

Full-stack Application Development

Introduction to React

Where to Find The Code and Materials?

https://github.com/iproduct/fullstack-typescript-react



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Agenda

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MVC Comes in Different Flavors



What is the difference between following patterns:

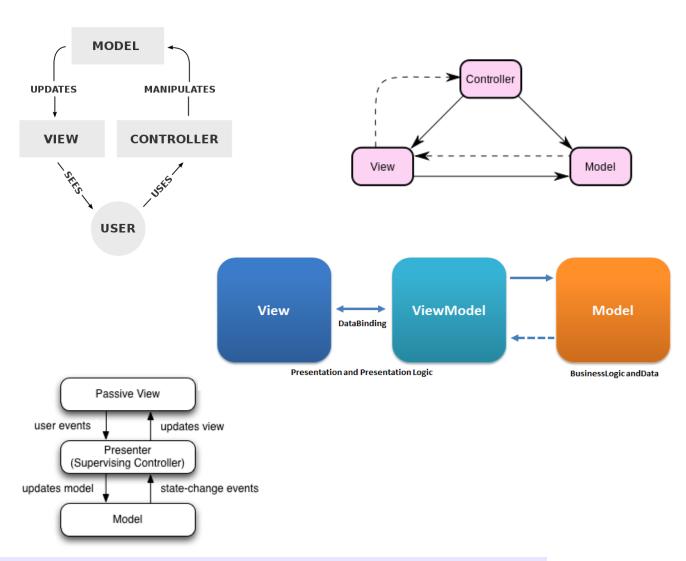
- Model-View-Controller (MVC)
- Model-View-ViewModel (MVVM)
- Model-View-Presenter (MVP)

MVC Comes in Different Flavors - 2

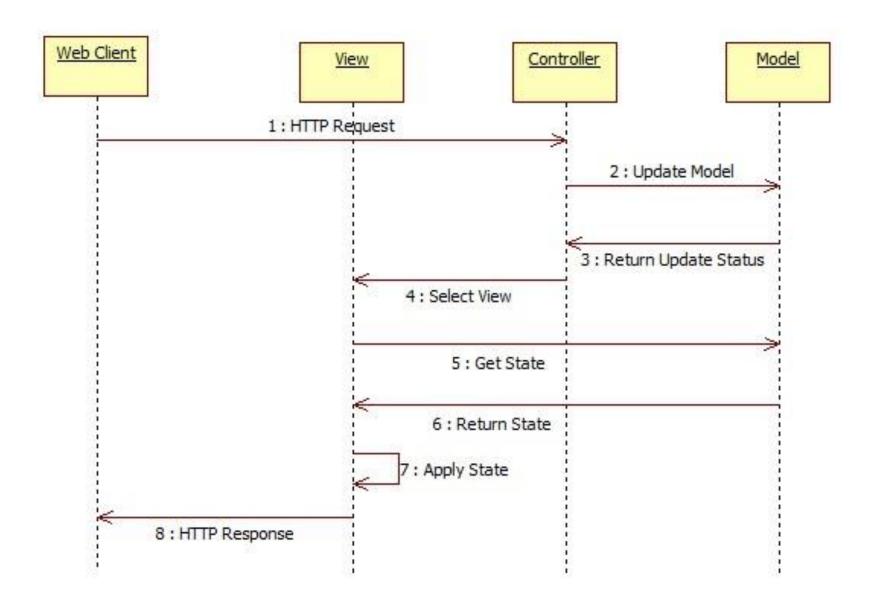
• MVC

• MVVM

• MVP

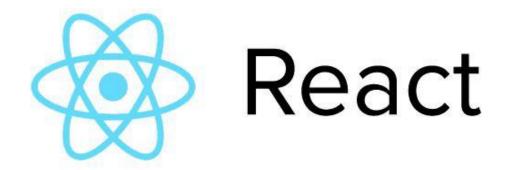


Web MVC Interactions Sequence Diagram



Why React?

