

React Practice Sessions Before Quiz

Academic Session 1 (45 minutes)

Goal: Reinforce theoretical understanding and do hands-on review of React basics.

PART 1: Quick Recap and Discussion (15 minutes)

1. What is React?

- React is a JavaScript library for building user interfaces
- Created by Facebook in 2013
- Used widely in production: Facebook, Instagram, Netflix, Airbnb, etc.
- React is declarative, component-based, and uses a virtual DOM

2. Why is React so popular?

- Fast rendering
- Reusable components
- Backed by a strong community and regular updates

3. What is JSX?

- JSX stands for JavaScript XML
- Allows writing HTML-like syntax in JavaScript
- JSX must have one root element and uses className, htmlFor, etc.

4. What are Functional Components?

- React components written as simple JavaScript functions
- Use return to display JSX

Example:

```
function Welcome() {  
  return <h1>Hello, React!</h1>;  
}
```

PART 2: Practical Activities (30 minutes)

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Activity 1: Set Up React Project

- Use `npx create-react-app practice-session`
- Open with VS Code
- Run with `npm start`

Activity 2: Create a Functional Component

- Create a file `Welcome.js`
- Export and import it into `App.js`
- Render it inside `<App />`

Activity 3: JSX Practice

- Add JSX with expressions like `const name = "John";` and render `<h2>Hello, {name}</h2>`
- Add inline styles and use `className`

Academic Session 2 (45 minutes)

Goal: Review props, `useState` hook, and intro to Git/GitHub interactions

PART 1: Mini Lecture and Examples (20 minutes)

1. Props in Functional Components

- Props are arguments passed to components

Example:

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

2. Hooks in React

- Special functions that let you use state and other features in functional components
- `useState` is used to store and update values

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Example:

```
import { useState } from 'react';

function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
  return (
    <div>
      <p>Count: {count}</p>
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Increase</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

3. GitHub Basics

- git clone [repo]: download repo to local
- git pull: update local repo
- git push: upload changes
- Use Access Token instead of password (especially on a new device)

PART 2: Hands-on Practice (25 minutes)

Activity 1: Create a ProfileCard Component with Props

- Props: name, bio, image
- Render inside App.js

Activity 2: Create a Counter with useState

- Add Increase and Reset buttons

Activity 3: GitHub Push Practice

- Initialize git in project
- Connect to GitHub repo

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- git add .
- git commit -m "Initial commit"
- git push origin main

Notes:

- Ensure all students run npm install if cloning a React repo
- Use .gitignore to ignore node_modules
- Check React DevTools installed for browser

Goal: By end of these sessions, students should be ready to take the quiz with clear understanding of JSX, components, props, hooks, and basic Git/GitHub usage.