5.1 | React Deep dive

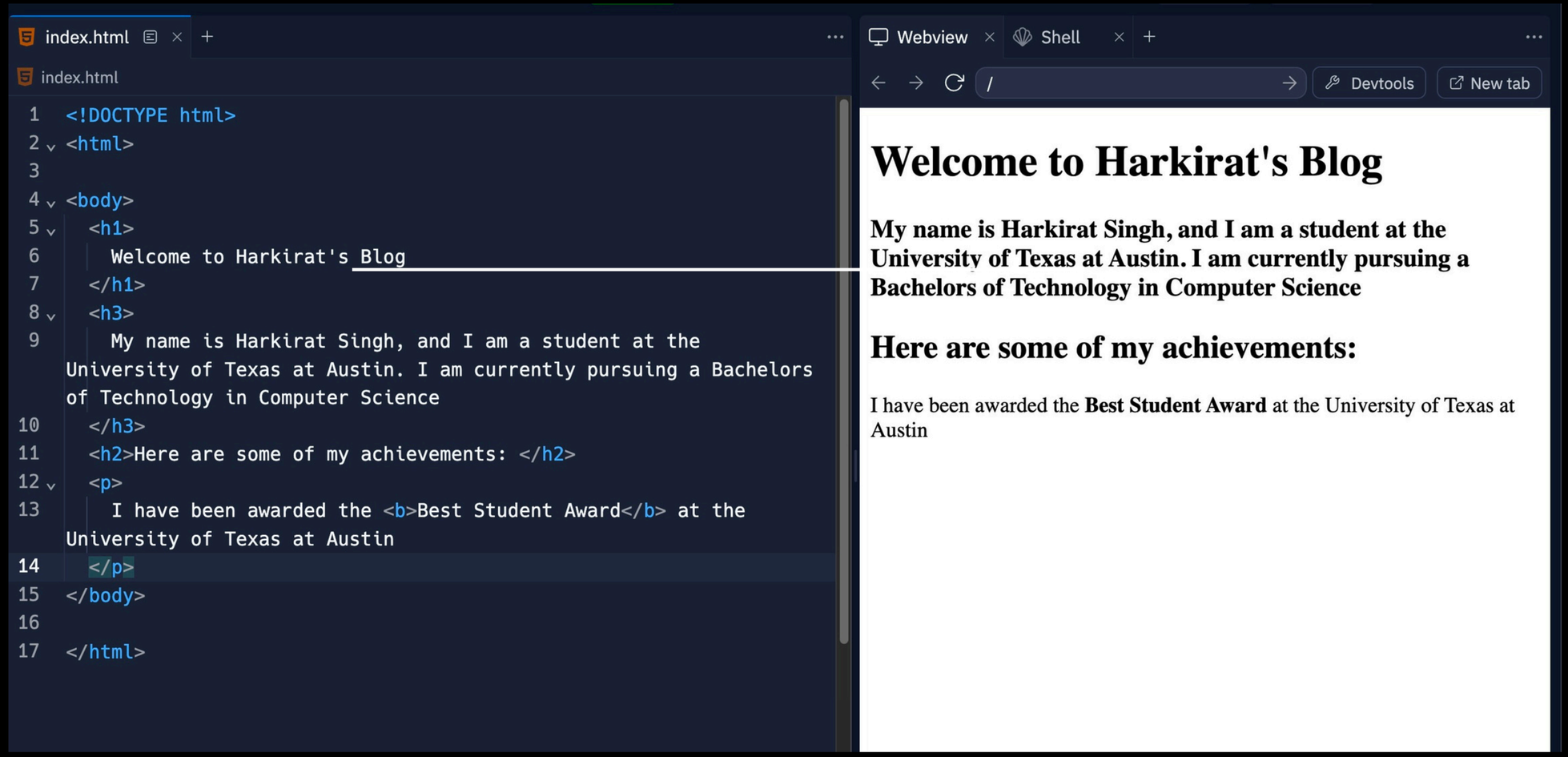
Understanding React from examples

Jargon we’ll learn today

Jsx, class vs className, static vs dynamic websites,
State, components, re-rendering

Why do you need React?

For static websites, you don't!



