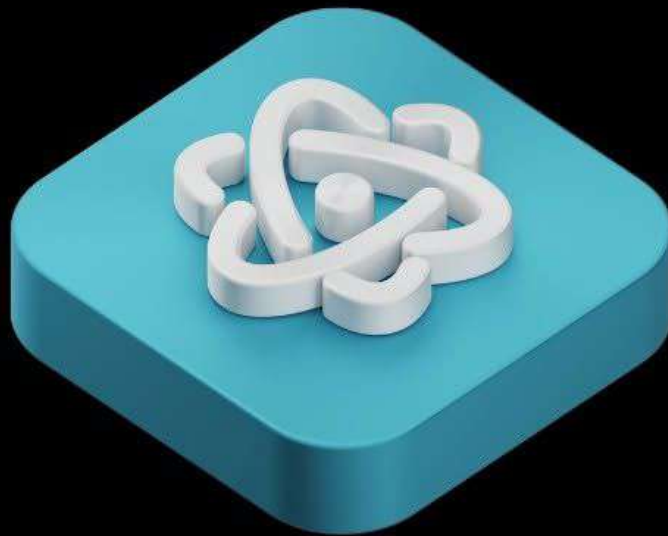


# What Is **React?**



## WHAT IS REACT?

React is a JavaScript library for building user interfaces, especially for single-page applications. It enables developers to create reusable components that manage their own state and efficiently update the UI using a Virtual DOM.



## Explanation with Examples:

### Component-Based Architecture:

- React divides the UI into small, independent pieces called components.

```
function Welcome(props) {  
  return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;  
}
```



This Welcome component displays a greeting message, and you can reuse it with different names:

```
<Welcome name="Alice" />  
<Welcome name="Bob" />
```



## Virtual DOM:

React uses a Virtual DOM to efficiently manage updates. When a component's state changes, React compares the new Virtual DOM with the old one and updates only the necessary parts in the actual DOM.

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = React.useState(0);  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <p>You clicked {count} times</p>  
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Click me</button>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```



## JSX:

- JSX allows you to write HTML-like code within JavaScript, making it easier to design components.

```
function App() {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h1>Welcome to My React App</h1>  
      <p>This is a simple component.</p>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```



## Unidirectional Data Flow:

- In React, data flows from parent components to child components, making the application predictable and easier to debug.

```
function ParentComponent() {  
  const message = "Hello from Parent";  
  
  return <ChildComponent message={message} />;  
}  
  
function ChildComponent(props) {  
  return <h2>{props.message}</h2>;  
}
```



The **ParentComponent** passes the **message** to **ChildComponent**, demonstrating unidirectional data flow.

React's approach to building UIs with reusable components, efficient updates via the Virtual DOM, and clear data flow makes it a powerful tool for developing dynamic, interactive web applications.





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