



# React hands on workshop

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# Welcome to the React workshop



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# Objectives

- Understand and explore ES6 / ES7
- Write Programs using Pure React
- Understand JSX usage
- Develop programs using React platform
- Workflow with Context API
- Workflow with Redux
- Usage of middleware Saga
- Unit testing with Jest





# What are we learning in this course ?

ES6+

Functional programming

Arrow functions

Immutable objects

Template strings

Destructuring

Array Methods

Scope Management

History API

CSS / SASS

What is React ?

Tooling and setup for

React-CLI

React Components

Understanding JSX

Data binding

Class and Style binding

State

Props and PropTypes

Conditional Rendering

Working with Forms

Events

Context API

Lifecycle Methods

Working with HTTP

Provider API

Redux

React Routing

Lists and Keys

Fragments

Firebase / MongoDB



# Your Instructor / About Me

**Vijay Shivakumar**

Designer | Developer | Trainer



Certified Expert

Training & Consultation of  
Contemporary Web Technologies and Adobe products from past 14 years



Audience / About you

Developer  
Designer  
Manager  
Architect  
Technology Enthusiast





# Prerequisites / Before we begin

HTML 5

CSS3

ES6

NodeJS

TypeScript

WebPack

Express

Babel

TDD

MongoDB



*BABEL*





# Must Know / Before we begin

HTML 5  
CSS3

I assume you know



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# About React / Why do we need react ?

Client Side Programming LIBRARY

Created and maintained by Facebook developers

Used to build dynamic user interfaces (Frontend)

Everything is a component

Often referred as V in the MVC



# What makes React great / Principles of React

DOM Manipulation only with React

Components architecture / Composability

One way data flow (Unidirectional Data Flow)

A solid UI library





# Why React / Advantages of React

## Component architecture

Easy to scale existing applications one component at a time

## Partial refresh of UI Virtual DOM

Only renders the area that is modified avoiding page refresh

## Fast

Client get a faster response from application and they are happy

## Leverage on ES6 and later

Existing knowledge of JavaScript can be used to scale with react



# Benefits / Key take away from this course

## Components

- Just like functions

- Reusable and composable

- Can manage a private state

## Reactive updates

- Updates with user interaction

- Take updates to the browser

## Virtual view in memory

- write HTML in JavaScript

- Tree reconciliation



# React Architecture

## APP (component)

**HEADER (component)**

**MAIN (component)**

**ARTICLE (component)**

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**HEADER  
(component)**

**ASIDE  
(component)**

**FOOTER (component)**



# JSX / Rules

1. JSX must return a single root element or a component
2. orphan tags needs to be closed eg `<br/>` `<hr/>` `<img/>` don't use `<br>`
3. if you need to return multiple element and don't want to wrap them in a div use `React.Fragment` or `<>`;
4. intropolation using `{ 2 + 3 }`
5. use `className` instead of `class` attribute
6. `htmlFor` instead of `for` attribute on input elements
7. use `defaultValue` instead of `value` on input element to create uncontrolled inputs
8. use camel cased so refer type for events for eg, `onClick`, `onMouseOver`
9. while using inline style use a config object
10. style properties should be camel cased
11. elements name begin with lowercase like `h1`, `div`, `img`, `input`, `button` etc
12. jsx classes, function names must begin with uppercase characters like `Panel`, `UserForm`, `Datagrid` etc



# Components





# Components / Building blocks of an application

## Composition

**MAIN (component)**

**ARTICLE (component)**

**ARTICLE (component)**



# Component / Types

Function components are stateless hence less dynamic  
Class components are stateful and are dynamic



# Redux



# What is Redux ?

Manages Data Store that can be accessed across you app

Redux makes state management more predictable by  
having a single source or truth

We can set strict rules for how the state can be updated



# What is Redux ?

A store — an immutable object that holds the applications state data

A reducer — a function that returns state data, triggered by an action type

An action — an object that tells the reducer how to change the state. It must contain a type property, and it can contain an optional payload property





# Three Principles of Redux

Application's state is stored in a single object tree which is managed by redux store.

