

React - a javascript  
library.



# episode 1 - inception

→ browsers do not know what's read.

add read to the browser.

cdn link - the place where read library is hosted, we have to add that link

↓  
now read is added to the application

added to the project

# What is cdn

## Content delivery network

- \* geographically distributed servers
- \* cache content close to end users.
- \* quick transfer of assets - for loading html , js files, css , images etc.

The content is cached near website edge - improving performance.

# what is cross origin + what is inside cdn link

inside cdn link.

- \* as react is a js library, the link contains the code for react.
- \* react code written by facebook developers
- \* First file - react.development.js
  - core of react
  - code for react
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> file - react-dom
  - what we need to manipulate
  - <sup>DOM</sup> used in browsers.

react is used not only in browsers but also on different platform

difference between development and production links . . . .

# Hello world in react.

- ① Create elements in React
  - \* use `React.createElement("element", {object}, "what you want to put inside the element")`;
  - example ↗  
`React.createElement("h1", {}, "Hello React")`
- ② Create root to attach the object to.
  - \* use `ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById("root"))`;
- ③ Attach object to root → takes the object and converts to `h1`-tag and puts in the `html`.
  - A `root.render(heading)`;

Read philosophy - manipulate the DOM  
only using javascript

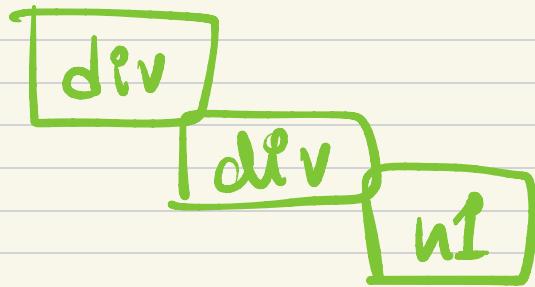
This optimizes the costly operation which is adding,  
deleting elements in DOM.

- If there is something in HTML root already, when render works, it will replace the html tags and renders from java.



# Nested elements.

at the end  
of the day,  
React.createElement  
is an  
object.



JS App.js > ...

```
1 const parent = React.createElement("div", {id:"parent"},  
2   React.createElement("div", {id:"child"},  
3     [React.createElement("h1", {}, "I am H1"), child1  
4       React.createElement("h2", {}, "I am H2")]); child2  
5   const root = ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById("root"));  
6   root.render(parent); | ← render parent.
```

when making siblings, pass an array of children

[ child1, child2 ]

The react code looks messy and complicated, we usually use `jsx` to work around to make our code clean and easy to read.

## Order of files ....

- ① import your react ← loads react
- ② then connect your js file ← loads js file

# React - a library

- \* React can work in any part of the application.
- \* whatever you make your root, that portion is where react will work.
- \* its not a full fledged framework.

- dont panic, react is easy to understand.

- have curiosity and explore around.

→ CURIOSITY ←

# Episode 2: igniting our app

NPM: No full form.

it is everything  
BUT node package manager

it basically manages packages

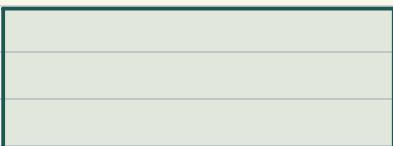
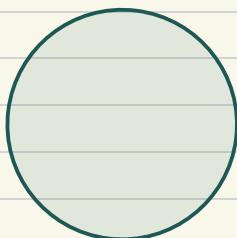
its a standard repository for all packages

→ all libraries and utilities

React has npm configured.

\* project has to be configured with npm by:

- npm init
- makes package.json



# most important package - bundler

to make the code production ready

- compress
- packages
- minifies

] we will be  
using  
parcel  
as a  
bundler

builds the app to be bundled to product  
node packages.

## parcel : use to ignite the App.

current code = Sheldon

parcel will give muscles.

## dependencies

/ \  
**dev dependency**

only used in  
development  
environment

\   
**dependency**

can be used  
in the production  
environment

npm install -D parcel

## dev dependencies

~ caret - parcel will automatically update minor updates installed, NOT major.

~ tilde - the major version is installed automatically.

when new versions of packages comes in

package lock.json → keeps track of all different versions

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## node module - very heavy.

downloads all packages from node

Transitive dependencies - we wanted parcel but parcel itself has more dependencies, and we install all the packages needed

all libraries have their own package.json

which track the dependencies etc.

Should we push all  
these huge dependencies  
on github? No, use .gitignore

Should we push package.json and package-lock.json Yes, we need the info about dependencies.

if you have package.json and package-lock, you can regenerate the modules. you need to put those 2 files to github.