- **React.js** is a JavaScript library for creating user interfaces by Facebook and Instagram the V in MVC.
- Solves well one problem: building large applications with data that changes over time
- Simple and superfast one-way reactive data flow



Why React?

- Declarative and one-way reactive data flow simply express how your app should look, and React will automatically manage all UI updates when your underlying data changes
- Component oriented SPA development using pure JavaScript (ES 6) React is all about building composable and reusable components - code reuse, testing, and separation of concerns
- Virtual DOM allows decoupling of components from DOM, rendering done as last step
- Allows isomorphic (client + server side) rendering
- MVC framework agnostic Flux, Redux, Reflux, ...
- Availabale at: https://facebook.github.io/react



React.js by Example – JSX Syntax

```
import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom";
import Hello from "./hello";
ReactDOM.render(
  <Hello name="World" />,
  document.getElementById('app')
```

```
import React from "react";
export default
class Hello extends React.Component
  render() {
    return (
      <div className="hello">
        <h2>
           Hello, {this.props.name}!
        </h2>
      </div>
             JavaScript syntax extension (JSX)
                that looks similar to XML
```

Hello React TypeScript Example - index.tsx

npx create-react-app 07-ts-react --template typescript

```
import React from 'react';
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
import './index.css';
import App from './App';
import * as serviceWorker from './serviceWorker';
ReactDOM.render(
 <React.StrictMode>
  <App />
 </React.StrictMode>,
 document.getElementById('root')
serviceWorker.unregister();
```

Hello React TypeScript Example – App.tsx (Function Component)

```
import React from 'react';
import logo from './logo.svg';
import './App.css';
import { Hello } from './Hello';
function App() {
   return (
    <div className="App">
     <header className="App-header">
       <img src={logo} className="App-logo" alt="logo" />
       Edit <code>src/App.tsx</code> and save to reload.
       <a className="App-link" href="https://reactjs.org" target="_blank" rel="noopener noreferrer">
        Learn React
       </a>
       <Hello compiler="TypeScript" framework="React" />
      </header>
    </div>
export default App;
```

Hello React TypeScript Example – Hello.tsx (Class Component)

```
import React from 'react';
export interface HelloProps {
 compiler: string;
 framework: string;
// 'HelloProps' describes the shape of props. State is never set so we use the '{}' type.
export class Hello extends React.Component<HelloProps, {}> {
render() {
  return (
   <div>
     <h1>Hello from {this.props.compiler} and {this.props.framework}!!! </h1>
   </div>
```

React TypeScript Component with PropTypes Runtime Validation

```
import React from 'react';
import PropTypes from 'prop-types';
export interface HelloProps {
 compiler: string;
 framework: string;
export class Hello extends React.Component<HelloProps, {}> {
 static propTypes = {
  compiler: PropTypes.string.isRequired,
  framework: PropTypes.string.isRequired,
 render() {
  return (
   <div>
     <h1>Hello from {this.props.compiler} and {this.props.framework}!</h1>
   </div>
```

Comments Demo Example – Pure JavaScript

```
import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom";
let CommentBox = React.createClass({displayName: 'CommentBox',
  render: function() {
    return (
      React.createElement('div', {className: "commentBox"},
        "Hello, world! I am new CommentBox."
ReactDOM.render(
  React.createElement(CommentBox, null),
  document.getElementById('app')
```

Lets Do Some React Code:)

Official React Comments tutorial:

https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/tutorial.html

React comment box example available @GitHub:

https://github.com/reactjs/react-tutorial

React.js documentation and API:

https://facebook.github.io/react/docs

Top Level API

- React the entry point to the React library. If you're using one of the prebuilt packages it's available as a global; if you're using CommonJS modules you can require() it.
- ReactDOM provides DOM-specific methods that can be used at the top level of your app and as an escape hatch to get outside of the React model if you need to. Most of your components should not need to use this module.
- ReactDOMServer the react-dom/server package allows you to render your components on the server: ReactDOMServer.renderToString(ReactElement element)
- @: https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/top-level-api.html