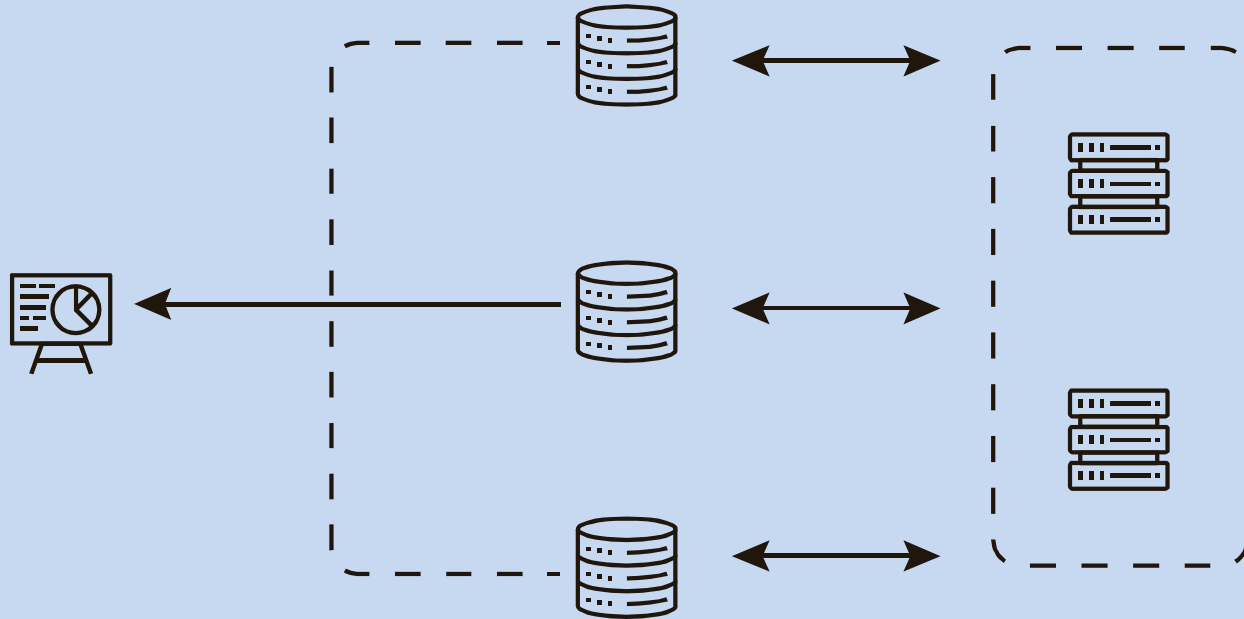
Only way to change the state is via a reducer function which knows what type of action happened.

(should not update the state by any other means)

How the state tree is transformed by action that are directed by reducer function

