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Topics: React - Day 11 (Project - Part 1)

Lecture 11

Controlled vs Uncontrolled components

In React, when a component renders a form with elements such as text inputs, selects or checkboxes, there are two ways of keeping and updating their state:

1. The state is kept and updated by the input itself. This is the way forms work in pure HTML.
2. The state is handled by the component that renders the form. It uses the component's state for such purpose and leverages event handlers to detect changes and keep the state up-to-date. This is the recommended way of handling forms in React.

In the first approach, React has no control over the input's state. Therefore, these form inputs are called uncontrolled components.

In the second approach, however, React controls the input's state. For this reason, such inputs are called controlled components.

Text Inputs

You need to use the `value` attribute and the `onChange` event in order to handle text inputs. Check out this example:

```
export default class App extends Component {
  state = { name: '' };

  handleNameChange = (e) => { /*...*/ }

  render() {
    return (
      <div>
        <form>
          <label>Name:</label>
          <input value={this.state.name} onChange={this.handleNameChange} type="text" />
        </form>
      </div>
    );
  }
}
```

In the above component, every time a change occurs in our input, the `handleNameChange` event handler is called. Let's take a look at it:

```
handleNameChange = (e) => {
  const name = e.target.value;
  this.setState({ name });
};
```

This handler receives an event object that holds, among other things, the up-to-date value of the input. After getting it, this same value is assigned to its matching entry in the component's state by using the `setState` method.

After the change is performed, the value attribute of the input is automatically updated, since the `this.state.name` state entry is bound to it.

Textareas

In pure HTML, a textarea has no value attribute. Its value is defined by its content. In React, however, textareas and common text inputs are handled in a very similar way:

```
export default class App extends Component {
  state = { bio: '' };

  handleBioChange = (e) => {
    const bio = e.target.value;
    this.setState({ bio });
  };

  render() {
    return (
      <form>
        <label>Bio:</label>
        <textarea value={this.state.bio} onChange={this.handleBioChange} />
      </form>
    );
  }
}
```

As you may have noticed, the above code is almost identical to the text input example. In both, we use the `onChange` event and the value attribute to keep the component's and input's states synchronized.

Selects

Similarly to textareas, select tags also have no value attribute in HTML. However, their children – option tags – do have it. To set the value of a select tag, you'd need to add a `selected` attribute to one of its options. React favors a simpler approach, by bringing the simplicity of the value attribute to select tags:

```
render() {
  return (
    <form>
      <label>Desired color:</label>
      <select value={this.state.color} onChange={this.handleColorChange}>
        <option></option>
        <option value="blue">Blue</option>
        <option value="red">Red</option>
        <option value="green">Green</option>
        <option value="yellow">Yellow</option>
      </select>
    </form>
  );
}
```

The `handleColorChange` event handler has nothing new:

```
handleColorChange = (e) => {
  const color = e.target.value;
  this.setState({ color });
};
```

If you want your dropdown to have multiple values selected, set the multiple attribute to true and assign an array as its value, like this:

```
render() {
  return (
    <form>
      <label>Desired color:</label>
      <select multiple={true} value={['blue', 'red']}>
        <option></option>
        <option value="blue">Blue</option>
        <option value="red">Red</option>
        <option value="green">Green</option>
        <option value="yellow">Yellow</option>
      </select>
    </form>
  );
}
```

Checkboxes

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```
state = { acceptedAgreement: false };

handleAcceptAgreementChange = (e) => {
  const acceptedAgreement = e.target.checked;
  this.setState({ acceptedAgreement });
};

render() {
  return (
    <form>
      <label>
        I accept the agreement
        <input
          checked={this.state.acceptedAgreement}
          onChange={this.handleAcceptAgreementChange}
          type="checkbox" />
      </label>
    </form>
  );
}
```

Radio Buttons

Radio buttons are treated differently in React. The most common way of handling a group of radio buttons is by using both value and checked attributes together:

```
<form>
  <label>
    Beginner
    <input
      value="BEGINNER"
      checked={this.state.skillLevel === 'BEGINNER'}
      onChange={this.handleSkillLevelChange}
      type="radio" />
  </label>
  <label>
    Intermediate
    <input
      value="INTERMEDIATE"
      checked={this.state.skillLevel === 'INTERMEDIATE'}
      onChange={this.handleSkillLevelChange}
      type="radio" />
  </label>
  <label>
    Advanced
    <input
      value="ADVANCED"
      checked={this.state.skillLevel === 'ADVANCED'}
      onChange={this.handleSkillLevelChange}
      type="radio" />
  </label>
</form>
```

In traditional HTML, in order to create a group of radio buttons, you need to use the name attribute. As you can see in the above code, we don't need to do this in React. This is because the `this.state.skillLevel === [...]` condition in each checked attribute implements the needed grouping logic, once it won't be possible to check two radio buttons at the same time.

As you may have noticed, there's a lot of repeated code in the render method of this component. You could make it shorter by creating an array of options and using the map method to render each option as a separate radio button.

