

# CLIENT SIDE WEB ENGINEERING REACT

# REACT

- » Component based library to build composable UIs
- » OpenSourced in 2013
- » Implemented and Maintained by Facebook
- » Learn once, write anywhere
  - » React-Native
  - » React-Native-Desktop
  - » React-Native-Windows

# COMPONENTS

“Components let you split the UI into independent, reusable pieces.<sup>[^1]</sup>”

- » Main Building block of a React App
- » Describe the look and feel of one section in the UI

# REACT COMPONENTS

```
const Button = () => {  
  return (  
    <button type='button'>  
      A button  
    </button>  
  )  
}
```

// Usage

```
React.renderComponent(<Button />, document.body)
```

# REACT CLASS COMPONENTS

» Alternative syntax for components

```
class Button extends React.Component {  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <button type='button'>  
        A button  
      </button>  
    )  
  }  
}
```

// Usage

```
React.renderComponent(<Button />, document.body)
```

# JSX

» JavaScript XML

» extension to write XML in JS

» Allows to combine data preparation with render logic

```
const Button = () => {  
  return (  
    <button type='button'>  
      A button  
    </button>  
  )  
}
```

# REACT WITHOUT JSX

» React can be used without JSX

```
const Button = () => {  
  return React.createElement(  
    'button',  
    { type: 'button' },  
    'A button'  
  )  
}
```

# WHICH COMPONENTS DO YOU SEE

The image shows a wireframe of a web form titled "Sign In". The form is centered on a white background. It consists of the following components:

- Header:** A dark gray bar at the top with the text "Sign In" in the center.
- Email Field:** A text input field with the label "Email" above it.
- Password Field:** A text input field with the label "Password" above it.
- Sign in Button:** A button with the text "Sign in" centered on it.
- Sign Up Link:** A text link labeled "Sign Up" located below the "Sign in" button.



# WHICH COMPONENTS DO YOU SEE

App

Button

I owe somebody    Somebody owes me

User

Amount

Select

Create

A user	10,40\$	Paid
A user	10,40\$	
A user	10,40\$	
A user	-10,40\$	Paid
A user	10,40\$	

# **BUILDING THE FIRST REACT COMPONENT**

# EMBEDDING EXPRESSIONS

```
const CurrentTime = () => {  
  return (  
    <h1>  
      {(new Date()).toLocaleDateString()}  
    </h1>  
  )  
}
```

# EMBEDDING EXPRESSIONS

```
const FagoMenu = () => {  
  return (  
    <a href={` /menu/${(new Date()).toLocaleDateString()}`}>  
      Go to todays menu  
    </a>  
  )  
}
```

# CONDITIONAL RENDERING

```
const CurrentTime = () => {  
  // ...  
  return (  
    <h1>  
      {isToday  
        ? 'Today'  
        : 'Not Today'}  
    </h1>  
  )  
}
```

# CONDITIONAL RENDERING

```
const CurrentTime = () => {  
  // ...  
  return (  
    <h1>  
      {isToday && 'Today'}  
      {!isToday && 'Not today'}  
    </h1>  
  )  
}
```

## LOOP OVER ARRAYS

```
const UserList = ({ users }) => {  
  return (  
    <ul>  
      {users.map((user) => {  
        return (<li key={user.id}>{user.name}</li>)  
      })}  
    </ul>  
  )  
}
```

# FRAGMENTS

» Groups a list of children without adding a dom element

```
const AComponent = () => {  
  return (  
    <>  
      <label>An input</label>  
      <input type='text' />  
    </>  
  )  
}
```



# KEYED FRAGMENTS

» Same as fragment but a key can be provided (eg.: definition list)

