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# Write a React Component Like a Pro



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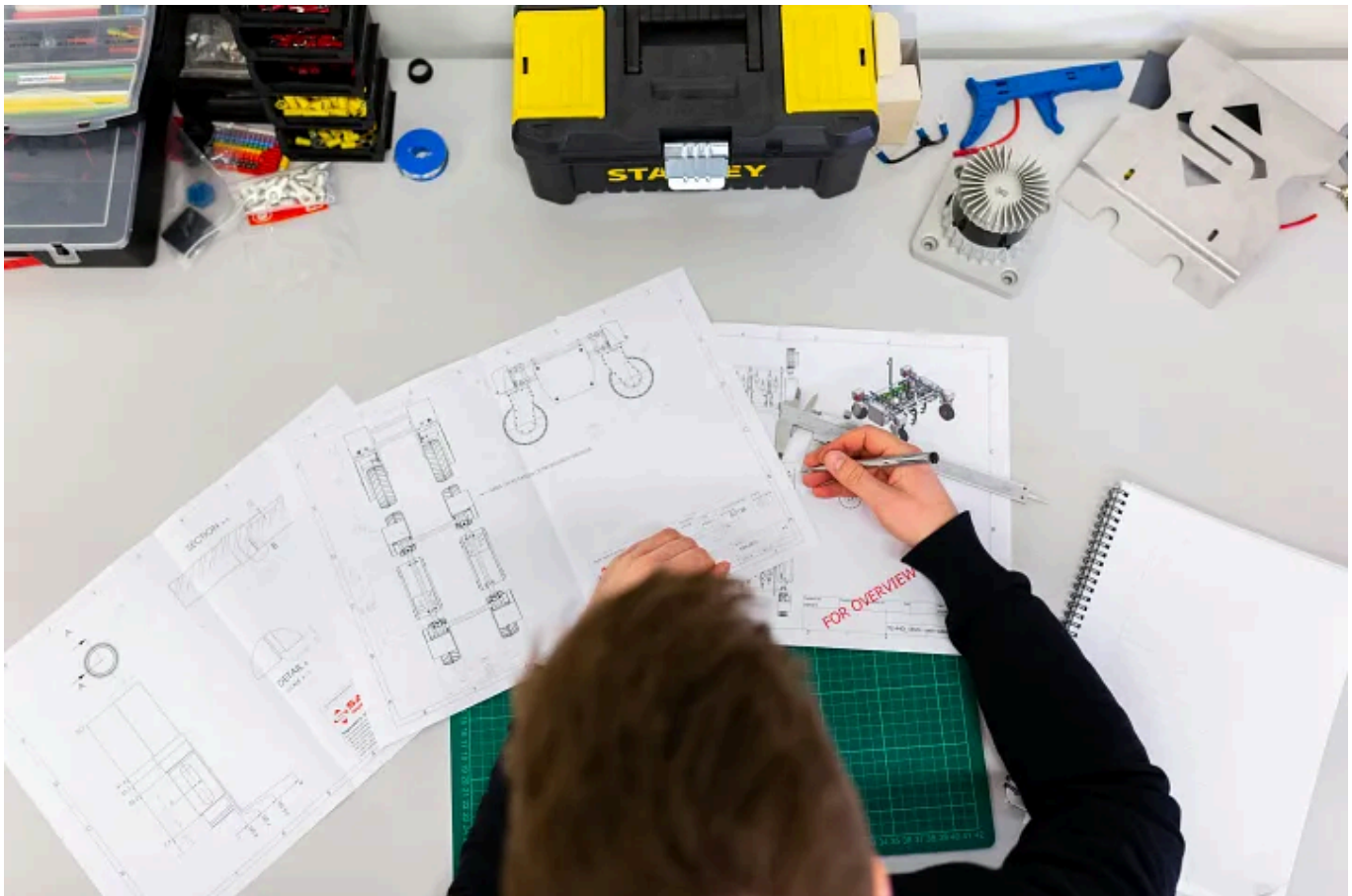


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In the world of React, writing components is an art. It's not just about making them work — it's about making them work well. Today, we're going to look at how to craft your components like a pro, focusing on readability, reusability, and efficiency.