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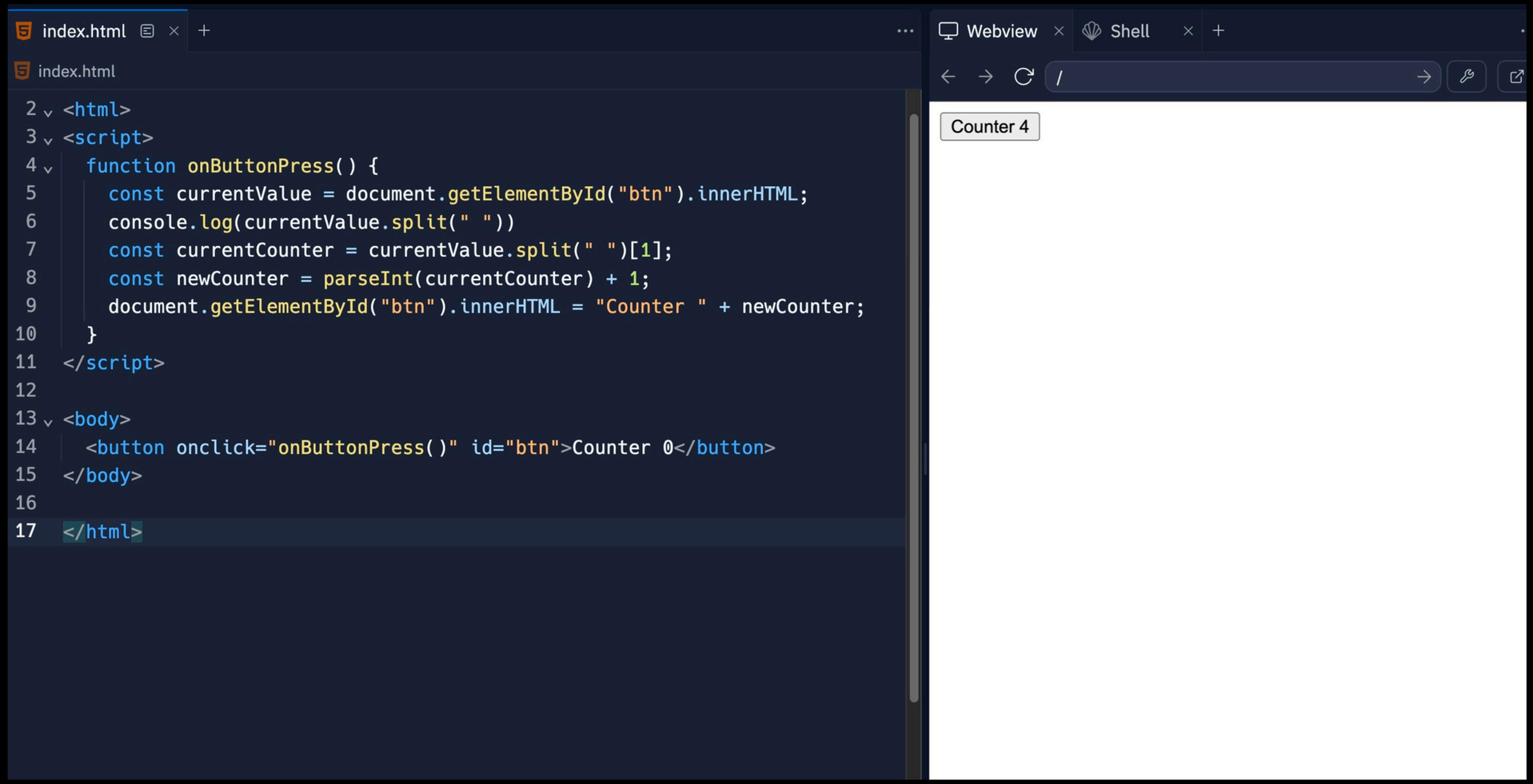
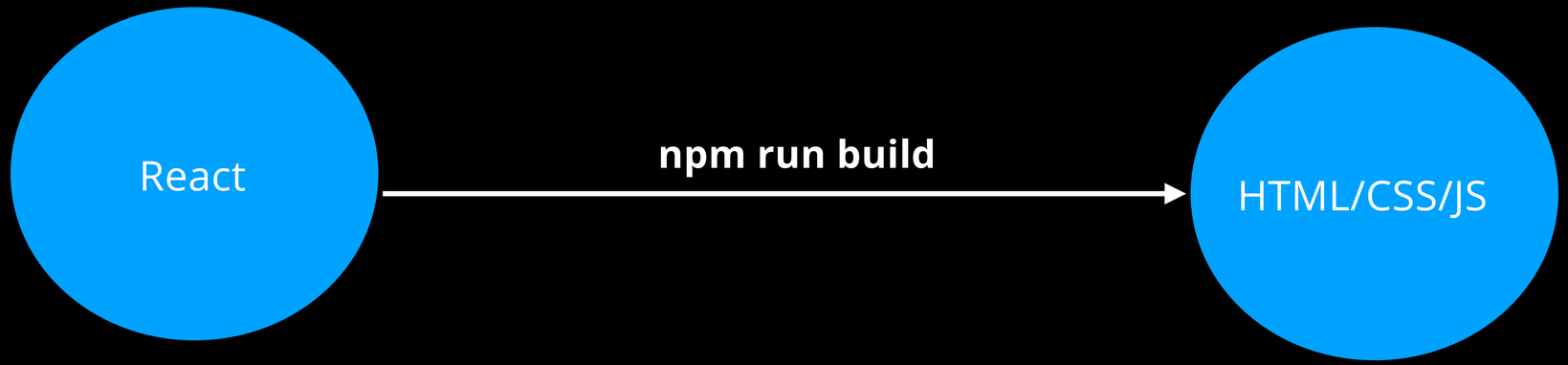
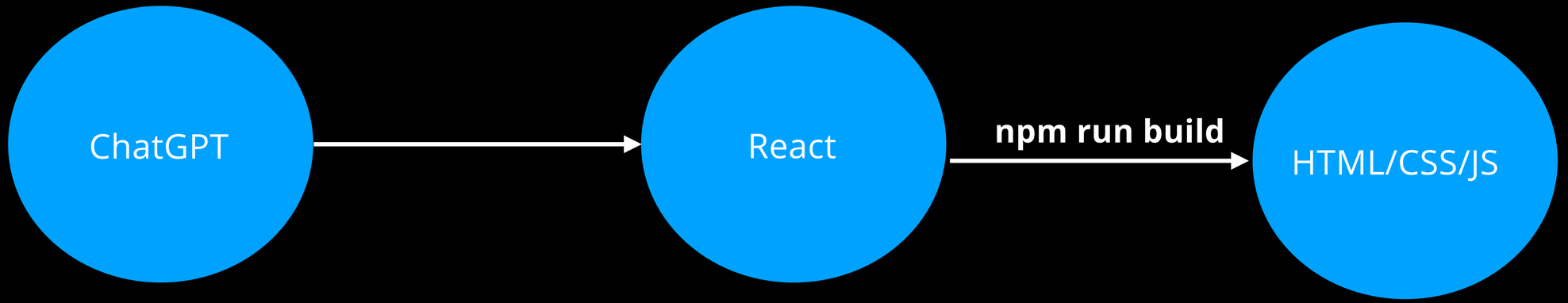
For dynamic websites, these libraries make it easier to do DOM manipulation



