







LESSON 07 Basics of React Router

WEEK 02









Introduction to React Router v7

- What is React Router?
 Standard library for routing in React applications.
- Enables navigation without full page reloads.
- **❖** Why v7?

Enhanced features, framework mode, seamless React 18-19 bridge.

Key Features

Declarative routing, data loading, server-side rendering (SSR).









Installation and Setup

- ❖ Install React Router
 Use npm to add react-router (no react-router-dom in v7).
- Basic Setup Wrap app with BrowserRouter or RouterProvider.
- ❖ Dependencies Requires React 18+, Node 20+.









Declarative Routing

Definition

Define routes using components (Routes, Route).

Benefits

Intuitive, matches React's component model.

❖ Syntax

<Route path="..." element={<Component />}>.









Declarative Routing (Example)

```
export default function DeclarativeRouting() {
      return (
        <BrowserRouter>
          <Routes>
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 5
            <Route path='/' element={<Home />} />
 6
            <Route path='/about' element={<About />} />
            <Route path='*' element={<NotFound />} />
          ✓Routes>
 8
        ✓BrowserRouter>
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      );
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```









Data Mode with RouterProvider

- What is Data Mode?
 External route config with data loading.
- RouterProvider Replaces BrowserRouter for advanced routing.
- Benefits
 Parallel data fetching, better SSR.









Data Mode with RouterProvider (Example)









Framework Mode

- Definition Full-stack capabilities with Vite plugin.
- Features
 SSR, code splitting, file-based routing.
- ❖ Use Case Build Next.js-like apps with React Router.









Navigation with Link and NavLink

- Link Component Replaces <a> for SPA navigation.
- NavLink
 Adds active state styling.
- Benefits
 Prevents full page reloads.

```
function Nav() {
     return (
       <nav>
         <l
           <
             <Link to='/'>Home</Link>
           <
             <NavLink to='/about'
               style={({ isActive }) ⇒ (isActive ? { color: 'red' } : {})}
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               About
             ✓NavLink>
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           14
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         </nav>
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     );
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```









Nested Routes

- Definition Routes within routes for layout sharing.
- Outlet Component Renders child route elements.
- Use Case Shared layouts (e.g., sidebar).

```
1 function Layout() {
      return (
        <div style={{ padding: '20px', backgroundColor: '#fcff5b' }}>
          <Outlet />
        </div>
      );
    export default function NestedRoutes() {
      return (
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        <BrowserRouter>
          <Nav />
          <hr />
          <Routes>
14
            <Route path='/' element={<Layout />}>
15
              <Route index element={<Home />} />
              <Route path='about' element={<About />} />
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            ✓Route>
            <Route path='*' element={<NotFound />} />
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          </Routes>
        ✓BrowserRouter>
21
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```









Dynamic Routing

- Definition Routes with URL parameters (e.g., /user/:id).
- useParams Hook Access URL parameters in components.

```
function User() {
      const { id } = useParams();
      return <h2>User ID: {id}</h2>;
 4 }
    export default function DynamicRouting() {
      return (
        <BrowserRouter>
          <Routes>
            <Route path='/' element={<Home />} />
            <Route path='/user/:id' element={<User />} />
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            <Route path='/search' element={<Search />} />
11
12
            <Route path='*' element={<NotFound />} />
          ✓Routes>
13
14
        ✓BrowserRouter>
      );
15
16
```









Dynamic Routing

Definition

Routes with URL query string (e.g., /search?name=John&address=Seoul).

useSearchParams Hook

Returns a tuple of the current URL's URLSearchParams and a function to update them. Setting the search params causes a navigation.

```
let location = useLocation();

// search?name=John&address=Seoul

let [searchParams, setSearchParams] = useSearchParams();

let name = searchParams.get('name');

let address = searchParams.get('address');
```









Programmatic Navigation

useNavigate Hook

- Navigate programmatically (e.g., after form submission).
- Can replace history, push new state.

