

# Component Communication

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# How do we ...



Create a parent and child component relationship?



Pass values from a parent to a child component?



Create and fire events in child components



Listen to those events in the parent component



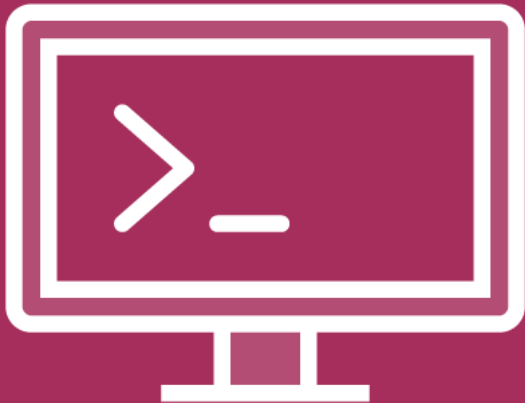
Refactor one component into parent and child components



Share logic across components



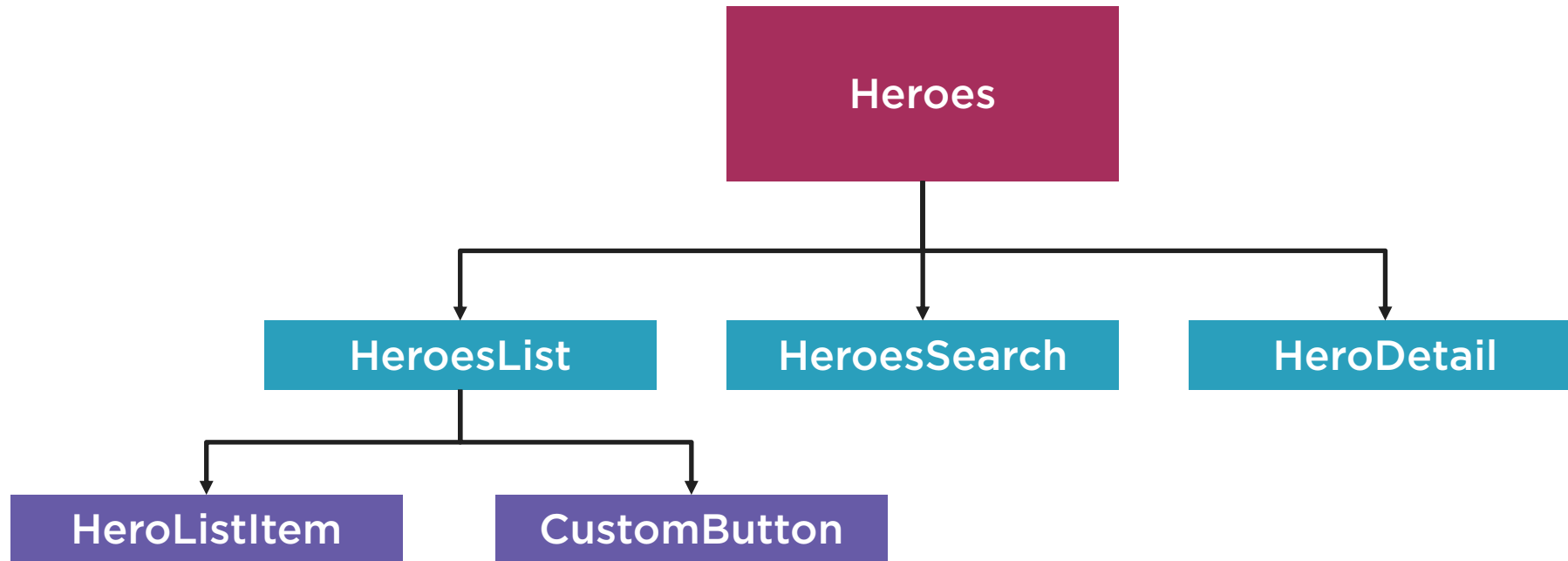
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## Components in Components



# Component Organization



```
export default {  
  name: "Heroes",  
  data() { },  
  components: { ListHeader, HeroList, HeroDetail }  
};
```

These components are used within this parent component

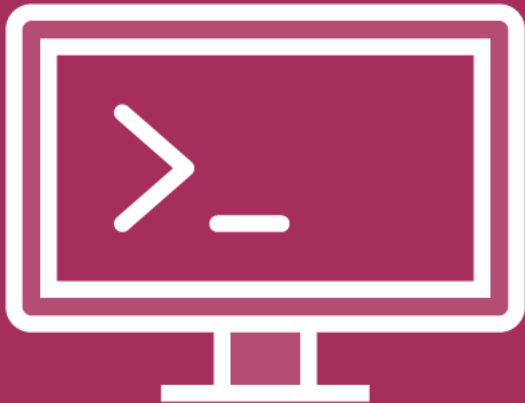
## Components in Components

**Components may include other components in their templates**

**We declare them in the parent component**



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## Passing Values to Child Components with Props



We pass values from parent to a child, using bindings and props

```
<HeroDetail  
  v-if="selectedHero"  
  :hero="selectedHero"  
>
```

hero-detail.vue

```
export default {  
  props: {  
    hero: {  
      type: Object,  
      default: () => {},  
    },  
  },  
}
```



