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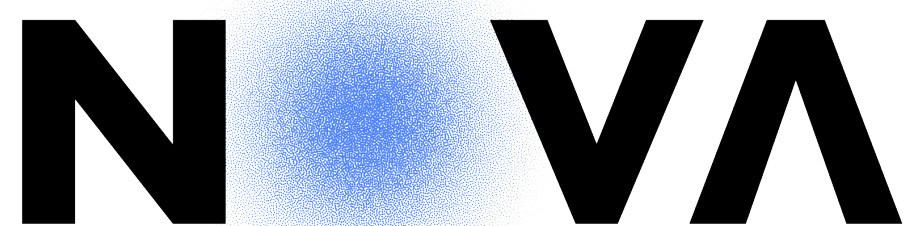
(Lecture 10 - State Management.
Flux&Redux: Design Patterns to the rescue)

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- React implements a presentation layer
- React Pros:
 - Highly structured and stable applications
 - Highly Composable and reusable UI components
 - Loose coupling of components (through binding and render)
 - Great match with specification languages like IFML.
- React Cons:
 - There is not a great way to connect to a back-end.
 - Poor scalability with relation to the size of state and number of actions needed (coupling rises).



(Recall) Identify the UI minimal complete state

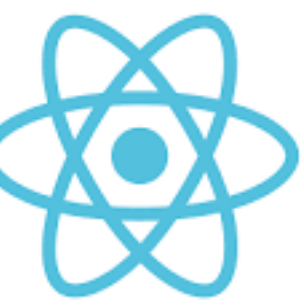
- Is it passed in from a parent via props? If so, it probably isn't state.
- Does it remain unchanged over time? If so, it probably isn't state.
- Can you compute it based on any other state or props in your component? If so, it isn't state.

(Recall) Find the state component by Q&A

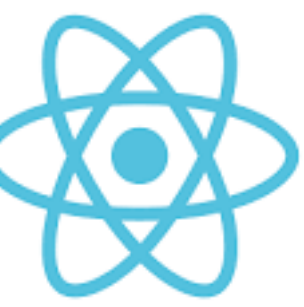


For each piece of state in your application:

- Identify every component that renders something based on that state.
- Find a common owner component (a single component above all the components that need the state in the hierarchy).
- Either the common owner or another component higher up in the hierarchy should own the state.
- If you can't find a component where it makes sense to own the state, create a new component simply for holding the state and add it somewhere in the hierarchy above the common owner component.



- The main model entities for a React application will be placed on the state of the application.
- Application class will be cluttered with Layout, State and State changing and sync code (controllers?)
- The whole application will be (re)rendered on every state change (efficiency problem?)
- Solution 1: functions passed through props.
- Solution 2: controller object(s) with groups of functions will be passed through props.
- These are “indirect pointers” in the ownership hierarchy!
- Although React creates new objects and clones state well, the code coupling does not scale well, needs a lot of lifecycle management code.



- Problem 1: Prop drilling

Properties that need to be accessed in many different places (views) in the application tend to be passed through props in “all” components. This makes reuse a lot harder...

Solution 1: Use children components to structure your application

Solution 2: Use render props to compute the components in advance

Solution 3: Use React.Context to store and distribute global information

- Problem 2: Remote connections and Callback hell

When state is kept at the top level (or near), loading of state and state updates are encoded in many callbacks. This makes reuse a lot harder. One must resort to more sophisticated patterns/libraries/frameworks.

