REACT LIFECYCLE

IT'S THE CI-IRCLE...

TRAJECTORY

Basic React lifecycle methods

Incorporating AJAX and other side-effects into React applications

WHAT IS "LIFECYCLE"

- When we render a component, React components go through several different stages in addition to the "render" stage
- React exposes the ability to "hook" into these stages so that we can perform certain actions ourselves
 - Kind of like adding an event listener

THE INITIAL RENDER



render



render



mounted component

ReactDOM.render render mounted component



componentDidMount

RENDER

- This is when the component's render method is invoked
 - Or when the functional component itself is invoked
- React compares the JSX output of the render method with it's internal "virtual DOM", and makes a decision about how to update the actual DOM in a performant way

VIRTUAL DOM

- Just a big JS object representing the DOM tree
 - internal, used by React when you render
- Theory: manipulating the actual DOM is more expensive computationally than doing a little bit of JS
- So, React does a little bit of JS first so that it can do as little manipulation of the actual DOM as possible

"MOUNTING"

 When the JSX your component represents gets turned into real, live DOM nodes by React, your component is said to be "mounted"

COMPONENT DID MOUNT

- Fires after the initial rendering
 - Does not fire on subsequent renderings caused by setState
- A great place to perform AJAX requests to fetch data from your server
- A great place to attach event listeners to to non-React elements (ex. window.addEventListener('scroll'))

```
class Blog extends React.Component {
 constructor () {
   super()
   this.state = {
    posts: []
 async componentDidMount () {
   const res = await axios.get('/api/posts')
   const posts = res.data
   this.setState({posts: posts})
 render () {
   // omitted for brevity
```



render



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mounted component

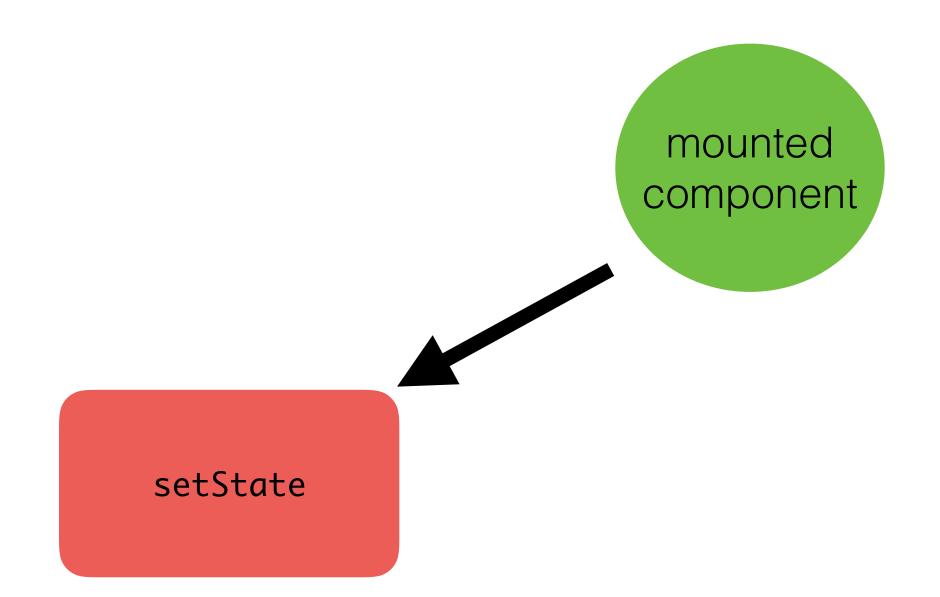
ReactDOM.render render mounted component

