

# React Essentials - Deep Dive

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Beyond The Basics

- ▶ Behind The Scenes of **JSX**
- ▶ Structuring **Components** and **State**
- ▶ **Advanced State** Usage
- ▶ **Patterns & Best Practices**

# You Don't Need JSX (But It's Convenient)

```
<div id="content">  
  <p>Hello World!</p>  
</div>
```

Requires build process &  
code transformation

Easy to read & understand

```
React.createElement(  
  'div',  
  { id: 'content' },  
  React.createElement(  
    'p',  
    null,  
    'Hello World'  
)  
)
```

Works without special build  
process & transformation

Pretty verbose & not  
necessarily intuitive

Component Type

Identifies the to-be-  
rendered component

Props Object

Sets component  
props

Child Content

The content  
passed between  
the component  
tags

# Additional Key Component & Props Concepts



**Forwarded Props**



**Multiple Component Slots**

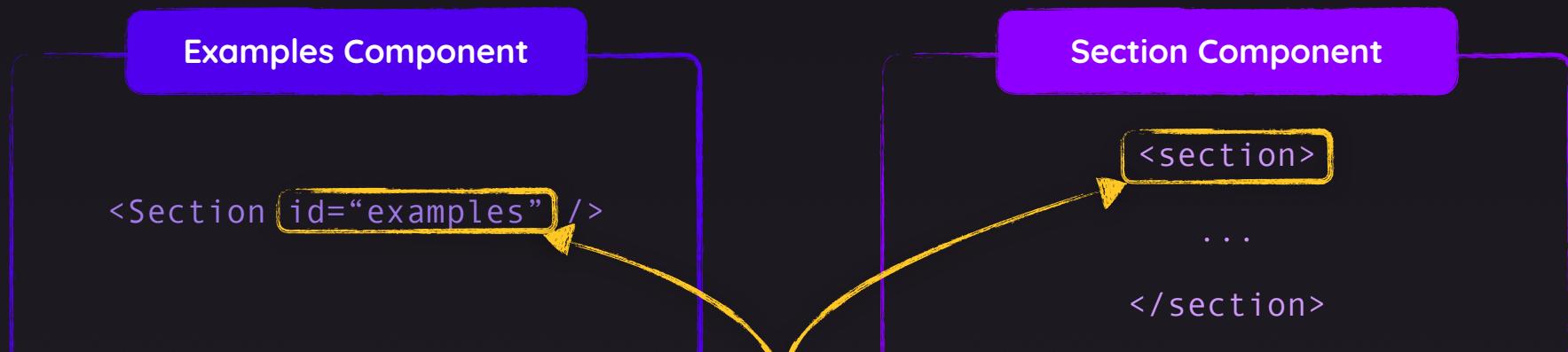


**Element Identifiers as Props**



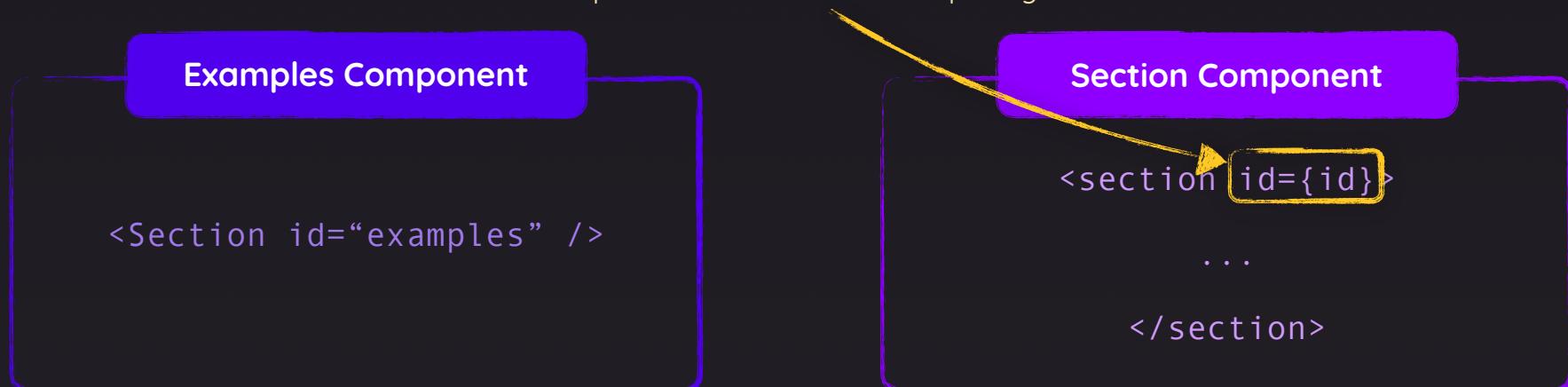
**Default Prop Values**

# Props Are Not Forwarded Automatically



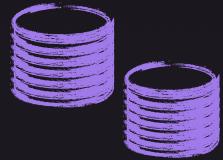
"id" is ignored

Props must be used & set explicitly





# New Project, New Concepts



**Multiple State Values**



**Nested Lists**



**Lifting State Up**



**Array & Object States**



**Derived State**



**Component Functions vs  
“Normal Functions”**



# Updating State Based On Old State



```
setIsEditing(!isEditing);
```

If your **new state depends on your previous state** value, you should **not** update the state like this



```
setIsEditing(wasEditing => !wasEditing);
```

