

React Cheat Sheet v16

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render

react

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```
render() {  
  return <div />;  
}
```

constructor

react

[docs](#)

```
constructor(props) {  
  super(props);  
  this.state = {  
    list: props.initialList  
  };  
}  
  
// where props aren't used in constructor  
  
constructor() {  
  super();  
  this.state = {  
    list: []  
  };  
}
```

componentWillMount

react

[docs](#)

```
componentWillMount() {  
  // invoked once.  
  // fires before initial 'render'  
}
```

componentDidMount

react

[docs](#)

```
componentDidMount() {  
  // good for AJAX: fetch, ajax, or subscriptions.  
  
  // invoked once (client-side only).  
  // fires before initial 'render'  
}
```

componentWillReceiveProps

react

[docs](#)

```
componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) {  
  // invoked every time component receives new props.  
  // does not fire before initial 'render'  
}
```

shouldComponentUpdate

react

[docs](#)

```
shouldComponentUpdate(nextProps, nextState) {  
  // invoked before every update (new props or state).  
  // does not fire before initial 'render'.  
}
```

componentWillUpdate

react

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```
componentWillUpdate(nextProps, nextState) {  
  // invoked immediately before update (new props or state).  
  // does not fire before initial 'render'.  
  
  // (see componentWillReceiveProps if you need to call setState)  
}
```

✗ this.setState

componentDidUpdate

react

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```
componentDidUpdate(prevProps, prevState) {  
  // invoked immediately after DOM updates  
  // does not fire after initial 'render'  
}
```

componentWillUnmount

react

[docs](#)

```
componentWillUnmount() {  
  // invoked immediately before a component is unmounted.  
}
```

setState (function)

react

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```
// good for state transitions  
  
this.setState((prevState, props) => {  
  return {count: prevState.count + props.step};  
});
```

setState (object)

react

[docs](#)

```
// good for static values

this.setState({mykey: 'my new value'});
```

setState (optional callback)

react

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```
// fires after setState
// prefer componentDidUpdate

this.setState(
  (prevState, props) => ({ count: prevState.count + props.step }),
  () => console.log(this.state.count)
);
```

forceUpdate

react

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```
// forces a re-render; AVOID if possible

this.forceUpdate();
```

displayName

react

[docs](#)

```
displayName: "MyComponent"
```

defaultProps

react

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```
class Greeting extends React.Component {
  render() {
    return <h1>Hi {this.props.name}</h1>
  }
}

CustomButton.defaultProps = {
  name: 'guest'
};
```

Children.map

react

[docs](#)

```
React.Children.map(this.props.children, (child, i) => {
  return child;
})
```

Children.forEach

react

[docs](#)

```
React.Children.forEach(this.props.children, (child, i) => {
  console.log(child + ' at index: ' + i);
})
```

Children.count

react

[docs](#)

```
React.Children.count(this.props.children);
```

Children.only

react

[docs](#)

```
React.Children.only(this.props.children);
```

Children.toArray

react

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```
React.Children.toArray(this.props.children)
```

Context (example)

react

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```
// requires 'prop-types' library

import { string } from "prop-types";

class Cowboy extends React.Component {
  childContextTypes: {
    salutation: string
  }

  getChildContext() {
    return { salutation: "Howdy" };
  }

  render() {
    return React.Children.only(this.props.children);
  }
}

const Greeting = (props, context) =>
  <div>{context.salutation} {props.name}</div>

Greeting.contextTypes = {
  salutation: PropTypes.string
}

// <Greeting name="Michael" />
// => Michael.

// <Cowboy><Greeting name="Michael" /></Cowboy>
// => Howdy Michael.
```

contextTypes

react

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```
// add to the context-aware component
// requires 'prop-types' library

contextTypes: {
  color: PropTypes.string
},
```

childContextTypes

react

[docs](#)

```
// add to the context provider
// requires 'prop-types' library

childContextTypes: {
  color: PropTypes.string
},
```

getChildContext

react

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```
// add to the context provider

getChildContext() {
  return {color: "purple"};
}
```

render

react-dom

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```
import { render } from "react-dom";
```



```
render(  
  <MyComponent />,  
  document.getElementById("component-root"),  
  () => console.log("MyComponent mounted.")  
);
```

hydrate

react-dom

[docs](#)

```
import { hydrate } from "react-dom";  
  
hydrate(  
  <MyComponent />,  
  document.getElementById("component-root"),  
  () => console.log("MyComponent hydrated.")  
);
```

unmountComponentAtNode

react-dom

[docs](#)

```
import { unmountComponentAtNode } from "react-dom";  
  
unmountComponentAtNode(document.getElementById('MyComponent'))
```

findDOMNode

react-dom

[docs](#)

```
import { findDOMNode } from "react-dom";  
  
findDOMNode(componentRef);
```