Example



```
const App = () => {
  const username = "mary"
  const roles = ["admin", "editor"]
  return <div>
    <Header username={username}/>
    <Container roles={roles}/>
  </div>
}

/* This header cannot be reused in other places without a username and userbox!! */

const Header =
  ({ username }: { username: string }) =>
    <div style={{ border: "1px solid" }}>This is the header <UserBox username={username} /></div>

const UserBox = ({ username }: { username: string }) =>
  <div> <p>The username is {username}</p> </div>

/* This container cannot be reused in other places without an array of roles and the children components below!! */

const Container = ({ roles }: { roles: string[] }) =>
  <div>
    <div>
      {roles.includes("admin") && <p> This is a ADMIN part of the container </p>}
      {roles.includes("editor") && <p>This is an Editor part of the container </p>}
    </div>
  </div>
  .
```

Component Composition/Inclusion



```
const App = () => {
  const username = "mary"
  const roles = ["admin", "editor"]
  return <div>
    <Header>
      <UserBox username="username"/>
    </Header>
    <Container>
      <div>
        {roles.includes("admin")} && <p> This is a ADMIN part of the container </p>
        {roles.includes("editor")} && <p>This is an Editor part of the container </p>
      </div>
    </Container>
  </div>
}

const Header : React.FunctionComponent<{}> =
  (props) => <div style={{ border: "1px solid" }}>This is the header { props.children }</div>

const UserBox = ({username}:{username:string}) =>
  <div> <p>The username is {username}</p> </div>

const Container: React.FunctionComponent<{}> = (props) =>
  <div>
    { props.children }
  </div>
```


Render props



```
const App = () => {
  const username = "mary"
  const roles = ["admin", "editor"]

  const userBox = () => <div> <p>The username is {username}</p> </div>

  const content = () => <div>
    {roles.includes("admin") && <p> This is a ADMIN part of the container </p>}
    {roles.includes("editor") && <p>This is an Editor part of the container </p>}
  </div>

  return <PageLayout userBox = {userBox} content={content}/>
}

const PageLayout = ({userBox, content}:any) =>
  <div>
    <div style={{ border: "1px solid" }}>This is the header {userBox()} </div>
    <div> {content()} </div>
  </div>
```



React.Context - A side channel

```
interface ContextInterface { username: string | null; roles:string[] }

const UserContext = React.createContext<ContextInterface>({username:null, roles:[]})

const App = () =>
  <UserContext.Provider value={{username:"mary", roles:["admin","editor"]}}>
    <div>
      <Header/>
      <Container/>
    </div>
  </UserContext.Provider>

const Header = () => <div style={{border: "1px solid"}}>This is the header <UserBox/></div>

const UserBox = () =>
  <UserContext.Consumer>
    {value => <div><p>The username is {value.username}</p></div> }
  </UserContext.Consumer>

const Container = () =>
  <UserContext.Consumer>
    { value => <div>
      { value.roles.includes("admin") && <p> This is a ADMIN part of the container </p> }
      { value.roles.includes("editor") && <p>This is an Editor part of the container </p>}
    </div>
  }
  </UserContext.Consumer>
```

Sketch for remote connections (with jquery :-)



```
componentDidMount() {  
  $.getJSON(this.TASKS_URL)  
    .then(doneFilter: (data: Task[]) =>  
      this.setState(  
        f: (state: StateSig) =>  
          this.setState(state: {...state, tasks: data})))  
    $.getJSON(this.SPRINTS_URL)  
      .then(doneFilter: (data: Sprint[]) =>  
        this.setState(  
          f: (state: StateSig) =>  
            this.setState(state: {...state, sprints: data})))  
    $.getJSON(this.USERS_URL)  
      .then(doneFilter: (data: User[]) =>  
        this.setState(  
          f: (state: StateSig) =>  
            this.setState(state: {...state, users: data})))  
}
```



```
addSprint = (sprint:Sprint) =>
  $.post(this.SPRINTS_URL, JSON.stringify(sprint))
    .then(doneFilter: ()=> this.setState(f: (state:any)=>({...state, sprints:[sprint,...state.sprints]})))

addTask = (task:Task) =>
  $.post(this.SPRINTS_URL, JSON.stringify(task))
    .then(doneFilter: ()=>(this.setState(f: (state:any)=>({...state, tasks:[task,...state.tasks]}))))
```



