

React for Beginners

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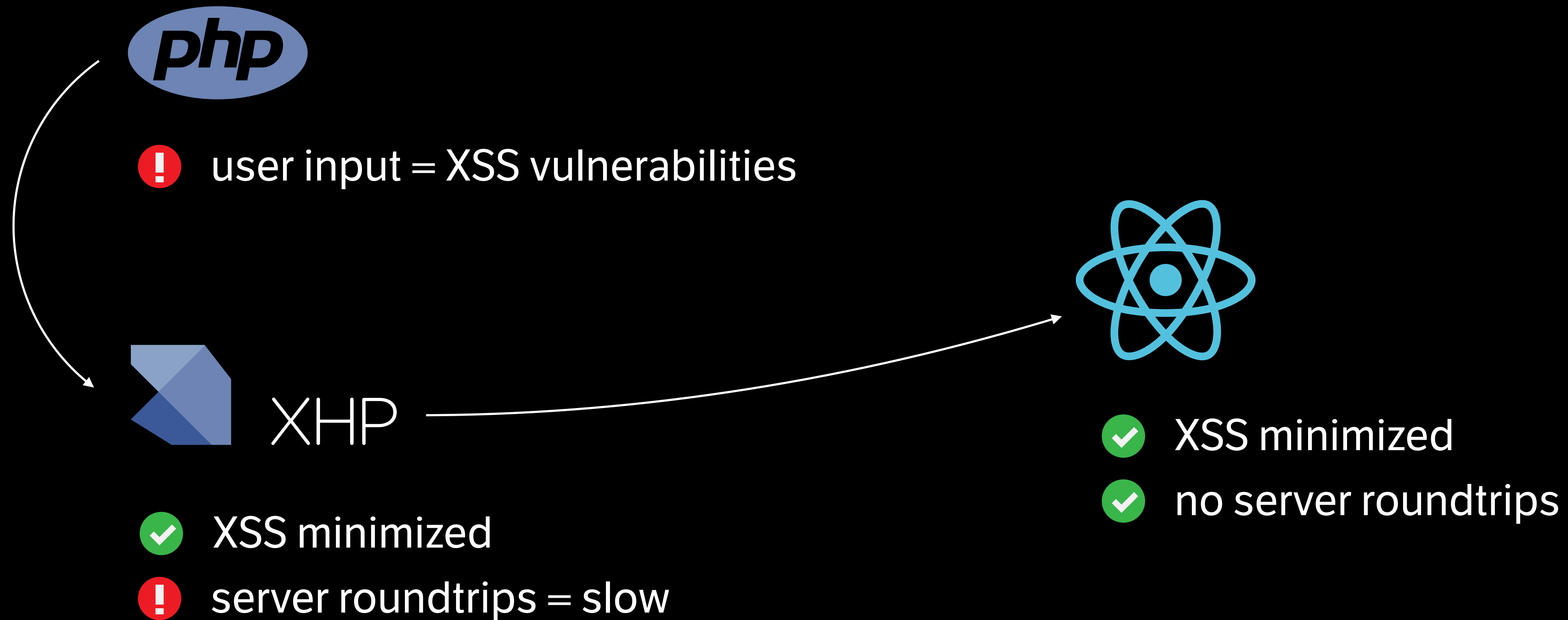
What is React?

