

React js Introduction



Agenda

- **What is React Js?**
- **React: key features**
- **Companies using React**
- **Setting Dev Environment**
- **Running App**

What is React Js?



- **Open source**, **declarative**, **efficient**, and **flexible** JavaScript library for building user interfaces.
- **compose complex UIs from small and isolated pieces of code called “components”.**

What is React.js?

- **React is used to build user interfaces (UI) on the front end.**
- **Developed at facebook and instagram**
- **React for mobile**
- **Useful documentation**
- **Used in production by uber, netflix and twitter etc.**

What is React.js?

- **React is not a framework (unlike Angular, which is more opinionated).**
- **React is the view layer of an MVC application (Model View Controller)**

Features

- **We can create components, which are like custom, reusable HTML elements, to quickly and efficiently build user interfaces.**
- **React also streamlines how data is stored and handled, using state and props.**

Hello World React

- **ReactDOM.render(**
- **<h1>Hello, world!</h1>,**
- **document.getElementById('root')**
- **);**
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Installing React Js

- **1. Download and install node.js and npm.**
- **2. Install npx.**
 - npm install -g npx
- **3. Install create-react-app**
 - npm install -g create-react-app
- **4. Create-react-app can be used to create starter react application.**

1. Installing Node and NPM

- **Node runtime**

- JavaScript runtime built on Chrome's V8 JavaScript engine. Node.js uses an event-driven, non-blocking I/O model that makes it lightweight and efficient.

- **NPM**

- Node.js' package ecosystem, npm, is the largest ecosystem of open source libraries in the world.

In Windows and MacOS

- **Download the required installer:**
 - Go to <https://nodejs.org/en/>
 - Select the button to download the LTS(Long Term Support) build that is "Recommended for most users".
- **Install Node by double-clicking on the downloaded file and following the installation prompts.**
- **Verify installation**
 - `Node -v`
 - `Npm -v`

Installing NPM in CentOS 7

- **wget**
<https://nodejs.org/dist/v8.9.3/node-v8.9.3-linux-x64.tar.xz>
- **tar --strip-components 1 -xf node-v8.9.3-linux-x64.tar.xz**
- **Verify installation**
- **Node -v**
- **Npm -v**

2. Install npx.

- **Node Package Executer can be installed using npm**
 - `npm install -g npx`
- **Verify version**
 - `npx -v`

3. Install create-react-app

- **Facebook has created Create React App.**
- **Its an environment that comes pre-configured with everything required to build a React app.**
- **It will create a live development server, use Webpack to automatically compile React, JSX, and ES6, auto-prefix CSS files, and use ESLint to test and warn about mistakes in the code.**
 - `npm install -g create-react-app`
 - `create-react-app --version`

Creating First React Project

- **1. create-react-app can be used to create a starter react project.**
 - npx create-react-app student
 - cd student
- **We can run our application using**
 - npm start
- **It will compile the code and start development server at <http://localhost:3000/>**

Starting React App

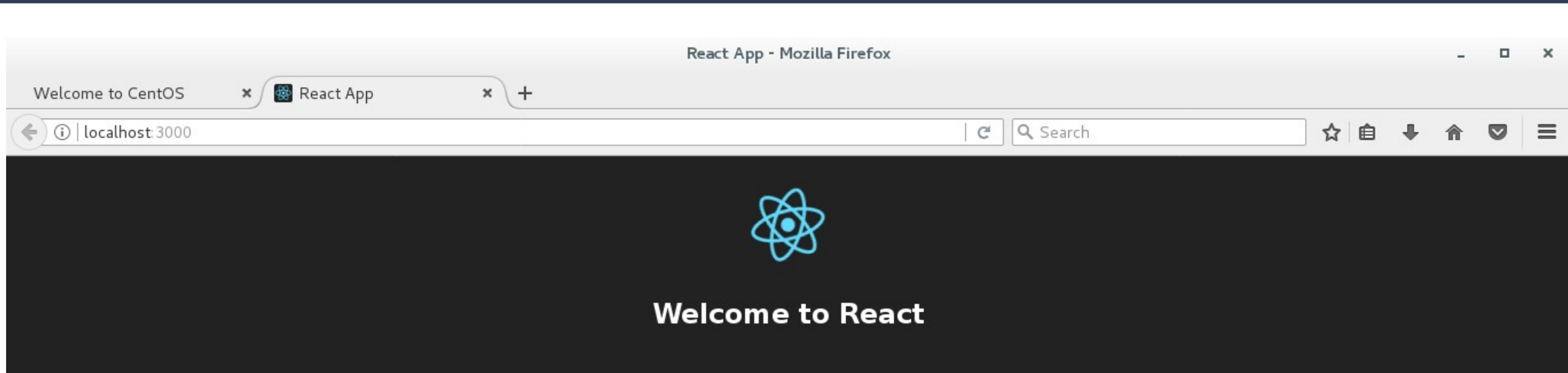
```
prave@localhost:~/React_js/lec_1/examples/student
File Edit View Search Terminal Help
Compiled successfully!

The app is running at:

  http://localhost:3000/

Note that the development build is not optimized.
To create a production build, use npm run build.
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React App running in browser



To get started, edit `src/App.js` and save to reload.

Resources

- [**https://reactjs.org/**](https://reactjs.org/)

