Intro to ReactJS

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What is React?



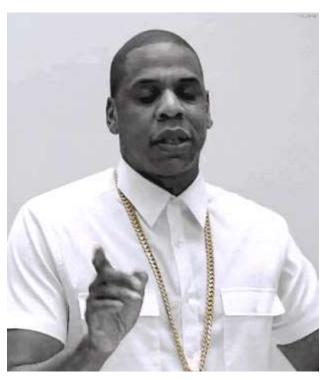
Library for building User Interfaces

V part of MVC (Model View Controller)

Not a front end framework

And React is not a templating library





Why To Use React?



Simple

Declarative

Build Reusable Components

React Uses JSX (JavaScript & XML)



Standard HTML - Accept all attributes

Little modifications like className instead of class

Virtual DOM



React uses a concept called Virtual DOM

It's Faster for re-rendering the entire component on every state change.

Virtual DOM uses diff algorithm.

Can rendered in server and synced with local client.

Three Important Terminologies



Components

States

Props

Components

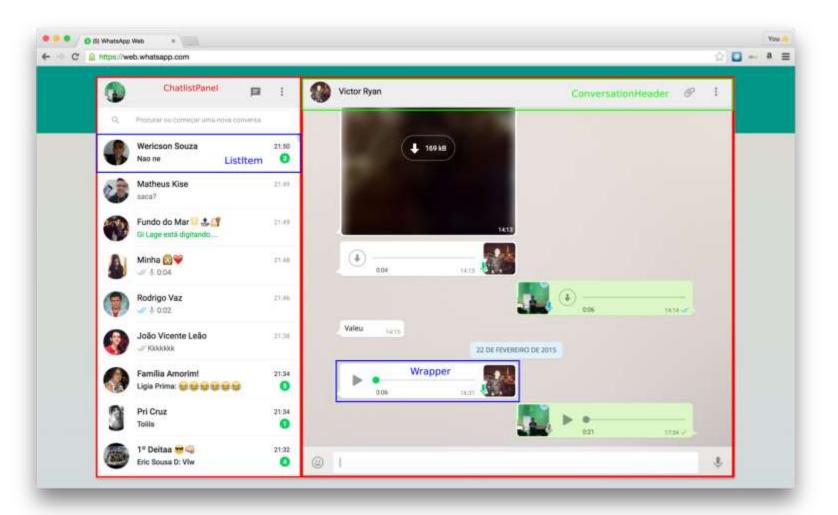


Everything is a component in react

Created using React.createClass

Key functions for every components

```
getInitialState: function() {},
componentWillMount : function() {},
componentDidMount : function() {},
componentWillUnmount : function() {},
componentDidUnmount : function() {},
render : function() {}
```



Props



Loaded as attributes for components

Used for unidirectional data flow

immutable or read only

States



Defines states of a component.

Changes to the state causes re rendering of the entire component.

getInitialState() is used to set initial states of the component
setstate({state: value}) is used to update the state

Render Function



The Actual View Code is written here

States and Props both are read-only here

Returns JSX Elements

Forms



Form elements are pointed or named with ref attribute

From values are extracted like this.refs.searchInput.value where searchInput is the ref of the input element

Default value is set with help of default Value attribute.

Events



Cross Browser Events

CamelCase Event Handlers

onClick onDragStart

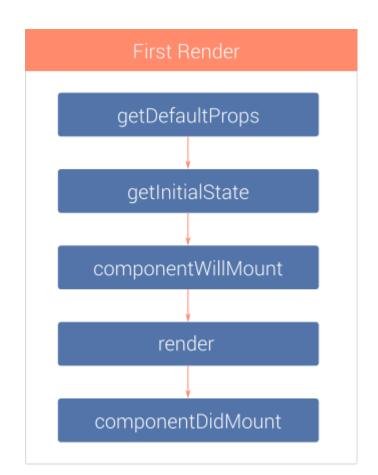
onContextMenu onDrop

onDoubleClick onMouseDown
onDrag onMouseEnter
onDragEnd onMouseLeave
onDragEnter onMouseMove
onDragExit onMouseOut

onDragLeave onMouseOver

onDragOver onMouseUp

Component LifeCycle



TODO LIST EXAMPLE

```
var TodoList = React.createClass({
  render: function() {
   var createItem = function(item) {
      return {item.text};
   return {this.props.items.map(createItem)};
});
var TodoApp = React.createClass({
  getInitialState: function() { return {items: [], text: ''};},
  onChange: function(e) {
   this.setState({text: e.target.value});
  handleSubmit: function(e) {
   e.preventDefault();
   var nextItems = this.state.items.concat([{text: this.state.text, id: Date.now()}]);
   var nextText = '';
   this.setState({items: nextItems, text: nextText});
  },
  render: function() {
    return (
      <div>
       <h3>TODO</h3>
       <TodoList items={this.state.items} />
       <form onSubmit={this.handleSubmit}>
         <input onChange={this.onChange} value={this.state.text} />
         <button>{'Add #' + (this.state.items.length + 1)}/button>
       </form>
      </div>
      );
ReactDOM.render(<TodoApp />, mountNode);
```



Useful tools when developing in React



HTML to JSX Compiler

React Developer Tools for Chrome

React Developer Tools for Firefox

Sites built with React



Facebook

Whatsapp Web

netflix

BlankCursor

Instagram

Producthunt

messenger.com



Thank You!