# React Questions / Week 4 - The Compilation (4Aug-10Aug)

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## ❓ Q #1 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

Explain the concept of memoization in React. When can memoization be counterproductive, and when is it truly worth using?

✅ **Answer:**

Memoization is a performance optimization technique where React components or functions "remember" their previously computed results and reuse them if the inputs haven't changed. This prevents unnecessary re-renders or re-computations.

Memoization can be counterproductive if the component or function is "cheap" to compute, as the overhead of memoization (memory usage, comparison checks) might outweigh the performance benefits. It also doesn't prevent re-renders if dependencies frequently change, leading to unnecessary re-creations and the memoization cost without benefit.

It's worth using memoization **only when**:

- The component or function is heavy or expensive to render/compute.
- It receives stable props or dependencies.
- You are passing functions or objects to memoized children and want to prevent their unnecessary re-renders.

```jsx
// Example not explicitly provided in files for memoization counterproductivity,// but the concept is explained.
```

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## ❓ Q #2 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

What are the primary use cases for React DevTools in debugging and performance analysis?

✅ **Answer:**

React DevTools are used for debugging and profiling React applications directly within the browser. Its primary use cases include inspecting component hierarchies, viewing and modifying component state and props, and using the Profiler to identify performance bottlenecks and understand re-render causes.

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## ❓ Q #3 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🏗️ Architecture

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

Describe lazy loading in the context of web development and React. Provide examples of resources where lazy loading is beneficial.

✅ **Answer:**

Lazy loading is a technique that defers the loading of resources (like components, images, or CSS) until they are actually needed, rather than loading everything upfront. This significantly improves initial page load times and overall application performance.

Main situations where lazy loading is beneficial include:

- Pages with many images or videos that aren't immediately visible (e.g., social media feeds, e-commerce listings).
- Applications with large datasets, where not all data is visible at once (e.g., dashboards, reports).
- Applications that need to balance SEO with performance by not loading all content at initial render.
- Large applications where loading all components at once would slow down the initial page load.

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## ❓ Q #4 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🏗️ Architecture

**🧠 Question:**

Explain how code splitting works in React applications, and how `React.lazy` and `Suspense` facilitate this.

**✅ Answer:**

Code splitting is a technique that breaks down a large JavaScript bundle into smaller, independent chunks that are loaded on demand. This reduces the initial download size and improves application performance.

In React, `React.lazy` allows you to define components that are loaded asynchronously only when they are needed (e.g., when a specific route is accessed). `Suspense` is then used in conjunction with `React.lazy` to provide a fallback UI (like a loading spinner) that is displayed while the lazy-loaded component's code is being fetched and processed.

```
jsximport React, { Suspense, lazy } from 'react';
import { BrowserRouter, Routes, Route } from 'react-router-dom';

const Home = lazy(() => import('./pages/Home'));
const About = lazy(() => import('./pages/About'));

export default function App() {
  return (
    <BrowserRouter>
      <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
        <Routes>
          <Route path="/" element={<Home />} />
          <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />
        </Routes>
      </Suspense>
    </BrowserRouter>
```

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);
}
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## ❓ Q #5 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

What is the purpose of the `loading="lazy"` attribute in HTML image tags, and how does it contribute to lazy loading?

✅ **Answer:**

The `loading="lazy"` attribute is an HTML attribute that tells the browser to defer loading of an image until it is close to or within the viewport. This means the image will only be fetched when the user scrolls near it, rather than at initial page load. This contributes to lazy loading by reducing the initial bandwidth usage and improving the page's load time, especially for pages with many images below the fold.

```xml
<img src="placeholder.jpg" data-src="actual-image.jpg" alt="Lazy loaded image" loading="lazy">
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## ❓ Q #6 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

How can CSS be lazy-loaded or optimized to prevent it from being render-blocking?

✅ **Answer:**

CSS is render-blocking by default because the browser needs to download and parse it into the CSS Object Model (CSSOM) before it can construct the render tree and paint the page. To prevent this, CSS can be optimized or lazy-loaded using the `media` attribute in the `<link>` tag.

By specifying a `media` type (e.g., `print`, `(orientation:portrait)`, `screen`), you instruct the browser to only apply and parse that CSS under specific conditions, allowing other CSS or page content to render without waiting for unrelated stylesheets.

```xml
<link href="portrait.css" rel="stylesheet" media="(orientation:portrait)" />
<link href="print.css" rel="stylesheet" media="print" />
```

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## ❓ Q #7 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

What is the difference between a dynamic `import()` in JavaScript and `React.lazy()`? When would you use each?

✅ **Answer:**

A dynamic `import()` in JavaScript allows you to load any module at runtime, asynchronously, returning a Promise that resolves to the module. It's a general JavaScript feature for on-demand loading and performance optimization. You would use it for any JavaScript module, not just React components, for instance, to load a heavy utility function only when a user interacts with something.

`React.lazy()` is a higher-order component specifically designed for React components. It's a wrapper around dynamic `import()` that tells React to treat the loaded component as a renderable React component and integrate it with React's `Suspense` mechanism for handling loading states. You use `React.lazy()` **only** for lazy-loading React components within your JSX, typically in conjunction with `Suspense`. You cannot use raw `import()` directly to render a React component without `React.lazy()`.

```jsx
// Dynamic Import (for any JS module)
async function handleClick() {
  const { heavyFunction } = await import('./utils');
  heavyFunction();
}

// React.lazy (for React components with Suspense)
const ProfilePage = React.lazy(() => import('./pages/Profile'));

// In JSX
<Suspense fallback={<Loading />}>
  <ProfilePage />
</Suspense>
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# ❓ Q #8 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

What is ESLint and what is its primary purpose in a JavaScript/React project? How does it contribute to code quality?

✅ **Answer:**

ESLint is a widely used, open-source JavaScript linter. Its primary purpose is to identify and report problematic patterns found in JavaScript code, ensuring code quality, consistency, and preventing common bugs. It performs static code analysis, meaning it checks your code without actually running it.

