

- ☐ Single-page applications are websites that have pages that load inline within the same page. Read on to find how you can create a single page application using React.
- A single page application (SPA) is essentially a webpage that interacts with the web browser dynamically by rewriting the current web page with the data obtained from the webserver. Hence, in a single page application, the webpage does not reload the page during its runtime and instead works within a browser.

#### **Single-page Application**

**Reloading**: Single-page applications work inside a browser and do not require page reloading during webpage executing.

**UI/UX**: Offers outstanding user experience by imitating a natural environment with the browser by eliminating wait time and page reloads. It consists of a single web page that loads all content using JavaScript. It requests the markup and data

#### Why choose a single-page application?

#### The benefits of choosing single-page applications (SPA) are:

- ☐ SPA is quicker since all the webpage resources are loaded only once throughout the application, and data is the only resource that is transmitted.
- ☐ SPA caches local storage effectively as it sends one request, stores all the data, and uses it even when offline.
- ☐ SPA simplifies and streamlines development activities as it eliminates the need to write code to render pages on the server.
- SPA can be debugged with ease with Chrome as it is possible to investigate page elements and monitor network operations.

#### Routing

**Routing** is a process of mapping from the URL to rendered content.

It helps user to move to the different parts of an application, when he enters the URL or clicks an element (link, button, icon, image etc) within the application.



To define a route, we require the *URL path* to match with and the *component* to render.

#### react-router

react-router is a popular routing library used to integrate routes in React applications.



This library is split into two parts: react-router-dom and react-router-native



react-router-dom is used to write an application that runs in **browser** and react-router-native used to write the **mobile** applications



You can include react-router using: *npm install react-router-dom* 

#### **Features Of react-router Library**

In order to support *multiple views* within the *single page application*, react-router library includes following features:



**Navigating** backward and forward through the application, maintaining the **history**, and **restoring** the state of the application



**Rendering** appropriate page components as per the **URL** 



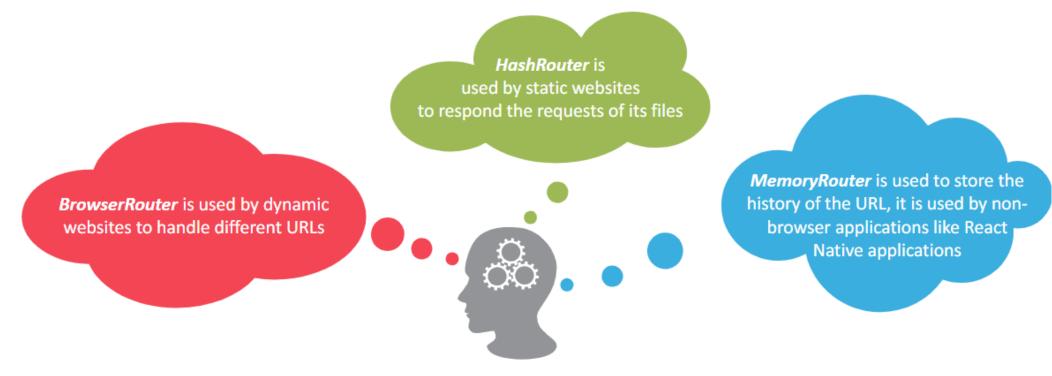
**Redirecting** the user from one route to the other



Rendering a 404 page when none of the routes match the URL

#### **React Router**

The *react-router* package includes a number of routers that we can take advantage of depending on the platform we are targeting. These include BrowserRouter, HashRouter, and MemoryRouter.





For Browser based applications BrowserRouter and HashRouter are a good fit.

# Routing Using react-router

#### **Demo: Configuration Of react-router**

Open Visual Studio code and configure the react-router using following commands.

npm create-react-app routing

Creates an application: app routing

Navigates to folder location

cd routing

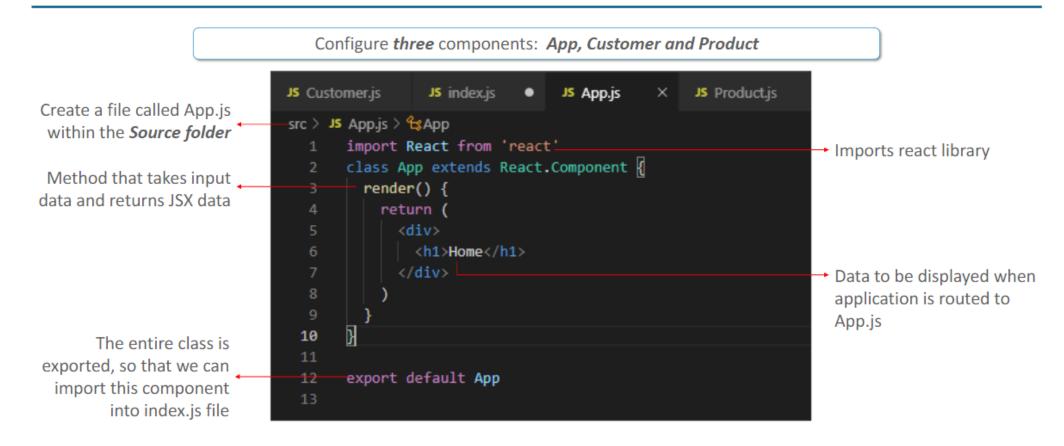
npm install react-router-dom

To install the react-router you need to download the react-router-dom package

**Starts** the server

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#### **Demo: Configure The Application Components**