Me

Whatever you can regenerate do not put on git

npx → executes the package.

We are executing the parcel now.

parcel uses HMR, hot module replacement.

- reading all the files and keep track.
- file watching algorithm is used.
- If what we change, it will build it once again.

The build time gets reduced when you

run - faster builds ] parcel-cache  
- caching . ]

- image optimization
- minification
- bundling
- compressing.

parcel manages everything.

- consistent hashing - read about
- code splitting
- differential bundling
  - ↓  
support older browsers.
- https support provided
- Tree shaking
- different dev and production bundles.

# Tree shaking algorithm

- removes unused code that you are not using

# what makes your web app fast

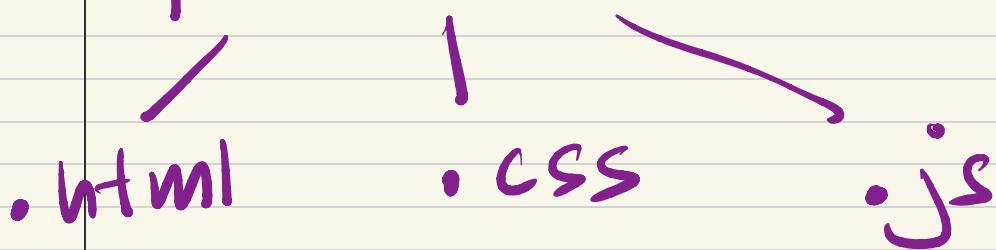
- write about how parcel is helping

# development build

dist folder is made

everything is hosted in dist.

parcel uses cache and dist to generate and host your application.



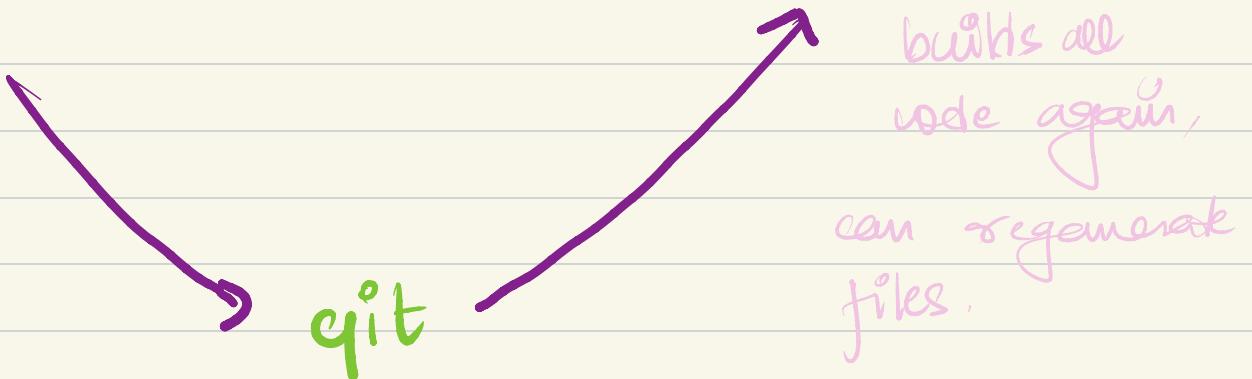
the three files that are compressed and minified and its production ready.

→ all the other files are just mapping file.

cache and dist should not be added to github because they can be regenerate.

local

server



browserslist

tells you how specifically you can  
configure your app.

# hot module replacement

(HMR)

keeps updating and refreshing  
the changes you have made



local



hosted

# Episode 3 : Laying the foundation.

npx parcel index.html ← command used  
to run.

Short way.

add inside package.json → scripts

↑ key word reserved by npm

- "start" : "parcel index.html"
- "build" : "parcel build index.html"

run command      npm run start

or

npm start

, does not work for both

# Recap

react element → an object (it's not an html element)

'createElement' → used to create an element  
when this element is rendered to dom, then it becomes html element

↓  
read dom. create root renders  
the object

React element = Object

anything under the root will be replaced by the  
by whatever is being rendered.

Clunky syntax

solution ↓

# JSX → syntax for react

- react and jsx are both different
- jsx is just something that makes writing in react easy.

normal apps → html : structure

css

javascript : logic

all frameworks try to merge everything together. JSX merges html + js

\* jsx syntax looks like HTML  
it is NOT HTML inside javascript  
just looks like it. (HTML like or XML like)

jsx

HTML

# React Elements

Create an element in JSX

const jsx heading = <h1> hello! </h1>;  
→ react element

JSX is only syntax

no difference in output when using JSX or core React.

