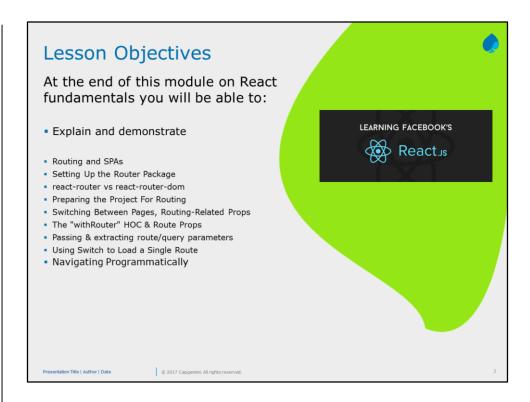
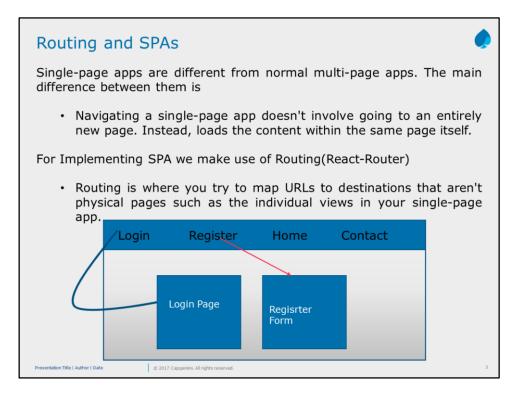
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What's in a URL:



A URL is a reference to a web resource

Are building blocks for creating SPA's.

Single-page applications (SPAs) are web apps that load once and then dynamically update elements on the page using JavaScript. Every React app we've built so far has been a type of SPA.

There are many routing libraries for React, and best of it is **React Router**. React Router gives us a good foundation for building rich application which has views and urls

routing involves two functionality:

- (1)Modifying the location of the app (the URL)
- (2) determining what React components to render at a given location.

Each <Route>will render its respective component when its path matches the URL. Only one of these three components will be rendered into the at any given time. With this strategy, we mount the router to the DOM once, then the router swap components in and out with route changes.

Route Matching: <Route path="users/:userId" component={UserProfile}/>

The above route will match when the user visits any path that starts with users/ and has any value afterwards. It will match /users/1, /users/143, or even /users/abd(which you'll need to be validated on our own).

Setting Up the Router Package

To use routing, we have to pull down React, React Router and React DOM:

We have to make use below command for installation

npm install react react-dom react-router --save

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React-route vs react-route-dom in React Router v4



The latest version of React Router, v4, is a major shift from its predecessors.

- 1. With **React router v4**, routing is not centralized anymore instead it becomes a part of the rest of the app layout and UI.
- Browser specific routing components live in react-routerdom instead of react-router so imports need to be changed to be from react-router-dom package
- 3. Introducing new components such as **BrowserRouter** and **HashRouter** for specific use cases
- No more use of {props.children} for nesting components in v4 React Router.

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React-route vs react-route-dom in React Router v4 (cont...)



5. React Router v3 routing rules were exclusive meaning only one route will be matched at one time. For v4, routing rules are inclusive meaning multiple routes can be matched and then rendered.

React Router v4 was divided into three packages:

react-router: common core components between dom and native versions.

react-router-dom: the dom version designed for browsers or web apps.

react-router-native: the native version designed for react-native mobile apps.

React-route vs react-route-dom in React Router v4 contd.



In React router v4,

`react-router` exports the core components and functions.

`react-router-dom` exports DOM-aware components, like `<Link>` (which renders an `<a>`) and `<BrowserRouter>` (which interacts with the browser's `window.history`).

`react-router-dom` re-exports all of `react-router`'s exports, so you only need to import from `react-router-dom` in your project.

So in future 99% for web development we will be using react-router-dom $\,$

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React Router's core components



There are three types of components in React Router

- 1. Router components
- 2. Route matching components
- 3. Navigation components.

All of the components that you use in a web application should be imported from react-router-dom.

import { BrowserRouter, Route, Link } from 'react-router-dom'

React-Routing

A routing library is a key component of any complex, single-page application.

