

# Design Patterns

In software engineering, a **design pattern** is a general repeatable solution to a commonly occurring problem in software **design** 

#### Reusability & Separation of Concerns.

- The DRY principle Don't Repeat Yourself.
- Techniques to improve DRY(ness) (increase reusability):
  - 1. Inheritance (is-a relationships, e.g. Car is an automabile)
  - 2. Composition (has-a relationships, e.g. Car has an Engine)
- React favours composition.
- Core React composition Patterns:
  - 1. Container.
  - 2. Render Props.
  - 3. Higher Order Components.

#### Composition - Children

HTML is composable

```
<div>
    ......
    <img ....../>
    <a href ...../>
<</div>
```

<div> has three
children.

<div> has two children; 
 has three children

#### The Container pattern.

All React components have a special <u>children</u> prop. It allows a consumer (container) to pass other components to it by nesting them inside the tsx.

```
index.tsx
```

- See: sampleChildren.tsx in routingSamples
- The container determines what DemoComponent renders,
- This <u>de-couples</u> the DemoComponent from its content and makes it <u>reusable</u>.

Image

Button

Image

List

Picture is composed with other elements / components

Image

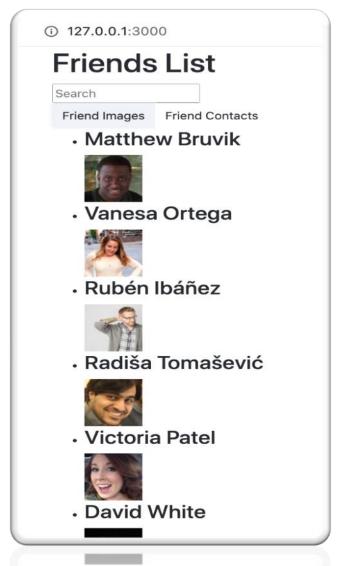
Complex Component

#### The Render Prop pattern

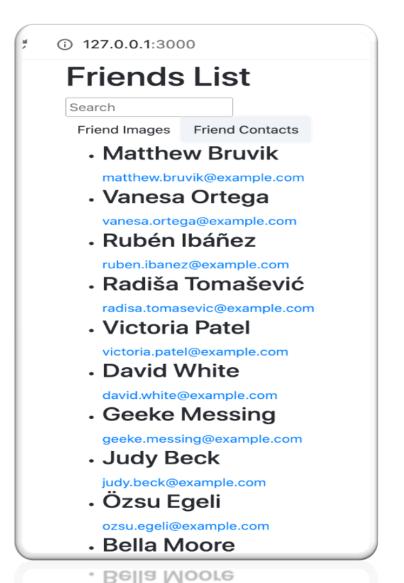
- Use the pattern to share logic between components.
- Dfn: A render prop is a <u>function prop</u> that a component uses to generate part of its rendered output.

- SharedComponent receives its render logic from the consumer, i.e. SayHello.
- Prop name is arbitrary.

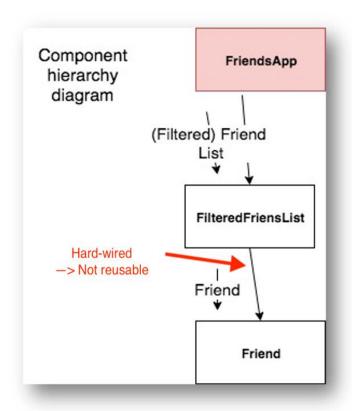
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### The Render Props - Sample App.

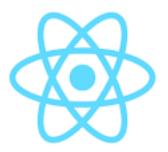


- Updates to design:
- FriendsApp passes a render-prop to FilteredFriendList, indicating how Friends should be rendered.
- 2. Remove static import of Friend component type from FilteredFriendList.

 Without this pattern we would need a FilteredFriendList component for each use case, thus violating the DRY principle.

```
<FilteredFriendList
  list={filteredList}
  render={(friend) => <FriendContact friend={friend} />}
/>
```

 The prop name is arbitrary; render is a convention.



## **Custom Hooks**

#### Custom Hooks.

- Custom Hooks let you extract component logic into reusable functions.
- Improves code readability and modularity.

Example:

```
const BookPage: React.FC<BookPageProps> = ({ isbn }) => {
  const [book, setBook] = useState<any>(null);

useEffect(() => {
  fetch(`https://api.for.books?isbn=${isbn}`)
    .then(res => res.json())
    .then(book => {
      setBook(book);
     });
}, [isbn]);

// ...rest of component code...
```

Objective – Extract the book-related state code into a custom hook.

#### Custom Hook Example.

#### Solution: useBook.tsx

```
const useBook = (isbn: string) => {
  const [book, setBook] = useState<Book | null>(null);

useEffect(() => {
    if (isbn) {
      fetch(`https://api.for.books?isbn=${isbn}`)
        .then(res => res.json())
        .then((data: Book) => {
         setBook(data);
      });
    }
    }, [isbn]);

return book;
};
```

- Custom Hook is an ordinary function BUT should only be called from a React component function.
- Prefix hook function name with use to leverage linting support.
- Function can return any collection type (array, object), with any number of entries.