React Components – Basic Idea

How to Compose in React?



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Components Overview

Syntax, Functional and Class Components

Components Overview



- Components let you
 - Split the UI into independent and reusable pieces
 - Think about isolation
- React let you define components as
 - Functions
 - Classes



Functional Component



- Functional component is a JS function which
 - Accepts single argument called props (object with data)
 - Returns a React Element

```
function Person(props){
  return <div>My name is {props.name}</div>
}
```

Class Component



 To define a React component class, you need to extend React.Component

```
class Person extends React.Component {
   render() {
    return <h1>My name is {this.props.name}</h1>
  }
}
```

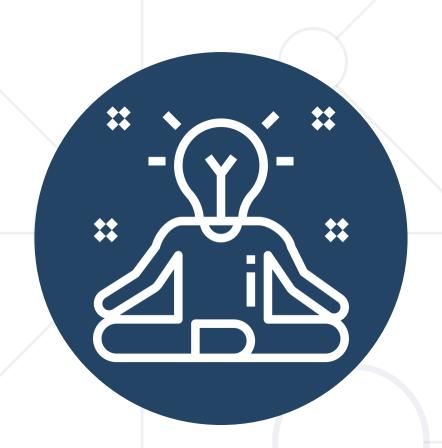
The only method you must define is called render()

Component Syntax



- Names always start with UpperCase
- Tags always must be closed
- Information is passed via props

```
<Dropdown> A dropdown list
  <UserHead name="homeHeader" />
  <Menu>
     <MenuItem>Do Something</MenuItem>
     <MenuItem>Do Something Fun!</MenuItem>
  </Menu>
  </Dropdown>
```



Component Props and State

Overview

Props and State Overview



- In React props and state represent the rendered values
- Both are plain JavaScript objects
- Both hold information that influences the output of render



Props and State Overview



They are different in one important way



 State is managed within the component (like local variables)





Component Props

Passing Data, Access and Usage

Component Props



- Props is short for properties
 - Are received from above (parent)
 - Immutable as far as the component receiving them is concerned
- A component cannot change its own props, but it is responsible for putting together the props of its child components

Passing Props to Nested Components



We use props to pass data from parent to child

```
const BookList = () => {
  return (
    <l
      <Book
       title="IT"
       author="Stephen King"
       price="20"
      <Book
       title="The Hunger Games"
       author="Suzanne Collins"
       price="10"
      />
    Prop name should start
  );};
               with lowercase letter
```

Use className to set css classes

Children Property



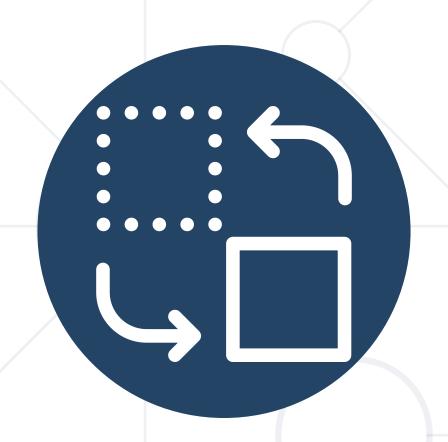
 Use children property to access information between opening and closing tags

```
const BookList = () => {
 return (
   <l
     <Book
       title="IT"
       author="Stephen King"
        price="20">
       <span>
         Some value here
       </span>
     </Book>
   );};
```



Could be plain text or nested HTML





Storing and Modifying Data

Component State

Component State Overview



The heart of every React component is its "state"



 State allows you to create components that are dynamic and interactive



State



- State starts with default value when a component mounts
 - After mounts, suffers from mutations in time
 - Its serializable
- Component manages its own state internally



Component State Example



- State holds information that can change over time
 - Usually as a result of user input or system events

```
function Timer(props) {
  const [time, setTime] = React.useState(0);

setTimeout(() => {
    setTime(time + 1);
  }, 1000);

return <h1>{time} sec.</h1>;
}
```





- Hook is a special function that lets you "hook into"
 React features
 - useState is a Hook that lets you add React state to function components
 - You don't have to convert functional component into class to use state





