LIVEVIEW: BEST PRACTICES FOR BUILDING REAL-TIME INTERACTIVE INTERFACES


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AGENDA

1. Foundation
2. Single Source of Truth (SSOT)
3. Async updates a LiveComponent
4. Context
5. Scoped CSS

DISCLAIMER

LiveView + Surface-UI = 🫶

Context and Scoped CSS using Surface-UI

FOUNDATION

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1. Loading *twice* on mount/3 - (demo | code)
2. Split into *two phases* before and after the socket is *connected?* - (demo | code)
3. *Prevent blocking* the LiveView process or it *dies* silent 🤫 - (demo | code)
4. Using *assign_async* - (demo | code)
5. Using *start_async* - (demo | code)

SINGLE SOURCE OF TRUTH (SSOT)

SSOT

- *Avoiding* updates for those who are not the *data owner*.
- It creates *data inconsistencies* when there are other components that depend on.
- It should *always request* who is the *owner* to perform updates.

SSOT

- Assign to the new value in the socket into a Component. demo
- code

SSOT

- Sending an internal message to the socket to assign the new value. demo
- code

ASYNC UPDATE/2 A LIVECOMPONENT

SEND_UPDATE/2

- Using *send_update/2* to update the component.
- It is useful for updating a component that *manages its own state*.
- *Leaking internal details* of the state is problematic.
- *Any change* in the shape of the state might *break* the code.
- (demo | code | code)

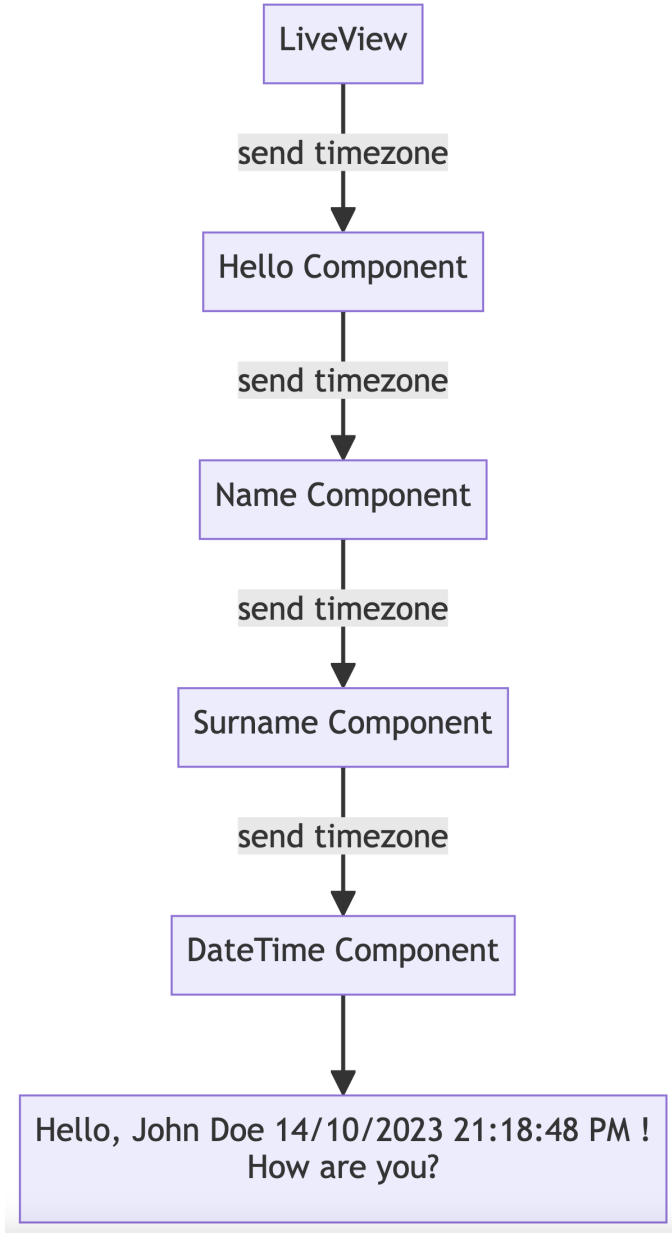
SEND_UPDATE/2

- The internal state should only be performed from *the component's public API*.
- (demo | code | code)

