Practical React

with Typescript

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Code repository

https://github.com/rudfoss/cra-workshop

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React



A JavaScript library for building user interfaces

- reactjs.org



Agenda

Grunnleggende React

- Komponenter og komponent-treet
- JSX
- Props/state
- Flux-pattern
- «Hoisting»

Komponentstruktur

- Livssyklus-hooks (useEffect)
- State hooks (useState, useReducer)
- Memoization (useMemo, useCallback, memo)
- Composition
- Kodestruktur, mappeinndeling, feature-folders
- TypeScript med React

Kodepatterns

- Context (services)
- Arbeide med immutable data
- Ruting (med react-router)
- Lasting av server-data (med React-Query)
- Kodesplitting (bundle-splitting)

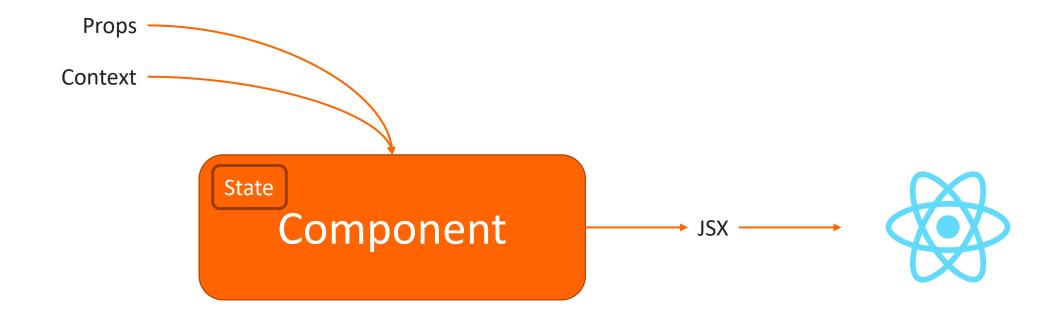
Diskusjonstema

- Mono-repository (fordeler, ulemper)
- Global state (redux, zustand, annet?)
- Rammeverk (NextJs, Create-React-App, NX Workspace)

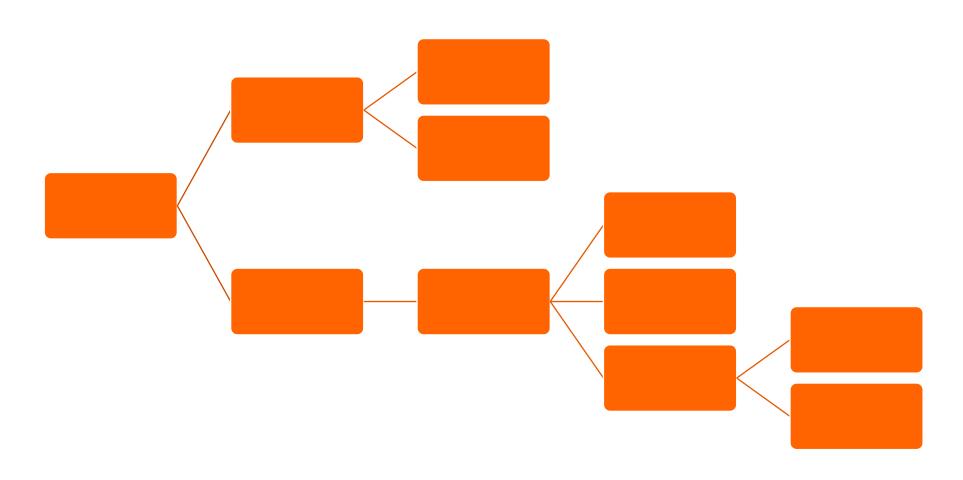
Demo – Hello world

- Create a component that displays the text «Hello World» in an H1 tag.
- Use it in the application.