React Router isn't the only viable solution in the React/Redux ecosystem, its growing and there are many in the system.(React Redux is not covered in this syllabus)

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React-Routing



React isn't a framework, it's a library. Therefore, it doesn't solve all an application's needs.

To create complex SPA (single page application) task like routing requires supporting cast.

React router is one among the front-end router which uses JSX Syntax.

To install this module : npm install react-router

React router uses <Route> and <Route> components to perform routing.

Like other components <Router> and <Route> does not create DOM, it just defines the rules about how application needs to work based on routes.

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Preparing and setting up react project for routing



Installation

React Router DOM is published to npm so you can install it with either npm

Building a react router firstly we have to import Route and Router from 'react-router' library

import {Router, Route} from 'react-router';

Then add the below code snippet to render method of react Component

```
<Router>
  <Route exact path="/" component={Home}/>
  <Route path="/contactus" component={Contactus}/>
  <Route path="/login" component={Login}/>
  <Route path="/register" component={Register}/>
  </Router>
```

The path attribute defines the route URL and component attribute defines the component for this route.

Note: Instead of we use <Link to="/">.

show above snippet will look like:

<Link to="/">Home</Link> <Link to="/about">About</Link> <Link to="/topics">Topics</Link>

Setting Up react App



Component are used to define the root

- <BrowserRouter>
- <Router>

<BrowserRouter />

Component is the component where React will replace it's children on a per-route basis.

<Route />

Component to create a route available at a specific location available at a url.(The <Route /> component is mounted at page URLs that match a particular route set up in the route's configuration props.)

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In <Route /> pass exact= {true} props to the router with path='/":

If you want a route to be rendered only if the paths are exactly the same, you should use the exact props.

 $const\ Home = () => (<div><h1>Welcome\ home</h1><Link\ to='/about'>Go\ to\ about</Link></div>) const\ About = () => (<div><h1>About</h1><Link\ to='/'>Go\ home</Link></div>)$

In our view we'll need to add a link (or an anchor tag -- <a />) to enable our users to travel freely between the two different routes. However, using the <a /> tag will tell the browser to treat the route like it's a server-side route. Instead, we'll need to use a different component called: <Link />. The <Link /> component requires a prop called to to point to the client-side route where we want to render. Let's update our Home and About components to use the Link:

If any error thrown in code when using Link , import Link from react-router-dom.

React router 4.x introduced some breaking changes, you'll need to import Link from react-router-dom:

After adding up above code snippet ... both routes to show up after clicking on link "go to about", it displays Info in about component on same page.

This happens because the react router will render all content that matches the path (unless otherwise specified). For this case, react router supplies us with the Switch component.

The <Switch /> component will only render the first matching route it finds. Let's update our component to use the Switch component. As react router will try to render both components, we'll need to specify that we only want an exact match on the root component.

If any error thrown in code when using Switch, import Switch from react-router-dom.

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Advanced

Routing with render prop:

The most powerful method of using a prop is called render. The render prop is expected to be a function that will be called with the match object along with the location and route configuration.

The render prop allows us to render whatever we want in a subroute, which includes rendering other routes

Setting Up react App (contd...)



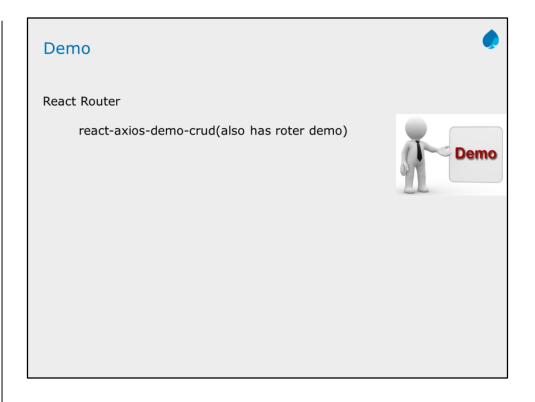
To define a route, we'll use the <Route $\!\!\!\!/\!\!\!\!>$ component export from react-router and pass it a few props:

- path The path for the route to be active
- component The component that defines the view of the route

The <Link /> component requires a prop called to to point to the client-side route where we want to render.

