

INTRO TO REACT

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PURPOSE

- Historical Context
- High Level Overview
- Where to Begin With React

Intended for developers at any level who are new to React



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A VERY BRIEF HISTORY OF WEB DEVELOPMENT

- Server Ages
- jQuery Empire
- Monolithic SPA Era
- Today

SERVER AGES: PROS

- All one technology
- Easier to understand/learn
- Easier to scale
- Better SEO

SERVER AGES: CONS

- Every action requires round trip to server and browser re-render
- Content is always re-rendered
- Limited to no JS
- Limited dynamic functionality
- Browsers not as standardized

JAVASCRIPT

- Released May 23, 1995
- Brendan Eich @ Netscape
- Written in 10 days

JQUERY EMPIRE: PROS

- Easy to learn
- Easy to integrate
- Plugins
- SEO

JQUERY EMPIRE: CONS

- Duplication of business logic
- Selector/Callback Hell
- Too many ways to do the same thing using the same tools
- Difficult to build large apps
- Difficult to scale/test
- Plugins (versions)

MONOLITHIC SPA ERA: PROS

- No more selectors
- Better separation of concerns
- Easier to scale
- Shift from DOM to data

MONOLITHIC SPA ERA: CONS

- Easy to build slow apps
- Too many ways to do the same thing using the same tools
- Frameworks don't always work well together
- Limited SEO

Today = (pros) => React

- "Easy to reason about" - Everyone ever
- Easy to test
- Even more separation of concerns
- Easy to integrate
- SEO

Today = (cons) => React

- Not opinionated enough - integration fatigue

REACT

It's the View

REACT

It's NOT the View

React challenges established best practices in MVC

Better to think of it as "Component-based" UI than MVC "View"

REACT

Core Concepts

- JSX
- Components
- One-way Data Flow
- Virtual DOM

JSX

Syntax extension to JavaScript

```
1  function Avatar(props) {  
2    return (  
3      <img className="Avatar"  
4        src={props.user.avatarUrl}  
5        alt={props.user.name}  
6      />  
7    );  
8  }
```

JSX

JSX Prevents Injection/XSS Attacks

```
1 // user input
2 const title = response.potentiallyMaliciousInput;
3 // This is safe:
4 const element = <h1>{title}</h1>;
5 |
```

JSX

```
1 // JSX
2 const element = (
3   <h1 className="greeting">
4     Hello, world!
5   </h1>
6 );
7
```

```
1 // Compiled to React.createElement() call
2 const element = React.createElement(
3   'h1',
4   {className: 'greeting'},
5   'Hello, world!'
6 );
7
```

Components

UI Description and UI Logic are tightly coupled

```
1  function ActionLink() {  
2    function handleClick(e) {  
3      e.preventDefault();  
4      console.log('The link was clicked.');5    }  
6  
7    return (  
8      <a href="#" onClick={handleClick}>  
9        Click me  
10     </a>  
11   );  
12 }  
13
```

Components

Stateless

```
1  function Dialog(props) {  
2    return (  
3      <FancyBorder color="blue">  
4        <h1 className="Dialog-title">  
5          {props.title}  
6        </h1>  
7        <p className="Dialog-message">  
8          {props.message}  
9        </p>  
10       {props.children}  
11     </FancyBorder>  
12   );  
13 }
```