React is just an easier way to write normal HTML/CSS/JS
It’s a new syntax, that under the hood gets converted to HTML/CSS/JS



Just how ChatGPT is an easier way to write code, React is an easier way to write HTML/CSS

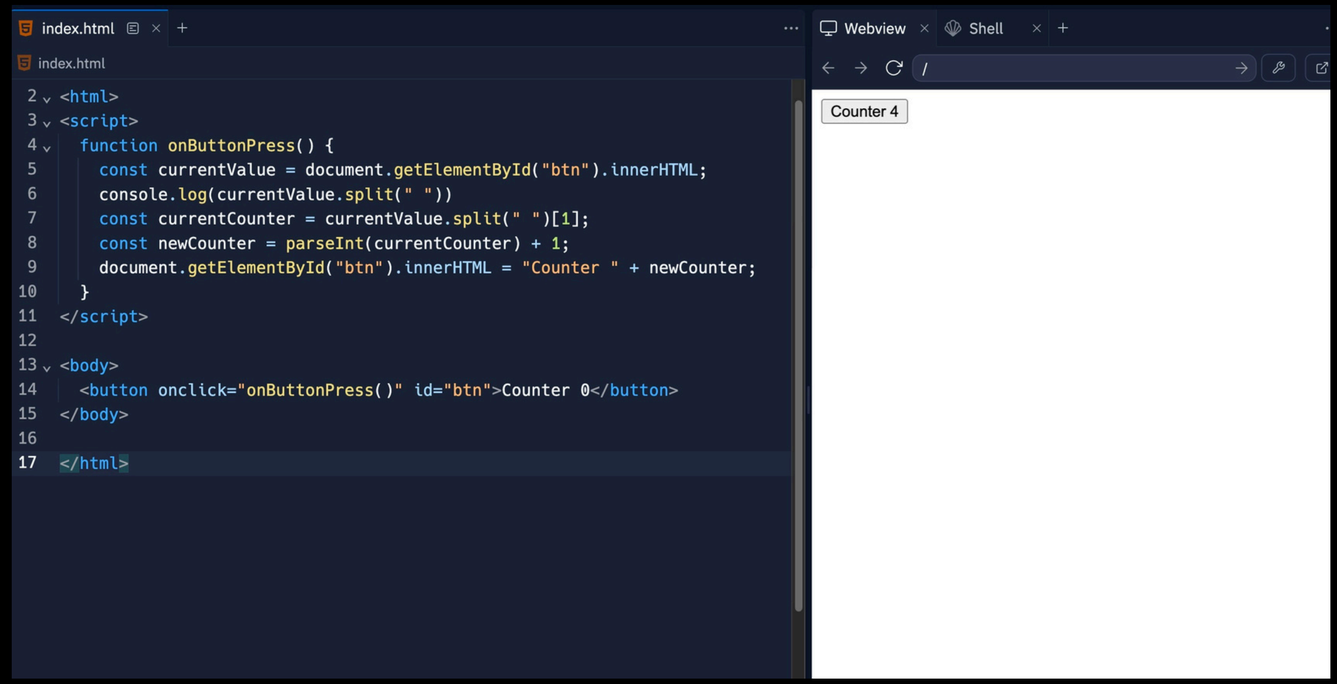


Why React?

People realised it’s harder to do DOM manipulation the conventional way
There were libraries that came into the picture that made it slightly easy, but still for a very big app it’s very hard (JQuery)
Eventually, VueJS/React created a new syntax to do frontends
Under the hood, the react compiler convert your code to HTML/CSS/JS

Let’s look at a simple example

Problem with this approach
1.Too much code you have to write as the developer
2.As your app scales (todo app for eg), this gets harder and harder.