ESLint contributes to code quality by:

- **Improving readability and maintainability:** By enforcing consistent coding standards.
- **Preventing bugs and runtime errors:** It catches potential issues like unused variables, undeclared variables, or problematic syntax before execution.
- **Enforcing coding standards:** Developers can configure rules to match their team's style guides and best practices.
- **Auto-fixing issues:** Many rules can automatically fix identified problems, saving developer time.

```json
// Example .eslintrc.json snippets from files:
{
 "env": {
  "browser": true,
  "node": true,
  "es2021": true
 },
 "rules": {
  "no-unused-vars": "warn",
  "no-console": "off",
  "eqeqeq": ["error", "always"]
 }
}
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# ❓ Q #9 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

Explain the role of the `.eslintrc.json` file in an ESLint setup.

✅ **Answer:**

The `.eslintrc.json` file is ESLint's configuration file. It tells ESLint how to analyze your code. Specifically, it defines:

- **Environment:** Where your code runs (e.g., browser, Node.js, ES2021).

- **Rules:** Which linting rules to apply (e.g., `no-unused-vars`, `eqeqeq`). These can be strict, loose, or custom.
- **Plugins/Presets:** Which external rule sets or plugins to use (e.g., `eslint:recommended`, `plugin:react/recommended`).
- **Parser Options:** How to parse your code (e.g., `ecmaVersion`, `sourceType` for `import/export`, `ecmaFeatures` for `jsx`).

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## ❓ Q #10 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

What is Prettier, and how does it differ from ESLint? Why are they often used together in a project?

✅ **Answer:**

Prettier is an opinionated code formatter that automatically rewrites code to enforce a consistent style across the entire project (e.g., indentation, quotes, trailing commas). It focuses solely on code formatting.

ESLint, on the other hand, is a linter that analyzes code for quality issues, potential errors, and adherence to coding standards. It can identify bugs, problematic patterns, and style issues, but its primary focus is on code quality and correctness, not just formatting.

They are often used together because they serve complementary purposes:

- **Prettier** handles automatic code formatting, saving developers time and ensuring visual consistency.
- **ESLint** enforces code quality rules and best practices.
- When integrated (e.g., using `eslint-config-prettier`), Prettier disables ESLint's formatting-related rules to avoid conflicts, allowing each tool to focus on its specialized task. This provides a robust system for both code quality and consistent styling.

```json
// Example .prettierrc snippet from files:
{
 "semi": true,
 "singleQuote": true,
 "tabWidth": 2,
```

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  "trailingComma": "es5",
  "printWidth": 80
}
```

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## ❓ Q #11 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

What is Husky, and what role does it play in maintaining code quality in a Git repository?

✅ **Answer:**

Husky is a tool used for managing Git hooks in a project. It allows developers to run scripts automatically before or after certain Git events, like `pre-commit` or `pre-push`.

Husky's role in maintaining code quality is significant because it:

- **Catches problems early:** It enables running quality checks (like ESLint, Prettier, or tests) before code is committed or pushed, preventing bad code from entering the repository.
- **Automates checks:** It automates repetitive tasks, ensuring that all code committed adheres to project standards without manual intervention.
- **Enforces standards:** By setting up hooks, teams can enforce that code is linted, formatted, and potentially tested before it becomes part of the shared codebase.

```bash
# Example Husky command from files:
npx husky add .husky/pre-commit "npm run lint-staged"
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## ❓ Q #12 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

How does `lint-staged` work, and why is it often used in conjunction with Husky?

✅ **Answer:**

`lint-staged` is a utility that runs commands only on files that are currently "staged" in Git (i.e., files added to the staging area for the next commit). This makes pre-

commit hooks much faster and more efficient, as they only process the files that are about to be committed, not the entire project.

It is often used with Husky because Husky provides the mechanism to trigger scripts at Git events (like `pre-commit`), and `lint-staged` provides the efficiency by ensuring that those scripts (e.g., ESLint, Prettier) only run on the relevant modified files. This combination creates a robust pre-commit workflow where code is automatically linted and formatted before every commit, without slowing down the development process with full-project scans.

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## ❓ Q #13 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, ⚙️ Performance

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

What is Vite, and what are its main advantages as a build tool compared to older alternatives like Webpack (as used by CRA)?

✅ **Answer:**

Vite is a modern, lightweight build tool designed to provide a faster and leaner development experience. It consists of a dev server and a build command.

Its main advantages compared to older alternatives like Webpack (used by Create React App) include:

- **Faster Cold Start:** Vite leverages native ES Modules (ESM) in the browser, serving code directly without bundling in development mode. This eliminates the bundling step for individual modules, leading to much faster server startup times.
- **Instant Hot Module Replacement (HMR):** Vite's HMR is significantly faster because it only invalidates the changed module and serves it via ESM, unlike Webpack which might recompile larger parts of the bundle.
- **Optimized Builds:** For production, Vite uses Rollup (instead of Webpack) which is generally faster and produces smaller, more optimized bundles.
- **Leaner Development Experience:** It's designed to be simple to configure and use, reducing the overhead often associated with complex build setups.

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## ❓ Q #14 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, ⚙️ Performance, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

Explain what a monorepo is in software development. What problem does Turborepo solve in the context of monorepos, especially when combined with tools like Vite?

✅ **Answer:**

A monorepo is a single Git repository that contains multiple, distinct projects or packages. These projects can be related or unrelated but often share common dependencies or tooling. Examples include separate `web` and `mobile` apps, or shared `ui` and `utils` packages, all within one repository.

Turborepo is a high-performance build system specifically designed for scaling monorepos, particularly those with JavaScript and TypeScript codebases. It solves several critical problems:

- **Optimized Builds and Caching:** In traditional monorepos, even a small change might trigger a full rebuild of multiple projects. Turborepo uses content-based caching and task dependency tracking. If only a `utils` package changes, it intelligently rebuilds *only* `utils` and any applications directly dependent on it, skipping everything else by restoring from cache. This drastically speeds up build times.
- **Parallel Execution:** It identifies independent tasks across projects and runs them in parallel, further reducing overall build duration.
- **Simplified Development Experience (DX):** It streamlines managing builds and dependencies across many projects, allowing developers to run a single command (`turbo build`) instead of navigating into each project and building them manually.

When combined with Vite (where each app in the monorepo might use Vite for its individual dev/build process), Turborepo acts as the orchestrator. It coordinates the build order, determines what needs to be rebuilt based on changes, and leverages its caching mechanisms, making the monorepo setup highly efficient for development and CI/CD pipelines.

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## ❓ Q #15 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

How does Turborepo's caching mechanism work to speed up builds in a monorepo?

✅ **Answer:**

Turborepo's caching mechanism significantly speeds up builds by avoiding redundant work. It works by:

1. **Local and Remote Cache:** Turborepo stores the output of tasks (e.g., build artifacts, test results) in a local cache. It can also be configured to use a remote cache (like Vercel Remote Cache or S3) to share cache hits across different machines or CI/CD pipelines.
2. **Input Tracking:** For each task, Turborepo tracks the "inputs," which include:
    - The source files of the package.
    - Its `package.json` dependencies.
    - Relevant environment variables.
    - Configuration files.
3. **Cache Hit/Miss Logic:** Before running a task, Turborepo calculates a hash based on all the inputs. If a task with the same inputs (and thus the same hash) has been successfully run before and its output is in the cache, Turborepo skips running the task again. Instead, it instantly restores the output from the cache.
4. **Skipping Redundant Work:** This means if you run the same task again with no changes to the inputs, it's an instant cache hit. Even in a CI pipeline, if a previous run built a `utils` package, and that package hasn't changed, subsequent CI runs can restore its compiled output from the remote cache in milliseconds, saving considerable time.

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## ❓ Q #16 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**How does Tailwind CSS differ from traditional component-based CSS frameworks like Bootstrap?**

✅ **Answer:**

The primary difference lies in their methodology. Tailwind CSS is a **utility-first** framework, providing low-level utility classes that you compose directly in your HTML to build custom designs (e.g., `flex`, `p-4`, `text-center`). This gives you granular control and avoids the need to write custom CSS.5Aug-other.txt

Traditional frameworks like Bootstrap provide pre-styled, high-level components (like `.btn`, `.card`, `.modal`). While this is faster for standard UIs, it often requires overriding default styles for custom designs, leading to more complex CSS management. Tailwind's approach results in lighter-weight code because it only includes the utilities you actually use.5Aug-other.txt

