

# React

- food for thought:
  - use `localStorage` for Podible listening position, etc? Or use Postgres? Firebase, reThink?
- **probably one of the more important concepts is using ContainerComponents, or the same as saying Sub Components**
  - you have a parent/child relationship
  - the parent manages the `state` and passes the `state` of an object to child components through `props`

## Animate Transitions With:

```
1. import ReactCSSTransitionGroup from 'react-addons-css-transition-group'
```

## Should be declaring `PropTypes`

This will help developers know if they are using your components correctly and will catch/throw errors in console in dev mode.

[PropTypes Documentation Here](#)

```
1. App.propTypes = {  
2.   yourProp: React.PropTypes.object.isRequired,  
3.   yourPropIndex: React.PropTypes.int.isRequired  
4. }
```

- read through the lifecycle hooks, eg:
  - `shouldComponentUpdate`, `componentDidUpdate`, etc.
- run `node server.js` to generate webpack bundles automatically into memory and to hot-reload React components. `fab webpack` or `fab webpack_local` to generate bundles(will need to update `webpack.local.config.js` is doing the latter).

## Use Stateless Functions:

this is ONLY for stateless functions.

ES6 syntax:

```
1. const HelloComponent = (props) => <div> Hello, {props.name}</div>;
2. ReactDOM.render(<HelloComponent name="Sebastian" />, document.querySelector(".root"));
```

## React Router:

- React Router is the standard routing library for React Router. From the docs: React Router keeps your UI in sync with the URL. It has a simple API with powerful features like lazy code loading, dynamic route matching, and location transition handling built right
- basically shows/hides components depending if you are on a page.
- Index.JS

## Events

- are created inline
- are passed instances of `SyntheticEvent`

## Using `this`

- works inside of a class' `render` method, because `render` is *bound* to the class.
- when you try to use `this` in a custom method in a class it will not work because that method is **not bound** to the class.

## Using function `refs`

- string refs are older
- adds a reference to an object in the class,
- example:

```
1. render(){
2.   return(
3.     <form onSubmit={this.sendEmail}>
4.       <input className="email" type="text" ref={(input) =>
5.         {this.emailInput}}
6.     </form>
7.   )
8. }
```

- doing this, will let you reference the object in your class now, but using `this.emailInput` – **THIS WILL NOT WORK IN A CUSTOM METHOD** == `this`

will be equal to `null`. **YOU NEED TO BIND IT TO THE CLASS** – there are two ways to do this:

- 1) in the `constructor` function:

```
1. constructor(){
2.   super();
3.   this.sendEmail = this.sendEmail.bind(this)
4. }
```

another way to do it, is bind `this` on a handler event(*note: this is more resource intensive than binding it in the constructor*), example:

```
1. <form onSubmit={this.sendEmail.bind(this)}> </form>
```

this is basically saying, “allow me to reference `this` in the method `sendEmail`”  
another way to do the same thing w/ arrow function, by passing the method the `event` :

```
1. <form onSubmit={(event) => {this.sendEmail(event)}}>
2.
3. </form>
```

## Working With State

- set the state in the `constructor`

```
1. this.state = {
2.   yourObject: {},
3.   anotherObject: {},
4.   lastObject: {}
5. }
```

If you are working with the state in another method, you should **ALWAYS** create a copy of the state to work with then update it via `this.setState`

```
1. sendEmail(event){
2.   // create a copy/update our state.
3.   const formDetails = {...this.state.formDetails}
4.   formDetail['name'] = "John"
5.   formDetails['email'] = "john@gmail.com"
6.   this.setState({formDetails})
7. }
```

## Working With Complex Data

- you should use javascript's `map` method to loop through data.

```
1. render(){
2.     const randomData = this.state.data;
3.     randomData = randomData.map(([index, value]) => ({
4.         <li key={index}>this.state.data[index].name</li>
5.     })).bind(this));
6.     return(
7.         <ul>{randomDataList}</ul>
8.     )
9. }
```

**NOTICE HOW THE `map` METHOD MUST BE BINDED TO `this`**, if it isn't then `this` will refer to the `window` object

Passing props from Parent Components to Child Components...

- the parent can access properties via `this.propertyName`
- If it is passed to a child component, be sure to access it via `props`, i.e:  
`this.props.propertyName`

Looping over keys:

```
1. {
2.     Object
3.     .keys(this.state.formDetails)
4.     .map(key => <FormDetail key={key} details={this.state.form
5.         Details[key]} />)
6. }
```

...so this will call the `FormDetail` class component which would basically just render the display out to the page:

```
1. class FormDetail extends React.Component {
2.     render(){
3.         return(
4.             <li className="form-detail">
5.                 {this.props.detail.name} - {this.props.detail.em
6.                 ail}
7.             </li>
8.         )
9.     }
```

instead of using `this.props.details` you can cut down to just using `detail` by storing it in a `const`.

*ES6 destructuring:*

```
1. const { details } = this.props;
```

*normal way*

```
1. const details = this.props.details;
```

**can't *just* pass variables into methods on event handles**

*example of INCORRECT way*

```
1. <button onClick={this.props.addToCart(someProperty)}>Add To Car
  t</button>
```

*example of CORRECT way*

```
1. <button onClick={() => this.props.addToCart(someProperty)}>Add To
  Cart</button>
```

in the example above the method `addToCart` is NOT declared in the class with the `<button>` .. it is declared in the PARENT class.

- React lets you create methods in a class and then pass those methods to other components through the use of properties.
- you can pass a method as a prop like:

```
1. <SomeComponent key={key} addToCart={this.addToCart} />
```

and then in the Component you access it like so:

```
1. <button onClick={() => this.props.addToCart(someProperty)}>Add To
  Cart</button>
```