



TypeChecking

in **React**





What is typechecking in React?

Typechecking is a process of **validating** the properties passed to components.

It helps in **catching errors early** and provides more reliable code.

Age :

Error Message

React provides a built-in typechecking mechanism called **PropTypes**.





Creating User component

Let's create a simple User component that displays the name and age of a user.

```
import PropTypes from 'prop-types';

function User(props) {
  return (
    <div>
      <h1>{props.name}</h1>
      <p>{props.age}</p>
    </div>
  );
}
```





Adding propTypes to User component

We can define the **expected properties** using the `PropTypes` object like this:



```
User.propTypes = {  
  name: PropTypes.string.isRequired,  
  age: PropTypes.number.isRequired  
};
```

It specifies that the **name** property should be a **string** and the **age** property should be a **number**.

The **isRequired** flag means that the property is mandatory.





Creating UserList component

The UserList component can be used to **render** each user in the list.

```
import PropTypes from 'prop-types';

function UserList({users}) {

  return (
    <ul>
      {users.map((user) => (
        <li key={user.email}>
          <span>{user.name}</span>
          <span>{user.age}</span>
          <span>{user.email}</span>
        </li>
      ))}
    </ul>
  )
}
```





Adding propTypes to UserList component

In the `UserList` component, we expect the `users` property to be an `array` of objects with `name`, `age` and `email` properties.

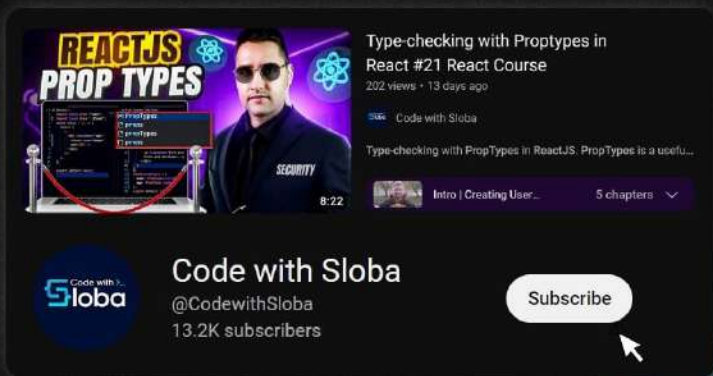
```
UserList.propTypes = {  
  users: PropTypes.arrayOf(  
    PropTypes.shape({  
      name: PropTypes.string.isRequired,  
      age: PropTypes.number.isRequired,  
      email: PropTypes.string.isRequired,  
    })  
  ).isRequired  
};
```

`PropTypes.shape` method is used to define an object with specific shape or structure





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