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Routing related Props



We have three prop choices for how you render a component for a given <Route>: component, render, and children.

component should be used when you have an existing component (either a React.Component or a stateless functional component) that we want to render.

Render, which takes an inline function, should only be used when you have to pass in-scope variables to the component we want to render.

We should not use the component prop with an inline function to pass inscope variables because you will get undesired component unmounts/remounts.

Routing related Props



You want to render a Dashboard component, whenever a user navigates to a /dashboard path, you can render by using code below:

```
<Route path='/dashboard' component={Dashboard} />
```

Consider you wanted to pass the Dashboard component prop also along with it.

Then you can achieve it by using the inline function which creates an React element.

```
<Route
  path='/dashboard'
  component={() => <Dashboard isAuthed={true} />}
/>
```

Routing related Props



Using inline function you will be able to pass the props, but it is not the recommended way because of Performance Issue.

When you use component, the router uses React.createElement to create a new React element from the given component.

That means if you provide an inline function to the component attribute, you will create a new component every render.

This results in the existing component unmounting and the new component mounting instead of just updating the existing component.

There is one more way available which you can use to pass the props with the component while routing.

Routing related Props



You can use the render prop, instead of using the component prop.

render accepts a functional component, and that function won't get unnecessarily remounted like with component.

That function will also receive all the same props that component would receive so you can pass those through to the rendered component.

With render, you're in charge of creating the element and can pass the component any props you'd like

The "withRouter" HOC & Route Props



You can get access to the history object's properties and the closest <Route>'s match via the withRouter higher-order component. withRouter will pass updated match, location, and history props to the wrapped component whenever it renders.

const ShowTheLocationWithRouter = withRouter(ShowTheLocation);

withRouter does not subscribe to location changes but re-renders after location changes propagate out from the <Router> component. This means that withRouter does *not* re-render on route transitions unless its parent component re-renders.

If we are using withRouter to prevent updates from being blocked by shouldComponentUpdate, it is important that withRouter wraps the component that implements shouldComponentUpdate.

To use in program, we have to import as below

import { withRouter } from 'react-router-dom';

When you include a main page component in your app, it is often wrapped in a <Route> component like this:

<Route path="/movies" component={Movies} />

Because of the above code snippet

Movies component has access to this.props.history so it can redirect the user with this.props.history.push.

Some components (commonly a header component) appear on every page, so are not wrapped in a <Route>:

render() { return (<Header />); }This means the header cannot redirect the user.

To solve this the header component can be wrapped in a <u>withRouter</u> function, either when it is exported:

export default withRouter(Header)

Thus, Header component access to this.props.history, which means the header can now redirect the user.

Passing & extracting route/query parameters



When you're building for the web, if you want to pass information via the URL, we use Query Strings.

Given below is an example of it, where movieName and rating are query part of query string.

http://www.url.com/user/Prabu/post?theatreName=Devi&rating=4.5

Route Parameter

Ouery Strings

React Router does not have any opinions about how we parse URL query strings.

Some applications use simple key=value query strings, but others embed arrays and objects in the query string.

So it's up to us to parse the search string yourself.

We can get the value using componentDidMount method as shown below

componentDidMount() { const values =
queryString.parse(this.props.location.search) console.log(values.filter) // "top"
console.log(values.origin) // "im" }

Without using query string also we can do by using below code snippet

// let params = new URLSearchParams(location.search);
//return < Child name={params.get("name")}/>;



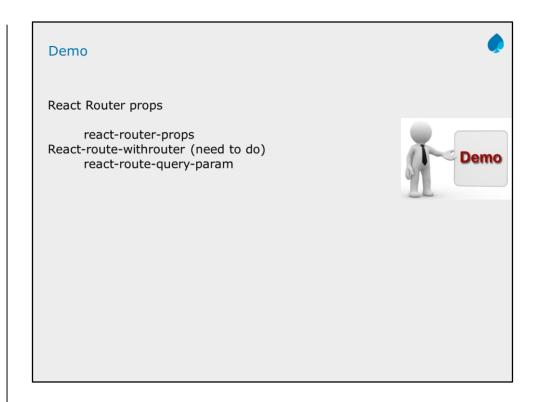
In modern browsers that support the URL API, you can instantiate URLSearchParams object from location.search and use that.