```
function Home() {
      const navigate = useNavigate();
      return (
         <div>
           <h2>Home Page</h2>
           <button
             onClick=\{() \Rightarrow \{
               // Programmatic navigation to the About page
               // window.location.href = '/about';
               navigate('/about');
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             }}
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           >
13
             Go to About Page
14
           </button>
         </div>
16
```









Data APIs - Data Loaders

- Definition Fetch data before rendering route.
- ❖ Benefits Parallel loading, avoids waterfalls.
- Syntax loader function in route config.

```
const router = createBrowserRouter([
        path: '/',
        element: <Home />,
        loader: async () \Rightarrow {
          const response = await fetch('/api/data');
          return response.json();
        },
      { path: '/about', element: <About /> },
      { path: '*', element: <NotFound /> },
    ]);
13
    function Home() {
      const data = useLoaderData();
      return <h2>Home Page: {JSON.stringify(data)}</h2>;
17 }
```









Data APIs - Actions for Form Submission

- Definition Handle form submissions with route actions.
- ❖ Form Component Replaces HTML <form> for SPA.

```
const router = createBrowserRouter([
      { path: '/', element: <Home /> },
      { path: '/submit-success', element: <SubmitSuccess /> },
        path: '/submit',
        action: async (\{ \text{ request } \}) \Rightarrow \{ \}
          const formData = await request.formData();
          const data = Object.fromEntries(formData);
          console.log('Form submitted:', data);
          return redirect('/submit-success');
       },
      { path: '*', element: <NotFound /> },
    1);
15
    function Home() {
      return (
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        <Form method='post' action='/submit'>
18
          <input type='text' name='name' placeholder='Your Name' required />
19
          <input type='email' name='email' placeholder='Your Email' required />
          <button type='submit'>Submit
        ✓Form>
24 }
```









Error Handling

- ErrorBoundary
 Catch errors in routes.
- useRouteError
 Access error details.

```
function ErrorBoundary() {
      const error = useRouteError();
      return <div>Error: {error.message}</div>;
 4
    export default function ErrorHandling() {
      return (
        <BrowserRouter>
          <Nav />
          <hr />
10
          <Routes>
            <Route path='/' element={<Home />} errorElement={ErrorBoundary} />
12
            <Route path='/about' element={<About />} />
14
            <Route path='*' element={<NotFound />} />
15
          ✓Routes>
        ✓BrowserRouter>
     );
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```









Lazy Loading Routes

- Definition Load route code only when needed.
- Benefits Reduces initial bundle size.

```
const router = createBrowserRouter([
      { path: '/', element: <Home /> },
        path: '/lazy',
        lazy: async () \Rightarrow {
          const { default: Lazy } = await import('./LazyComponent');
          return { Component: Lazy };
        },
      },
      { path: '/about', element: <About /> },
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      { path: '*', element: <NotFound /> },
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    ]);
13
    export default function LazyLoadingRoutes() {
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      return <RouterProvider router={router} />;
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   }
```









Suspense Integration

Definition

Load route code only when needed.

***** Benefits

Reduces initial bundle size.

```
function Home() {
      const data = useLoaderData();
      return (
        <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
          <Await resolve={data}>
            <h2>Data Loaded</h2>
          </Await>
        ✓Suspense>
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    export default function SuspenseIntegration() {
      return <RouterProvider router={router} />;
   }
14
```









Protected Routes

- Definition Restrict access based on auth state.
- Use loaders or redirects.

```
let isAuthenticated = () \Rightarrow {
      return false;
   };
    const router = createBrowserRouter([
      { path: '/', element: <Home /> },
      { path: '/login', element: <Login /> },
        path: '/private',
        element: <Private />,
        loader: () ⇒ (!isAuthenticated() ? redirect('/login') : null),
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      },
      { path: '/about', element: <About /> },
12
      { path: '*', element: <NotFound /> },
13
    1);
14
15
    export default function ProtectedRoutes() {
      return <RouterProvider router={router} />;
17
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```









Performance Optimization

Techniques

Code splitting, lazy loading, tree-shaking.

❖ Tools

Vite, Webpack integration.

```
const Lazy = React.lazy(() => import("./Lazy"));
```

const router = createBrowserRouter([{ path: "/lazy", element: <Lazy /> }]);

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