

# **WHAT IS REACTJS**

**and why there's such a buzz around it**

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# Tricoder

Triathlon + Programming

... and hidden reference to Star Trek.

# Triathlon

Swim. Bike. Run.

Eat. Sleep.

# Web development

Backend. Frontend.  
UX. Design. DevOps.

# Diversity

**Shared  
knowledge**

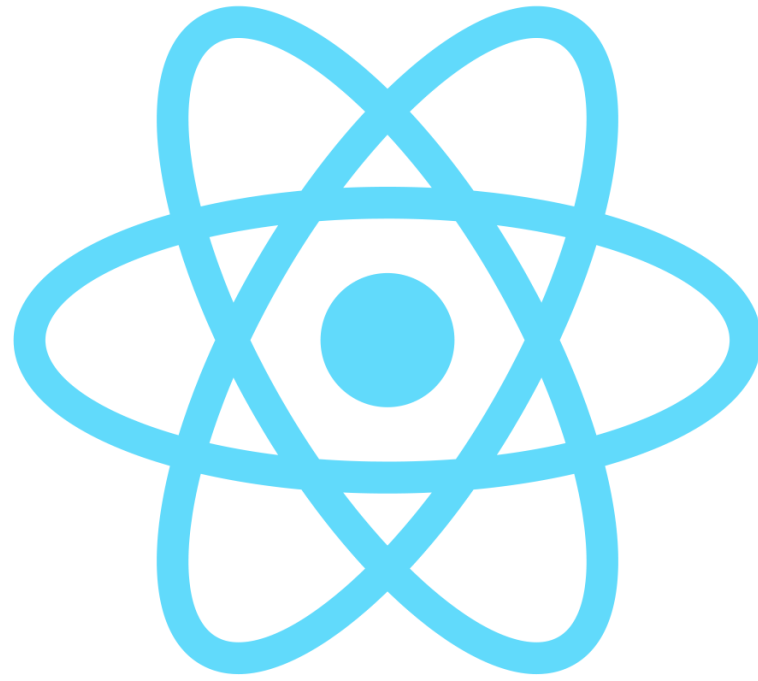
# Outline

Brief intro to ReactJS

React in Django

Django in React





**Javascript library  
for building user interfaces**

# User interfaces

# **View in MVC**

## **Presentation logic**

# Template engine

Transform data into UI

# Component

```
function HelloWorld(props) {  
  var name = props.name || "World";  
  return <div>Hello {name}</div>;  
}  
  
ReactDOM.render(<HelloWorld name="Budapest" />, mountNode);
```

# Component (ES6)

```
const HelloWorld = (props = {name: "World"}) =>  
  <div>Hello {props.name}</div>;  
  
ReactDOM.render(<HelloWorld name="Budapest" />, mountNode);
```

# Events

```
const Link = (props) =>  
  <a onClick={() => pushState(props.to)}>  
    {props.children}  
  </a>;
```

```
ReactDOM.render(<Link to="/home">Home</Link>, mountNode);
```

**That's all!**  
**Thank you**



# **ReactJS**

**Renders data, handles events**



**Do one thing  
and do it well**

*- Unix philosophy*

# Server-side rendering

Take data, render HTML

Single render, without event handlers

# Client-side rendering

Take data, render DOM

Re-render on change, attach/detach event handlers

**Handling data  
change is hard**

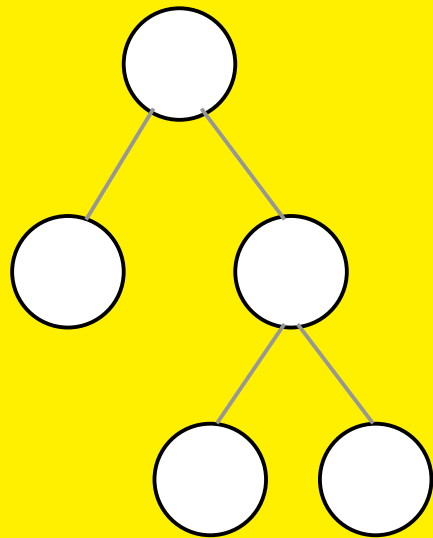
# Re-render all data

... but that's so slow!

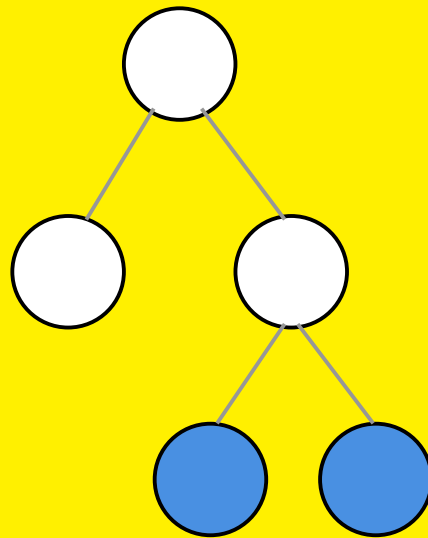
**DOM operations are expensive**

# Virtual DOM

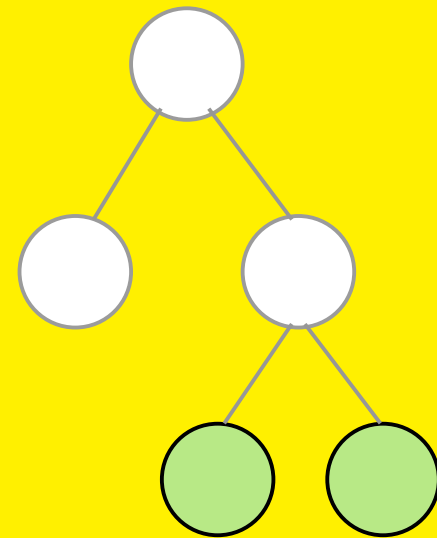
Initial



Diff



Render





# **Diff is fast**

**DOM speed is always a bottleneck**

# What the JSX?

# JSX

```
const HelloWorld = (props = {name: "World"}) =>  
  <div>Hello {props.name}</div>;  
  
ReactDOM.render(<HelloWorld name="Budapest" />, mountNode);
```

# Compiled JSX

```
"use strict";

var HelloWorld = function HelloWorld() {
  var props = arguments.length <= 0 || arguments[0] === undefined ? { name: "World" } : arguments[0];
  return React.createElement(
    "div",
    null,
    "Hello ",
    props.name
  );
};

ReactDOM.render(React.createElement(HelloWorld, { name: "Budapest" }), mountNode);
```

**JSX is evolution  
not revolution**

# **Django Templates**

**Inheritance and custom tags**

# **React Components Separation of concerns**

# Bootstrap in HTML

```
<ul class="nav nav-pills">  
  <li role="presentation" class="active"><a href="/home">Home</a></li>  
  <li role="presentation"><a href="/profile">Profile</a></li>  
  <li role="presentation"><a href="/messages">Messages</a></li>  
</ul>
```



# Bootstrap in JSX

```
<Nav bsStyle="pills" activeKey={1} onSelect={handleSelect}>  
  <NavItem eventKey={1} href="/home">Home</NavItem>  
  <NavItem eventKey={2} href="/profile">Profile</NavItem>  
  <NavItem eventKey={3} href="/messages">Messages</NavItem>  
</Nav>
```

# Advantages

Composable

Testable

# Summary

It's a view library

Render state, not changes

Components, not templates

React in Django apps

# Data manipulation

Example: Insert item into list

