

redux-sagas

A short introduction

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🐶 Dogs of the Week 🐶



Name: Dennis
Age: 1 month
Breed: Golden Retriever
Favourite Toy: Squeaky pig



Name: Boris
Age: 3
Breed: Staffy
Favourite Toy: Ball

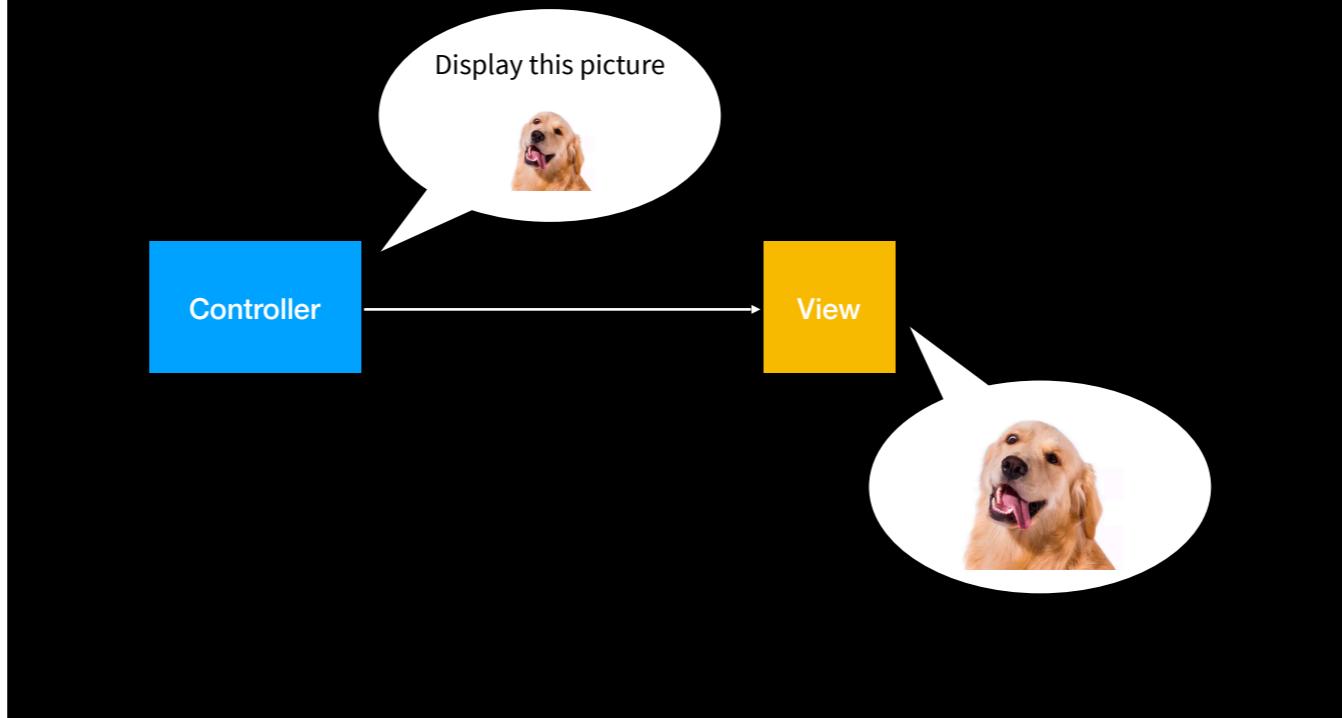


Name: Gandalf
Age: 1
Breed: Miniature Schnauzer
Favourite Toy: Stuffed bear

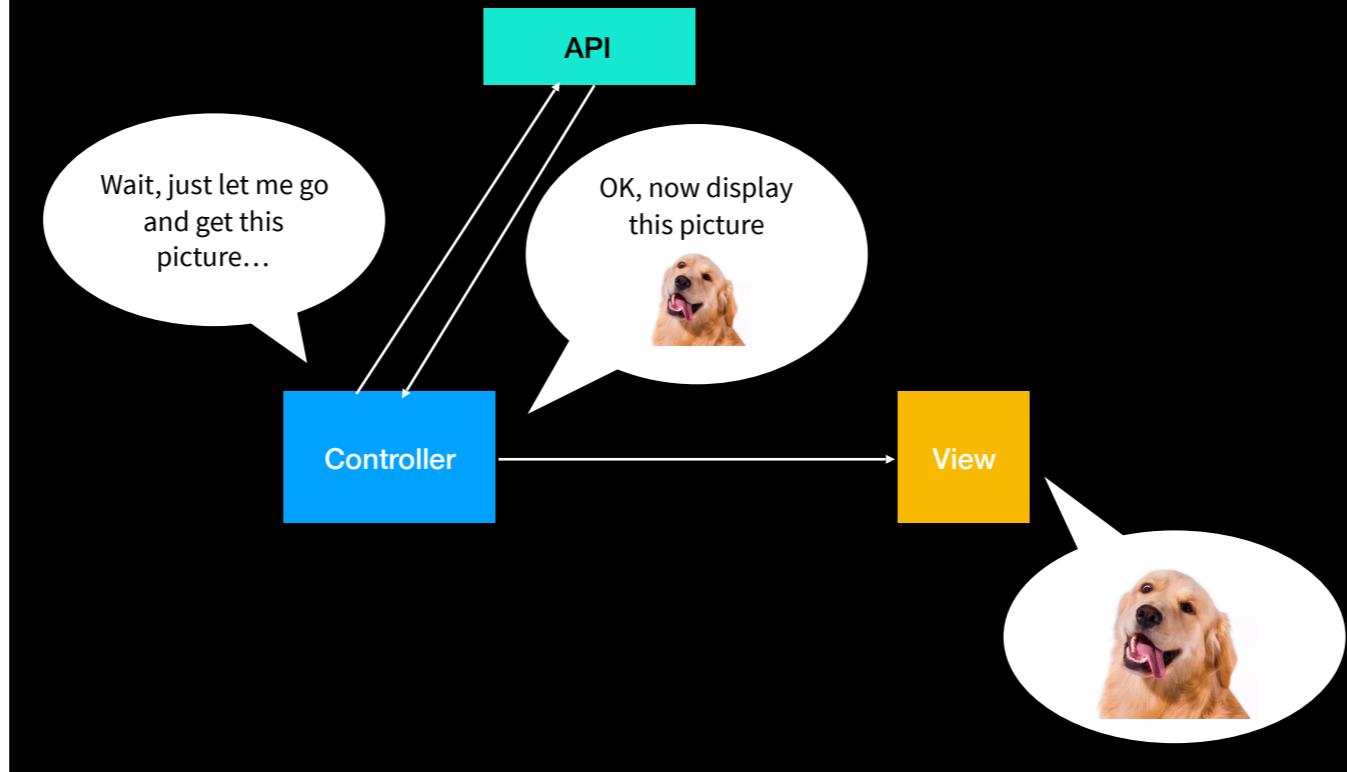


Name: Pepsi
Age: 6
Breed: Labrador
Favourite Toy: Rubber bone

Without side effects



With side effects



Fetching data from inside a component

```
export default class DogList extends React.Component {  
  constructor(props) {  
    super(props)  
    this.state = {  
      dogs: []  
    }  
  }  
  
  componentDidMount() {  
    api.fetchDogs()  
    .then(response => this.setState({ dogs: response.body.dogs }))  
  }  
  
  ...  
}
```

Fetching data with redux-thunk

Thunk: a function returned by another function in order to delay execution until it is needed

```
const fetchDogs = dispatch => api.fetchDogs()  
  .then(({dogs}) => dispatch(fetchDogsSucceeded(dogs)))
```

Fetching data with redux-thunk

```
const fetchDogs = dispatch => {
  dispatch(fetchDogsRequested())
  api.fetchDogs()
  .then(({dogs}) => Promise.all(dogs.map(dog => fetchFavouriteToy(dog)(dispatch))))
  .then(dogs => dispatch(fetchDogsSucceeded(dogs)))
}

const fetchFavouriteToy = dog => dispatch => {
  dispatch(fetchToysRequested(dog))
  return api.fetchToy(dog).then(({toy}) => ({...dog, toy}))
}
```



Testing thunks can get complicated...

```
jest.mock('../fetch-toys');
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    ok: true,
    body: {
        dogs: [ 'G
    }
}));

test('calls fetchD
    const dispatch
    fetchDogs(dispatch)
    expect(dispatch
})>

test('dispatches fetchFavouriteToysRequested with the fetched dogs if response is ok', () => {
    const dispatch = jest.fn()
    fetchDogs(dispatch)
    expect(dispatch).toHaveBeenCalledWith(fetchFavouriteToy)
})
```



Introducing redux-saga

“redux-saga is a library that aims to make application side effects ... easier to manage, more efficient to execute, simple to test, and better at handling failures.”