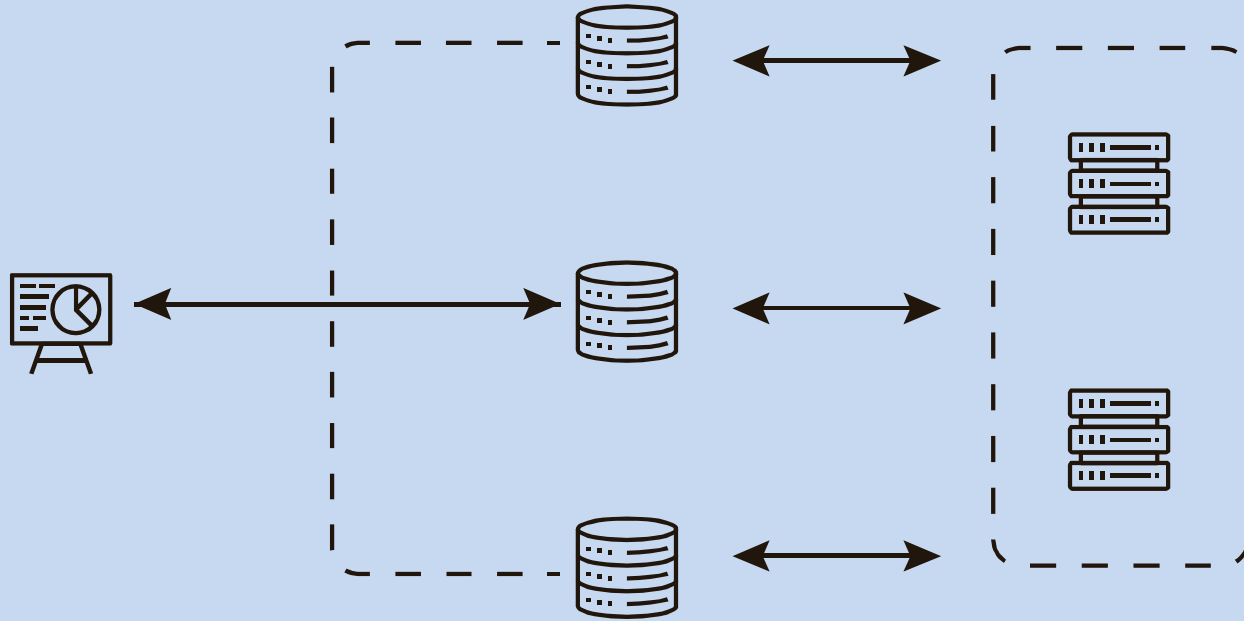


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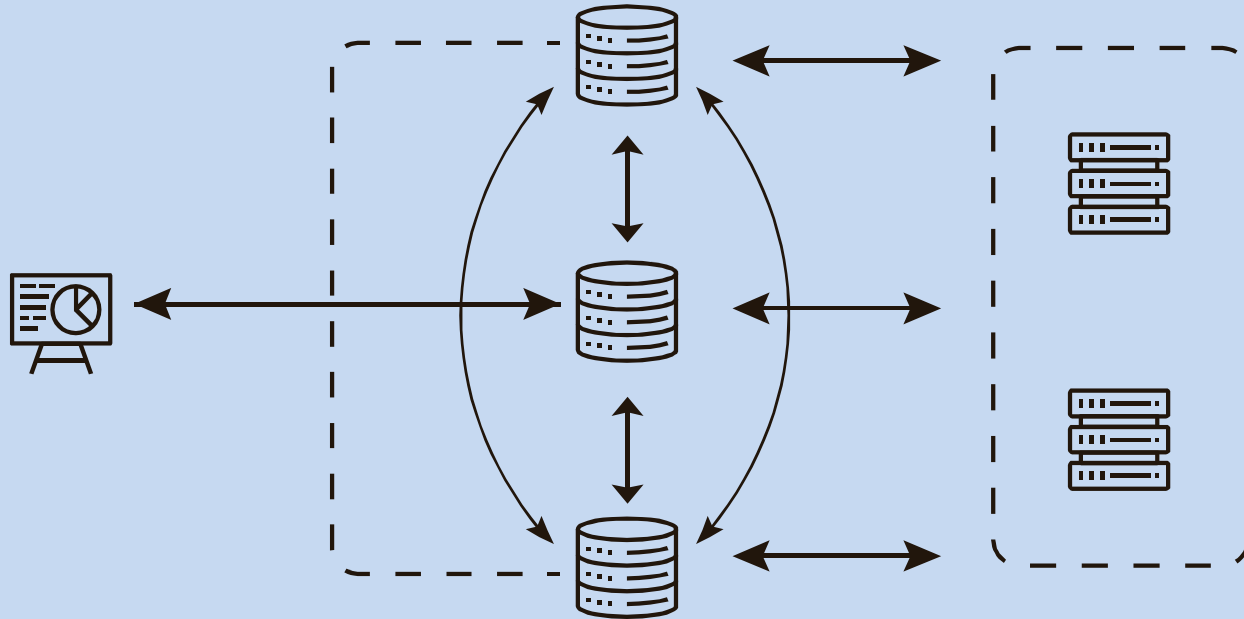


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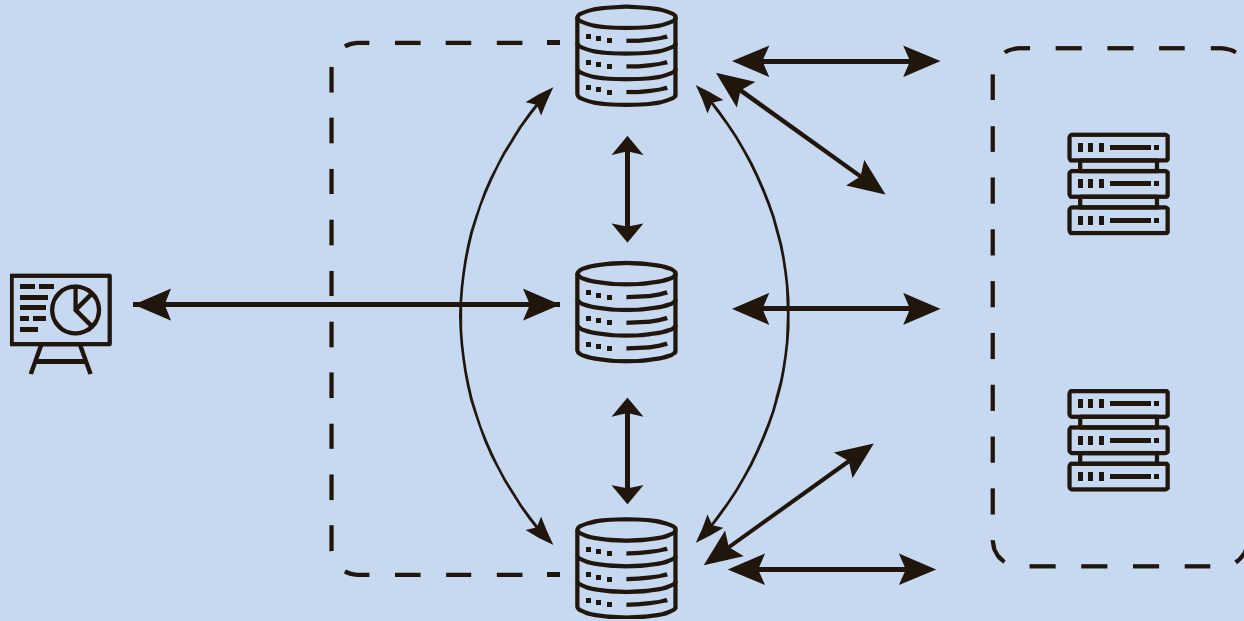