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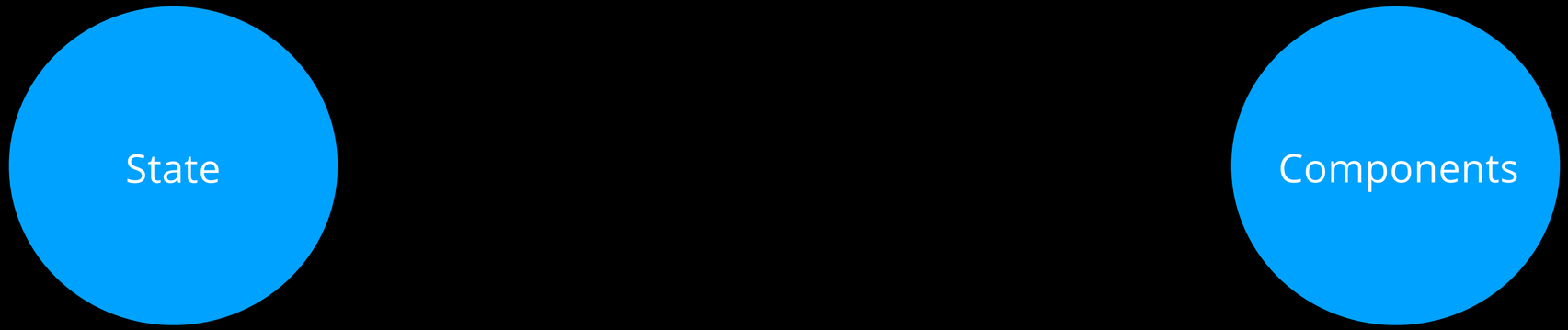

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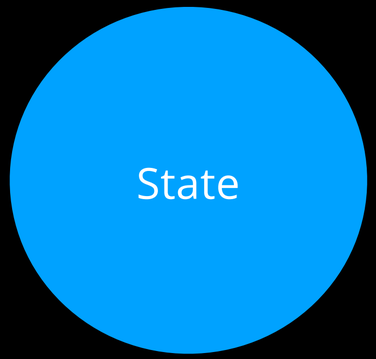
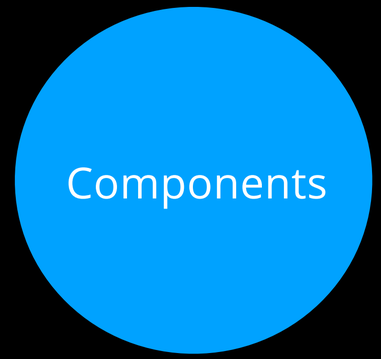
Creators of frontend frameworks realised that all websites can effectively be divided into two parts





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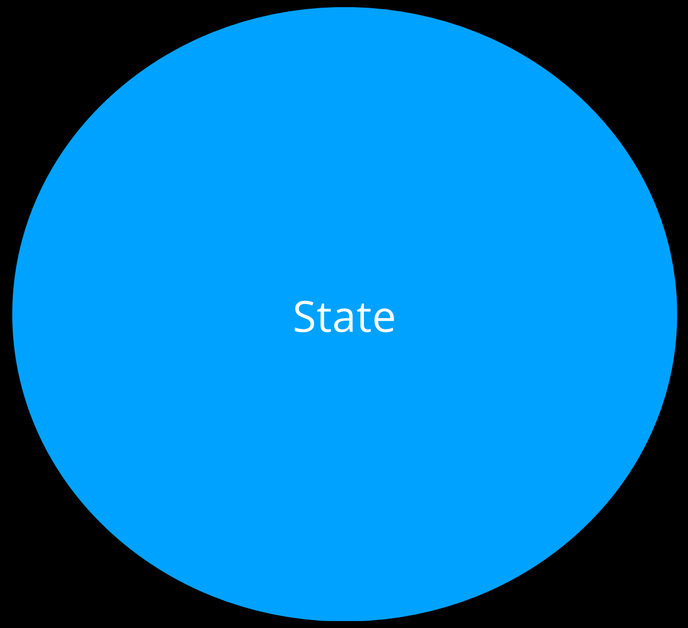

An object that represents the current state of the app

It represents the dynamic things in your app (things that change)

For example, the value of the counter

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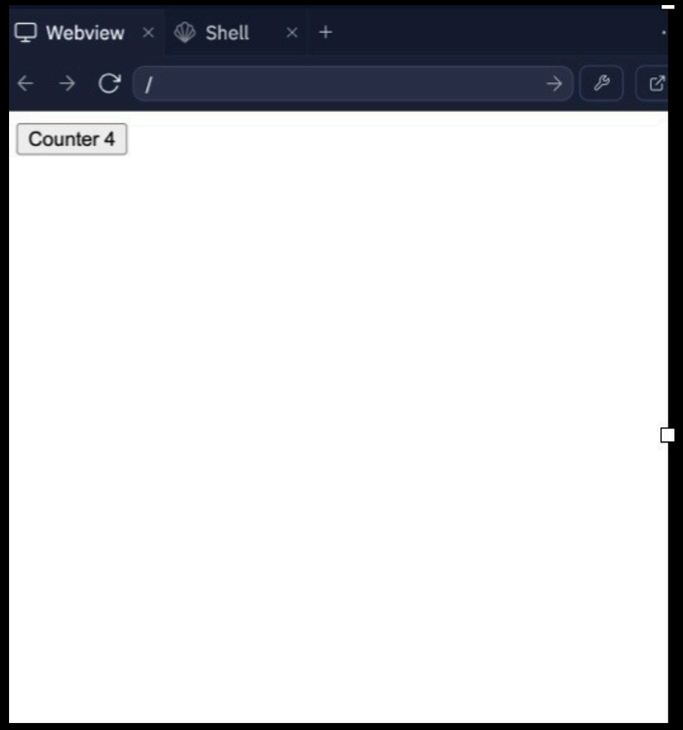