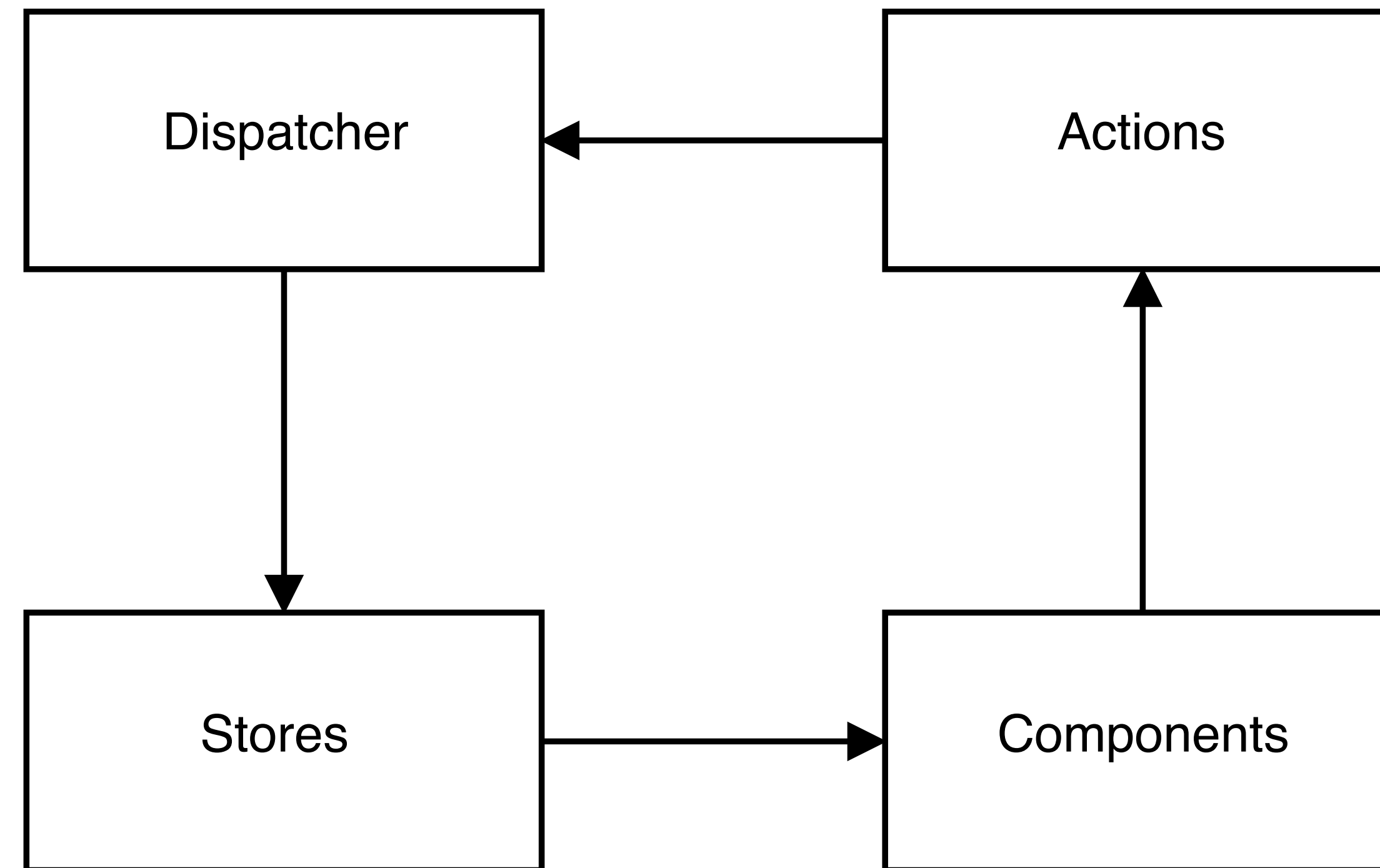
Solution: complete a (kind of) client-side MVC

