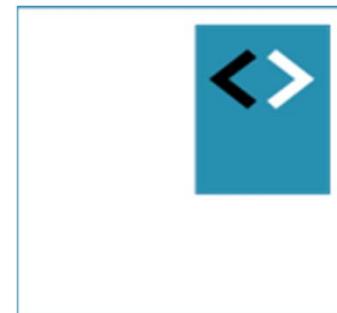


React Fundamentals

Module – working with data



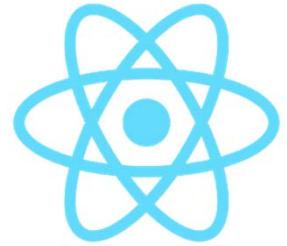
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Working with data

Importing local and external data in your app

What are we going to build?



React App

localhost:3000

React vacation picker

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the title "React App" and the URL "localhost:3000". The page is titled "React vacation picker" and features a logo of the React atom icon. A large yellow callout box highlights the word "Brazil" and the text "Capital: Brasilia (expensive)". Below the callout are three buttons: "<< Previous", "Next >>", and "Toggle Details". To the right, a detailed card for Brazil is displayed. The card has a header "Brazil", a list of properties (id: 5, name: Brazil, capital: Brasilia), a descriptive paragraph about Brazil's natural resources and Olympic history, and a large image of the Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro. At the bottom of the card is the text "Expensive!" in an orange box.

Brazil

Capital: Brasilia (expensive)

<< Previous Next >> Toggle Details

Brazil

id: 5

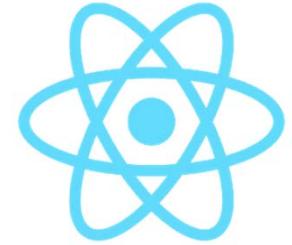
name: Brazil

capital: Brasilia

details: Brazil is the home of the Amazon river and holds the largest rainforest ecosystem in the world. Rio de Janeiro was host of the 2016 summer Olympic games.

Expensive!

Building an app: VacationPicker



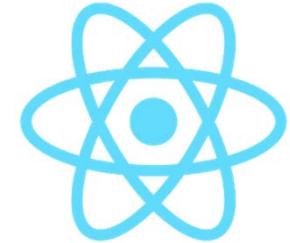
- Requirements:
- Loading **external data**
 - Comes from .json/.js file
 - Later the data will be fetched from a 'real' API
- **Looping over- and displaying data**
- **Selecting** data – showing details
- Binding **images**
- **Conditionally** render pieces of the UI

Creating the data file

```
// ./data/countryData.js - holding an array of country/capital data.  
// This of course will come from a real db in the future.  
const data = {  
  countries: [  
    {  
      id: 1,  
      name: 'USA',  
      capital: 'Washington',  
      cost: 1250,  
      details: 'United States are among the most visited country in the world.',  
      img: 'washington.jpg'  
    },  
    {  
      id: 2,  
      name: 'Netherlands',  
      capital: 'Amsterdam',  
      cost: 795,  
      details: 'The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam, is over 1000 years old.',  
      img: 'amsterdam.jpg'  
    },  
    { ...  
  }  
}
```

Our example: a simple JavaScript object, holding an array with countries and some (fake) data, don't forget to export it!

New component(s)



Create a new component, `VacationPicker.js` with the default content

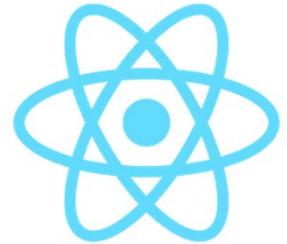
```
// VacationPicker.js
import React, {Component} from 'react';

class VacationPicker extends Component {

  render() {
    return (
      <div>
        <h1>List of Countries...</h1>
      </div>
    );
  }
}

export default VacationPicker
```

