

React: Component base programming

==> reusable HTML Comp (backed by JS)

Resources: react js lib (engine): available as single file (eg: jquery)

additional lib: react-dom.js (virtual DOM)

backend/programming : Domain specific language : JSX (ES6)

=>javascript and XML

=> ES6(not supported by browser)

Transpiler : one S/C structure to another S/C structure

JSX + ES6 ----> (ES5)

babel/TRaceur

IDE: VS Code

node installation

npm:

need to install : react CLI

Facebook : React-app boilerplate generator (create-react-app : need to install)

installing react-tool

>npm i -g create-react-app

creating a react app:

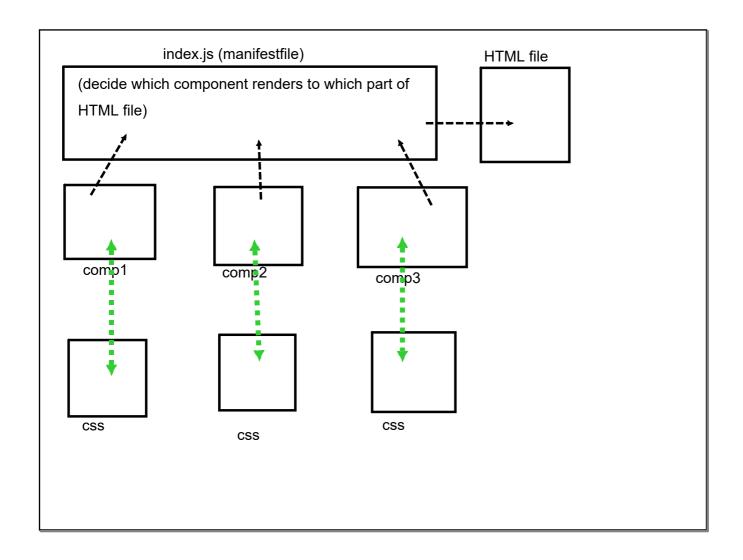
>create-react-app croject-name>

public HTML file(s) src (React / JS)

HTML file will use a JS(ES5) converted from React Resources

3 specific resources for a React comp

- 1. js file (contains code for React comp)
- 2. test file (unit test code for that comp)
- 3. css file (css for that component)



React

Component named as APP : new tag <app> (not a HTML tag) (JSX TAG)</app>	
Launching React app : npm start	

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Creating React Component:

# React comp : JS class

# Create a JS class : extends (inherit) React.Component

class Welcome extends React.Component{

// method needs to override

render(){

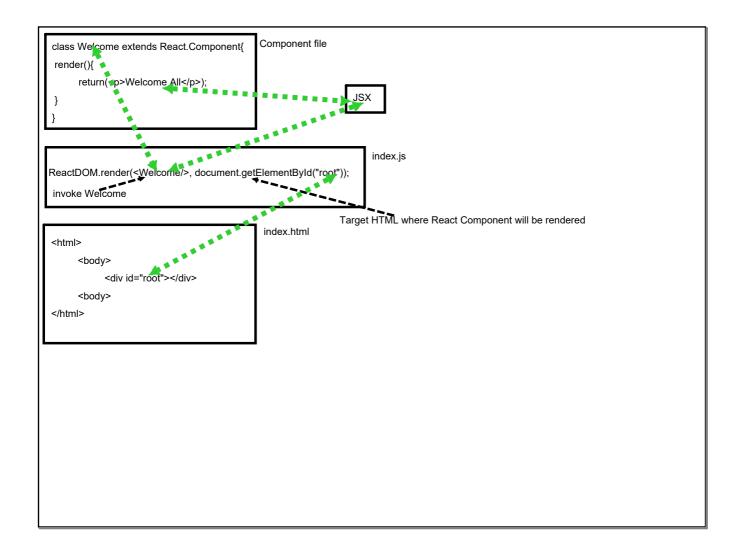
// must return the dynamic UI to render

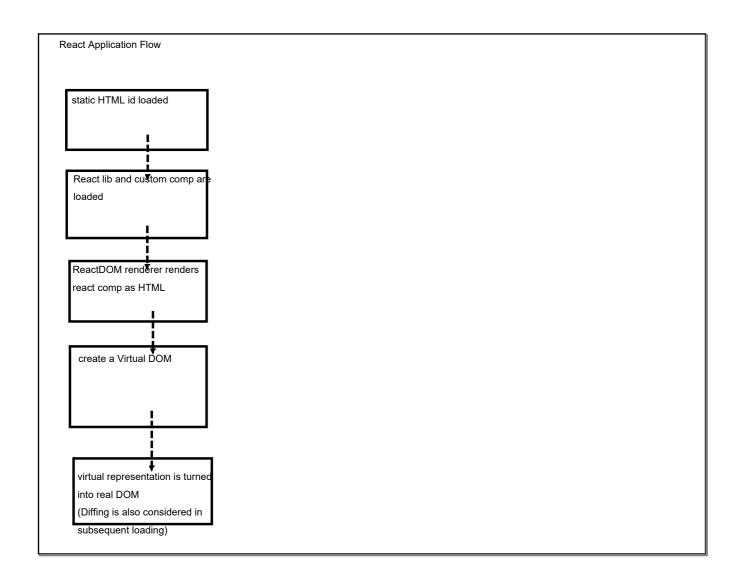
return (<JSX Code>)