- Flux pattern extends the React with a store and dispatcher components.
- Implements a uni-directional flow of data (controller does not intermediate the views)
It's not really MVC or MVP.
- React components (views) bind to stored elements.
- Actions (store functions) are triggered by the view
- Actions get dispatched to have effect on a store





- diagram



A Store is an EventEmitter (“Subject”)

```
import { EventEmitter } from "events"
import { Task } from "../Tasks";

class TasksStore extends EventEmitter {
  tasks: Task[]

  constructor() {
    super()
    this.tasks = [
      {id: 1, name: "Go shopping", dueDate: "2017-10-23"},
      {id: 2, name: "Do the dishes", dueDate: "2017-10-22"},
      {id: 3, name: "Do homework", dueDate: "2017-10-21"},
    ] // Later will have to be managed from the server
  }

  getAllTasks() {
    return this.tasks;
  }
}

const tasksStore = new TasksStore()

export default tasksStore
```

A Store is an EventEmitter (“Subject”)

```
class TasksStore extends EventEmitter {  
  tasks: Task[]  
  count: number  
  
  constructor() {...}  
  
  createTask(name: string, dueDate: string) {  
    this.tasks.push({id: this.count++, name, dueDate})  
    this.emit(event: "change")  
  }  
  
  getAllTasks() {...}  
}  
  
App: componentWillMount() {  
  tasksStore.on(event: "change",  
    listener: () => this.setState(  
      f: (state: StateSig) => ({...state, tasks: tasksStore.getAllTasks()}))  
    )  
}
```

Flux - connect with server

```
class TaskStore extends EventEmitter {  
  private TASKS_URL: "/tasks"  
  
  tasks: Task[]  
  count: number  
  
  constructor() {...}  
  
  createTask(task: Task) {  
    this.tasks.push({...task, id: this.count++})  
    $.post(this.TASKS_URL, JSON.stringify(task))  
      .then(doneFilter: () => this.emit(event: "change"))  
      .fail(failCallback: () => this.emit(event: "TASK_ERROR"))  
  }  
  
  getAllTasks() {...}  
}
```

Redux

Redux - Learn with the authors...

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Fundamentals of Redux Course from Dan Abramov



