

# Navigation

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(See Routing Samples Archive from  
earlier lecture for code samples.)

# Alternative <Route> API.

- **To-date:** `<Route path={...URL path...} component={ ComponentX} />`
- **Disadv.: We cannot pass 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..**

```
<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]} />;
  }}
/>
```

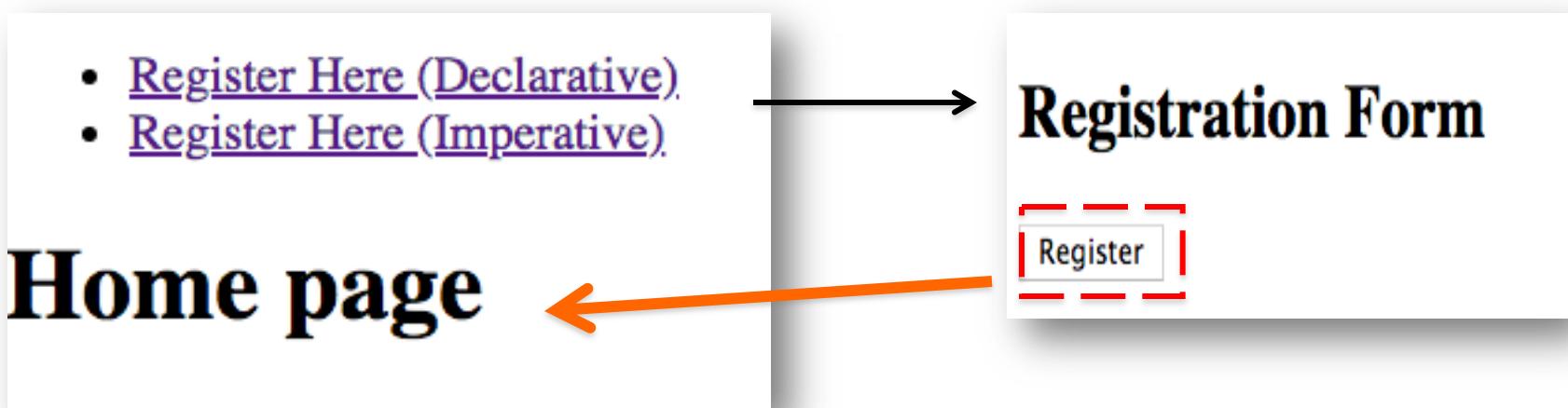
- **Render prop - callback function argument is the default props object for mounted component.**

```
const Stats = (props) => {
  return (
    <>
      <h3>Statistical data for user: {props.match.params.id}</h3>
      <h4>Emails sent (per day) = {props.usage[0]} </h4>
      <h4>Emails received (per day) = {props.usage[1]} </h4>
    </>
  );
};
```



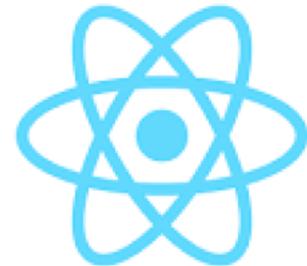
# Programmatic Navigation.

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



# Summary

- **React Router (version 4) adheres to React principles:**
  - Declarative.
  - Component composition.
  - The event → state change → re-render
- **Main components - <BrowserRouter>, <Route>, <Redirect>, <Link>.**
- **The withRouter() higher order component.**
- **Additional props:**
  - `props.match.params`
  - `props.history`
  - `props.location`

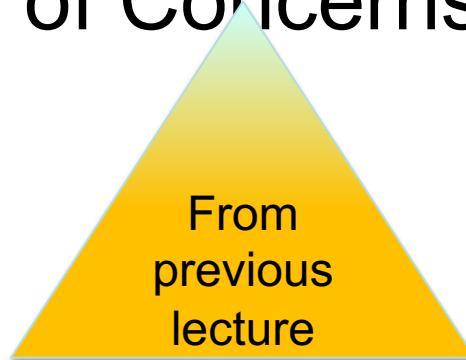


# Design Patterns

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# Reusability & Separation of Concerns.