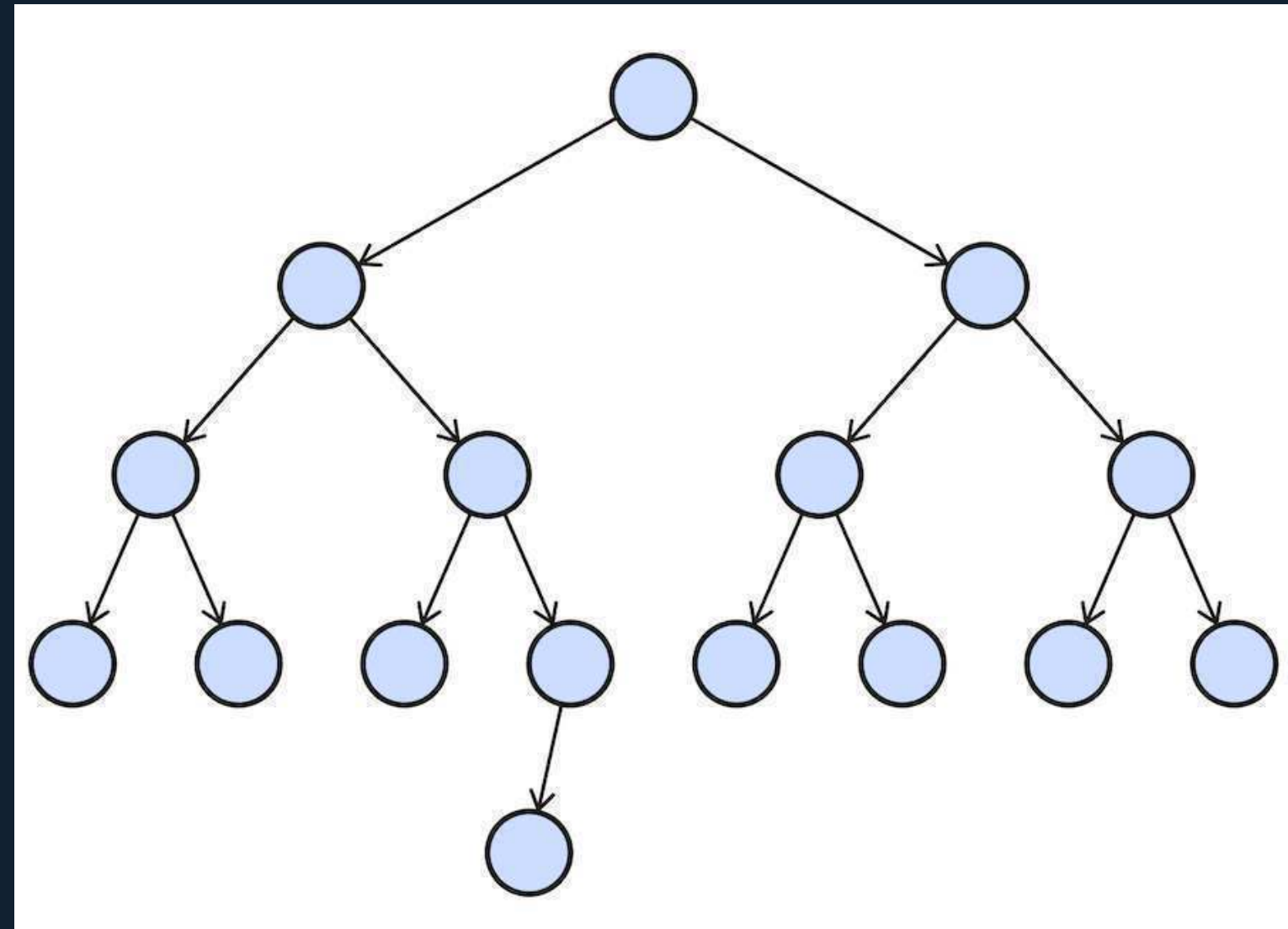
```
const AComponent = ({ items }) => {  
  return (  
    <dl>  
      {items.map(item => (  
        // Without the `key`, React will fire a key warning  
        <React.Fragment key={item.id}>  
          <dt>{item.term}</dt>  
          <dd>{item.description}</dd>  
        </React.Fragment>  
      ))}  
    </dl>  
  )  
}
```

## KEY PROPERTY IN LOOPS

- » Is required when iterating over lists
- » Helps react to decide if an element needs to be rerendered
- » Video explanation
- » Detailed explanation

# COMPONENT COMPOSITION

» Components can be nested and composed together



# REACT PROPS

- » Possibility to customize components
  - » Can be seen as component configuration
- » Props are passed to the component
  - » A component at a lower level of the tree can't modify given props directly

# REACT PROPS

```
const Button = ({ children, disabled = false }) => {  
  //      ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^  
  // props which are passed to the component  
  
  return (  
    <button disabled={disabled} className='button'>  
      {children}  
    </button>  
  )  
}
```

```
const usage = <Button disabled>A button</Button>  
// 1)      ^^^^^^^  
// 2)      ^^^^^^^  
// 1) shortcut for disabled={true}  
// 2) child components/nodes passed to a component
```

# STATE IN REACT

- » What we've seen so far:
  - » Components can render chunks of UI
  - » Components can be nested

# STATE IN REACT

“How can we interact with components?”