createPortal

react-dom

[docs](#)

```
import { createPortal } from "react-dom";

class MyPortalComponent extends React.Component {
  render() {

    return createPortal(
      this.props.children,
      document.getElementById("portal-element"),
    );
  }
}
```

renderToString

react-dom/server

[docs](#)

```
import { renderToString } from "react-dom/server";
ReactDOMServer.renderToString(<MyComponent />);
```

renderToStaticMarkup

react-dom/server

[docs](#)

```
import { renderToStaticMarkup } from "react-dom/server";
renderToStaticMarkup(<MyComponent />);
```

renderToNodeStream

react-dom/server

[docs](#)

```
import { renderToNodeStream } from "react-dom/server";
renderToNodeStream(<MyComponent />);
```

renderToStaticNodeStream

react-dom/server

[docs](#)

```
import { renderToStaticNodeStream } from "react-dom/server";
renderToStaticNodeStream(<MyComponent />);
```

Simulate (basic)

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#) [docs](#)

```
var subject = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(
  <div onClick={handleClick} />
);

TestUtils.Simulate.click(subject);
```

Simulate (with data)

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#) [docs](#)

```
function handleChange (event) {
  console.log('A change was simulated with key: ' + event.key);
}

var subject = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(
  <input type="text" onChange={handleChange} />
);

TestUtils.Simulate.change(subject, { key: "Enter" });
```

renderIntoDocument

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```
var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(<div><span /></div>);

console.log('You mounted a component tree with a ' + componentTree.tag
```

mockComponent

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```
// no example
```

isElement

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[example](#)[docs](#)

```
expect(TestUtils.isElement(<div />)).toBe(true);
```

isElementOfType

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#)[docs](#)

```
var MyComponent = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return <div />;
  }
});

expect(
  TestUtils.isElementOfType(<MyComponent />, MyComponent)
).toBe(true);
```

isDOMComponent

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#)[docs](#)

```
var subject = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(<div />);

expect(
  TestUtils.isDOMComponent(subject)
).toBe(true);
```

isCompositeComponent

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#)[docs](#)

```
var subject = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <CompositeComponent />  
);  
  
expect(  
  TestUtils.isCompositeComponent(subject)  
).toBe(true);
```

isCompositeComponentWithType

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#) [docs](#)

```
var CompositeComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () {  
    return <div />;  
  }  
});  
  
var subject = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <CompositeComponent />  
);  
  
expect(  
  TestUtils.isCompositeComponentWithType(  
    subject,  
    CompositeComponent  
  )  
).toBe(true);
```

findAllInRenderedTree

react-dom/test-utils

[example](#) [docs](#)

```
var CompositeComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () {  
    return <div><div /></div>;  
  }  
});  
  
var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <CompositeComponent />  
);
```

```
var allDivs = TestUtils.findAllInRenderedTree(  
  componentTree,  
  (c) => c.tagName === 'DIV'  
)  
  
expect(allDivs).toBeAn('array');  
expect(allDivs.length).toBe(2);
```

scryRenderedDOMComponentsWithClass

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```
var CompositeComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () {  
    return (  
      <div className="target">  
        <div className="not-target">  
          <div className="target" />  
        </div>  
      </div>  
    );  
  }  
});  
  
var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <CompositeComponent />  
);  
  
var allDOMComponentsWithMatchingClass = TestUtils.scryRenderedDOMCompo  
  componentTree,  
  'target'  
);  
  
expect(allDOMComponentsWithMatchingClass).toBeAn('array');  
expect(allDOMComponentsWithMatchingClass.length).toBe(2);
```

findRenderedDOMComponentWithClass

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```
var MyCompositeComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () {  
    return <MyNestedComponent />;  
  }  
});
```

```
    }
  });

  var MyNestedComponent = React.createClass({
    render () {
      return <div className="nested"/>;
    }
  });

  var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(<MyCompositeComponent />);

  var singleComponentWithMatchedClass = TestUtils.findRenderedDOMComponentWithClass(
    componentTree,
    'nested'
  );

  expect(singleComponentWithMatchedClass).toBeAn('object');
  expect(singleComponentWithMatchedClass).toNotBeAn('array');
  expect(singleComponentWithMatchedClass.className).toBe('nested');
```

scryRenderedDOMComponentsWithTag

react-dom/test-utils

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```
var CompositeComponent = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return <div><div /></div>;
  }
});

var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(
  <CompositeComponent />
);

var allDivs = TestUtils.scryRenderedDOMComponentsWithTag(
  componentTree,
  'DIV'
);