For the counter app, it could look something like this -

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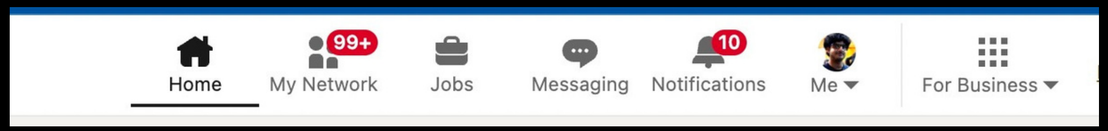
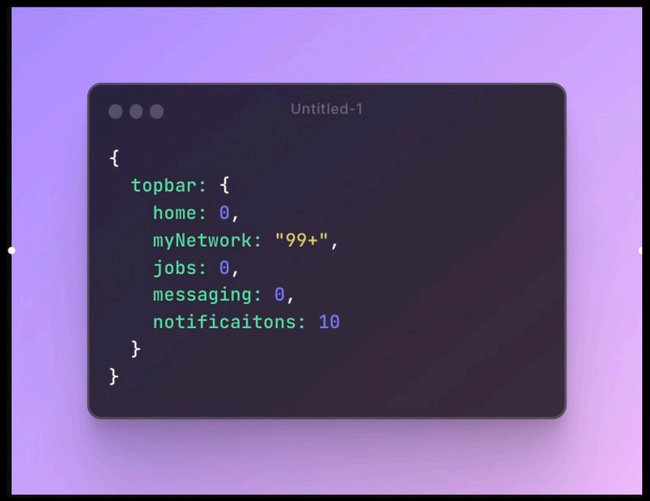
For the LinkedIn Topbar, it could be something like this -





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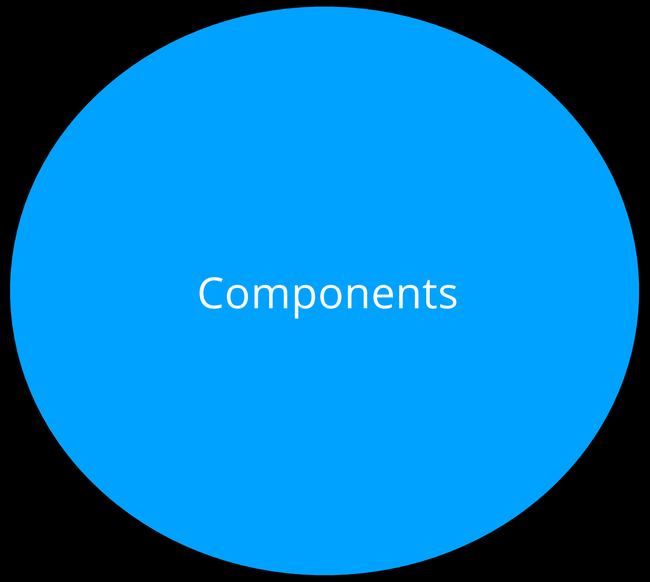

How a DOM element should render, given a state
It is a re-usable, dynamic, HTML snippet that changes given the state

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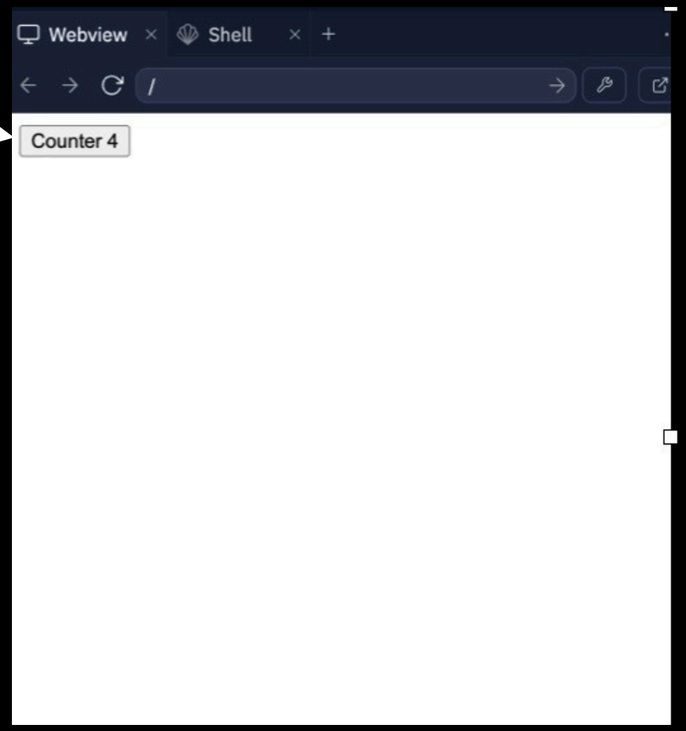
This button is a component
It takes the state (currentCount) as an input
And is supposed to render accordingly