React ES6 Demo Example

```
export class Counter extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
    super(props);
   this.state = {count: props.initialCount};
   this.tick = this.tick.bind(this);
 tick() {
   this.setState({count: this.state.count + 1});
 render() {
    return (
      <div onClick={this.tick}>
       Clicks: {this.state.count}
      </div>
Counter.propTypes = { initialCount: PropTypes.number };
Counter.defaultProps = { initialCount: 0 };
```

React Components

- Virtual DOM everything is a component (e.g. <div> in JSX), rendering done as last step
- Components are like functions of three arguments:
- this.props these is the external interface of the component, passed as attributes

 allow the parent component ("owner") to pass state and behavior to
 embedded ("owned") components. Should never be mutated within
 component immutable.
- this.props.children part of the component interface but passed in the body of the component (component tag)
- this.state internal state of the component should be mutated only using React.Component.setState(nextState, [callback])

React Components as Pure Functions

```
function HelloMessage(props) {
   return <div>Hello {props.name}</div>;
ReactDOM.render(<HelloMessage name="React User" />, mountNode);

    OR using ES6 => syntax:

const HelloMessage = (props) => <div>Hello {props.name}</div>;
ReactDOM.render(<HelloMessage name="React User" />, mountNode);
```

What Components Should Have State?

- Most components should just render data from props. However, sometimes you need to respond to user input, a server request or the passage of time => then use state.
- Try to keep as many of your components as possible stateless makes easier to reason about your application
- Common pattern: create several stateless components that just render data, and have a stateful component above them in the hierarchy that passes its state to its children via props.
- Stateful component encapsulates all of the interaction logic
- Stateless components take care of rendering data in a declarative way

JSX Syntax

- With JSX: Hello!
- In pure JS: React.createElement('a',

```
{href: 'https://facebook.github.io/react/'}, 'Hello!')
```

 JSX is optional – we could write everything without it, but it is not very convenient:

```
var child1 = React.createElement('li', null, 'First Text Content');
var child2 = React.createElement('li', null, 'Second Text Content');
var root = React.createElement('ul', { className: 'my-list' }, child1, child2);
```

JS Syntax Using Factories

 We can use factories to simplify the component use from JS: var Factory = React.createFactory(ComponentClass); var root = Factory({ custom: 'prop' }); ReactDOM.render(root, document.getElementById('example')); For standard components like <div> there are factories built-in: var root = React.DOM.ul({ className: 'my-list' }, React.DOM.li(null, 'Text Content')

JS Syntax in Depth

• Since JSX is JavaScript, identifiers such as class and for are discouraged as XML attribute names. Instead, React DOM components expect DOM property names like className and htmlFor, respectively.

```
var myDivElement = <div className="foo" />;
ReactDOM.render(myDivElement, document.getElementById('example'));
```

To render it use Uppercase variable → comp.displayName:

```
var MyComponent = React.createClass({/*...*/});
var myElm = <MyComponent someProperty={true} />;
ReactDOM.render(myElm, document.getElementById('example'));
```

JavaScript Expressions

Attribute Expressions:

```
var person = <Person name= {app.isLoggedIn ? app.currentUser : ""} />;
```

Boolean Attributes:

```
<input type="button" disabled />;
<input type="button" disabled={true} />;
```

Child Expressions:

JSX Spread Attributes

- Mutating props is bad should be treated as immutable
- Spread Attributes:

```
var props = {};
props.foo = x;
props.bar = y;
var component = <Component {...props} />;
```

• Order is important – property value overriding:

```
var props = { foo: 'default' };
var component = <Component {...props} foo={'override'} />;
console.log(component.props.foo); // 'override'
```