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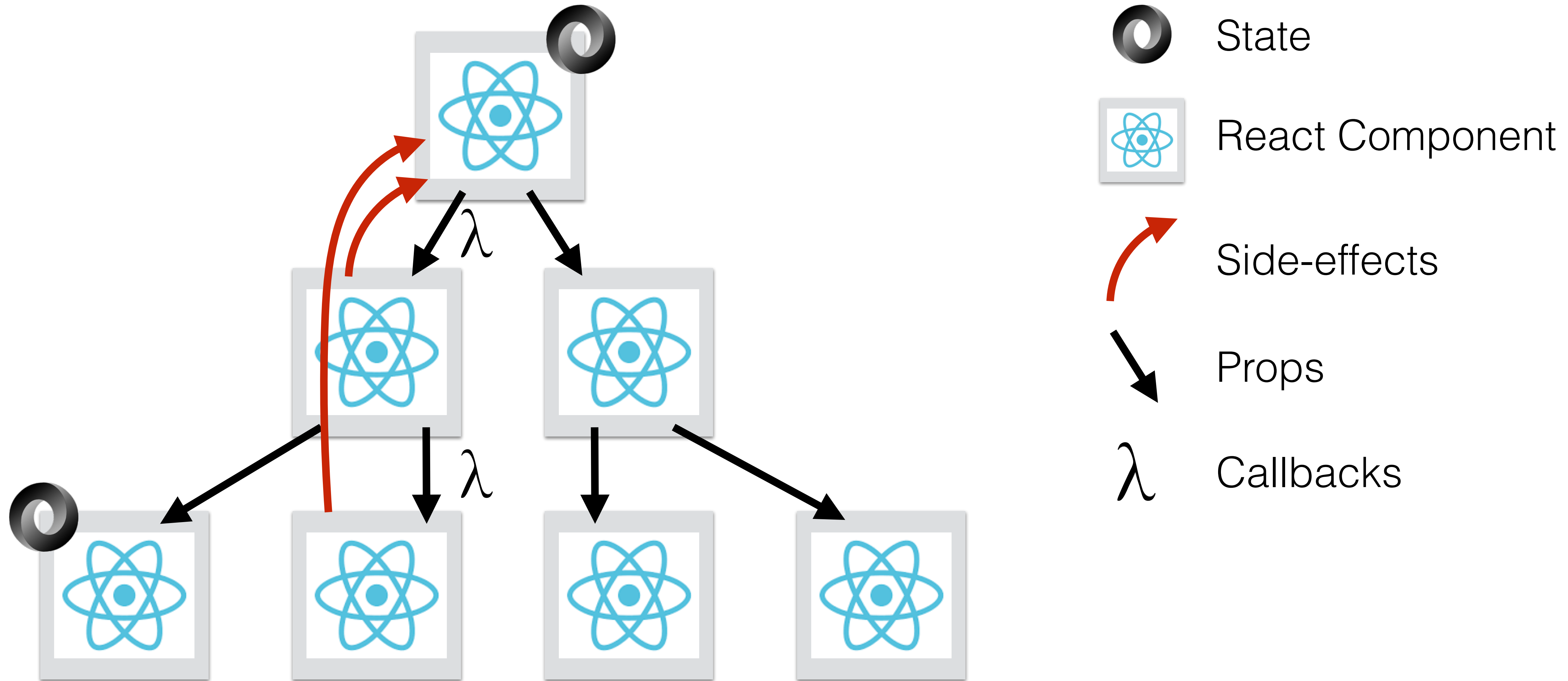
In this comprehensive tutorial, Dan Abramov - the creator of Redux - will teach you how to manage state in your [React](#) application with [Redux](#).

[State management](#) is absolutely critical in providing users with a well-crafted experience with minimal bugs.



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React





- Implements a variant of a flux pattern.
- Based on functional state transformations. The state is read-only, can only be changed by action dispatching.
- A store that implements the observer pattern.
- Ingredients are Actions, Store, Reducers.

<https://redux.js.org/introduction/getting-started>

```
import {Action, createStore} from 'redux'
```

```
function counter(state = 0, action:Action) {  
  switch (action.type) {  
    case 'INCREMENT':  
      return state + 1;  
    case 'DECREMENT':  
      return state - 1;  
    default:  
      return state  
  }  
}
```

```
let store = createStore(counter);
```

```
store.subscribe(() => console.log(store.getState()));
```

```
store.dispatch({ type: 'INCREMENT' });  
store.dispatch({ type: 'INCREMENT' });  
store.dispatch({ type: 'DECREMENT' });
```



```
store.dispatch({ type: 'INCREMENT' });
```

undefined

1

```
store.dispatch({ type: 'DECREMENT' });
```

2

1

```
store.dispatch({ type: 'INCREMENT' });
```

```
counter(undefined, {type: 'INCREMENT'}) = 1
```

```
counter(1, {type: 'INCREMENT'}) = 2
```

```
counter(2, {type: 'DECREMENT'}) = 1
```



- The state can be compositionally built from smaller pieces.
- Reducers can be combined to form a more elaborate state.

```
class ToDo { text:string; completed:boolean;
  constructor(text:string, completed: boolean) {
    this.text = text; this.completed = completed;
  }
}
interface AddTodoAction extends Action { text:string }
interface CompleteTodoAction extends Action { index:number }

function todos(state = [] as ToDo[], action:Action): ToDo[] {
  switch (action.type) {
    case 'ADD_TODO':
      let a1 = action as AddTodoAction;
      return [...state, new ToDo(a1.text, false)]
    case 'COMPLETE_TODO':
      let a2 = action as CompleteTodoAction;
      return state.map((todo:ToDo, index) => {
        return index == a2.index ? {...todo, completed:true}: todo
      });
    default:
      return state
  }
}
```



