

HIGH PERFORMANCE REACT

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Raise your hand if you've worked  
with React



Who's worked with server  
rendered React?

# What Is Server Rendering?

Notice the difference between the header and platinum buttons

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# Benefits of Server Rendering

- Quicker initial render because browser doesn't have to wait on JS to start.
- HTML can be scanned and images and other assets can start downloading earlier.
- CSS layout can start early in the page's life.
- SEO friendly.



“a programmer would be overcome by sleep and hunger before being able to describe with words what a demo is able to depict in an instant.”

—Leonardo da Vinci ?

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profile page, show a difference between header and platinum buttons, take a screenshot of the first full page



# How Do You Server Render React?

- ReactJS.net C# <https://reactjs.net/>
- Next.js - Node (can fetch data from anywhere!)  
<https://nextjs.org/>
- Hypernova - HTTP API (runs on Node) <https://github.com/airbnb/hypernova>
- React-rails - Rails <https://github.com/reactjs/react-rails>

“Fast Software, the Best Software”

—Craig Mod

# Server rendering helps, but we still have some stuff slowing us down

- Fetching data (SQL, Redis, Elastic Search, etc.)
- Deserialization (turning our data into JavaScript objects)
- Rendering (React => HTML)



Our solution?

**CACHE ME OUTSIDE**



**HOW BOUT DAT**



# HTML Caching

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# HTML Caching Options



Put in an Ops Ticket



- Cloudflare
- Nginx try\_files
- IIS Output Caching



Where's  
the  
~~beef?~~  
State







fetch



Doesn't going back to origin  
offset the gains from caching the  
HTML?



The solution to our problem was released  
over 10 years ago...

Any guesses?

localStorage

# Overview

- Users visits page, we return cached HTML
- React hydrates (Hydration is when React connects to server rendered HTML and makes it “live”), pulls cached state from localStorage, and updates UI accordingly
- Make a fetch back to server to synchronize state.  
(Maybe the user updated information in another browser?)



Once you have your HTML  
cached can you go any faster?

# Prefetching and Prerendering

<http://instantclick.io/click-test>

<https://www.webstaurantstore.com/cookware.html>

“You gotta know when to be lazy. Done correctly, it's an art form that benefits everyone.”

—Nicholas Sparks



# React.lazy

We conditional render user specific features and also lazily load the JS [www.webstaurantstore.com](http://www.webstaurantstore.com)

Send the user less JS

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<script type="module" src="new.js"></script>  
<script nomodule src="old.js"></script>.
```



This allows developers to ship modern JavaScript to modern browsers and old JS to old browsers (Internet Explorer 11 🙄)

How much data can be saved  
using this technique?



10% on the low end and up to  
30% if you have a lot of polyfills

Let's take a look at our old.js. Any guesses as to what the original source for this code looks like?

Questions?