```xml
<!-- Tailwind CSS: Composing utilities -->
<button class="bg-blue-500 hover:bg-blue-700 text-white font-bold py-2 px-4 rounded">
  Click me
</button>

<!-- Bootstrap: Using a pre-styled component -->
<button type="button" class="btn btn-primary">Click me</button>
```

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# ❓ Q #17 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What is ShadCN UI, and is it a component library in the traditional sense?**

✅ **Answer:**

ShadCN UI is not a traditional component library that you install as a single dependency from npm. Instead, it's a collection of reusable, accessible React components built with Tailwind CSS and Radix UI that you can copy and paste directly into your project.5Aug-other.txt

This approach means you **own the code**, allowing for full control and customization of the components to fit your project's specific needs without fighting against library defaults. It uses Tailwind for styling and Radix UI for accessibility and behavior (like dropdowns and dialogs).5Aug-other.txt

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# ❓ Q #18 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**When would you choose to use Tailwind CSS directly versus using ShadCN UI?**

✅ **Answer:**

The choice depends on your project's needs for customization and development speed.5Aug-other.txt

- **Use Tailwind CSS directly if:** You require full control over the UI, are building a completely custom design system from scratch, enjoy composing styles with utility classes, and want the most lightweight styling solution possible.5Aug-other.txt
- **Use ShadCN UI if:** You want to accelerate development with ready-to-use, accessible components, are already working in a React and Tailwind ecosystem, and need a consistent design system that remains easy to modify. ShadCN is built on top of Tailwind, so you use them together, not as alternatives.5Aug-other.txt

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## ❓ Q #19 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**Explain the core difference in development workflow between Tailwind CSS and CSS Modules.**

✅ **Answer:**

The core difference is in their approach to styling and scoping.5Aug-other.txt

- **Tailwind CSS** uses a **utility-first** approach where you apply pre-defined, global classes directly within your JSX. This keeps your styling logic co-located with your markup, speeding up development by reducing the need to switch between files.5Aug-other.txt
- **CSS Modules** promote **scoped CSS** by writing traditional CSS in separate `.module.css` files. These class names are locally scoped to the component by default, preventing global style conflicts. This maintains a clear separation of concerns between structure (HTML) and style (CSS).5Aug-other.txt

```jsx
// Tailwind: Styles in the JSX
export default function Card() {
  return <div className="bg-white p-4 rounded shadow">...</div>;
}

// CSS Modules: Styles imported from a separate file
import styles from './Card.module.css';
export default function Card() {
  return <div className={styles.card}>...</div>;
}
```

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# ❓ Q #20 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🏗️ Architecture, 💥 Pitfall

🧠 **Question:**

**Describe the purpose of the `cn` utility function often found in projects using ShadCN UI and Tailwind CSS. What two specific problems does it solve?**

✅ **Answer:**

The `cn` utility function is a helper that merges CSS class names intelligently, which is crucial for building dynamic and customizable components with Tailwind CSS. It is typically a combination of two libraries: `clsx` and `tailwind-merge`.5Aug-other.txt

It solves two key problems:

1. **Conditional Class Application (`clsx`):** It provides a clean way to conditionally apply classes without messy template literals. You can pass objects, arrays, or strings, and it will generate a valid class string.5Aug-other.txt
2. **Tailwind Class Conflict Resolution (`tailwind-merge`):** It intelligently resolves conflicting Tailwind utility classes. For example, if you have `px-2` and later apply `px-4`, `tailwind-merge` ensures that `px-4` takes precedence instead of both being applied, which would cause unpredictable styling. It understands Tailwind's class system and removes redundant or overridden styles.5Aug-other.txt

```jsximport { clsx } from "clsx";
import { twMerge } from "tailwind-merge";

