

A React Component

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React Component

- Conceptually similar to an HTML Element
- Below is the code for something like a h2 tag

```
<h2>Hello From React</h2>
```

```
var component = React.createElement( "h2",
                                     null,
                                     "Hello From React" );
```

1. Tag name
2. Attributes needed
3. content

Virutal DOM

- React components are not really HTML Element.
- They are virtual objects that will be translated to HTML element by another library
- React maintains a virtual DOM in memory for faster manipulation
- This virutal DOM can't be directly displayed in browser using

```
document.getElementById("placeholder").innerHTML = reactComponent;
```

ReactDOM

- Another library that translates a virtual DOM into a real DOM
- This library will be used only once in your entire application

```
<script src="https://unpkg.com/react-dom@17/umd/react-dom.development.js" crossorigin></script>
```