Updating Data



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Overview

General update pattern

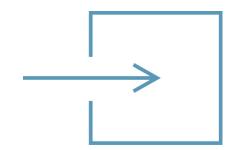
The join method

The key function

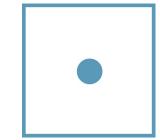
D3 transitions

The general update pattern allows you to keep updated data in sync with your visual elements on screen.

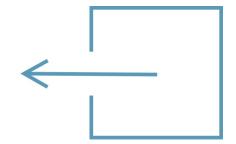
Data Change States



The **enter** state: new data rows



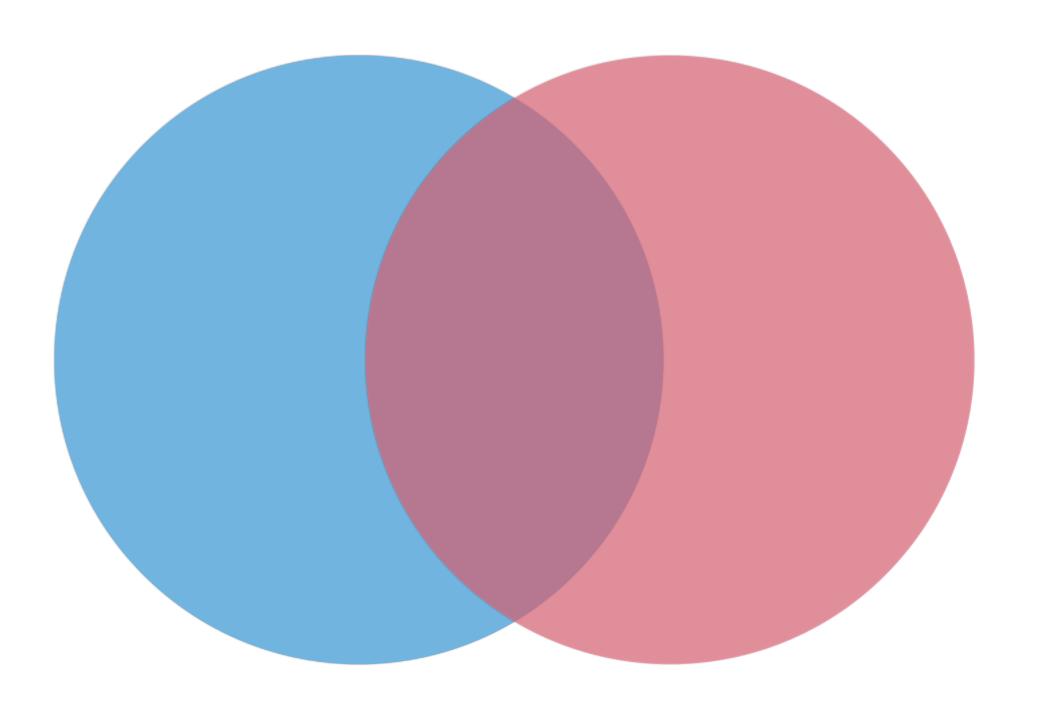
The **update** state: remaining data rows