// This is the `cn` function
export function cn(...inputs) {
  return twMerge(clsx(inputs));
}
```

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`// Example Usage:// cn("p-4 bg-red-500", { "bg-blue-500": isPrimary })// If isPrimary is true, it correctly resolves to "p-4 bg-blue-500",// removing the conflicting bg-red-500.`

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## ❓ Q #21 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What does "a11y" stand for, and what is its fundamental goal in web development?**

✅ **Answer:**

"a11y" is a numeronym for "accessibility," where "11" represents the eleven letters between 'a' and 'y'. Its fundamental goal is to ensure that websites, tools, and technologies are designed and developed so that people with disabilities—including visual, auditory, motor, or cognitive impairments—can perceive, understand, navigate, and interact with them effectively.6Aug-other.txt+1

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## ❓ Q #22 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 💥 Pitfall

🔥 **EXTREMELY IMPORTANT**

🧠 **Question:**

**Why is using semantic HTML crucial for web accessibility, and what is a common mistake developers make?**

✅ **Answer:**

Semantic HTML is crucial because it gives inherent meaning and structure to web content, which assistive technologies like screen readers rely on to interpret the page. Using tags like `<nav>`, `<main>`, `<button>`, and `<h1>` provides default accessibility features, such as keyboard navigation for buttons and a document outline for headings, without extra work.6Aug-self.md+1

A common mistake is using non-semantic elements like `<div>` or `<span>` to create interactive controls. For example, creating a button with `<div onClick={...}>`. This approach fails to provide the built-in keyboard accessibility (like focus and activation with Enter/Space) and ARIA roles that a native `<button>` element offers, making the site unusable for keyboard-only users unless manually patched with `tabIndex` and ARIA attributes.6Aug-other.txt

## ❓ Q #23 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🔧 Hooks, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**Explain what ARIA attributes are and provide an example of the three main types: roles, properties, and states.**

✅ **Answer:**

ARIA (Accessible Rich Internet Applications) attributes are HTML attributes that enhance the accessibility of web content, especially for custom UI components that lack native semantics. They provide extra information to assistive technologies.6Aug-self.md+1

The three main types are:

1. **Role:** Defines what an element *is*. It tells a screen reader the purpose of a non-semantic element.
    - Example: `role="dialog"` on a `<div>` to identify it as a modal window.6Aug-self.md
2. **Property:** Describes the characteristics or relationships of an element.
    - Example: `aria-label="Close menu"` gives a text label to a button that only has an "X" icon.6Aug-self.md
3. **State:** Communicates the current condition or state of an element.
    - Example: `aria-expanded="true"` indicates that a collapsible section is currently open.6Aug-self.md

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## ❓ Q #24 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🔧 Hooks, 💥 Pitfall, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**What is a "focus trap" in the context of accessibility, and why is it essential for components like modals or dialogs?**

✅ **Answer:**

A **focus trap** is an accessibility technique that confines the user's keyboard focus (i.e., the `Tab` key) within a specific part of the UI, typically a modal,

dialog, or off-canvas menu. Once the modal is open, tabbing should cycle through its interactive elements only and not "escape" to the underlying page content.6Aug-other.txt

It is essential because, for screen reader or keyboard-only users, if the focus moves outside the modal to the content behind it, they can get lost and may not be able to interact with the modal or return to it easily. A focus trap ensures the user interaction is restricted to the active overlay, which is the expected behavior for a modal dialog. Libraries like Radix UI (used by ShadCN) provide this functionality out of the box.6Aug-other.txt

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## ❓ Q #25 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**Differentiate between `aria-label`, `aria-labelledby`, and `aria-describedby`.**

✅ **Answer:**

These three ARIA properties all provide accessible names or descriptions but are used in different contexts:6Aug-self.md

- `aria-label`: Provides a direct text label for an element, which is **not visible** on screen. It's used when there's no visible text to act as a label, such as an icon-only button.6Aug-self.md
  - `_**<button aria-label="Close">X</button>**_`
- `aria-labelledby`: Associates an element with another element on the page that serves as its **visible label**. It takes the `id` of the labeling element as its value. This avoids duplicating text.6Aug-self.md
  - `_**<h2 id="modal-title">Settings</h2> <div role="dialog" aria-labelledby="modal-title">...</div>**_`
- `aria-describedby`: Provides **supplementary description or instructions** by linking to another element. This text is typically read after the element's label.6Aug-self.md
  - `_**<input aria-describedby="pwd-hint"> <p id="pwd-hint">Password must be 8 characters.</p>**_`

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## ❓ Q #26 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 💥 Pitfall

🧠 **Question:**

**Explain the function of the `tabIndex` HTML attribute, specifically the difference between values `0`, `-1`, and positive integers like `1`.**

✅ **Answer:**

The `tabIndex` attribute controls whether an element is focusable and its participation in keyboard navigation.6Aug-self.md

- `tabIndex="0"`: Allows an element that is not natively focusable (like a `<div>` or `<span>`) to be included in the natural tab order of the page. The element becomes focusable via the Tab key, following its position in the DOM.6Aug-self.md
- `tabIndex="-1"`: Makes an element **programmatically focusable only**, meaning it can receive focus via JavaScript (`element.focus()`) but is **skipped** during standard keyboard tabbing. This is useful for managing focus in dynamic components, like setting focus to a modal container when it opens.6Aug-self.md
- `tabIndex="1"` (or any positive integer): Forces a manual tab order. **This should almost always be avoided**. It creates a rigid and often confusing navigation experience that breaks the natural document flow, leading to poor accessibility.6Aug-self.md

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# ❓ Q #27 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What are the key configuration files required to set up Tailwind CSS in a project, and what is the purpose of each?**

✅ **Answer:**

To set up Tailwind CSS, you primarily need two configuration files at the root of your project:5Aug-other.txt

1. `tailwind.config.js`: This is the main configuration file for Tailwind. It's where you define your design system, including customizing colors, spacing, fonts, and other utility classes. The `content` property is crucial, as it tells Tailwind which files to scan to purge unused CSS for production builds, resulting in a smaller bundle size.5Aug-other.txt

2. `postcss.config.js`: This file configures PostCSS, a tool for transforming CSS with JavaScript plugins. For a Tailwind setup, it's used to load the `tailwindcss` and `autoprefixer` plugins. `autoprefixer` automatically adds vendor prefixes to your CSS to ensure cross-browser compatibility.5Aug-other.txt

Additionally, you must import Tailwind's base styles into your main CSS file (e.g., `index.css`) using `@tailwind` directives.5Aug-other.txt