\* Write your code for humans, so that developers can understand what you have written

# React components

everything is a component in react

- ① Class based components      old, nobody uses.
- ② Functional component      new, everyone uses this.

React component =  
normal js function -  
which returns  
some jsx element

→ A function that returns a piece of jsx element  
is called functional component.  
React element

~~Always start with capital letter~~

render ↗

root. render (<HeadingComp />);

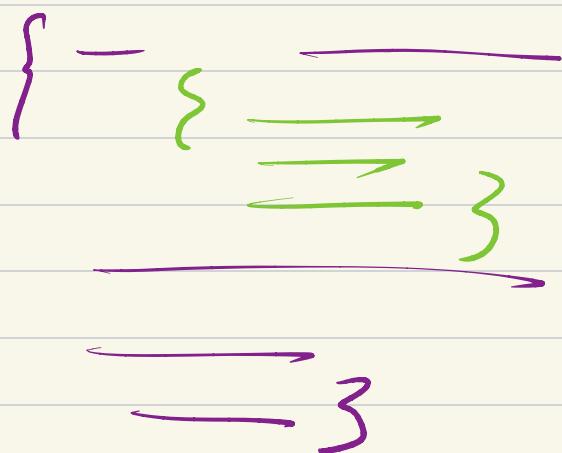
to render something inside a div  
< component />;

component composition

↑  
nested composition

+ component composition, putting one component  
into one another.

+ use arrow functions



put anything inside JSX

{ write  
anything }

inject any javascript code into  
JSX.

