

React:

1. What is React or use of React or advantages and disadvantages of React ?

- React is a widely used **javascript library** mostly used to develop **single page applications**.
- Some of its advantages are:
 - **Virtual DOM** - The process of virtual dom improves the speed and performance of the application.
 - **Reusable components** - We can avoid writing the same code with the effective usage of reusing the same component.
 - Access to a wide range of **external libraries** like react-router.
 - Inclusion of **Redux**, another javascript library to manage states in an application.
- Some of the disadvantages are:
 - **Documentation** has always been difficult to understand.
 - **Dynamic technology** - The updates let the users to unlearn and learn new concepts often.

2. What are **React Hooks** ?

- React hooks allow you to hook into a **state** in any **life cycle method** within a **function component**.
- Hooks can be used only in function components and not in **class components**.
- Hooks should be initialized at the top of the function component and **not inside any block**. For eg: hooks should not be declared inside an if else condition or within an iteration.

3. What are **useState** hooks ?

- Use state hooks **return an array** of two values: **current state** and **function to update our state**.
- Whenever we **update** our state using an event listener or similar our entire component will be re-rendered with the updated state.
- The state can be initialized in **two** ways:
 - **Function** version :
 - Using this we can avoid touching upon our **initial state** every time when the component re-renders.
 - This will run only during the **first render**.
 - We can use an **arrow function** with a return keyword which returns our initial state.
 - **Hard coded** version :
 - Here we will directly **declare** our initial state. For eg. **counter**.
 - By doing this the **initial state computation** will be declared every time when a component re-renders.

4. What are **useEffect** hooks ?

- Use Effect hooks are used to **handle the side effects**, like network requests.
- Use Effect can be **used in 3 ways**.
 - Use effect takes a **function parameter** and another parameter is an **array** which is **optional**.
 - If we use without the array parameter, the use effect will be rendered during all the phases-mounting, unmounting and updating.
 - If we use an empty array, then the use effect will apply only during the first render which is the mounting phase.
 - The next method is we can declare a state inside this array parameter, where the use effect will apply only when the declared state gets updated.
- While using useState with an **asynchronous function**, we must have a **clean up** function which has to remove this asynchronous function during the **unmounting phase** of the component. Else it will throw a memory leak error, as our component will be unmounted, but the asynchronous function will still be processing. For eg: setInterval must have clearInterval with a return keyword doing this clean up operation as a function.

5. What is **babel** ?

- Babel acts as a javascript **compiler** as well as **transpiler**.
- It converts the **newer version of ECMAScripts** into a **standard version** in **current** and **older browsers**.
- For eg: **let** and **const** variables are converted into **var**, and **spread operators** will be converted in such a way to perform its primary actions.

6. What is **webpack** ?

- Webpack is a **module bundler**.
- Webpack helps to bundle and **optimize** different available **file types in our application**. It helps our code to be **manageable** and useful in **debugging** our code.
- For eg., in Vanilla js, we will be writing **separate js codes** and specifying all the script tags separately which used to be a tedious process.
Whereas we can visualize webpack as it bundles all these different js script files as a **single file** sending it to the browser.

7. What is **setState** ?

- setState **changes** the component **state** and tells react that this component and its child has to be **re-rendered** with its updated state.
- This is the primary method we use in the response of **event listeners** and **network requests** sent by the users in the browser.

8. What is **virtual DOM** ?

- Virtual DOM is a **lightweight** representation of actual DOM.

- It is a **node tree structure** which stores all the elements as an **object** and its properties.
- It works in three steps:
 - When a component is **updated** the entire UI of the virtual DOM is **re-rendered**.
 - Now the **updated DOM** compares with the **previous DOM** and updates only the changes.
 - Once the updates are done, now the **real DOM** updates only the changes which have been made.

9. What are **React portals** ?

- React portals allow you to **render the child element** into a DOM node which is outside the **DOM hierarchy**.
- This will be mostly used while creating **modals**, **loaders** etc.,
- Syntax for React portals - ReactDOM.createPortal(child, container);

10. What is **context API** ?

- Context API is used to pass **data** through **component trees** without passing any **props**.
- This can be used by creating a context as a separate file and using **.provider** we will be able to export value to another element.
- In the component where we require these values, react provides a hook called **useContext** which gets the data from the required context provider.
- Code for context API:

\\\\\\\\ In context provider file: /////

```
import { createContext } from "react";

export const testContext = createContext();

export const ContextProvider = ({children}) => {
  return (
    <testContext.Provider
value={100}>{children}</testContext.Provider>
  )
}
```

\\\\\\\\ In index.js file /////

Import { contextProvider } from “.”;

```
<React.StrictMode>
  <BrowserRouter>
    <ContextProvider>
```

```
    <App />
  </ContextProvider>
</BrowserRouter>
</React.StrictMode>
```

Note: Context provider must enclose the other tags as <app> is our child here.

\\\\\\\\ In component where we want to use this context API: /////

```
Import { useContext } from "react";
```

```
const value = useContext(newContext);
```

11. What are **lifecycle methods** in React ?

- React lifecycle methods are the **series of sequences** that all the react **component** goes through from the birth of a component till its end.
- Every react component goes through **3 phases**:
 - Mounting
 - Updating
 - Unmounting
- **Mounting** - Mounting is when React mounts or **inserts a component** in a **DOM tree**.
- **Updating** - Updating is when React updates a component when there is a change in **props** or **states**.
- **Unmounting** - Unmounting is when React **removes a component** from the DOM tree.
- Within these phases two processes of phases happen, one is **rendered** and the other one is **committed**.
- Within commit three methods happen in each phase which are **componentDidMount**, **componentDidUpdate**, **componentWillUnmount**.

