




React

Getting Started - React

A JavaScript library for building user interfaces

 <https://reactjs.org/docs/getting-started.html>

Documentation



Components

```
import React from 'react'
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom'

class Hello extends React.Component {
  render () {
    return <div className='message-box'>
      Hello {this.props.name}
    </div>
  }
}

const el = document.body
ReactDOM.render(<Hello name='John' />, el)
```

Import multiple exports

```
import React, {Component} from 'react'
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom'

class Hello extends Component {
  ...
}
```

Proprieties

Use `this.props` to access properties passed to the component.

```
<Video fullscreen={true} autoplay={false} />

render () {
  this.props.fullscreen
  const { fullscreen, autoplay } = this.props
  ...
}
```

States

Use states (`this.state`) to manage dynamic data.

```
constructor(props) {  
  super(props)  
  this.state = { username: undefined }  
}  
  
this.setState({ username: 'rstacruz' })  
  
render () {  
  this.state.username  
  const { username } = this.state  
  ...  
}
```

With Babel you can use proposal-class-fields and get rid of constructor

```
class Hello extends Component {  
  state = { username: undefined };  
  ...  
}
```

Nesting

As of React v16.2.0, fragments can be used to return multiple children without adding extra wrapping nodes to the DOM.

```
class Info extends Component {  
  render () {  
    const { avatar, username } = this.props  
  
    return <div>  
      <UserAvatar src={avatar} />  
      <UserProfile username={username} />  
    </div>  
  }  
}
```

Nest components to separate concerns.

```
import React, {  
  Component,  
  Fragment  
} from 'react'  
  
class Info extends Component {  
  render () {  
    const { avatar, username } = this.props  
  
    return (  
      <Fragment>  
        <UserAvatar src={avatar} />  
        <UserProfile username={username} />  
      </Fragment>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

Children

Children are passed as the children property.

```
<AlertBox>
  <h1>You have pending notifications</h1>
</AlertBox>

class AlertBox extends Component {
  render () {
    return <div className='alert-box'>
      {this.props.children}
    </div>
  }
}
```

Setting default props

```
Hello.defaultProps = {
  color: 'blue'
}
```

Setting default state

Set the default state in the constructor().

```
class Hello extends Component {
  constructor (props) {
    super(props)
    this.state = { visible: true }
  }
}
```

And without constructor using Babel with proposal-class-fields.

```
class Hello extends Component {
  state = { visible: true }
}
```

Functional components

Functional components have no state. Also, their props are passed as the first parameter to a function.

```
function MyComponent ({ name }) {
  return <div className='message-box'>
    Hello {name}
  </div>
}
```

Pure components

Performance-optimized version of `React.Component`. Doesn't rerender if props/state hasn't changed.

```
import React, {PureComponent} from 'react'

class MessageBox extends PureComponent {
  ...
}
```

Component API

These methods and properties are available for Component instances.

```
this.forceUpdate()

this.setState({ ... })
this.setState(state => { ... })

this.state
this.props
```

Mounting

Set initial the state on `constructor()`. Add DOM event handlers, timers (etc) on `componentDidMount()`, then remove them on `componentWillUnmount()`.

```
constructor (props) // Before rendering #
componentWillMount() // Don't use this #
render() // Render #
componentDidMount() // After rendering (DOM available) #
componentWillUnmount() // Before DOM removal #
componentDidCatch() // Catch errors (16+)
```

Updating

Called when parents change properties and `.setState()`. These are not called for initial renders.

```
// Use setState() here, but remember to compare props
componentDidUpdate (prevProps, prevState, snapshot)

// Skips render() if returns false
shouldComponentUpdate (newProps, newState)

// Render
render()

// Operate on the DOM here
componentDidUpdate (prevProps, prevState)
```

State hook

Hooks are a new addition in React 16.8.

```
import React, { useState } from 'react';

function Example() {
  // Declare a new state variable, which we'll call "count"
```

```
const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

return (
  <div>
    <p>You clicked {count} times</p>
    <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>
      Click me
    </button>
  </div>
);
}
```

Declaring multiple state variables

```
function ExampleWithManyStates() {
  // Declare multiple state variables!
  const [age, setAge] = useState(42);
  const [fruit, setFruit] = useState('banana');
  const [todos, setTodos] = useState([{ text: 'Learn Hooks' }]);
  // ...
}
```

Effect hook

If you're familiar with React class lifecycle methods, you can think of `useEffect` Hook as `componentDidMount`, `componentDidUpdate`,

and `componentWillUnmount` combined.

By default, React runs the effects after every render — including the first render.

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

function Example() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  // Similar to componentDidMount and componentDidUpdate:
  useEffect(() => {
    // Update the document title using the browser API
    document.title = `You clicked ${count} times`;
  }, [count]);

  return (
    <div>
      <p>You clicked {count} times</p>
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>
        Click me
      </button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

Building your own hooks

Define FriendStatus

Effects may also optionally specify how to “clean up” after them by returning a function.

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

function FriendStatus(props) {
  const [isOnline, setIsOnline] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    function handleStatusChange(status) {
```

```

        setIsOnline(status.isOnline);
    }

    ChatAPI.subscribeToFriendStatus(props.friend.id, handleStatusChange);
    return () => {
        ChatAPI.unsubscribeFromFriendStatus(props.friend.id, handleStatusChange);
    };
}, [props.friend.id]);

if (isOnline === null) {
    return 'Loading...';
}
return isOnline ? 'Online' : 'Offline';
}

```

UseFriendStatus

```

function FriendStatus(props) {
    const isOnline = useFriendStatus(props.friend.id);

    if (isOnline === null) {
        return 'Loading...';
    }
    return isOnline ? 'Online' : 'Offline';
}