HTML Entities in JSX

 Double escaping (all content is escaped by default – XSS): <div>First · Next</div> - OK <div>{'First · Next'}</div> - Double escaped Solution 1: type (and save) it in UTF-8: <div>{'First · Next'}</div> Solution 2: use Unicode <div>{'First \u00b7 Next'}</div> <div>{'First ' + String.fromCharCode(183) + 'Next'}</div> Solution 3: use mixed arrays with strings and JSX elements: <div>{['First ', ·, 'Next']}</div> Solution 4 (last resort): type (and save) it in UTF-8: <div dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{__html: 'First · Next'}} />

HTML Entities in JSX

- If you pass properties to native HTML elements that do not exist in the HTML specification, React will not render them.
- Custom attributes should be prefixed with data -:
 - <div data-custom-attribute="foo" />
- Custom elements (with a hyphen in the tag name) support arbitrary attributes:
 - <x-my-component custom-attribute="foo" />
- Web Accessibility attributes starting with aria- are rendered:
 - <div aria-hidden={true} />

Immediately-Invoked Function Expressions

```
return (
 <section>
  <h1>Color</h1>
  <h3>Name</h3> {this.state.color | | "white"}
  <h3>Hex</h3>
   {(()) => {
    switch (this.state.color) {
     case "red": return "#FF0000";
     case "green": return "#00FF00";
     default: return "#FFFFFF";
   })()}
  </section>
```

Events in React

- SyntheticEvent(s) event handlers are passed instances of SyntheticEvent - cross-browser wrapper around native events
- Same interface: stopPropagation(), preventDefault()
- Event pooling all SyntheticEvent(s) are pooled = objects will be reused and all properties will be nullified after the event callback has been invoked (performance) -not for async access:
- Example: https://facebook.github.io/react/docs/events.html
- If you want event to be persistent, call: event.persist()
- Event types: Clipboard, Composition, Keyboard, Focus, Form, Mouse, Selection, Touch, UI Events, Wheel, Media, Image, Animation, Transition

Transferring Props

```
function FancyCheckbox(props) {
 let { checked, ...other } = props;
 let fancyClass = checked ? 'FancyChecked' : 'FancyUnchecked';
 // `other` contains { onClick: console.log } but not the checked property
 return (<div {...other} className={fancyClass} />);
ReactDOM.render(
 <FancyCheckbox checked={true} onClick={console.log.bind(console)}>
  Hello world!
 </FancyCheckbox>,
 document.getElementById('example')
```

Forms in React – Controlled Components

- Interactive Props form components support a few props that are affected via user interactions:
 - value supported by <input> and <textarea> components
 - checked supported by <input> of type checkbox or radio
 - selected supported by <option> components
- Above form components allow listening for changes by setting a callback to the onChange prop:

```
handleAuthorChange(e) { this.setState({author: e.target.value}); }
<input type="text" value={this.state.author} placeholder="Your name"
    onChange={this.handleAuthorChange}/>
```

 Controlled component does not maintain its own internal state – the component renders purely based on props

React Component Lifecycle Callbacks (1)

- React components lifecycle has 3 phases:
 - -Mounting: A component is being inserted into the DOM.
 - Updating: A component is being re-rendered to determine if the DOM should be updated.
 - -Unmounting: A component being removed from the DOM.
- Mounting lifecycle callbacks:

constructor()

static getDerivedStateFromProps() - if the state depends on changes in props
render()

componentDidMount() - is invoked immediately after mounting occurs. Initialization that requires DOM nodes should go here.

React Component Lifecycle Callbacks (2)

static getDerivedStateFromProps(props, state) - invoked right before calling the render method, both on the initial mount and on subsequent updates. It should return an object to update the state, or null to update nothing. It enables a component to update its internal state as the result of changes in props.

- Examples:
 - recording the current scroll direction based on a changing offset prop
 - loading external data specified by a source prop
 - reading DOM properties before an update

Simpler Alternatives to getDerivedStateFromProps

- If you need to perform a side effect (for example, data fetching or an animation) in response to a change in props, use <u>componentDidUpdate</u> lifecycle instead.
- If you want to re-compute some data only when a prop changes, use a memoization helper instead.
- If you want to "reset" some state when a prop changes, consider either making a component <u>fully controlled</u> or <u>fully uncontrolled</u> with a key instead.