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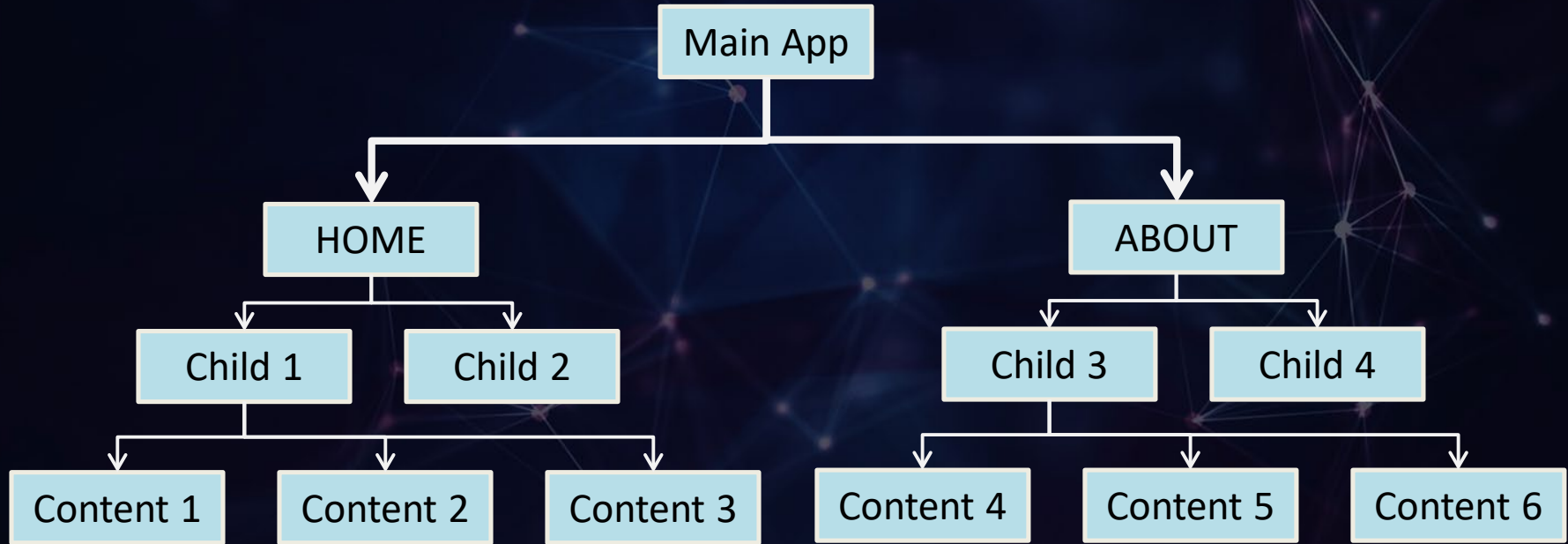
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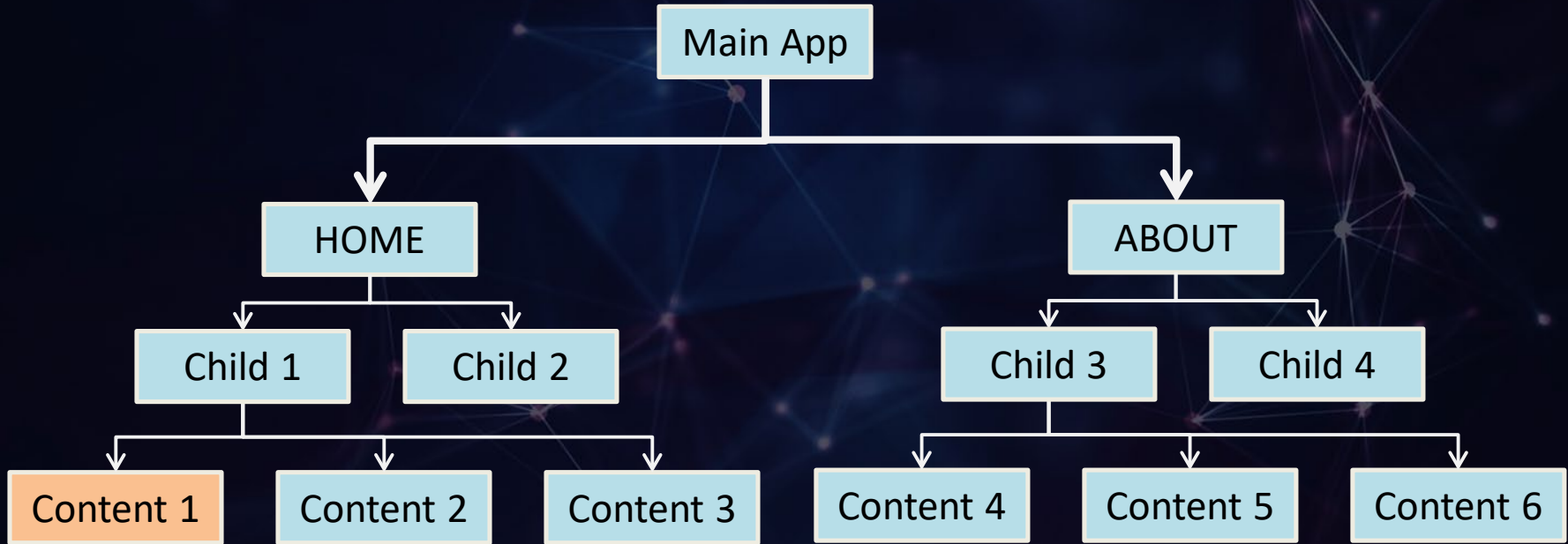