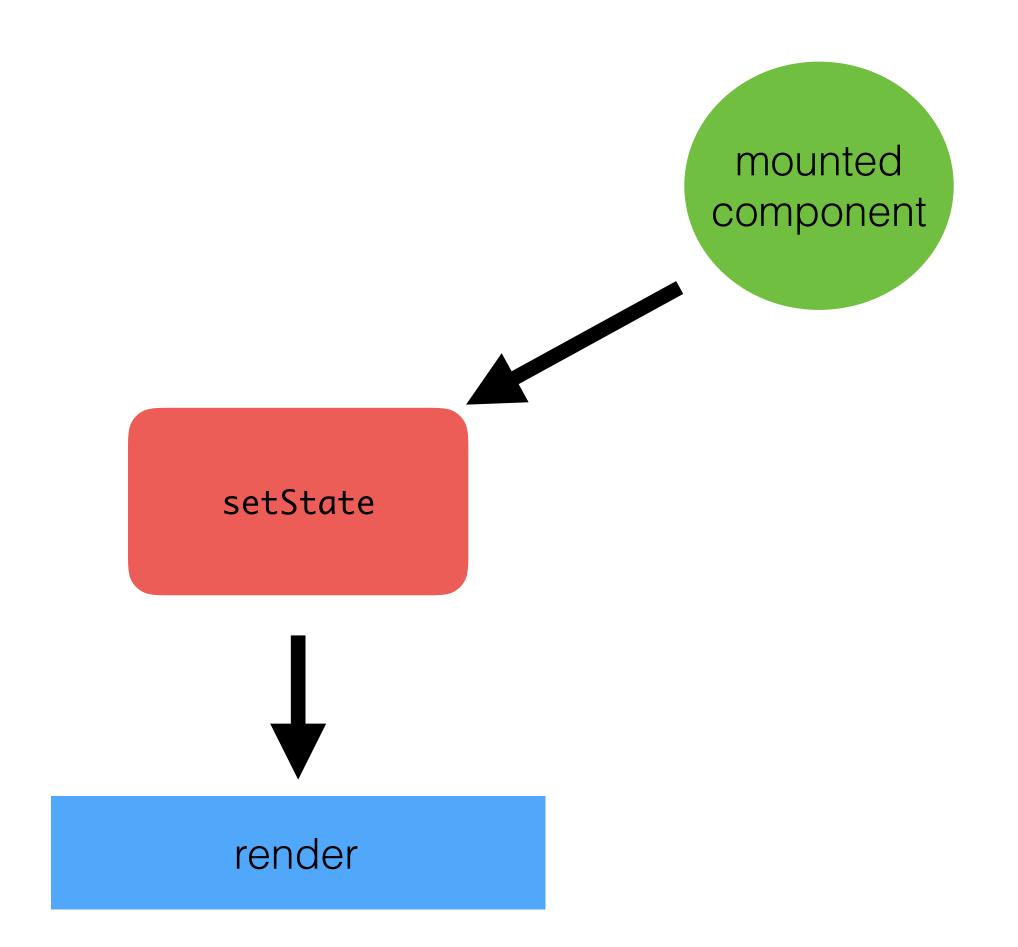


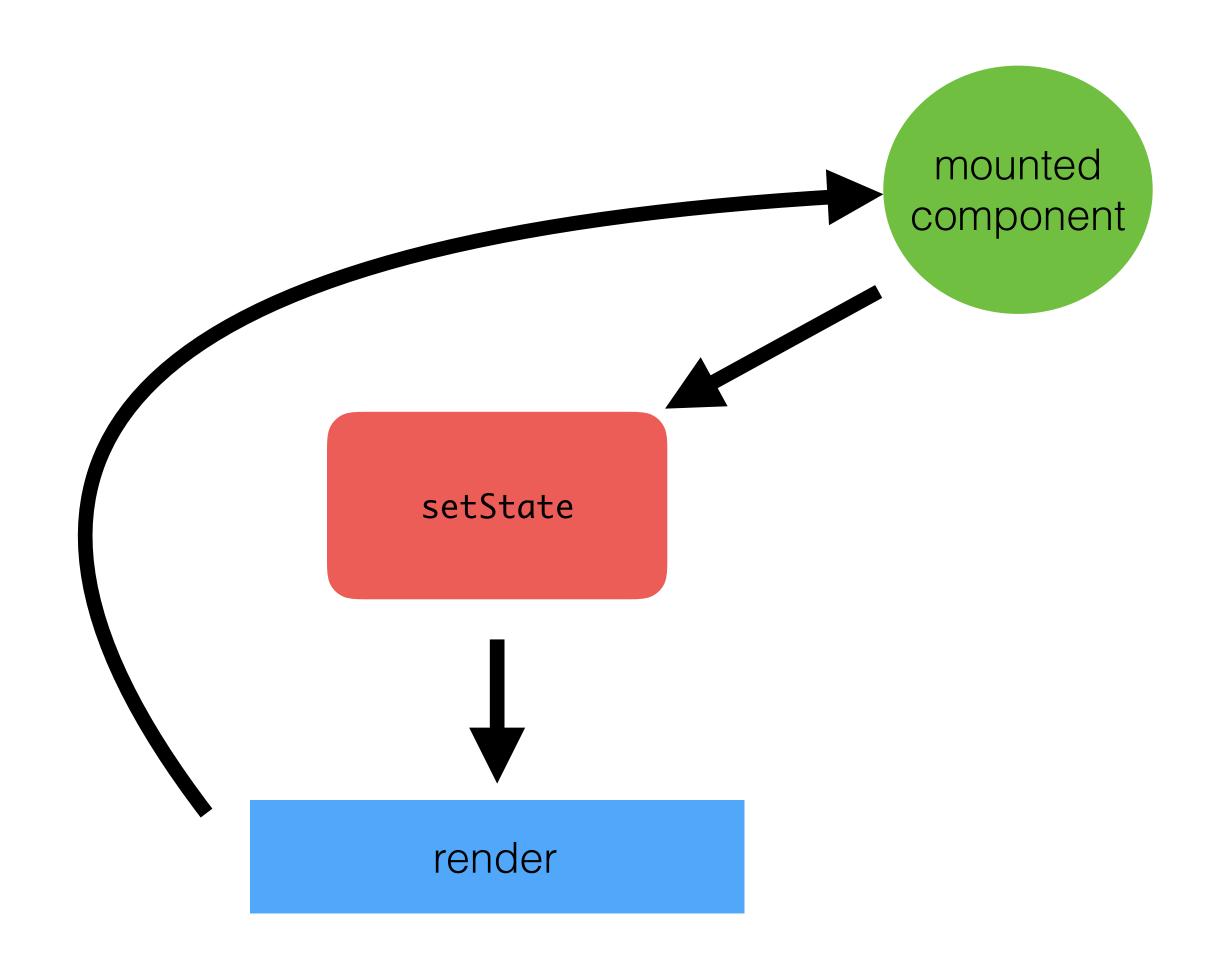
