MOBA2 MOBILE WEB: REACT AND IONIC

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JAVASCRIPT AND JSX

```
// ES5
var HelloComponent = React.createClass({
    render: function() {
        return <div>Hello {this.props.name}</div>;
    }
})

// ES6
class HelloComponent extends React.Component {
    render() {
        return <div>Hello {this.props.name}</div>
    }
}

// Function Component
const HelloComponent = (props) => {
    return (<div>Hello {props.name}</div>)
}
```

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JAVASCRIPT AND JSX

- Component is a mix of JS and HTML code
- Idea: Everything belonging to the component is in one place
- Pure JS notation:

```
render () {
  return React.createElement("div", null, "Hello ", this.props.name)
}
```

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JSX ADOPTION

- Others have since adopted JSX
- Example: Stencil a compiler for Web Components

FEEDBACK

• "A huge step backwards"

• "Rethink established best practices"

A talk by Pete Hunt:

React: Rethinking Best Practices

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SO: WHAT IS REACT?

- React is the "View" in the application
- It is not (only) a framework, it is mainly a concept
- Helps you organize your templates in components
- Separation of concerns where to separate?
- Markup and display logic both share the same concern
- Virtual DOM makes rendering fast

Short: We have components and fast rendering

COMPONENT-DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT



- Power of thinking in smaller pieces
- Work with less responsibility
- Makes things easier to understand, to maintain and to test
- Design your components to be responsible for only one thing

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CONCEPTUAL DIFFERENCES

https://jeffcarp.github.io/frontend-hyperpolyglot/

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CLASS NAMES

```
render() {
  let className = 'menu'
  if (this.props.isActive) {
    className += ' menu-active'
  }
  return <span className={className}>Menu</span>
}
```

PACKAGE CLASSNAMES

- Utility for conditionally constructing classNames
- https://www.npmjs.com/package/classnames

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INLINE STYLES

- The style attribute accepts an object with camelCased properties
- CSS classes are generally more efficient than inline styles, however

```
const divStyle = {
  color: 'blue',
  backgroundImage: 'url(' + imgUrl + ')',
}

function HelloWorldComponent() {
  return <div style={divStyle}>Hello World!</div>
}
```

https://reactjs.org/docs/dom-elements.html#style

PACKAGE CLASSNAMES

```
var classNames = require('classnames')

class Button extends Component {
    // ...
    render () {
        var btnClass = classNames({
            'btn': true,
            'btn-pressed': this.state.isPressed,
            'btn-over': !this.state.isPressed && this.state.isHovered
        })
        return <button className={btnClass}>{this.props.label}</button>
    }
}
```

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INLINE STYLES

- A px suffix is appended automatically to certain numeric properties
- If you want to use othe units, specify the value as a string

CSS-IN-JS

- When CSS is composed using JavaScript
- Various third-party libraries available
- Used in React Native, too

"React does not have an opinion about how styles are defined; if in doubt, a good starting point is to define your styles in a separate *.css file as usual and refer to them using className."

https://reactjs.org/docs/faq-styling.html https://css-tricks.com/a-thorough-analysis-of-css-in-js/

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IMMUTABLE DATA

- Immutable data cannot be changed once created
- Much simpler application development
- No defensive copying necessary
- Immutable.js provides persistent immutable data structures
- Collections should be treated as values rather than objects
- Efficient on modern JavaScript VMs by using structural sharing

https://immutable-js.com

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IMMUTABLE DATA

- fromJS deeply converts JS objects and arrays to immutable maps and lists
- Data setter and getter provide access in our component

```
1 state = {
2   data: fromJS({ ... }),
3 }
4
5 // Getter for "Immutable.js" state data...
6 get data() { return this.state.data }
7
8 // Setter for "Immutable.js" state data...
9 set data(data) { this.setState({ data }) }
```

IMMUTABLE DATA

- State is a plain JS object
- It's data attribute contains an immutable map
- For rendering, the data is converted back to plain JS

```
1 render() {
2   const {
3    articles,
4    title,
5    summary,
6  } = this.data.toJS()
7
8   return (
9    <section> ... </section>
10  )
11 }
```

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LIFECYCLE METHOD

```
1 componentDidMount() {
                      // users(true) to reject Promise
2 users().then(
    (result) => {
       this.data = this.data
          .set('loading', null)
          .set('error', null)
          .set('users', fromJS(result.users))
    },
9
    (error) => {
10
     this.data = this.data
11
          .set('loading', null)
12
          .set('error', error)
13
14 )
```

FETCHING DATA

```
1 class UserListContainer extends Component {
2 state = {
       data: fromJS({
        error: null,
        loading: 'loading...',
        users: [],
      }),
10 // getter, setter, componentDidMount, ...
11
12 render() {
13
      return
        <UserList {...this.data.toJS()} />
15
16 }
17 }
```