# STATE IN REACT

“The State of a component is an object that holds some information that may change over the lifetime of the component <sup>5</sup>”

<sup>5</sup> [geeksforgeeks.com](https://www.geeksforgeeks.com/react-state/)



# REACT STATE (WITHOUT HOOKS)

```
class ToggleButton extends React.Component {
  state = { backgroundColor: 'red' };
  // define a default value for background color

  toggleBackgroundColor = () => {
    const nextBackgroundColor = backgroundColor === 'red' ? 'blue' : 'red'
    this.setState({ backgroundColor: nextBackgroundColor })
    //      ^^^^^^^^^
    // setState calls render method with updated state
  }
  render() {
    return (
      <button
        onClick={() => this.toggleBackgroundColor() }
        style={{ backgroundColor: this.state.backgroundColor }}
      >
        {children}
      </button>
    );
  }
}
```

# REACT STATE (WITH HOOKS)

## » Alternative syntax with hooks

```
const ToggleButton = () => {
  const [backgroundColor, setBackground] = useState('red')
  // 1)                                     ^^^^^^^^^
  // 2) ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
  // 3)                                     ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
  // 1) define a state with a default value "red"
  // 2) the current value of the state
  // 3) function to set the state to something else

  return (
    <button
      onClick={() => setBackground(backgroundColor === 'red' ? 'blue' : 'red')}
      style={{ backgroundColor }}
    >
      {children}
    </button>
  )
}
```

# REACT HOOKS

“Hooks allow you to reuse stateful logic without changing your component hierarchy. [React Docs](#)”

# REACT HOOKS

- » Introduced recently to reduce boilerplate
- » Makes it possible to use state in functional components
  - » Previously one had to convert between functional/class components when state introduced
- » hooks are prefixed with use
- » Can't be called inside loops, conditions or nested

# USESTATE

```
const App = () => {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0)  
  const handleIncrement = () => setCount(count + 1)  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <div>{count}</div>  
      <button onClick={handleIncrement}>Increment by 1</button>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

# EXTRACT INTO CUSTOM HOOK

```
const useCounter = () => {
  const [count, setCount] => useState(0);
  const handleIncrement = () => setCount(count + 1);
  return { count, handleIncrement };
}

const App = () => {
  const {count, handleIncrement} => useCounter();

  return (
    <div>
      <div>{count}</div>
      <button onClick={handleIncrement}>Increment by 1</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

# STATE VS. PROPS

PROPS	STATE
Can get initial value from parent Component?	Yes
Can be changed by parent Component?	Yes
Can set default values inside Component?*	Yes
Can change inside Component?	No
Can set initial value for child Components?	Yes
Can change in child Components?	Yes

