




Global State in React

Web Development
Lesson 20.3





What is “state”?



It is **data or information that gets changed** or manipulated throughout the runtime of a program.



The "state" of a program at a given time refers to **a snapshot of all the data** the program is currently looking at or analyzing to get to the next step in it's execution

State is variables that are watched

Example: Cars have state. What happens when...



...you insert the key into the ignition?



...turn the key?

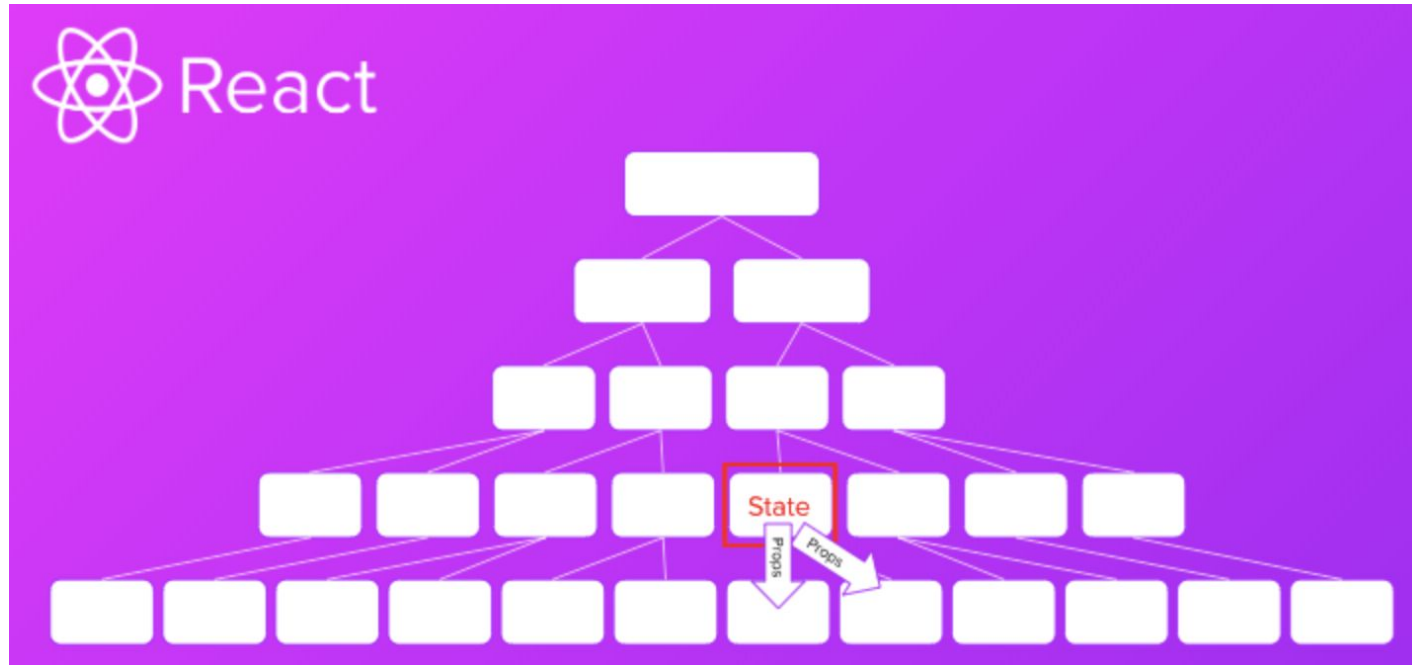


...press the brake pedal?