A **JavaScript** library for building **user interfaces**

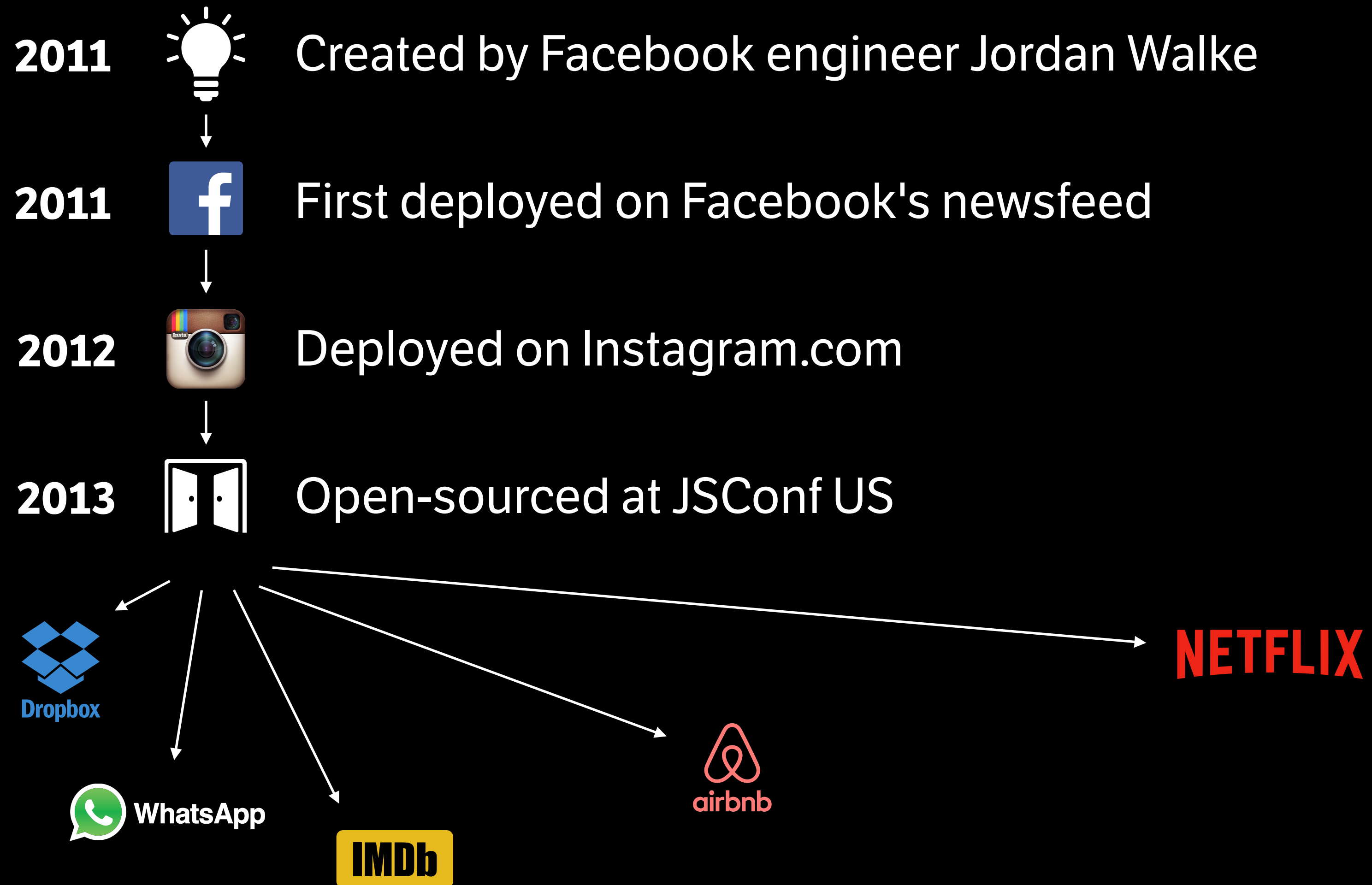
Often referred to as the **V** in **MVC**

Created at Facebook

Why React?



Timeline



Core Concepts

Virtual DOM

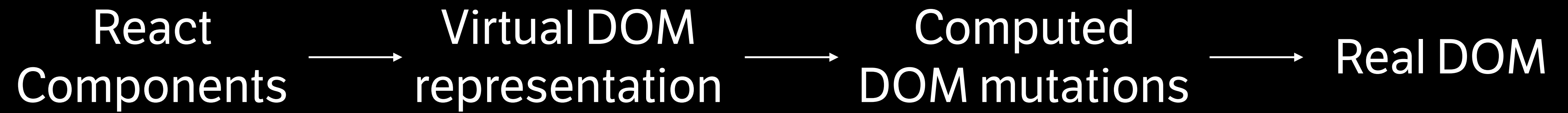
Components (and JSX)