## Create a List Component

Let's start with a basic List component:

```
// src/components/List.js
import React from 'react';

const List = ({ data }) => {
  return (
    <ul>
      {data.map((item, index) => (
        <li key={index}>{item}</li>
      ))}
    </ul>
  );
};

export default List;
```

This component takes an array of `data` and renders it as a list.

## Enhancing Components with HOCs

Higher-Order Components (HOCs) are a powerful pattern for reusing component logic. They essentially wrap a component to extend its functionality without altering its structure.

For example, a `withLoading` HOC can be used to display a loading state:

```
// src/hocs/withLoading.js
import React, { useState } from 'react';

function withLoading(Component) {
  return function WithLoading({ isLoading, ...props }) {
    if (isLoading) {
      return <div>Loading...</div>;
    }
    return <Component {...props} />;
  };
}

export default withLoading;
```

This HOC checks the `isLoading` prop. If it's true, it renders a “Loading...” message. Otherwise, it renders the wrapped component, allowing for a seamless user experience during data fetching.

Similarly, `withErrorHandling` is another HOC that can manage error states:

```
// src/hocs/withErrorHandling.js
import React from 'react';

function withErrorHandling(Component) {
  return function WithErrorHandling({ error, ...props }) {
    if (error) {
      return <div>Error: {error.message}</div>;
    }
    return <Component {...props} />;
  };
}

export default withErrorHandling;
```

When an error occurs, `withErrorHandling` displays an error message. Otherwise, it renders the component as usual. This HOC is particularly useful for handling fetch errors or issues within the component lifecycle.

By combining `withLoading` and `withErrorHandling`, we can create a robust component that handles both loading and error states elegantly. This approach promotes code reuse and separation of concerns, making our components more maintainable and easier to understand.

## Fetching Data with Hooks

React hooks allow us to use state and other React features without writing a class. `useFetch` is a custom hook that fetches data from an API:

```
// src/hooks/useFetch.js
import { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

const useFetch = (url) => {
  const [data, setData] = useState([]);
  const [isLoading, setLoading] = useState(false);
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchData = async () => {
      setLoading(true);
      try {
        const response = await fetch(url);
        if (!response.ok) {
          throw new Error('Network response was not ok');
        }
        const json = await response.json();
        setData(json);
      } catch (error) {
        setError(error);
      } finally {
        setLoading(false);
      }
    };

    fetchData();
  });
}
```

```
// Cleanup function
return () => {
  // Cleanup logic if needed
};
}, [url]));

return { data, isLoading, error };
};

export default useFetch;
```

It handles the fetching state, data storage, and errors, making it easy to fetch and display data in our components.

## Assembling the App

Finally, we bring everything together in the `App` component:

```
// src/App.js
import React from 'react';
import withLoading from './hocs/withLoading';
import withErrorHandling from './hocs/withErrorHandling'; // Yeni HOC eklendi
import useFetch from './hooks/useFetch';
import List from './components/List';

const ListWithLoading = withLoading(List);
const ListWithErrorHandling = withErrorHandling(ListWithLoading); // ListWithLoa

const App = () => {
  const { data, isLoading, error } = useFetch('https://api.example.com/data');

  return (
    <div>
      <h1>List Component</h1>
      <ListWithErrorHandling data={data} isLoading={isLoading} error={error} />
    </div>
  );
};
```

