

Chapter 04 - Talk is cheap, show me the code!

Assignment

- Is JSX mandatory for React?
→ No, JSX is not mandatory. It just makes writing React code easier and cleaner.
- Is ES6 mandatory for React?
→ No, but ES6 helps a lot. React code often uses ES6 features like arrow functions, destructuring, etc., for cleaner code.
- `{TitleComponent}` vs `<TitleComponent/>` vs `<TitleComponent></TitleComponent>` in JSX
 - `{TitleComponent}` → Treats it as a normal JavaScript function (value).
 - `<TitleComponent/>` or `<TitleComponent></TitleComponent>` → Actually

renders the React component.

- How can I write comments in JSX?
→ Write comments inside `{}` using `/* */`.
Example: `{/* This is a comment */}`
- What is `<React.Fragment></React.Fragment>` and `<></>` ?
→ These are used to group multiple JSX elements without adding extra nodes to the DOM.
 - `<React.Fragment>` is full form.
 - `<> </>` is short form.
- What is Virtual DOM?
A Virtual DOM is a lightweight copy of the Real DOM. React updates it first and then efficiently updates only the changed parts in the real DOM.
- What is Reconciliation in React?
It's the process where React compares the new Virtual DOM with the old one and updates only the changed parts.
- What is React Fiber?
→ React Fiber is the new engine behind React that improves performance, allowing React to break work into chunks and prioritize updates.

- Why we need keys in React? When do we need keys in React?
 → Keys help React **identify** which items changed, added, or removed in a list.
 → We need keys when **looping** with `.map()` or **rendering lists** of components.
- Can we use index as keys in React?
Yes, But it's not recommended because if the list changes, React may confuse items and cause bugs.
- What is props in React? Ways to
Props are **inputs** to components — like arguments to a function.
 You can use props by **passing** values and **destructuring** them inside components.
- What is a Config Driven UI ?
 It's a UI built using **dynamic data** (config), not hardcoded. Example: UI changes based on data from an API.

Coding Assignment:

- Build a Food Ordering App
 - Think of a cool name for your app
 - Build a AppLayout
 - Build a Header Component with Logo & Nav Items & Cart
 - Build a Body Component
 - Build RestaurantList Component
 - Build RestaurantCard Component
 - Use static data initially
 - Make your card dynamic(pass in props)
 - Props - passing arguments to a function - Use Destructuring & Spread operator
 - Render your cards with dynamic data of restaurants
 - Use `Array.map` to render all the restaurants

PS. Basically do everything that I did in the class, in the same sequence. Don't skip small things.

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