expect(allDivs).toBeAn('array');
expect(allDivs.length).toBe(2);
```

findRenderedDOMComponentWithTag

react-dom/test-utils

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```
var MyCompositeComponent = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return <MyNestedComponent />;
  }
});

var MyNestedComponent = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return <div />;
  }
});

var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(<MyCompositeComponent />);

var onlyDiv = TestUtils.findRenderedDOMComponentWithTag(
  componentTree,
  'div'
);

expect(onlyDiv).toBeAn('object');
expect(onlyDiv).toNotBeAn('array');
expect(onlyDiv.tagName).toBe('DIV');
```

scryRenderedComponentsWithType

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```
var MyCompositeComponent = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return (
      <div>
        <Target />
        <br />
        <Target />
      </div>
    )
  }
});

var Target = React.createClass({
  render () {
    return <div />;
  }
});
```



```
var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <MyCompositeComponent />  
);  
  
var allTargetComponents = TestUtils.scryRenderedComponentsWithType(  
  componentTree,  
  Target  
);  
  
expect(allTargetComponents).toBeAn('array');  
expect(allTargetComponents.length).toBe(2);
```

findRenderedComponentWithType

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```
var MyCompositeComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () { return <TargetComponent /> }  
});  
  
var TargetComponent = React.createClass({  
  render () { return <div /> }  
});  
  
var componentTree = TestUtils.renderIntoDocument(  
  <MyCompositeComponent />  
);  
  
var onlyTargetComponent = TestUtils.findRenderedComponentWithType(  
  componentTree,  
  TargetComponent  
);  
  
expect(onlyTargetComponent).toBeAn('object');  
expect(onlyTargetComponent).toNotBeAn('array');  
expect(TestUtils.isCompositeComponentWithType(  
  onlyTargetComponent,  
  TargetComponent  
)).toBe(true);
```

Shallow rendering (basics)

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```
// 1. create a renderer
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

// 2. render component into renderer
renderer.render(<MyComponent />);

// 3. capture renderer output
var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();

// 4. make assertions
expect(subject.type).toBe('div');
```

Shallow rendering (type example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

renderer.render(<MyComponent />);

var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();

expect(subject.type).toBe('div'); // => true
```

Shallow rendering (props example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

renderer.render(<MyComponent className="my-component" />);

var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();

expect(subject.props.className).toBe('my-component'); // => true
```

Shallow rendering (child-count example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

renderer.render(
  <MyList items={[1, 2, 3]} />
);

var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();

var childCount = React.Children.count(subject.props.children);

expect(childCount).toBe(3); // => true
```

Shallow rendering (child-equality example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

renderer.render(
  <MyComponent>
    <div>Thing 1</div>
    <div>Thing 2</div>
  </MyComponent>
);

var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();

expect(subject.props.children).toEqual([
  <div>Thing 1</div>,
  <div>Thing 2</div>
]); // => true
```

Shallow rendering (events example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();

var spy = expect.createSpy();

renderer.render(<MyComponent onClick={spy} />);
```

```
var subject = renderer.getRenderOutput();  
  
expect(spy.call.length).toEqual(1); // => true
```

Shallow rendering (state changes example)

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```
var renderer = TestUtils.createRenderer();  
  
renderer.render(<ClickCounter />);  
  
// test initial rendering  
var result = renderer.getRenderOutput();  
  
expect(result.props.children).toEqual(0);  
  
// test post-click rendering  
result.props.onClick();  
  
var clickedResult = renderer.getRenderOutput();  
  
expect(clickedResult.props.children).toEqual(1);
```

Lifecycle methods

NAME	CALLED FOR	RECEIVES CONTEXT	SETSTATE() TRIGG
componentWillMount	initial render()	no	no
componentDidMount	initial render()	no	yes
componentWillReceiveProps	new props	yes	yes
shouldComponentUpdate	new props/state	yes	yes
componentWillUpdate	new props/state	yes	n/a
componentDidUpdate	new props/state	no	yes
componentWillUnmount	unmounting	no	n/a

ref (class component)

[docs](#)

```
class AutoFocusTextInput extends React.Component {
  componentDidMount() {
    this.textInput.focus();
  }

  render() {
    return (
      <CustomTextInput
        ref={(input) => { this.textInput = input; }} />
    );
  }
}
```

ref (functional component)

[docs](#)

```
function CustomTextInput(props) {
  let textInput = null;

  function handleClick() {
    textInput.focus();
  }
```

```
}

return (
  <div>
    <input
      type="text"
      ref={(input) => { textInput = input; }} />
    <input
      type="button"
      value="Focus the text input"
      onClick={handleClick}
    />
  </div>
);
}
```

functional component

react

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```
const Greeting = props => <div>Hello {props.name}</div>;
```

functional component (with context)

react

[docs](#)

```
import { string } from "prop-types";

const Greeting = (props, context) => (
  <div>{context.salutation} {props.name}</div>
);

Greeting.contextTypes = { salutation: string };
```

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