Content for Challenge 3: Implement the Blog Post Creation and Editing Feature

Requirements for Creation and Editing Features

The blog post creation and editing feature allows users to create new blog posts or edit existing ones through a form. The following requirements outline the functionality and behavior expected:

- **Form Functionality**:
  - The form must support both creating new blog posts and editing existing ones.
  - It must include the following input fields:
    - **Title**: A text input for the blog post's title.
    - **Content**: A textarea or rich text editor for the full content of the post.
    - **Author**: A text input for the author's name.
    - **Publication Date**: A date picker for selecting the publication date.
  - The form must validate inputs to ensure all fields are filled before submission.
  - If any field is empty upon submission, the form should display validation errors below the respective input fields.
  - Upon successful validation, the form should either create a new post or update an existing one, depending on whether it is in "create" or "edit" mode.

- **Responsiveness**:
  - The form must adapt its layout based on the screen size:
    - **Desktop (1200px and above)**: A two-column layout with labels and inputs side by side.
    - **Mobile (up to 768px)**: A single-column layout with labels and inputs stacked vertically.
  - The form should remain usable and visually appealing across all devices.

- **Interactivity**:
    - The form should prefill with existing post data when in "edit" mode.
    - The submit button should be disabled or display a loading state during submission to prevent multiple submissions.
    - After successful submission, the user should be redirected to the blog post list or the updated post's view (optional, based on implementation).

- **Accessibility**:
    - Use semantic HTML for form elements (e.g., `<label>`, `<input>`, `<textarea>`).
    - Ensure that validation errors are announced to screen readers.
    - Provide clear focus states for interactive elements.

- **Styling**:
    - Styles must align with the UI/UX designs provided below.
    - Use CSS modules to scope styles and prevent conflicts.
    - Maintain consistent typography, colors, and spacing.

- **Assumptions**:
    - The parent component or router provides the existing post data (if editing) and handles form submission.
    - Data persistence (e.g., saving to a database) occurs outside the form component.

Component Structure

The blog post creation and editing feature is implemented using a single React component: `BlogPostForm`. This component is reusable for both creating new posts and editing existing ones.

BlogPostForm Component

- **Purpose**: Handles the form for creating or editing blog posts.
- **Props**:
    - `post` (optional): An object containing the existing post's data (e.g., `{ title, content, author, date }`). If provided, the form is in "edit" mode; otherwise, it is in "create" mode.

        - `onSubmit`: A callback function to handle form submission, receiving the form data as an object.
- **State**:
    - Form fields: `title`, `content`, `author`, `date`.
    - Validation errors: An object tracking errors for each field (e.g., `{ title: "Required", content: "Required" }`).
- **Behavior**:
    - If the `post` prop is provided, the form fields are prefilled with the existing post's data.
    - On submission, the form validates that all fields are filled:
        - If any field is empty, display an error message below the respective field.
        - If all fields are valid, call `onSubmit` with the form data.
    - The form should reset or clear after successful submission (optional, based on implementation).
- **Example Structure**:

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

import styles from './BlogPostForm.module.css';

const BlogPostForm = ({ post, onSubmit }) => {

  const [title, setTitle] = useState(post?.title || '');

  const [content, setContent] = useState(post?.content || '');

  const [author, setAuthor] = useState(post?.author || '');

  const [date, setDate] = useState(post?.date || '');

  const [errors, setErrors] = useState({});

  const handleSubmit = (e) => {

    e.preventDefault();

    const newErrors = {};

    if (!title) newErrors.title = 'Required';

    if (!content) newErrors.content = 'Required';
    if (!author) newErrors.author = 'Required';

    if (!date) newErrors.date = 'Required';

    if (Object.keys(newErrors).length > 0) {

      setErrors(newErrors);

    } else {

      onSubmit({ title, content, author, date });

    }

  };

  return (

    <form className={styles.blogPostForm} onSubmit={handleSubmit}>

      <div className={styles.formGroup}>

        <label htmlFor="title">Title</label>

        <input

          id="title"

          value={title}

          onChange={(e) => setTitle(e.target.value)}

        />

        {errors.title && <p className={styles.error}>{errors.title}</p>}

      </div>

      {/* Other form fields similarly */}

      <button type="submit">Submit</button>

    </form>
  );

