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# Advanced ReactJS For Drupalers

# Class or Functional components?

## Class components

- Contain lifecycle methods
  - Similar to Drupal hooks
- Natively support state
- Include `this`
- Greater set of functionality
- Encourages explicit code

## Functional

- AKA “Stateless” components
  - Now “functional” components, thanks to hooks
- Allows for very concise syntax
- Able to avoid `this`
- Can do *almost* everything class components can do
- It’s what the cool kids are doing

# Fully decoupled React Apps

- **React-router-dom**
  - Declarative, relatively straightforward routing
  - Used by the JS Initiative's **drupal-admin-ui**
- **Next.js**
  - Focus on server side rendering
  - More opinionated than react-router-dom
- **Gatsby**
  - Allows “building” website and deploying only static files
  - Saves API data in static files

# react-router-dom Fundamentals

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    exact={true}>
  <Route
    path="/node/:nid"
    render={({match}) => (
      <DNode nid={match.params.nid}>
    )}>
</BrowserRouter>
```

# Styling options

## CSS resides in CSS file(s)

- Use CSS file(s) in component(s)
  - `Css-loader` package with webpack enables this
  - `Import './css/style.css;`
- Then add normal CSS class names to components
  - `className = "my-css-class"`

## Inline styles

- Create JS object with CSS properties, like:  
`myStyle={marginTop: `5px` }`
- Pass the style object to a component's style prop:  
`<Title style={myStyle} />`
- Worse performance than CSS classes

cont...

# Styling options (cont'd)

## Styled-components

- Write standard CSS using template literals:  

```
const Title = styled.h1` font-size: 1.6em;  
                           color: blue; `;
```
- Allows dynamic CSS rules using JS
- Unused CSS is not included in rendered app
- CSS is written in specific components
- No more conflicting CSS - same benefits of inline CSS

# React Portals

Allows rendering React components anywhere on the DOM!

- Pass the component and the regular DOM element:

```
ReactDOM.createPortal(Component, domElement);
```

- Context, event bubbling, error handling, etc - continues to function!
- Standard Component, except it can appear outside of the 'app'

# Error Handling

1. Rendering Errors
  - When react does not know what to Render
  - Create Error Boundary Component
  - Wrap component in Error Boundary
2. Other JS errors
  - E.g. Error in event handler
  - Simply use `try {} catch {}`





# Creating Error Boundaries

- An Error Boundary is a special type of custom component
- It must be created as a class component
- To create an error boundary, implement one or both of these lifecycle methods:
- `static getDerivedStateFromError() { }`
  - Return new state values, like: `return { caughtError: true };`
- `componentDidCatch()`
  - For logging information after an error
  - Can also update state here

# Implicit vs Explicit state

State is passed to child components Implicitly or Explicitly

- **Implicit state**

- Developer may not care to know about the passed state
- Ex: React Context, `React.cloneElement`

- **Explicit state**

- App developer deliberately passes state
- Immediately apparent that state is being passed
- Ex: Higher Order Components (HOC), Render props

# Implicit state w/React.cloneElement

Implicitly populates a components children and/or props.

- Generates a copy of component & passes props
- Overwrites conflicting props as needed



```
<List type="ordered">  
  <ListItem text="An item" />  
  <ListItem text="Another item" />  
</List>
```

# New Cloned element:

Behind the scenes, `React.cloneElement()` implicitly passes the list type (& more) to the `ListIttem(s)`:

```
render() {  
  return React.cloneElement(ListItem, [props], [...children]);  
}
```

# Making state available downstream

## Two primary approaches for implicitly passing state:

### React Context API

- Comes OOTB with React
- Straightforward set up
- Shares state - no bells and whistles
- New & shiny, and covers most use cases

### Redux

- Not part of React, but plays nicely with it
- Comes with Debug tool
- Can “time travel” through history when debugging
- Supports middleware
- Very robust

# React Context

Easily provide data to nested components

## Providing Context

- Initialize new context:

```
export const UserContext = React.createContext({ user });
```

- Override initial context for child components:

```
<UserContext.Provider value={masqueradeAsUser}>  
</UserContext>
```

# React Context (cont'd)

## Receiving Context

- Pass context as prop to a component