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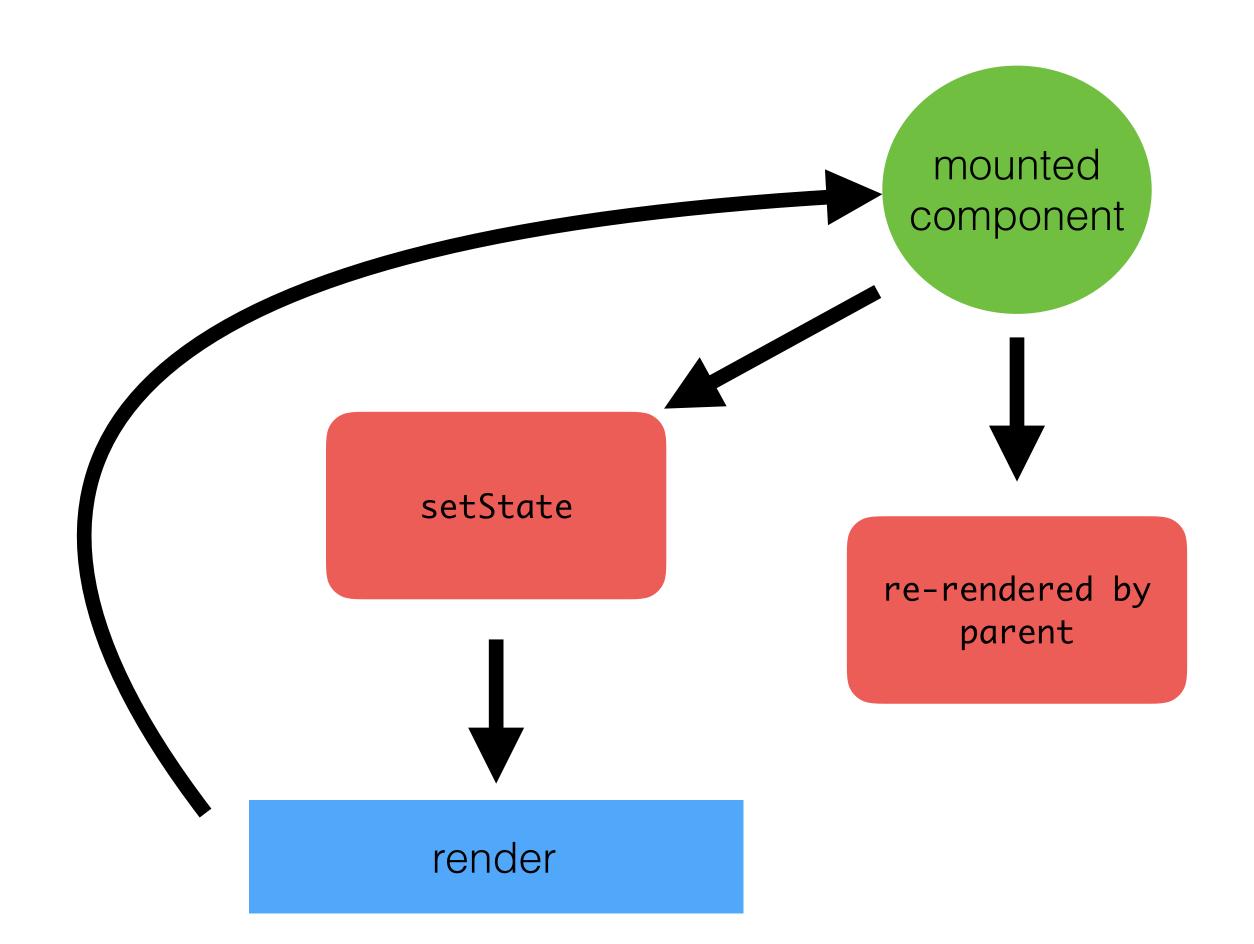