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USERLIST COMPONENT

ERRORMESSAGE COMPONENT

```
1 // or... ??
2 const ErrorMessage = ({ error }) =>
3 error ? (<strong>{error}</strong>) : null
```

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MONOLITHIC COMPONENTS

- Implement just one component for any given feature
- There wouldn't be many components to maintain
- There wouldn't be many communication paths

But

- Difficult to coordinate team development
- Difficult to refactor into something better
- Problem of feature overlap
- A lot of state packaged up

OPTIMIZE RENDERING EFFICIENCY

```
class MyList extends Component {
    ...
shouldComponentUpdate (nextProps, nextState) {
    return this.data !== nextState.data;
}
}
```

- Using Immutable.js data, we can simply check for equality
- If nextState.data is the same, nothing has changed

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EXAMPLE (FROM WBE)

Articles

• Article 1 &

Article 1 Summary

- Article 2 X
 Article 3 X
- Article 4 X

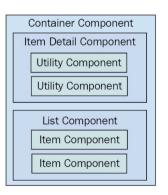
- Articles can be added
- To show/hide summary click on article
- To remove article click on X
- Can be implemented using just one component

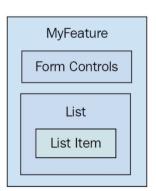
EXAMPLE: STRUCTURE

```
1 render() {
const { articles, title, summary, } = this.data.toJS()
     return (
      <section>
          <h1>Articles</h1>
          <input placeholder="Title" value={title} onChange={this.onChangeTitle} />
          <input placeholder="Summary" value={summary} onChange={this.onChangeSummary} />
10
          <button onClick={this.onClickAdd}>Add</button>
11
12
        <article>
13
          {articles.map(i => ( ... ))} 
14
        </article>
15
      </section>
17 }
18 }
```

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REFACTORING COMPONENT STRUCTURE





EXAMPLE: EVENT HANDLER

```
1 // When the title of a new article changes, update the state
2 // of the component with the new title value, by using "set()"
3 // to create a new map.
4 onChangeTitle(e) {
5    this.data = this.data.set(
6    'title',
7    e.target.value,
8    )
9 }
```

- The set method creates a new immutable map
- Assignment to this.data activites setter method
- Setter method calls [setState] and triggers re-rendering

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REFACTORING COMPONENT STRUCTURE

```
1 class MyFeature extends Component {
 2 render() {
       const { articles, title, summary } = this.data.toJS()
       return (
        <section>
             name="Articles" title={title} summary={summary}
             onChangeTitle={this.onChangeTitle}
             onChangeSummary={this.onChangeSummary}
             onClickAdd={this.onClickAdd} />
11
           <ArticleList
12
             articles={articles}
             onClickToggle={this.onClickToggle}
13
             onClickRemove={this.onClickRemove} />
15
         </section>
16
17 }
18 }
```

REFACTORING COMPONENT STRUCTURE

- Feature component now focuses almost entirely on the state
- It handles the initial state and handles transforming the state
- Would handle network requests, if there were any
- This is a typical container component in a React application
- The other components are the recipients of this data
- They only care about data snapshots at a particular point in time

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COMPONENT INHERITANCE

- Class components are just classes extending the base class [Component]
- You can create your own base components
- Components can inherit state, properties, JSX markup, event handlers

FORMS AND CONTROLLED COMPONENTS

<input placeholder="Title" value={title} onChange={onChangeTitle} />

- Here, every change in the input element changes the state
- Consequently, React state is used as the single source of truth
- Input elements like this are called controlled components

Forms in React

https://reactjs.org/docs/forms.html

Uncontrolled Components

https://reactjs.org/docs/uncontrolled-components.html

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INHERITING JSX AND EVENT HANDLERS

- MyComponent adds some state
- Rendering and event handlers defined in the base class

HIGHER-ORDER COMPONENTS

- Higher-order components are functions that take a component as input and return a new component
- Preferred over inheritance to compose new behavior
- Comparable to higher order functions in Functional Programming

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PROVIDING DATA SOURCES

- Use a higher order function to connect to a data store
- The data store wraps a given component with a data source
- This pattern is used by React libraries such as Redux

Redux

- Predictable state container for JavaScript apps
- Can be used with React, or with any other view library
- It is tiny (2kB, including dependencies)
- https://redux.js.org

CONDITIONAL COMPONENT RENDERING

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NAVIGATION WITH ROUTES

- Almost every web application requires routing
- Process of responding to a given URL
- Based on a set of route configurations
- De facto routing tool for React: react-router package

https://reactrouter.com/en/main

NAVIGATION WITH ROUTES

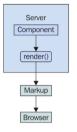
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SERVER-SIDE REACT COMPONENTS