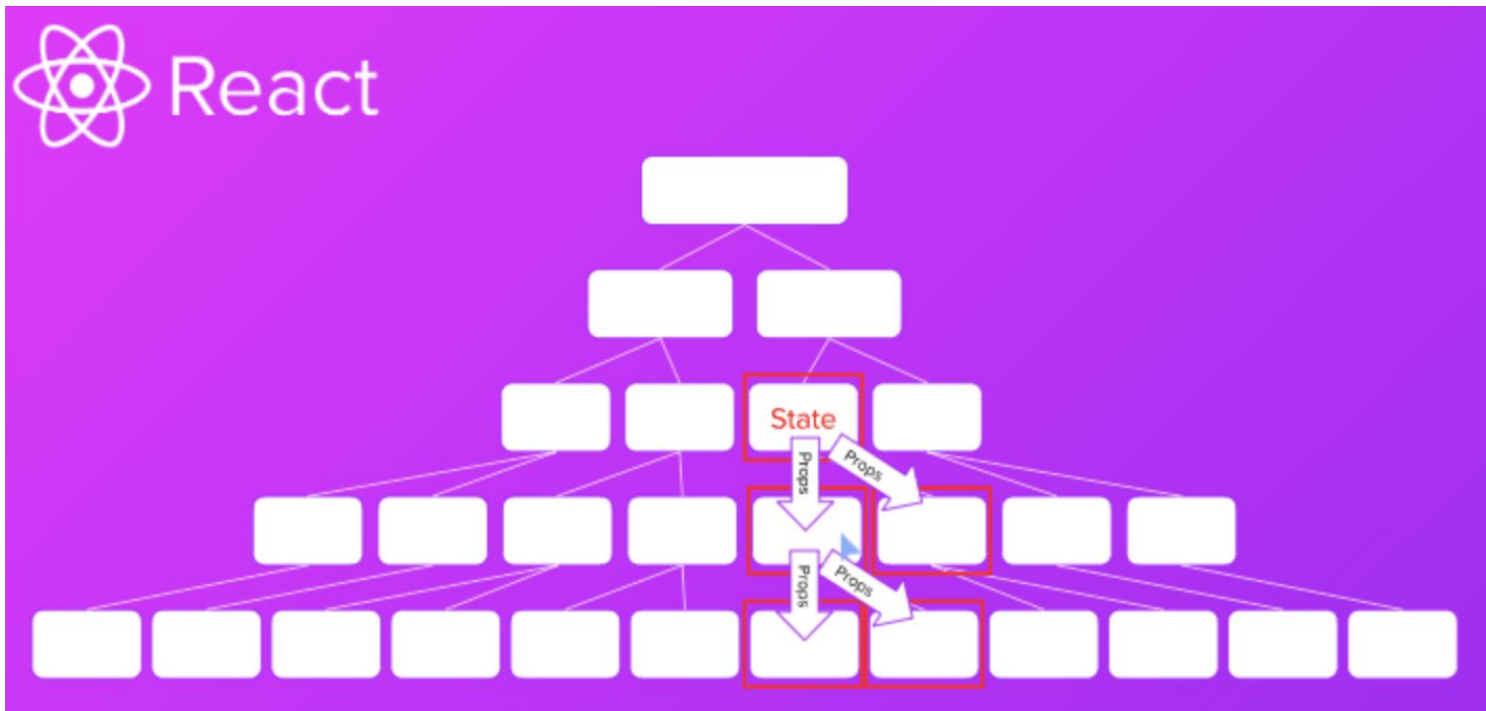
...shift into Drive?