- Techniques to make code reusable:
  1. Inheritance
  2. Composition
- React favors composition.
- Core React composition Patterns:
  1. Containers
  2. Render Props
  3. Higher Order Components.



# The Render Props pattern

- **Use the pattern to share logic between components.**
- **Dfn.:** "a component with a render prop takes a function that returns a React element and calls it instead of implementing its own render logic."

```
const SharedComponent = () => {
  return (
    <div className='classX'>
      {this.props.render()}
    </div>
  )
};

const SayHello = () => {
  return (
    <SharedComponent render={() => (
      <span>hello!</span>
    )} />
  )
};
```

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

```
<div className='classX'>
  <span>hello!</span>
</div>
```

# The Render Props - Sample App.

- A React app for viewing blog posts.
  - Suppose its views include:
    1. A view to display a post's text followed by related comments.
    2. A view to display a post's text followed by links to related / matching posts.

## Without Render Props pattern

```
const CommentList = (props) => {
  return (
    <div className='classX'>
      . . . map over comments array
    </div>
  )
};

const BlogPostAndComments = (props) => {
  . . . hooks and other logic . . .
  return (
    <>
      <TextBlock text={....} />
      <CommentList />
    </>
  )
};

const BlogPostAndMatches = (props) => {
  . . . hooks and other logic . . .
  return (
    <>
      <TextBlock text={....} />
      <BlogMatches />
    </>
  )
};
```

Violates the DRY principle

## With Render Props pattern

```
const BlogPost = (props) => {
  . . . hooks and other logic . . .
  return (
    <>
      <TextBlock text={} />
      {this.props.render()}
    </>
  )
};
```

BlogPost is told what to render after the blog text

```
const BlogPostAndComments = (props) => {
  return (
    <>
      <BlogPost
        render={() => <CommentList />} />
    </>
  )
};
```

```
const BlogPostAndMatches = (props) => {
  return (
    <>
      <BlogPost
        render={() => <PostMatches />} />
    </>
  )
};
```

# The Render Props pattern

- Render prop function can be parameterized

```
const SharedComponent = (props) => {
  . . .
  return (
    <div className='classX'>
      {this.props.render(person.name)}
    </div>
  )
};

const SayHello = (props) => {
  return (
    <SharedComponent render={(name) => (
      <span>hello! {name}</span>
    )} />
  )
}
```

- SharedCoomponent generates the parameters required by the render prop function.

