

Context. More React hooks. Performance

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But first... project structure

- NOTE: This is highly opinionated topic, but can be a useful advice
- NOTE #2: We are migrating from this structure to [Feature-sliced design](#)
- **pages** - file-system based routing provided by Next.js - to be learned later
- **model** - types of basic entities obtained by backend API
- **components** - basic building blocks of application and more complex modules
 - e.g. Button, Checkbox, Accordion, Icons, ...
- **api** - contains route definitions and API methods (e.g. postLogin, getUser, ...)
- **utils** - common helpers, types, test boilerplate,...
 - e.g. numberSort, getJson, postJson, parseResponse - can be grouped in e.g. **utils/api**
- **hooks** - contains custom hooks

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But first... project structure

- modules
 - Domain-bound units that serve a specific purpose (e.g. LoginForm, UserProfile, Links, EventCell, ...).
 - Usually responsible for the business logic and presentation part of an application
 - Each module can have separate *components* folder which contains its building blocks
 - Folders in that folder can have module-like organization
 - These components don't have to be domain-agnostic
 - Other previously-mentioned folders (*utils*, *hooks*, *api*...) can also be found in a module, just like *components* folder
- context - various context files - or they can be inside their own modules

Motivation

- We have a value at the top of the app, and need it:
 - A) Pretty much everywhere (e.g. app's theme - light or dark)
 - B) In some component deep in the file tree
- We want to remain flexible where to use some data or logic
- Anti-solution: "prop drilling"
 - Pass everything via props to every component
 - The whole component tree re-renders on change, app is data heavy
- Solution: Context

Context

Context

- Shipped with React
- Wrap your components/App with a `ContextProvider` component with some value (can be an object)
- Consume your Context via `ContextConsumer` component or `useContext` hook
 - Provider has to be rendered above consumer
 - Consumer will receive data from the nearest Provider of the same type (if multiple rendered)
- When Provider value changes, all its Consumers will rerender, to get new value.

Context vs Redux

- Redux is a 3rd party library for state-management
 - Extremely popular with React a few years ago, now it's just popular
 - Propagation of state changes to components
- Context comes out of the box with React
- Context is simpler to use and makes cleaner code in small apps
- Redux is more robust for state management and persisted states
 - Context can but isn't exactly intended to fully replace a state management library
- We at Sofascore use:
 - Context for passing data and avoiding prop drilling
 - Redux for global state management (e.g. reason: [redux-saga](#))



Context example - context.md




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More hooks

More hooks

useCallback

- Caching a method between re-renders
- [Official docs](#)
- If we have a custom `onClick` method inside our component, each time during a re-render, the method gets a new memory location (reference)
 - `useCallback` caches that method given dependency array so reference doesn't change
 - React compares object equality with `Object.is` method, which compares memory references for objects, not property values
- Sometimes is an overkill, more on that later
- Sometimes makes sense in combination with `React.memo`, which we'll see in Performance part of today's lesson 

More hooks

useMemo

- Caching a **method result** between re-renders given dependency array
- [Official docs](#)
- Useful for expensive calculations, not just object memory reference
 - Therefore, more useful than **useCallback** - useCallback is actually useMemo which necessarily returns a function
- React doesn't guarantee that useMemo results will be always cached, sometimes they might be re-calculated



useMemo example - useMemo.md



More hooks

Custom hooks

- Custom hooks are code extraction - hooks calls extractions, specifically
 - They must still obey **rules of hooks**
 - Of course, not every line has to be a hook call
- Often bundled in unofficial, but widely used libraries
 - Sometimes with small bugs 🙄
 - E.g. <https://usehooks-ts.com/>
- Common examples:
 - `usePersistedState` - be careful, not every version from internet works correctly :(ul> - `useState` with state stored in `localStorage`
- `useMediaQuery` - hook which checks if given media query passes



Custom hook example - useResize.md



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React Performance

Performance basics

- Browser DOM is slow and inconsistent
- Reuse DOM
- SyntheticEvent - All DOM events in React are wrapped in the SyntheticEvent wrapper
 - Browser universal (works for all browsers) event wrapper
 - Has all properties of native browser event (`target`, `currentTarget`, `stopPropagation`, `preventDefault`, ...)
- Before React 17: Events were pooled and reused, it caused problems for developers

React Performance

Virtual DOM

- Virtual representation of a UI in the memory
- Abstracts DOM manipulations, event handling
- Synced with real DOM -> **reconciliation** process
 - That's how React works

Performance - Developers

- Minimize expensive DOM operations -> follow reconciliation rules
- **Minimize number of unnecessary renders**
- When will rerender happen:
 - Prop change - (prop value or reference)
 - State change
 - Context change
 - `this.forceUpdate()` - class components
 - When parent rerenders

React.memo

- Skip re-rendering a component when its props are unchanged
- [Official docs](#)
- `const MemoizedComponent = memo(SomeComponent, arePropsEqual?)`
- Without `arePropsEqual` - compares shallow equality, i.e. objects by reference
 - That's why we need `useCallback` and `useMemo`
 - Custom deep comparison can terribly hinder performance
- Great when used in right situations
 - [When to useMemo and useCallback](#) by Kent C. Dodds
 - It can backfire when we memoize something that constantly changes
 - React is fast by default



Performance example - memoization.md



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App themes

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App themes

- Designers must provide common semantic names for theme variables
- Full support [hopefully] using your selected CSS in JS library
- We will demonstrate something very simple



Themes example - themes.md



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