```
<MyContext.Consumer>
```

```
{activeUser => <WelcomeBlock user={activeUser}/>}
```

```
</MyContext.Consumer>
```

- Or get context within a functional component:

```
let activeUser = useContext(activeUser);
```

# Redux

**React's context API is good for most applications.**

**In advanced use cases, utilizing Redux for the sake of its toolset may be worthwhile.**



# Redux: Initialization

- Create a reducer function which contains logic for updating redux-provided state
- Create store for storing state
- Wrap components in store's provider



```
import { createStore } from "redux"
import { Provider } from 'react-redux';
const myReducer = function reducer(state = initialState, action) {
  switch(action.type) {
    case "USER_VIEW": return { totalViews: state.totalViews + 1 }
    return state;
  }
}
const store = createStore(myReducer);
<Provider store={store}><App /></Provider>
```

# Redux: Retrieving State

- Redux's HOC, `connect()`, provides component's props
- Integrate appropriate actions to update state
- Update `myNestedComponent`'s export



```
Import { connect } from react-redux;
// myNestedComponent code..
const mapStateToProps = state => ({ totalViews: state.totalViews});
export default connect(mapStateToProps)(myNestedComponent);
const viewAction = function userViewedPage(user) {
  return {
    type: 'VIEW',
    totalViews: user.totalViews,};}
export default connect(mapStateToProps,
viewAction)(myNestedComponent);
```

# HOC

- HOC's are a replacement for inheritance in react
- Explicitly pass behavior or props to a component
- Even lifecycle hooks or props can be "passed down"

```
function logProps(WrappedComponent) {  
  return class extends React.Component {  
    componentWillReceiveProps(nextProps) {  
      console.log('Current props: ', this.props);  
      console.log('Next props: ', nextProps);  
    }  
    render() {  
      // Wraps the input component in a container,  
      // without mutating it. Good!  
      return <WrappedComponent {...this.props} />;  
    }  
  }  
}
```

# HOC's: Keep in mind..

When using an HOC, props can come from 3 sources:

1. Provided from within the HOC
2. Provided from the component itself
3. Passed in as params by the developer

And components cannot have multiple props with the same prop name

# Render prop

A technique for explicitly passing value(s) from a component to its children

- Dev creates function which returns their component
- It's passed to component as a prop, which the component then renders
- Enables passing values to render prop without coding custom logic in parent
- Can also avoid bubbling state up & necessitating parent re-renders

# Persisting state across sessions

- Save up to 10mb of data to user's browser using localStorage
- Save data, such as form data, on state change:

```
localStorage.setItem(key, JSON.stringify(myDataObject));
```

- Then retrieve data on component load:

```
const dataString = localStorage.getItem(key);
```

With this, we can finally implement **autosave for Drupal!**

# Optimizing “Pure” components

- Some components always return the same output when given the same props
- “Pure” or “Memoized” components do not re-render when props are the same
- To memoize a component class:

```
Class MyComponent extends React.PureComponent
```

- To memoize a function component:

```
Const MyPureFuncComponent = React.memo(function MyComponent...);
```

# Asynchronous component loading

- Loading a component normally:

```
import { add } from './math';  
// ...  
console.log(add(16, 26));
```

- Loading a component asynchronously:

```
import("./math").then(math => {  
  console.log(math.add(16, 26));  
});
```



# Lazy-loading with <Suspense>

Wrap dynamic import in  
`React.lazy(func());`

Ensures slow  
components are  
non-blocking

Wrap with:  
`<Suspense fallback={..}>`  
for 'loading..' component