};

export default BlogPostForm;
```

Architecture Notes

- **Parent Component**: Provides the `post` data (if editing) and the `onSubmit` handler to manage form submission.
- **Dependencies**: Assumes React is available; additional libraries (e.g., for rich text editing or date picking) may be integrated as needed.
- **File Structure**:
  - `BlogPostForm.js`
  - `BlogPostForm.module.css`

UI/UX Designs

The UI/UX designs provide a visual guide for the blog post form, ensuring a consistent and user-friendly experience across devices.

Desktop View (1200px and above)

- **Layout**:
  - The form is centered with a maximum width of 800px.
  - Form fields are arranged in a two-column layout:
    - Labels on the left (aligned right).
    - Inputs on the right (aligned left).
  - Each form group (label + input) is on its own row.
- **Typography**:
  - Labels: 16px, regular, #333333.
  - Inputs: 16px, regular, #333333.
  - Error messages: 14px, regular, #FF0000 (red).
- **Styling**:
  - Inputs and textarea: Light gray border (#CCCCCC, 1px), rounded corners (4px).
  - Submit button: Blue background (#007BFF), white text, rounded corners.
  - Validation errors appear below the respective input fields.
- **Spacing**:
  - 20px vertical spacing between form groups.
  - 10px spacing between label and input in each group.
  - Submit button aligned to the right, with 20px margin above.

Mobile View (up to 768px)

- **Layout**:
  - The form takes the full width of the screen.
  - Form fields are stacked vertically:
    - Label above the input.
    - Each form group (label + input) is stacked.
- **Typography**:
  - Labels: 14px, regular, #333333.
  - Inputs: 14px, regular, #333333.
  - Error messages: 12px, regular, #FF0000.
- **Styling**:
  - Inputs and textarea: Full width, same border and corner styles as desktop.
  - Submit button: Full width, same colors as desktop.
- **Spacing**:
  - 15px vertical spacing between form groups.
  - 5px spacing between label and input in each group.
  - Submit button with 15px margin above.

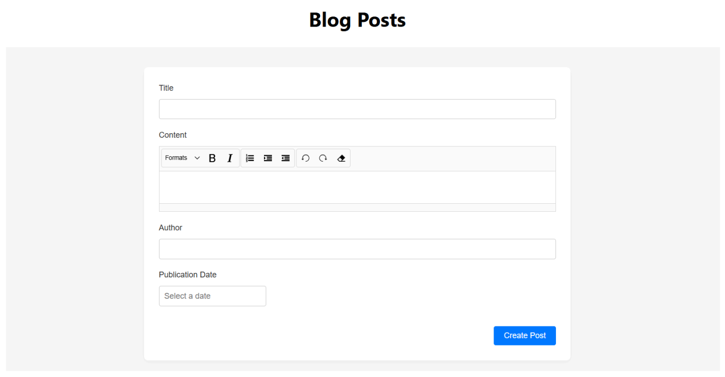
Visual Notes

- **Consistency**: Use a sans-serif font (e.g., Arial or Roboto) across all views.
- **Focus States**: Inputs should have a blue outline (#007BFF) on focus for accessibility.
- **Error Handling**: Errors should be clearly visible and associated with the correct field.

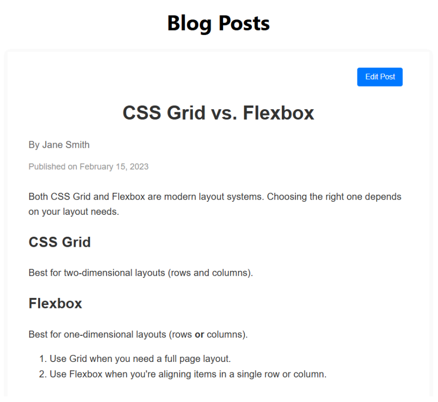