Updating Lifecycle Callbacks

static getDerivedStateFromProps(props, state)

shouldComponentUpdate(object nextProps, object nextState): boolean – invoked when a component decides whether to update - optimization comparing this.props with nextProps and this.state with nextState and return false if React should skip updating.

render()

getSnapshotBeforeUpdate(prevProps, prevState) - invoked right before the most recently rendered output is committed to e.g. the DOM. It enables your component to capture some information from the DOM (e.g. scroll position) before it is potentially changed. Any value returned by this lifecycle will be passed as a parameter to componentDidUpdate().

componentDidUpdate(object prevProps, object prevState) – invoked after updating occurs.

Unmounting Lifecycle Callbacks:

- Unmounting
- **componentWillUnmount()** invoked immediately before a component is unmounted and destroyed. Cleanup should go here.
- Error Handling
- static getDerivedStateFromError(error) invoked after an error has been thrown by a descendant component. It receives the error that was thrown as a parameter and should return a value to update state.
- componentDidCatch(error, info) invoked after an error has been thrown by a descendant component
- Mounted composite components also support:
- **component.forceUpdate()** can be invoked on any mounted component when you know that some deeper aspect of the component's state has changed without using **this.setState()**.

React Hooks – New in React 16!

https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-intro.html

- Hooks are a new addition in React 16.8. They let you use state and other React features without writing a class.
- Basic Hooks

```
- useState: const [state, setState] = useState(initialState);
- useEffect: useEffect(() => {
      const subscription = props.source.subscribe();
      return () => { subscription.unsubscribe() }; });
```

- useContext allows to access resources application wide
- Additional Hooks useReducer, useCallback, useMemo, useRef, useImperativeHandle, useLayoutEffect, useDebugValue – will be discussed later during the course

React Hooks Example: useState

```
const GOOLE BOOKS API BASE = "https://www.googleapis.com/books/v1/volumes?q=";
  function App() {
    const [books, setBooks] = useState(mockBooks);
    return (
      <React.Fragment>
      <Nav searchBooks={onSearchBooks} />
      <div className="section no-pad-bot" id="index-banner">
         <div className="container">
        <Header />
         <BookList books={books} />
         </div>
      </div>
      <Footer />
      </React.Fragment>
     async function onSearchBooks(searchText) {
      const booksResp = await fetch(GOOLE BOOKS API BASE + encodeURIComponent(searchText));
      const booksFound = await booksResp.json();
      console.log(booksFound.items);
      setBooks(booksFound.items.map(gbook => ({
         'id': gbook.id,
         'title': gbook.volumeInfo.title,
         'subtitle': gbook.volumeInfo.subtitle,
         'frontPage': gbook.volumeInfo.imageLinks && gbook.volumeInfo.imageLinks.thumbnail
      })));
```

React Hooks Example: useEffect

```
import { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
function useFriendStatus(friendID) {
   const [isOnline, setIsOnline] = useState(null);
   useEffect(() => {
     function handleStatusChange(status) {
        setIsOnline(status.isOnline);
     ChatAPI.subscribeToFriendStatus(friendID, handleStatusChange);
     return () => {
        ChatAPI.unsubscribeFromFriendStatus(friendID, handleStatusChange);
     };
   });
   return isOnline;
```

Rules of Hooks

- Only Call Hooks at the Top Level don't call Hooks inside loops, conditions, or nested functions. Instead, always use Hooks at the top level of your React function. By following this rule, you ensure that Hooks are called in the same order each time a component renders. That's what allows React to correctly preserve the state of Hooks between multiple useState and useEffect calls.
- Only Call Hooks from React Functions don't call Hooks from regular JavaScript functions. Instead, you can:
- ✓ Call Hooks from React function components.
- ✓ Call Hooks from custom Hooks (we'll learn about them on the next slide)...