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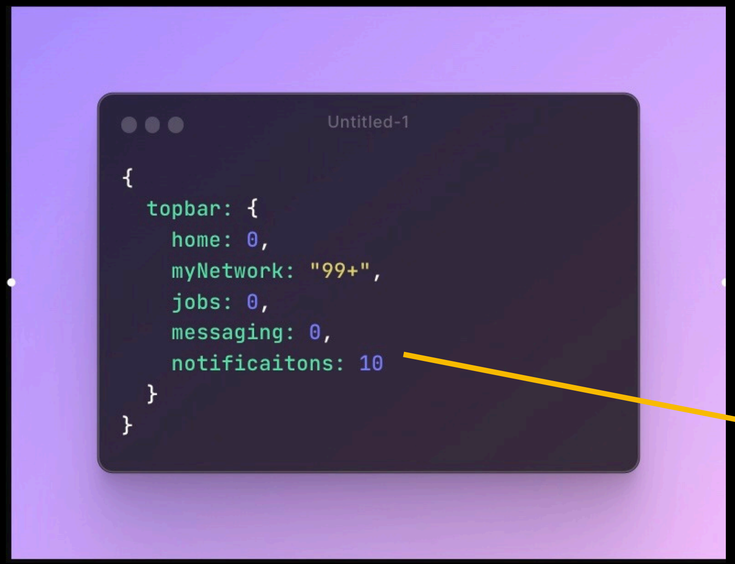

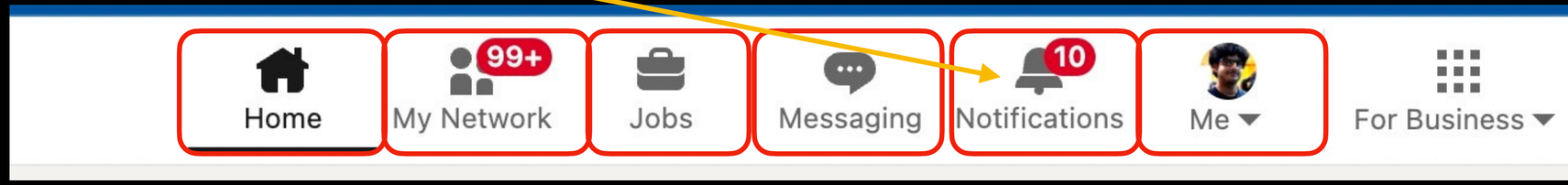

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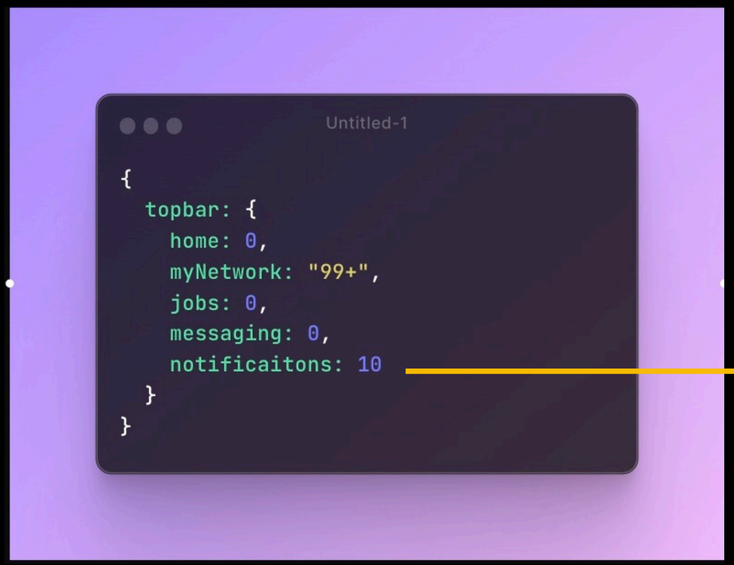

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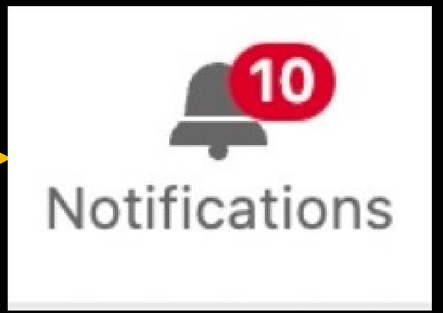

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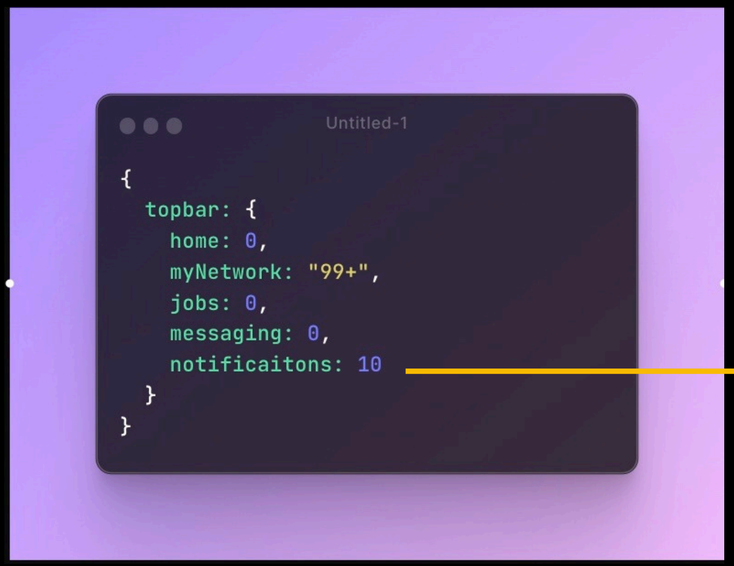