Instead, **pass a function** to your state updating function

This function will **automatically be called** by React and will receive the **guaranteed latest state value**



# React Is Scheduling State Updates

## Somewhere in your code

Code snippets in different places in your app's code

```
setIsEditing(true); -----> 1 → Update state to true  
...  
setIsEditing(false);-----> 2 → Update state to false  
...  
setIsEditing(true); -----> 3 → Update state to true  
...  
setIsEditing(false);-----> 4 → Update state to false
```

## React's State Updating Schedule

Managed behind the scenes by React

State updates are **not performed instantly** but at some point in the future  
(when React has time for it)

In most cases, those state updates of course still are executed **almost instantly**

# Update Object-State Immutable



Objects & arrays (which technically are objects) are reference values in JavaScript



NOT creating a copy  
(because user is an object = a  
reference value)



```
const updatedUser = user;  
updatedUser.name = 'Max'
```

Editing the user object in memory

You should therefore **not mutate** them directly – instead  
create a **(deep) copy** first!

Creating a copy via JavaScript's  
“Spread” operator

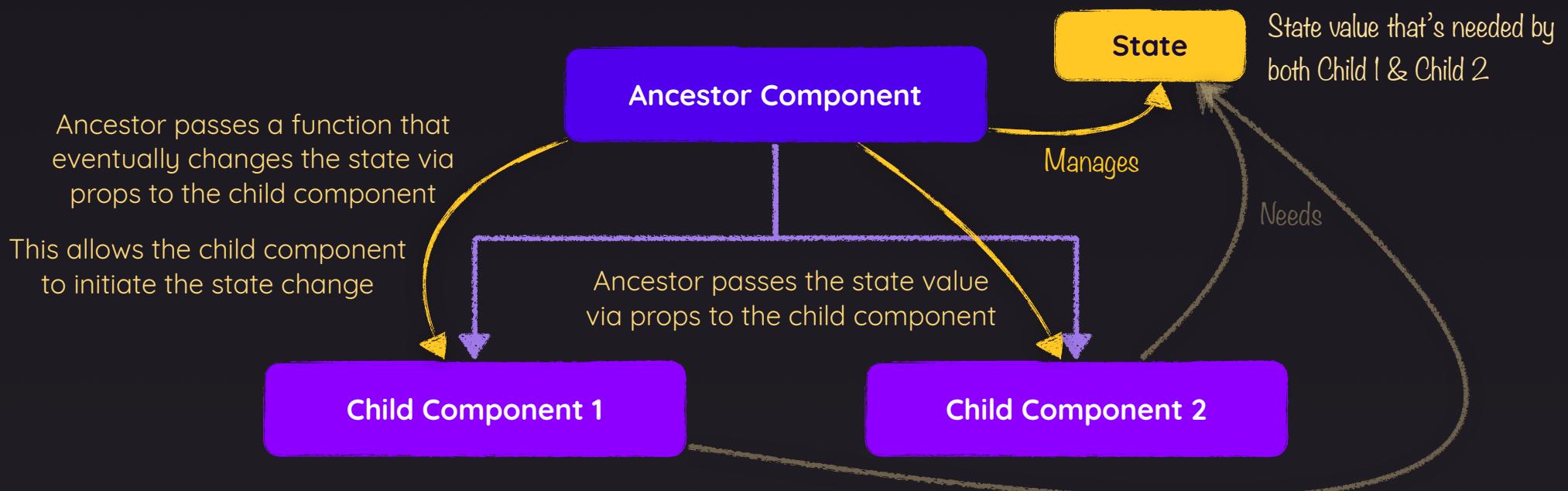


```
const updatedUser = { ...user }  
updatedUser.name = 'Max'
```

Editing the copy, not the original

# Lifting State Up

Lift the state up to the **closest ancestor component** that has access to all components that need to work with that state



# You Don't Always Have Just One State Value

Player data and game state must be managed



## Combined State Object

Data from different app features is managed in a **single, shared state object**

You must ensure that you don't **accidentally lose data** related to feature B when feature A's data changes



## Separate State Slices

Data from different app features is managed in **different state values**

Suboptimal if states from different features depend on each other