```

Hooks API Reference

Basic hooks

```

useState(initialState)
useEffect(() => { ... })
useContext(MyContext) // value returned from React.createContext

```

Additional hooks

```

useReducer(reducer, initialArg, init)
useCallback(() => { ... })
useMemo(() => { ... })
useRef(initialValue)
useImperativeHandle(ref, () => { ... })

// identical to useEffect, but it fires synchronously after all DOM mutations
useLayoutEffect

// display a label for custom hooks in React DevTools
useDebugValue(value)

```

DOM nodes - References

Allow access to DOM nodes

```

class MyComponent extends Component {
    render () {
        return <div>
            <input ref={el => this.input = el} />
        </div>
    }

    componentDidMount () {
        this.input.focus()
    }
}

```

```
}  
}
```

DOM Events

Pass functions to attributes like onChange.

```
class MyComponent extends Component {  
  render () {  
    <input type="text"  
      value={this.state.value}  
      onChange={event => this.onChange(event)} />  
  }  
  
  onChange (event) {  
    this.setState({ value: event.target.value })  
  }  
}
```

Transferring props

Propagates src="..." down to the sub-component.

```
<VideoPlayer src="video.mp4" />  
  
class VideoPlayer extends Component {  
  render () {  
    return <VideoEmbed {...this.props} />  
  }  
}
```

Top-level API

There are more, but these are most common.

```
React.createClass({ ... })  
React.isValidElement(c)  
  
ReactDOM.render(<Component />, domnode, [callback])  
ReactDOM.unmountComponentAtNode(domnode)  
  
ReactDOMServer.renderToString(<Component />)  
ReactDOMServer.renderToStaticMarkup(<Component />)
```

JSX patterns

Style shorthand

```
const style = { height: 10 }  
  
return <div style={style}></div>  
return <div style={{ margin: 0, padding: 0 }}></div>
```

Inner HTML

```
function markdownify() { return "<p>...</p>"; }  
<div dangerouslySetInnerHTML={{__html: markdownify()}} />
```

Lists

- Always supply a key property

```
class TodoList extends Component {  
  render () {  
    const { items } = this.props  
  
    return <ul>  
      {items.map(item =>  
        <TodoItem item={item} key={item.key} />)}  
    </ul>  
  }  
}
```

Conditionals

```
<Fragment>  
  {showMyComponent  
    ? <MyComponent />  
    : <OtherComponent />}  
</Fragment>
```

Short-circuit evaluation

```
<Fragment>  
  {showPopup && <Popup />}  
  ...  
</Fragment>
```

Returning multiple elements

You can return multiple elements as arrays or fragments.

Arrays

```
render () {  
  // Don't forget the keys!  
  return [  
    <li key="A">First item</li>,  
    <li key="B">Second item</li>  
  ]  
}
```

Fragments

```
render () {  
  
  // Fragments don't require keys!  
  
  return (  
    <Fragment>  
      <li>First item</li>  
      <li>Second item</li>  
    </Fragment>  
  )  
}
```


Returning strings

You can return just a string

```
render() {  
  return 'Look ma, no spans!';  
}
```

Errors

Catch errors via
componentDidCatch. (React
16+)

```
class MyComponent extends Component {  
  ...  
  componentDidCatch (error, info) {  
    this.setState({ error })  
  }  
}
```

Portals

This renders
this.props.children into any
location in the DOM.

```
render () {  
  return React.createPortal(  
    this.props.children,  
    document.getElementById('menu')  
  )  
}
```

Hydration

Use ReactDOM.hydrate
instead of using
ReactDOM.render if you're
rendering over the output of
ReactDOMServer.

```
const el = document.getElementById('app')  
ReactDOM.hydrate(<App />, el)
```

Property validation

PropTypes

```
import PropTypes from 'prop-types'  
  
any // Anything  
Basic  
string  
number  
func // Function  
bool // True or false  
Enum  
oneOf(any) // Enum types
```

```

oneOfType(type array) // Union
Array
array
arrayOf(...)
Object
object
objectOf(...) // Object with values of a certain type
instanceOf(...) // Instance of a class
shape(...)
Elements
element // React element
node // DOM node
Required
(...).isRequired // Required

```

Basic types

```

MyComponent.propTypes = {
  email:    PropTypes.string,
  seats:    PropTypes.number,
  callback: PropTypes.func,
  isClosed: PropTypes.bool,
  any:      PropTypes.any
}

```

Required types

```

MyCo.propTypes = {
  name: PropTypes.string.isRequired
}

```

Elements

```

MyCo.propTypes = {
  // React element
  element: PropTypes.element,

  // num, string, element, or an array of those
  node: PropTypes.node
}

```

Enumerable (oneOf)

```

MyCo.propTypes = {
  direction: PropTypes.oneOf([
    'left', 'right'
  ])
}

```

Arrays and objects

- Use `.array[Of]`, `.object[Of]`, `.instanceOf`, `.shape`.

```

MyCo.propTypes = {
  list: PropTypes.array,
  ages: PropTypes.arrayOf(PropTypes.number),
  user: PropTypes.object,
  user: PropTypes.objectOf(PropTypes.number),
  message: PropTypes.instanceOf(Message)
}
MyCo.propTypes = {
  user: PropTypes.shape({
    name: PropTypes.string,
    age:  PropTypes.number
  })
}

```

Custom validation

```
MyCo.propTypes = {  
  customProp: (props, key, componentName) => {  
    if (!/matchme/.test(props[key])) {  
      return new Error('Validation failed!')  
    }  
  }  
}
```