CONTEXT

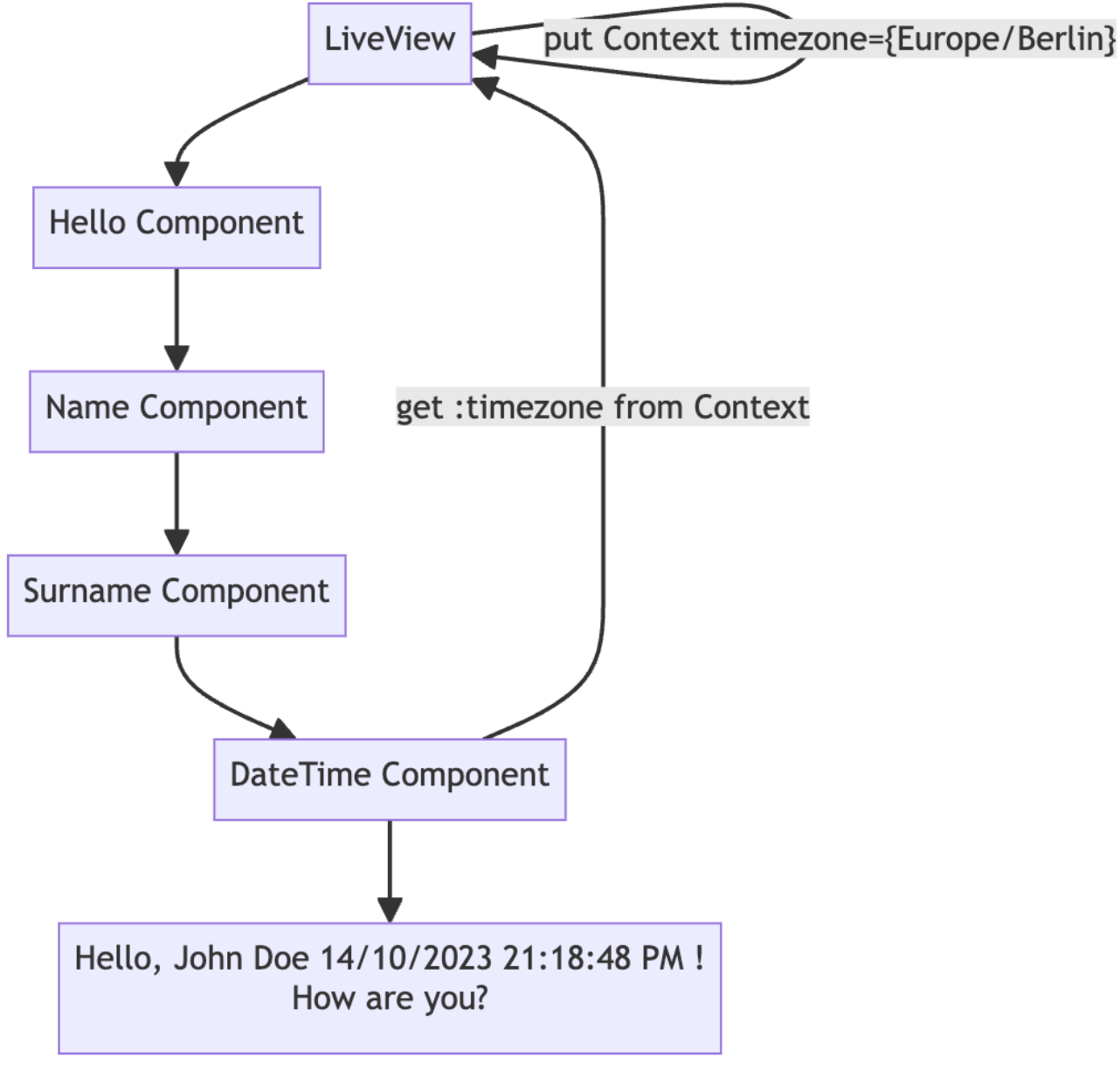
AVOID PROP DRILLING

It is the process of passing props from one to another, even when intermediate components do not use or need those props.


LiveView
send timezone
Hello Component
send timezone
Name Component
send timezone
Surname Component
send timezone
DateTime Component
Hello, John Doe 14/10/2023 21:18:48 PM !
How are you?

CONTEXT

- Select timezone to shift to some zone - demo
- Put timezone in the context - code
- Get timezone from the context - code


LiveView
put Context timezone={Europe/Berlin}
Hello Component
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Surname Component
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DateTime Component
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SCOPED CSS

