the Master Course

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Working with React.

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Learning Objectives

To understand the React build workflow.

To be able to set up a project with create-react-app

To be able to work with modern ES6 javascript features.

To understand the folder structure of a React App.

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The React build workflow

What do we need to make a react app?



What we need in our project to create a react app:

NPM
Webpack
A compiler like Babel
React & React-Dom
A development server to use locally



Luckily for us, there is a package called create-react-app which packages everything we need!!



create-react-app builds an entire starting structure for us.



Let's install it!

npm install create-react-app -g



To make a new react project, cd into the folder you want to make a project and run:

create-react-app yourappsname



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Let's take a look at what we start with.



You will have noticed some ES6 JS features such as export and import.



We can use these in our react app because babel takes care of the compiling for us.



So even though you are used to using module.exports = {} and the require() method, in react we will be using modern features instead.



There are a few ways we can export and a few ways we can import.



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Use export default componentName at the end of you component file.
Then import someName from './somefile'
SomeName can be anything you want.



You can also use something called named exports. Here you just use the export keyword before any component. But you must import using the correct name, and put the name in curly brackets.



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export const MyComponent = () => {}

In a different file at the top: import {MyComponent} from './somefile'



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npm start

This will fire up our development server.



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We can delete some of the placeholder stuff in the starter project. Lets lean it down a bit.

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