

**YOU DON'T KNOW  
MOBX STATE TREE**

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# AGENDA

- » Part One: MobX
- » Part Two: MobX State Tree
- » Part Three: Designing a Reactive Project

```
5 const navStoreViews = self => ({
```

```
6   get() { return self.path; }
7   set(path) { self.path = path; }
8 }
9 )
10
```

```
11 const NavStore = types
12   .model('NavStore', navStoreModel)
13   .views(navStoreViews);
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16 test('NavStore has default value "home" for "path" ', t => {
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19   t.is(navStore.path, 'home');
20 })
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```

# PART ONE

## MOBX

# Moxy

- » Simple introduction to Reactive Programming
- » Flexible / Unopinionated
- » Transparent Functional Reactive Programming
- » Helps Decoupling View from Business Logic

# MOBX OBSERVABLES & REACTIONS

```
import { observable, autorun} from 'mobx';

const album = observable({
  title: 'Californication',
  playCount: 0,
});

autorun(() => console.log(`New play count: ${album.playCount}`))
// New play count: 0

album.playCount = 1; // New play count: 1

album.playCount = 24; // New play count: 24
```

# MOBX COMPUTED VALUES

```
import { observable, autorun, computed} from 'mobx';

const album = observable({
  title: 'Californication',
  playCount: 0,
}):

const all = computed(() => album.title + album.playCount);

autorun(() => console.log(all))
// Californication0

album.playCount = 1;          // Californication1
album.title = 'OkComputer'; // OkComputer1
album.playCount = 24;        // OkComputer24
```

# MOBX RECAP

Observable state

Mutable Application State

Reactions

Side effects like autorun or updating a React component

Computed Values

Automatically derived values, lazily evaluated

```
5 const navStoreViews = self => ({
```

```
6   get: () => string,  
7   set: (path: string) => void  
8 }, {  
9   currentPath: string  
10 }));
```

# PART TWO

## MOBX STATE TREE

```
11 const NavStore = types  
12   .model('NavStore', navStoreModel)  
13   .views(navStoreViews);  
14  
15  
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```

# MOBX STATE TREE

- » Powered by MobX
- » The State is strongly typed
- » Opinionated / Ready to use
- » Relies on the concept of Trees (Stores)

# WHAT'S A TREE/STORE?

```
import { types } from 'mobx-state-tree';

const CarStore = types
  .model('Car', {
    name: types.string // mobx observable
  })
  .views(self => {
    get isFerrari() { // mobx computed
      return self.name.includes('Ferrari')
    }
  })
}

const carStore = CarStore.create({ name: 'Ferrari Enzo' });
console.log(carStore.isFerrari); // true
```



# MOBX STATE TREE STORES

```
1 const CarStore = types
2   .model('Car', { // -----> Model
3     name: types.string,
4   })
5   .views(self => ({ // -----> Views
6     get isFerrari() {
7       return self.name.includes('Ferrari')
8     }
9   }));
10
11 const CarParkStore = types
12   .model('CarPark', { // -----> Model
13     cars: types.array(CarStore),
14   })
15   .actions(self => ({ // -----> Action
16     addCar(car) { self.cars.push(car) }
17   }));
18
19 const carParkStore = CarParkStore.create(
20   { cars: [ { name: 'Fiat 500' } ] }
21 );
22
23 carParkStore.addCar({ name: 'Ferrari 458 Italia' });
24 carParkStore.addCar({ name: 'Ferrari Enzo' });
```

## Model

- » Mutable observable state
- » Contains type information
- » Could contain other trees

## Views

MobX computed values

## Actions

The only way to update the model

# MOBX STATE TREE HOW TO CONNECT STORES WITH REACT COMPONENTS?



```
1 /** ----- App.js ----- */
2
3 import { Provider }      from 'mobx-react'
4 import App               from './App.js'
5 import ShopStore         from './Shop.store.js'
6 import NavigationStore  from './Navigation.store.js'
7
8 const shopStore = ShopStore.create()
9
10 ReactDOM.render(
11   <Provider
12     shop={shopStore}
13     navigation={navigationStore}
14   >
15     <App />
16   </Provider>,
17   document.getElementById('root')
18 )
```



```
1 /** ----- CheckoutView.js ----- */
2
3 import React             from 'react'
4 import { inject, observer } from 'mobx-react'
5
6 @inject('shop') @observer
7 class CheckoutView extends React.Component {
8   render() {
9     const { shop } = this.props;
10    return (
11      { shop.checkoutAmount }
12    );
13  }
14 }
```

