

SIX LESSONS IN REACT JS

LESSON 0

INTRODUCTION, JSX AND THE VIRTUAL DOM

INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?

FRONTEND

FROM A NOVICE PERSPECTIVE

SKILLS

TO BUILD YOUR PROJECT

INSPIRATION

TO GO LEARN MORE

CODE

THAT RUNS AND RUNS WELL

HOW DOES THIS WHOLE THING WORK?

SIX WEEKS

ONE HOUR A WEEK

SLIDES

FOR BRIEF BACKGROUND

TUTORIALS

FOR HANDS ON LEARNING

EXERCISES

PROGRESSIVELY BUILD A THING

MODERN WEB APPLICATIONS ARE HARD

DATA

CHANGES ON THE FLY

TEMPLATES

HUNDREDS OF THEM

VIEWS

OVERLY COMPLEX

EVENTS

HARD TO MANAGE

MEMORY

LEAKS EVERYWHERE

RENDERING

TAKES A TON OF TIME

WHAT IS REACT JS

LIGHTWEIGHT OPEN-SOURCE JS LIBRARY

SIMPLE

MANAGES ALL UI UPDATES

DECLARATIVE

ONLY CHANGES UPDATED UI

COMPOSABLE

BUILD REUSABLE COMPONENTS

WHY USE IT?

COMPONENTS ARE THE FUTURE

CUSTOMIZABLE

EASILY SUBCLASSSED AND FLEXIBLE

REUSABLE

BUILD A UI LIBRARY

NESTABLE

EASY MANAGEMENT OF DESCENDANTS

EFFICIENCY GAINS

VIRTUAL DOM

FEWER REDRAWS

MEMORY LIGHT

AUTOBINDING & SINGLE EVENT HANDLER

LESS TYPING

TEMPLATES AND VIEWS IN ONE PLACE

A HUGE COMMUNITY



WhatsApp

asana:



KHANACADEMY

BBC

UBER

Instagram



SQUARESPACE



airbnb



Dropbox

facebook

The New York Times



codecademy



reddit

venmo

NETFLIX

imgur



Atlassian

WIRED

GitHub

JSX

STATICALLY-TYPED
OBJECT-ORIENTED
XML-LIKE SYNTAX
ECMAScript EXTENSION

```
var HelloMessage = React.createClass({  
  render: function() {  
    return <div>Hello {this.props.name}</div>;  
  }  
});
```

```
React.render(<HelloMessage name="John" />,  
mountNode);
```

WHAT IS THE POINT OF JSX?

FASTER

OPTIMIZED ON COMPILATION

SAFER

STATICALLY TYPED AND TYPE-SAFE

EASIER

SOLID CLASS SYSTEM AND FAMILIARITY

JSX TRANSFORMATION

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    return <div>Hello {this.props.name}</div>;  
  }  
});
```

```
React.render(<HelloMessage name="John" />, mountNode);
```

TO

```
var HelloMessage = React.createClass({displayName: "HelloMessage",  
  render: function() {  
    return React.createElement("div", null, "Hello ", this.props.name);  
  }  
});
```

```
React.render(React.createElement(HelloMessage, {name: "John"}), mountNode);
```


IN-BROWSER TRANSFORMATION

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
  <head>
    <script src="build/react.js"></script>
    <script src="build/JSXTransformer.js"></script>
  </head>
  <body>
    <div id="example"></div>
    <script type="text/jsx">
      React.render(
        <h1>Hello, world!</h1>,
        document.getElementById('example')
      );
    </script>
  </body>
</html>
```



PRE-COMPILED TRANSFORMATION

```
npm install -g react-tools  
jsx --watch src/ build/
```

build/helloworld.js

```
React.render(  
  React.createElement('h1', null, 'Hello, world!'),  
  document.getElementById('example')  
);
```

HTML FILE

```
<html>  
  <head>  
    <script src="build/react.js"></script>  
  </head>  
  <body>  
    <div id="example"></div>  
    <script src="build/helloworld.js"></script>  
  </body>  
</html>
```

UPDATING THE DOM

VIRTUAL DOM (PRE)

```
<h1>Header about things</h1>
<ul>
  <li>Thing 1</li>
  <li>Thing 2</li>
</ul>
```

VIRTUAL DOM (POST)

```
<h1>Header about things</h1>
<ul>
  <li>Thing 1</li>
  <li>Thing 2</li>
  <li>Thing 3</li>
</ul>
```

DIFF



PATCH



Thing 3

APPLY



REAL DOM (PRE)

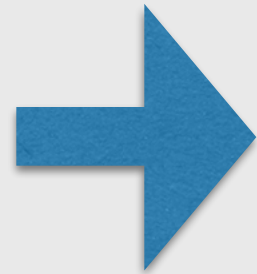
```
<h1>Header about things</h1>
<ul>
  <li>Thing 1</li>
  <li>Thing 2</li>
</ul>
```

REAL DOM (POST)

```
<h1>Header about things</h1>
<ul>
  <li>Thing 1</li>
  <li>Thing 2</li>
  <li>Thing 3</li>
</ul>
```

STREAM OF

DOM OPERATIONS



CHANGE DETECTION IN THE VIRTUAL DOM

VIRTUAL DOM (PRE)

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</ul>
```

DIFF



VIRTUAL DOM (POST)

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<h1>Header about things</h1>
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  <li>Thing 1</li>
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</ul>
```

ASSUMPTIONS

COMPONENTS

SAME CLASS > SIMILAR TREE

DIFFERENT CLASS > DIFFERENT TREE

UNIQUE KEYS

OPTIONAL ATTRIBUTE

STABLE ACROSS RENDERS

PAIR-WISE DIFFING

DIFFERENT NODE TYPES

renderA: `<div />`
renderB: ``
=> [removeNode `<div />`], [insertNode ``]

EVEN ON CUSTOM COMPONENTS

renderA: `<Header />`
renderB: `<Content />`
=> [removeNode `<Header />`], [insertNode `<Content />`]

IMMEDIATE REPLACEMENT OF THE NODE

PAIR-WISE DIFFING

CHANGED ATTRIBUTES

```
renderA: <div id="before" />  
renderB: <div id="after" />  
=> [replaceAttribute id "after"]
```

KEY VALUE PAIRS FOR STYLES

```
renderA: <div style={{color: 'before'}}/>  
renderB: <div style={{fontWeight: 'bold'}}/>  
=> [removeStyle color], [addStyle font-weight 'bold']
```

UPDATE ATTRIBUTES AND RECURSE

LIST-WISE DIFFING

INSERT AT END

renderA: `<div>first</div>`

renderB: `<div>firstsecond</div>`

=> `[insertNode second]`

INSERT AT BEGINNING

renderA: `<div>first</div>`

renderB: `<div>second</div><div>first</div>`

=> `[replaceAttribute textContent 'second'], [insertNode first]`

MUTATIONS DIFFS ARE COMPLEX AND SLOW

LIST-WISE DIFFING

USE KEYS AS OPTIONAL ATTRIBUTES

renderA: `<div>first</div>`

renderB: `<div>second</div><div>first</div>`

=> `[insertNode second]`

FINDING A STABLE, UNIQUE KEY IS EASY

EXERCISES

SET UP AN ENVIRONMENT

BUILD A HELLO WORLD APP

BUILD A SIMPLE TIMER