 Calling useState inside functional component to add some local state to it

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';
```

- React will preserve this state between re-renders
- useState returns a pair const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
 - Current state value
 - Function that lets you update it



```
import React, { useState } from 'react';
const counter = () {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
  return (
    <div>
     Counter: {count}
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>
        Click me
     </button>
    </div>
```



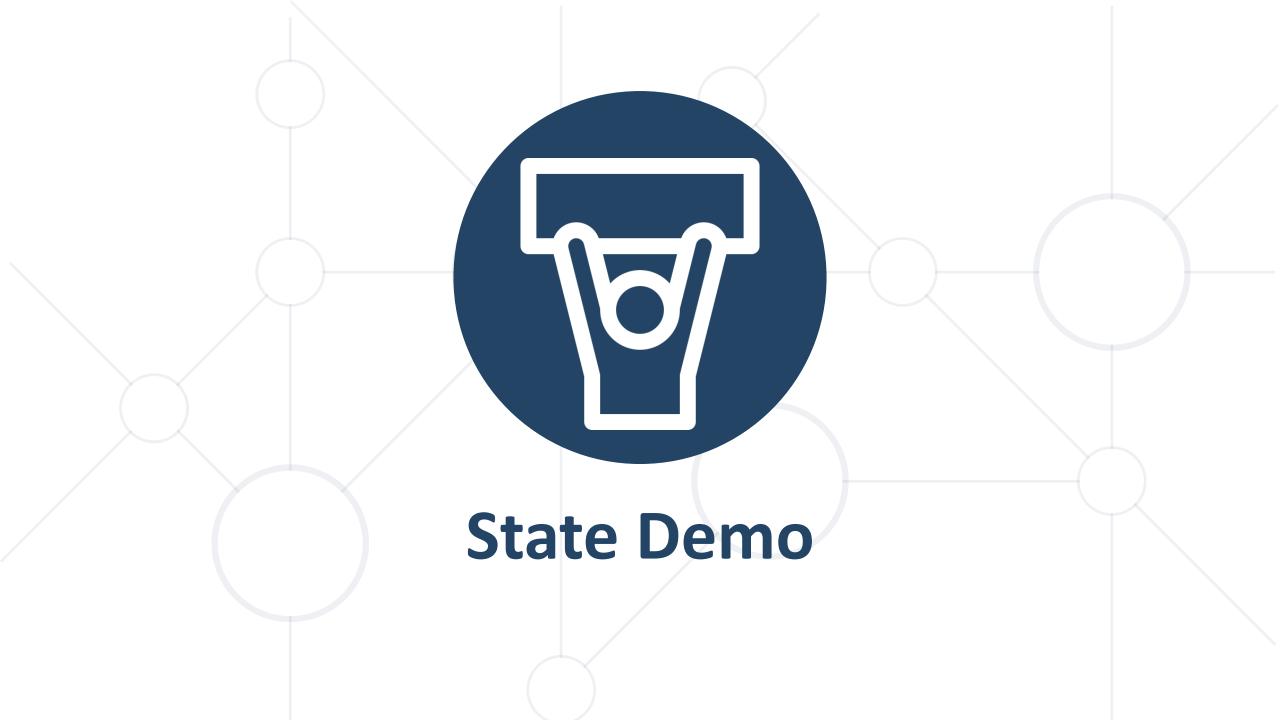
- You can call the update function from anywhere
- It's similar to this.setState in class, except it doesn't merge the old and new state together
- The only argument to useState hooks is the initial state
 - Unlike this.state, here doesn't have to be an object
 - Although it can be if you want



 You can use the State Hook more than once in a single component

```
const registerComponent = () {
  const [email, setEmail] = useState("");
  const [age, setAge] = useState("0");
  const [password, setPassword] = useState("");
  // ...
}
```

The initial state argument is only used during the first render







- Handling events with React elements is very similar to handling event on DOM elements
- The syntactic differences are:
 - React events are named using camelCase
 - With JSX you pass a function as the event handler





- When using React you should generally
 - Not need to call addEventListener to add listeners to a
 DOM element after it is created
 - Just provide a listener when the element is initially rendered

```
<button onClick={this.clickHandler}
  Click me! I'm a counter
</button>
```



- There are two ways to passing arguments to event handlers
 - Using arrow functions

