React Basics Level 1

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Introduction/Installation/Features

Introduction

▶ What is React?

- Developed by Facebook in 2011
- Open Sourced in 2015 and has a large community
- "A javascript Library for building User Interfaces"
- Declarative, efficient, and flexible JavaScript library for building user interfaces
- compose complex UIs from small and isolated pieces of code called "components".
- React implements one-way data flow which makes it easy
- Uses Flux is a pattern that helps keeping your data unidirectional.
- solve one problem: building large applications with data that changes over time
 - Extremely fast, because it uses a virtual DOM, and syncs only the changed parts with the underlying page



Introduction contd

What is React JS?

- a front-end framework used by Facebook internally for managing user interface
 - main function is to bind HTML elements to data and once this data changes, updating the interface so that you don't have to bind this data manually
- It is only the view layer and is all about modular, composable components
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Introduction contd

Advantages

- Uses virtual DOM which is a JavaScript object. Improves apps performance, since JavaScript virtual DOM is faster than the regular DOM.
- Can be used on client and server side(With node js) also on the client side
- Component and data patterns improve readability, which helps to maintain larger

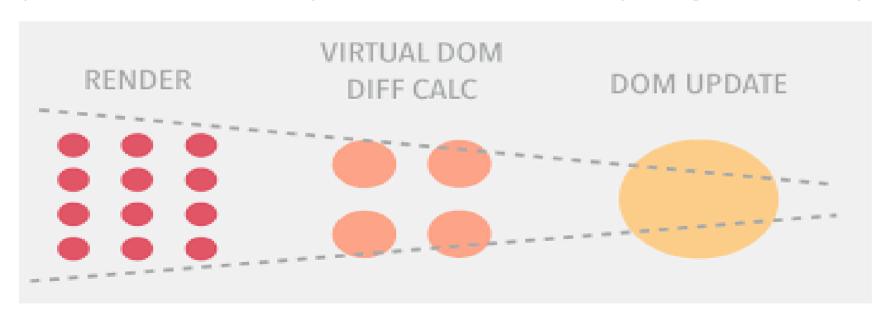
Limitations

- Covers only the view layer of the app, hence you still need to choose other technologies to get a complete tooling set for development.
- Uses inline templating and JSX, which might seem awkward to some developers
- React is a view layer library, not a framework like Backbone, Angular etc.
- You can't use React to build a fully-functional web app



Features

- Working of Virtual DOM
- step 1: Whenever anything may have changed, the entire UI will be re-rendered in a Virtual DOM representation.
- ▶ step 2:The difference between the previous Virtual DOM representation and the new one will be calculated.
- > step 3:The real DOM will be updated with what has actually changed. This is very much like applying a patch.





Installation

- ► Step 1 : **npm install -g create-react-app**
 - Npx create-react-app
- ► Step 2: create-react-app reactproject
- ▶ **NOTE:** We can combine the above two steps in a single command using **npx**. The npx is a package runner tool which comes with npm 5.2 and above version.
- npx create-react-app reactproject
- Strat the server using the below command npm start
- ▶ if we want to make the project for the production mode, type the following command. This command will generate the production build, which is best optimized.
- \$ npm build



Some node commands

- ▶ NPM Package manager
- ▶ NPX Package runner
- ▶ npm create-react-app my-app executes the local create-react-app package from your machine, so you first have to install it globally on your system with npm install -g create-react-app.
- ▶ If you run npx create-react-app my-app and don't have create-react-app globally on your system, it will get downloaded and not installed globally. This is great if you don't want to pollute your system with global packages that you only run once every two months.
- Installing packages
 - npm install –save react-bootstrap



Component development using JSX



Component development using Jsx

What is JSX?

- JSX is an inline markup that looks like HTML and gets transformed to JavaScript
 - JSX expression starts with an HTML-like open tag, and ends with the corresponding closing tag. JSX tags support the XML self close syntax so you can optionally leave the closing tag off.
- It is a preprocessor step that adds XML syntax to JavaScript
- React can be used without JSX but JSX makes React a lot more elegant(it is a concise and familiar syntax for defining tree structures with attributes)
- It's actually a declarative syntax that's used to express the virtual DOM.
 - JSX gets interpreted and converted to virtual DOM, which gets diffed against the real DOM.
 - Rather than rewrite the whole DOM tree, only the differences get applied. That makes React renders fast.