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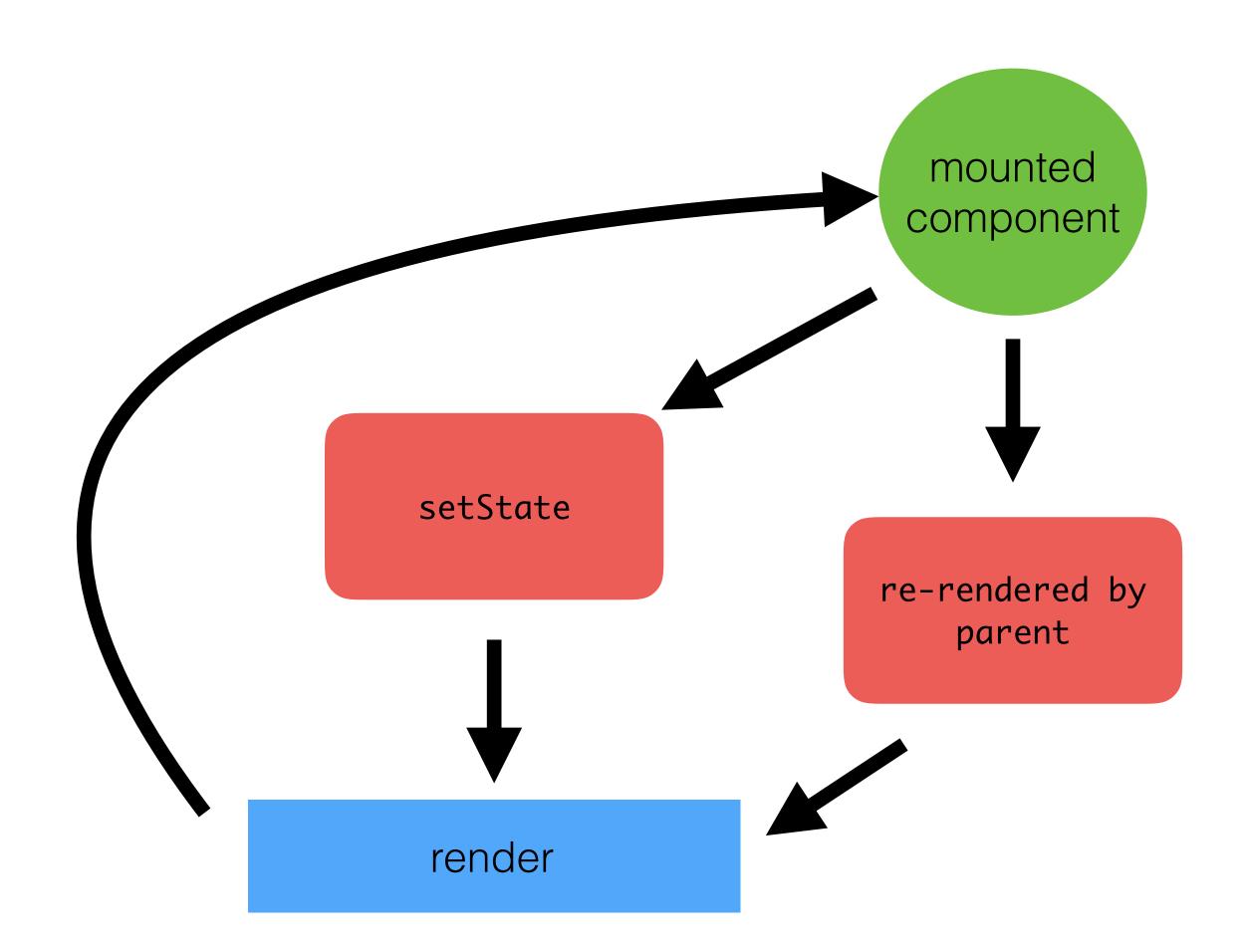