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```
export default App;
```

We use our `useFetch` hook to load data and pass it to our `List` component, which is enhanced with loading and error handling capabilities through our HOCs.

## Conclusion

Writing components like a pro means thinking about the bigger picture. It's about creating components that are easy to read, maintain, and reuse. By using patterns like HOCs and hooks, we can create a clean and efficient codebase that stands the test of time.

Happy coding!

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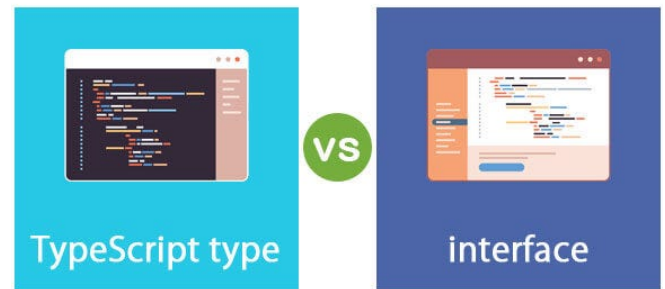


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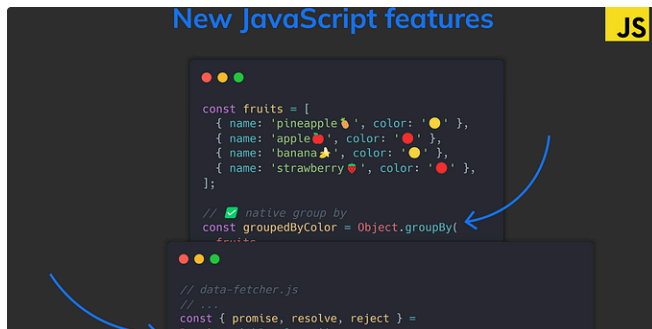


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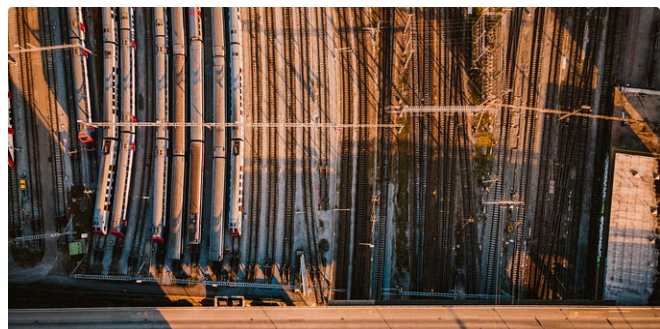


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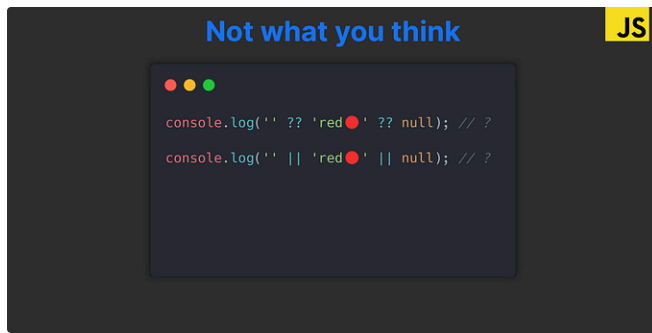
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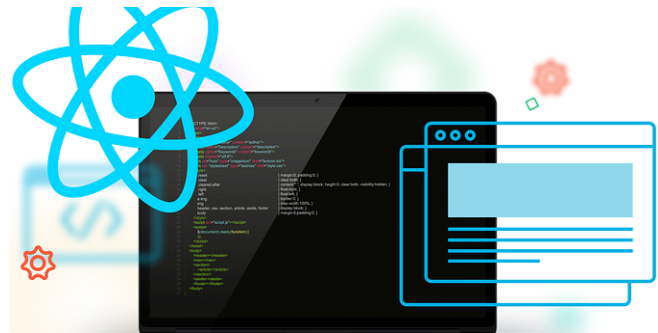



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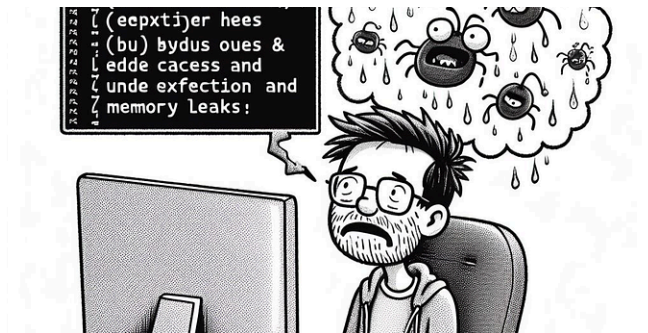



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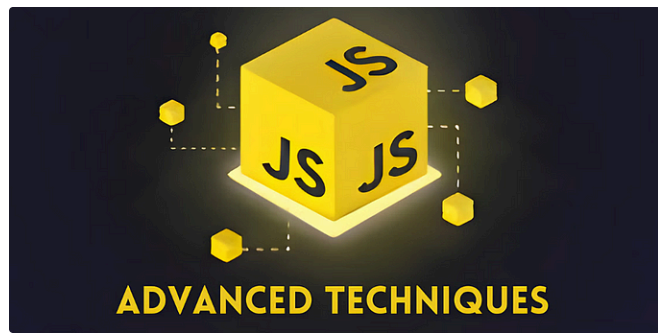



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