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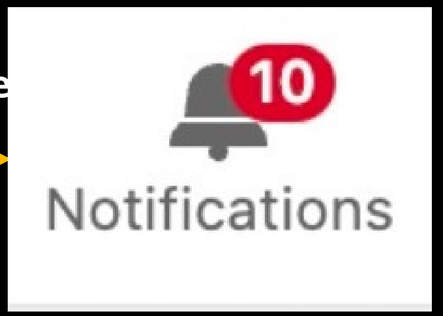

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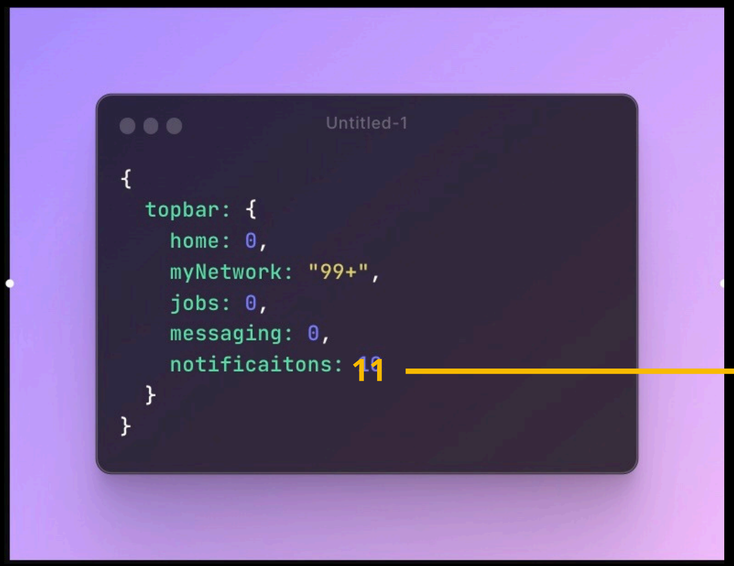

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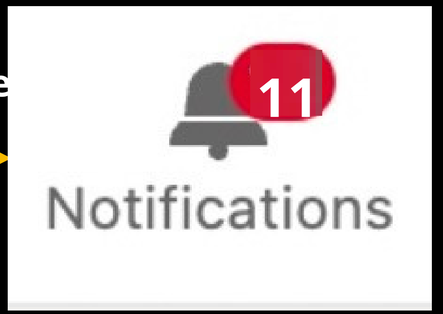
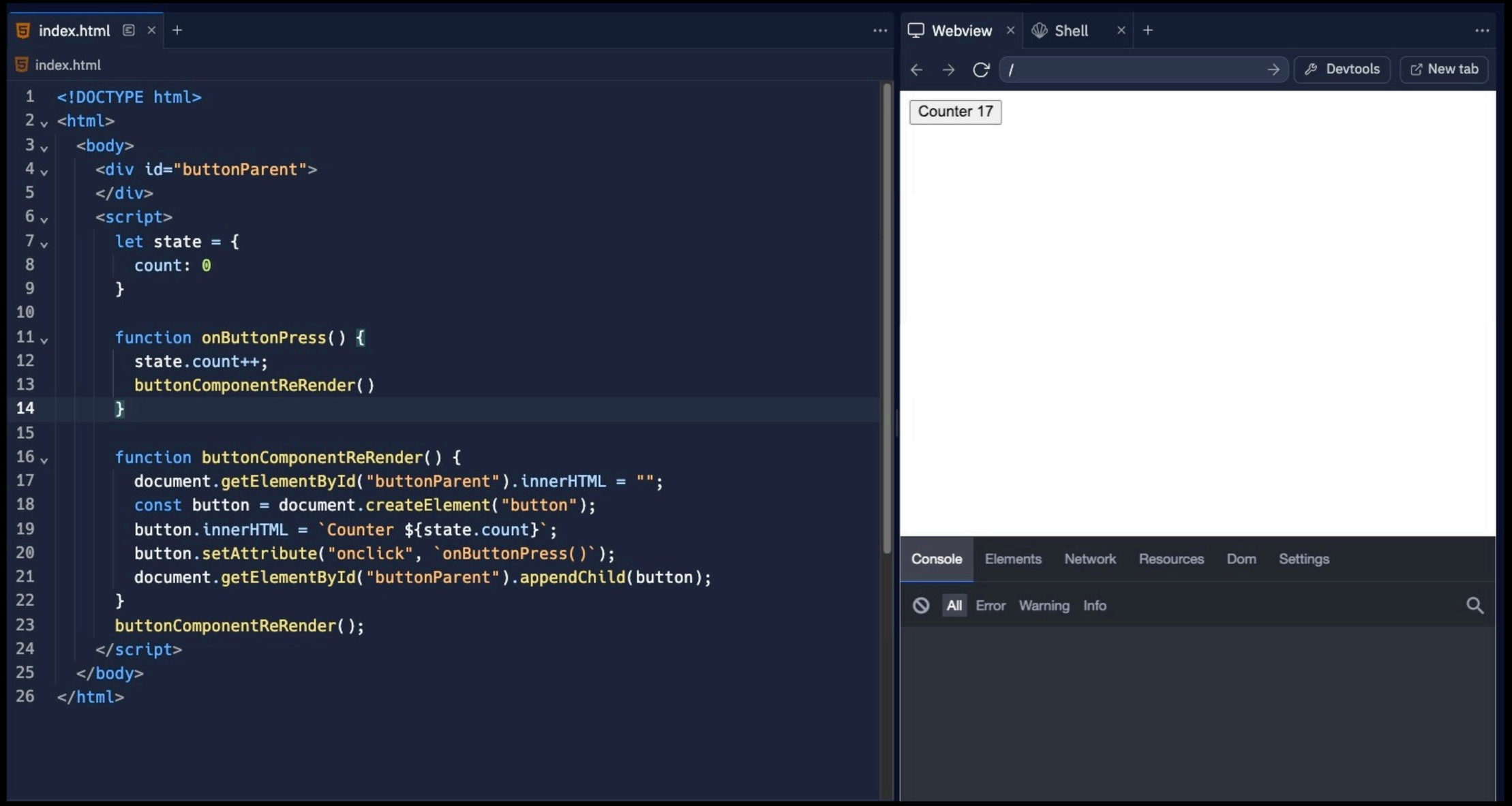