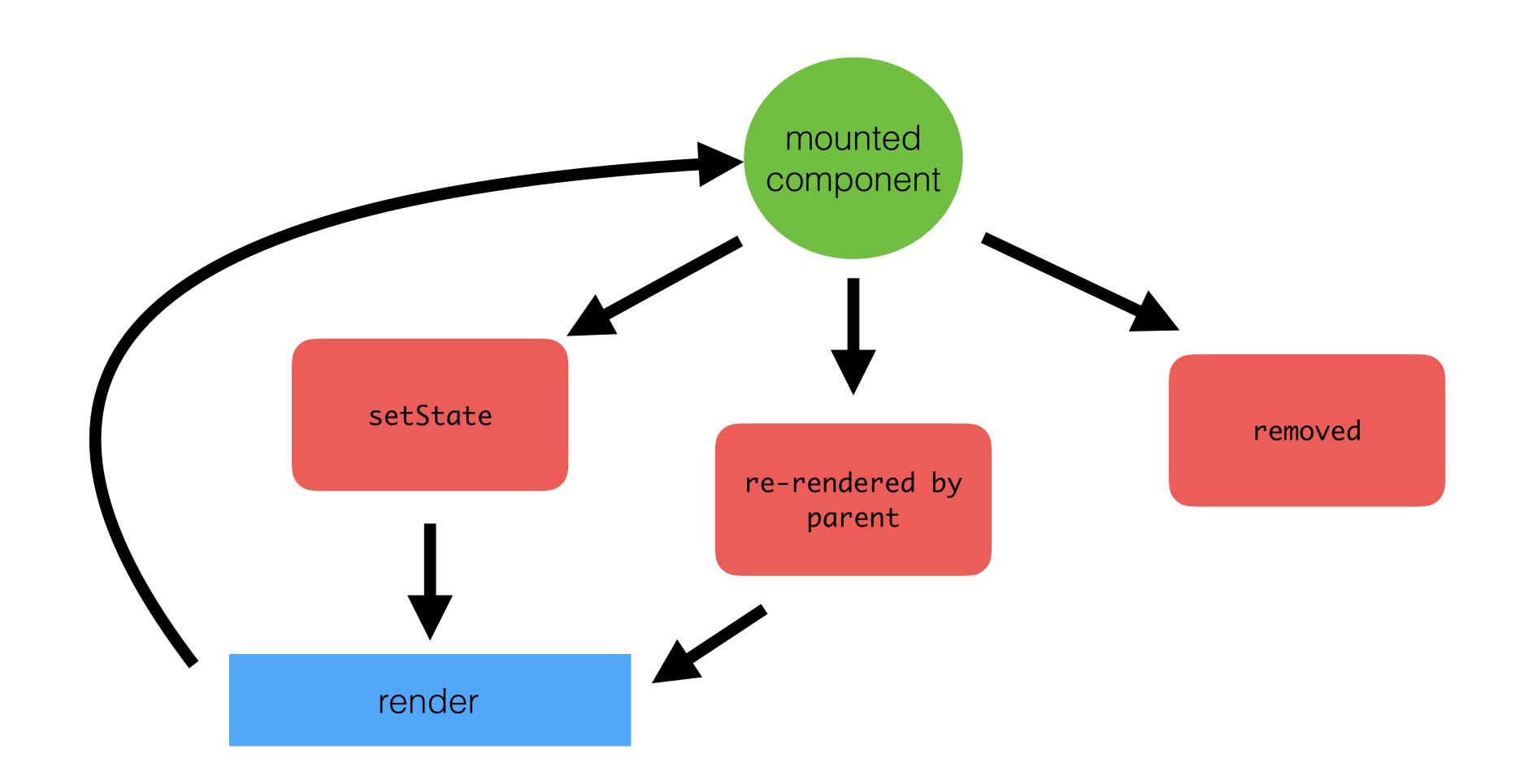


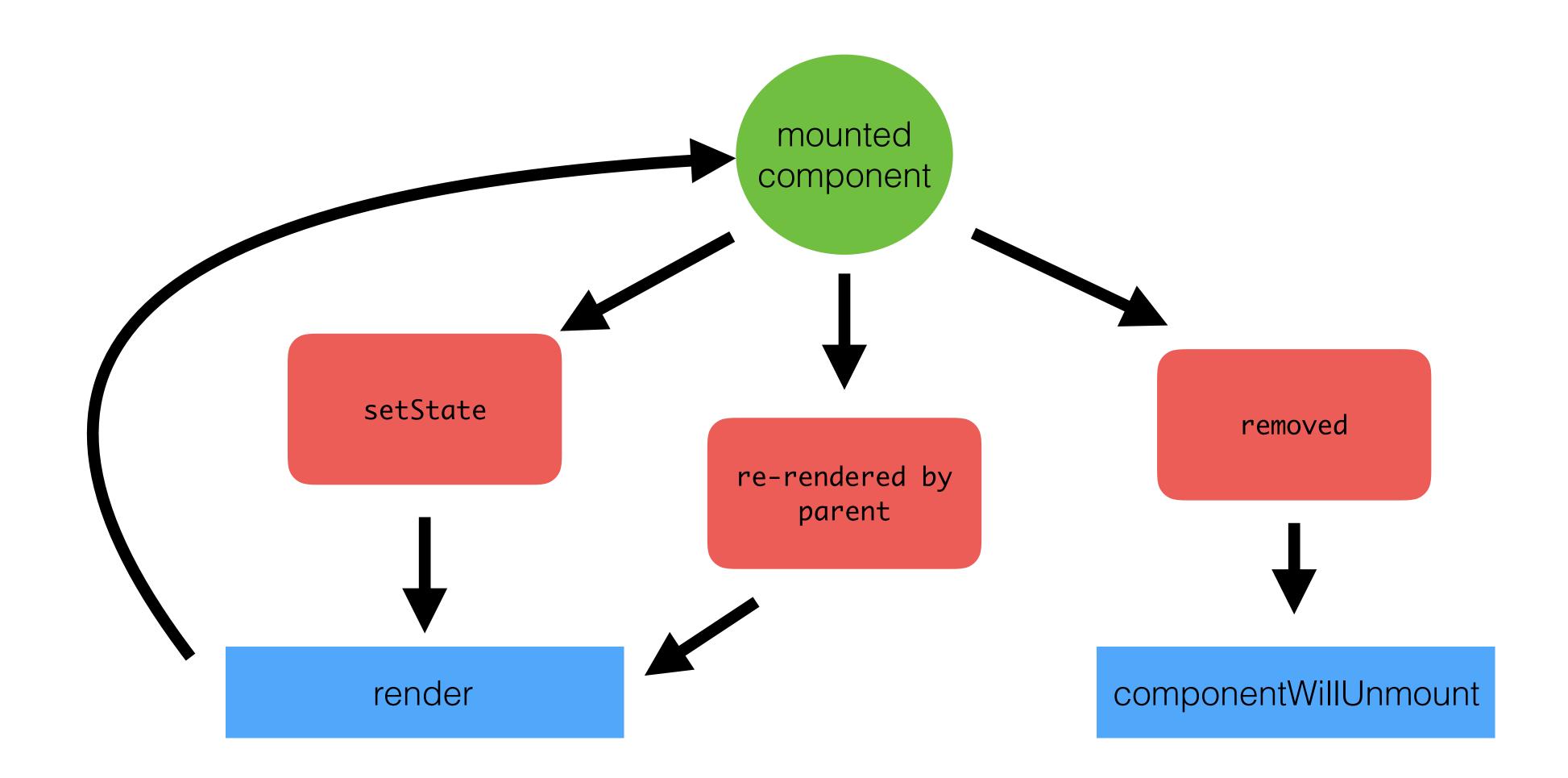












COMPONENT WILL UNMOUNT

- Our chance to say goodbye!
- Great place to "clean up" things
 - clear timers or intervals
 - remove event listeners

REACT LISTS

Map it out

MAP OVER LISTS

Use Array.prototype.map to turn lists of data into JSX

Great way to deal with lists and table rows

 Only stipulation: each set of JSX in the list needs to be given a special "key" prop

```
const DogList = (props) => {
return (
  <l
```

```
const DogList = (props) => {
const puppies = props puppies
return (
  <l
```

```
const DogList = (props) => {
// [{id: 1, name: 'Cody'}, {id: 2, name: 'Lexie'}]
const puppies = props puppies
 return (
  <l
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const puppies = props puppies
 return (
  <l
                                        >{puppy_name})
    puppies map(puppy =>
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