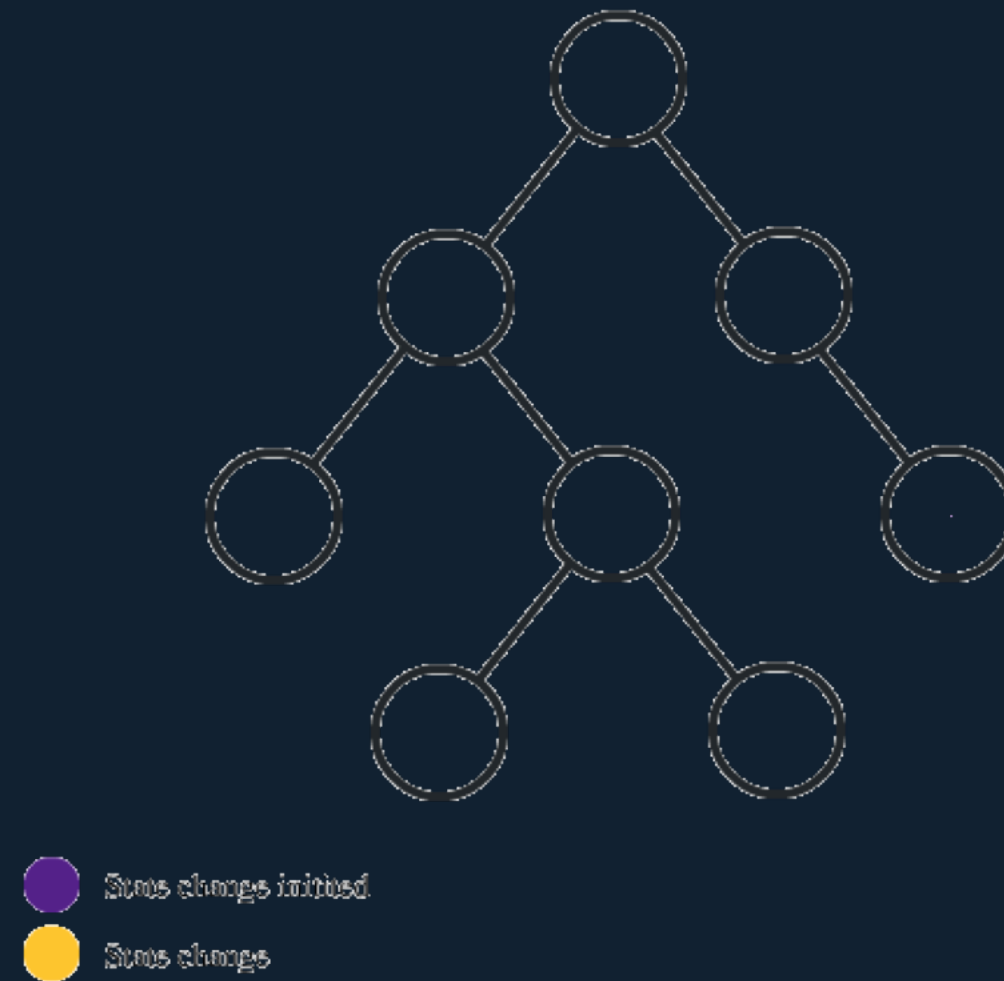
source

# UNIDIRECTIONAL DATAFLOW

- » Props only flow from parent to children
- » Parent is responsible to update data
  - » might provide callbacks to do so
- » set state rerenders all children of component



# UNIDIRECTIONAL DATAFLOW



“Source”

# VIRTUAL DOM

- » makes DOM updates faster
- » after setState subtree is rerendered in memory
- » compares DOM to in memory representation
- » applies DOM changes when needed

# FORMS WITH REACT HOOKS

```
const App = () => {
  const [username, setUsername] => useState('');
  //                               ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^
  // define a new state with an initial value of empty string

  return (
    <div>
      <input onChange={(evt) => setUsername(evt.target.value)} value={username}>
        { /*                               ^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^ * / }
        { /* set the state of the username */ }
      <button onClick={() => console.log({ username })}>Submit form</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

## EXERCISE 2/2 (20 MINUTES)

» Bonus: extract a useForm hook

```
const [values, setValue] =  
useForm({  
  username: '',  
  password: ''  
})  
  
return <Input  
  onChange={setValue('username')} />
```

# OTHER HOOKS





# USEEFFECT<sup>4</sup>

```
// Executed on every rerender
```

```
useEffect(() => {})
```

```
// Executed when component rendered initially
```

```
useEffect(() => {}, [])
```

```
// Executed when component rendered initially
```

```
// and when variable changes.
```

```
useEffect(() => {}, [variable])
```

```
// Cleanup when component unmounts (eg. eventHandlers, setInterval/setTimeout)
```

```
useEffect(() => {
```

```
  // do something fancy
```

```
  return () => { console.log('cleanup') }
```

```
}, [variable])
```

<sup>4</sup> this will be covered in more detail in the side effect lecture

## PREVIOUS EXAMPLE

```
const useCounter = () => {  
  const [count, setCount] => useState(0);  
  const handleIncrement = () => setCount(count + 1);  
  return { count, handleIncrement };  
}  
  
const App = () => {  
  const {count, handleIncrement} => useCounter();  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <div>{count}</div>  
      <button onClick={handleIncrement}>Increment by 1</button>  
    </div>  
  );  
}
```

# UPDATE TITLE WITH COUNTER

```
const useCounter = () => {
  const [count, setCount] => useState(0);
  const handleIncrement = () => setCount(count + 1);
  return { count, handleIncrement };
}

const App = () => {
  const {count, handleIncrement} => useCounter();