**MOBX STATE TREE STORES**

# **DEEP DIVE**



- » Mutable and Immutable (Snapshots, Time Travelling)
- » Composition
- » Lifecycle Methods
- » Dependency Injection



# MOBX STATE TREE STORES DEPENDENCY INJECTION

```
1 import { getEnv, types } from 'mobx-state-tree';
2
3 const CarParkStore = types
4     .model('CarPark', {
5         cars: types.array(CarStore),
6     })
7     .actions(self => {
8         downloadCars() {
9             getEnv(self).getCarsFromBackend()
10                .then(cars => self.cars = cars);
11         }
12     });
13
14 const getCarsFromBackend = function() {
15     /** Fetching Cars from Backend **/
16 }
17
18 const carParkStore = CarParkStore.create(
19     { cars: ['Fiat 500'] }, // initial state
20     { getCarsFromBackend } // environment
21 );
```

- » Inject anything
- » Environment is shared per tree
- » Useful for testing

```
5 const navStoreViews = self => ({
```

# PART THREE

## DESIGNING A REACTIVE PROJECT

```
10  
11 const NavStore = types
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12   .model('NavStore', navStoreModel)
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13   .views(navStoreViews);
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# DESIGNING STORES



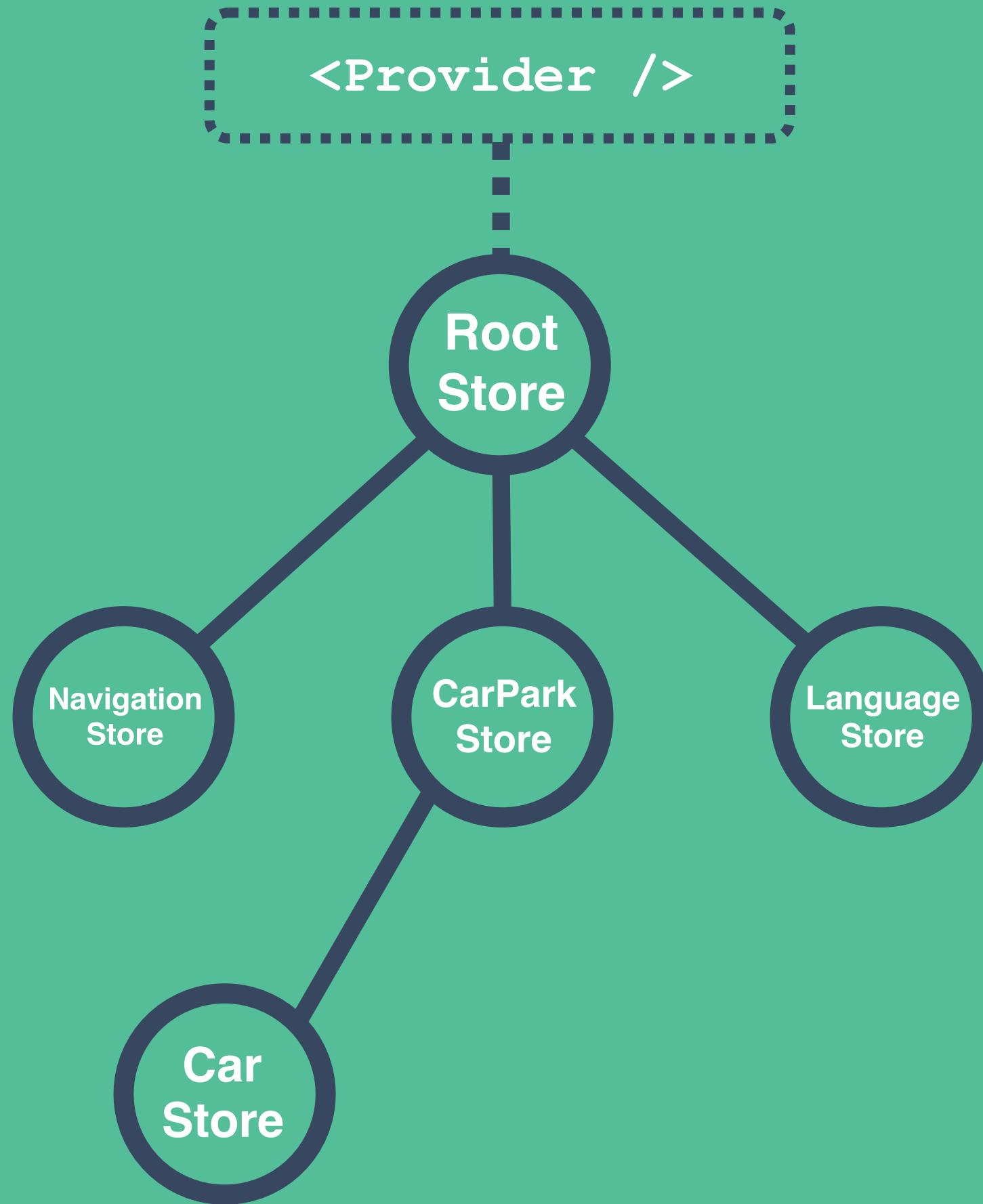
## 1. Shape your Trees

One Root Store vs Multiple Root Stores

## 2. Stores Communication

How Stores communicate between each other

# SHAPE YOUR TREES ONE ROOT STORE



## Pros

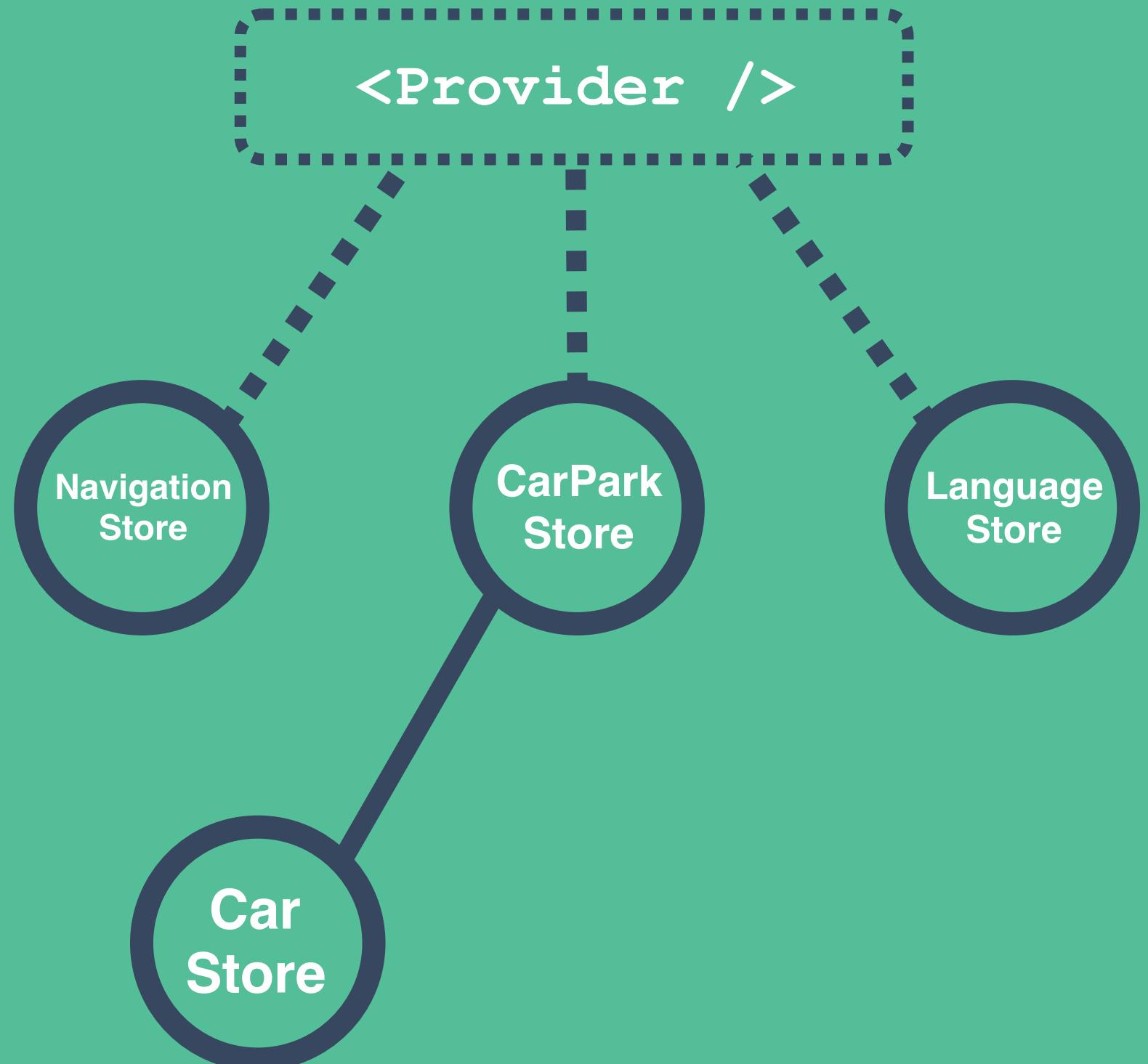
- » Easier to perform actions on everything at once (snapshot, creation, destroy).
- » Unique environment for dependency injection.

## Cons

Very easy to create tightly coupled stores

# SHAPE YOUR TREES

## MULTIPLE ROOT STORES



### Pros

Easier to reason by Domain

### Cons

- » Less immediate to perform actions on everything
- » Not single environment for dependency injection

# REAL WORLD STORES COMMUNICATION



1. Default Approach
2. Actions Wrapper
3. Dependency Injection



# STORES COMMUNICATION DEFAULT APPROACH

