

React is a JavaScript library for
building user interfaces

HTML, CSS & JavaScript are about
building user interfaces **as well**

React makes building **complex**,
interactive and **reactive** user
interfaces **simpler**

React is all about “**Components**”

What is a “Component”?

reusable building blocks in your user interface

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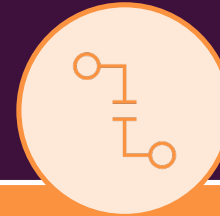
Because all user interfaces in
the end are made up of
components

Why Components?



Reusability

Don't repeat yourself



Separation of Concerns

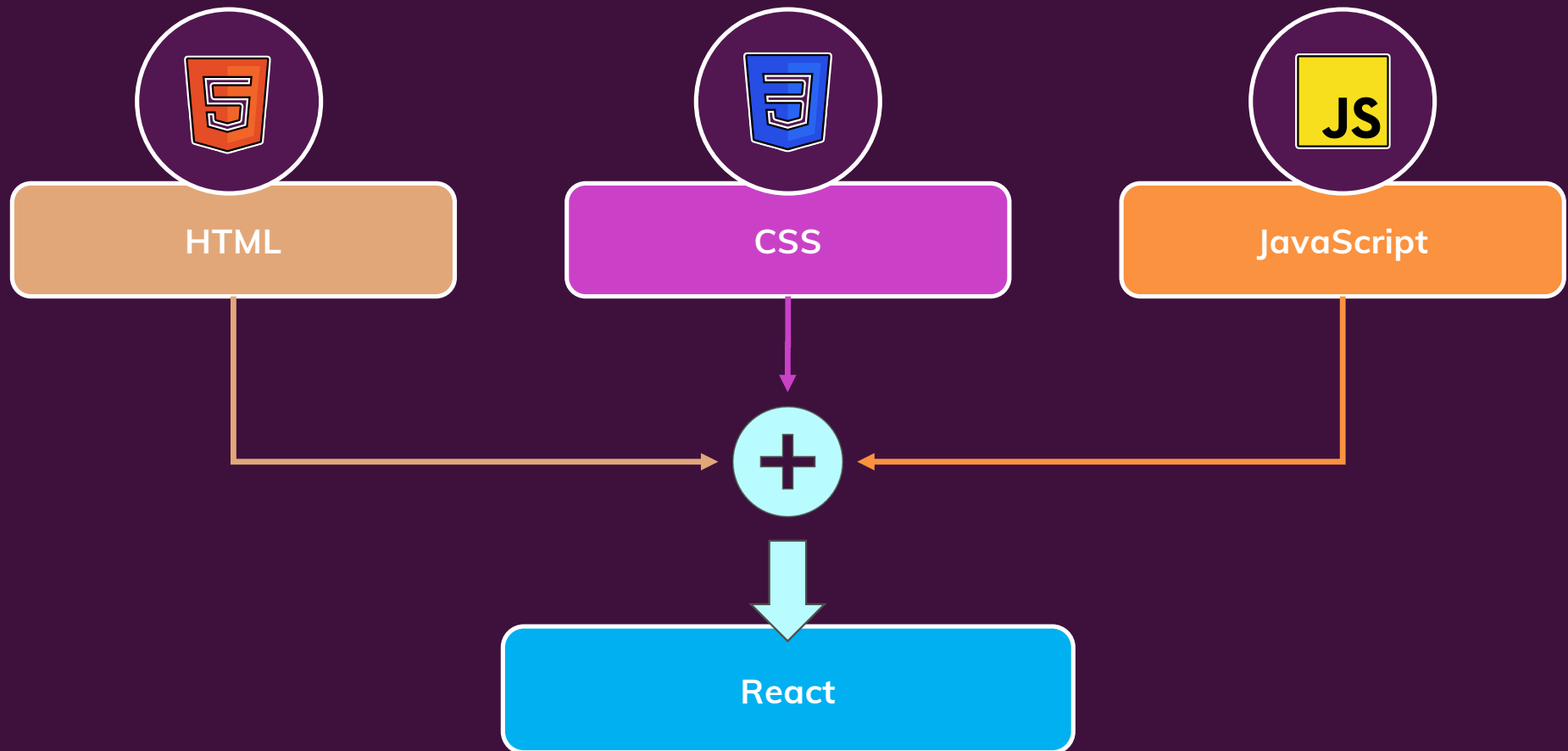
Don't do too many things in one
and the same place (function)



Split big chunks of code into
multiple smaller functions



How Is A Component Built?



