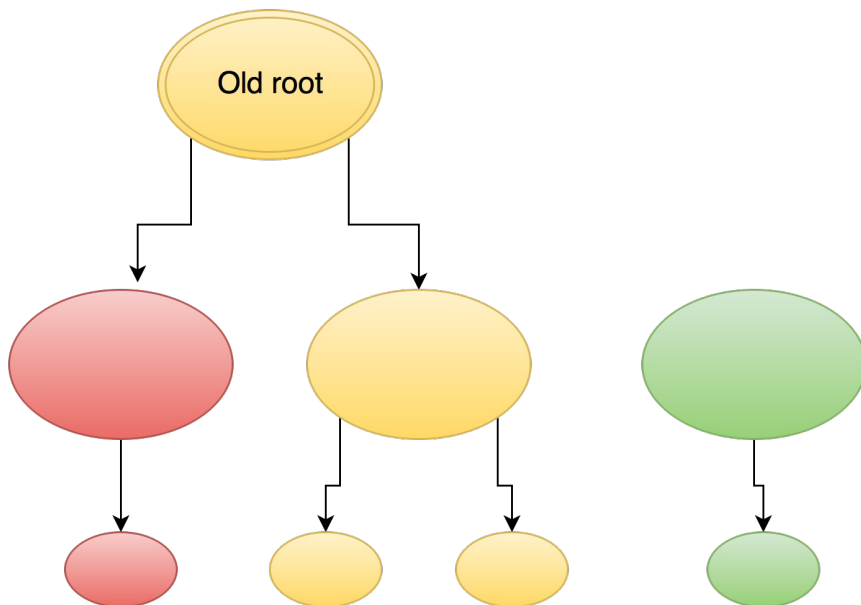
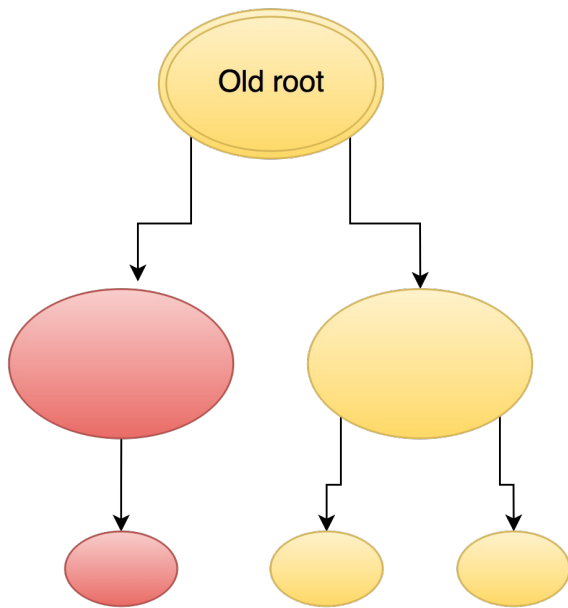
A pure function is one that fulfills two conditions:

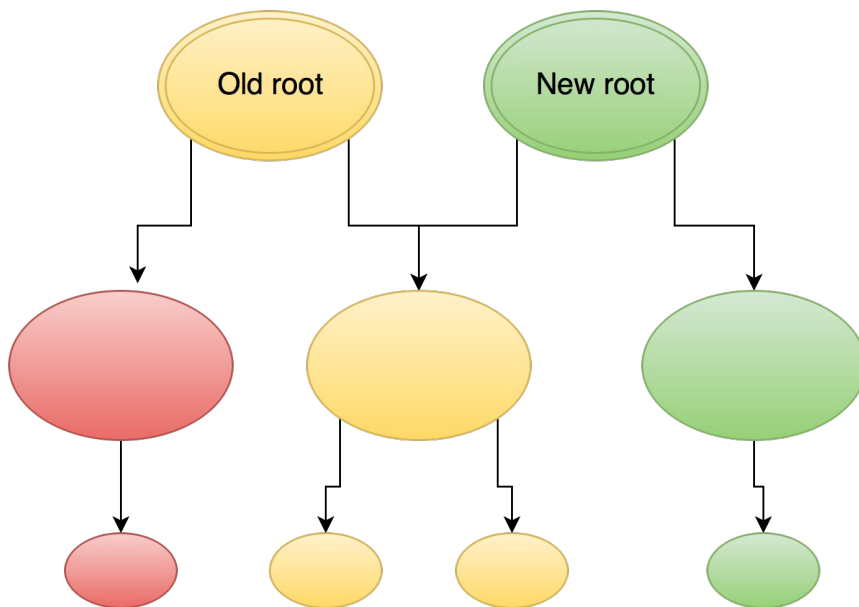
- For a given input it always returns the same output
- It has no "*side effects*"
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➡ Gains

- Testability
- Predictability
- Timetravel

We gain a lot from making our Components and Reducers pure functions and also have our Reducers return new Objects.