Global State



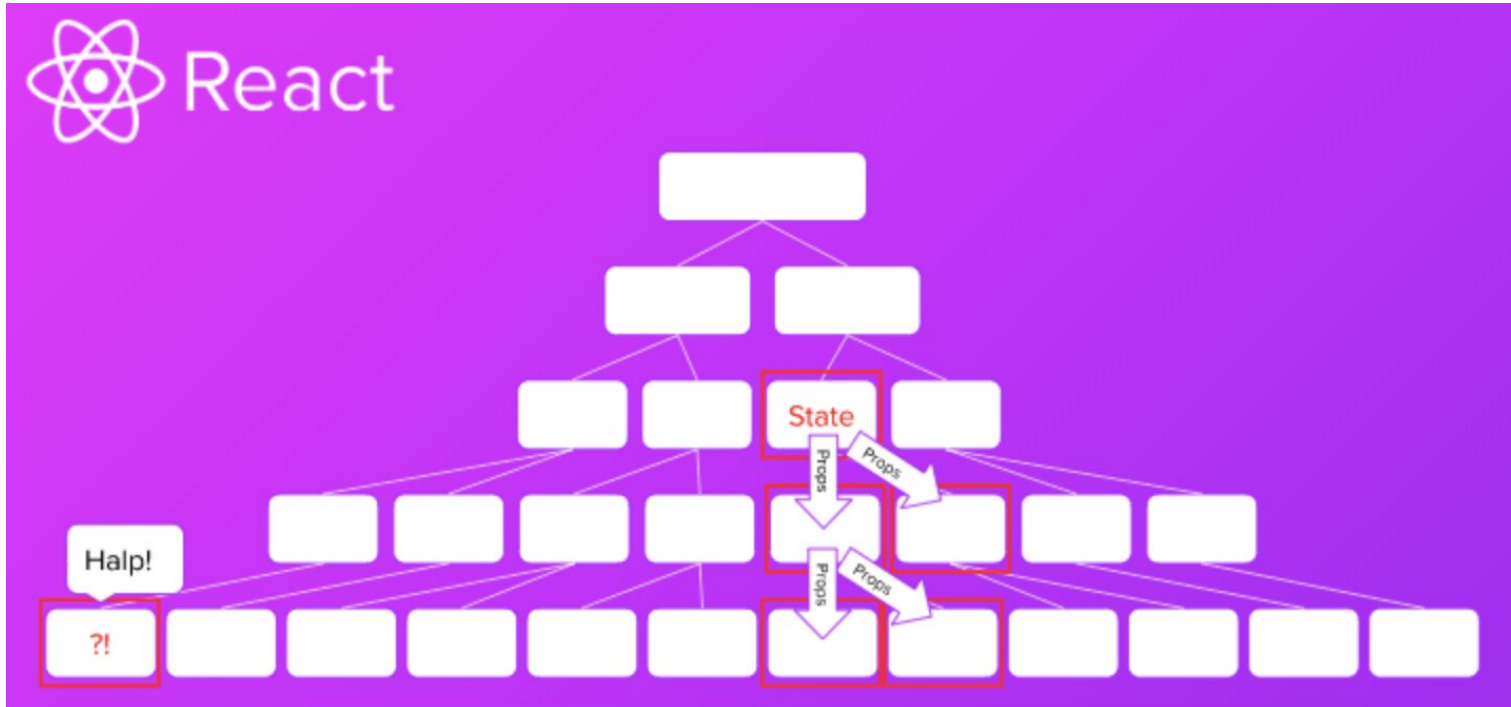
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