```
1 /** ----- Root.store.js ----- */
2
3 import { types } from 'mobx-state-tree';
4
5 const RootStore = types
6   .model('RootStore', {
7     navStore : types.maybe(NavStore),
8     pageStore : types.maybe(PageStore)
9   })
10
11 /** ----- Page.store.js ----- */
12
13 import { types, getParent } from 'mobx-state-tree';
14
15 const PageStore = types
16   .model('PageStore', {
17     currentView : types.option(types.string, '')
18   })
19   .actions(self => {
20     showLoginForm() {
21       self.currentView = 'login';
22       getParent(self).navStore.setPath('/login')
23     },
24   });

```

Each Store access directly other Stores.

- » Easier when using a Single Root Store

- » Each Store could end up knowing the whole structure



# STORES COMMUNICATION ACTIONS WRAPPER



```
1 import { types, getParent } from 'mobx-state-tree'
2
3 const ActionsWrapperStore = types
4   .model('ActionsWrapperStore', {})
5   .actions(self => ({
6     login() {
7       authStore.login()
8       pageStore.login()
9       navigationStore.login()
10    },
11    goHome() {
12      pageStore.showDefault();
13      navigationStore.login()
14    }
15  }));

```

One Store,  
to rule them all



- » Calls directly other Stores
- » Friendly interface
- » Knows a lot about your App