Updating <App />



```
// App.js
import React, {Component} from 'react';

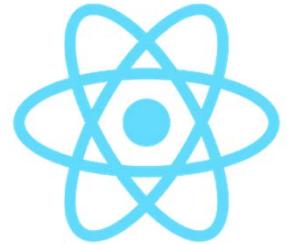
// Child components
import VacationPicker from './VacationPicker/VacationPicker'

// Our parent component - it later holds the state for the child components
class App extends Component {

  // Render UI
  render() {
    return (
      <div className="container">
        <h1>React Vacation Picker</h1>
        <VacationPicker/>
      </div>
    )
  }
}

export default App;
```

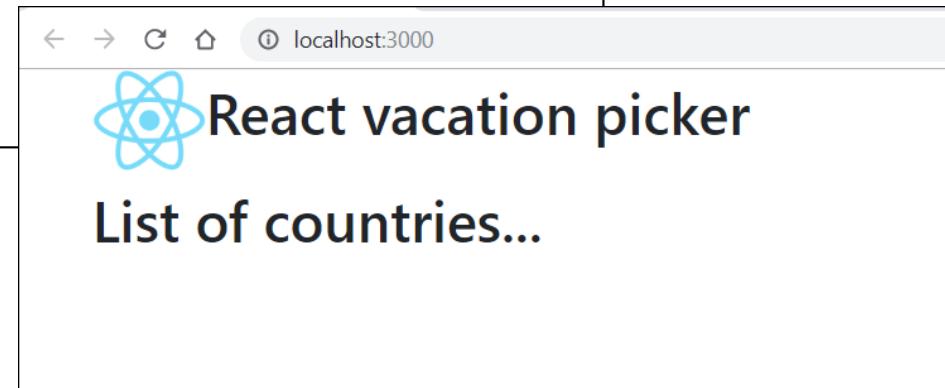
Adding the Logo



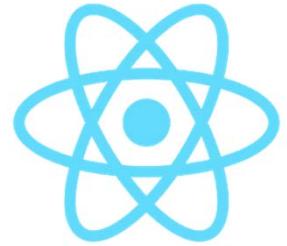
- Static images must be imported before they can be bound in JSX

```
import logo from './img/logo-react-small.png'
```

```
...
<h1>
  <img src={logo} alt="react logo" width={80}/> ←
  React vacation picker
</h1>
<VacationPicker/>
```



Importing the data



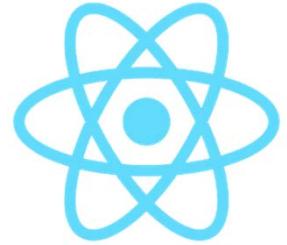
- Use default import statement for the countryData.js file
- Data is made available as a prop on the component

```
// App.js
import countryData from '../data/CountryData'; ←

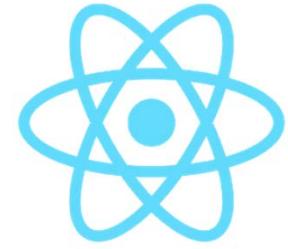
class App extends Component {
  state = {
    countries: countryData.countries, ←
  };

  render() {
    return (
      <div className="container">
        ...
        <VacationPicker countries={this.state.countries}/> ←
      </div>
    );
  }
}
```

Binding to data



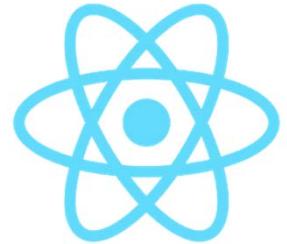
- Use a default JavaScript `.map()` function to render the data.
- Remember, we are looping over a JavaScript object!
- In React, you can put **any** JavaScript expression inside curly braces in the JSX
 - Like `{this.props.countries.map(...)}`
- Inside the expression you render additional UI



```
// VacationPicker.js
class VacationPicker extends Component {
  ...
  render() {
    return (
      <div>
        <ul className="list-group">
          {this.props.countries.map(country =>
            <li className="list-group-item"
              key={country.id}
              id={country.id}
              title={country.details}>
              {country.name}
            </li>
          )}
        </ul>
      </div>
    );
  }
}
```