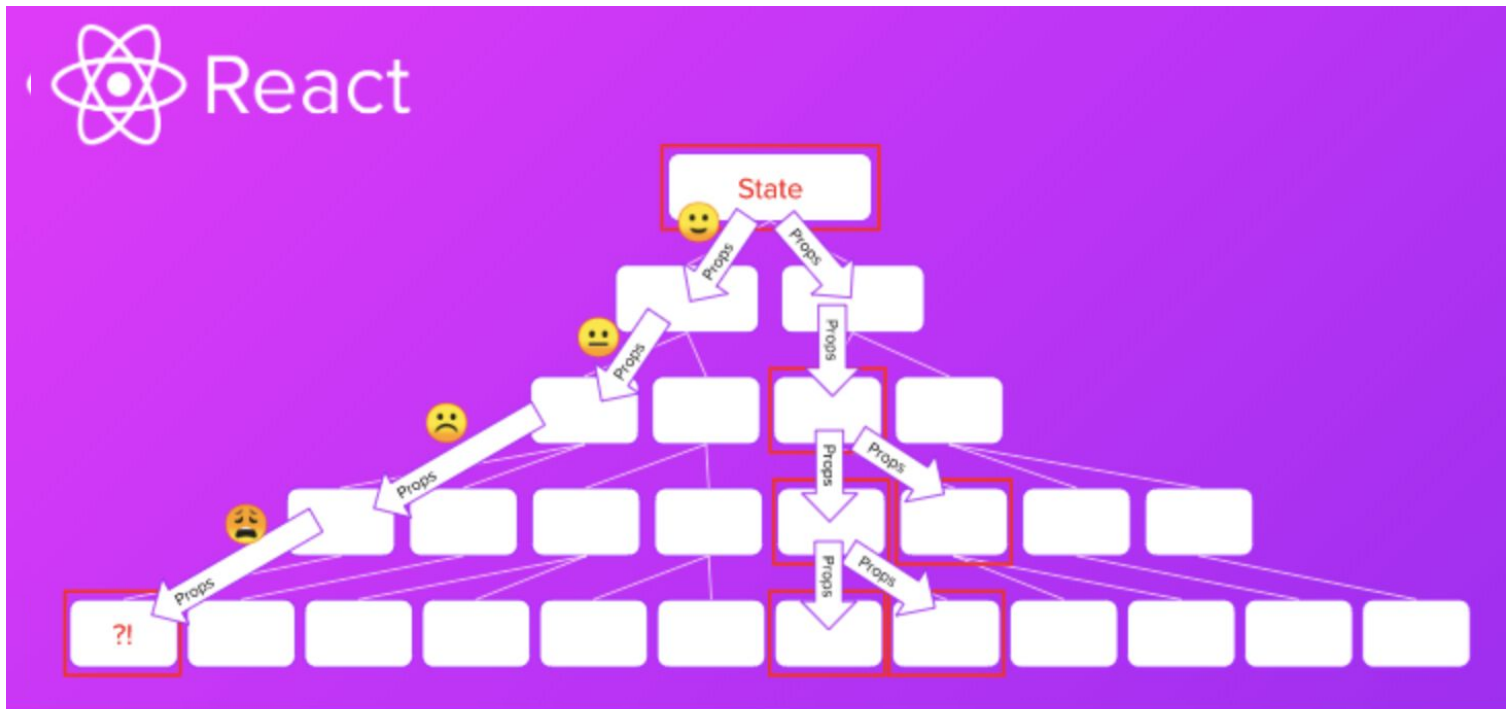
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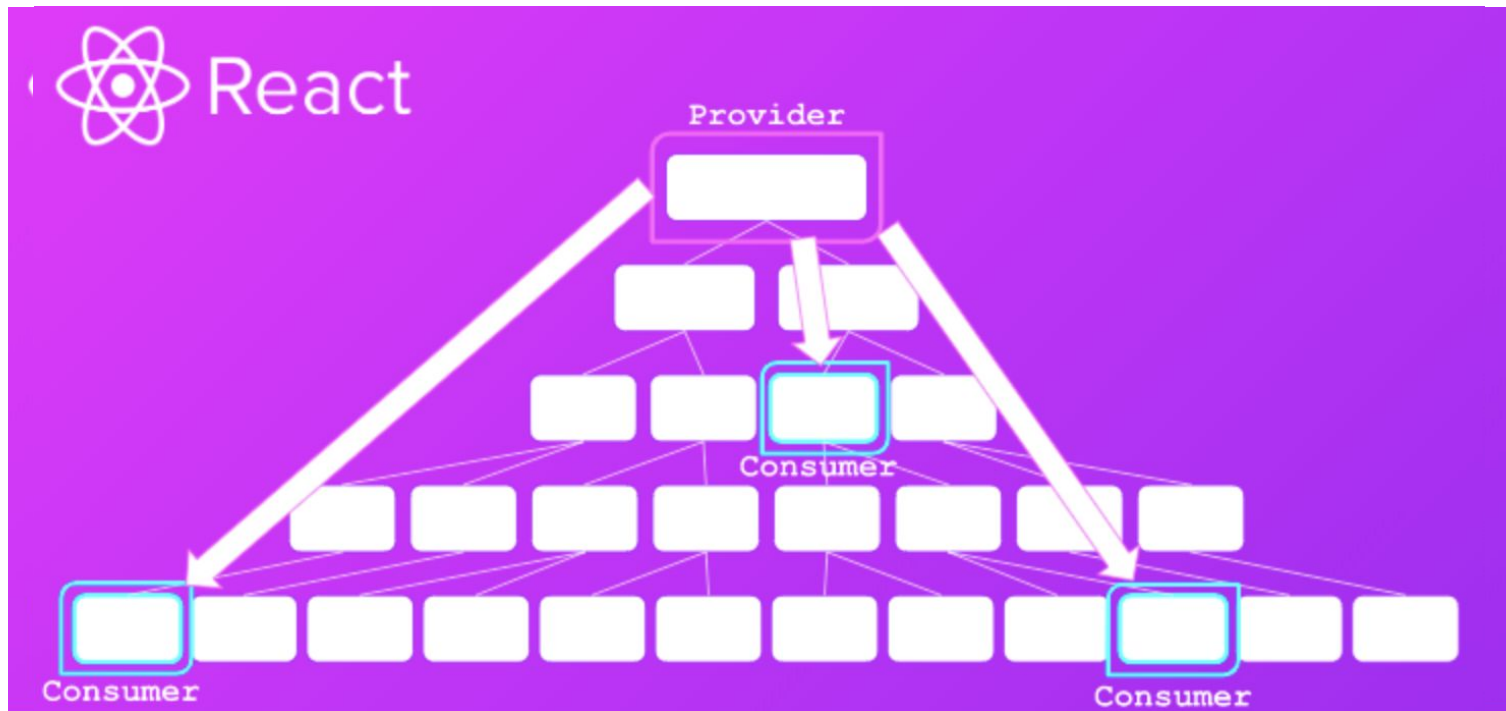
Global State