- Better initial load performance
- Sharing code between the backend and frontend

https://reactjs.org/docs/react-dom-server.html

SERVER-SIDE REACT COMPONENTS



- React isn't confined to the browser for rendering
- Components can be rendered on a Node.js server
- Isomorphic JavaScript: JavaScript code that can run in the browser and in Node.js without modification

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REACT INTEGRATION EXAMPLES

- jQuery: encapsulate imperative code
- Bootstrap: pre-defined components
- Ionic: mobile optimized React UI components

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RENDERING IMPERATIVE COMPONENTS

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- Example: a simple jQuery UI button React component
- Lifecycle methods help us encapsulate imperative code
- The [button()] method has to be called on the DOM element

When the *ref* attribute is used on an HTML element, the ref callback receives the underlying DOM element as its argument. This allows you to have direct access to the DOM element or component instance.

In a functional component, a useRef hook would be used.

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RENDERING IMPERATIVE COMPONENTS

BOOTSTRAP

- Popular frontend toolkit
 - https://getbootstrap.com
- React/Bootstrap component libraries
 - https://react-bootstrap.github.io
 - https://reactstrap.github.io/

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EXAMPLE: REACTSTRAP

<ListGroup> <ListGroupItem> Cras justo odio </ListGroupItem> <ListGroupItem active> Dapibus ac facilisis in </ListGroupItem> <ListGroupItem> Morbi leo risus </ListGroupItem> <ListGroupItem> Porta ac consectetur ac </ListGroupItem> <ListGroupItem> Vestibulum at eros </ListGroupItem> </ListGroup>

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IONIC

o ionic framework

- UI toolkit for building mobile apps
- Based on web technologies HTML, CSS, and JavaScript
- Integrations for Angular, React, and Vue
- Can also be used standalone
- Focus: UI controls, interactions, gestures, animations

https://ionicframework.com

PLATFORM STYLES

Platform specific styles: iOS and Android





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INSTALLATION

```
# install Ionic cli
npm install -g @ionic/cli

# create an app
ionic start myApp blank --type=react

# start app
cd myApp
ionic serve
```

FIRST TRY: CDN

TEMPLATES

EXAMPLE: index.tsx

```
import React from 'react'
import ReactDOM from 'react-dom'
import App from './App'

ReactDOM.render(<App />, document.getElementById('root'))
```

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EXAMPLE: Home.tsx (1)

```
<IonContent>
  <IonList>
    <IonItem>
      <IonCheckbox slot="start" />
      <IonLabel>
        <h1>Create Idea</h1>
        <IonNote>Run Idea by Brandy</IonNote>
      </IonLabel>
      <IonBadge color="success" slot="end">
                                                                                A List example
       5 Days
                                                                         Create Idea
      </IonBadge>
    </IonItem>
                                                                         Another Idea
                                                                                             5 Days
  </IonList>
</IonContent>
```

EXAMPLE: App.tsx

```
import React from 'react'
import { Route } from 'react-router-dom'
 import { IonApp, IonRouterOutlet } from '@ionic/react'
import { IonReactRouter } from '@ionic/react-router'
import Home from './pages/Home'
import NewItem from './pages/NewItem'
 /* Core CSS required for Ionic components to work properly */
import '@ionic/react/css/core.css'
 const App: React.FC = () => (
  <IonApp>
      <IonReactRouter>
         <IonRouterOutlet>
               <Route path="/home" component={Home} />
               <Route path="/new" component={NewItem} />
<Redirect exact from="/" to="/home" />
         </IonRouterOutlet>

   </IonApp>
```

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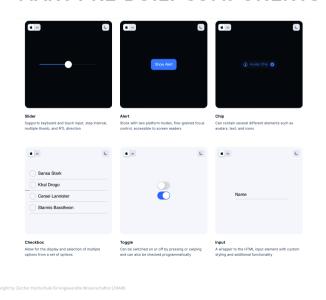
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EXAMPLE: Home.tsx (2)

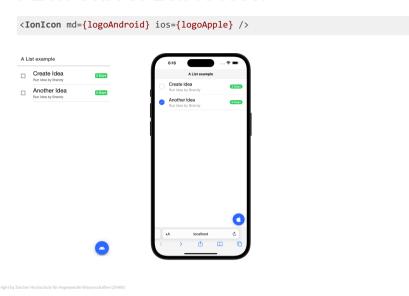
EXAMPLE: NewItem.tsx

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MANY PRE-BUILT COMPONENTS



PLATFORM SPECIFIC ICON



NATIVE APP

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- Access native device functionality
- Camera, Maps, Geolocation, Bluetooth, ...
- Cordova (older) or Capacitor (newer)

https://capacitorjs.com https://cordova.apache.org

READING MATERIAL AND SOURCES

SOURCES

- React A JavaScript library for building user interfaces https://reactjs.org
- Adam Boduch: React and React Native Second Edition, Packt Publishing, 2018
 Packt Online Shop