One-way Data Flow

Virtual DOM

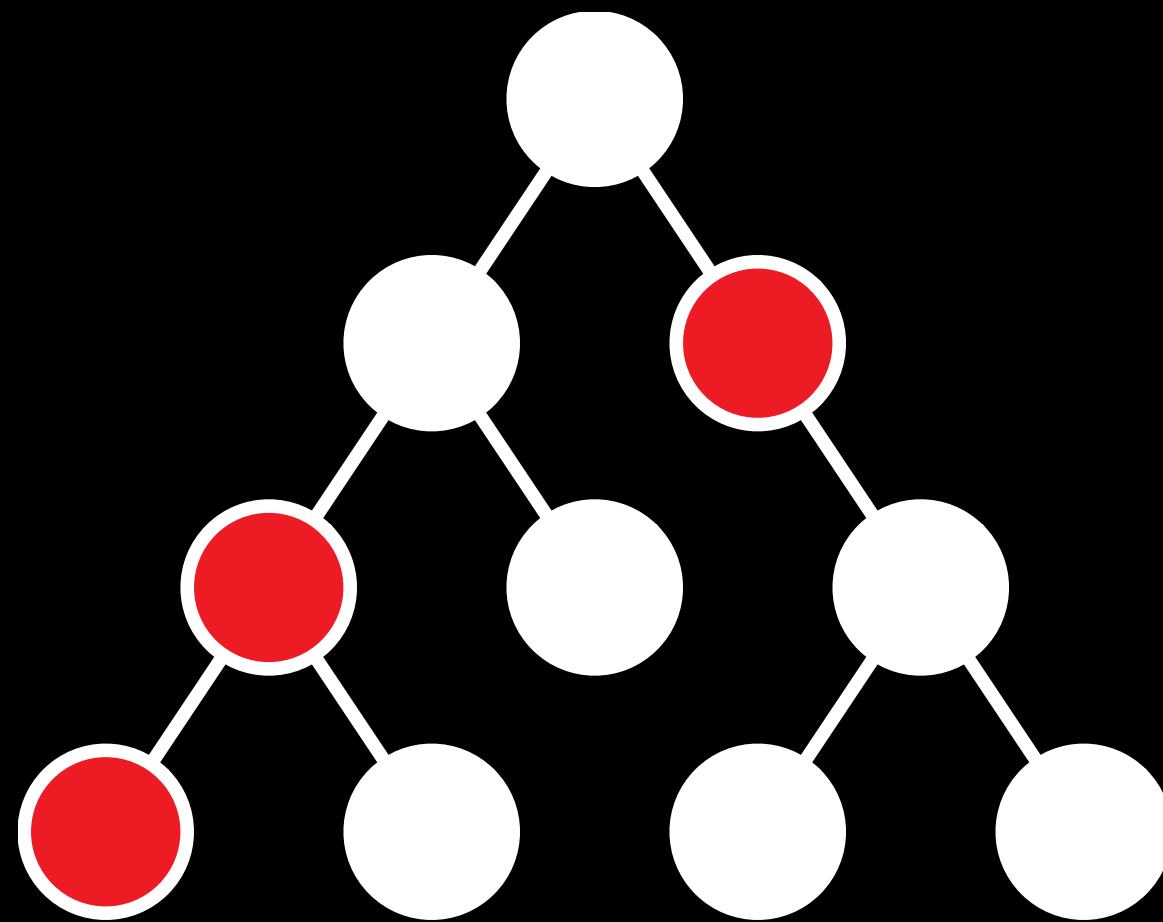
“Re-render everything!”