Result



React App × +

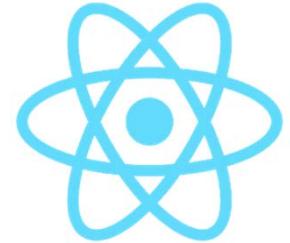
← → ⌛ ⌂ ⓘ localhost:3000

React vacation picker



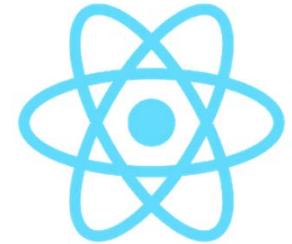
- USA
- Netherlands
- Belgium
- Japan
- Brazil
- Australia

Binding to attributes



- Note that we are binding data to attributes here
 - key – to create a unique React-key for each list item
 - id – to create an HTML-id for each list item
 - title – to create a small popup if one hovers over the item
- In React, you use *single curly braces* to assign attribute values
 - `id={country.id}` - Good
 - `id="country.id"` - Bad
 - `id=" {country.id}"` - Bad

Result in the DOM



The screenshot shows a browser window with the title "React vacation picker". On the left, there is a list of countries: USA, Netherlands, Belgium, Japan, Brazil, and Australia. The "USA" item is highlighted with a light green background and has a tooltip above it: "li#1.list-group-item 475.78 x 50". A red arrow points from this tooltip towards the DOM tree on the right. The DOM tree is displayed in the "Elements" tab of the developer tools. It shows the following structure:

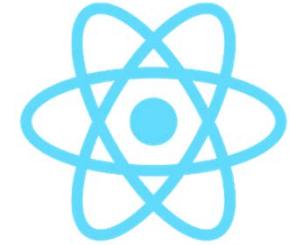
```
<!doctype html>
<html lang="en">
  <head>...</head>
  <body cz-shortcut-listen="true">
    <noscript>You need to enable JavaScript to run this app.</noscript>
    <div id="root">
      <div class="container">
        <div class="row">
          <div class="col-md-6">
            <h1>...</h1>
            <div>
              <ul class="list-group">
                ...
```

The "USA" item in the list is highlighted in the DOM tree, corresponding to the tooltip. The tooltip text is: "li#1.list-group-item id="1" title="United States are among the most visited country in the world."">USA == \$0

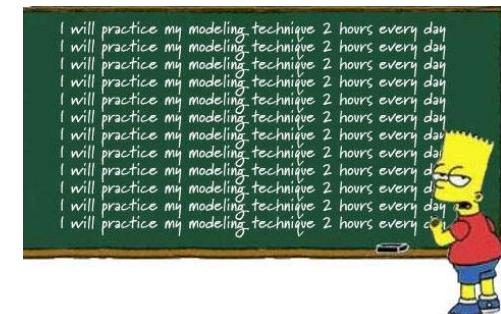
The list items are defined as follows:

- `<li class="list-group-item" id="1" title="United States are among the most visited country in the world.">USA`
- `<li class="list-group-item" id="2" title="The capital of the Netherlands, Amsterdam, is over 1000 years old.">Netherlands`
- `<li class="list-group-item" id="3" title="In Belgium they actually speak three different official languages: Flemish, French and German.">Belgium`
- `<li class="list-group-item" id="4" title="Japan was a closed community for thousands of years. Its capital, Tokyo, is lit up by thousands of neon light signs at night">Japan`

Workshop



- Add a data file to your application.
 - You can use `countryData.js` as an example, or build your own data file
 - Use for instance `CustomerData.js` as a blueprint and add your own data
- Import the data file to your application
- Show its contents in a new component, or inside `VacationPicker`, using `.map()`
- Create a key binding for your data
- Example: `../200-data-list`