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```
interface SetFilterAction extends Action { filter: string }
```

```
function filter(state = 'SHOW_ALL', action: Action): string {  
  switch (action.type) {  
    case 'SET_FILTER':  
      return (action as SetFilterAction).filter;  
    default:  
      return state;  
  }  
}
```

```
const reducer = combineReducers({ todos, filter });  
const todoStore = createStore(reducer);
```

```
todoStore.subscribe(() => console.log(todoStore.getState()));
```

```
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'ADD_TODO', text: 'Complete the project'});  
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'ADD_TODO', text: 'Start the project'});  
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'ADD_TODO', text: 'Submit the project'});  
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'COMPLETE_TODO', index: 0});  
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'COMPLETE_TODO', index: 1});  
todoStore.dispatch({type: 'COMPLETE_TODO', index: 2});
```



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```
[ ToDo { text: 'Complete the project', completed: false } ]
```

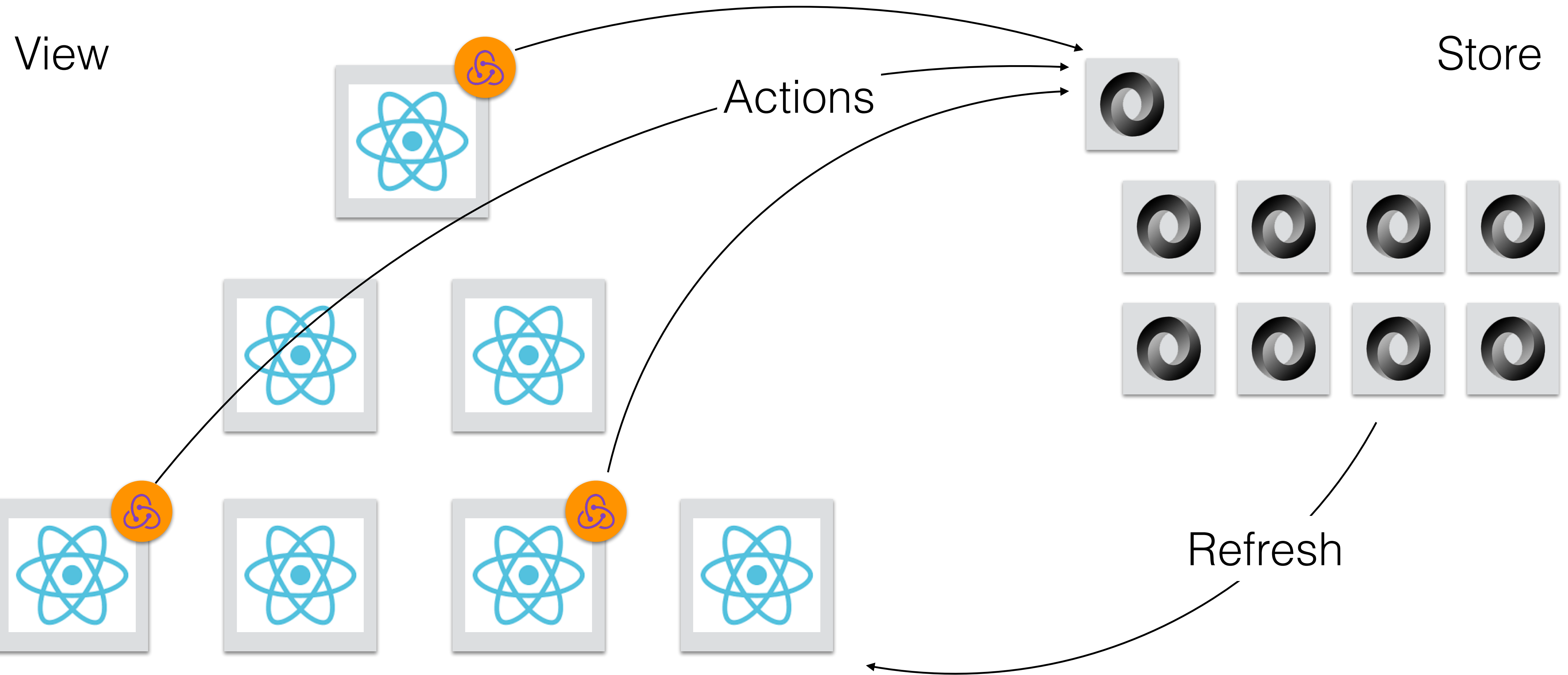
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[ ToDo { text: 'Complete the project', completed: false },  
  ToDo { text: 'Start the project', completed: false } ]
```