Fetching data with sagas

```
function* getDog = () => {
  try {
    const res = yield call(api.fetchDogs)
    const dogsWithToys = yield all(res.dogs.map(dog => fetchFavouriteToy(dog)))
    yield put(fetchDogsSuccessful(dogsWithToys))
  } catch (error) {
    yield put(fetchDogsFailed(error))
  }
  try {
    const response = yield call(api.fetchFavouriteToy, dog)
    return {...dog, favouriteToy: response.toy}
  } catch (error) {
    yield put(fetchFavouriteToyFailed(error))
  }
}
```

Triggering sagas

```
function* watchForFetchDogsRequested() {  
  yield takeLatest('FETCH_DOGS_REQUESTED', fetchDogs)  
}
```



How sagas work

ES6 Generators

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    yield put(fetchDogsSuccessful(dogsWithToys))
  } catch (error) {
    yield put(fetchDogsFailed(error))
  }
}
```



Function call... objects?

```
const res = yield call(api.fetchDogs)

// return value
{
  CALL: {
    context: null,
    fn: [Function: fetchDogs],
    args: []
  }
}
```

Effects

```
const { response, timeout } = yield race({
  response: call(api.patDog, dogId),
  timeout: delay(1000, 'oh no')
})

const [
  favouriteFood,
  favouriteToy
] = yield all([
  select(getFavouriteFood),
  select(getFavouriteToy)
])
```

Testing is easy with sagas!

```
// Sagas
import { call } from 'redux-saga/effects'
test('calls fetchDogs API', () => {
  const iterator = fetchDogs()
  expect(iterator.next().value).toEqual(call(api.fetchDogs))
})

// Thunks
jest.mock('../fetch-dogs');
jest.mock('../fetch-toys');
test('calls fetchDogs API', () => {
  const dispatch = jest.fn()
  fetchDogs(dispatch)
  expect(dispatch).toHaveBeenCalledWith(fetchDogs)
})
```

Testing branched logic

```
test('dispatches fetchDogsFailed if the call fails', () => {
  const iterator = fetchDogs()
  iterator.next()
  expect(iterator.throw('oh no').value)
    .toEqual(call(fetchDogsFailed('oh no')))
})
```

To wrap up...

- Easy to test
- Good for managing complicated data fetch flows
- Keep your actions as plain objects
- Keep business logic out of your display components





Thank you!