Selecting a specific country

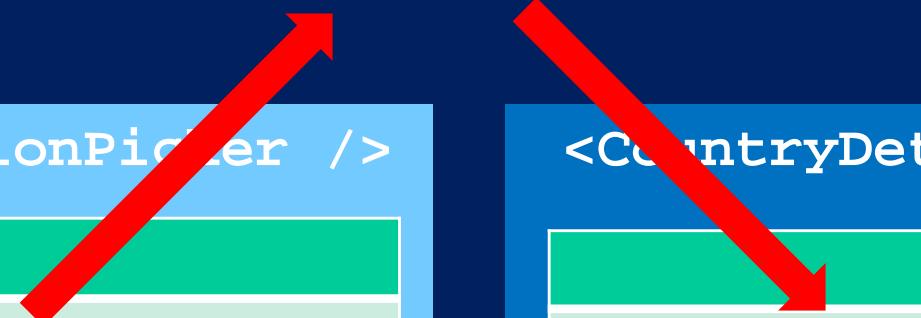
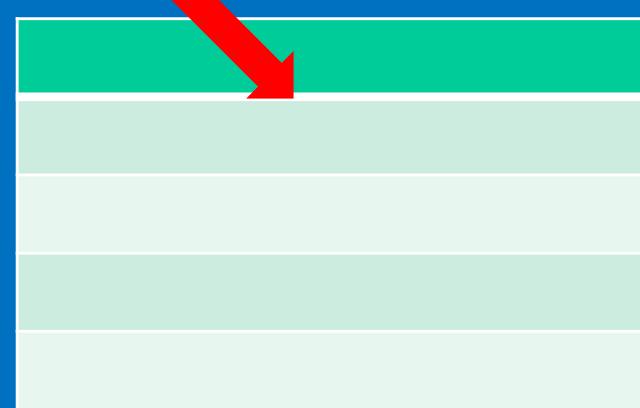
Passing details to a specific component

<App />

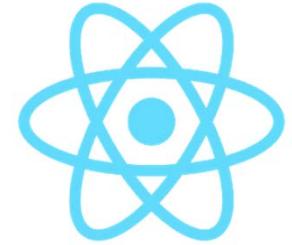
<VacationPicker />



<CountryDetail />

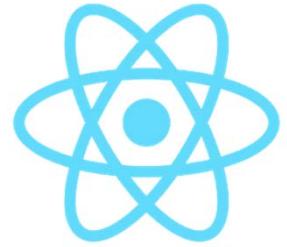


Selecting a specific country



1. Create a <CountryDetail /> component
2. Define new state property on <App />
 - we call it currentCountry
3. Pass state to <CountryDetail />
4. Write method to set new currentCountry on click
5. Update <VacationPicker /> to transfer the clicked country up to <App />

1. Creating CountryDetail



Create a component as usual.

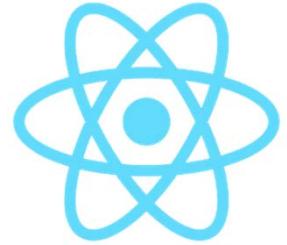
```
// CountryDetail.js - show details of a specific country
import React, {Component} from 'react'

// A pure presentational component
class CountryDetail extends Component {
  render() {
    const country = this.props.country;
    return (
      <div>
        <h2>{country.name}</h2>
        <ul className="list-group">
          <li className="list-group-item">
            id: {country.id}
          </li>
          ...
        </ul>
      </div>
    )
  }
}

export default CountryDetail
```

Render all items from
the passed in
country

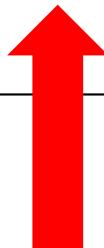
2. Define state for current country



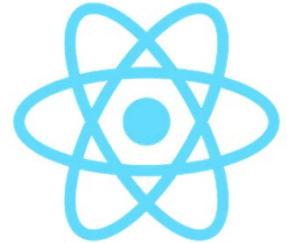
Design decision: the first country in the list is by default the selected country

```
// Our parent component - it holds the state for the child components
class App extends Component {

  state = {
    countries: countryData.countries,
    currentCountry: countryData.countries[0]
  };
}
```