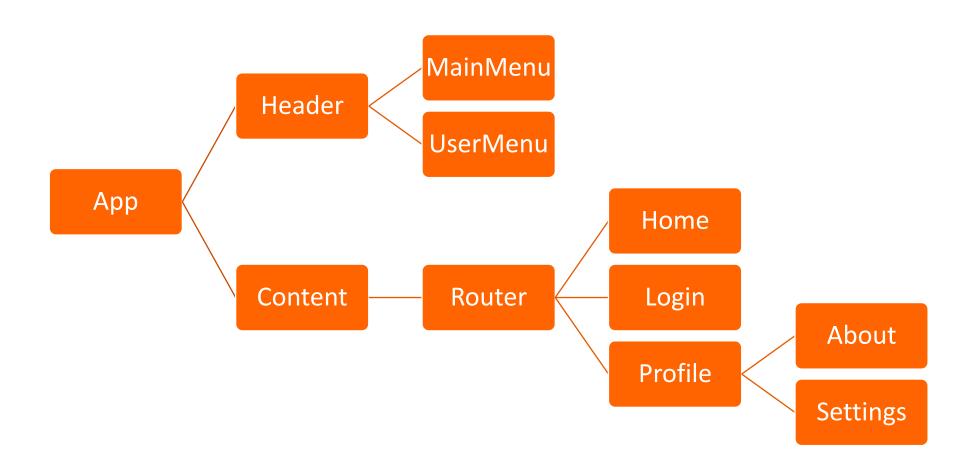
The React component



Component tree



React app



Props and state

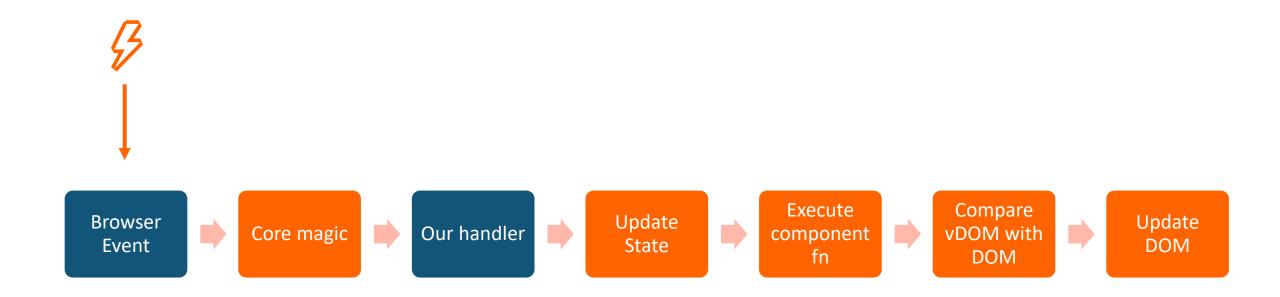
- Props: Incoming values (= arguments)
 - <Comp prop="hello"/>
- Children: Prop between opening and closing tags
 - <Comp>children</Comp>
- State: Internal values



Demo – Heading

- Create a component that takes a text prop and renders it in an H1 tag.
- Provide another optional prop «asSpan» that takes a boolean and renders the text in a span instead of an H1 if set.

React event loop*



Task – Incrementor

- Create a component with a button with a number as its text.
- The text increments by one when the button is clicked.
- When a limit is reached the button is disabled.
- Add a reset button that resets the counter to 0. Only show the reset button when the limit is reached.
- Props
 - limit number The maximum number the incrementor can reach before it is disabled
 - children string A text displayed once the limit is reached (optional with a default text)

Task – TextInput

- Create a component that renders a proper text field with a label and a text input.
- Clicking the label should put focus in the text field
- Print the text you write under the component with the prefix:
 "You wrote [value]"
- Bonus: Style the component

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<TextInput label="First name" />
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Hoisting state

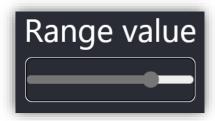
- Make components reusable
- Delegate responsibility of state management
- Be wary of perf (memoize)

Styling

- Style-prop
- CSS (imported)
- Styled-Components*
- O ...

Task – RangeInput

- Create a range input with a label and configurable min and max values.
- Give it some styling.
- Hoist the state so that it can be reused



Task – Checkbox input

- Create a checkbox input with a label
- Give it some styling
- Hoist the state so that it can be reused

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Hoisting and performance

Loops

- Repeating components
- Key-property

Demo – Loop static data

- Download data from: https://dummyjson.com/users
- Create a component that lists this data

Task – Simple Todo

- Create a Todo component with a text field and a button.
- The button should only be enabled if there is text in the text field.
- When the button is clicked add the text to a list of todos that is displayed below the input. It also clears the text.
- Add styling as needed.
- Bonus: Pressing enter when the text field has focus should also add a todo.
- Bonus: Add a remove button to each todo item.

Component composition

- Components can specify placeholders for other components.
- Control the "surroundings" of a component.

