

# COMPOSITION VS. INHERITANCE

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# Composition over Inheritance

- Composition and inheritance are the approaches to use multiple components together in React.js .
- This helps in code reuse.
- React recommend using composition instead of inheritance as much as possible and inheritance should be used in very specific cases only.
- Composition works with functions as well as classes both.

# Inheritance in JS

```
class Automobile {
  constructor() {
    this.vehicleName = automobile;
    this.numWheels = null;
  }
  printNumWheels() {
    console.log(`This ${this.vehicleName} has ${this.numWheels} wheels`);
  }
}

class Car extends Automobile {
  constructor() {
    super(this);
    this.vehicleName = 'car';
    this.numWheels = 4;
  }
}

class Bicycle extends Automobile {
  constructor() {
    super(this);
    this.vehicleName = 'bike';
    this.numWheels = 2;
  }
}

const car = new Car();
const bike = new Bicycle();
car.printNumWheels() // This car has 4 wheels
bike.printNumWheels() // This bike has 2 wheels
```

```
class Parent extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.methodA = this.methodA.bind(this);
  }

  methodA() {
    console.log("methodA in parent class");
  }

  render() {
    return false;
  }
}
```

Console output

In child class, calling parent [child.js:9](#)  
method...

methodA in parent class [parent.js:10](#)

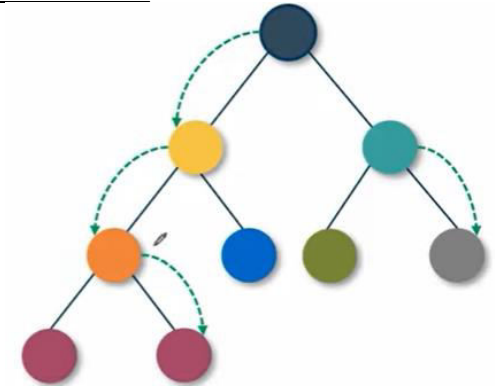
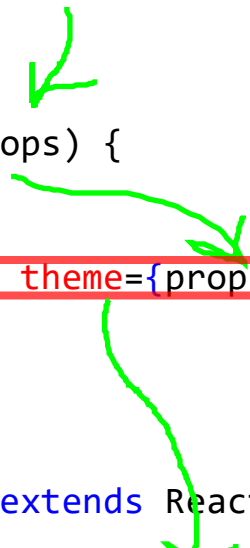
```
import Parent from "../parent";

class Child extends Parent {
  constructor() {
    super();
  }
  render() {
    console.log("In child class, calling parent method...");
    this.methodA();
    return false;
  }
}
```

# Composition

- Composition is a code reuse technique where a larger object is created by combining multiple smaller objects.

```
class App extends React.Component {  
  render() {  
    return <Toolbar theme="dark" />;  
  }  
}  
  
function Toolbar(props) {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <ThemedButton theme={props.theme} />  
    </div>  
  );  
}  
  
class ThemedButton extends React.Component {  
  render() {  
    return <Button theme={this.props.theme} />;  
  }  
}
```



```
class App extends Component {
  state = {
    date: new Date()
    ...
  }
  ...
  return (
    <div className="container">
      <NewsHeader className="news" subject="Sports"
        date={this.state.date.toString()} />
    </div>
  )
}
```

```
const newsHeader = (props) => {
  return(
    <div>
      <h1>News for {props.date}</h1>
      <h2>News Heading : {props.subject}</h2>
      <NewsContent title="Content Title-1" content="Lots of Content-1" />
      <NewsContent title="Content Title-2" content="Lots of Content-2" />
      <NewsContent title="Content Title-3" content="Lots of Content-3" />
    </div>
  )
}
```

```
const newsContent = (props) => {
  return(
    <div>
      /*complex code that filters out news based on subject*/
      <h4><b><i>News Title {props.title}</i></b></h4>
      <h4>News Content : {props.content}</h4>
      <Author title={props.title} name="Shrilata" />
    </div>
  )
}
```

```
const author = (props) => {
  return(
    <h6>Author for {props.title} - {props.name}</h6>
  )
}
```

## News for Sun Jun 1

### News Heading : Sports

#### News Title Content Title-1

News Content : Lots of Content-1

Author for Content Title-1 - Shrilata

#### News Title Content Title-2

News Content : Lots of Content-2

Author for Content Title-2 - Shrilata

#### News Title Content Title-3

News Content : Lots of Content-3

Author for Content Title-3 - Shrilata