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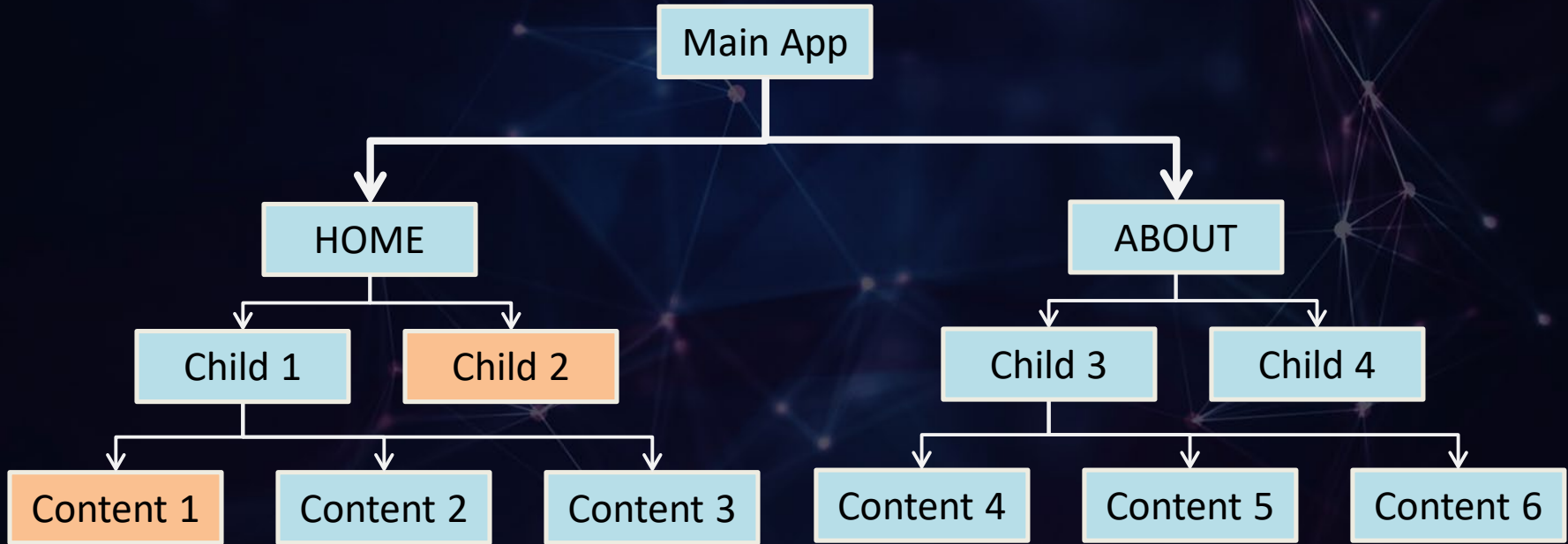