Demo – Repeat

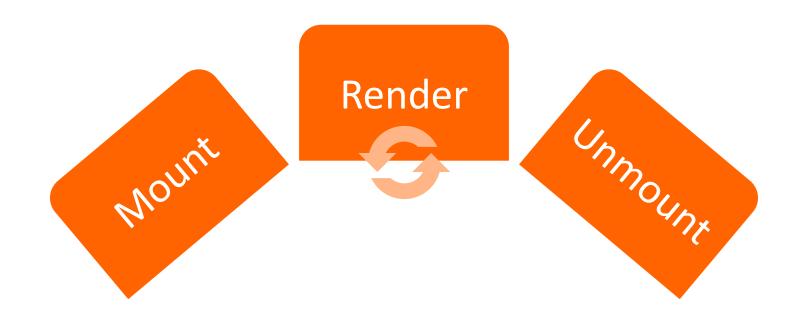
- Create a component that takes a single React.ReactElement as a child and a prop count of type number.
- Use RangeInput to control the number of times the child is repeated.

Task – BigBorder

- Create a component that shows its children in a box with a red border.
- Control these style properties with range inputs:
 - border-width
 - padding
 - border-radius
- Use a checkbox to toggle whether the component renders its children or not.

useEffect

- Run code that has a side effect on someting outside of Reacts control.
- Run code that depends on the lifecycle of a component.



Demo – useEffect

- Create a component that logs a message to the console when mounted.
- Log another message when it is unmounted.

Task – useEffect window title

- Create a component «PageTitle» with a text input.
- Once the component is mounted store the old window title and allow the user to change it using the text input.
- Once the component is unmounted restore the original title.
- Create another component that only renders the the PageTitle component if a checkbox is checked

Demo – useWindowTitle custom hook

- Create a custom hook that allows setting, and optionally resetting the window title.
- It should respond to changes to the title parameter.

Testing

- Create React App includes React Testing Library.
- Test the way a user would interact with the application.

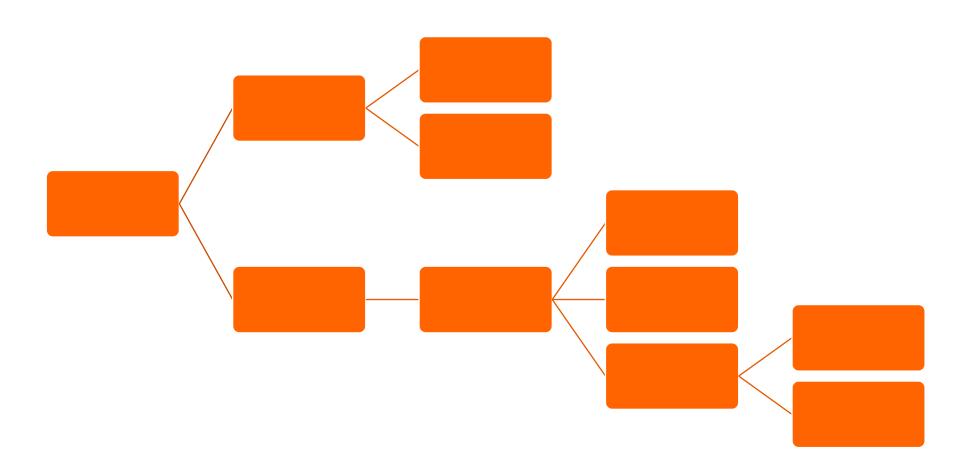
Code restructuring

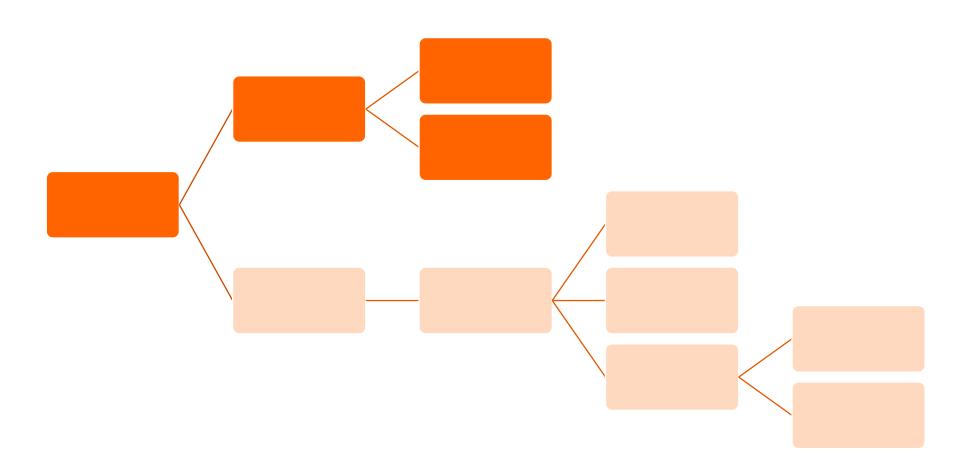
- "Intent" folders
 - demos
 - tasks
 - ui
 - utils
 - data
 - •
- "API Facades"
- Alias paths