```css
/* index.css */
@tailwind base;
@tailwind components;
@tailwind utilities;
```

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# ❓ Q #28 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**Explain the purpose of `postcss` and `autoprefixer` in a modern frontend build process, particularly with a framework like Tailwind CSS.**

✅ **Answer:**

`PostCSS` is a versatile tool that uses JavaScript-based plugins to transform CSS. It acts as a framework for processing CSS, allowing developers to automate routine tasks, use future CSS syntax, and add powerful features. It is not a pre-processor like Sass; rather, it's a post-processor that can be configured to do almost anything to your CSS after it's written.5Aug-other.txt

`autoprefixer` is a popular PostCSS plugin. Its specific job is to parse your CSS and automatically add vendor prefixes (like `-webkit-`, `-moz-`, `-ms-`) to CSS rules where needed. This is essential for ensuring that your styles work consistently across different browsers (e.g., Chrome, Firefox, Safari) which may have different levels of support for certain CSS properties.5Aug-other.txt

In a Tailwind CSS setup, PostCSS runs Tailwind as a plugin to generate utility classes, and then `autoprefixer` ensures the final output CSS is browser-compatible.5Aug-other.txt

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# ❓ Q #29 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🔧 Hooks, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**How would you manually implement a basic focus trap in vanilla JavaScript for an accessible modal?**

✅ **Answer:**

A manual focus trap can be implemented by listening for `keydown` events when a modal is open and managing focus when the `Tab` key is pressed.6Aug-other.txt

The logic involves these steps:

1. **Identify Focusable Elements:** When the modal opens, find all interactive elements inside it (e.g., `button`, `a[href]`, `input`, `[tabindex]:not([tabindex="-1"])`).6Aug-other.txt
2. **Find First and Last Elements:** From that list, identify the very first and last focusable elements.6Aug-other.txt
3. **Listen for Tab Key:** Add a `keydown` event listener to the document.
4. **Manage Forward Tabbing:** Inside the listener, if the `Tab` key is pressed (without `Shift`) and the currently active element is the *last* focusable element, prevent the default behavior and manually set focus to the *first* focusable element.6Aug-other.txt
5. **Manage Backward Tabbing:** If `Shift + Tab` is pressed and the currently active element is the *first* focusable element, prevent the default behavior and manually set focus to the *last* focusable element.6Aug-other.txt

This ensures the focus "wraps around" and never leaves the modal container.6Aug-other.txt

```
javascriptdocument.addEventListener('keydown', function(e) {
 const modal = document.querySelector('#modal');
 if (!modal || e.key !== 'Tab') return;

 const focusableElements = 'button, [href], input, select, textarea, [tabindex]:not([tabindex="-1"])';
 const focusableContent = modal.querySelectorAll(focusableElements);
 const firstEl = focusableContent[0];
 const lastEl = focusableContent[focusableContent.length - 1];

 if (e.shiftKey) {  // Shift + Tab
   if (document.activeElement === firstEl) {
     lastEl.focus();
     e.preventDefault();
   }
 } else {  // Tab
   if (document.activeElement === lastEl) {
     firstEl.focus();
     e.preventDefault();
   }
```

```
}
});
```

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## ❓ Q #30 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

**How does Tailwind CSS keep its production bundle size small despite having thousands of utility classes?**

✅ **Answer:**

Tailwind CSS keeps its production bundle size extremely small through a process called **purging**. It integrates with tools like PurgeCSS under the hood.5Aug-other.txt

During the build process, Tailwind scans all your project files (HTML, JS, JSX, etc.) specified in the `content` array of your `tailwind.config.js` file. It identifies every single class name you've used and then generates a CSS file containing **only** the styles for those specific classes. All unused utility classes are completely removed from the final CSS bundle, typically resulting in a file size of just a few kilobytes.5Aug-

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## ❓ Q #31 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**What is the role of the `class-variance-authority` (CVA) library, and how is it essential for creating variant-based components like those in ShadCN UI?**

✅ **Answer:**

`class-variance-authority` (CVA) is a utility for creating type-safe, variant-driven UI components. It allows you to define a base set of styles for a component and then specify different "variants" (e.g., `intent: 'primary'`, `intent: 'secondary'`) and "sizes" (e.g., `size: 'sm'`, `size: 'lg'`) that conditionally apply different Tailwind CSS classes.

It's essential for component systems like ShadCN UI because it provides a clean and scalable way to manage all the possible style combinations of a component (like a Button) in a single, organized function. This function takes props and returns the appropriate `className` string, making the components highly reusable and easy to customize.

```javascript
// Example of CVA usage (conceptual)
import { cva } from "class-variance-authority";

export const buttonVariants = cva(
  "inline-flex items-center justify-center rounded-md", // Base classes
  {
    variants: {
      intent: {
        primary: "bg-blue-500 text-white",
        secondary: "bg-gray-200 text-gray-800",
      },
      size: {
        small: "h-9 px-2",
        medium: "h-10 px-4",
      },
    },
    defaultVariants: {
      intent: "primary",
      size: "medium",
    },
  }
);

// Usage: <Button className={buttonVariants({ intent: 'secondary', size: 'small' })} />
```

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# ❓ Q #32 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What is Hot Module Replacement (HMR)? Explain why Vite's HMR is significantly faster than the HMR in traditional bundler-based tools like Webpack.**

✅ **Answer:**

Hot Module Replacement (HMR) is a development feature that allows modules (like a React component) to be updated in a running application without requiring a full page reload, preserving the application's current state.

Vite's HMR is significantly faster because it leverages native browser support for ES Modules (ESM). When a file is changed, Vite's dev server only needs to process and serve that single changed module. The browser then requests the updated module directly using ESM. In contrast, bundler-based tools like Webpack often need to re-compile and re-bundle larger chunks of the application when a file changes, which creates a performance bottleneck, especially in large-scale projects.

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## ❓ Q #33 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**Beyond build performance, what are some of the key developer experience (DX) and team collaboration benefits of adopting a monorepo architecture?**

✅ **Answer:**

Key DX and team collaboration benefits of a monorepo include:

- **Code Sharing and Reuse:** It's easy to create and share packages (e.g., UI components, utility functions, configurations) across multiple applications within the repo without needing to publish them to a package registry like npm.
- **Atomic Commits & Refactoring:** Changes that affect multiple packages or applications can be made in a single, atomic commit, ensuring consistency. It also simplifies large-scale refactoring.
- **Simplified Dependency Management:** You can manage dependencies for all projects from a single root `package.json` using workspaces, which helps prevent version conflicts.
- **Improved Team Collaboration:** Different teams can work on separate packages within the same repository, fostering consistency in tooling and making cross-team contributions easier.

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## ❓ Q #34 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What is the role of the `workspaces` feature (from npm or Yarn) in a monorepo setup? How does it help manage dependencies?**

✅ **Answer:**

The `workspaces` feature allows a package manager (like npm or Yarn) to manage multiple packages within a single root project. It automatically links the packages together by creating symlinks in the root `node_modules` directory.

This helps manage dependencies by:

1. **Hoisting Dependencies:** It installs all dependencies for all packages in the workspace into a single `node_modules` folder at the root, deduplicating common packages and saving disk space.
2. **Enabling Local Imports:** It allows packages within the monorepo to import each other directly by name (e.g., `import { Button } from '@repo/ui'`) as if they were installed from npm, without having to publish them.