```
1 /** ----- Region.store.js ----- */
2 const RegionStore = types
3   .model('RegionStore', {
4     region: types.optional(types.string, 'UK')
5   })
6
7 /** ----- Navigation.store.js ----- */
8 import { types, getEnv } from 'mobx-state-tree';
9
10 const NavigationStore = types
11   .model('NavigationStore', { path: types.string })
12   .view(self => {
13     get urlPath() {
14       return getEnv(self).regionStore.region
15         + '/' + self.path;
16     }
17   });
18
19 /** ----- index.js ----- */
20 const regionStore = RegionStore.create({});
21 const navigationStore = NavigationStore.create(
22   { path: 'login' },
23   { regionStore }
24 );
25
26 console.log(navigationStore.urlPath); // 'UK/login'
```

# STORES COMMUNICATION DEPENDENCY INJECTION

Injecting one or multiple stores into another one.

- » You could use it for both Actions and Views
- » Circular dependencies while loading could be non-trivial

# ONE MORE THING . . .





# STORE COMPOSITION

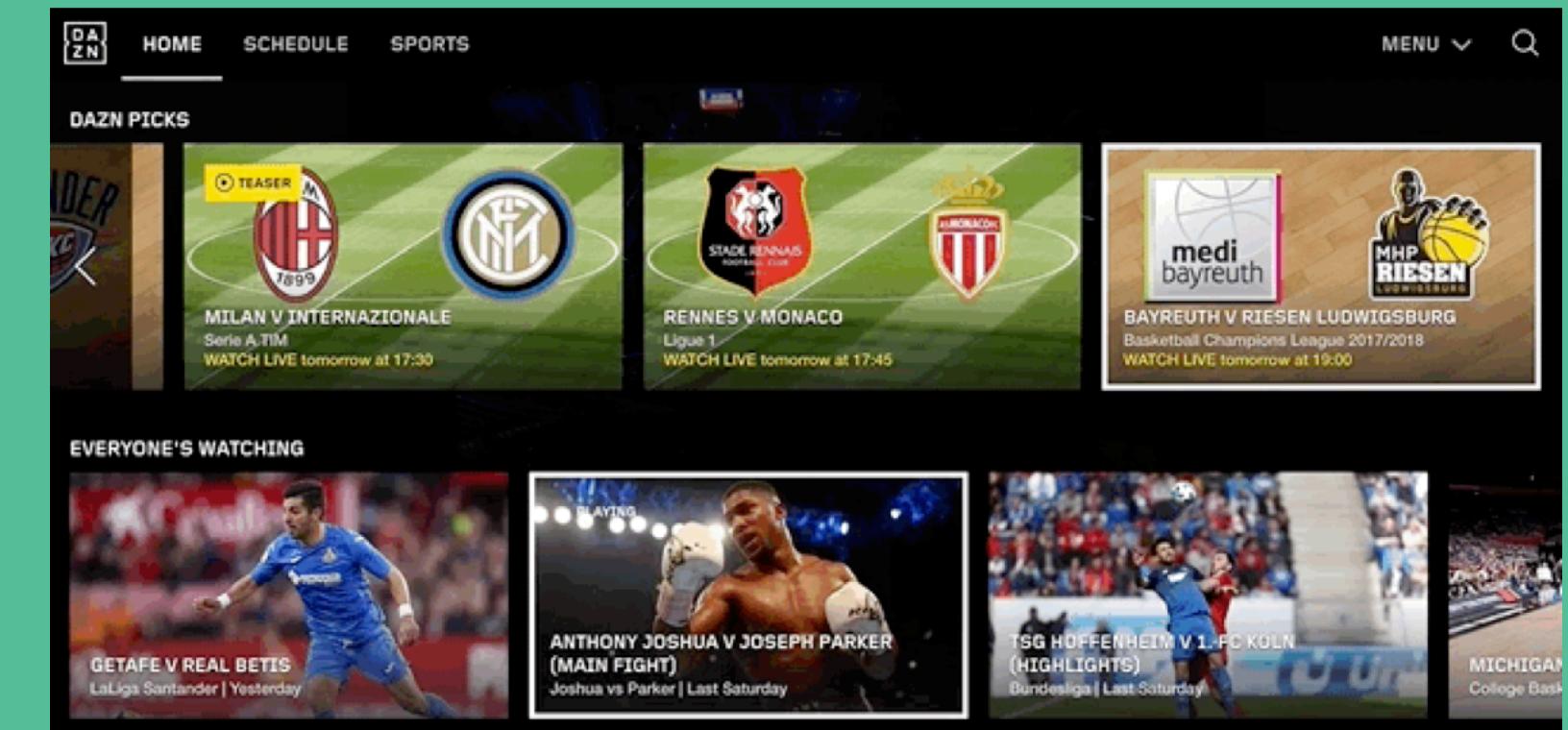
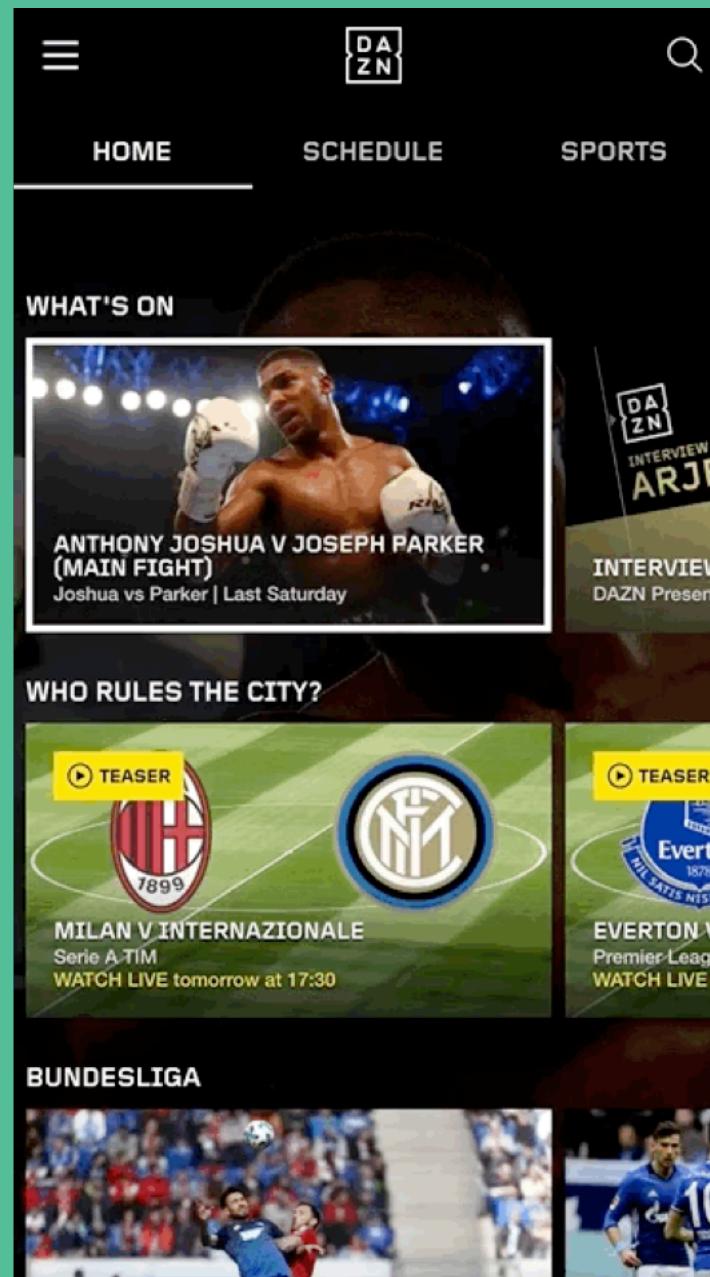
Two or more stores can be composed