What is Jsx

- Really just JavaScript with HTML in the render methods
- Use className instead of class
- Components are written in JSX
- Helps in creating a virtual DOM by returning HTML
- It is faster because it performs the optimization while compiling code into javascript
- It is typesafe most of the errors can be caught during compilation

- ► Bindings:
 - Mustache syntax {}
 - Bind to props
- ► Note: JSX is optional



React vs Angular

Technology	AngularJS	React
Developer	Google	Facebook
Technology type	Full-fledged MVC framework written in JavaScript	JavaScript library (View in MVC; requires Flux to implement architecture)
Concept	Brings JavaScript into HTML Works with the real DOM Client-side rendering	Brings HTML into JavaScript Works with the virtual DOM Server-side rendering
Data binding	Two-way data binding	One-way data binding
Dependencies	Manages dependencies automatically	Requires additional tools to manage dependencies
Language	JavaScript + HTML	JavaScript + JSX
Last version	AngularJS 1.6.0 RC2	React 16
Suits best	Best for SPAs that update single view at a time	Best for SPAs that update many views at a time



React Application structure

- node_modules: It contains the React library and any other third party libraries needed.
- ▶ **public:** It holds the public assets of the application. It contains the index.html where React will mount the application by default on the <div id="root"></div> element.
- **src:** It contains the App.css, App.js, App.test.js, index.css, index.js, and serviceWorker.js files. Here, the App.js file always responsible for displaying the output screen in React.
- **package-lock.json:** It is generated automatically for any operations where npm package modifies either the node_modules tree or package.json. It cannot be published. It will be ignored if it finds any other place rather than the top-level package.
- **package.json:** It holds various metadata required for the project. It gives information to npm, which allows to identify the project as well as handle the project?s dependencies.
- ▶ **README.md:** It provides the documentation to read about React topics.



Types of components

- ► There ate two types of Components
 - 1. Functional
 - --do not maintain state
 - --static data
 - 2. class based
 - --data changes over time
 - --dynamic data
 - --maintain the state data



Props, state and Component Life cycle

props

- ▶ **React** allows us to pass information to a Component using something called **props** (stands for properties).
- Props are basically kind of global variable or object.
- ▶ We can pass props to any component as we declare attributes for any HTML tag. Have a look at the below code snippet:
 - <DemoComponent sampleProp = "HelloProp" />
- ▶ We can access any props inside from the component's class to which the props is passed. The props can be accessed as shown below:
 - this.props.propName;
- ▶ The 'this.props' is a kind of global object which stores all of a components props. The *propName*, that is the names of props are keys of this object.
- ▶ We can use the *propType* for validating any data we are receiving from props.
- Demo



Props contd

▶ Component Properties

- Component properties are known as props
 - Props are the "arguments" to your components
 - React encourages reusable components which can be integrated into your project
- attributes are available in our component as this.props and can be used in our render method to render dynamic data and any nested elements as this.props.children



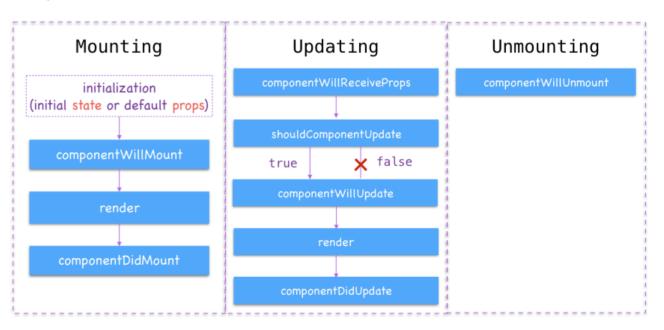
state

- ▶ **React** components has a built-in **state** object.
- ▶ The **state** object is where you store property values that belongs to the component.
- When the **state** object changes, the component re-renders.
- ► The state object is initialized in the constructor

```
    class Car extends React.Component { constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = {brand: "Ford"}; }
    render() { return ( <div> <h1>My Car</h1> </div> );
    }
```

Component Lifecycle

- The render method is the only required spec for creating a component, but there are several lifecycle methods & specs
 - They notify us of important milestones in our component's life, and we can use these notifications to simply pay attention or change what our component is about to do
- Can be categorized into 4 phases:
 - Initialization
 - Mounting
 - Updation
 - Unmounting





Components Lifecycle

Initialization

- The initialization phase is where we define defaults and initial values for this.props and this.state
- getDefaultProps():
 - method is called once and cached before any instance of the component are created.
 - method returns an object which properties values will be set on this.props if that prop is not specified by the parent component.

getInitialState():

- method is also invoked once, right before the mounting phase.
- return value of this method will be used as initial value of this.state and should be an object.



Mounting

- componentWillMount()
 - invoked once and immediately before the initial rendering occurs, hence before React inserts the component into the DOM
 - Note: calling this.setState() within this method will not trigger a re-render
- componentDidMount()
 - last step in the Birth/Mount life cycle phase
 - method is called once all our children Elements and our Component instances are mounted onto the DOM
- is executed after the first render only on the client side. This is where AJAX requests and DOM or state updates should occur.



