

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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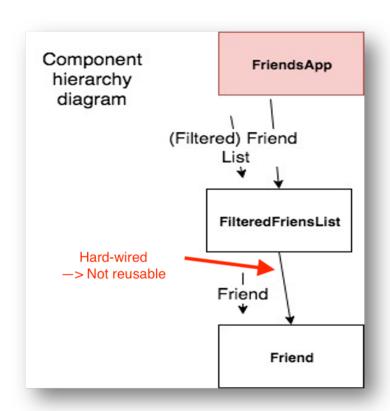
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The Render Props - Sample App.



- 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.

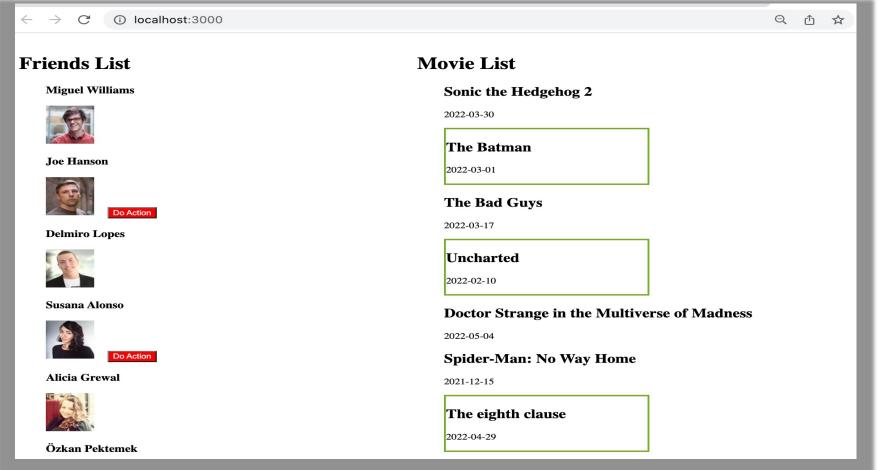
- Core React composition Patterns:
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 - 3. Higher Order Components
- HOC is a function that takes a component and returns an enhanced version of it.

function(Input Component) → Output component

- Enhancements could include:
 - Statefulness.
 - · Props.
 - UI.
- Naming convention: with XXXXXXXX()

Higher Order Component - Sample App.

Objective: Make different types of components clickable.



Higher Order Component.

Template for a HOC:

```
const withSomething = (InputComponent) => {
  return (
    (props) => {
       .... additional behaviour ......
       return (
           ..... additional JSX ....
           <InputComponent {...props} additionalProp={...}/>
           ..... additional JSX .......
       );
    }; // end output component
}. // end HOC
```

Higher Order Component - Sample App.

```
const withClickable = (Component) => {
       return (props) => {
         const [clicked, setClicked] = useState(false);
 6
         const onClick = () => setClicked(!clicked);
 8
         return
           <div onClick={onClick}>
10
11
             <Component {...props} clicked={clicked} />
12
           </div>
13
         );
14
       };
15
     };
```

This HOC enhances the input component by:

- 1. Adding a state variable, controlled by an onClick event handler.
- 2. Passing the state value as a prop
- 3. Wrapping it in a div with properties.

Higher Order Component - Sample App.

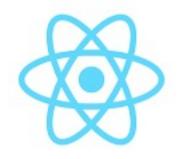
The input component leverages the enhancements provided in the HOC through the additional props it offers.

```
<ClickableFriend friend={friend} />
```

The app uses the enhanced component, not the input component

Summary.

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

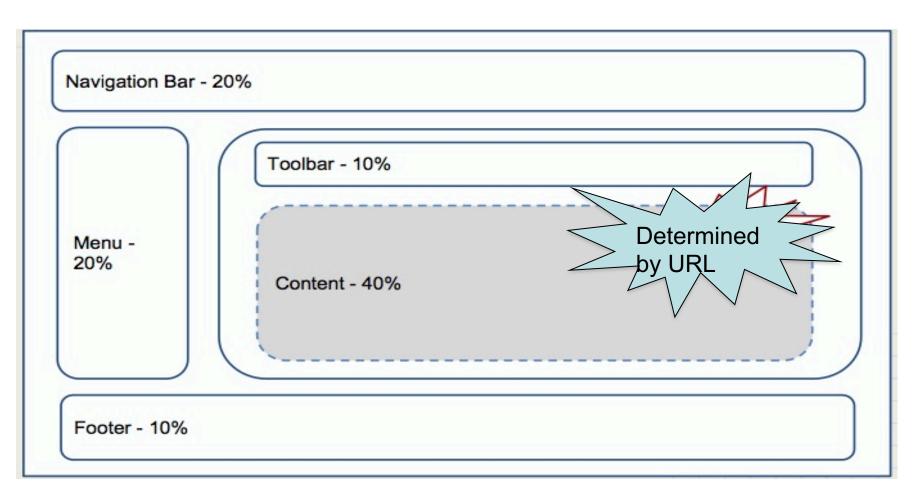


Navigation

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(See Archive from earlier lecture for code samples.)