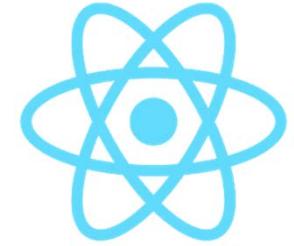
3. Pass the state to <CountryDetail />



Render the component in the UI of App.js like normal

```
<div className="container">
  ...
  <div className="col">
    <CountryDetail country={this.state.currentCountry}/>
  </div>
</div>
```

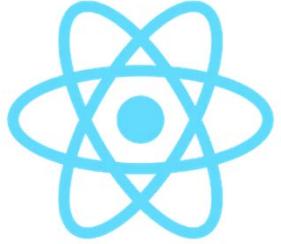
4. Write method to update the state



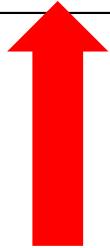
```
selectCountry(country) {  
  const newIndex = this.state.countries.indexOf(country);  
  this.setState({  
    currentCountry: this.state.countries[newIndex]  
  })  
}
```

selectCountry() will be called if a specific country in the list is clicked. So we need to pass this function as a prop

Calling `selectCountry()`



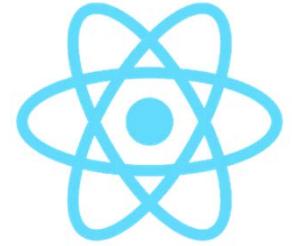
```
<VacationPicker  
  select={(country) => this.selectCountry(country)}  
  countries={this.state.countries}/>
```



Note: the `country` that is passed to `selectCountry()` is coming from the `<VacationPicker />`.

So we *need* to define this as a parameter for the incoming function call

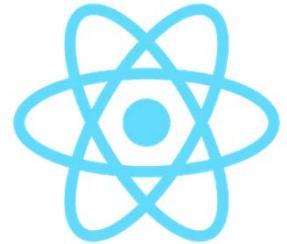
5. Update <VacationPicker />



```
class VacationPicker extends Component {  
  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <div>  
        <ul className="list-group">  
          {this.props.countries.map(country =>  
            <li className="list-group-item"  
              ...  
              onClick={() => this.props.select(country)}>  
              {country.name}  
            </li>  
          )}  
        </ul>  
      </div>  
    );  
  }  
}
```



Result



localhost:3000

React

vacation picker

- USA
- Netherlands
- Belgium
- Japan
- Brazil
- Australia

Belgium

id: 3

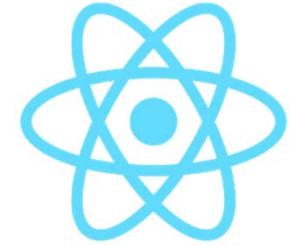
name: Belgium

capital: Brussels

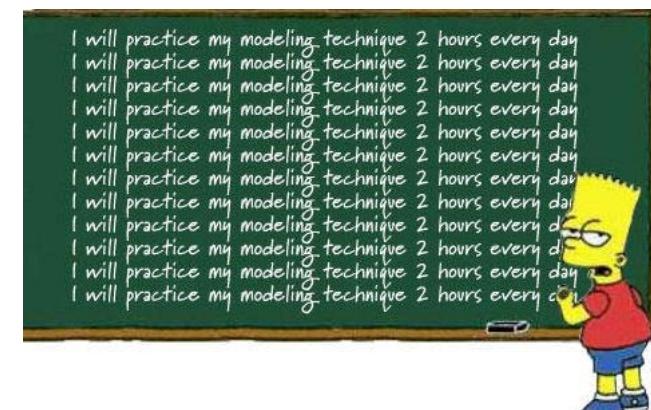
details: In Belgium they actually speak three different official languages: Flemish, French and German.