🔧 Code example

Consider an array of Objects containing an id and some text.

```
[
  {
    id: 'a unique ID here',
    text: 'this is some text'
  }, ...
]
```

Lets look at how to update a single Object in this array

```
function updateTextForId(array, id, newText) {
  return array.map(obj => {
    if(obj.id === id) {
      //Create a new object only where it is needed with the
      //updated text.
      return Object.assign({}, obj, {
        text: newText
      })
    } else {
      //Else just use the old object.
      return obj
    }
  })
}
```

↔ Routing

↔ Single page Application

react-router <https://github.com/reactjs/react-router> is a complete routing library for React.

```
render(
  < Provider store={store} >
    <Router history={history}>
      <Route path="/" component={App}>
        <IndexRoute component={Orders} />
        <Route path="order/:orderId" component={OrderDetail} />
        <Route path="package/:orderId" component={Package} />
        <Route path="add/:packId" component={AddPackage} />
      </Route>
    </Router>
  < /Provider>,
  document.getElementById('app')
)
```

↔ Design decision: Login

FTL and backend handle Login and Main page, after that it is a single page application.

- Login in SPA is hard
- Frontend models things the backend does not care about
- Want to use React but backend uses FTL: only implement a Component in one language

Folderstructure

Overview

·		
├── docs	All documentation lives here	
│ ├── actions	Redux Action documentation	
│ ├── config	Config to generate docs	
│ └── templates	Templates to generate docs	
├── node_modules	NPM dependencies	
├── package.json		
├── src		
│ ├── cssPre	Your CSS preprocessing language of choice	
│ ├── img	Image resources	
│ └── js	JavaScript files	
├── test		
│ └── reducers	Testing your reducers	

└─ test.js	Entry point for all tests
└─ webpack.config.js	Webpack configuration

JS Folderstructure

└─ actions	Your Actioncreators
└─ components	Visible components
└─ button.js	
└─ orderList.js	
└─ containers	Redux containers
└─ visibleOrderList.js	
└─ index.js	The main entry point
└─ reducers	Reducers for each part of the store
└─ index.js	
└─ ordersReducer.js	

Folderstructure helps especially to quickly find the JS files to work on, mainly distinguishing between:

- Reducers
- Components
- Containers
- Actions

Implementing a feature

Three steps

1. Build the Components
2. Build the Reducer
3. Connect them

Note: This is really amazing. Makes it predictable how complex things are.

Buildprocess

ES6 and JSX need transpiling.

(Maybe also Polyfills)

Webpack

Get the config file <https://gist.github.com/HoverBaum/2dec64c7395529e9bb93af92d7c7e544#file-webpack-config-js> and setup an npm script <https://docs.npmjs.com/misc/scripts>.

```
"webpack": "node node_modules/webpack/bin/webpack.js
  --progress --colors --watch"
```

```
$ npm run webpack

> react-basic@0.1.0 webpack D:\react-basic
> node node_modules/webpack/bin/webpack.js --progress --colors --watch

Hash: 9f2265bc4db2c1e07831
Version: webpack 1.13.1
Time: 1810ms
   Asset      Size  Chunks             Chunk Names
  main.js   727 kB          0  [emitted]  main
main.js.map 849 kB          0  [emitted]  main
+ 172 hidden modules
```

Note: That should be one line but looks better like this on slides.

See the result

Create an `index.html` in your build folder and use live-server <https://www.npmjs.com/package/live-server> to see the result.

```
"serve": "./node_modules/.bin/live-server ./build"
```

pros	cons
fast refresh	no FTL

But we can substitute puer-freemarker <https://www.npmjs.com/package/puer-freemarker> to get only the pros and response mocking.

Note: Project used FTL for server side rendering.