```
<button onClick={(e) => this.deleteRow(id, e)}>
   Delete Row
</button>
```

Using bind

```
<button onClick={this.deleteRow.bind(this, id)}>
   Delete Row
</button>
```



```
const [clicks, setClicks] = useState(0);
clickHandler = () => {
   setClicks(c => c + 1)
}
```

```
<Button
  clickHandler={clickHandler}
  clicks={clicks}
/>
```

```
<button className="counter"
  onClick={props.clickHandler}>
    Click me! I'm a counter [{props.clicks}]
</button>
```

Click me! I'm a counter [0]

SyntheticEvent

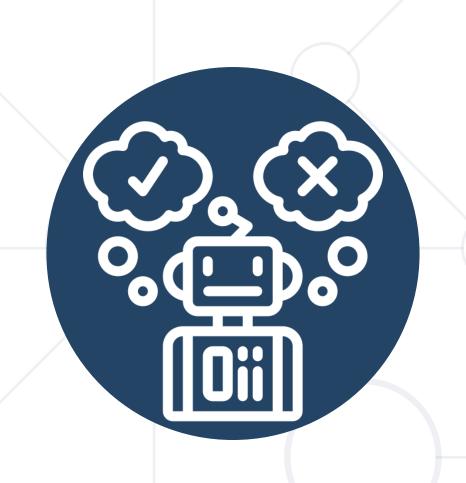


- Event handlers will be passed instances of SyntheticEvent
 - It has the same interface as the browser's native event
 - Including stopPropagation() and preventeDefault()
 - Except the events work identically across all browsers

```
function onClick(event) {
  console.log(event);
  console.log(event.type);
  const eventType = event.type;
}
```



Handling Events Demo





- Conditional rendering in React works the same way conditions work in JavaScript using:
 - Operators like if
 - Conditional (ternary) operators





Using if operator

```
function UserGreeting(props) {
  return <h1>Welcome back!</h1>;
}

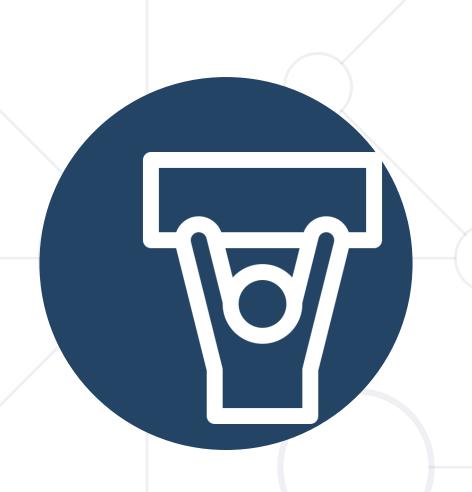
function GuestGreeting(props) {
  return <h1>Please sign up.</h1>;
}
```

```
function Greeting(props) {
  const isLoggedIn = props.isLoggedIn;
   if (isLoggedIn) {
     return <UserGreeting />;
   }
  return <GuestGreeting />
}
```



Using ternary operator

```
function UserGreeting(props) {
  return <h1>Welcome back!</h1>;
function GuestGreeting(props) {
  return <h1>Please sign up.</h1>;
function Greeting(props) {
  return (
    <div>
      { props.isLoggedIn ? < UserGreeting /> : <GuestGreeting /> }
    </div>
```



Conditional Rendering Demo

Summary



- Components reusable elements
 - Functional and Class
- Props are used to pass down data by year the transfer of the property of the prop
- State is used to hold component data
- Handling Events in React
- Conditional Rendering
 - If and ternary operators





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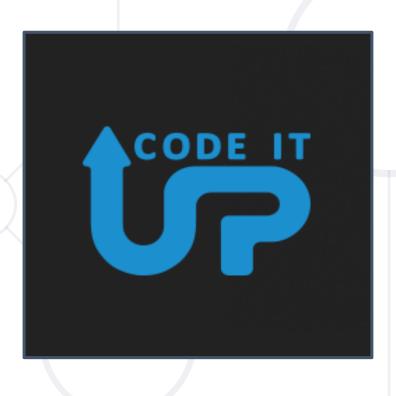






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