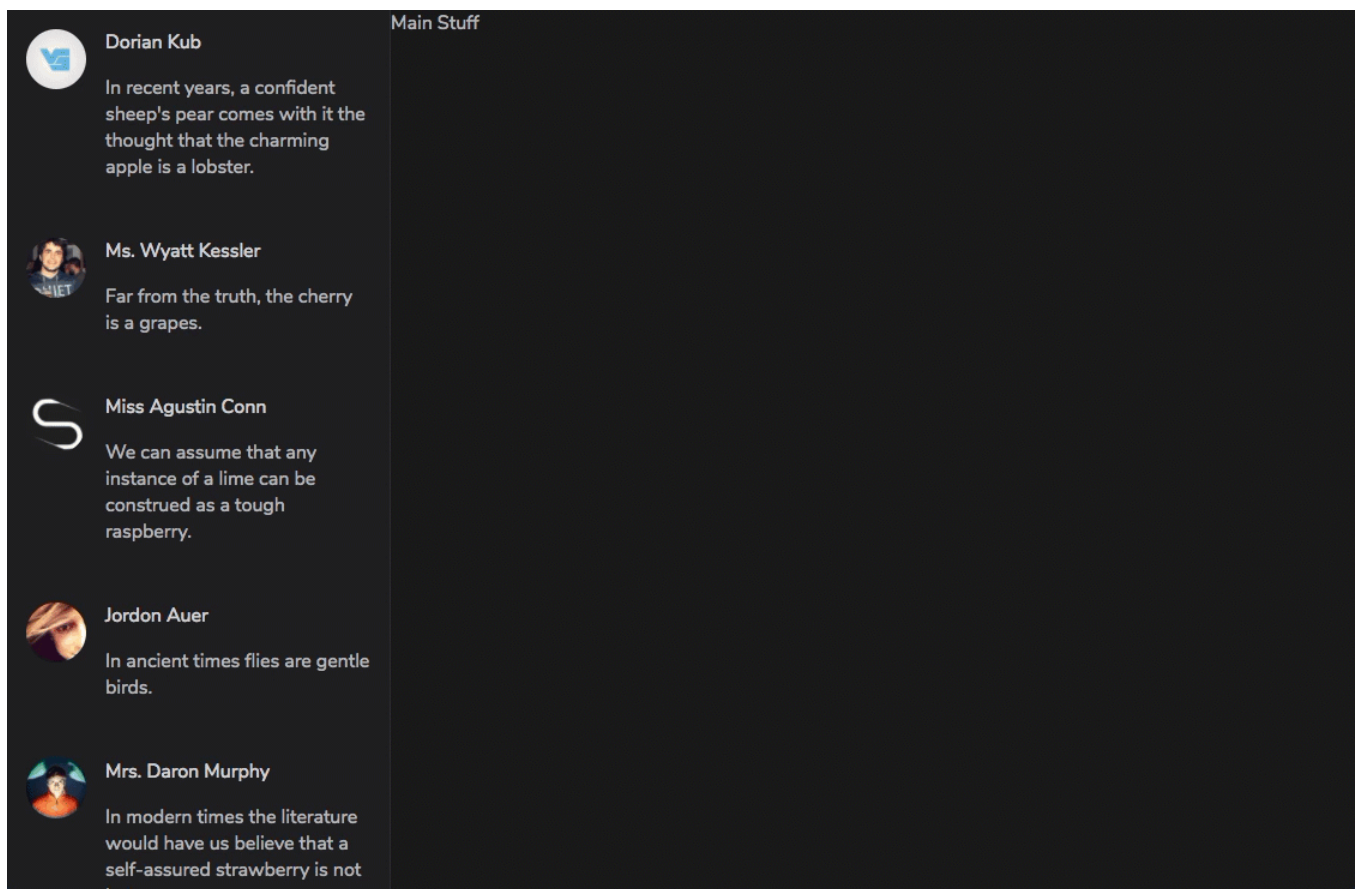


# Building the List of Users

This lesson shows us the user list we want in the Sidebar of the app. We will also use some pre-written code in order to generate our user data.

Moving on, it's time to write some code. Firstly, here's the goal of the following lessons. To build the list of users shown below:



What is needed to build this?

From a high level, it is kind of obvious that within the **Sidebar** component, there's the need to render a list of a user's contacts.

Presumably, within Sidebar, you may have something like this:

```
contacts.map(contact => <User />)
```

Got that?

You map over some contacts data from the state, and for each contact, you render a User component.

But where does the data for this come from?

Ideally, and in a real world scenario, you will fetch this data from the server - with an Ajax call (used to send and receive data from a server). For our learning purposes, this brings in a layer of complexity we can avoid - for now.

So, as opposed to fetching data remotely from a server, I have create a few functions that will handle the creation of data for the App. We will be using this static data to build the Application.

For example, there's a contacts variable already created within [static-data.js](#), that will always return a randomly generated list of contacts. All you have to do is import this into the App. No Ajax calls.

Thus, create a new file in the root directory of the project and call it **static-data.js** Copy the contents of [the gist here](#) into that file. We'll be making use of it pretty soon.

**Note:** Run the following commands to install the appropriate packages to your project. If you already installed node these packages are already in your environment:

- yarn add shortId
- yarn add txtgen
- yarn add faker
- yarn add lodash

Next, we shall set up the store for the App.