

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 favors composition.
- Core React composition Patterns:
 - 1. Containers.
 - 2. Render Props.
 - 3. Higher Order Components.

Composition - Children

HTML is composable

<div> has two children;
 has three children

The Container pattern.

All React components have a special <u>children</u> prop so that consumers can pass components directly by nesting them inside the jsx.

- When the Picture component renders, its props.children will display what the consumer places between the opening and closing tags of Picture.
- This <u>de-couples</u> the Picture component from its content and makes it reusable.

Image
Button

Image

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 function prop that a component uses to know what to render.

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

The Render Prop - Sample App.

Friends List

Search

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Friends List

Search

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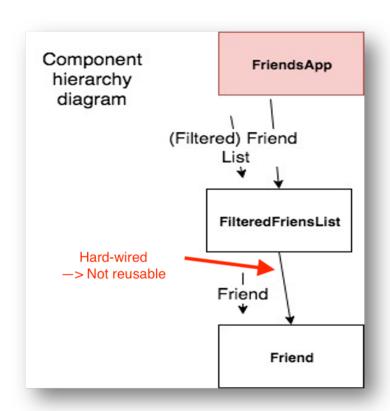
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The Render Props - Sample App.



- Solution: As well as passing the list of matching friends to
- , we also tell it <u>how to</u> render a friend
- Use a prop to communicate the 'how', i.e. a render prop

```
import React from "react";

You, 5 days ago • Initial structure

const FilteredFriendList = props => {

// console.log('Render of FilteredFriendList')

const friends = props.list.map(item => (

props.render(item)

));

return {friends};

};

export default FilteredFriendList;

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```

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

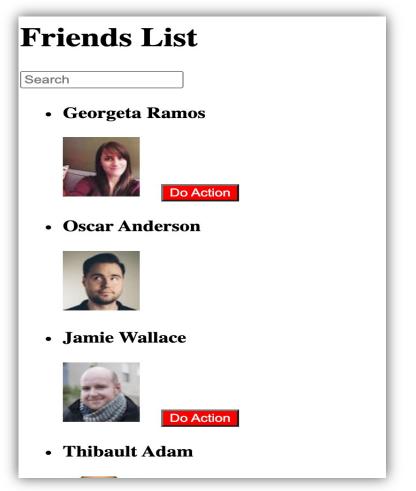
- FilteredFriendList is no longer statically importing the component for rendering a friend.
- It receives this via the render prop.
- The friends array elements will be Friend components, e.g. FriendContact, FriendImage
- Without this pattern we would need a FilteredFriendList component for each use case, thus violating the DRY principle.
- The prop name is arbitrary; render is a convention.

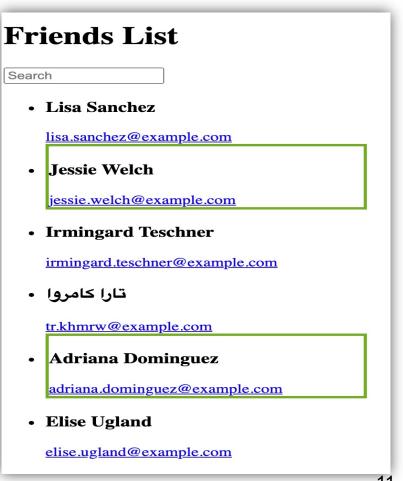
Reusability.

- Core React composition Patterns:
 - 1. Containers
 - 2. Render Props
 - 3. Higher Order Components
- HOC is a function that takes a component and returns an enhanced version of it.
 - Enhancements could include:
 - Statefulness
 - Props
 - UI
- Ex withRouter function.
- Naming convention: withXXXXXXXX()

Higher Order Component - Sample App.

Objective: Add a click handler to multiple components.





Higher Order Component - Sample App.