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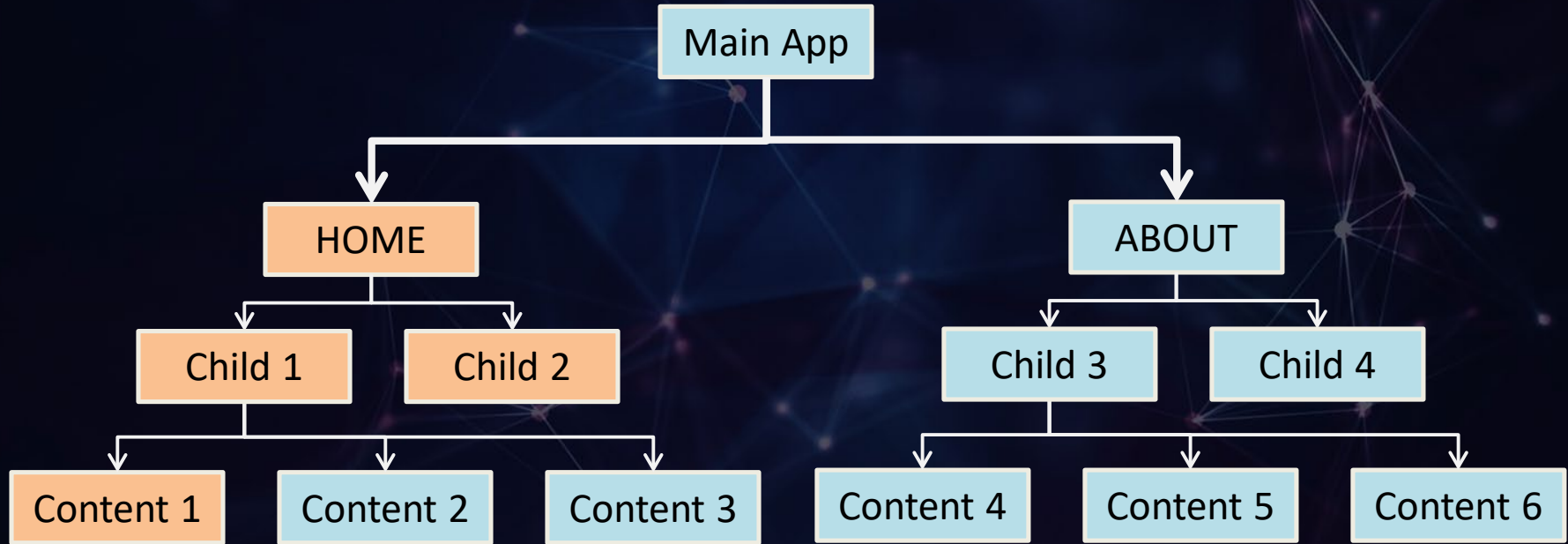


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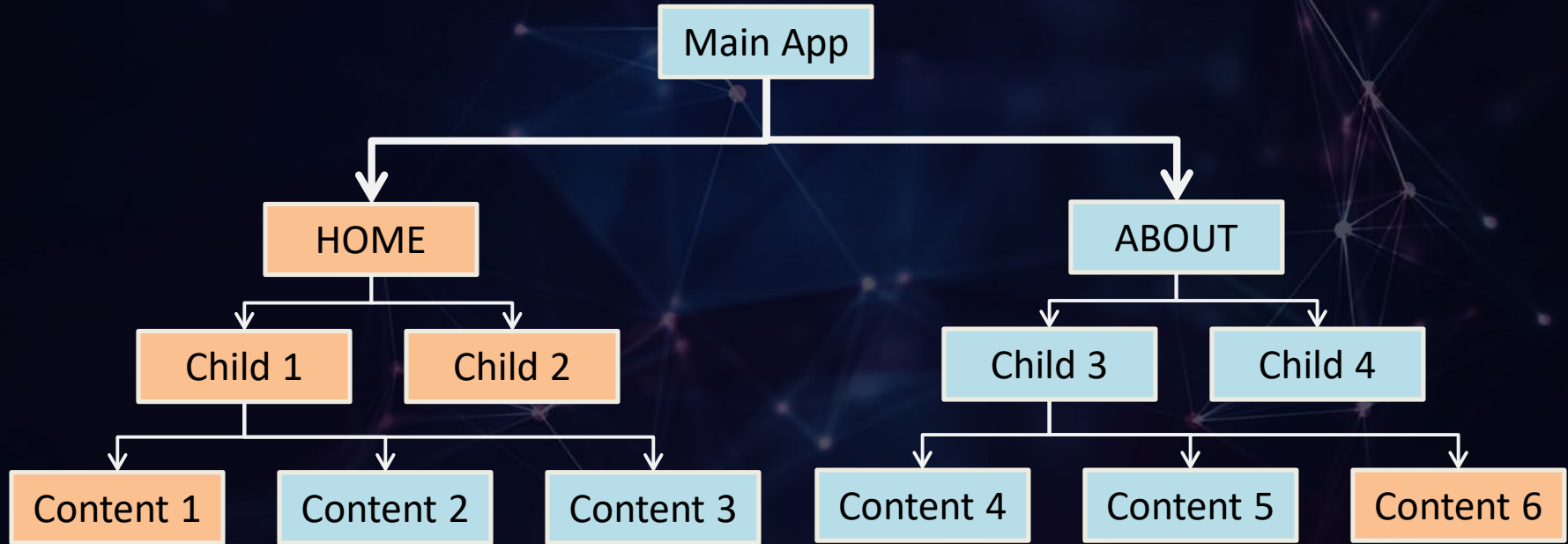