# Reusability.

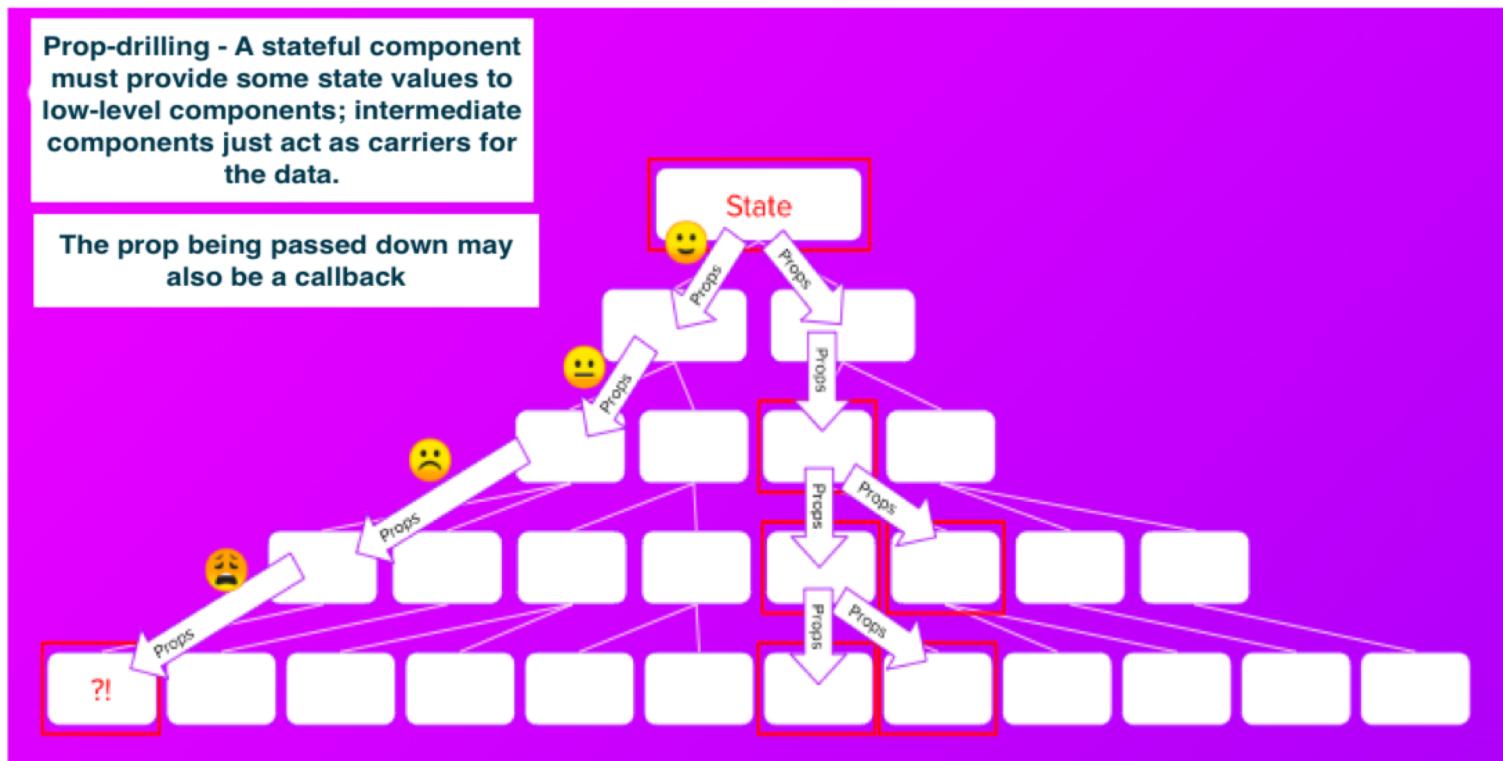
- Core React composition Patterns:
  1. Containers
  2. Render Props
  3. Higher Order Components
- HOC is a function that takes a component and returns an enhanced version of it.
  - Enhancements include:
    - Statefulness
    - Props
    - UI
- Ex – withRouter function.

