

REACT TOPICS SO FAR

1. Single Page Application (SPA)

- **Definition:** An SPA is a web application that loads a single HTML page and dynamically updates content based on user interactions without reloading the entire page.
- **Advantages:** Faster user experience, smoother transitions, and reduced server load.
- **Implementation:** React uses a virtual DOM and routing (with libraries like React Router) to achieve SPA behavior.

Example:

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Routes } from 'react-router-dom';
import Home from './Home';
import About from './About';

const App = () => (
  <Router>
    <Routes>
      <Route path="/" element={<Home />} />
      <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />
    </Routes>
  </Router>
);
```

2. Components

- **Definition:** Components are reusable building blocks of a React application that encapsulate UI and logic.
- **Types:** Functional and Class components.
- **Usage:** Components can be nested, composed, and reused across the application.

Example:

```
// Functional Component
const MyComponent = () => <div>Hello, World!</div>;

// Class Component
class MyComponent extends React.Component {
```

```
render() {  
  return <div>Hello, World!</div>;  
}  
}
```

3. State

- **Definition:** State is an object that stores data that changes over time within a component.
- **Usage:** State is mutable and affects component rendering.
- **Management:** In functional components, state is managed using the `useState` hook. In class components, state is managed using `this.state` and `this.setState`.

Example:

```
// Functional Component with useState  
const Counter = () => {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <p>Count: {count}</p>  
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Increment</button>  
    </div>  
  );  
};
```

4. Props

- **Definition:** Props (short for properties) are used to pass data from parent components to child components. Props are read-only.
- **Usage:** Props enable component reusability and dynamic rendering based on parent data.

Example:

```
// Parent Component  
const Parent = () => <Child message="Hello, World!" />;  
  
// Child Component  
const Child = (props) => <div>{props.message}</div>;
```

5. Types of Components

- **Functional Components:** Defined as functions, use hooks for state and lifecycle management.
- **Class Components:** Defined as ES6 classes, use lifecycle methods and `this.state` for state management.

Example:

```
// Functional Component
const FunctionalComponent = () => <div>Functional Component</div>;

// Class Component
class ClassComponent extends React.Component {
  render() {
    return <div>Class Component</div>;
  }
}
```

6. Hooks

- **Definition:** Hooks are functions that allow you to use state and other React features in functional components.
- **Common Hooks:** `useState`, `useEffect`, `useContext`, `useReducer`, `useRef`.

Example:

```
// useEffect Hook
const ExampleComponent = () => {
  useEffect(() => {
    console.log('Component mounted');
    return () => console.log('Component unmounted');
  }, []);

  return <div>Effect Example</div>;
};
```

7. Life of Components (Component Loading and Unloading)

- **Mounting:** The phase where a component is being created and inserted into the DOM. Lifecycle methods/hooks include `componentDidMount` (class) and `useEffect` (functional).

- **Updating:** The phase where a component is being re-rendered due to state/props changes. Lifecycle methods/hooks include `componentDidUpdate` (class) and `useEffect` (functional).
- **Unmounting:** The phase where a component is being removed from the DOM. Lifecycle methods/hooks include `componentWillUnmount` (class) and `cleanup` function in `useEffect` (functional).

Example:

```
// Functional Component with useEffect
const LifecycleExample = () => {
  useEffect(() => {
    console.log('Mounted');
    return () => console.log('Unmounted');
  }, []);

  return <div>Lifecycle Example</div>;
};
```

8. Form Handling

- **Definition:** Managing user inputs and form submissions in React. Use controlled components where form data is managed by React state.
- **Usage:** Track and validate form inputs using state and handle form submission events.

Example:

```
const FormComponent = () => {
  const [inputValue, setInputValue] = useState('');

  const handleChange = (e) => setInputValue(e.target.value);

  const handleSubmit = (e) => {
    e.preventDefault();
    console.log('Submitted value:', inputValue);
  };

  return (
    <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
      <input type="text" value={inputValue} onChange={handleChange} />
      <button type="submit">Submit</button>
    </form>
  );
};
```

9. Events

- **Definition:** Events are actions or occurrences handled by React to trigger functions or update state.
- **Usage:** Attach event handlers to elements to respond to user actions (e.g., clicks, form submissions).

Example:

```
const EventExample = () => {  
  const handleClick = () => alert('Button clicked!');  
  
  return <button onClick={handleClick}>Click Me</button>;  
};
```

10. List in React

- **Definition:** Rendering multiple items from an array. React uses map to iterate and generate elements for each item.
- **Usage:** Ensure each item has a unique key prop for efficient updates.

Example:

```
const ListExample = () => {  
  const items = ['Item 1', 'Item 2', 'Item 3'];  
  
  return (  
    <ul>  
      {items.map((item, index) => (  
        <li key={index}>{item}</li>  
      ))}  
    </ul>  
  );  
};
```

11. Conditional Rendering

- **Definition:** Display different UI elements based on certain conditions using JavaScript operators.
- **Usage:** Use if, &&, or ternary operators to conditionally render components or elements.

Example:

```
const ConditionalRendering = ({ isLoggedIn }) => (  
  <div>  
    {isLoggedIn ? <p>Welcome back!</p> : <p>Please log in.</p>}  
  </div>  
);
```

12. Routing

- **Definition:** Managing navigation between different views or pages in a React application. Achieved using React Router.
- **Usage:** Define routes and link navigation between components.

Example:

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Routes } from 'react-router-dom';  
import Home from './Home';  
import About from './About';  
  
const App = () => (  
  <Router>  
    <Routes>  
      <Route path="/" element={<Home />} />  
      <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />  
    </Routes>  
  </Router>  
);
```

13. Protected Route

- **Definition:** Restrict access to certain routes based on authentication or authorization. Redirect unauthenticated users to a login page.
- **Usage:** Implement protected routes using conditional rendering and React Router.

Example:

```
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import { Navigate } from 'react-router-dom';  
  
const ProtectedRoute = ({ element, isAuthenticated }) => (  
  isAuthenticated ? element : <Navigate to="/login" />  
);
```

```
// Usage in Routes
<Routes>
  <Route path="/protected" element={<ProtectedRoute element={<ProtectedPage
/>} isAuthenticated={isAuthenticated} />} />
</Routes>
```