Components Lifecycle

Updation

 component updating phase is when an user trigger updations like state value change trough a function executed on user events like onClick, onChange etc which triggers a set of component state/props change usually and the component render occurs updating the DOM accordingly

componentWillReceiveProps()

- method is called when props are passed to the Component instance.
 - Here we could extract the new props and allows us to check and see if new props are coming in and we can make choices based on the data
- Method can be skipped if the Update is triggered by just a state change.

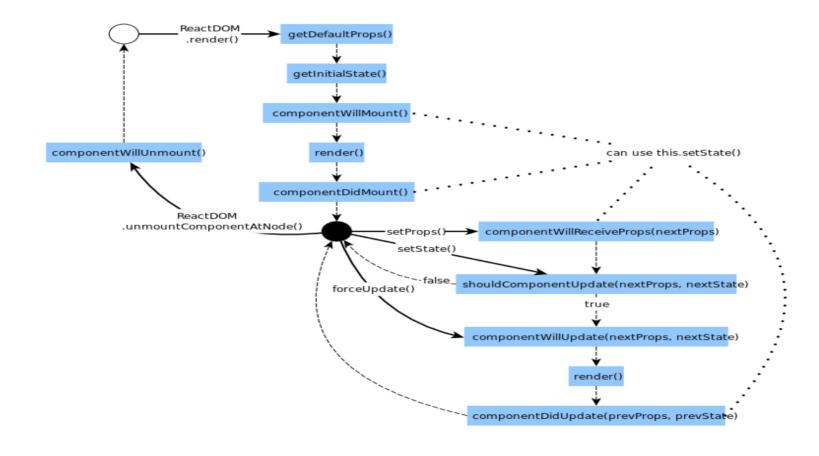


Components Lifecycle

- Updating
 - shouldComponentUpdate()
 - allows your Component to exit the Update life cycle if there is no reason to apply a new render.
 - Whenever a component's state changes, React re-renders the component and all its children. Often times, the component and its children barely change yet we need to render everything causing an inefficient code rendering.
 - method checks the current props and state, compares it to the next props and state and then returns true if they are different, or false if they are the same. Based on the Boolean value, rendering can be avoided when it isn't needed



Complete flow of execution



Handling Events

Event Handling

```
Steps in Event Handling
▶ Step 1Bind the event
       this.increase = this.increase.bind(this);
▶ Step 2: Implement the event handler where we react to the event
Event Handler:
increase(e) {
  this.setState({
   count: this.state.count + 1
  });
Step 3:: Listen for the event on the Control.
<button onClick={this.increase} style={buttonStyle}>+</button>
```

List, keys and Conditional rendering

React keys

- ▶ React **keys** are useful when working with dynamically created components
- Also used when when your lists are altered by the users.
- Setting the key value will keep your components uniquely identified after the change.
- ► Code snippet:

Conditional rendering

- ▶ In **React**, you can create distinct components that encapsulate behavior you need. Then, you can render only some of them, depending on the state of your application.
- ▶ **Conditional** rendering in **React** works the same way conditions work in JavaScript.
- ▶ There are different methods to implement Conditional rendering
 - Using if..else
 - Using element variable
 - Using switch statement
 - Ternary operators
 - Using Enhanced JSX
- Demo



Forms, Controlled Uncontrolled components

Forms, Controlled Uncontrolled components

- ▶ In HTML form elements such as <input>, <textarea>, and <select> typically maintain their own state and update it based on user input.
- ▶ In React, mutable state is typically kept in the state property of components, and only updated with setState()
- ▶ An input form element whose value is controlled by React in this way is called a "controlled component".
- Demo 1: Handling input Text in a Form
- ▶ Demo 2: Handling a select control in the form



Controlled vs Uncontrolled

- ► A controlled component is bound to a value, and its changes will be handled in code by using **event-based** callbacks.
- ▶ It is similar to the traditional HTML form inputs.

SN	Controlled	Uncontrolled
1.	It does not maintain its internal state.	It maintains its internal states.
2.	Here, data is controlled by the parent component.	Here, data is controlled by the DOM itself.
3.	It accepts its current value as a prop.	It uses a ref for their current values.
4.	It allows validation control.	It does not allow validation control.
5.	It has better control over the form elements and data.	It has limited control over the form elements and data.



Performing REST API Call

REST call

- > Axios is among the most popular promise based HTTP clients for both browsers and Node.js.
- Npm install axios
- ▶ Get method is used to perform the get request.
 - axios.get(`https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users`)
- ▶ In Axios, you can create POST requests using the .post() method and passing the data as a second parameter
 - axios.post(url[, data[, config]])
- .delete() method is used to perform a delete request.
 - axios.delete(url[, config])
 - Demo



Questions

Thank you