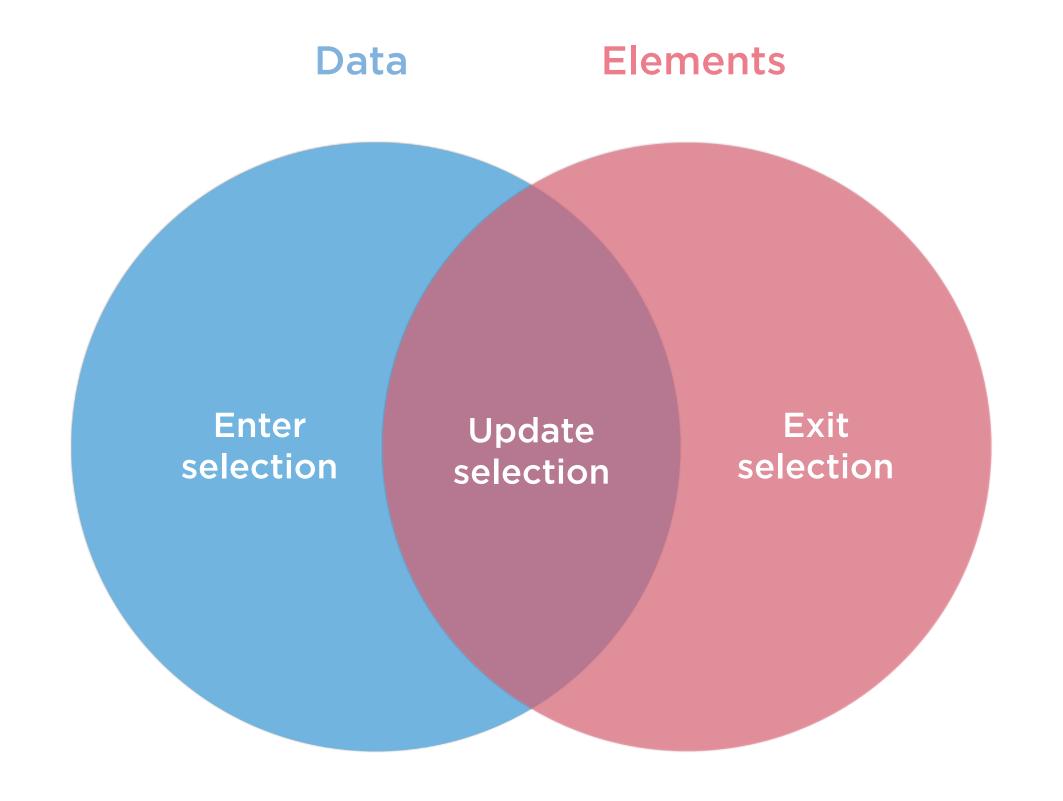
The **exit** state: leaving data rows

Favorite Fruit Lists

Chip Biff **Kipper** Apples Apples Apples 2. 2. Oranges 2. Cherries Oranges **3. 3.** Peaches Lemons 4. Oranges



- 1. Enter
- 2. Update
- 3. Exit



Data

Elements

Apples

Oranges

Lemons

<text>Apples</text>

<text>Cherries</text>

<text>Peaches</text>

Apples

Oranges

Lemons

<text>Apples</text>

<text>Cherries</text>

<text>Peaches</text>

Data

Elements

Apples

Oranges

<text>Apples</text>

<text>Cherries</text>

<text>Peaches</text>

<text>Oranges</text>

Enter selection

Update selection

Exit selection

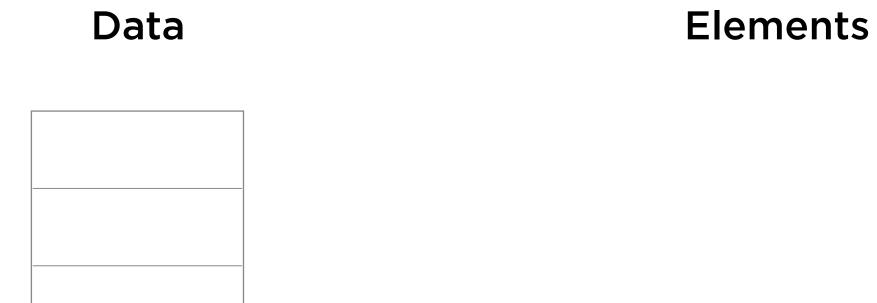
Lemons

Data Elements

<text>Cherries</text>
<text>Peaches</text>

Enter Update Exit selection selection

Lemons <text>Apples</text>



Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
Lemons	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	<text>Peaches</text>

Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
Lemons	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
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Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Lemons</text>	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	<text>Peaches</text>

Create as text elements

Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
<text>Oranges</text>	<text>Peaches</text>
	selection <text>Apples</text>

Create as text elements
Fill blue

Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Lemons</text>	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	<text>Peaches</text>

Create as text elements
Fill blue

Change to gray

Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Lemons</text>	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
		<text>Peaches</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	

Create as text elements
Fill blue

Change to gray
Reposition

Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Lemons</text>	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
		<text>Peaches</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	
Create as text elements	Change to gray	Fill red
Fill blue	Reposition	

Enter selection	Update selection	Exit selection
<text>Lemons</text>	<text>Apples</text>	<text>Cherries</text>
	<text>Oranges</text>	
Create as text elements	Change to gray	Fill red
Fill blue	Reposition	Remove

function

- 1. Compare data and elements
- 2. Fill enter, update and exit
- 3. Build the DOM

update()

- 1. Compare data and elements
- 2. Fill enter, update and exit
- 3. Build the DOM