<div>

<h2> {any component} </h2>



</div>

{

↓

}

// this is sanitized before  
// executing

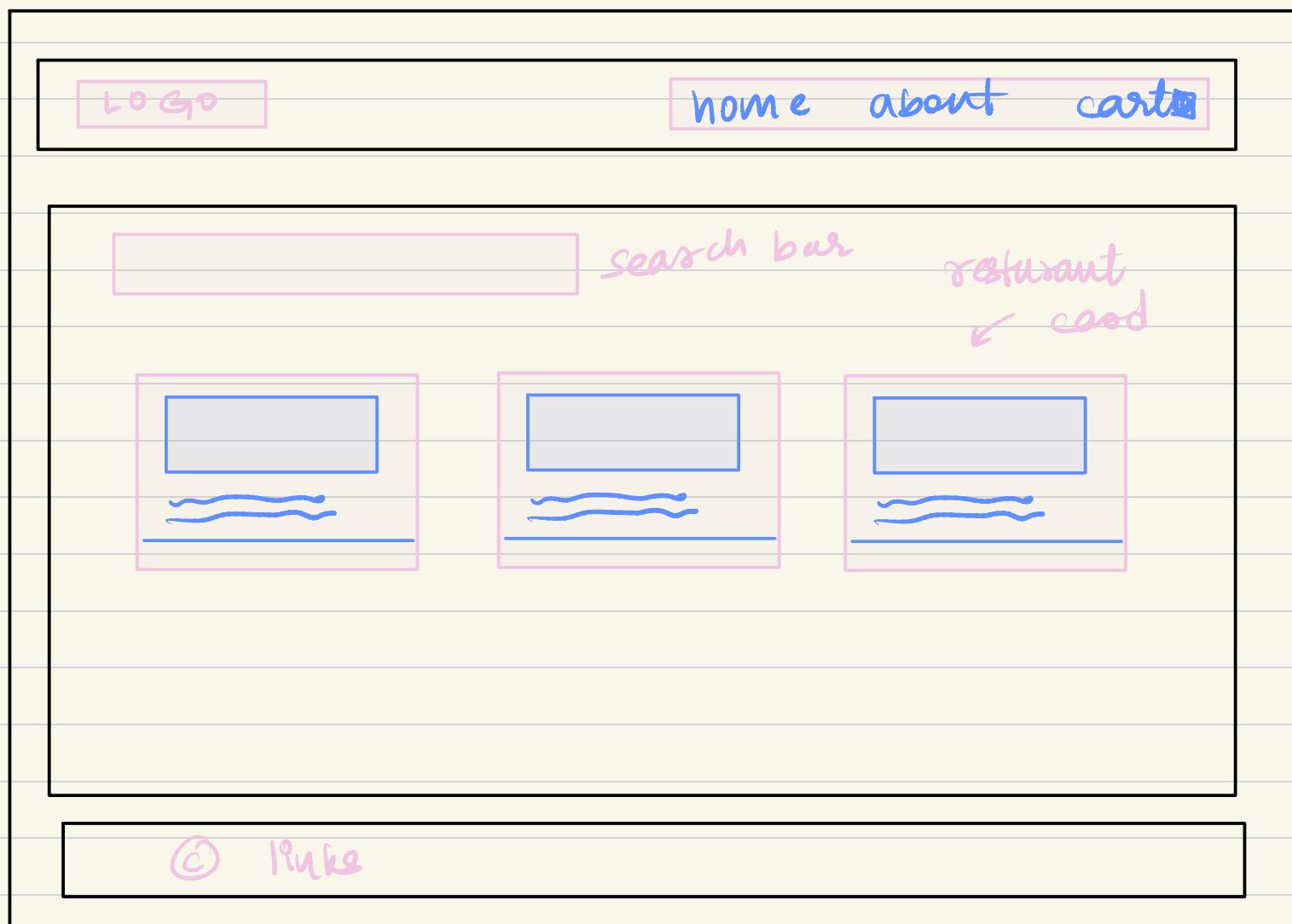
# Episode 4

[ food ordering app ]

plan your app, before coding it

- think about everything

- wireframe -



# - Low level planning -

what components?

## 1. header

- logo
- navigation items (home, about, cart)

## 2. body

- search bar
- Restaurant containers (with all cards)
  - ↳ restaurant card

## 3. footer

- copy right
- links
- address
- contact information

# -code-

1. build the 1<sup>st</sup> component [layout component]

functional component

return

```
<div id="app">
```

all these  
are  
components.

```
{ //header  
// Body  
// footer  
</div>
```

2. build header component.

header

```
<div>
```

logo

nav items

```
</div>
```

# Tips

1. always create a component for something that needs to be repeated many times
2. when adding javascript to the es6  
use `blo{ }3`
3. CSS is written as a javascript object  
`const styleCard = {  
 background color : "# black";  
}`

# dynamic data.

earlier in the restaurant card we hard coded info about restaurant, now pass in the info dynamically.

previously

rest card = ( ) => {

return (

<div>

<img>

= < Meghana food >

< salivng >

< fine >

</div>

now use Props to make data dynamic

Props are arguments to components

properties

similar to passing arguments to function

javascript obj

make this  
dynamic

Restaurant card = ( props ) => {  
destructuring → resName, cuisine

<h3> {props. resName} resName

this will  
work  
as per  
the args  
passed

<h2> {props. cuisine} cuisine

Meghana  
foods KFC

)  
}

Body () => {

return {

< Restaurant card

resName = "Meghna food"; ]  
cuisine = "north Indian . . . "

/ >

these are args to  
restaurant card

< Restaurant card

resName = "KFC"

cuisine = "burger . . . "

/ >

These arguments will be  
wrapped into a js object

) ;  
3 ;

destructuring → just write as arguments

in the restaurant card component.

easier to read.

receiving props.

→ props are wrapped and passed as js object.

→ then you have to destructure the js object to access different values.

real world data comes in as  
**JSON.**

# config driven UI

\* frontend system design

- UI is driven by data (config) configuration based
- data is the config
- data is different for different cases
- UI gets changed according to what comes through backend.

**Swiggy's data.**

go into the website and go to inspect → network  
get the real data. in the form of json objects.

work with data as array objects =  
array

"cuisine = [~, ~, ~, ~, ]

res.data.data.cuisine.join(", - ")  
array join in java script

CDN → doublenode.com  
content delivery system.

that swiggy  
uses for images

map function to loop over all data for restaurants  
and render a restaurant card

restlist.map(restaurant) ⇒ (  
< RestaurantCard > Data = {rest anat3  
/ > }) props ↗

for the variable restaurants, it will loop through all restaurants and render restaurant card for each var. with `resData = restaurant`

↓  
information for each restaurant

unique key property.

each of list items should have unique key.

(`< RestaurantCard key={restaurant.id} >`)

→ ↗

React says,  
(not recommended)

don't use index as keys.

If there is no unique id in data, then you may use index]

`resList.map((restaurant, index) => (`

`< RestaurantCard key={index} resData={`  
`restaurant} />`

- + destructuring
- + optional drawing
- + **map** instead of for loop

study these.

## why need IDs?

- It's for performance optimization.
- + DOM re-renders all the components if there are no id's and a new component comes in.
- + If there are id's, react knows the old component and places the component according to its ID.