Virtual DOM

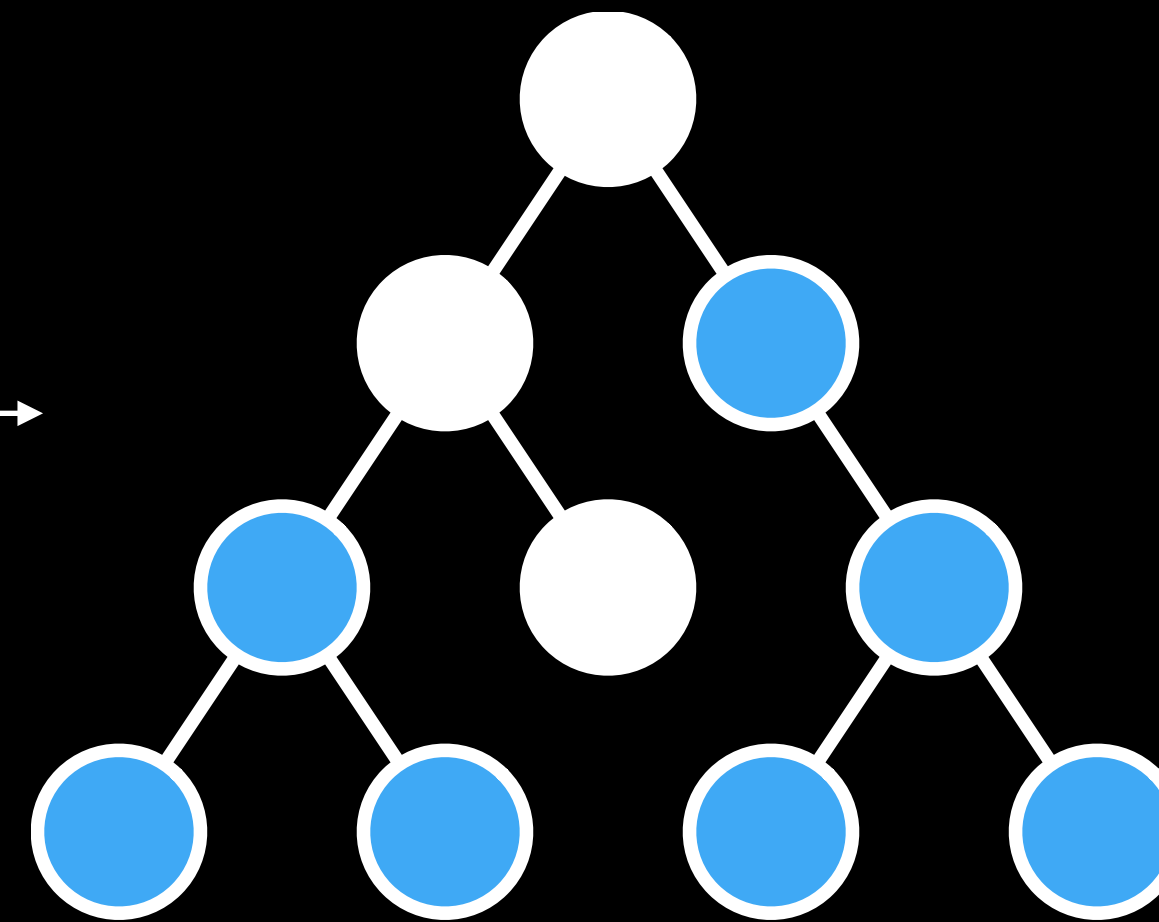


Virtual DOM

Dirty



Re-rendered



Components

“Components let you split the UI into independent, reusable pieces, and think about each piece in isolation”

<https://facebook.github.io/react/docs>

Components

A React component is:

Declarative description
of a cohesive
and composable
unit of UI

Components

```
1  import React from 'react';
2  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
3
4  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
5      render() {
6          return React.DOM.div({ className: 'myDiv' }, 'my text');
7      }
8  }
9
10 ReactDOM.render(
11     React.createElement(MyComponent),
12     document.body
13 );
```