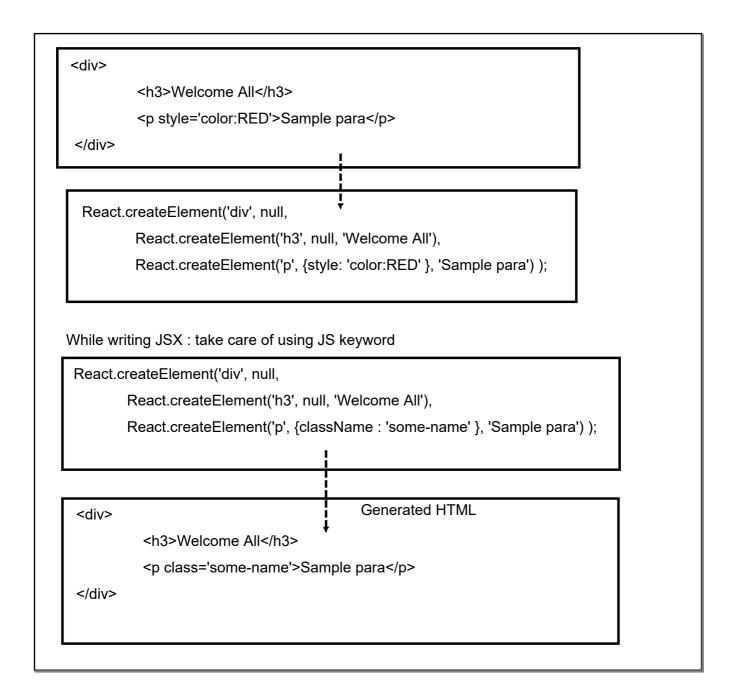
}
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need to specify where to put output (index.js)

ReactDom.render(<component name>, <location on html web page where to provide its output>);

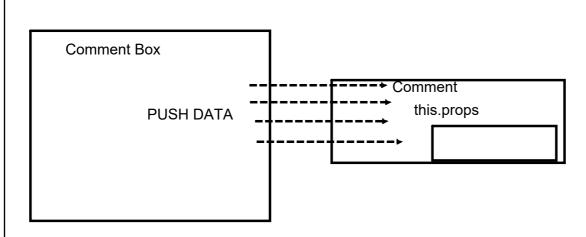






Writing pure JS code in JSX: binding in curly set of braces {Javascript}	

Jse Case :	
Commenting Engine:	
==> allow visitors to post comments on blog post	
==> able to show and hide comments	
==>Able to add new comment	
==>able to delete comment	
Co	mment Box
Entry form for adding new comment	Show/Hide
Author Name : Comment	delete X



need to pass values to Comment comp from Comment Box (Arguments)

Arguments passed as 'props'

Usage: looks like attributes of HTML

Reading props

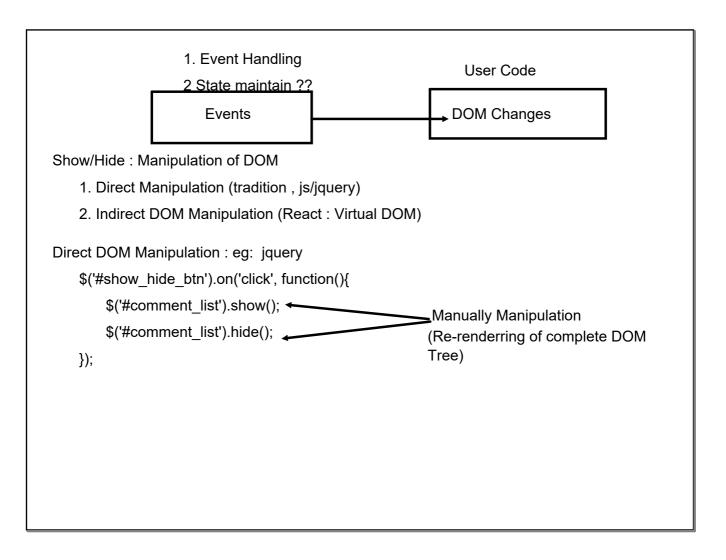
All props passed is available in a inbuilt object (this.props)

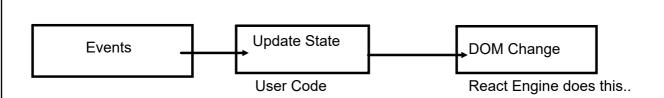
Type of prop values: React JS by default provides one way data flow