1. Compare data and elements

2. Fill enter, update and exit

3. Build the DOM

Updated elements

New data →

Apples

Oranges

Lemons

1. Compare data and elements

2. Fill enter, update and exit

3. Build the DOM

Apples

Oranges

Lemons

1. Compare data and elements

2. Fill enter, update and exit

3. Build the DOM

<text>Apples</text>

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<text>Peaches</text>

Apples

Oranges

Lemons

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Oranges

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1. Compare data and elements

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<text>Apples</text>

<text>Oranges</text>

<text>Lemons</text>

Apples

Oranges

<text>Apples</text>

Apples <text>Apples</text>

Cherries <text>Oranges</text>

Oranges

Kipper

Apples < text>Apples</text>
Cherries
Peaches
Oranges < text>Oranges</text>

Kipper

index: 0

index: 1

<text> index: 0 </text>

<text> index: 1 </text>

Apples

index: 0

Cherries

index: 1

Peaches

index: 2

Oranges

Index: 3

<text> index: 0 </text> Apples

<text> index: 1 </text> Oranges

<text> index: 2 </text> Peaches

<text> index: 3 </text> Oranges

Key Function

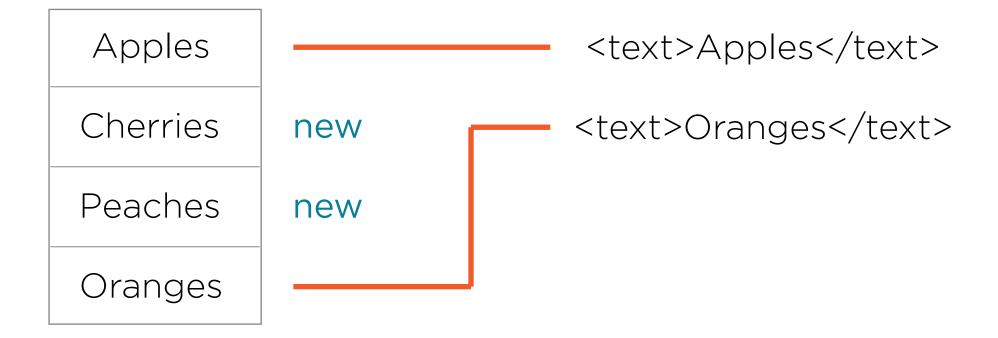
```
update(data)
 svg
   .selectAll('text')
   .data(data)
   .join(
   enter,
   update,
   exit
```

Key Function

```
update(data)
 SVg
  .selectAll('text')
  .data(data, d => d)
  .join(
   enter,
   update,
   exit
```

Key Function

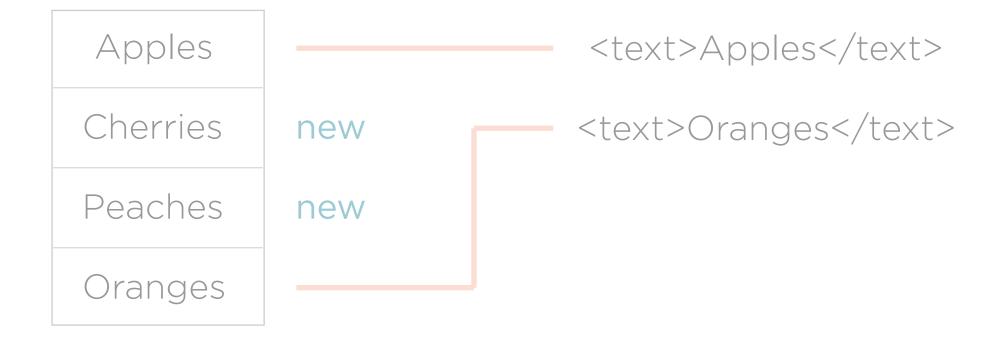
.data(data, d => d)



join-by-identifier

Key Function

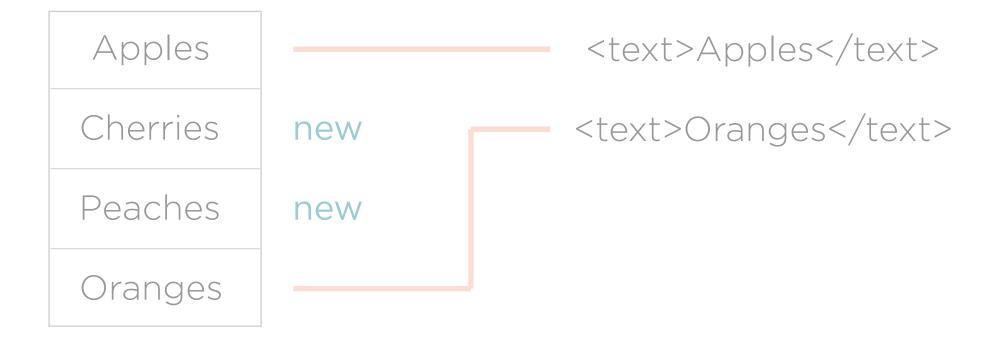
.data(data, d => d.fruitName)