State/Components/Re-rendering

You usually have to define all your components once
And then all you have to do is update the state of your app, React takes care of re-rendering your app

Let’s create a counter app using state/components



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1. State initialisation

Let’s create a counter app using state/components

2. Defining the button component

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The react library

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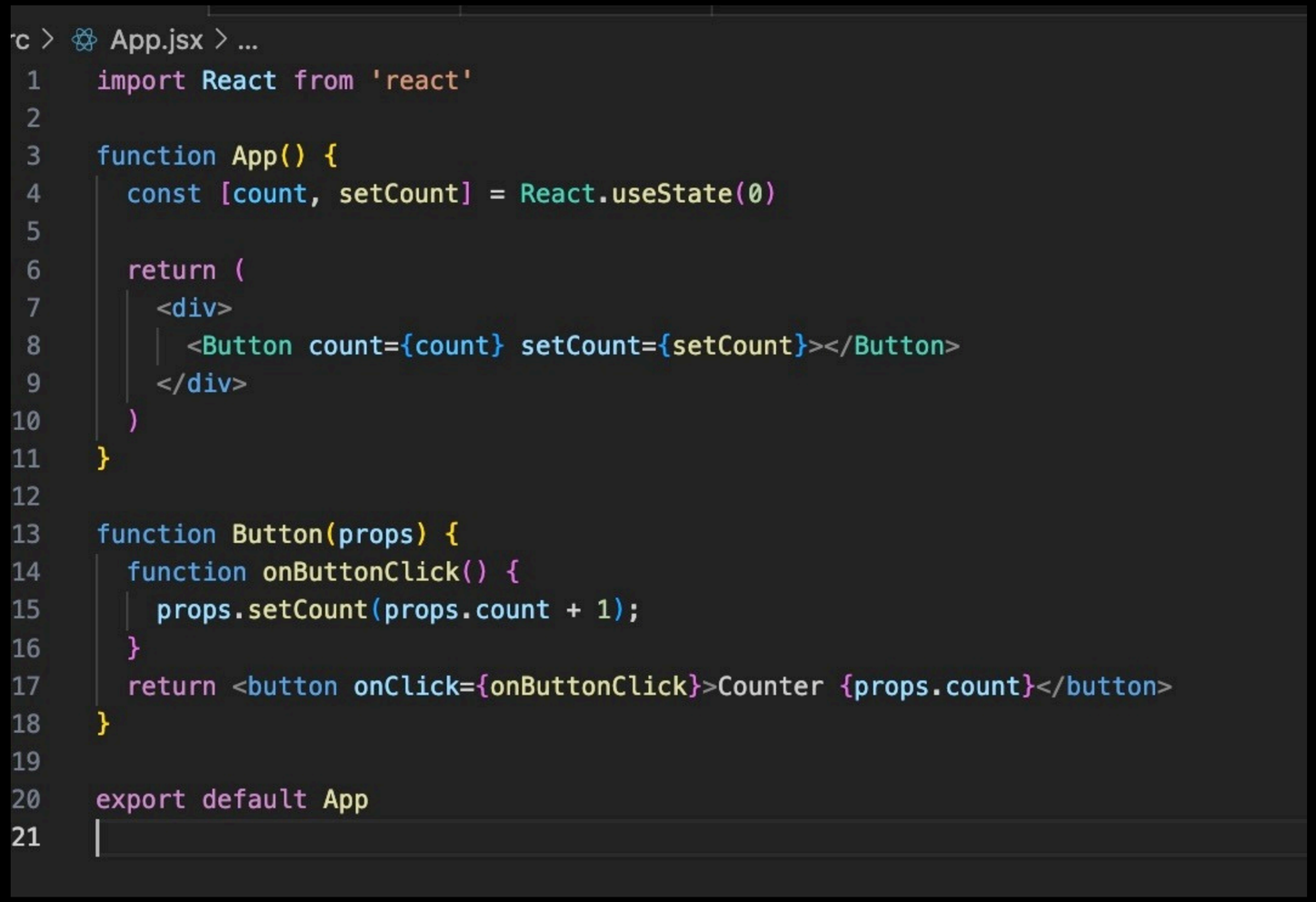

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What Is jsx

JSX stands for JavaScript XML. It is a syntax extension for JavaScript, most commonly used with React, a popular JavaScript library for building user interfaces. JSX allows you to write HTML-like code directly within JavaScript. This makes it easier to create and manage the user interface in React applications.

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