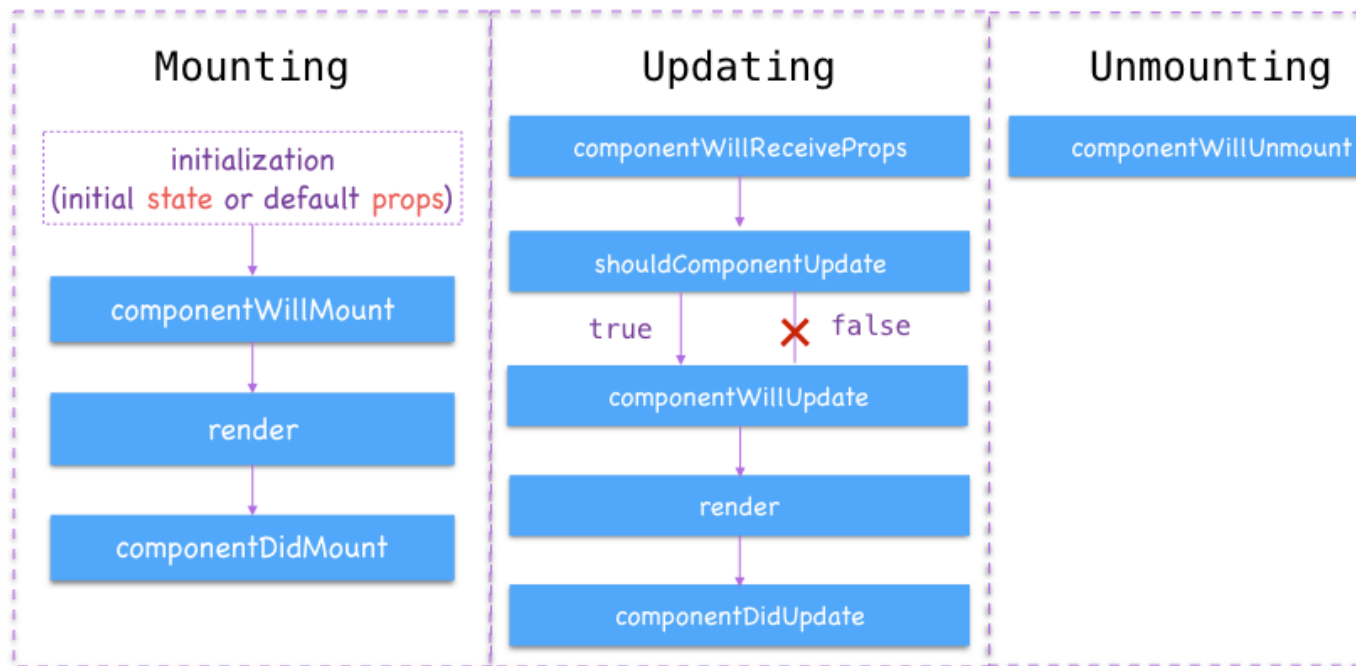
Components

Stateful ...

```
1  class SignUpDialog extends React.Component {
2    constructor(props) {
3      super(props);
4      this.handleChange = this.handleChange.bind(this);
5      this.handleSignUp = this.handleSignUp.bind(this);
6      this.state = {login: ''};
7    }
8    render() {
9      return (
10        <Dialog title="Mars Exploration Program" message="How should we refer to Mars?">
11          <input value={this.state.login} onChange={this.handleChange} />
12          <button onClick={this.handleSignUp}>Sign Me Up!</button>
13        </Dialog>
14      );
15    }
16    handleChange(e) {
17      this.setState({login: e.target.value});
18    }
19    handleSignUp() {
20      alert(`Welcome aboard, ${this.state.login}!`);
21    }
22  }
23
```

Components

Component Lifecycle



One-way Data Flow

- Flows down the component hierarchy
- "Props down" -> Immutable, to children
- "State up" -> Mutable, up to parent
- Paradigm -> Removes confusion

Challenge is understanding which component should own state

Virtual DOM

The Problem: the Actual DOM

The Document Object Model is a platform- and language-neutral interface that will allow programs and scripts to dynamically access and update the content, structure and style of documents

