React Virtual DOM

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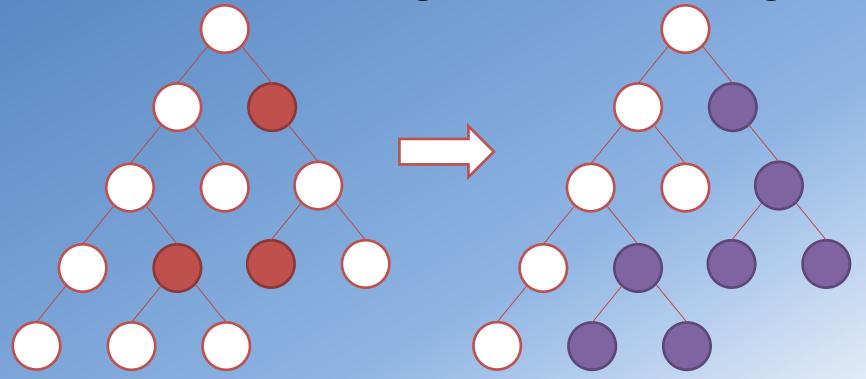




Virtual DOM

- Browser DOM is a browser object
- Virtual DOM is a React object
 - A lightweight representation of the Browser DOM
 - In-memory tree data structure of plain JS objects
 - Manipulations extremely fast compared to modifying the browser DOM
 - Created completely from scratch on every setState

Virtual DOM Diffing and Re-rendering



Updating the DOM

- Diffing algorithm will detect those nodes that are changed
 - Updates the entire sub-tree if diffing detects that two elements are of different types
 - Using "key" you can hint child elements as stable
 - No need to re-render where keys do not change
- React Fiber: new reconciliation algorithm in React 16
 - Incremental rendering