Custom Hooks

```
import { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
function useFriendStatus(friendID) {
  const [isOnline, setIsOnline] = useState(null);
  useEffect(() => {
    function handleStatusChange(status) {
       setIsOnline(status.isOnline);
    ChatAPI.subscribeToFriendStatus(friendID, handleStatusChange);
     return () => {
       ChatAPI.unsubscribeFromFriendStatus(friendID, handleStatusChange);
  return isOnline;
```

Component Properties Validation (1)

```
React.createClass({
 propTypes: {
  // Optional basic JS type properties
  optionalArray: React.PropTypes.array,
  optionalBool: React.PropTypes.bool,
  optionalFunc: React.PropTypes.func,
  optionalNumber: React.PropTypes.number,
  optionalObject: React.PropTypes.object,
  optionalString: React.PropTypes.string,
  optionalSymbol: React.PropTypes.symbol,
```

Component Properties Validation (2)

```
// Anything that can be rendered: numbers, strings, elements
     // an array (or fragment) containing these types.
optionalNode: React.PropTypes.node,
// A React element.
optionalElement: React.PropTypes.element,
// You can also declare that a prop is an instance of a class.
optionalMessage: React.PropTypes.instanceOf(Message),
```

Component Properties Validation (3)

```
// You can ensure that your prop is limited to specific enum.
optionalEnum: React.PropTypes.oneOf(['News', 'Photos']),
// An object that could be one of many types
optionalUnion: React.PropTypes.oneOfType([
 React.PropTypes.string,
 React.PropTypes.number,
React.PropTypes.instanceOf(Message)
]),
```

Component Properties Validation (4)

```
// An array of a certain type
optArray: React.PropTypes.arrayOf(React.PropTypes.number),
// An object with property values of a certain type
optObject:React.PropTypes.objectOf(React.PropTypes.number),
// An object taking on a particular shape
optionalObjectWithShape: React.PropTypes.shape({
 color: React.PropTypes.string,
 fontSize: React.PropTypes.number
}),
```

Component Properties Validation (5)

```
// You can chain any of the above with `isRequired`
requiredFunc: React.PropTypes.func.isRequired,
// A required value of any data type
requiredAny: React.PropTypes.any.isRequired,
// You can also specify a custom validator => return an Error
customProp: function(props, propName, componentName) {
 if (!/matchme/.test(props[propName])) {
  return new Error('Invalid prop `' + propName + '` supplied to' +
   '`' + componentName + '`. Validation failed.'
  ); }} /* ... */
```

Component Ownership

- Multiple Components allow separation of concerns and reusability
- Ownwrship an owner is the component that sets the props of owned components.
- When a component X is created in component Y's render() method, it is said that X is owned by Y.
- Only defined for React components different from parent-child DOM relationship.
- Child Reconciliation the process by which React updates the DOM with each new render pass. In general, children are reconciled according to the order in which they are rendered.

Reconciliation Example

- // Render Pass 1
- <Card>
- Paragraph 1
- Paragraph 2
- </Card>
- // Render Pass 2
- <Card>
- Paragraph 2
- </Card>

Stateful Children Reconciliation – Keys

```
var ListItemWrapper = React.createClass({
 render: function() {
  return {this.props.data.text};
});
var MyComponent = React.createClass({
 render: function() {
  return (
   <U|>
    {this.props.results.map(function(result) {
      return <ListItemWrapper key={result.id} data={result}/>;
    })}
   </U|>
```

React.Children Utilities

- React.Children.map(object children, function fn [, object thisArg]): array invoke fn on every immediate child contained within children with this set to thisArg
- React.Children.forEach(object children, function fn [, object thisArg]) same as map, but does not return an array
- React.Children.count(object children): number returns children count
- React.Children.only(object children): object returns the only child in children. Throws otherwise
- React.Children.toArray(object children): array returns the children as a flat array with keys assigned to each child

Refs to Components

- Refs (references) allow to find the DOM markup rendered by a component, and invoke methods on component instances returned from render()
- Managing focus, text selection, or media playback.
- Triggering imperative animations.
- Integrating with third-party DOM libraries.
- Using React components in larger non-React applications, transition existing code to React.
- Avoid using refs for anything that can be done declaratively. For example, instead
 of exposing open() and close() methods on a Dialog component, pass an isOpen
 prop to it.

