React Router

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React Router

- Collection of navigational components
 - Enables navigation among views
 - Router components, route matching components and navigation components
- Uses a browser-based bookmarkable URLs as an instruction to navigate to a client-generated view in your web app
 - Can also pass along optional parameters

Web App Routing

- Install react-router-dom
- Router component: <BrowserRouter>
 - Creates specialized history object
 - Also <HashRouter> if you are using a static file server
 - Enclose your app in BrowserRouter

Route Matching

- Route matching components: <Route> and <Switch>
 - <Route>'s path prop enables specification of the current location's pathname
 - <Route>'s component prop specifies the corresponding view for the location
 - Using exact attribute ensures that the path must be exactly matched
 - <Redirect> enables the default route specification
 - <Switch> enables grouping together several routes
 - Will iterate over all its children and find the first one that matches the path

Navigation

- Navigation is supported through the <Link> and <NavLink> components:
 - <Link> creates links in your application
 - Will render as <a> in the HTML
 - <NavLink> also attaches the active class to the link when its prop matches the current location