join-by-identifier

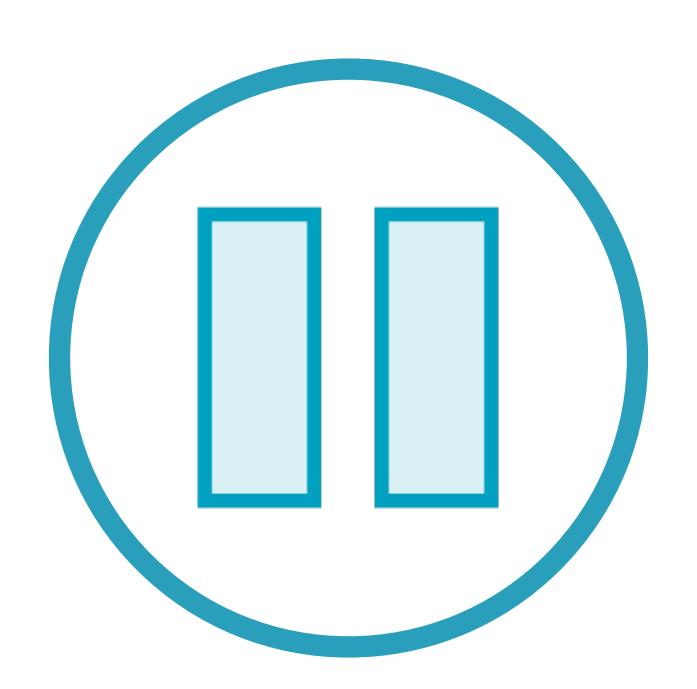
Key Function

.data(data, d => d.value)



join-by-identifier

Old update and simple join



Data Join with .join()

```
function update(data) {
  svg
    .selectAll('text')
    .data(data, d => d)
    .join(
      enter => enter
          append('text')
          text(d => d)
          .attr('x', 30)
          attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50)
          style('fill', 'dodgerblue'),
      update => update
          .style('fill', 'gray')
          attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50),
      exit => exit.remove()
    );
```

Data Join without .join()

```
function update(data) {
 // The data join.
  const fruitList = svg
    .selectAll('text')
    .data(data, d => d);
 // The update selection.
  fruitList
    style('fill', 'gray')
    attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50);
 // The enter selection.
  fruitList
    .enter()
    append('text')
   text(d => d)
    .attr('x', 30)
    attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50)
    style('fill', 'dodgerblue');
 // The exit selection.
  fruitList.exit().remove();
```

```
Data Join with Join Approved
    .data(data, d => d)
    .join(
      enter => enter
         append('text')
         text(d => d)
         .attr('x', 30)
         attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50)
         style('fill', 'dodgerblue'),
      update => update
         .style('fill', 'gray')
         attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50),
     exit => exit.remove()
    );
```

Simple .join()

```
function update(data) {
   svg
        .selectAll('text')
        .data(data, d => d)
        .join('text')
        .attr('x', 30)
        .attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50)
        .style('fill', 'dodgerblue'),
}
```

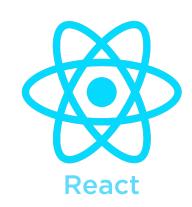
Simple Join

```
function update(data) {
    svg
        .selectAll('text')
        .data(data, d => d)
        .enter()
        .append('text')
        .attr('x', 30)
        .attr('y', (d, i) => i * 30 + 50)
        .style('fill', 'dodgerblue'),
}
```



Alternatives





- Bind data to elements
- Update the DOM on data change
- Update internal in React and Vue
- D3 benefit: transitions



Transitions

Favo	urite fi	ruit list
Biff	Chip	Kipper

- Object constancy
- Relationship between states
- Sometimes more efficient

Transitions

BiffChipKipperApplesApplesApplesOrangesOrangesCherriesLemonsPeachesOrangesOranges

- Object constancy
- Relationship between states
- Sometimes more efficient
- Visually engaging
- Less cognitive burden
- D3's in-built transitions

Summary

General update pattern

The join method

Control the join with the key function

D3 transition capabilities

Foray into interactions