A large red arrow points from the "Belgium" button in the list to the detailed information box on the right.

Workshop



- Create a detail view for your own app.
 - If an element/data is clicked, show details in the UI
 - Remember to pass data to the detail component
- Ready made example: [.../210-data-detail](#)
- You can also work from this example and create a *new* detail component and pass for instance only country.name as an exercise

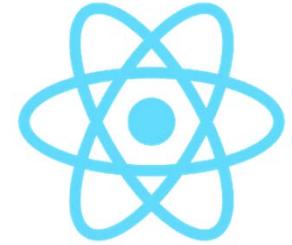




Rendering images

Showing dynamic images in the UI

Static images



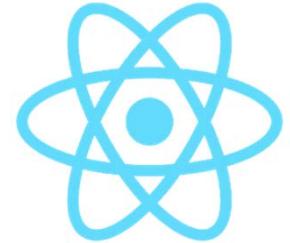
Like the logo: import first, then use as a variable reference

```
import logo from '../img/logo-react.png'  
import background from '../img/background.jpg'
```



```
<img src={logo} alt="react logo" width={80}/>  
<img src={background} alt="background" />
```

Dynamically binding to images

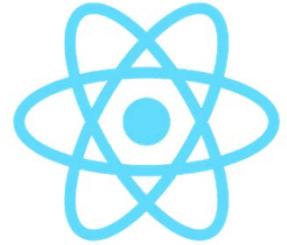


- React can not simply interpolate the name of an external resource and re-use it for binding
 - For instance, the `src` attribute of an image.
- So this is invalid:

```
<img  
  className="img-fluid"  
  src={'../../img/countries/' + country.img} alt={country.name}/>
```

Invalid!

WebPack to the rescue



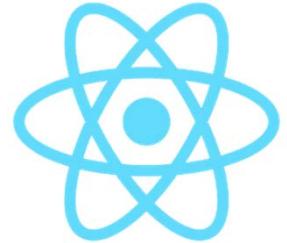
- Because Webpack builds JavaScript strings of everything, it needs to be able to determine the location of the requested file
- Use `require()` that returns a string with the correct location:

```
<img  
  className="img-fluid"  
  src={require('.../..../img/countries/' + country.img)} />
```



Correct!

Using ES6 string interpolation



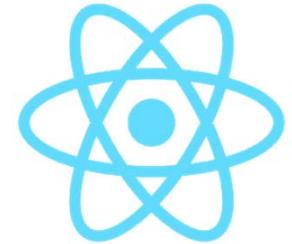
- You can also use ES6 string interpolation, like so:

```
<img  
  className="img-fluid"  
  src={require(`../../img/countries/${country.img}`)} />
```



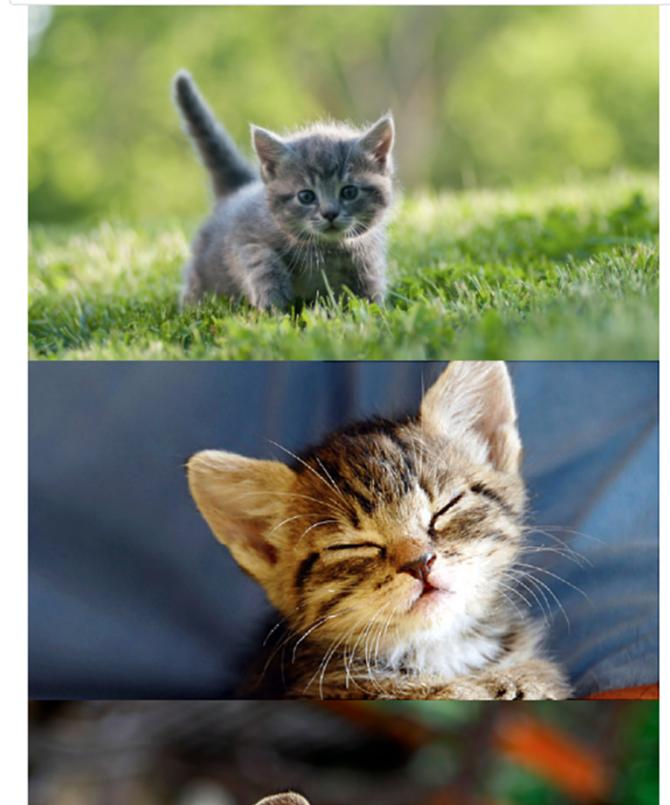
Correct!