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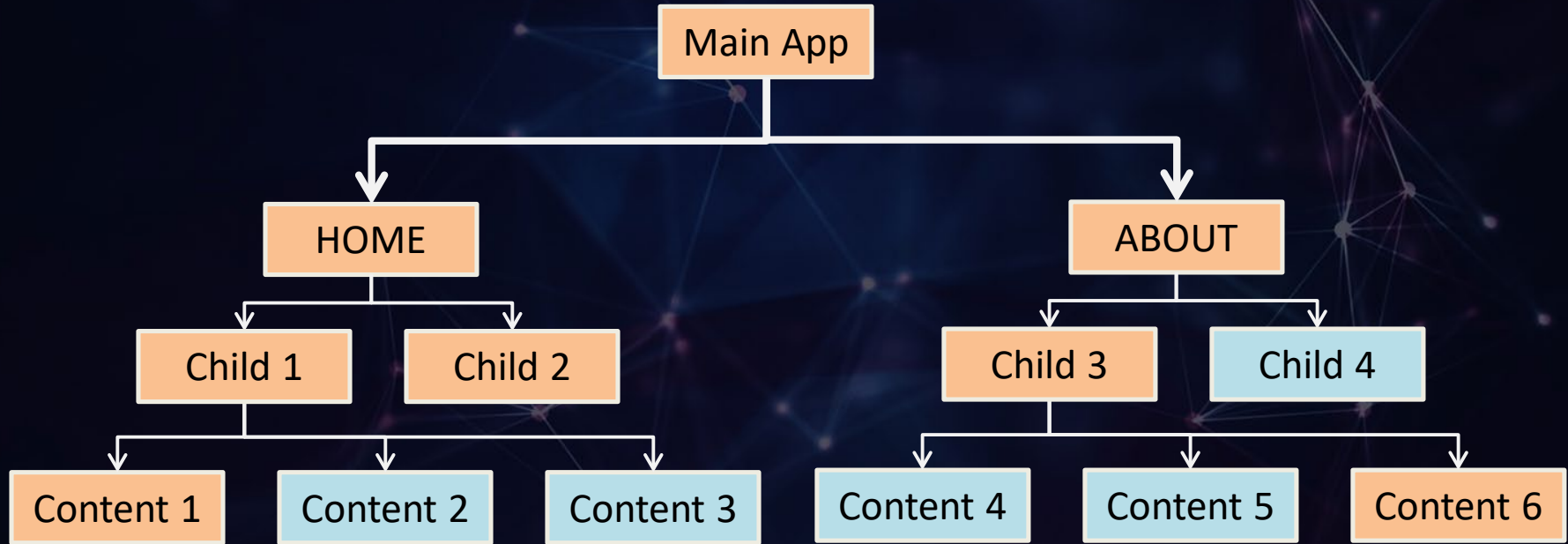