  // Is executed when component is rendered for the first time
  // And when the counter variable changes.
  useEffect(() => {
    document.title = `Counter clicked ${count} times`;
  }, [count]);

  return (
    <div>
      <div>{count}</div>
      <button onClick={handleIncrement}>Increment by 1</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```



# EXTRACT TO CUSTOM HOOK

```
const useCounter = () => {
  const [count, setCount] => useState(0);
  const handleIncrement = () => setCount(count + 1);
  useEffect(() => {
    document.title = `Counter clicked ${count} times`;
  }, [count]);
  // ^^^^^^ moved to hook

  return { count, handleIncrement };
}

const App = () => {
  const {count, handleIncrement} => useCounter();

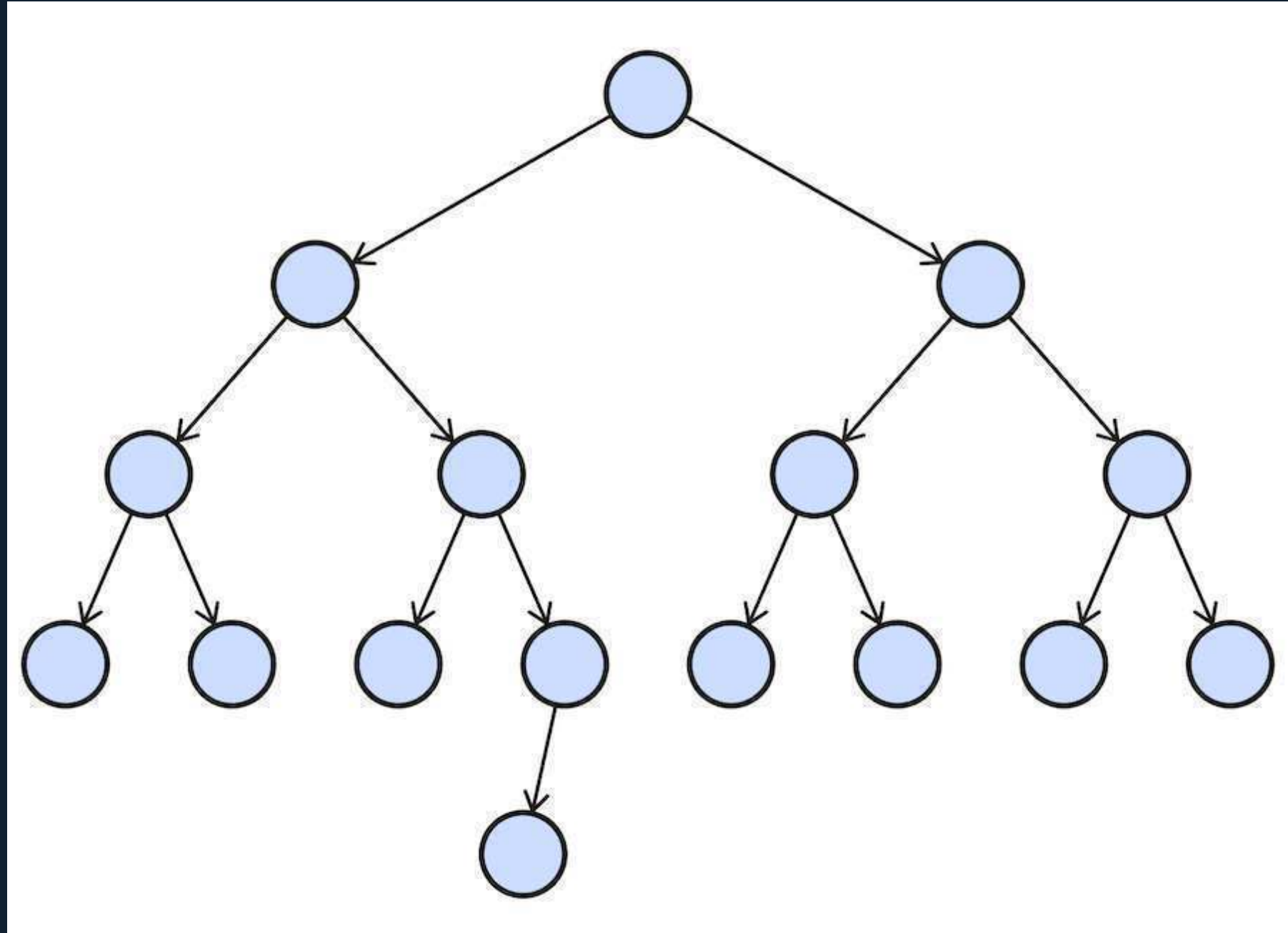
  return (
    <div>
      <div>{count}</div>
      <button onClick={handleIncrement}>Increment by 1</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```

# REACT.MEMO

“Memoizing a function makes it faster by trading space for time. It does this by caching the return values of the function in a table.”<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> <https://metacpan.org/pod/Memoize>

# REACT.MEMO



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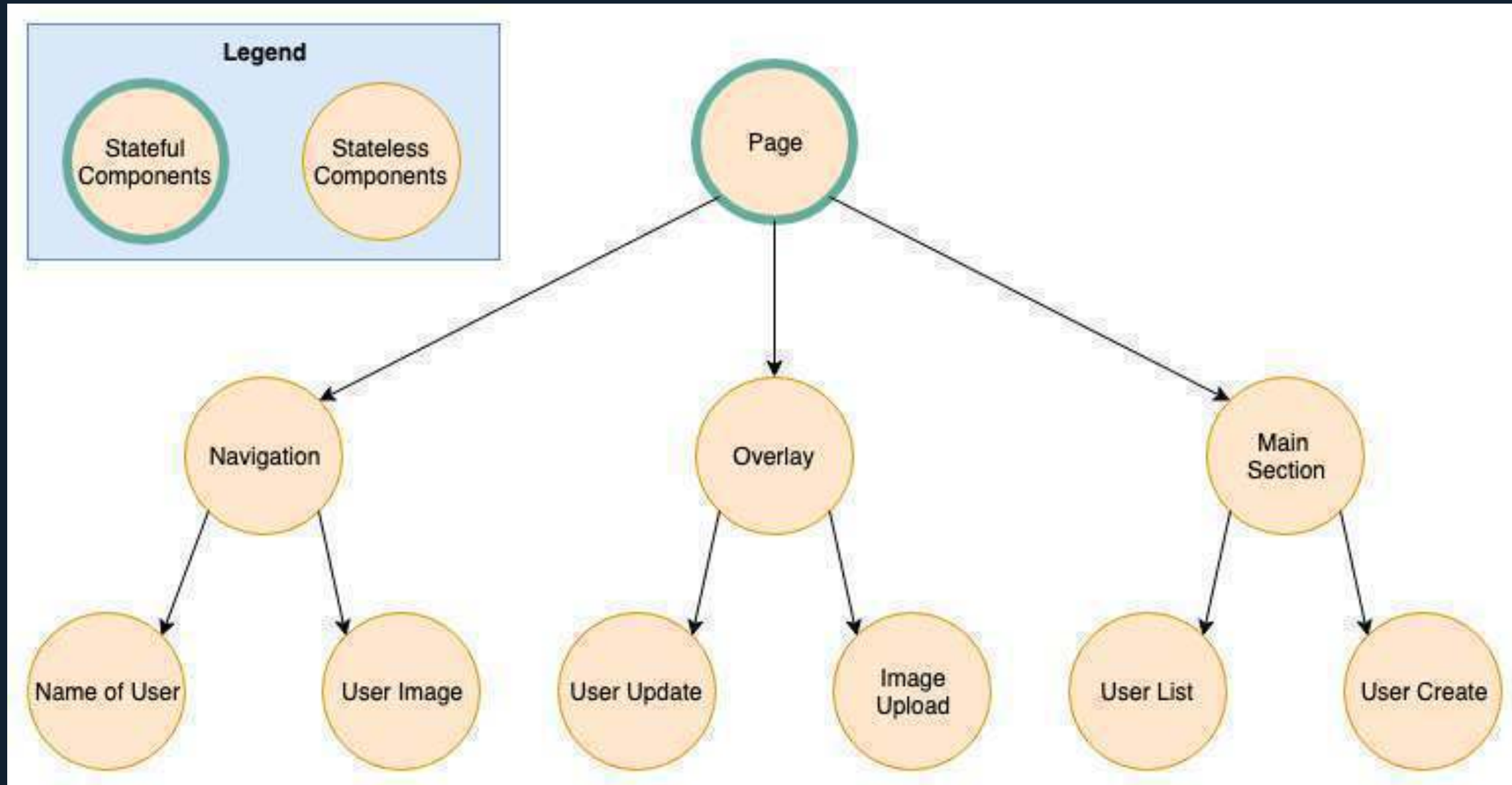
- » Caches the rendered component
- » Only rerenders when one of the props changes
  - » shallow comparison