# **The Provider pattern**

## React Contexts

# The Provider pattern – When?

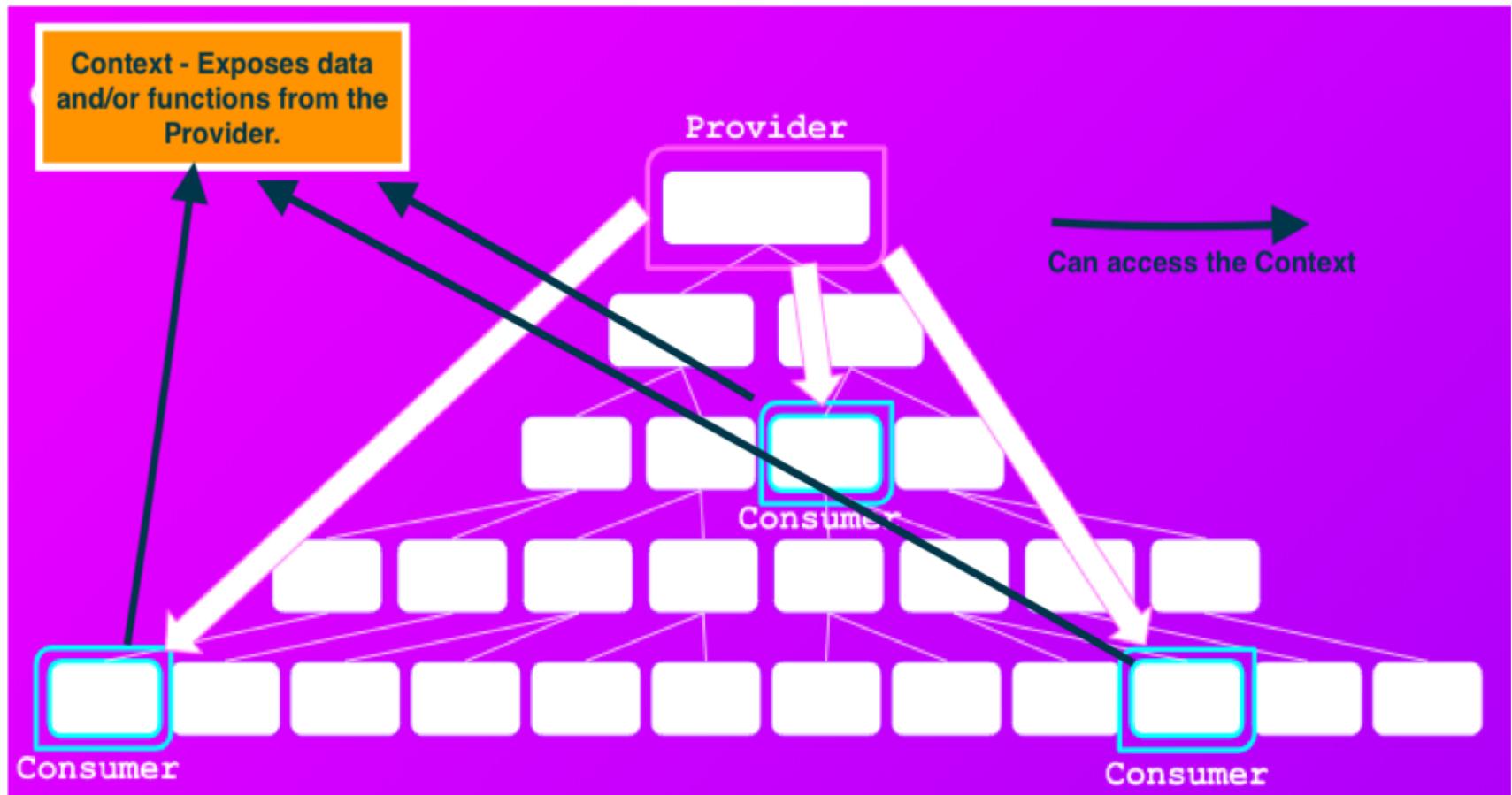
- **Use the pattern for:**
  - Sharing global data, e.g. Web API data.
  - To avoid prop-drilling.



# The Provider pattern – How?

- **React Implementation steps:**
  1. **Declare a component for managing global data – the Provider component.**
  2. **Make the data accessible by other components (consumers).**
  3. **Use component composition to integrate the Provider with consumer components.**
- **Contexts – the grue behind provider pattern in React.**
  - **A Context provides a way to pass data through the component hierarchy without having to pass props down manually at every level.**
  - **Provider component creates/manages the context.**
  - **Consumer accesses context with useContext hook**

# The Provider pattern – React Contexts.



# The Provider pattern – Implementation

- **Declare the Provider component:**

```
0  export const SomeContext = React.createContext(null)
1
2  const ContextProvider = props => {
3      . . . Use useState and useEffect hooks to
4      . . . initialize global state variables
5      return (
6          <SomeContext.Provider
7              value={{ key1: value1, . . . }} >
8              {props.children}
9          </SomeContext.Provider>
0      );
1  };
2  export default ContextProvider
```

- **We associate the Context with the Provider component using <contextName.Provider>.**
- **The values object declare what is accessible by consumers.**
  - Functions as well as state data can be values.

# The Provider pattern – Implementation.

- **Integrate (Compose) the Provider with the rest of the app**

```
const App = () => {
  return (
    <ContextProvider>
      . . . .
    </ContextProvider>
  )
}

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

- **The Provider's children will now be able to access the shared context.**

# The Provider pattern – Implementation.

- **The Consumer accesses the context with useContext hook.**

```
import React, { useContext } from "react";
import {SomeContext} from '.....'

const ConsumerComponent = props => {
  const context = useContext(SomeContext);

  . . . access context values with 'context.keyX'