```json
// In root package.json
{
  "private": true,
  "workspaces": [
    "apps/*",
    "packages/*"
  ]
}
```

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# ❓ Q #35 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🏗️ Architecture

**🧠 Question:**

**In a Vite configuration file for a monorepo project, what is the purpose of the `resolve.alias` option? Provide an example of how you would use it.**

**✅ Answer:**

The `resolve.alias` option in `vite.config.js` is used to create shortcuts for import paths. In a monorepo, it is crucial for mapping a package's name (e.g., `@repo/ui`) to its actual source code path on the file system. This allows developers to use clean, module-like import statements in application code (e.g., `import { Button } from '@repo/ui'`), while Vite correctly resolves the path to the shared package during development and builds.

```javascript
// vite.config.js
import { defineConfig } from 'vite'
import path from 'path'

export default defineConfig({
  // ... other config
  resolve: {
    alias: {
      '@repo/ui': path.resolve(__dirname, '../../packages/ui/src')
    }
  }
})
```

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# ❓ Q #36 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🔧 Hooks, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**How can you programmatically manage focus in a React component, for instance, to focus an input field when the component mounts? Provide a code example using hooks.**

✅ **Answer:**

You can programmatically manage focus in React by using the `useRef` hook to get a direct reference to a DOM element and the `useEffect` hook to call the `.focus()` method on that element at the desired time (e.g., on component mount).

The `useRef` hook creates a mutable object whose `.current` property can hold a reference to the DOM node. The `useEffect` hook with an empty dependency array runs once after the initial render, which is the perfect time to set focus.

```
jsximport React, { useRef, useEffect } from 'react';

function FocusableInput() {
 const inputRef = useRef(null);

 useEffect(() => {
    // Focus the input element when the component mounts
  if (inputRef.current) {
    inputRef.current.focus();
  }
 }, []);  // Empty dependency array ensures this runs only once on mount

 return <input ref={inputRef} type="text" placeholder="I will be focused" />;
}
```

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# ❓ Q #37 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**In an `.eslintrc.json` file, what is the difference between the `extends` and `plugins` properties?**

✅ **Answer:**

- **`plugins`**: A plugin (e.g., `eslint-plugin-react`) is an npm package that provides a set of custom ESLint rules. Declaring it in the `plugins` array simply makes those rules *available* for you to use, but it doesn't turn any of them on by default.
- **`extends`**: This property takes a shareable configuration (like `eslint:recommended` or a config from a plugin, e.g., `plugin:react/recommended`) and applies all of its

rules to your project. It's a convenient way to enable a whole set of recommended rules without having to configure each one manually in the `rules` section.

In short, `plugins` adds new rules to ESLint's library, while `extends` enables existing sets of rules.

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## ❓ Q #38 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What is a `.prettierrc` file? Explain the purpose of common configuration options like `singleQuote` and `trailingComma`.**

✅ **Answer:**

A `.prettierrc` file is a configuration file used to define project-specific rules for Prettier, the opinionated code formatter. This ensures that all code in the project follows a consistent style.

Common configuration options include:

- `singleQuote: true`: Enforces the use of single quotes (`'`) for all strings where possible, instead of double quotes (`"`).
- `trailingComma: "es5"`: Adds a trailing comma at the end of objects, arrays, and other multi-line structures where valid in ES5. This helps with cleaner Git diffs, as adding a new item to a list won't change the previous line.

```
json{
 "semi": true,
 "singleQuote": true,
 "tabWidth": 2,
 "trailingComma": "es5",
 "printWidth": 80
}
```

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## ❓ Q #39 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**When building an accessible modal component in React from scratch, what are the essential ARIA attributes and behaviors you must implement?**

✅ **Answer:**

To build an accessible modal from scratch, you must implement the following:

1. **ARIA Roles and Properties:**
   - `role="dialog"`: To identify the modal container as a dialog.
   - `aria-modal="true"`: To inform assistive technologies that content outside the dialog is inert.
   - `aria-labelledby`: To associate the dialog with its visible title (e.g., an `h2` tag's `id`).
2. **Focus Management:**
   - Programmatically set focus to an element inside the modal when it opens.
   - Implement a **focus trap** to keep keyboard navigation (Tab and Shift+Tab) confined within the modal.
   - Return focus to the element that originally triggered the modal when it closes.
3. **Keyboard Interaction:**
   - Add a `keydown` event listener to close the modal when the `Escape` key is pressed.

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# ❓ Q #40 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 💥 Pitfall, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**In the context of an accessible modal, what is the specific significance of the `aria-modal="true"` attribute?**

✅ **Answer:**

The `aria-modal="true"` attribute is crucial for accessibility because it signals to assistive technologies (like screen readers) that the element is a modal dialog that takes precedence over the rest of the page. When set, it instructs the assistive technology to confine user interaction and navigation to only the content within the dialog. This prevents users from accidentally interacting with elements in the underlying page content, which should be considered inert until the modal is closed.

## ❓ Q #41 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**Clarify the relationship between code splitting and lazy loading. Are they the same concept?**

✅ **Answer:**

They are closely related but distinct concepts that work together for performance optimization.

- **Code Splitting** is the *process* of breaking up a large JavaScript bundle into smaller, more manageable chunks. This is a feature of build tools like Vite or Webpack.
- **Lazy Loading** is the *strategy* of loading these chunks on demand, only when they are actually needed by the user (e.g., when a user navigates to a new route or interacts with a specific feature).

In essence, code splitting *enables* lazy loading. You first split your code into chunks, and then you use a lazy loading strategy to load those chunks when necessary.

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## ❓ Q #42 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 💥 Pitfall

🧠 **Question:**

**When using ShadCN UI components in a project created with Create React App (CRA) instead of Next.js, what manual adjustments are typically required for import paths?**

✅ **Answer:**

Next.js comes with pre-configured support for path aliases (e.g., `@/lib/utils`), which ShadCN's `npx` command uses by default. Create React App does not have this default configuration.

Therefore, when you copy ShadCN component code into a CRA project, you must manually change the aliased import paths (e.g., `import { cn } from "@/lib/utils"`) to standard relative paths (e.g., `import { cn } from "../../lib/utils"`). The alternative is to

manually configure path aliases in CRA by creating a `jsconfig.json` or `tsconfig.json` file at the project root.

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## ❓ Q #43 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🏗️ Architecture, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**Describe the command `npx husky add .husky/pre-commit "npm run lint-staged"`. What does each part of this command do?**

✅ **Answer:**

This command sets up a pre-commit Git hook using the Husky tool.

- **`npx husky add`**: This is the Husky command used to create a new hook file. `npx` executes the command from the `husky` package installed in `node_modules`.
- **`.husky/pre-commit`**: This specifies the file path where the hook script will be created. `pre-commit` is the name of the standard Git hook that runs automatically before a commit is finalized.
- **`"npm run lint-staged"`**: This is the shell command that will be written into the `pre-commit` hook file. It tells Git to execute the `lint-staged` script (which should be defined in `package.json`) every time a developer attempts to make a commit.

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## ❓ Q #44 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 💥 Pitfall, 🧰 Debugging

🧠 **Question:**

**When setting up Tailwind CSS manually in an older project, what is a common installation issue related to PostCSS, and how can it be resolved?**

✅ **Answer:**

A common issue is version incompatibility, especially with PostCSS. Some project setups, like older versions of Create React App, may not be compatible with the latest major version of PostCSS. This can cause the build process to fail after installing Tailwind and its peer dependencies.

The resolution is to manually install versions of the dependencies that are known to be compatible. This often involves pinning PostCSS to version 8 and `autoprefixer` to version 10, using a command like:

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```
npm install -D tailwindcss@^3 postcss@^8 autoprefixer@^10
```