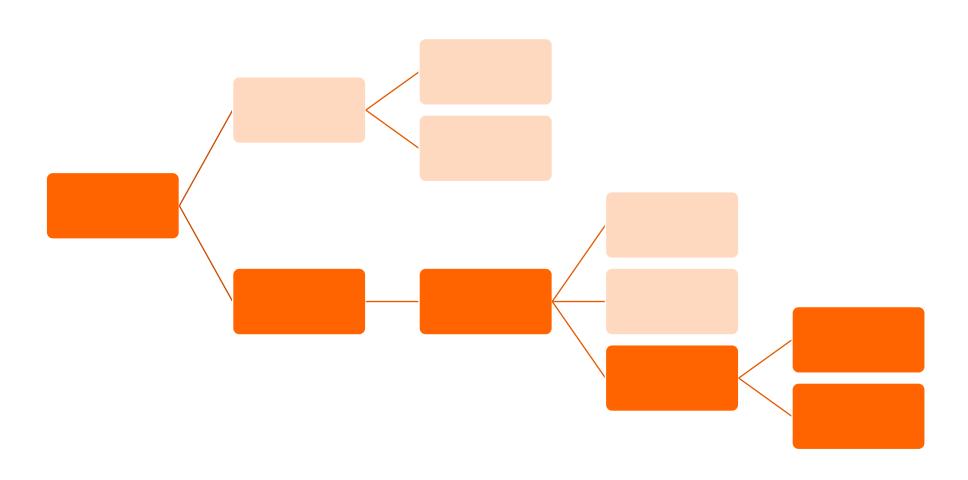
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- A route is a filter on a url «pattern»
- Filters can be applied anywhere
- Parameters can be extracted from the url
- The url does not have to come from the address bar







Demo – Set up router

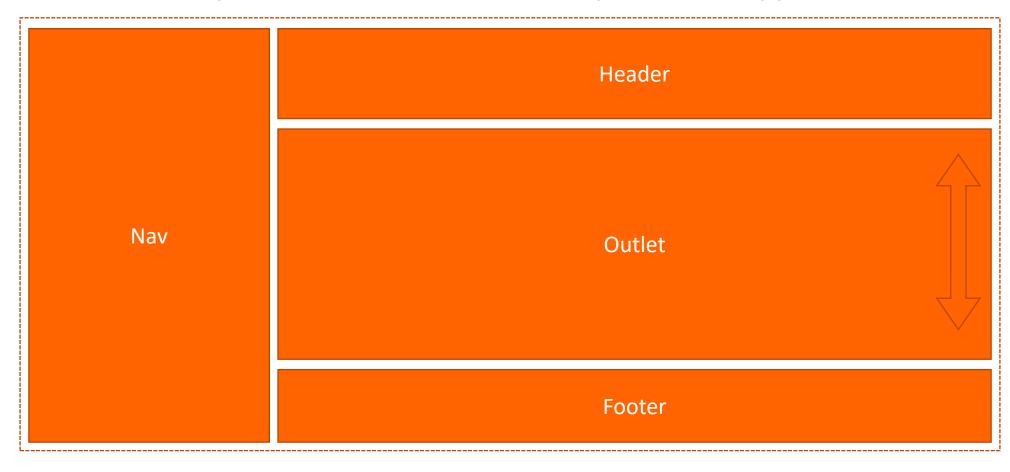
- Set up routing using react-router.
- Set up a simple layout.
- Create a «Not found» page with a «go back» button.
- Create a home page and a page for the Hello World and Repeat demos.
- Get the repeat count for the Repeat demo from a url parameter.

Task – Nav

- Create a Nav component to hold navigation links.
- Create a separate page and url for each task we have completed and links to them to the Nav component.
- Create a «Home» link in Nav to return to the home page.