```
const OtherComponent = React.lazy(() =>
import('./OtherComponent'));
function MyComponent() {
  return (
    <div>
      <Suspense fallback={<div>Loading...</div>}>
        <OtherComponent />
      </Suspense>
    </div>
  );
}
```

# Accessibility Concerns

- Drupal's meta info is very good
- Drupal's HTML is very accessible OOTB
- Consider accessibility implications when fully decoupling

Server side rendering w/Node can improve accessibility



# Decoupling Drupal

# Methodologies

There are various approaches for decoupling with Drupal.

- Fully decoupled (“headless”)
- Pseudo-decoupled
- Progressively decoupled
- Supplemental

# Fully decoupled (headless)

- Drupal acts as a content repository
- Drupal provides no public front end
- A front end is built independently
- The front end consumes data from Drupal via API

# Pseudo-decoupled

The same model as fully decoupled, *plus*:

- Drupal provides layout configuration information via API
- The front end uses the layout information to assemble pages
- Enables 'site builders' to update site layout via Drupal

# Progressively decoupled

- Drupal provides a front end as standard Drupal theme
- Decoupled apps are embedded within certain areas of website, such as
  - Within a Drupal block
  - As a specific region's content
  - Even replacing the entire <body>

# Supplemental

- Drupal provides entire front end
- Drupal developer inserts data as DOM attributes
- JS extracts data from DOM elements
- Supplemental App(s) inserted alongside Drupal elements
  - E.g. supplement form integer widget with React slider widget



# Starting a new decoupled app

# Starting a Decoupled Drupal project

- Contenta
- Reservoir
- Drupal Boina (Gatsby)  
Github.com/weknowinc/Drupal-boina (drupal starter)
  - For Gatsby
  - Github.com/weknowinc/Gatsby-starter-drupal-boina (gatsby starter)
- Vanilla Drupal

# Exposing Drupal data

Drupal aims to be API-first, and it's headed in that direction.

- JSONAPI
  - Endorsed by Dries, de facto standard
- GraphQL
  - Has user interface for navigating data structures: **GraphiQL**
  - Can be set up server side **or client side**
  - Retrieves only the fields you request
  - Can be configured to simplify complex queries
- Via DOM element attributes
  - Note: Impractical for 'heavily' decoupled implementations

# GraphQL

A *spec* -- Can be implemented in any language

- Server Side: Drupal module (drupal/graphql)
  - Can be configured to run custom db queries
- Client side: graphql-compose
  - Can map JSON API endpoints to graphql

# GET'ing related Drupal data

Drupal fields regularly reference other entities.

Options for fetching referenced content:

- Sequential JSONAPI requests
- JSONAPI's "include=field\_name" query param
  - + Jsonapi Defaults (Submodule of JSON:API Extras)
- Subrequests module
  - Enables parallel requests w/single Drupal bootstrap
- Server-side GraphQL (Server-side or Client-side)
  - **Highly** customizable endpoints via backend development

# Looking ahead: GatsbyJS

Nothing to do with the great gatsby..

*“Blazing fast site generator for react”*

- Exports public API “get” calls into JSON files
- For POSTs:
  - Integrate with external services when possible
- Only deploy static files, no longer deploy Drupal



# Fully decoupled static site w/Gatsby

- Use GraphQL for API calls
  - Gatsby plugin for client side GraphQL available!
- Create new app using GatsbyJS
- Deployment: Export “build artifacts” from Gatsby app
  - Downloads public API endpoints into static files!
  - Enables deploying a truly static website
- Gatsby starter: [Github.com/weknowinc/Gatsby-starter-drupal-boina](https://github.com/weknowinc/Gatsby-starter-drupal-boina)

# Gatsby-specific techniques

## Drupal site setup

- Drupal: provide content in markdown (tui\_editor)
- Preprocess inline-images in markdown (gatsby-remark-drupal)
- Deploy your site directly from Drupal (build\_hooks module, allows auto-builds to netlify)

## Gatsby Packages

- gatsby-image
- Gatsby-source-drupal
- Gatsby-remark-drupal
- Gatsby-transformer-remark
- Gatsby-remark-images
- Gatsby-remark-external-links
- Gatsby-plugin-sharp
- Gatsby-plugin-react-helmet



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# Mock API's for distributed + external + local dev

(copied, do research / rewrite this:)

- GraphQL - serve mock data with graphql-tools from Apollo GraphQL
- Node.js - generate server-side w/JSON Schema faker
- React - integrate API testing w/Jest
- Node.js user JSON Server to generate w/local sample.json files

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- Item four
- Item five





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# Try It With Me

```
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