Reference Screenshots

Desktop view:

1. **New post page**



2. **Edit existing post button**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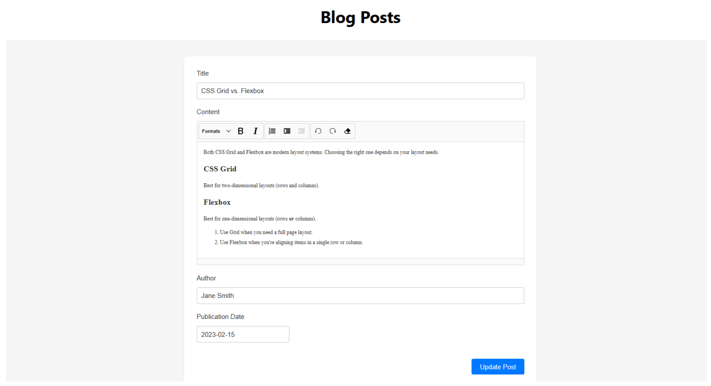
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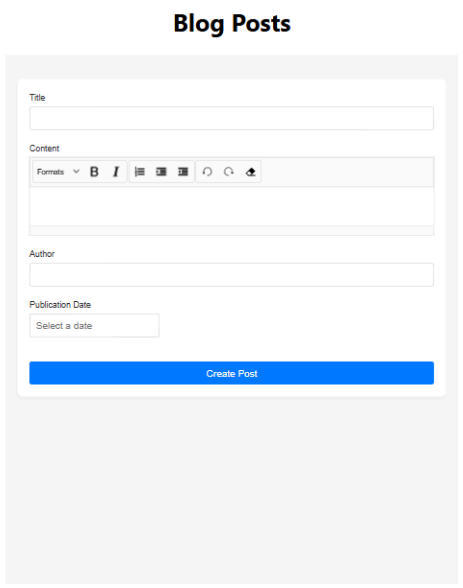
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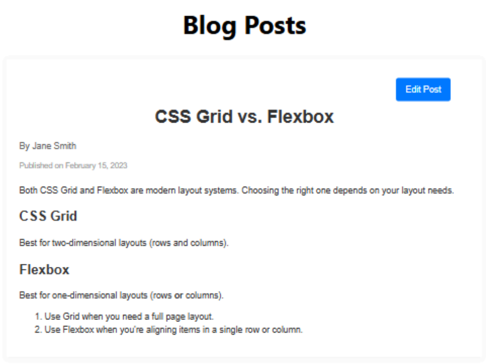

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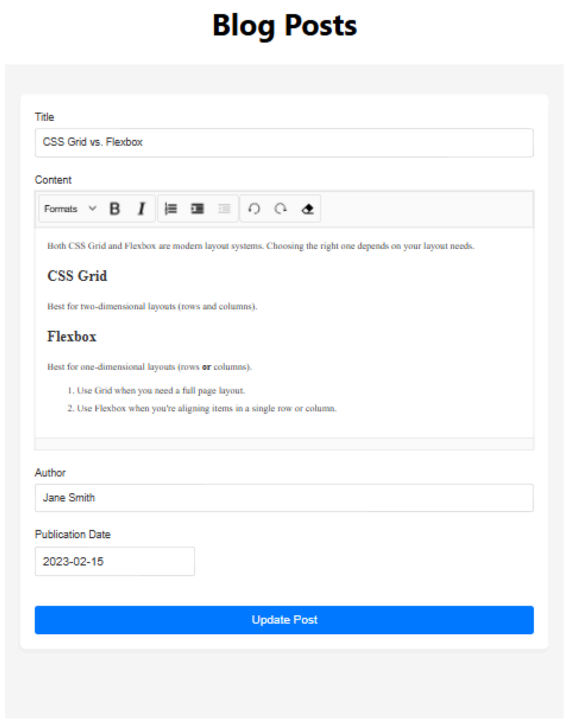

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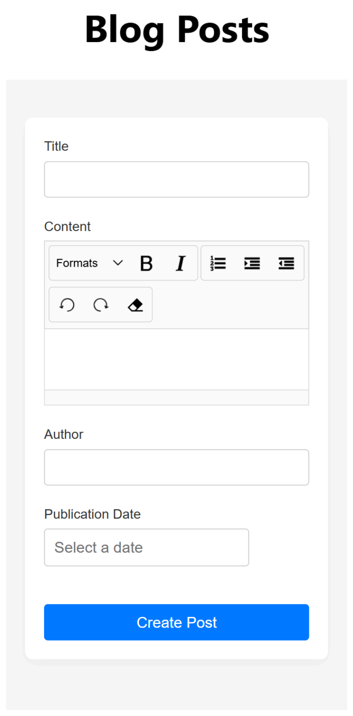

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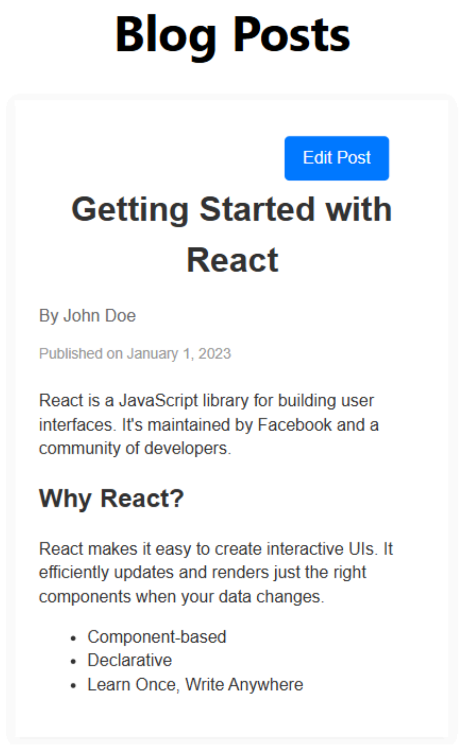

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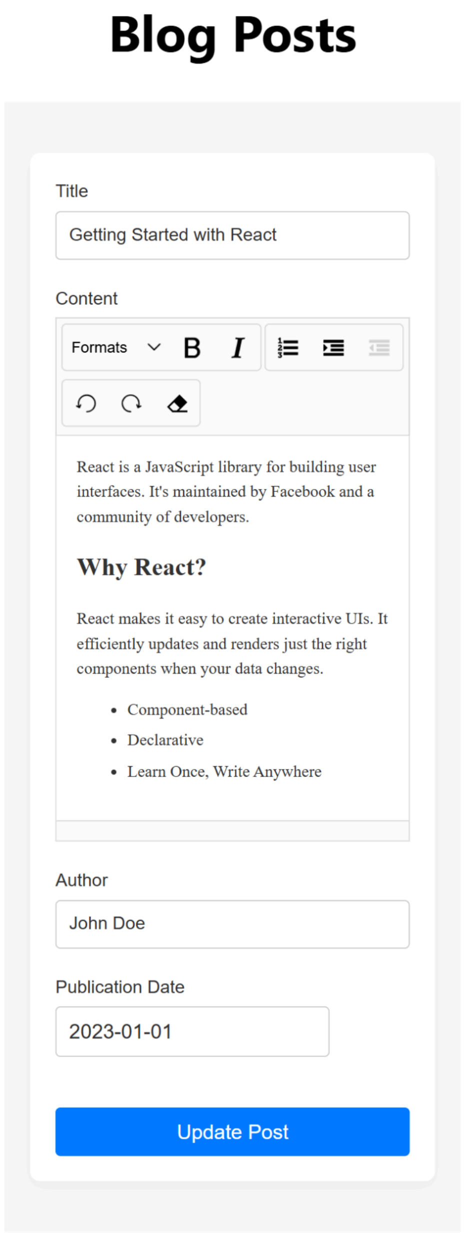

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This content gives you a comprehensive foundation for implementing the blog post creation and editing feature. With the detailed requirements, component structure, and UI/UX designs, you can now proceed to develop the `BlogPostForm` component, ensuring it is responsive, accessible, and aligned with the specified designs. Let me know if you need further assistance with the implementation!