1. String

Parent to child

- 2. Number
- 3. Boolean
- 4. Array
- 5. Object
- 6. function

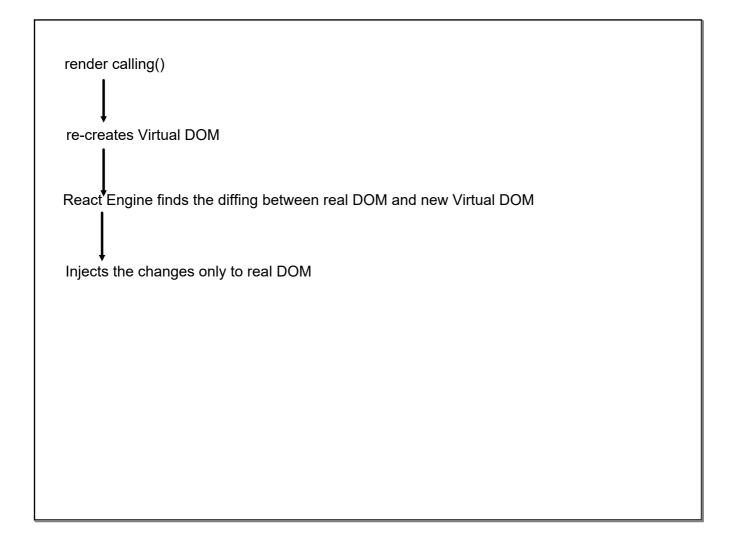




- => We don't modify DOM directly
- =>We modify the component state object (in response to event etc..)
- =>React handles the update

State Object: JS Object live inside each Component (this.state)

: any modification in state object will trigger render() (callback)



state : JS Object (by default empty)

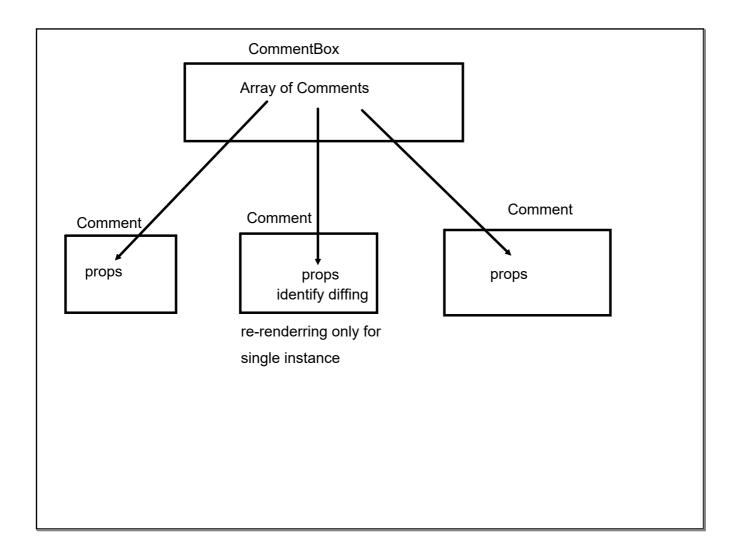
==> we need to add custom fld

==> constructor : set the initial state

Trigger of render takes place in following cases...

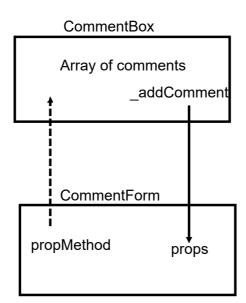
- 1. Changes in state object
- 2. any modification in props values
- 3. any modification in instance members

Note: Do not modify any of the above elements inside the render method (else could result into circular calls over render method)



Adding new Comments:

need to add new component to add comments



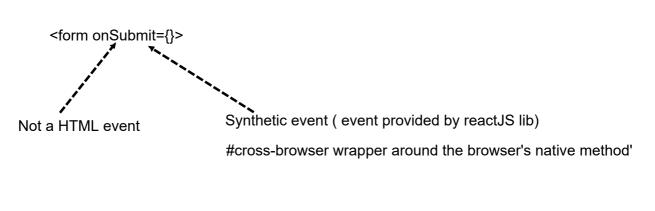
#_addComment of parent will be called by child component

- ==> Need to transfer comment list to state object
- ==> Need to have a custom method to receive/accept new info from child component and i update the state
- ==> Need to have the values of form fields available as instance member of Component class (so that we can decide upon what to do with form fields)

ref (JSX attribute): asks for a method to decide upon what to do with current html form field

<input placeholder="Author:" a new instance member would be created
 ref={(input) => this._author = input}/>

==> Need to prevent the default behavior of Submit button



ensures that events have a consistent behavior across browsers

Need to talk with server:

All interactions with server would be async (simple : jquery ajax)

- 1. fetch list of comments from server
- 2. new comment needs to shared with server
- 3. deletion to be informed to server
- 4. multi user env

React Component life cycle

constructor()

componentWillMount() : call _fetchComment (once) : before first render call

render(): multiple times

componentDidMount(); : after first renderring (once)

componentWillUnmount(); just before component is removed

polling : periodically check for updates : continous call of fetchComment() at regular interval # Need to initiate a polling process : componentDidMount()