Full URL's

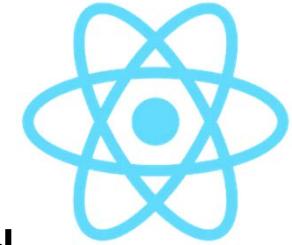


When the image is a fully qualified URL, **directly** binding inside `` is correct

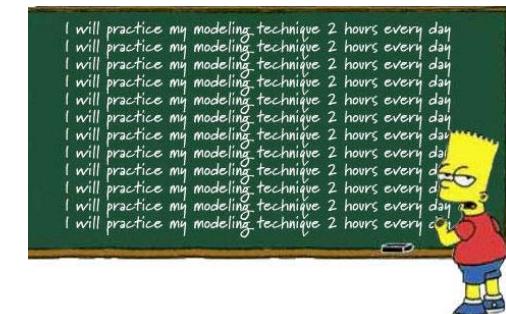
```
cats = [  
  'https://www.vets4pets.com/siteassets/.  
  'https://img.webmd.com/caring_for_your_.../  
  'https://images.unsplash.com/...',  
  'https://imgix.bustle.com/uploads/safe.../  
];
```



Workshop



- Own application: add images to your data and render them dynamically in the app
- Ready made example [.../220-image-binding](#)
- Optional: create a new component, holding an array of static images (fully qualified URL)
 - Render them in a loop to the UI
 - (like in the previous slide)

