How React works

- The React application is made of components
- React takes the components and creates a JavaScript representation of the DOM (Virtual DOM)
- React renders the DOM based on the Virtual DOM
- Whenever data changes within a component, a new Virtual DOM is rendered and compared to the current Virtual DOM
- The changes are updated in the browser

CDN

React

```
<script crossorigin src="https://unpkg.com/react@16/umd/react.development.js">
</script>
<script crossorigin src="https://unpkg.com/react-dom@16/umd/react-dom.development.js"></script></script></script>
```

Babel

```
<script src="https://unpkg.com/@babel/standalone/babel.min.js"></script>
```

```
<script type="text/babel">
    ...
</script>
```

Components

render()

• Renders the template to the element

```
ReactDOM.render(<App/>, document.getElementById('app'));
```

• Render App to #app

{ }

• Treat whatever is inside of { } as JavaScript

State

- State of data/UI of component
- A JSON object storing local data of the component
- Changing the state of a component makes it re-render

```
state = {
  name: 'react',
  isCool: true,
}
```

```
{ this.state.name } // react
```

Events

```
handleClick(e) {
  console.log(e.target);
}
```

```
<button onClick={this.handleClick}>click
```

this

```
handleClick(e) {
  console.log(this.state);
}
```

- Error, this is out of scope, undefined
- We must manually bind this
- Use an arrow function

```
handleClick = e => {
  console.log(this.state);
}
```

- Arrow functions bind this to whatever this is outside the function
- For regular functions, this refers to the object that called the function
- For => functions, this is bound *lexically*, using the enclosing function scope as its this value

Changing State

```
this.state.name = 'cool' // no!
```

• Do not change the state directly

setState

```
this.setState({
    name: 'epic',
});
```

- Pass in an object representing the state
- Asynchronous

Forms

```
<form onSubmit={this.handleSubmit}>
    <input type="text" onChange={ this.handleChange }/>
    <button>Submit</button>
</form>
```

• Remember to e.preventDefault() form submits

Single Page Applications

- React apps are SPAs
- Only one HTML page is served on the browser
- React controls what the user sees

Components Continued

• Components can be defined by functions or classes

```
function Welcome(props) {
  return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;
}
```

- No state
- Receive data from props
- UI components

```
class Welcome extends React.Component {
   render() {
    return <h1>Hello, {this.props.name}</h1>;
   }
}
```

- State
- Lifecycle hooks
- Container components

Props

• Pass data from parent components to child components

```
<Component name="Jay J0" likes="biking" drift="true"></Component>

{ props.name }, { props.likes }, { props.drift }
```

Lists

Container

```
state = { // for class component
  members: [
     {},
     ...
  ]
}
```

```
class
<Component prop={this.state.members}/>
function
<Component prop={members}/>
```

Component

Conditional Output

• Use the Ternary operator

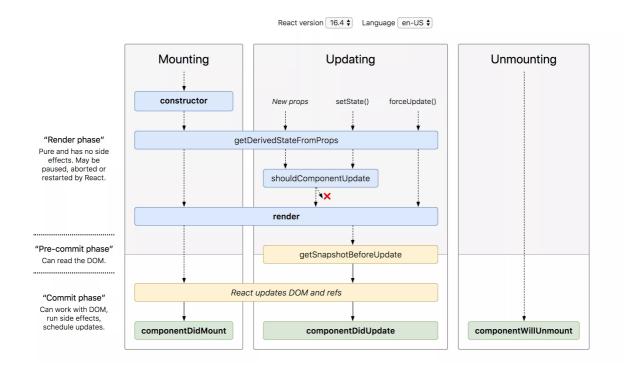
Functions as Props

- ex. accessing state of parent component
- Put a function to set state in the parent component and pass it as a prop to the child component
- this.props.function()

```
<button onClick={ () => {function(id)} }>x</button>
```

• Must be an arrow function or it will fire immediately

Lifecycle Methods



Mounting

- Mounting: Putting elements into the DOM
- 4 methods called in this order upon mount
- render() is required, others are optional

Constructor

- Called upon component instantiation
- Set up initial values such as state

get Derived State From Props

- Called before rendering elements
- Set state based on props

render

Renders JSX to the DOM

componentDidMount()

- Fires when component first mounts
- Good for grabbing external data (ex. Firebase)

Updating

• Updating data, self-explanatory

shouldComponentUpdate

getSnapshotBeforeUpdate

component Did Update

Unmounting

componentWillUnmount

• Component is about to removed from the DOM

React Router

npm install react-router-dom

```
import {
   BrowserRouter as Router,
   Switch,
   Route,
   Link,
   withRouter
} from "react-router-dom";
```

```
<Router>
     <Navbar />
     <Route path='/' component={Home} />
</Router>
```