};
```

- **The context keys match those of the values object exposed by the Provider component.**

# The Provider pattern.

- **When not to use Contexts:**
  1. **Don't use Context to avoid drilling props down just one layer. Prop drilling is faster for this case.**
  2. **Avoid using Context to save state that should be kept locally, e.g. web form inputs should be in local state.**
  3. **If you pass an object as your context value, monitor performance and refactor as necessary.**

# **useReducer hook**

(See archive for full source code)

# useReducer hook

- “**useReducer** is usually preferable to **useState** when you have complex state logic that involves non-primitive state values or when the next state is computed from the previous one.”
- Based on the Redux 3<sup>rd</sup> party library for managing application state.
  - The M part of MVC.
- **Signature:**  
const [state, *dispatch*] = useReducer(*reducer*, initial state)

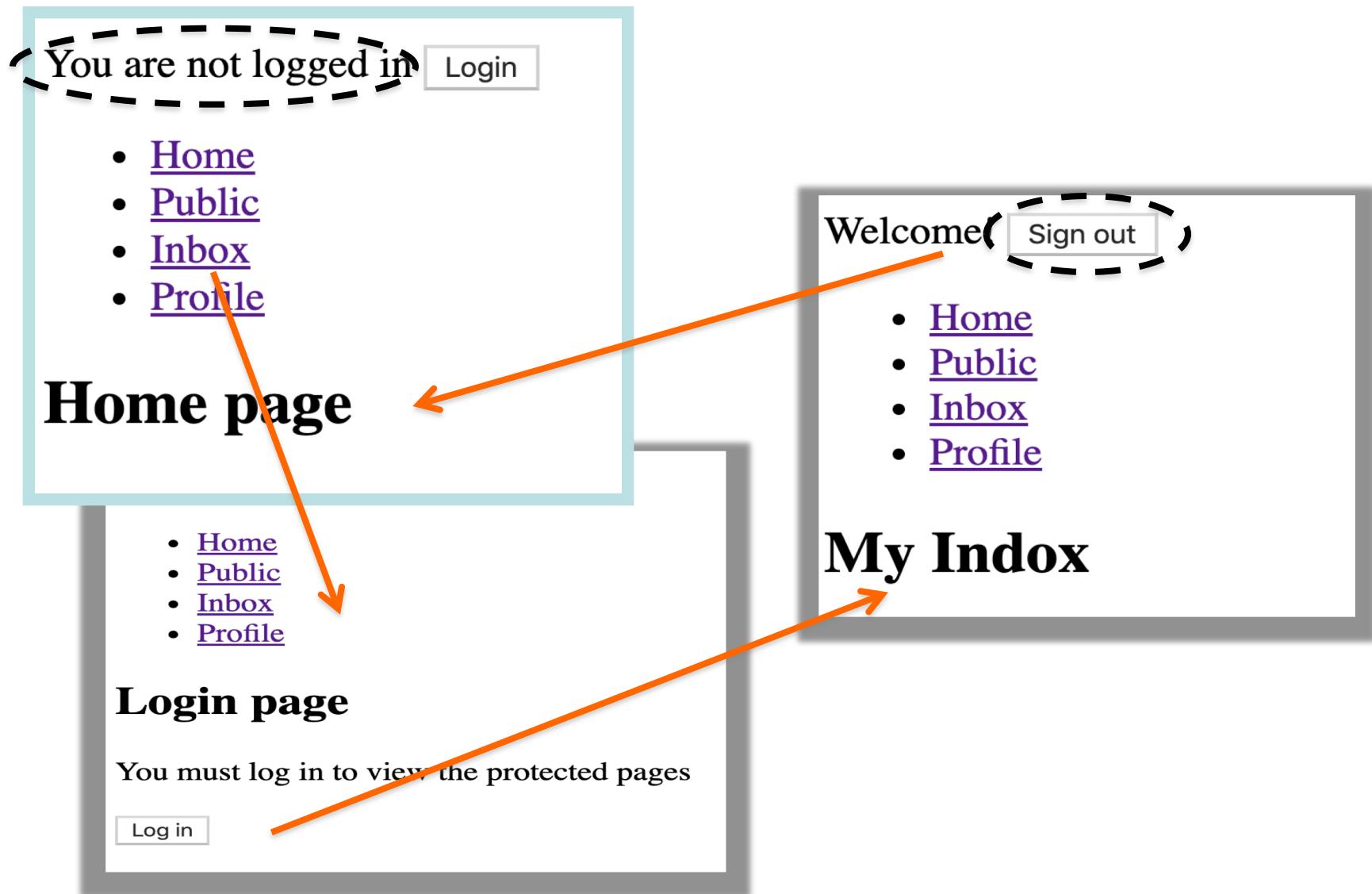
# useReducer elements.

- **reducer** – A custom function for mutating the state  
*reducerFunction(state, action)*
  - Returns the new state value.
  - Cannot modify the current state, just make a copy and change the copy.
- **Reducer actions** – An object: { **actionType**, payload }
  - Reducer function uses an action's Type property to determine the nature of state change required. The payload is the data associated with the state change.
- **dispatch** - function to send/dispatch actions to the reducer.  
dispatcher(action)

# **Authentication and Protected/Private Routes**

(See Archive from lecture 3 for sample code)

# Objective



# Protected Routes.

- Not native to React Router.
- We need a custom solution.
- Solution outline: Clear, declarative style for declare views/pages requiring authentication:

```
<Switch>
  <Route path="/public" component={PublicPage} />
  <Route path="/login" component={LoginPage} />
  <Route exact path="/" component={HomePage} />
  <PrivateRoute path="/inbox" component={Inbox} />
  <PrivateRoute path="/profile" component={Profile} />
  <Redirect from="*" to="/" />
</Switch>
```



# Protected Routes.

- **Solution features:**
  1. **React Context to store current authenticated user.**
  2. **Programmatic navigation - to redirect unauthenticated user to login page.**
  3. **Remember user's intent before forced authentication.**

# Protected Routes

- Solution elements: The AuthContext.

```
3  export const AuthContext = createContext(null);
4
5  <const AuthContextProvider = (props) => [
6    const [isAuthenticated, setIsAuthenticated] = useState(false);
7
8  >  const authenticate = (username, password) => { ...
13 };
14
15 >  const signout = () => { ...
17 }
18
19  return (
20  <AuthContext.Provider
21  value={{
22    isAuthenticated,
23    authenticate,
24    signout,
25  }}
26  >
27    {props.children}
28  </AuthContext.Provider>
29 );
30 >
```

# Protected Routes

- Solution elements (Contd.): <PrivateRoute />

```
<PrivateRoute path="/inbox" component={Inbox} />
```

```
5  const PrivateRoute = props => {
6    const context = useContext(AuthContext)
7    // Destructure props from <privateRoute>
8    const { component: Component, ...rest } = props;
9
10   return context.isAuthenticated === true ? (
11     <Route {...rest} render={props => <Component {...props} />} />
12   ) : (
13     <Redirect
14       to={{
15         pathname: "/login",
16         state: { from: props.location }
17       }}
18     />
19   );
20 };
21
```

The diagram illustrates the prop flow from the outer `PrivateRoute` component to the inner `Redirect` component. An arrow points from the `to` prop of the `PrivateRoute` component to the `to` prop of the `Redirect` component.

```
{pathname: "/inbox", search: "", key: "0pfafo"} ⓘ  
hash: ""  
key: "0pfafo"  
pathname: "/inbox"  
search: ""  
state: undefined  
► __proto__: Object
```

# Protected Routes

- Solution elements (Contd.): <LoginPage>

```
5 5  const LoginPage = props => {
6    const context = useContext(AuthContext)
7
8 8  const login = () => {
9    context.authenticate("user1", "pass1");
10   };
11 11  const { from } = props.location.state || { from: { pathname: "/" } };
12
13 13  if (context.isAuthenticated === true) {
14    return <Redirect to={from} />;
15  }
16 16  return (
17 17  <>
18 18    <h2>Login page</h2>
19 19    <p>You must log in to view the protected pages </p>
20 20    {/* Login web form */}
21 21    <button onClick={login}>Log in</button>
22 22  </>
23 23  );
24 24  };
25
```