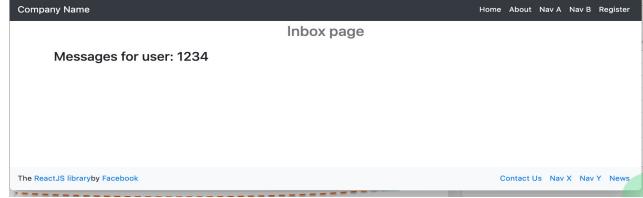
Typical Web app layout



Persistent elements/components

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





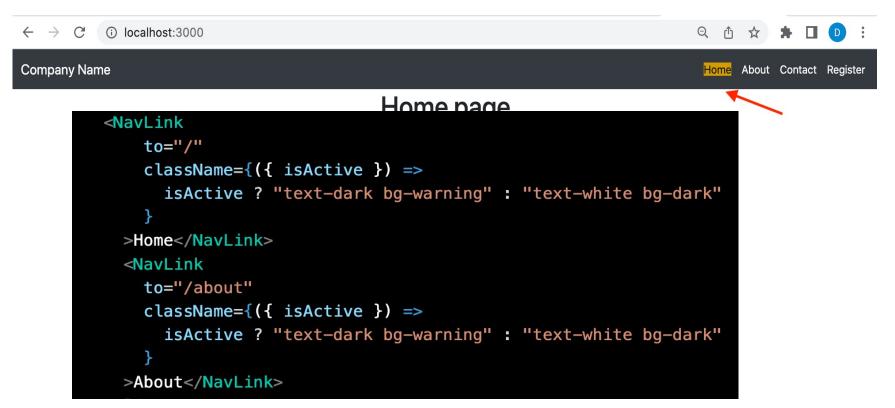
Persistent elements/components

Ref. src/sample6

```
const App = () \Rightarrow {
27
28
       return
         <BrowserRouter>
29
             <Header />
30
              <div className="container">
31
32
                <Routes>
33
                  <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />
                  <Route path="/register" element={<Register />} />
34
35
                  <Route path="/contact" element={<Contact />} />
                  <Route path="/inbox/:userId" element={<Inbox />} />
36
                  <Route index element={<Home />} />
37
                  <Route path="*" element={<Navigate to="/" replace />} />
38
39
                -/Routes>
40
             <Footer />
41
42
         </BrowserRouter>
43
       );
44
     };
```

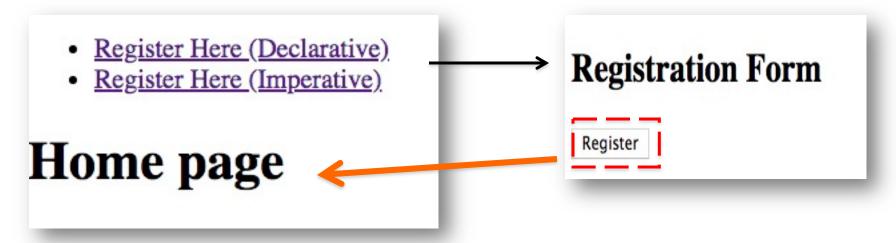
Navigation Links

- Use <NavLink> instead of <Link> for a set of hyperlinks.
- Can dynamically configure styling for the 'active' link.



Programmatic Navigation.

- Performing navigation in JavaScript.
- Two options:
 - Declarative requires state; use <Navigate /> element.
 - 2. Imperative use the hook
- EX.: See /src/sample7/.

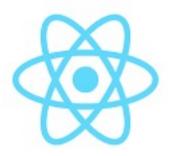


Summary

- React Router package adheres to React principles:
 - Declarative.
 - Component composition.
 - Execution flow:

event → event handler → component mount/unmount

- Package's main components <BrowserRouter>, <Route>,
 <Navigate>, <Link>.
- Package hooks useParams, useNavigate, 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.