Anatomy of an Application



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A Component

```
const Banner = () => <h1>This is a banner</h1>;
```



Components and JSX

Components are JavaScript functions that return jsx

JSX looks like HTML but it isn't

An alternative way to write JavaScript

JSX: JavaScript eXtension

Translated to JavaScript by a tool

Babel



JSX to Markup

```
<h1>
This is a banner
</h1>
```



React.createElement(
"h1", null, "This is a banner");



Separation of Concerns

react react-dom



Another Component



Built-in Components

Correspond to DOM elements

Different output targets use different built-in components

Are camelCased

Custom components are PascalCased



Class Components

```
class Greeting extends React.Component {
   render() {
      return (
         <div>
            <Header/>
            <h2 className="highlight">Hi there!</h2>
        </div>
```



Component Types

React team recommends functions

New future React features only available in functions

Functions are less verbose and easier to manage



Putting It All Together

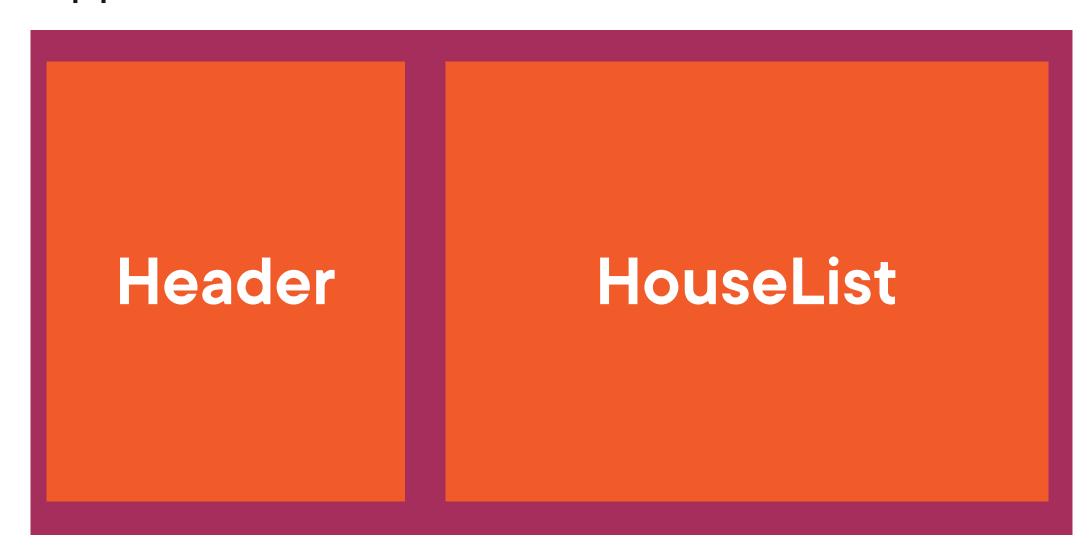
const Banner = () => <h1>This is a banner</h1>;

```
<div>
      <Banner />
      <Chart />
  </div>
React.createElement( ....
     This is a banner
```



Composition 1

App



Composition 2

App



Why Tooling is Needed

Starting point

Transform JSX to JavaScript

Process JavaScript files

Run a development server

Automatically update browser when source files change

Create a production build



Options for Tooling

Do It Yourself

Use a ready-to-go development environment

- Create React App (CRA)
- Next.js

Next.js

Development environment used in this course

Adds features

Goal: pure React

Next.js has optional server-side features



React !== Next.js



Install Node.js Download from nodejs.org



Routing in Next.js

Every file in pages directory is a "page"

Just a component

Renders when filename matches with url

/contact => contact.js

index.js renders at the root url



Modules



Modules

module.js

```
const doSomething = () => {
    ...
};
export { doSomething };
```

anotherModule.js

```
import { doSomething } from "./module";
doSomething();
```

Modules

module.js

```
const doSomething = () => {
    ...
};
export default doSomething;
```

anotherModule.js

```
Import do from "./module";
do();
```

React and Modules

banner.js const Banner = () => (<\h1> This is a banner </h1>); export default Banner; greeting.js lmport Banner from "./banner"; const Greeting = () => (<Banner />););

Reasons to Use Modules

Code structure

Reusability

Encapsulation

Needed for bundling

Running the Finished Project

Clone repository:

https://github.com/RolandGuijt/ps-globomantics-reactfundamentals

npm install

npm run dev



ESLint

Detect problems

Code styling

Commonly used

Next.js: Built-in React ruleset



Modify rules to your liking in the ESLint configuration file