This can lead to *prop drilling*



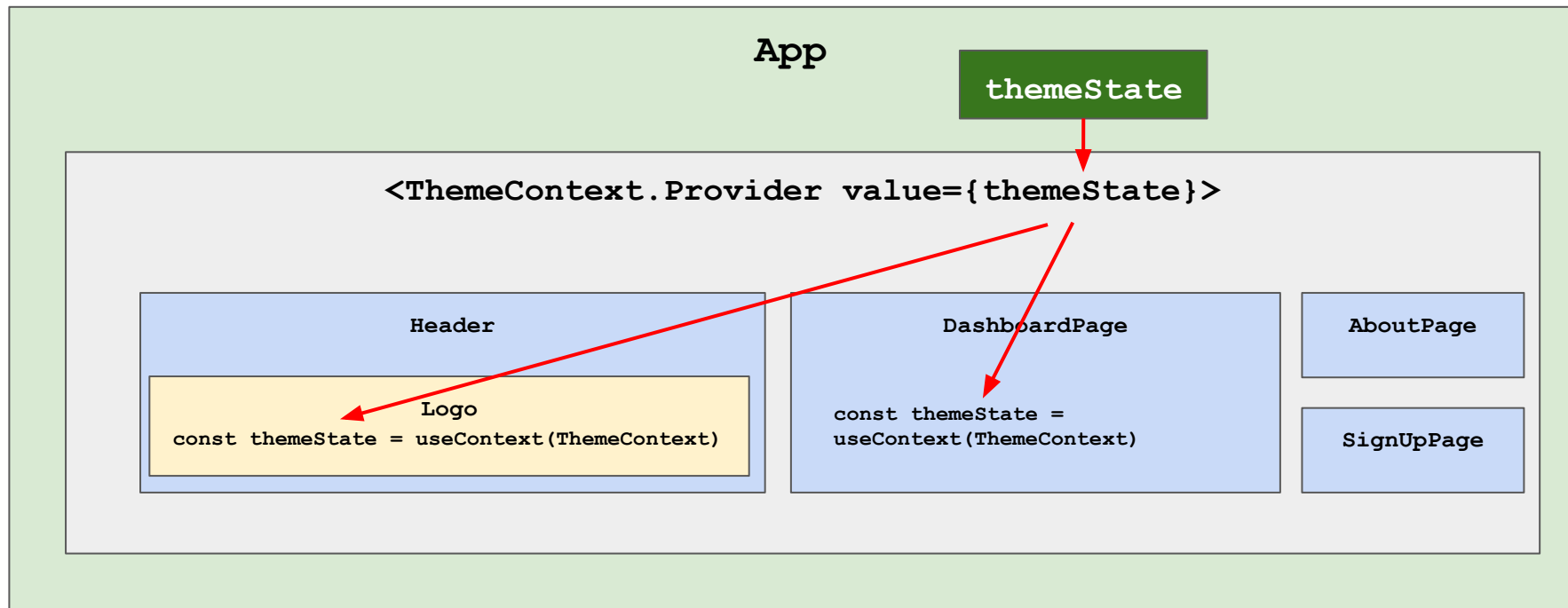
Global State

Solution: `Context` API



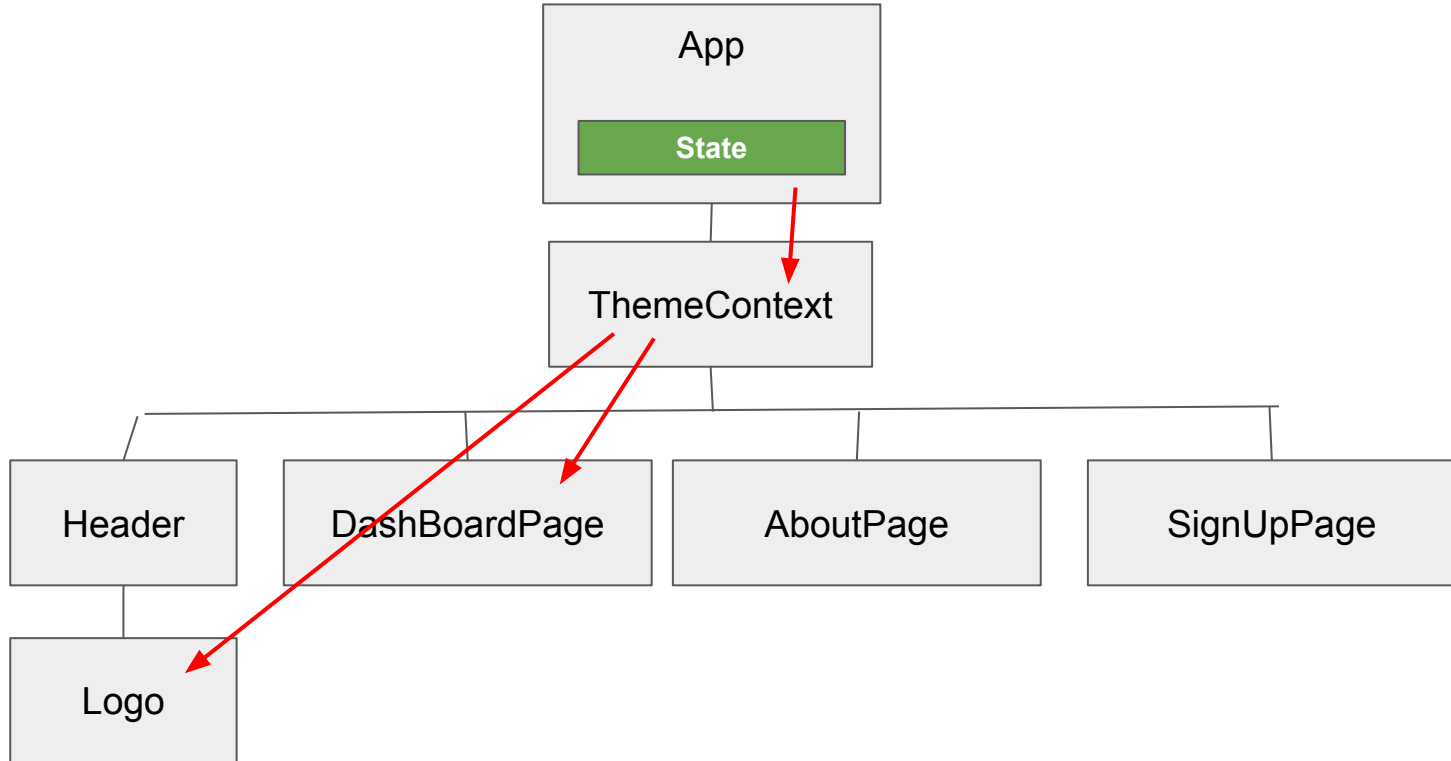
Context provider != Global State


It “provides” a shortcut to Global State



Global State in Parent Component

State still flows down, but instead through a Context Provider

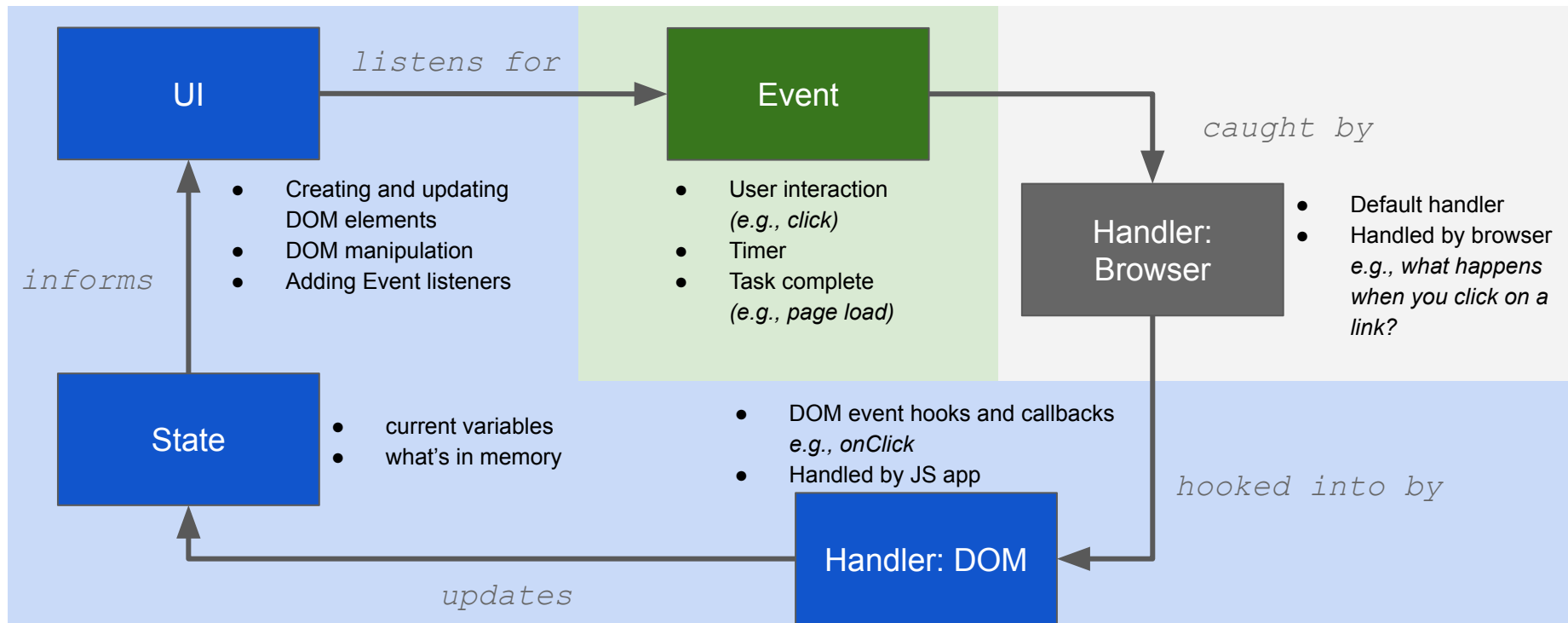