```
[ ToDo { text: 'Complete the project', completed: false },  
  ToDo { text: 'Start the project', completed: false },  
  ToDo { text: 'Submit the project', completed: false } ]
```

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[ { text: 'Complete the project', completed: true },  
  ToDo { text: 'Start the project', completed: false },  
  ToDo { text: 'Submit the project', completed: false } ]
```

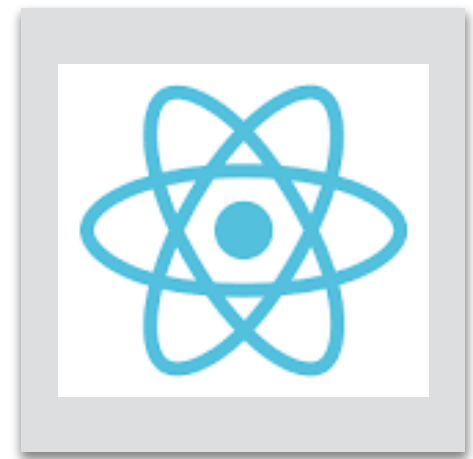
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  { text: 'Start the project', completed: true },  
  ToDo { text: 'Submit the project', completed: false } ]
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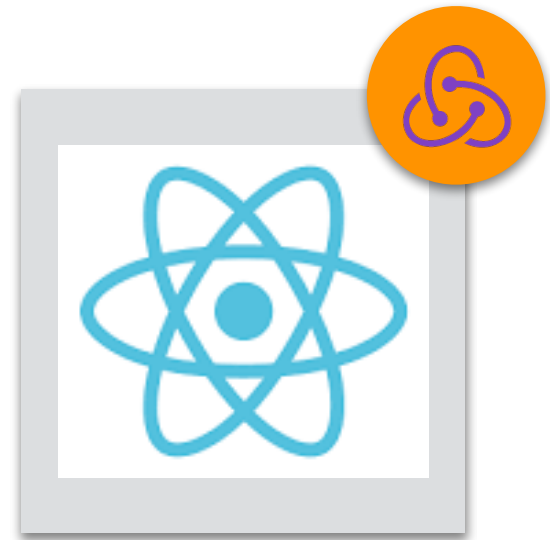
```
interface TodoItemInterface {text:string, completed:boolean, onClick:() => void}
const TodoItem = ({text, completed, onClick}:TodoItemInterface) =>
  <li
    onClick={onClick}
    style={{textDecoration: completed ? 'line-through': 'none'}}
  >
    {text}
  </li>;

interface TodoListInterface { todos: Todo[], onToDoClick: (index:number) => void}
const TodoList = ({todos, onToDoClick}:TodoListInterface) =>
  <ul>
    { todos.map( (todo, index) => {
      console.log(index);
      return <TodoItem key={index} {...todo} onClick={() => onToDoClick(index)} />
    })}
  </ul>;
```