Different Webpack builds

Use an environment variable to define the build folder.

```
//npm script
"webpack-dev": "set DEV=true && node node_modules/webpack/bin/webpack.js"

//Calculate different folder based in variable.
function outputFolder() {
  if(process.env.DEV.trim() === 'true') {
    return 'res'
  }
  return 'devBuild'
}
```

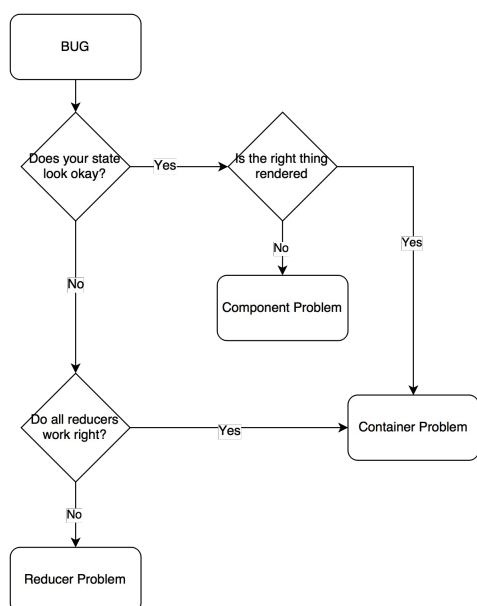
```
//In the config object
output: {
  path: path.join(__dirname, outputFolder(), 'js'),
  filename: "[name].js"
}
```

⚙ Debugging

⚙ Find the problem

When you look at a problem with an app build on React and Redux there are three types of possible problems:

1. Rendering errors
2. State miscalculation
3. Problems connecting the Store to Components



Find the source of a bug

⚙ React DevTools

Get the Chrome extension <https://chrome.google.com/webstore/detail/react-developer-tools/fmkadmapgofadopljbjfkapdkoienihi>.

- See what properties got handed to a Component
- Find out if its a Component or connection problem

⚙ Log Actions and state

redux can be extended using middleware <http://redux.js.org/docs/advanced/Middleware.html>. That same page suggests how to implement a logging middleware <https://gist.github.com/HoverBaum/022905d9c6ca4f7fcd06664ea7e63415>.

```
import { createStore, combineReducers, applyMiddleware } from 'redux'
import { logger, crashReporter } from './loggingMiddleware'

let store = createStore(
  reducers,
  applyMiddleware(logger, crashReporter)
)
```

Note: Redux also has devtools but they are a pain to set up. More pain then gain.

⚙ Example logs

```
next state
Object {printing: false, orders: []}
dispatching
Object {type: "PRINTING_START"}
next state
Object {printing: false, orders: []}
```

⚙ Sourcemaps

Using source maps allows developers to maintain a straight-forward debugging environment while at the same time optimizing their sites for performance.

Get pointed to `reducers/printing line: 13`
instead of `build.js line: 13758`.

Note: Chrome `Ctrl+P` to open file in Source tab of devtools. Super helpful thing sourcemaps.

🔧 Testing

🔧 What and how

Components: manually

Reducers: unit tests

🔧 Reducers

Since our reducers are pure functions they are an ideal thing to test.

Tape <https://github.com/substack/tape> is a lightweight testing framework for JavaScript. Let's look at how to use it for our ReactJS application.

Setup

A nice Tape environment with some pretty output and the ability to use ES6 `import` requires a bit of setup and an npm script.

```
npm install --save-dev tap-spec tape browserify babelify deep-freeze-node
```

```
"test": "node ./node_modules/browserify/bin/cmd.js test/test.js
  -t [ babelify --presets [ es2015 react ] ] | node | tap-spec"
```

Testfiles

```

├── reducers
│   ├── orders.js
│   └── printing.js
└── test.js
```

Testing orders reducer
Testing printing reducer
Entry point for all tests

```
//test.js
const test = require('tape')

require('./reducers/order')(test)
require('./reducers/printing')(test)
```

Links

Helpful things and further reading.

Follow the links

- Introducing React https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxVg_s8xAms (👤)
- ReactJS repos <https://github.com/reactjs/>
- Redux docs <http://redux.js.org/>
- Blogpost <http://hoverbaum.gitlab.io/2016/07/21/Why-and-how-to-ReactJS/> me on how to set this all up
- Basic setup <https://github.com/HoverBaum/react-basic> repo with basic setup as discussed here

📖 This is build using:

- Reveal <https://github.com/hakimel/reveal.js/> for JS based slides
 - Reveal-md <https://github.com/webpro/reveal-md> for prototyping
 - nodetree <https://www.npmjs.com/package/nodetree> for nice filetrees
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Code on