What is a reducer?

Event loop

Handling user interaction





A **reducer** is a function that knows how to resolve new state from a given action

Reducers are functions

They take two parameters to create a new state

01

state

- The previous state
- Immutable

02

action

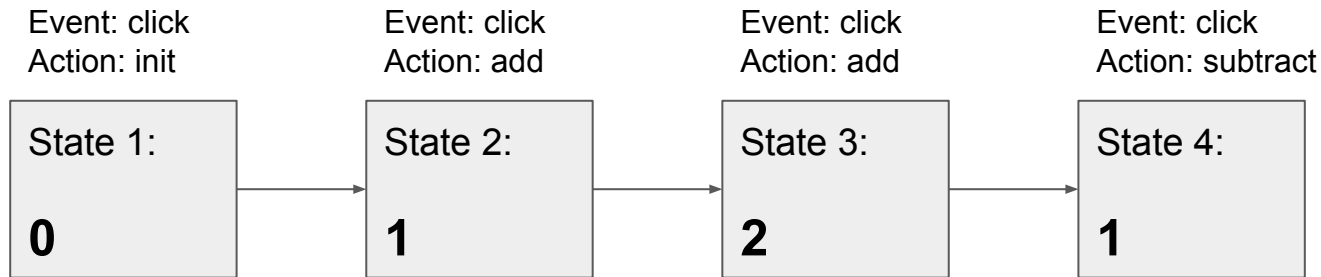
Two parts:

- An action label (e.g., "add")
- A payload
 - Anything needed by the reducer to create the next state
 - E.g., a new value, something to add to the old value

State changes over time

E.g., increment or decrement

Everytime you click the increment or decrement button, state changes based on an **action**



When we reduce an action, we create a new state (i.e., new memory).