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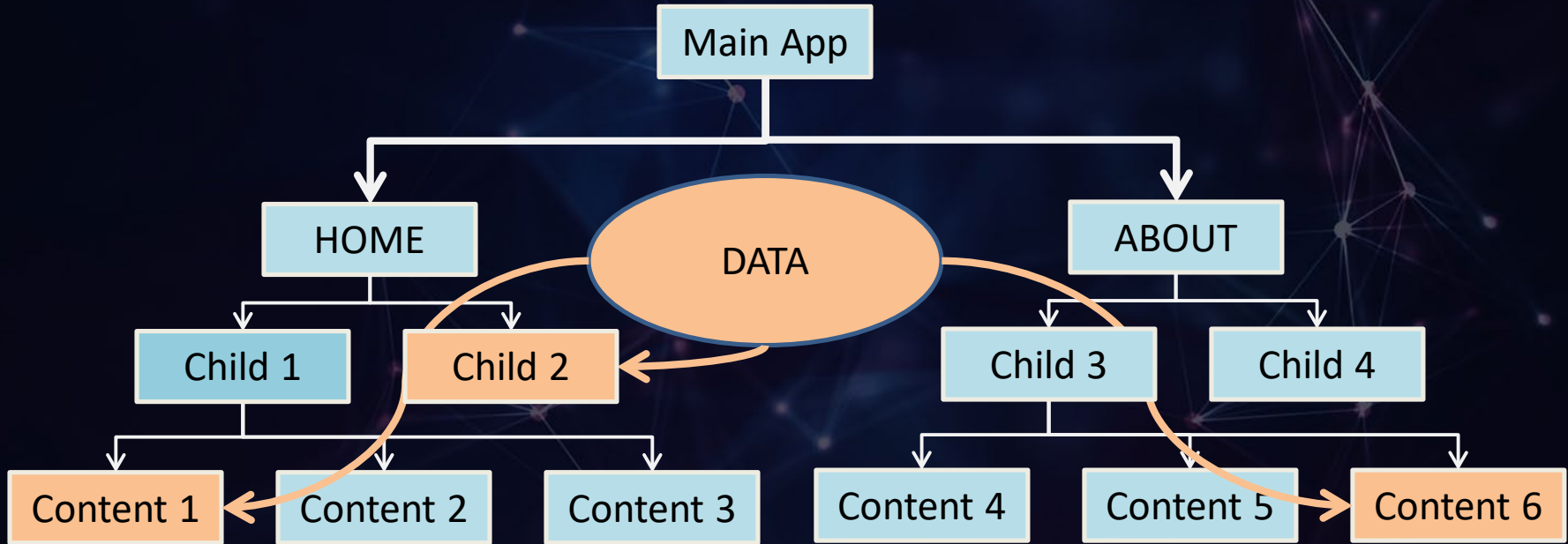
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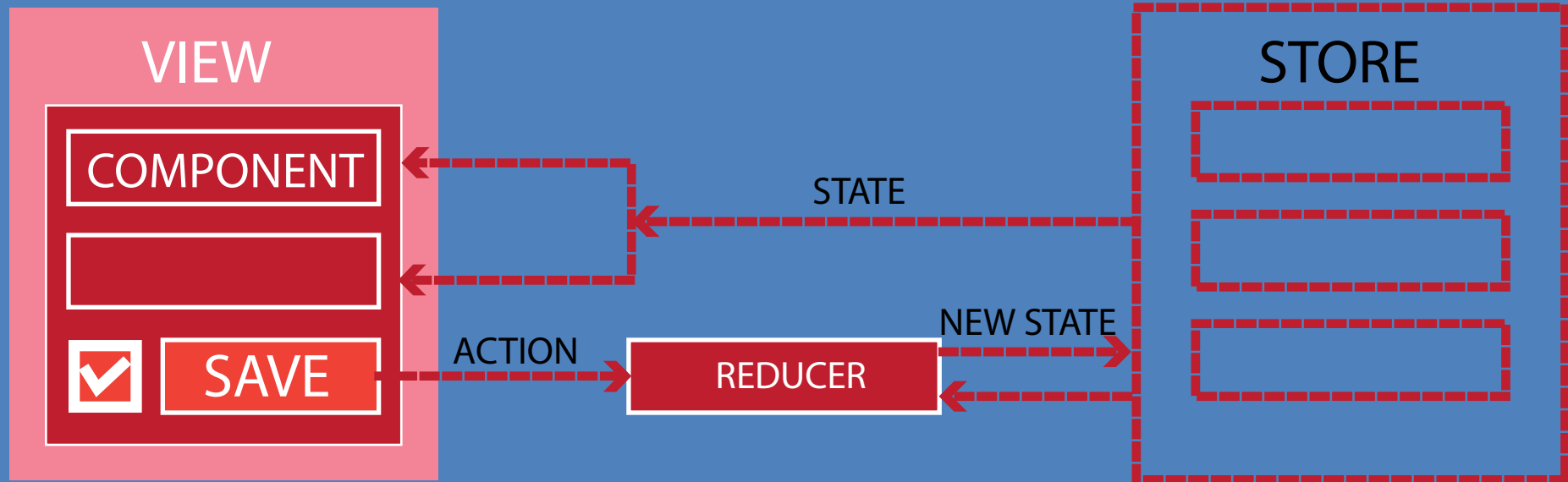


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# Redux Architecture







# Sagas



# Introduction - Redux Saga

**A Redux Middleware** : Saga will be added in redux to cause an effect

**Consumes Action** : Saga consumes an action and in-turn may cause actions or side effects ( async operations )

**Runs continuously** : Maintains continuous running process called sagas



# What is Saga ?

A long running background process

Responsible for application's side effects

Ability to reverse the changes if failed

Leverages on ES6 generators and yield

It's a process manager Sagas manages one or more saga like starting or stopping them

Summery : Sagas listen to actions and dispatch other actions using effects which can modify external resources like databases file-system etc.





# Why Saga ?

Helps in making side effects easy

API calls, database transactions

Real world use cases

forking process (stop a process so another can run), yielding thread

Better than Thunk

Thunk encourage putting lot of code in action creators and at times it becomes a mess

(disadvantage of saga is its learning curve)



# Thunk and Saga Comparision

Thunk was developed by Redux developers

Works in JavaScript

Issues between thunks when managing side effects between them

Developed by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party developers

Works only on browsers that support ES5 with Yield

Uses plain actions to coordinate sagas



# Testing



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