# Prop Tips

## Casing

camelCased prop names use kebab-cased equivalents in templates

## Types

String, Number, Boolean, Array, Object, Function, Promise

## Dynamic vs Static

**Dynamic:** `:title="hero.name"`  
**Static:** `title="Mrs Awesome"`

Use v-bind (or `:`) with static non-strings





# Validation

Any string, or undefined, null

Default value generated from a function

Simple default value

This prop is required

## Child Component

```
props: {  
  message: String,  
  hero: {  
    type: Object,  
    default: () => {},  
  },  
  limit: {  
    type: Number,  
    default: 100  
  },  
  title: {  
    type: String,  
    required: true  
  }  
},
```

# Custom Validator Functions

Define your own validation logic

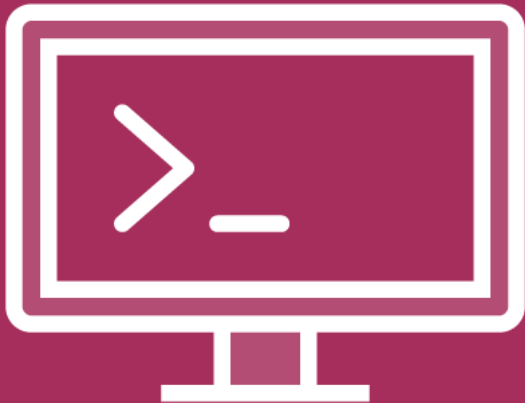
Can also import shared validation functions

Child Component

```
props: {  
  result: {  
    type: String,  
    validator: function (value) {  
      return ['success', 'warning', 'danger'].indexOf(value) !== -1  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Value must match one of these strings

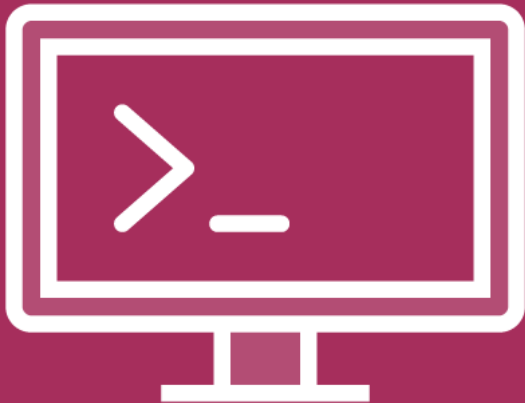
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## Creating Parent and Child Components



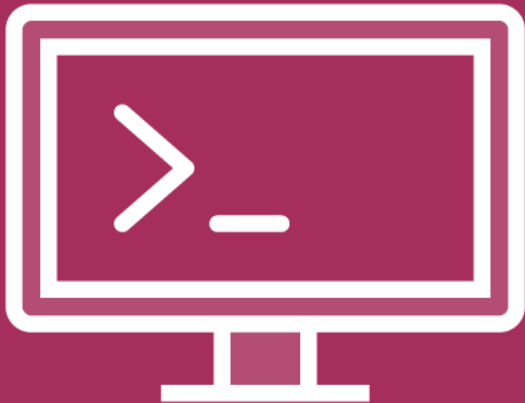
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## Passing Objects



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## Communicating from Child to Parent



<HeroDetail

*v-if*="selectedHero"

*:hero*="selectedHero"

@*save*="saveHero"

/>

Method in  
heroes.vue which  
accepts the  
parameters

hero-detail.vue

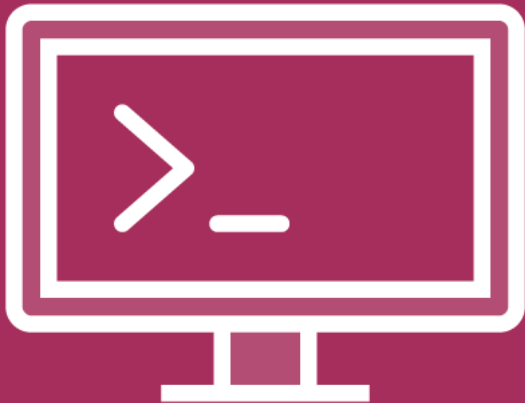
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methods: {  
  saveHero() {  
    this.$emit("save", this.theHero);  
  }  
}
```

Pass the hero  
from the child  
component

Fire the event



# Demo



## Using Mixins to Share Logic



# Mixins

Distribute reusable functionality across components

Example: methods, computed, life cycle hooks, data, watches

my-mixins.js

```
export const mymix = {
  created() {
    console.log('created lifecycle hook');
  },
  methods: {
    clear: function() {
      this.$emit('unselect');
    },
  },
};
```

heroes.vue

```
import { mymix } from './my-mixins';

export default {
  // ...
  mixins: [mymix],
  // ...
}
```

This mixin is  
merged into this  
component



# When Mixins Conflict with Components

methods,  
components  
and  
computeds

**Merged, precedence given to the component's method**

data

**Merged superset, precedence given to component's data**

watch  
and  
hooks

**Both run, with mixins running before component**



# What we Learned



**Parent and child components**



**Define props**



**Define events**



**Listen to events**



**Share logic across components**



# Summary



**Create small components**

**Communication down with props**

**Communicate up with events**