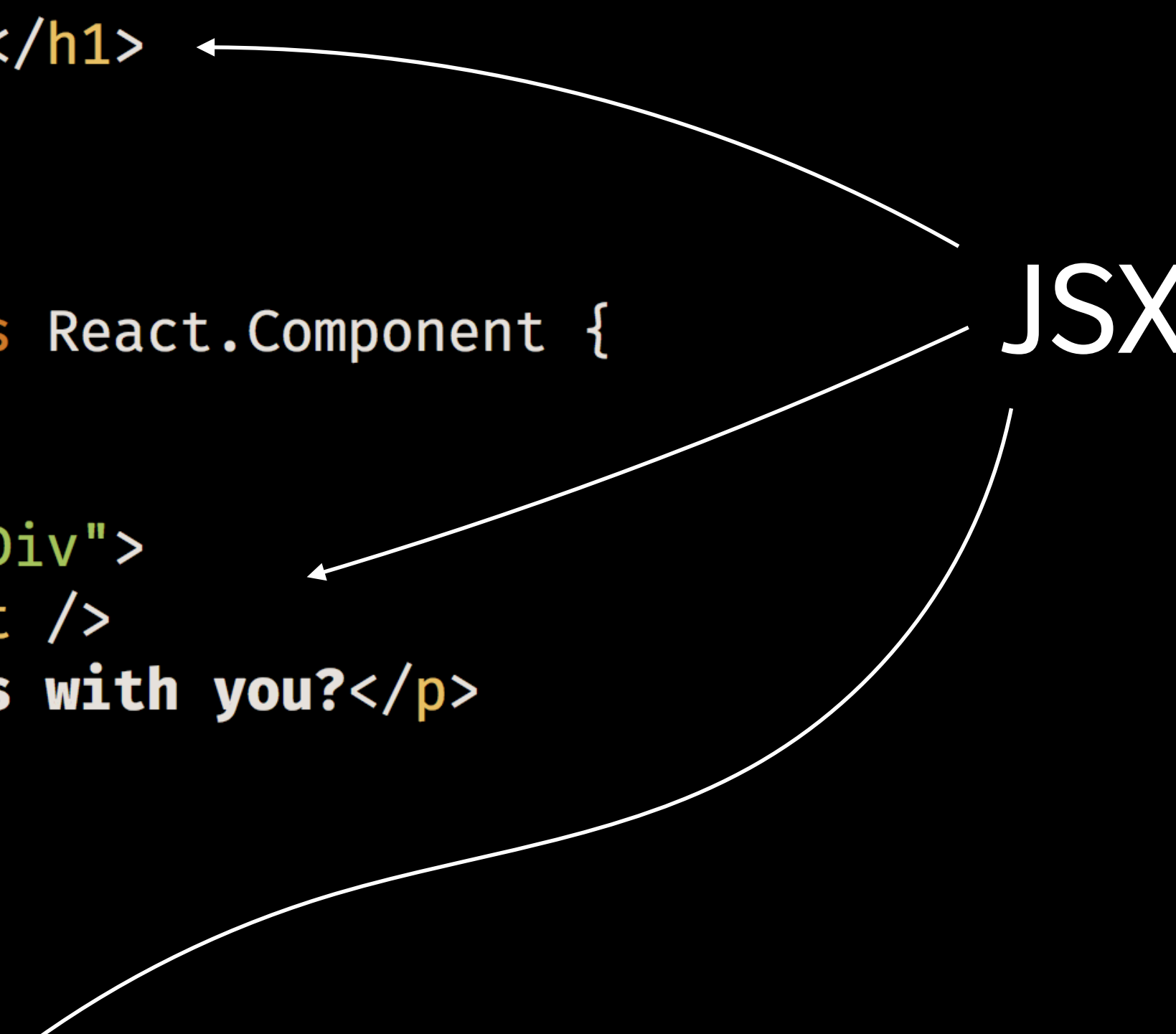
Components

```
1  import React from 'react';
2  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
3
4  class MyOtherComponent extends React.Component {
5    render() {
6      return React.DOM.h1(null, 'Hi there!');
7    }
8  }
9
10 class MyComponent extends React.Component {
11   render() {
12     return React.DOM.div({ className: 'myDiv' }, [
13       React.createElement(MyOtherComponent),
14       React.DOM.p(null, 'How are things with you?')
15     ]);
16   }
17 }
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4  class MyOtherComponent extends React.Component {
5    render() {
6      return <h1>Hi there!</h1>
7    }
8  }
9
10 class MyComponent extends React.Component {
11   render() {
12     return (
13       <div className="myDiv">
14         <MyOtherComponent />
15         <p>How are things with you?</p>
16       </div>
17     )
18   }
19 }
20
21 ReactDOM.render(<MyComponent />, document.body);
```