 Add exact prop if necessary (anything that starts with / will also render in the above example)

```
<!-- Replace <a> tags with <Link> tags -->
<Link to="/">Home</Link>
```

• NavLink is Link but for styling

Page Redirects

```
// After 2 seconds, redirect to '/path'
setTimeout(() => {
  props.history.push('/path')
}, 2000);
```

Router automatically adds its information to props for any component it loads up

<Route component={...} />

withRouter()

```
export default withRouter(component)
```

- Higher order component
- Applies Router props to the component

Switch

- Only match one route
- Wraps <Route/> components, goes top down and looks to match the first link only and stops

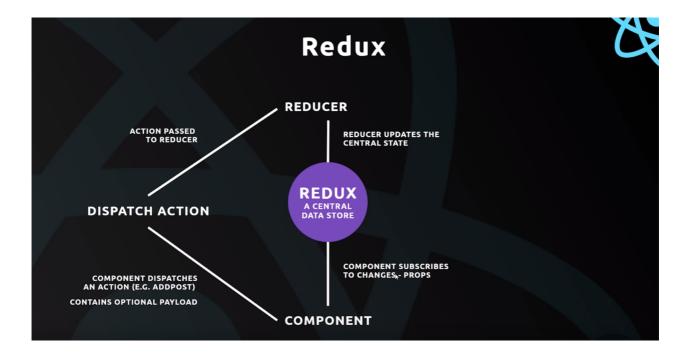
Higher Order Components

• Wraps a component and gives them extra features

Images

• Importimage: import Image from '/path'

Redux



- Have central storage for data
- Passing around props is bad
- 1. Define central store with redux
- 2. A component subscribes to changes in data; Redux passes data using props

To make a change:

- 1. Dispatch action
- 2. Actions describe changes with data payload
- 3. Action passed to Reducer
- 4. Reducer updates data store

```
const { createStore } = Redux;

// default state
const initState = {
  todos: [],
```

```
posts: []
function myreducer(state = initState, action){
 if(action.type == 'ADD_TODO'){
   // return a new object representing the new state
   return {
      ...state, // all the other untouched properties
     todos: [...state.todos, action.todo]
   }
const store = createStore(myreducer);
// listen to changes to store and react to them
store.subscribe(() => {
 console.log('state updated');
 console.log(store.getState());
})
// type describes action
const todoAction = { type: 'ADD_TODO', todo: 'play piano' }
// send action to Reducer
store.dispatch(todoAction);
```

Redux setup

npm install redux react-redux

```
// index.js
...
import { createStore } from 'redux';
import { Provider } from 'react-redux';
import rootReducer from '.rootReducer'
```

• The rootReducer is what will interact with the store

```
// rootReducer.js

// need default state

const initState = {
    posts: []
}

const rootReducer = (state = initState, action) => {
    return state;
}

export default rootReducer
```

Mapping State to Props

- Connect component to Redux store
- Pass Redux props to the component

```
// Component
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
...
export default connect()(Component)
```

- connect is a function that returns a HOC that wraps the component
- connect takes in a parameter which maps the data from the store to the component props

```
// takes in store state as a prop
const mapStateToProps = (state) => {
  return {
    // store properties we want to return
    // ex.
    posts: state.posts
}
```

```
// another example from react-plan
import { connect } from 'react-redux'

// takes state of store and returns object representing props
const mapStateToProps = state => {
    return{
        projects: state.project.projects
    }
}
export default connect(mapStateToProps)(Dashboard)
```

- connect listens for changes and calls mapStateToProps where we specify which props we provide to the component
- In this case, we provide a new prop called projects

Map Dispatch to Props

• To change state dispatch an action

```
// takes dispatch method as param
const mapDispatchToProps = (dispatch) => {
  return {
    // similar to mapStateToProps, maps properties to props of component
    // ex.
    deletePost: (id) => {
    // we dispatch this action whenever deletePost is called
```

```
dispatch({type: 'DELETE_POST', id: id})
}

export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps)(Component)
```

```
// rootReducer

const rootReducer = (state = initState, action) => {
  if(action.type = 'DELETE_POST'){
    ...
  }
  return state;
}
```

Combining Reducers

```
import authReducer from './authReducer'
import projectReducer from './projectReducer'
import { combineReducers } from 'redux'

const rootReducer = combineReducers ({
    // which reducers we want to combine and what we want to call them
    auth: authReducer,
    project: projectReducer,
})

export default rootReducer
```

Redux Thunk

- Perform async tasks inside action creators
- Returns a function:

- Halt dispatch
- Perform async request
- Resume dispatch

```
import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from 'redux'
import thunk from 'react-thunk'

const store = createStore(rootReducer, applyMiddleware(thunk));
```

• check out CreateProject.js in react-plan