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## ❓ Q #45 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

**Describe how lazy loading can be applied to non-component resources like images and iframes. What are the native browser mechanisms for this?**

✅ **Answer:**

Lazy loading for resources like images and iframes defers their download until they are about to enter the viewport. This saves bandwidth and improves initial page load time.

The primary native browser mechanism is the `loading="lazy"` **attribute**. By adding `loading="lazy"` directly to an `<img>` or `<iframe>` tag, you instruct the browser to handle the loading logic automatically. It will only fetch the resource when the user scrolls near it. This is the simplest and most recommended method.

An older, JavaScript-based method uses the Intersection Observer API to detect when an element enters the viewport and then programmatically sets the `src` attribute to trigger the download.

```xml
<!-- Native lazy loading (Recommended) -->
<img src="image.jpg" loading="lazy" width="200" height="200" alt="An image">
<iframe src="video.html" loading="lazy" title="A video"></iframe>

<!-- JS-based lazy loading (Legacy) -->
<img data-src="image.jpg" class="lazy" alt="An image">
```

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## ❓ Q #46 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🏗️ Architecture

🧠 **Question:**

**What are some common strategies for optimizing the initial page load time of a React application?**

✅ **Answer:**

Optimizing initial page load time is critical for user experience and SEO. Common strategies include:

- **Code Splitting and Lazy Loading:** Divide your JavaScript bundle into smaller chunks and load them only when needed (e.g., per route, per component using `React.lazy` and `Suspense`).
- **Image Optimization:** Compress images, use modern formats (WebP), lazy-load images (using `loading="lazy"` attribute), and use responsive images (`srcset`).
- **CSS Optimization:** Minify CSS, use critical CSS (inline essential CSS for above-the-fold content), and lazy-load non-critical CSS (e.g., using `media` attributes or dynamic loading).
- **Font Optimization:** Use `font-display: swap`, preload critical fonts, and subset fonts to include only necessary characters.
- **Bundle Analysis:** Use tools (like Webpack Bundle Analyzer or Rollup plugins) to identify large dependencies and opportunities for optimization.
- **Server-Side Rendering (SSR) / Static Site Generation (SSG):** For content-heavy pages, pre-render HTML on the server or at build time to deliver content faster.
- **Caching:** Leverage browser caching and CDN caching for static assets.
- **Minification and Compression:** Minify JavaScript, CSS, and HTML, and use Gzip/Brotli compression for serving files.

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# ❓ Q #47 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 🔧 Hooks, 🔍 Real-World Scenario

🧠 **Question:**

**Explain the concept of "stale closures" in React functional components, specifically with `useEffect`, and how `useCallback` or dependency arrays help mitigate them.**

✅ **Answer:**

A "stale closure" occurs when a closure (a function that captures variables from its surrounding lexical environment) "closes over" or retains an outdated value of a variable, even though that variable has been updated in a subsequent render. This often happens within `useEffect` or `useMemo` when dependencies are missing or incorrect.

For example, if an `useEffect` hook depends on a state variable but doesn't include it in its dependency array, the callback function inside `useEffect` will "remember" the initial value of that state variable and operate with it, even if the state changes later. This leads to unexpected behavior, such as incorrect calculations or callbacks firing with old data.

`useCallback` and correct dependency arrays mitigate this by ensuring that:

- **`useCallback`**: When a function is passed as a prop or used in a dependency array of another hook, `useCallback` memoizes it. It only re-creates the function if its own dependencies change. This helps prevent child components from unnecessarily re-rendering if they are memoized with `React.memo`, and ensures that effects or other memoized functions that depend on this callback receive the latest version of the function.
- **Dependency Arrays**: By correctly specifying all values from the component's scope that an effect or memoized function uses (props, state, or functions), React knows when to re-run the effect or re-create the function/value. This ensures the closure always captures the freshest, most up-to-date values, preventing stale closures.

```jsx
// Stale closure example (incorrect)
function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  useEffect(() => {
    // This closure captures count = 0 on initial render
    const interval = setInterval(() => {
      console.log('Stale count:', count); // Always logs 0
    }, 1000);
    return () => clearInterval(interval);
  }, []); // Missing 'count' in dependency array

  return <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Increment: {count}</button>;
}

// Corrected example
function CounterCorrected() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  useEffect(() => {
    const interval = setInterval(() => {
      console.log('Current count:', count); // Logs current count
    }, 1000);
    return () => clearInterval(interval);
  }, [count]); // 'count' is in dependency array, so effect re-runs when count changes

  return <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Increment: {count}</button>;
}
```

## ❓ Q #48 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, ⚙️ Performance, 🔁 Rendering

🧠 **Question:**

**In the context of React rendering, what is "reconciliation"?**

✅ **Answer:**

Reconciliation is the process by which React updates the DOM to match the latest state of your components. When a component's state or props change, React creates a new virtual DOM tree. It then compares this new tree with the previous virtual DOM tree. This comparison process is called "diffing."