React & Components

React allows you to create **re-usable and reactive components** consisting of **HTML and JavaScript** (and CSS)



Declarative Approach



Define the desired target state(s) and let React figure out the actual JavaScript DOM instructions

Build your own, custom HTML Elements

JSX = “HTML in JavaScript”

Understanding JSX

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<p title="Intro text">  
  React.js is a library for  
  building user interfaces.  
</p>
```

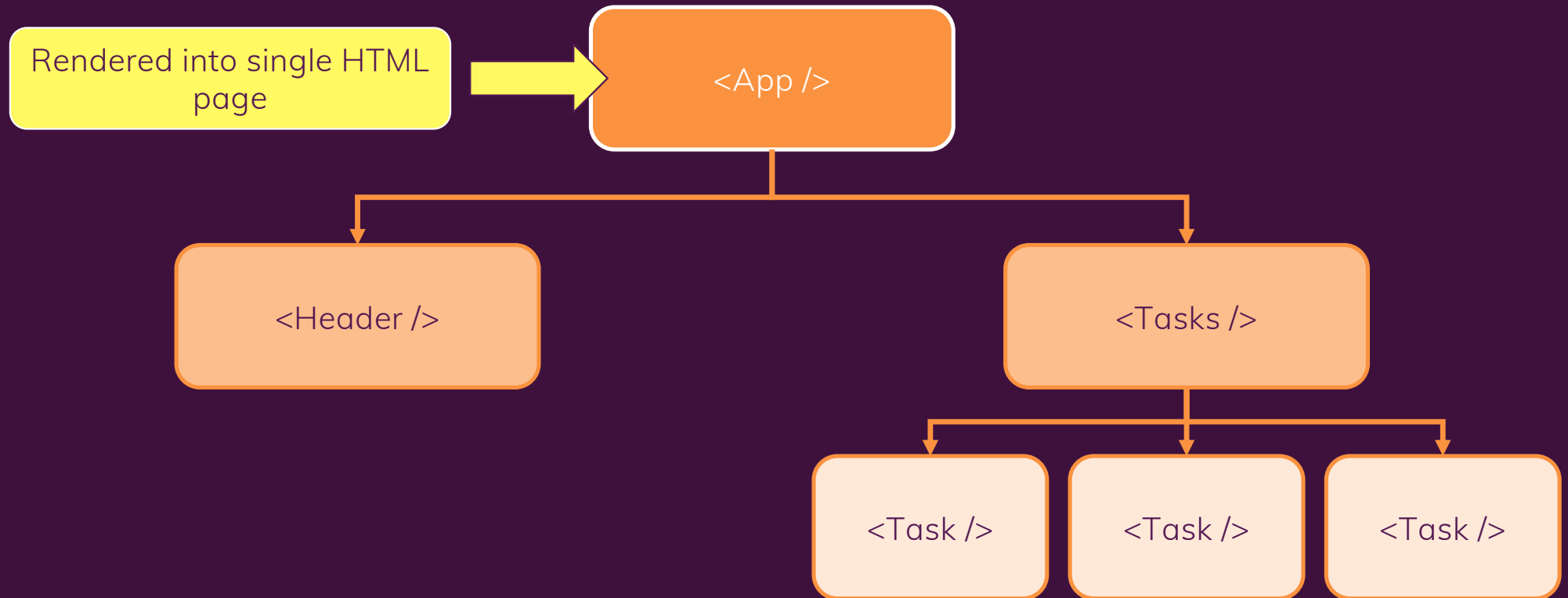


```
React.createElement(  
  'p',  
  { title: 'Intro text' },  
  'React.js is a library for  
  building user interfaces.'  
);
```

"Syntactic sugar", does **not** run in the browser like this!

Real JavaScript code, would run in the browser like this. Not nice to use for more complex than "HTML code".

You Build A Component Tree



Props are the “**attributes**” of your
“custom HTML elements” (Components)

Passing Data via "Props"

