Week 13: Research

2. What is React's virtual DOM, why is it important, and how does it work?

My interpretation is that it is like AJAX. The purpose of the virtual DOM is to make things more efficient and provide a better user experience. By minimizing memory / controlling how much changes need to occur on the DOM / HTML, it can load things faster for instance. In a way, it's compartmentalizing the potential change, assessing it, then completing the manipulation/change.

https://legacy.reactjs.org/docs/faq-internals.html

3. What is Webpack and what problem does it solve?

Webpack (a module bundler) condenses multiple files into one source/file for easier referencing and better organization. In other words, it converts multiple 'entry points' into a 'single entry point'.

https://webpack.js.org/concepts/