```
const MyComponent = React.memo(function MyComponent(props) {  
  /* render using props */  
});
```

# REACT CONTEXT API

- » Available since the beginning of React
- » Prevent "prop drilling"

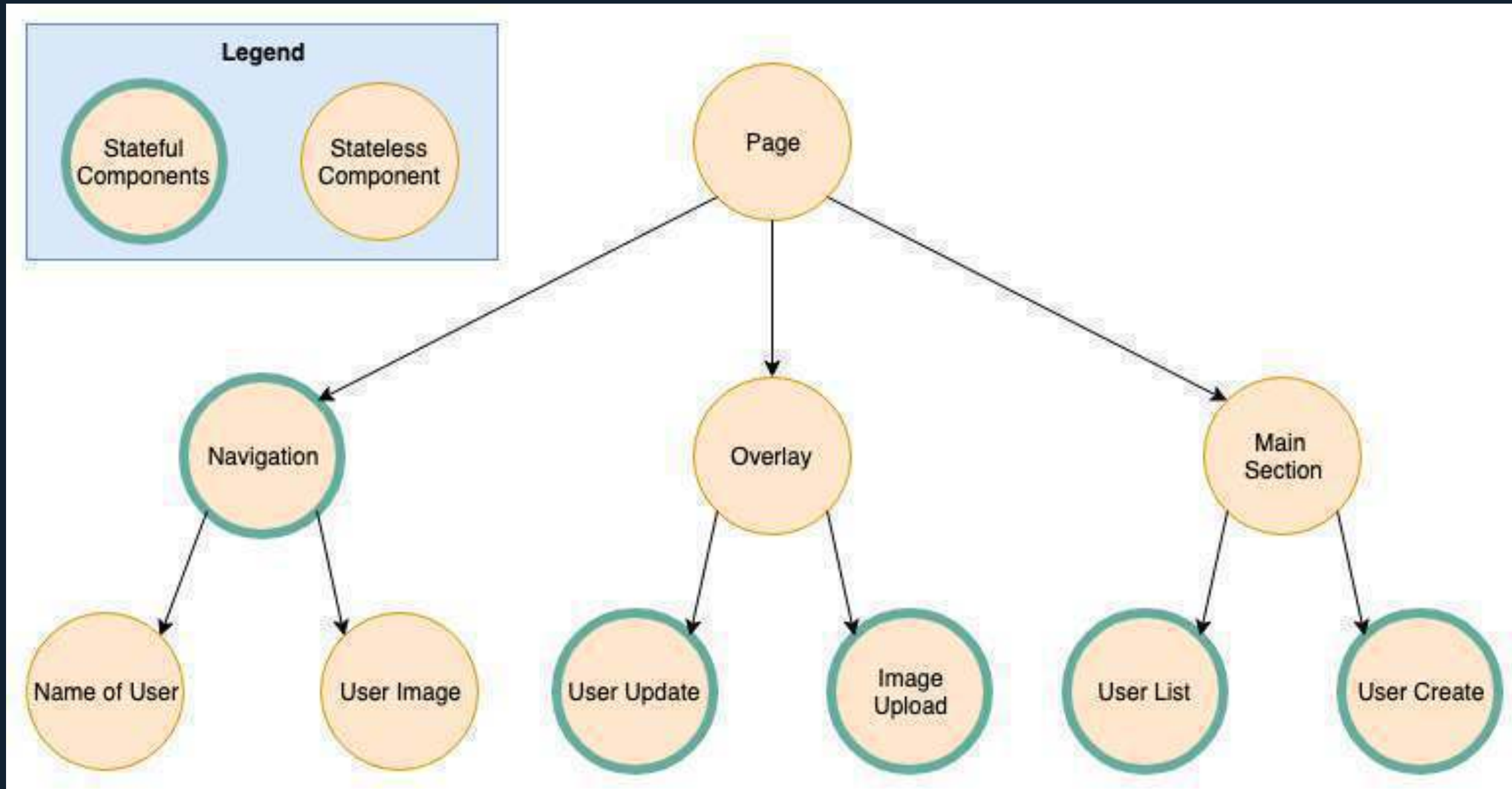
# REACT CONTEXT API



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```
▼ <R>
  ▼ <View pointerEvents="box-none" style={281}>
    ▼ <div className="css-1dbjc4n r-13awgt0 r-12vffkv">
      ▼ <View key="1" pointerEvents="box-none" style={281}>
        ▼ <div className="css-1dbjc4n r-13awgt0 r-12vffkv">
          ▼ <t isNightMode={false}>
            ▼ <t>
              ▼ <R>
                ▼ <Context.Consumer>
                  ▼ <Context.Provider>
                    ▼ <Connect(t)>
                      ▼ <t language="de" loggedInUserId="253431163">
                        ▼ <t>
                          ▼ <Router.Consumer.Provider>
                            ▼ <withRouter(n)>
                              ▼ <t>
                                ▼ <Router.Consumer.Consumer>
                                  ▼ <Router.Consumer.Provider>
                                    ▼ <n>
                                      ▼ <t>
                                        ▼ <Router.Consumer.Consumer>
                                          ▼ <t>
                                            ▼ <Router.Consumer.Consumer>
                                              ▼ <Router.Consumer.Provider>
                                                ▼ <Unknown>
                                                  ▼ <t>
                                                    ▼ <withRouter(t)>
                                                      ▼ <t>
                                                        ▼ <Router.Consumer.Consumer>
                                                          ▼ <Router.Consumer.Provider>
                                                            ▼ <t>
                                                              ▼ <Connect(t)>
                                                                ▼ <t scale="normal">
                                                                  ▼ <t>
                                                                    ▼ <t showReload={true}>
                                                                      ▶ <SideEffect(t) title="Twitter">...</SideEffect(t)>
                                                                      ▶ <withRouter(Connect(t))>...</withRouter(Connect(t))>
                                                                      ▶ <t zIndex={1}>...</t>
                                                                    ▼ <View>
                                                                      ▼ <div className="css-1dbjc4n r-1pi2tsx r-sa2ff0 r-13qz1uu r-417010">
                                                                        ▶ <withRouter(Connect(i))>...</withRouter(Connect(i))>
                                                                        ▼ <@twitter/Responsive>
                                                                          ▼ <View accessibilityRole="main" style={245}>
                                                                            ▼ <main role="main" className="css-1dbjc4n r-16y2uox r-1wbh5a2">
                                                                              ▼ <View style={248}>
```