JSX



Components

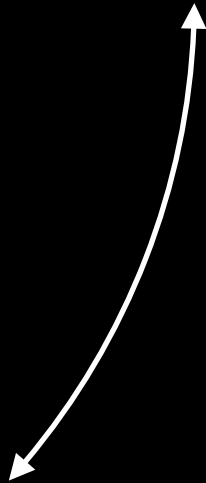
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2  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
3
4  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
5    render() {
6      return (
7        <p> ??? </p>
8      )
9    }
10 }
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12 ReactDOM.render(<MyComponent />, document.body);
```

"Hello there!"



Components

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5    render() {
6      return (
7        <p>{this.props.greeting}</p>
8      )
9    }
10 }
11
12 ReactDOM.render(
13   <MyComponent greeting="Hello there!" />,
14   document.body
15 );
```



Components

Props are to components

what

arguments are to functions

Components

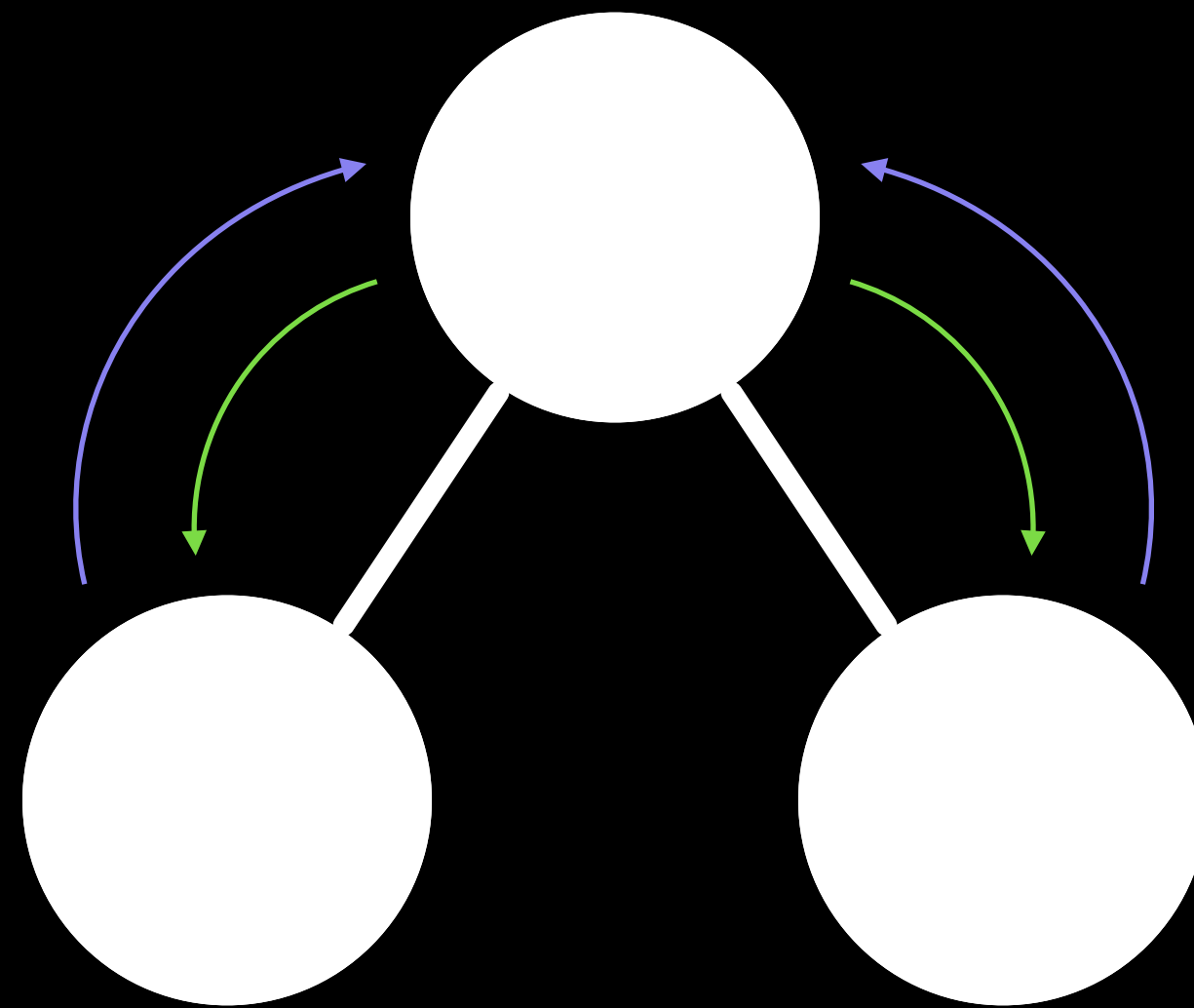