```
1 const BigStore = types
2   .model('BigStore', {})
3   .views(self => {
4     get updatedArray(){
5       return self.itemArray.map(x => `big ${x}`);
6     }
7   })
8
9 const DataStore = types
10  .model('DataStore', {
11    itemArray: types.array(types.string)
12  })
13
14 const BigDataStore = types.compose(DataStore, BigStore);
15
16 const bigDataStore = BigDataStore.create({
17   itemArray: ['pen', 'sword']
18 });
19
20 bigDataStore.itemArray // ['pen', 'sword']
21 bigDataStore.updatedArray // ['big pen', 'big sword']
```

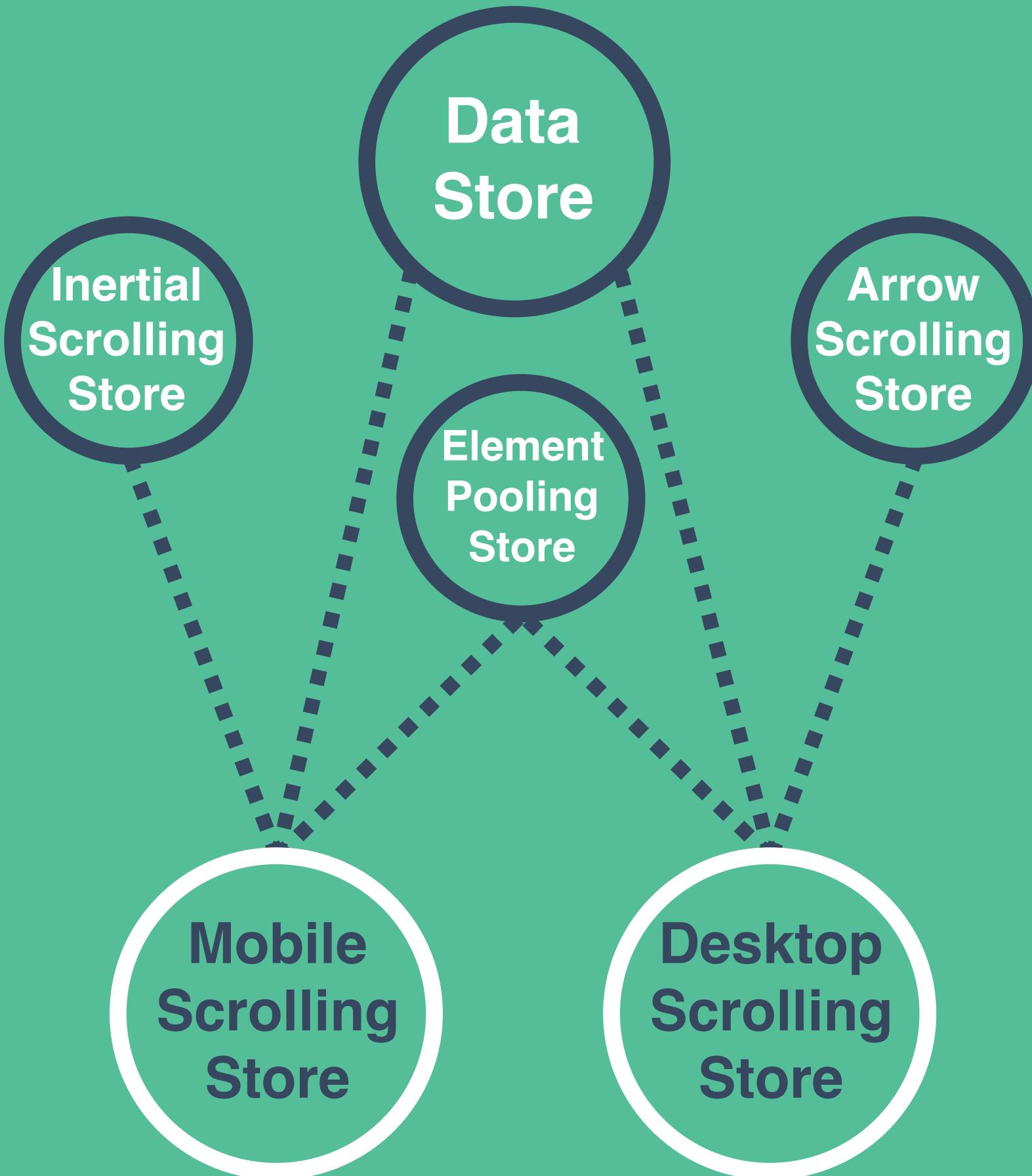
» Separation of Concerns

» Reusability

# COMPOSITION REAL WORLD EXAMPLE



# COMPOSITION REAL WORLD EXAMPLE



## Data Store

Holds the data to render

## Inertial/Arrow Scrolling

Manages scrolling

## Element Pooling Store

Renders only in view

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# CONCLUSIONS DERIVE EVERYTHING

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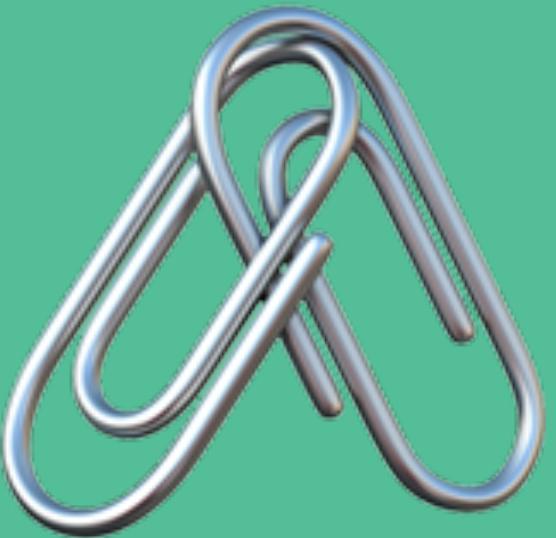
Next time you're adding properties to the Model,  
ask yourself first

**CAN I DERIVE IT?**



“Anything that can be derived from the application state, should be derived. Automatically”  
- Michel Weststrate

# TAKEAWAYS



- » MobX opens the doors of Reactive Programming
- » MobX State Tree provides a structure
- » Shape your tree & setup the communication
- » Embrace Composition!
- » Embrace Reactivity!

# THANKS

🤓 [github.com/maxgallo/you-dont-know-mobx-state-tree](https://github.com/maxgallo/you-dont-know-mobx-state-tree)  
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