# REACT CONTEXT API





# CREATING A CONTEXT

```
const DEFAULT_VALUE = 1
const MyContext = React.createContext(DEFAULT_VALUE)
```

```
const RootComponent = () => {
  return (
    <MyContext.Provider value={2}>
      <ANestedComponent />
    </MyContext.Provider>
  )
}
```

```
const ANestedComponent = () => {
  const value = useContext(MyContext)
  return (
    <h1>The value from context is {value}</h1>
  )
}
```

## PITFALLS 1

» fine granular context



```
<Context.Provider>
```

```
  <Context.Provider>
```

```
    <Context.Provider>
```

```
      <Context.Provider>
```

```
        <Context.Provider>
```

```
          <div>Here starts the app</div>
```

```
        </Context.Provider>
```

```
      </Context.Provider>
```

```
    </Context.Provider>
```

```
  </Context.Provider>
```

```
</Context.Provider>
```

```
</Context.Provider>
```

## PITFALLS/TIPS

- » Prefer passing props down to components
  - » prefer explicit (pass down) vs implicit (context)
- » only use when multiple components need to access same data
  - » if possible pass data down
- » don't overuse

# OTHER HOOKS

## » API Reference

» `useReducer`

» `useCallback`

» `useMemo`

» `useRef`

» `useImperativeHandle`

» `useLayoutEffect`

# TASK

- » Fork/clone the following <https://github.com/webpapaya/fhs-react-redux-starter-kit>
- » `npm install`
- » `npm run start:storybook`
- » build a clock component
  - » component displays current time in seconds
  - » automatically updates itself

# FEEDBACK

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» <https://de.surveymonkey.com/r/8TW92LL>