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2  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
3
4  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
5    render() {
6      return (
7        <p>
8          {this.props.greeting}
9          <button onClick={this.props.onButtonClick}>
10             Click me
11          </button>
12        </p>
13      )
14    }
15  }
16
17  function myHandler(event) {
18    console.log('Button clicked');
19  }
20
21  ReactDOM.render(
22    <MyComponent greeting="Hello there!"
23      onButtonClick={myHandler}/>,
24    document.body
25  );
```



One-way Data Flow

*“Properties flow down;
actions flow up”*

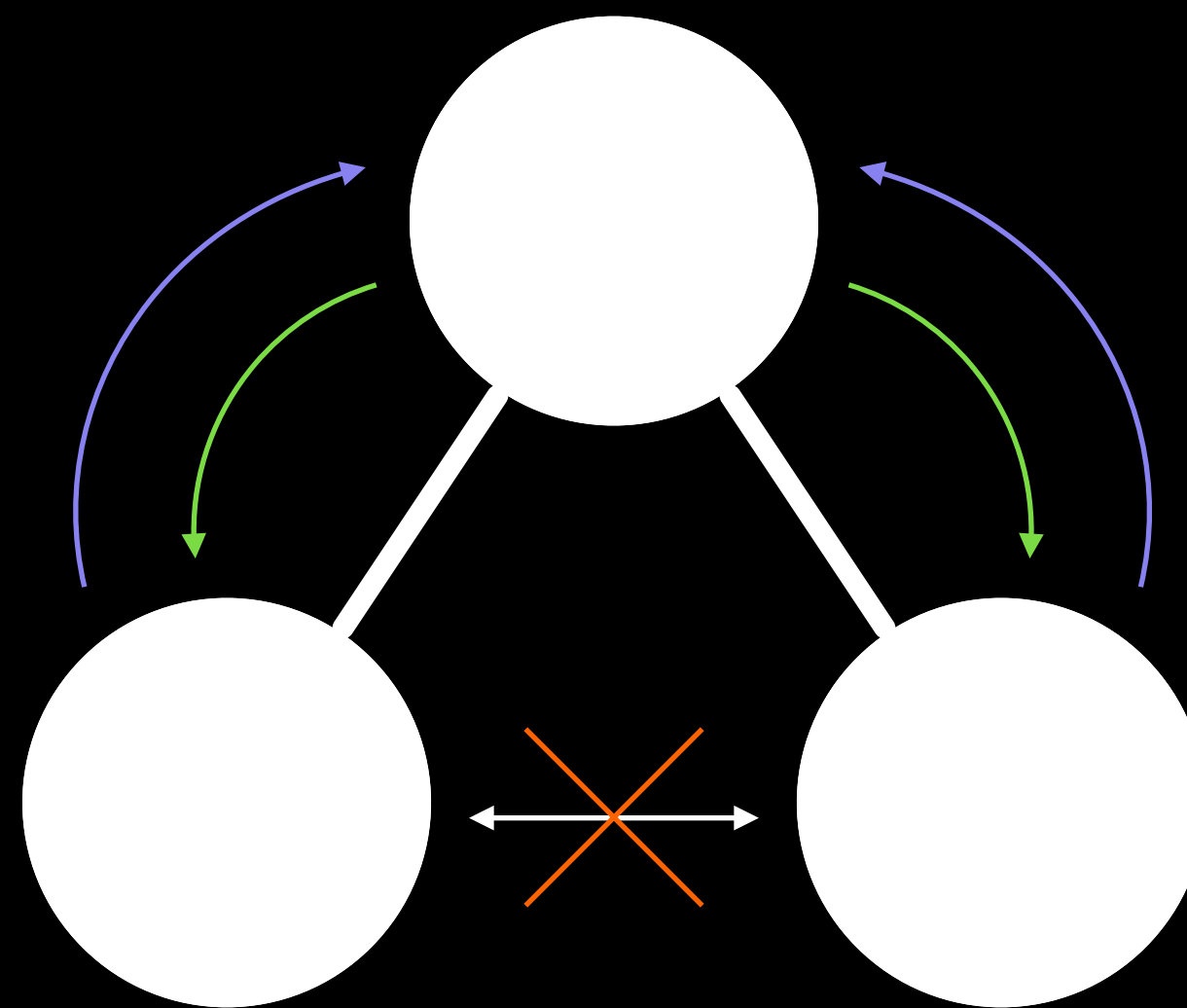
One-way Data Flow



→ props

→ callbacks

One-way Data Flow



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→ callbacks

State

Besides props, components can store and manipulate local state

State