Presentational Components



- React and redux can be combined by having a presentational component, extended with connections to the state generated automatically.



```
const mapStateToProps =  
  (state:ToDoAppStateInterface) => ({todos: filterTodos(state.todos, state.filter)});  
  
const completeToDo = (index:number) => ({ type:'COMPLETE_TODO', index});  
const mapDispatchToProps = (dispatch:(action:Action)=>void) =>  
  ({ onToDoClick: (id:number) => { dispatch(completeToDo(id)) }});  
  
const VisibleToDoList = connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps)(ToDoList);  
  
const ToDoListWithStore = () =>  
  <Provider store={todoStore}>  
    <VisibleToDoList/>  
  </Provider>;
```

Async actions

- All changes to the s
- Integration with asy

```
class Pet { name:string; constructor(name:string) { this.name = name; }}  
interface PetState { pets: Pet[] }
```

```
const ADD_PET = 'ADD_PET';  
const REQUEST_PETS = 'REQUEST_PETS';  
const RECEIVE_PETS = 'RECEIVE_PETS';
```

```
const addPet = (name:string) => ({type: ADD_PET, name:string});
```

```
interface AddPetAction extends Action { name:string }
```

```
function petsReducer(pets = [] as Pet[], action:Action):Pet[] {  
  switch (action.type) {  
    case ADD_PET:  
      let addPet = action as AddPetAction;  
      return [...pets, new Pet(addPet.name)];  
    default:  
      return pets  
  }  
}
```

Async actions



- All changes
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```
const requestPets = () => ({type: REQUEST_PETS});  
const receivePets = (data:Pet[]) => ({type: RECEIVE_PETS, data:data});
```

```
function fetchPets() {  
  return (dispatch) => {  
    dispatch(requestPets());  
    return fetch("/pets")  
      .then( response => response.json())  
      .then( data => dispatch(receivePets(data)))  
  }  
}
```

```
const loggerMiddleware = createLogger();
```

```
const store =  
  createStore( combineReducers({pets: petsReducer}),  
               applyMiddleware( thunkMiddleware, loggerMiddleware ) );  
store.dispatch(fetchPets()).then(() => console.log(store.getState()));
```

Using Redux Toolkit (Slices)



```
import { createSlice, configureStore } from '@reduxjs/toolkit'

const counterSlice = createSlice({
  name: 'counter',
  initialState: {
    value: 0
  },
  reducers: {
    incremented: state => {
      state.value += 1
    },
    decremented: state => {
      state.value -= 1
    }
  }
})

export const { incremented, decremented } = counterSlice.actions

const store = configureStore({ reducer: counterSlice.reducer })

// Can still subscribe to the store
store.subscribe(() => console.log(store.getState()))

// Still pass action objects to `dispatch`, but they're created for us
store.dispatch(incremented()) // {value: 1}
store.dispatch(incremented()) // {value: 2}
store.dispatch(decremented()) // {value: 1}
```

<https://redux.js.org/introduction/getting-started>

Using React Redux (Hooks)



```
import React from 'react'
import { useSelector, useDispatch } from 'react-redux'
import { decrement, increment } from './counterSlice'

export function Counter() {
  const count = useSelector((state) => state.value)
  const dispatch = useDispatch()

  return (
    <div>
      <button
        className={styles.button}
        aria-label="Increment value"
        onClick={() => dispatch(increment())}
      >
        +
      </button>
      <span className={styles.value}>{count}</span>
      <button
        className={styles.button}
        aria-label="Decrement value"
        onClick={() => dispatch(decrement())}
      >
        -
      </button>
    </div>
  </div>
)
```


Further readings



- <https://redux.js.org/introduction/getting-started>
- <https://react-redux.js.org/>
- <https://egghead.io/courses/getting-started-with-redux>
- <https://react-redux.js.org/next/api/hooks>
- <https://egghead.io/lessons/react-redux-the-single-immutable-state-tree>
- <https://redux.js.org/advanced/async-actions>