Task – Create a layout

Create this layout and use it as the main layout of the application



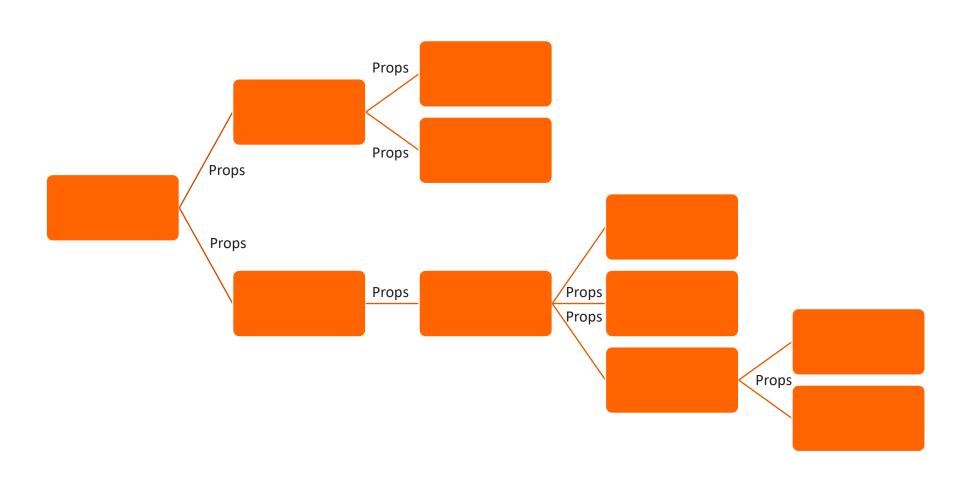
Code splitting

- Split the application into smaller pieces.
- Load pieces only when needed (lazy-loading).

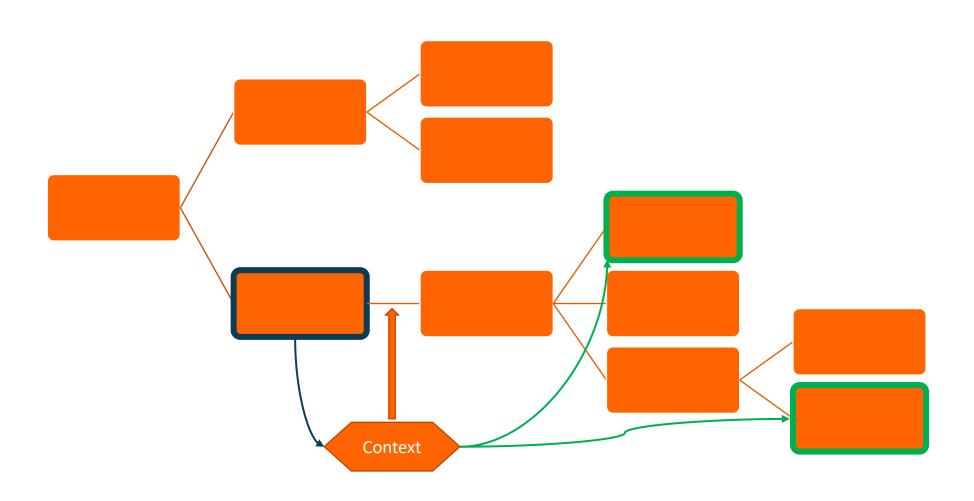
Context

- «Pass props to any descendant»
- Component is aware of changes and updates accordingly
- "Dependency injection" (kind of)

Props



Context



Demo – Create settings context

- Create a page for controlling application settings.
- Create a context for holding these settings.
- Create a range input that controls the width of the navigation in pixels.

Task – Context for header/footer

- Create a context for centrally controlling the header title as a string and the content of the footer as a react node.
- Set the header title for each task page to match the task name.

Asynchronous operations

- Perform an action that will complete "later" E.g.: Fetch data, update server, delay something.
- React relies on state changes to know when to render something so we must translate async operations to state values.
- https://dummyjson.com

Demo – List users

- Create a page that lists users.
- Make the list searchable and add a search box.
- Support deep-linking to a search result.
- Show user count in footer.

Task – Posts by user

- Create a component that displays all posts for a given user.
- Provide user id from url.
- Update the users list so that you can click a user to display their posts.

Task – Post page

- Create a page that displays a single post by id.
- Use the url to control which post should be displayed.
- Display all comments for the post.
- Allow sorting comments based on comment id or user name

Demo – Create user

 Create a form where you can create a user by specifying a first name, last name and age.

Task – Add comment

- Create components to allow users to add comments to a post.
- Submit comments to the dummy API.
- Invalidate the necessary comment cache upon submission.

Task – Store

- Create a products page that lists products with images and some information.
- Add the ability to filter products by category.
- Create a single-product page that shows information about a single product.
- Allow users to click products on the product page to navigate to a single product.
- Bonus: Create a search field that allows users to search for posts by free text, if a category filter is set the search should be limited to that category.