In browsers that do not support the URL API (read: IE) you can use a 3rd party library such as query-string.

Install query-string using npm and then import in the project.

npm install query-string import query-string from 'query-string'

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Using Switch to Load a Single Route



<Switch> returns only one first matching route and this will be wrapped around Route components.

Earlier we had an issue with / rendering the Home component and that of other paths.

If we create a /welcome/movies path, what happens is, the components of the /welcome and /welcome/movies path will be rendered.

This is where Switch will help in this case again by choosing only one route to render, but the most important route must be arranged to come first.



- <Route path="/" exact component={Homepost}
- <Route path="/add-Data" component={Post}
- <Route path="/:id" component={Fetch}

In above code, when Fetch component gets loaded, it will come across Post Component as well.

Using Switch, we can avoid what happens in the image above but only for URLs other than /. exact={true} handles it for /.

Switch allows us to specify a route to render if the URL matches no location. For that route, leave the path prop empty.

So finally switch avoids inclusive route rendering.

```
<Switch>
```

- <Route path="/" exact component={Homepost}
- <Route path="/add-Data" component={Post}
- <Route path="/:id" component={Fetch}
- </Switch>

Navigating Programmatically



The primary way you programmatically navigate using React Router v4 is by using a <Redirect />component

<Redirect /> is

Composable

Declarative

state management (user event -> state change -> re-render)

Syntax of redirect is

<Redirect to="/dashboard"/>

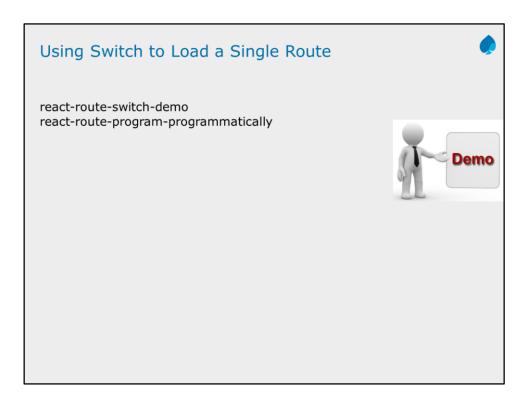
And ensure import is done as shown below

import { Route, Redirect } from 'react-router'

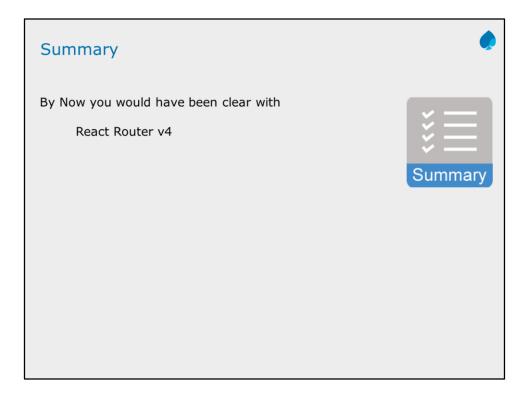
React Router is mostly a wrapper around the history history handles interaction with the browser's window.history for you with its browser and hash histories. It also provides a memory history which is useful for environments that don't have a global history

A history instance has two methods for navigating: push and replace. If you think of the history as an array of visited locations, push will add a new location to the array and replace will replace the current location in the array with the new one. Typically you will want to use the pushmethod when you are navigating.

In earlier versions of React Router, you had to create your own history instance, but in v4 the <BrowserRouter>, <HashRouter>, and <MemoryRouter> components will create a browser, hash, and memory instances for you. React Router makes the properties and methods of the history instance associated with your router available through the context, under the router object.



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