```
constructor() {  
  this.state = { someValue: 1 };  
}  
  
someHandler() {  
  this.setState({ someValue: 2 });  
}  
  
render() {  
  return <p>{this.state.someValue}</p>  
}
```


State

```
1  import React from 'react';
2
3  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
4    constructor() {
5      this.state = { enabled: false };
6
7      this.handleClick = this.handleClick.bind(this);
8    }
9
10   handleClick() {
11     this.setState({ enabled: !this.state.enabled });
12   }
13
14   render() {
15     return (
16       <div>
17         <span>Is enabled: {this.state.enabled}</span>
18         <button onClick={this.handleClick}>Toggle</button>
19       </div>
20     );
21   }
22 }
```

State

```
1  import React from 'react';
2
3  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
4    constructor() {
5      this.state = {
6        currentMessage: '',
7        messages: []
8      };
9    }
10
11    handleInputChange(event) {
12      this.setState({ currentMessage: event.target.value });
13    }
14
15    handleAddClick() {
16      const { currentMessage, messages } = this.state;
17
18      this.setState({
19        currentMessage: '',
20        messages: [ ...messages, currentMessage ]
21      });
22    }
23
24    render() {}
25  }
```

State

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4      constructor() {...}
10
11     handleInputChange(event) {...}
14
15     handleAddClick() {...}
23
24     render() {
25         return (
26             <div>
27                 <p>
28                     <input type="text" value={this.state.currentMessage}
29                         onChange={this.handleInputChange}/>
30                 </p>
31
32                 {this.state.messages.map((message, index) => <p key={index}>{message}</p>)}
33
34                 <button onClick={this.handleAddClick}>
35                     Add message
36                 </button>
37             </div>
38         );
39     }
40 }
```

Lifecycle

“Each component has several ‘lifecycle methods’ that you can override to run code at particular times in the process”

<https://facebook.github.io/react/docs>

Lifecycle

Mounting

constructor()
componentWillMount()
render()
componentDidMount()

Updating

componentWillReceiveProps()
shouldComponentUpdate()
componentWillUpdate()
componentDidUpdate()

Unmounting

componentWillUnmount()

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Lifecycle

```
1  import React from 'react';
2
3  class MyComponent extends React.Component {
4    constructor() {
5      this.state = { ip: null };
6    }
7
8    componentDidMount() {
9      fetch('http://ip.jsontest.com/')
10        .then(response => response.json())
11        .then(result => this.setState({ ip: result.ip }));
12    }
13
14    render() {
15      return (
16        <p>
17          My IP is: {this.state.ip ? this.state.ip : 'unknown'}
18        </p>
19      );
20    }
21  }
```