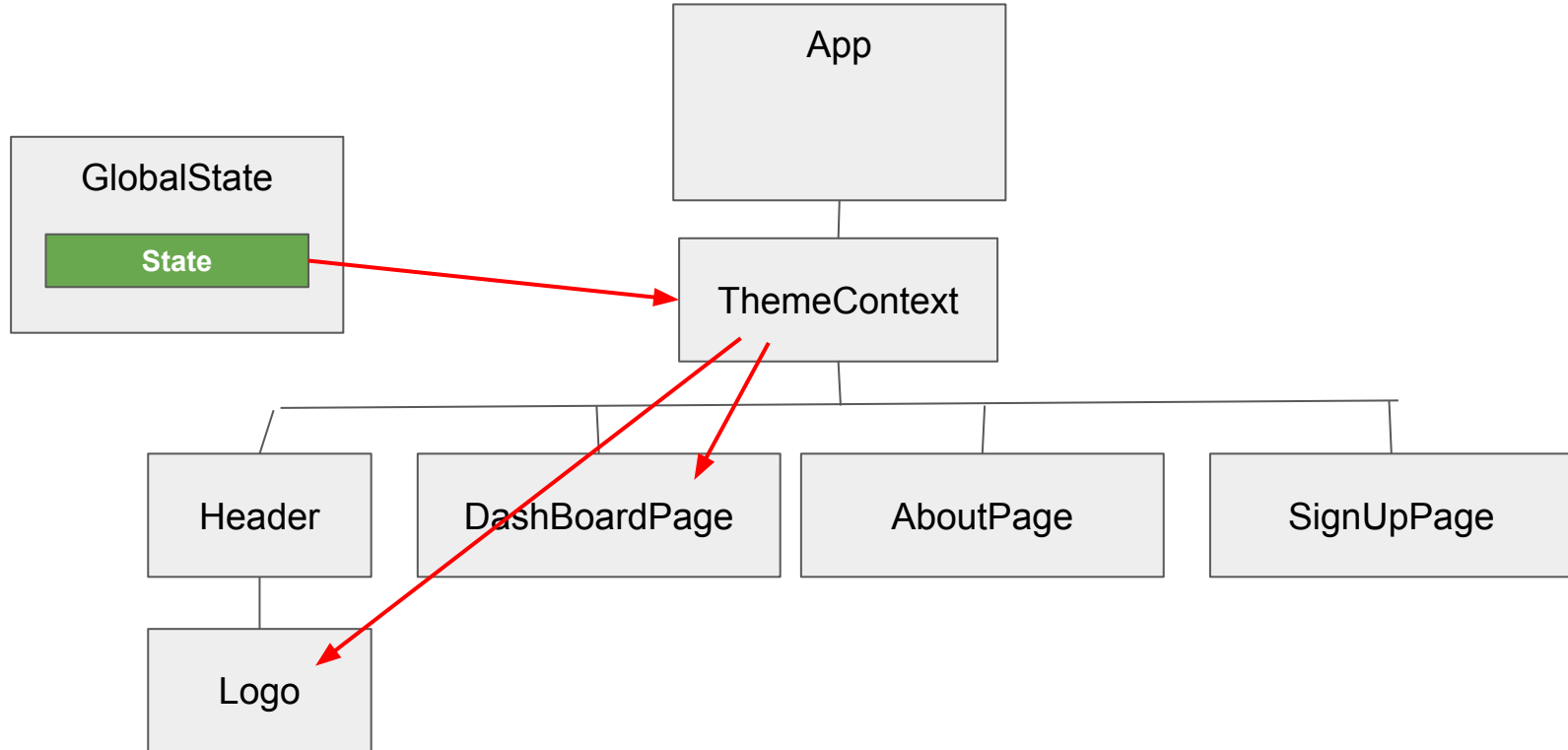
- For primitives (e.g., strings, numbers, booleans) we just provide state with a new value
- For objects and arrays, **we need to create an entirely new instance even if we are only changing one property**



Reducers encapsulate the logic needed to create a new state for every action

Global Store

Can we do this?



Global Store

Uses all the parts we learned this week



State (usually an object)



A context provider



A reducer



A custom useContext hook

Elements of State Management



State: data or information that gets changed or manipulated throughout the runtime of a program



Context: a defined environment that **provides** state to components that need to **consume** state



Reducer: a function that resolves changes to state for a given action



Store: a module that defines and maintains state, provides context, and reduces changes