12. How can you **memoize** components in React ?

- Memoize in React is for the performance of the application, where it is used to **speed up the rendering** process.
- So we can use **useMemo()** in order to achieve this.

13. What is **redux**?

- Redux **manages states**. It stores all the states of the variables available in our application.

- It works in such a way that we **dispatch** our **action** from our component, this passes into the **reducers**.
- Reducer is a **pure function** which takes **current state** and **action** and returns the **updated state**.
- Now from this reducer it moves to the **store** which **manages** all the states available in our application.
- From this store it sends the **updated props** or **states** back to the component.

14. What is **immutability** ?

- Immutability means something that cannot modify its value or state.
- In JavaScript Strings, numbers are some examples for data types which are immutable.

15. What **Object.freeze()** does ?

- Object.freeze **freezes** the object from using it.
- Once we use this we can no longer make changes in these objects like **adding** or **updating** any properties.
- Syntax: Object.freeze(Object_name);

16. Why is **immutability** required by redux ?

- Immutability means that we cannot modify data.
- So here, the **reducers** acts as a **pure function**, meaning, it takes one input and returns one output based on action.
- So **updating** or modifying a data will lead to **side effects** which is not how the pure functions accept. So Immutability is required by redux.

17. How does redux use **shallow equality checking** ?

- Shallow equality checking happens in the **combineReducer** function. It will return either an updated **copy** of the **root state object** or the **current copy** of the root state object.

18. How well does Redux “scale” in terms of performance and architecture?

19. How does Redux compare to the React Context API?

- Context API is a hook provided by react called useContext which is used to pass data into components without the help of props.
- Redux is a state management library used to manage all states in react application.
- The way both Context API and redux works are completely different. Context API uses a .Provider to pass a required value into its children components in the DOM tree.
- Whereas the Redux working process goes with actions, reduces and stores.
- Redux avoids **unnecessary re-rendering** compared to context API.

20. What are some features of using webpack ?

21. What is **Tree shaking** ?

Webpack removes the **dead code**, that is the unused code from our application before **final bundling**. This process is called Tree shaking.

22. What is **routing** ?

- React routing is the standard **library** in react.
- It allows users to **navigate** between different **components** in a react application **without refreshing the page**.
- We can change the browser **url**.
- This is used in such a way that it takes a route tag and an attribute path where we have to provide the path where the component must get navigated.
- Npm- **react router dom**, elements used - **routes** and **route**. Route takes two attributes: **path** and **element**. And Link takes one attribute: **to**.

23. **Force render** a component ?

- **.forceUpdate()** method can be used to force re-render a component in react.

24. What is **reconciliation** ?

- It is the process through which react updates the browser DOM.
- —Explain how virtual dom works—

25. What is **useMemo**?

- **useMemo** hooks are used to improve our rendering performance.
- For eg, if we have a for loop which runs for larger value unnecessarily, means when our component re renders and if we don't want this function to run, then we can use **useMemo**.
- **useMemo** works similarly like **useEffect**, where it takes a function and a dependency which defines the state. Only if this state changes then this function will run.
- But, we cannot use this throughout our application as **useMemo** memoize our data, that is, it catches the mentioned data and updates only when there is a change. Which could increase our memory if you use **useMemo** all over our application.

26. What is **useCallback**?

- **useCallback** is similar to **useMemo**, but the only difference is **useCallback returns a function whereas useMemo just returns a value of the function**.

27. What is **useRef** ?

- Is used to get the reference of a particular HTML element.

28. What is **server side rendering**?

- Purpose - It is used in order to have a faster application.
- Process -
 - Traditional rendering:
 - Browser requests page
 - Browser request Js bundles
 - Browser requests API
 - Display content
- Disadvantage of traditional rendering - To display content we have to wait till the entire request is completed. Which makes our application slow when we are working on larger applications.
- Server side rendering:
 - Browser request page
 - Displays the static content using the HTML bundle.
 - Browser request other bundle
- We will be using an **MVC** pattern here to separate our server side files and client side files.
- Next.js is used to achieve SSR in react.

29. What is **JSX**?

- Stands for **Javascript XML** file.
- It allows us to write HTML code inside our JS file.
- By doing this we don't have to write a set of codes like `.getElement` or `.append`.

30. What is **flux** ?

- Flux is an architecture we follow to maintain our redux.
- It is followed by **actions**, **dispatcher** (reducer file), **store** and **views** (Code for UI).

31. What is **React strict mode** ?

- React strict mode is used to **show potential errors** in our application.
- This will **not be displayed in UI**, it will show them as warnings.
- This will be applicable only in **development mode** to find out the problems, and will not affect during production.

32. What is **lazy loading** ?

- Lazy loading is the process of initializing the **critical components** first and **non-critical components** at a later point of time.
- For eg Imagine you are working on a larger application and every time you update a state all the components are re-rendering. This process is time consuming. So we render the critical component first then jump into the non critical component.
- React provides two methods - **lazy** and **suspense** to perform this operation.

33. What are **states** and **props** ?

States are to **manage data** whereas props is the data we send from higher order components to lower order components.

34. What are controlled and uncontrolled components ?

- Controlled components are inputs which are controlled by react. Here we will be using the useState hook to set our state.
- Uncontrolled components are inputs which are controlled by DOM itself. Here we will be using a useRef hook which takes the reference value of the input.