React identifies the minimal set of changes needed to update the real DOM to reflect the new state. This optimized update process is efficient because manipulating the real DOM is expensive. Reconciliation ensures that only the necessary parts of the actual DOM are updated, improving performance.

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## ❓ Q #49 (🟢 Basic)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🔁 Rendering

🧠 **Question:**

**What are keys in React lists, and why are they important for performance and correct rendering?**

✅ **Answer:**

Keys are special string attributes you must include when rendering a list of elements in React (e.g., using `map` to render an array of items). They help React identify which items in a list have changed, been added, or been removed.

Keys are important because:

- **Performance:** React uses keys to efficiently reconcile updates. Without them, React might re-render every item in the list, even if only one item changed, leading to performance issues. With keys, React can quickly locate and update only the specific elements that were affected.
- **Correctness:** If the order of items changes or items are added/removed without proper keys, React might re-use DOM elements for different data, leading to incorrect state or UI bugs (e.g., wrong data associated with an input field). Unique and stable keys ensure that each component instance is correctly identified throughout its lifecycle.

```jsx
// Example: Using unique IDs as keys
function ItemList({ items }) {
  return (
    <ul>
      {items.map(item => (
        <li key={item.id}>{item.name}</li>
      ))}
    </ul>
  );
}
```

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# ❓ Q #50 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 📦 State Management

🧠 **Question:**

**When should you consider using the `useReducer` hook instead of `useState` for state management in a React component?**

✅ **Answer:**

You should consider using the `useReducer` hook instead of `useState` in the following scenarios:

- **Complex State Logic:** When your state logic involves multiple sub-values or the next state depends on the previous one in a complex way (e.g., a shopping cart, a complex form with many interdependent fields). `useReducer` centralizes state update logic in a single `reducer` function, making it more predictable and easier to test.
- **Multiple State Updates:** When state updates often involve several `useState` calls that depend on each other. `useReducer` allows you to dispatch a single action that triggers multiple related state changes within the reducer.
- **Performance Optimization for Callbacks:** If child components need to update the parent's state, passing down a `dispatch` function from `useReducer` is often more stable than passing multiple `set` functions from `useState`. The `dispatch` function reference is stable across re-renders, which can help prevent unnecessary re-renders in memoized child components.
- **Large Scale Applications / Shared Logic:** When you have similar state logic across multiple components, `useReducer` allows you to extract and reuse the reducer logic.

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# ❓ Q #51 (🔴 Advanced)

**Tags:** 🚀 MAANG-level, 📦 State Management, ⚙️ Performance

🧠 **Question:**

**How do memoization techniques like `useMemo` and `useCallback` contribute to performance optimization when dealing with the Context API?**

✅ **Answer:**

When using the Context API, any component consuming context will re-render if the value passed to the `value` prop of the `Context.Provider` changes. If this `value` prop is an object or array literal, or a function that is re-created on every parent re-render, all consuming components will re-render, even if their props haven't changed, leading to performance issues.

`useMemo` and `useCallback` help optimize this by:

- **`useMemo` for Context Value:** Use `useMemo` to memoize the object or array passed as the `value` prop to `Context.Provider`. This ensures the object reference only changes if its dependencies truly change. Consequently, context consumers only re-render when the *actual data* in the context changes, not just when the provider re-renders.

```
jsxfunction MyProvider({ children }) {
 const [data, setData] = useState({});
 const contextValue = useMemo(() => ({ data, setData }), [data]);  // Memoize the object
 return <MyContext.Provider value={contextValue}>{children}</MyContext.Provider>;
}
```

- **`useCallback` for Functions in Context:** If you provide functions via context (e.g., state updaters), use `useCallback` to memoize these functions. This ensures their reference remains stable across re-renders of the provider. If a consuming component receives this function and is memoized (e.g., with `React.memo`), it won't re-render unnecessarily just because the function reference changed.

```
jsxfunction MyProvider({ children }) {
 const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
 const increment = useCallback(() => setCount(c => c + 1), []);  // Memoize the function
 const contextValue = useMemo(() => ({ count, increment }), [count, increment]);
 return <MyContext.Provider value={contextValue}>{children}</MyContext.Provider>;
}
```

Without memoization, even if the state inside the context provider is logically the same, React's shallow comparison for the `value` prop would detect a new object/function reference on every render, causing all connected consumers to re-render needlessly.

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## ❓ Q #52 (🟡 Intermediate)

**Tags:** 🧩 General Interview, 🧪 Testing

🧠 **Question:**

**What is the purpose of "snapshot testing" in React applications, and when is it typically used?**

✅ **Answer:**

Snapshot testing is a testing technique primarily used for UI components, often facilitated by libraries like Jest. Its purpose is to ensure that your UI does not change unexpectedly.

When you run a snapshot test for the first time, it renders a component and saves its serialized output (a "snapshot") to a file (e.g., `.snap` file). On subsequent test runs, it compares the current rendered output of the component with the previously saved snapshot.

- **Purpose:**
  - To detect unintended UI changes: If the component's output differs from the snapshot, the test fails, indicating a potential bug or an unintentional UI alteration.
  - To ensure consistency: Guarantees that the component renders consistently over time.
- **When used:**
  - Primarily for **presentational (dumb) components** that render UI based on props, without complex internal state or side effects.
  - To verify the initial rendering of a component.
  - To ensure that minor refactors or styling changes don't inadvertently break the visual output.
  - **Not suitable** for components with highly dynamic content (e.g., current date, random IDs) or components that interact heavily with external services, as the snapshot would constantly change and require frequent updates.

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