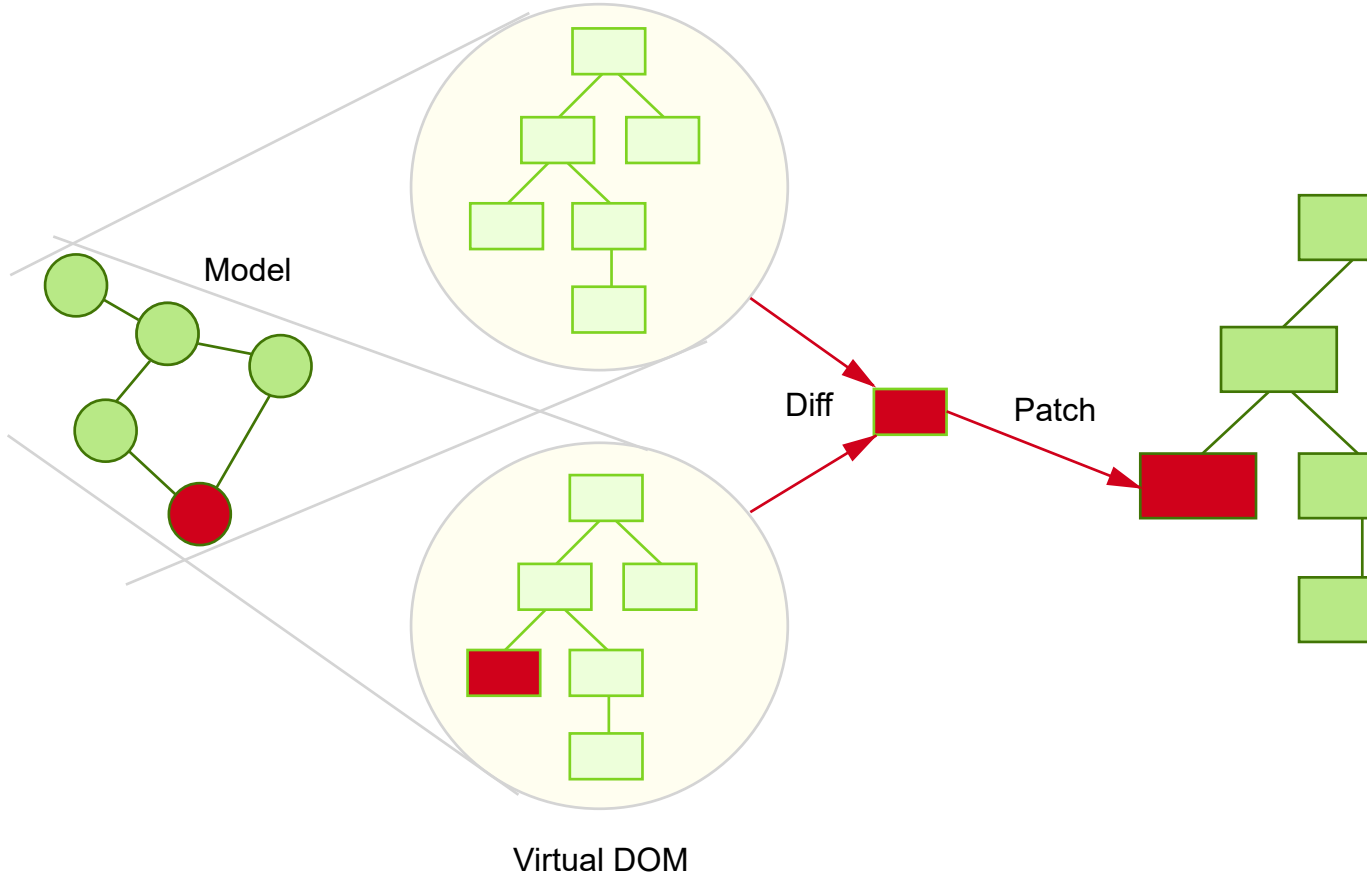
It's slow

Virtual DOM

The Solution

- Re-render everything on every update!
- Diff
- Compute changes
- Batch execution

Manipulating the virtual DOM is fast



HOW TO USE REACT

- Large application
- Small piece that fits into larger app

WHO USES REACT

- Facebook
- Netflix
- AirBnB
- Instagram
- Lyft
- New York Times
- Reddit
- Twitter
- Uber

WHY DO I LOVE REACT?

- Modularity -> Choice
- Separation of Concerns -> Knowledge
- JavaScript
- One-way Data Flow
- Immutability

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENT

- IDE/Code Editor
- Build Tools
- Version Control System

NODE

Node is central to everything

Node -> NPM

Node -> Electron -> Atom/VS Code

Node -> Webpack/Grunt/Gulp

IDEs/Code Editors

- GitHub Atom
- JetBrains IntelliJ IDEA
- JetBrains WebStorm
- Microsoft Visual Studio Code
- Vim

IDEs/Code Editors: PLUGINS

- Framework (react...)
- Build (language-babel...)
- Linting (linter, linter-eslint...)
- Versioning (Git, SVN...)
- Productivity (Emmet!, Snippets...)
- Testing (mocha-test-runner...)
- Pair Programming (atom-pair...)

Build Tools


- Webpack
- Babel
- Linters -> Syntax
- Editor Config -> Code Style

Browser Plugins

- React Developer Tools
- Redux DevTools

Version Control System (Git)

- Try Git
- Git Flow
- Git Commit Message Style


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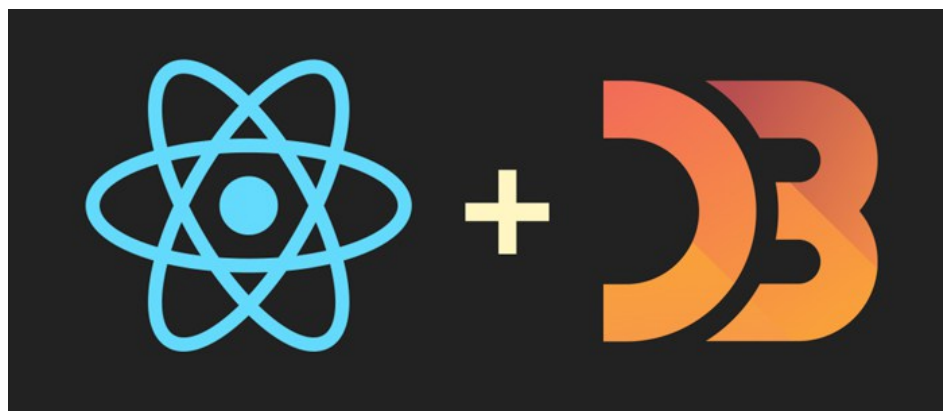
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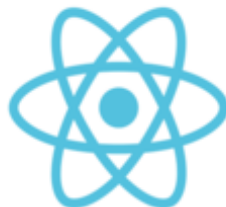
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direct reflection on
your personality.**

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