```
const withNothing = (Component) => {
    return ({ ...props }) => ( <Component {...props} /> );
}
```

This HOC enhances a custom component by:

- 1.Adding state that is controlled by the onClick event.
- 2.Passing it an additional prop

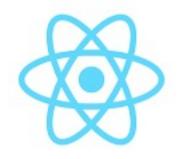
Higher Order Component - Sample App.

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

- The clicked prop does not appear in the invocation of our custom component (FriendContact); its supplied by the HOC
- The custom component decides how to react to the state change caused by the onClick event

Summary.

- Objectives Reusability, Separation of Concerns (Single Responsibility), DRY.
- Benefits Maintainability, Understandability, Extendability, Adaptability.
- Means Apply design patterns.
- React App.
 - Composition.
 - Patterns Container, Render Prop, Higher Order Component.
- More patterns later

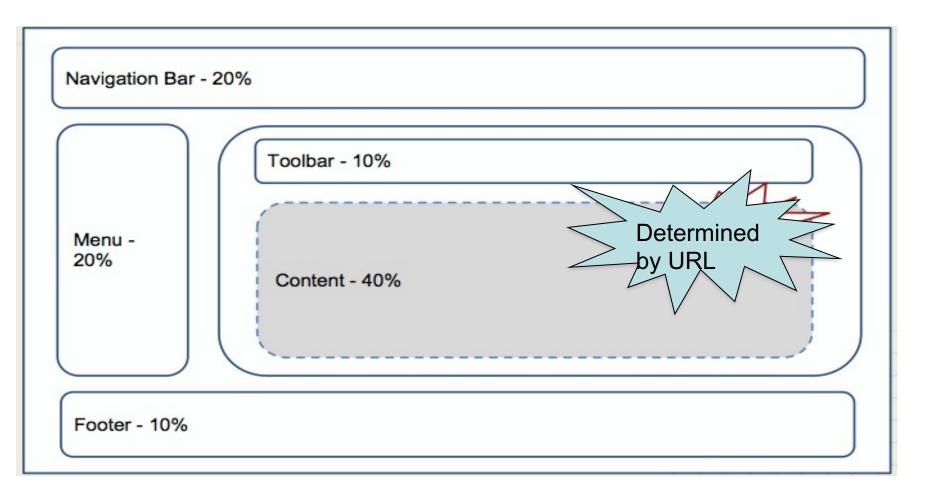


Navigation

(Continued)

(See Archive from earlier lecture for code samples.)

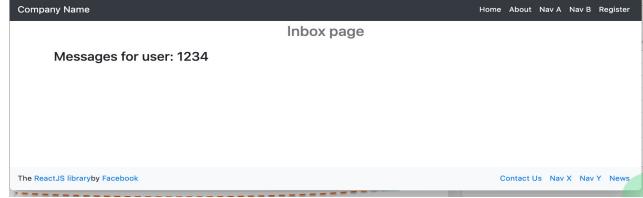
Typical Web app layout



Persistent elements/components

Use cases: Site-wide Headers. Footers. Side menus.





Persistent elements/components

Ref. src/sample6

```
class Router extends Component {
    render() {
        return (
            <BrowserRouter>
               div_className="container">
                    <Switch>
                        <Route path='/about' component={ About } />
                        <Route path='/register' component={ Register } />
                        <Route path='/contact' component={ Contact } />
                        <Route path='/inbox/:userId' component={ Inbox } />
                        <Route exact path='/' component={ Home } />
                        <Redirect from='*' to='/' />
                    </Switch>
            </BrowserRouter>
```

Alternative <Route> API.

- **To-date**: <Route path={...URL path...} component={ ComponentX} />
 - Mounted component always gets a default prop object.
- Disadv.: We cannot pass custom props to the mounted component.
- Alternative:

```
<Route path={...URL path...} render={...function....}>
```

- where function return the mounted component.
- EX.: See /src/sample7/.

Objective: Pass usage data to the <Stats> component from sample4's nested Route.

```
<Route path={`/inbox/:userId/statistics`} component={Stats} />
```

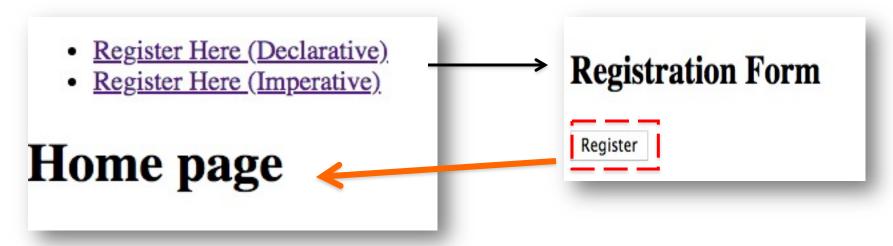
Alternative <Route> API.

```
<Route
| path={`/inbox/:id/statistics`}
  render={ (props) => {
          return <Stats {...props} usage={[5.4, 9.2]} />;
        }}
/>
```

 The render prop function argument is the inherited props object.

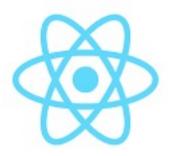
Programmatic Navigation.

- Performing navigation in JavaScript.
- Two options:
 - Declarative requires state; use <Redirect />.
 - 2. Imperative requires withRouter(); use props.history
- EX.: See /src/sample8/.



Summary

- React Router package adheres to React principles:
 - Declarative.
 - Component composition.
 - The event → state change → re-render
- Package's main components <BrowserRouter>, <Route>,
 <Redirect>, <Link>.
- The withRouter() higher order component.
 - Additional props:
 - props.match.params; props.history; props.location
- Recently add hooks support (alternative to withRouter)
 - useHistory(), useParams(), useLocation



Custom Hooks

Custom Hooks.

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

Example:

```
const BookPage = props => {
  const isbm = props.isbn;

  const [book, setBook] = useState(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.

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Custom Hook Example.

Solution:

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

```
const BookPage = props => {
  const isbm = props.isbn;
  const [book, setBook] = useBook(isbn);
  . . . rest of component code . . . .
}
```

- Custom Hook is an ordinary function BUT can 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.