Not Recommended!:

- var myComponentInstanceRef = ReactDOM.render(<MyComp />, myContainer);
 myComponentInstanceRef.doSomething();
- ReactDOM.findDOMNode(componentInstance) this function will return the DOM node belonging to the outermost HTML element returned by render.

Using References with Class Component

```
class App extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
  super(props);
  this.handleSubmit = this.handleSubmit.bind(this);
  this input = React.createRef();
 handleSubmit(event) { alert('A name was submitted: ' + this.input.current.value); event.preventDefault(); }
 render() {
  return (
   <form onSubmit={this.handleSubmit}>
     <label>
      Name:
      <input type="text" ref={this.input} />
     </label>
     <input type="submit" value="Submit" />
   </form>
```

Using References with Function Component

```
function App() {
 const inputRef = useRef();
 function focusTextInput() {
  // Explicitly focus the text input using the raw DOM API
  // Note: we're accessing "current" to get the DOM node
  // this.textInput.current.focus();
  inputRef.current.focus();
 return (
  <div>
   <input type="text" ref={inputRef} />
   <input
     type="button"
     value="Focus the text input"
     onClick={focusTextInput}
   />
  </div>
```

Using React Component Context

- React props allow to track data-flow easy between components
- React Context is alternative if you want to pass data through the component tree without having to pass the props down manually at every level.
- Inversion of Control (IoC) principle and Dependency Injection (DI)
 pattern.

React's "context" feature lets you do this.

1. Creating React Context

```
import React from 'react';
export const themes = {
  light: {
   name: 'Light Theme',
   foreground: '#000000',
   background: '#eeeeee',
  dark: {
   name: 'Dark Theme',
   foreground: '#ffffff',
   background: '#222222',
//1. Create context: Context lets us pass a value deep into the component tree
// without explicitly threading it through every component.
// Create a context for the current theme (with "light" as the default).
export const ThemeContext = React.createContext(themes.light);
ThemeContext.displayName = 'ThemeContext';
```

2. Providing React Context - I

```
class App extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
  super(props);
  this.state = {
   theme: themes dark,
   user: { name: 'Site Admin' },
 toggleTheme = () => {
  this.setState((state) => ({
   theme: state theme === themes dark? themes light: themes dark,
  }));
```

2. Providing React Context -II

```
render() {
 // Use a Provider to pass the current theme to the tree below.
 // Any component can read it, no matter how deep it is.
 // In this example, we're passing "dark" as the current value.
 return (
  //2. Provide value
  <React.Fragment>
   <UserContext.Provider value={this.state.user}>
    <ThemeContext.Provider value={this.state.theme}>
      <Toolbar changeTheme={this.toggleTheme} />
    </ThemeContext.Provider>
   </UserContext.Provider>
   <Toolbar changeTheme={this.toggleTheme} />
  </React.Fragment>
```

3. Consuming React Context

```
function Toolbar(props) {
 return (
  <UserContext.Consumer>
   \{(user) => (
    <ThemeContext.Consumer>
     \{(theme) => (
      <React.Fragment>
       <h3>Theme: {theme.name}, Logged User: {user.name}</h3>
       <ThemedButton onClick={props.changeTheme}>Change Theme</ThemedButton>
      </React.Fragment>
    </ThemeContext.Consumer>
  </UserContext.Consumer>
```

Thank's for Your Attention!



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