```
render() {
  const levels = ['Beginner', 'Intermediate', 'Advanced'];
  return (
    <form>
      {levels.map((level, index) =>
        <label key={index}>
          {level}
          <input
            value={level.toUpperCase()}
            checked={this.state.skillLevel === level.toUpperCase()}
            onChange={this.handleSkillLevelChange}
            type="radio" />
        </label>
      )}
    </form>
  );
}
```

What about file inputs?

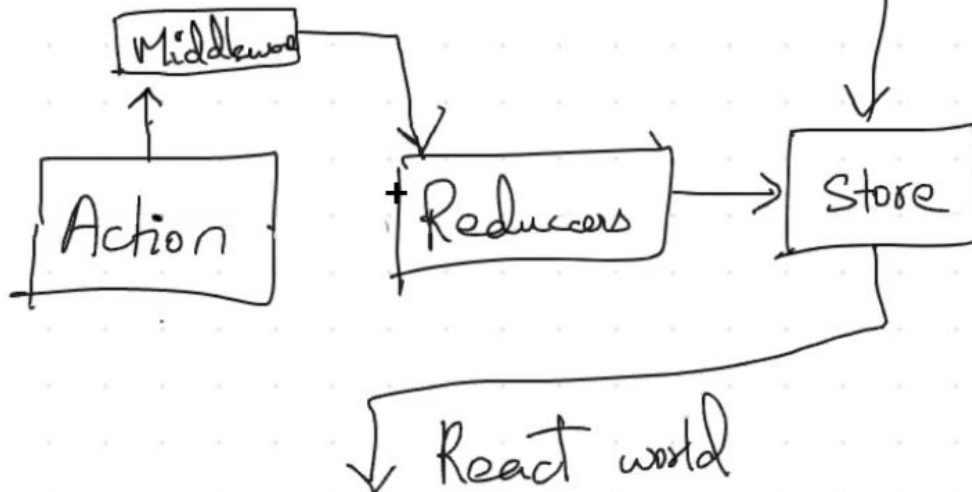
As the value of a file input is read-only, this type of input can't be controlled by React, therefore, file inputs will always be uncontrolled

Middleware: is something which allows you to change a configuration for a particular thing. In our front end application in terms of Redux you can specifically mention certain customization to your application.

Where exactly is middleware injected?



SUBMIT_DATA, data



<https://medium.com/netscape/creating-custom-middleware-in-react-redux-961570459ecb>

Store.js →

```
src > redux > JS store.js > [e] loggingMiddleware
1 import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from "redux";
2 import { composeWithDevTools } from "redux-devtools-extension";
3 import rootReducer from "../rootReducer";
4
5 const loggingMiddleware
6
7 const store = createStore(rootReducer, applyMiddleware(loggingMiddleware));
8
9 store.dispatch({
10   type: "LOG_IN",
11   payload: { email: "sundeep@attainu.com", password: "1234" }
12 });
13
14 export default store;
15
```

Structure of middleware: middleware is going to be a function which returns a function and that in a function will return another function.

```
const loggingMiddleware = function (store) {  
  return function (next) {  
    return function (action) {  
      console.log("I am a middleware");  
    };  
  };  
};
```

Redux Thunk:

Redux thunk allows you to make asynchronous requests and passing dispatches.

Installing redux Thunk:

```
+ JavaScript/React/day-10 master yarn add redux-thunk
```

<https://medium.com/@ingridf/what-redux-thunk-is-how-to-install-it-and-how-it-works-b67b815d2672>

Form components are by default controlled. True or False?

Attempted - 30 (76.92%) EASY ^

<input type="checkbox"/> True	30%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> False	73.33%

To make sure you accept multiple values for a select input, which of the arguments is used to enable that feature?

Attempted
- 31
(79.49%)

EASY



<input type="checkbox"/>	name	9.68%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	multiple	74.19%
<input type="checkbox"/>	value	16.13%

What does a middleware do in general?

Attempted - 33 (84.62%)

EASY



<input type="checkbox"/>	Modifies the action	54.55%
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modifies the way how application works	39.39%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Modifies the store	6.06%

Redux thunk allows an action to return what?

Attempted - 34 (87.18%)

EASY



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Function	73.53%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Object	26.47%

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