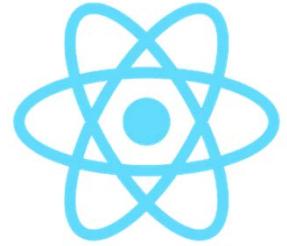




Conditional rendering

Only show some UI if a certain condition is met

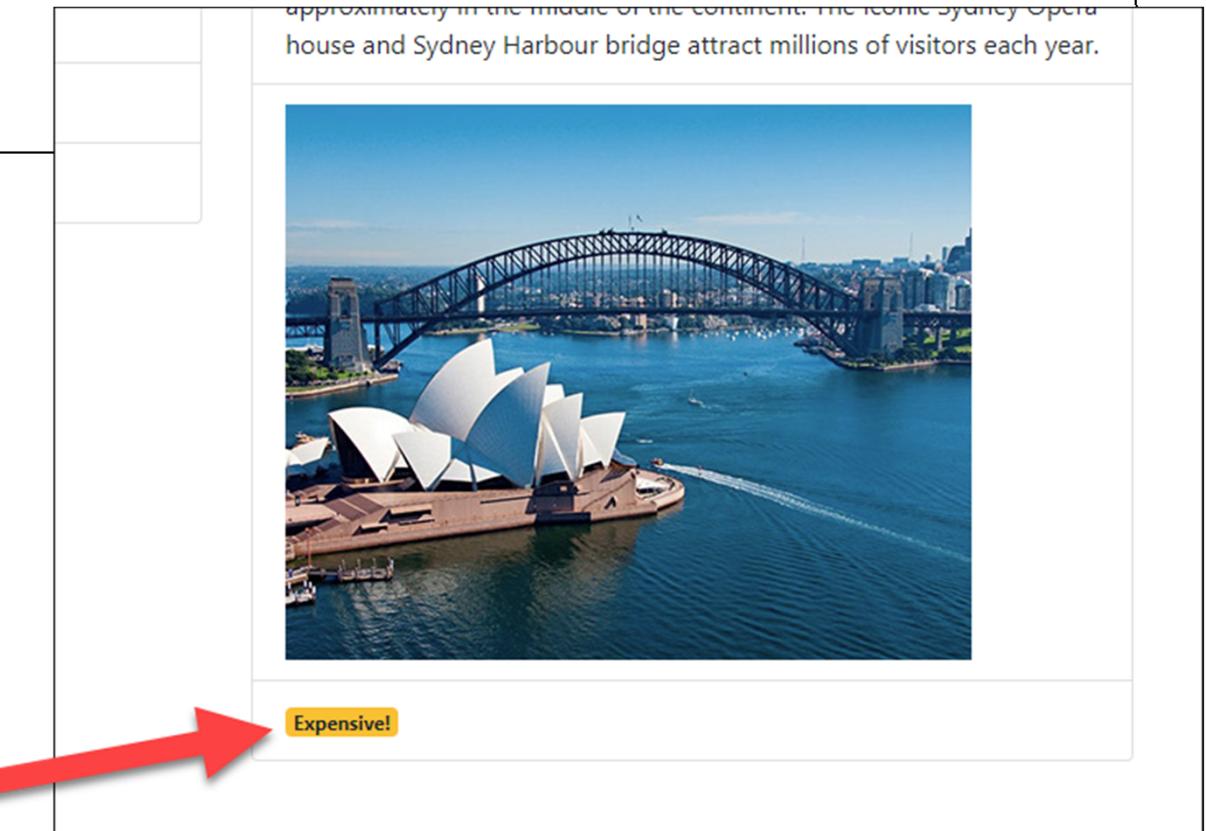
Adding conditions to the UI



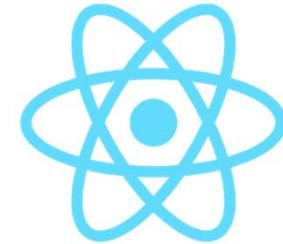
- We want to show a badge if a destination is expensive
 - Decision: “a destination is expensive if it costs more than 4000”
- Remember: you can just write JavaScript expressions between { ... }
- We’re using a ternary statement ? ... :... here.
- React does *not* have a construct like v-if, or *ngIf, like Vue and Angular

Writing a conditional statement

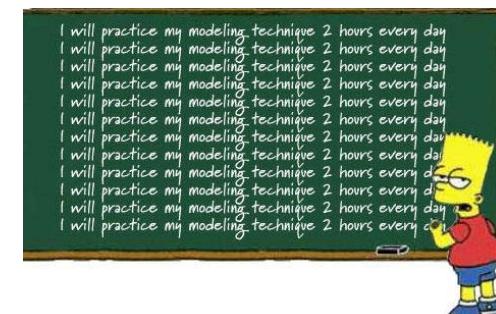
```
{country.cost > 4000 ?  
  <li className="list-group-item">  
    <span className="badge badge-warning">Expensive!</span>  
  </li>  
  : ''  
}
```



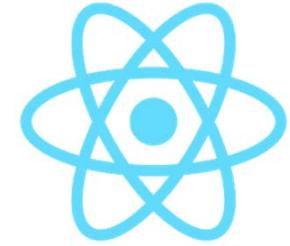
Workshop



- Create an 'on sale' label, if a destination is cheaper than 1000
- Show the expensive and on sale badges directly in the list
- Create a button that shows/hides the country details
- Example [.../230-conditional-rendering](#)
- Optional: create a favorite property on the data model.
 - Inside the detail view, users can mark the item as favorite.
 - The status should show in the list/overview
 - Possible solution: [.../workshops/30-binding-favorite](#)
 - But first try it yourself!



Checkpoint



- You can import static data in your application
- You know how to loop over the data using `.map()` and render it in the UI
- You can select data from the master view and pass it to a detail component
- You can render dynamic images using `require(...)`
- You know how to render pieces of the UI dynamically