#### **Demo: Configure The Application Components (contd.)**

Similarly create *Customer* and *Product* components.

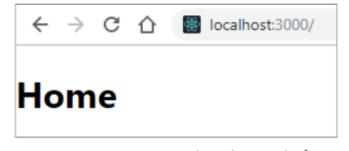
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JS index.js
JS Customer.js
                                                    JS Product.js
                                  JS App.js
src > JS Product.js > ...
       import React from 'react'
       class Product extends React Component {
         render() {
           return <h1>Product</h1>
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                                                                         import React from 'react'
       export default Product
                                                                         class Customer extends React.Component {
                                                                           render() {
                                                                             return <h1>Customer</h1>
                                                                         export default Customer
```

#### Demo: Import Components In Index.js File

*Import* the components and *specify* the *path* and *component* in routing section.

#### **Check The Output**

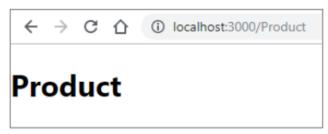
Open the browser, check the routing of application at *localhost:3000* using the paths.



Home component rendered at path /



Customer component rendered at path /Customer



Product component rendered at path /Product

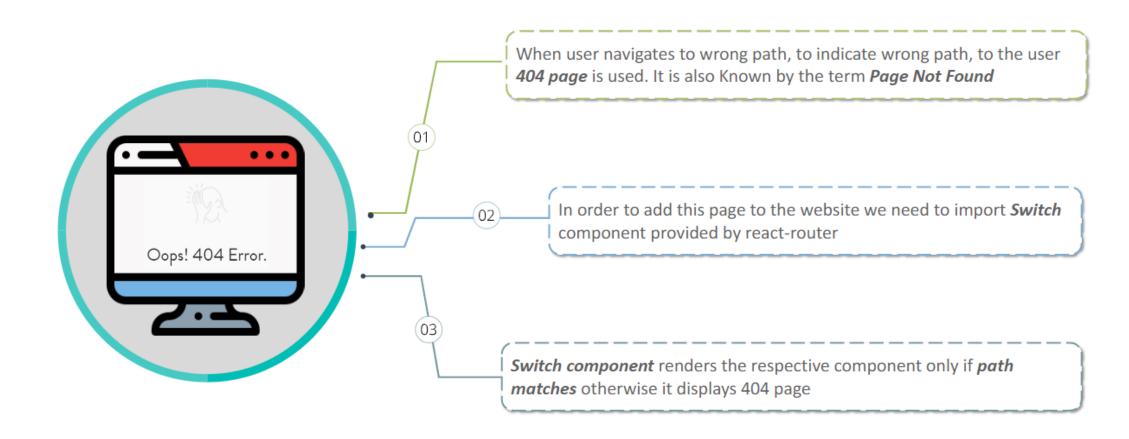
#### **Manage Navigations Using Links**

**Link** component will let you see the routes rendered directly on the screen by clicking the component, instead of mentioning path in URL.

Declaration of path and its corresponding component

```
const routing = (
<Router>
<button type="button" >
<Link to="/">Home</Link>
</button>
<button type="button">
<Link to="/Customer">Customer</Link>
</button>
<button type="button">
<Link to="/Product">Product</Link>
</button>
<Route exact path="/" component={App} />
<Route path="/Customer" component={Customer} />
<Route path="/Product" component={Product} />
</div>
</Router>
```

#### 404 Page



#### **Configure 404 Page**

Create a component called Notfound



3 Check the working by entering wrong path

```
← → C ① localhost:3000/shop

• Home• Customer• Product

404 (Not found)
```

2 Add Switch component to index.js

```
import Notfound from './Notfound'
const routing = (
 (Router)
     <button type="button" >
         <Link to="/">Home</Link>
       <button type="button">
         <Link to="/Customer">Customer</Link>
       <button type="button">
         <Link to="/Product">Product</Link>
       </button>
       <Route exact path "/" component {App} />
       <Route path="/Customer" component={Customer}]/:</pre>
       <Route path="/Product" component={Product} />
       <Route component={Notfound} />
  </Router>
```