THE CONCEPT

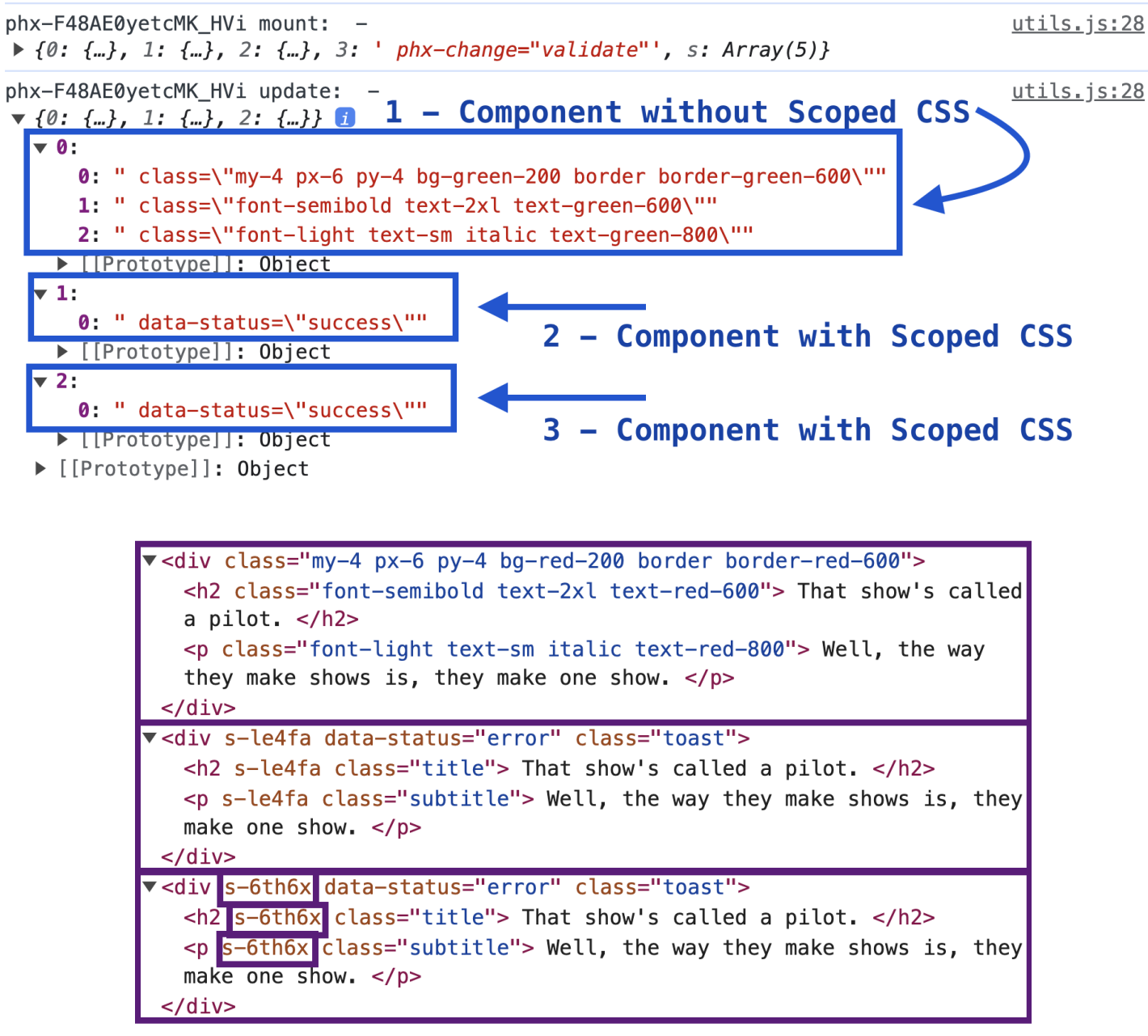
It is to prevent CSS rules defined within a component from affecting elements outside that component. This helps prevent style conflicts.

SCOPED CSS

- Toast message in LiveView - demo
- Apply CSS Style in LiveView - code

SCOPED CSS

- Toast message in Surface - demo
- Surface example similar to LiveView - code
- Scope CSS in Surface - code
- Scope CSS in Surface with colocated .CSS file - code


phx-F48AE0yetcMK_HVi mount: –
utils.js:28
▶ {0: {…}, 1: {…}, 2: {…}, 3: ' phx-change="validate"', s: Array(5)}
phx-F48AE0yetcMK_HVi update: –
utils.js:28
▼ {0: {…}, 1: {…}, 2: {…}}
1 – Component without Scoped CSS
▼ 0:
0: " class=\"my-4 px-6 py-4 bg-green-200 border border-green-600\""
1: " class=\"font-semibold text-2xl text-green-600\""
2: " class=\"font-light text-sm italic text-green-800\""
▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
▼ 1:
0: " data-status=\"success\""
2 – Component with Scoped CSS
▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
▼ 2:
0: " data-status=\"success\""
3 – Component with Scoped CSS
▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
▼
<h2 class="font-semibold text-2xl text-red-600"> That show's called a pilot. </h2>
 Well, the way they make shows is, they make one show.

▼ <div s-le4fa data-status="error" class="toast">
<h2 s-le4fa class="title"> That show's called a pilot. </h2>
<p s-le4fa class="subtitle"> Well, the way they make shows is, they make one show.

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<h2 s-6th6x class="title"> That show's called a pilot. </h2>
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