

CSE 331 Stateful UI in React

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Administrivia

- HW7 released yesterday
 - it is probably longer than HW5-6
 - start early!
- Work through 3 versions of an ADT
 - changing representations and specifications
- Finished all material on correctness
 - tools, testing, reasoning, and defensive programming proof by calculation, cases, induction
 Floyd logic, arrays
 AF and RI

Remaining Work

- Last four weeks include
 - midterm and final exam
 - HW8 and HW9 (full app on your own)

Lecture 15	16	Lecture 17	Section 18	10:30-11:20 Midterm exam (in class) 19	
Full-Stack Apps		Data Design	Midterm Review	14:30-15:20 Midterm exam (in class)	
		23:00 HW7 due			
Lecture 22	23	Lecture 24	Section 25	Lecture 26	
More Problems with Mutation		Problems with OO	Client-Server Programming	Design Patterns	
				23:00 HW8 due	
Memorial Day 29	30	Lecture 31	Section 01	Lecture 02	
		TBD I	Final Review	TBD II	
				23:00 HW9 due	
June					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
05	14:30-16:20 Final exam (in KNE 110) 06	07	08	09	
	16:30-18:20 Final exam (in KNE 110)				

In 331, expect you to (eventually) be able to



Remaining Work

- HW8 and HW9 focus on practical skills
 - build full stack apps
 - some help in HW8
 - no help in HW9
- Tests focus on theoretical knowledge
 - e.g., checking correctness of complex loops
 - midterm is practice for the final covered all the material already (HW1–7) midterm worth about the same points as HW8 & HW9

- Midterm exam has 4 problems covering
 - **1.** Correctness of a complex loop
 - 2. Writing a loop correctly given the invariant
 - 3. Writing code correctly given no invariant
 - 4. Testing a complex loop
- Study HW5-6 and related section material
 - some other example tests on the web site
 - not necessarily representative of our problems
 tests are from other instructors, in different quarters

Stateful UI in React (React Components)

UI in HW1-4

• UI so far was static

- index.tsx calls render to show a fixed UI
 UI was different based on query params
 but never changed once rendered
- Made the UI change by reloading the page

- change the query params, so it renders something different

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UI in HW1-4

- Reloading is not great as a user experience
 - page reloads are slow
 - page reloads can lose state (e.g., content of text fields)
- Better to re-render the page without a reload

React Functions

- React let us create custom tags
 - e.g., from HW2

root.render(<SquareElem square={sq}/>);

acts like the call

root.render(SquareElem({square: sq}));

where SquareElem is function taking a record argument

function SquareElem(props: {square: Square}): JSX.Element

• HTML returned by the function is displayed

- "SquareElem" tag is in the HTML
- render spots it, calls the function, and replaces the tag

• Can do the same with a class (a React Component):

```
class HiElem extends Component<{name: string}, {}> {
  render = (): JSX.Element => {
    return Hi, {this.props.name};
  };
}
```

- Use via <HiElem name={"Fred"}/>
 - React instantiates the class and calls its render method
- React calls render to get the HTML to display
 - constructor stores argument in a field called "props" props type is SqProps

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Can define a shorthand for the type

No sensible reason to make Components without state

- Component is a generic type
 - first type parameter is the type of "props"
 - second type parameter is for "state"...

```
type HiProps = {name: string};
type HiState = {curName: string};
class HiElem extends Component<HiProps, HiState> {
   constructor(props: HiProps) {
     super(props);
     this.state = {curName: this.props.name};
   }
```

- Component is a generic type
 - first component is type of this.props (readonly)
 - second component is type of this.state
 - initial value set in the constructor never *directly* modified after that

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type HiState = {curName: string};
class HiElem extends Component<HiProps, HiState> {
  render = (): JSX.Element {
    return Hi, {this.state.curName};
  };
```

- render can use both this.props and this.state
 - difference is that state can be changed props never change
 - React will automatically re-render when state changes
 re-render happens shortly after the state change

```
type HiProps = {name: string};
type HiState = {curName: string};
class HiElem extends Component<HiProps, HiState> {
    ...
    setName = (newName: string): void => {
      this.setState({curName: newName});
    };
}
```

• Must call setState to change the state

```
- directly modifying this.state is a (painful) bug
```

React will automatically re-render when state changes

- this is the (only) reason to use a Component

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Only need to supply the fields that have changed

- all the other fields will stay as they were before

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React Components

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- How could setName be called?
 - typically happens in a handler for an HTML event



React Component with an Event Handler

- Pass method to be called as argument
 - value of onClick attribute is our makeSpanish method

```
render = (): JSX.Element {
    return (<div>
        {this.state.greeting}, {this.props.name}!
        <button onClick={this.makeSpanish}>Espanol</button>
        </div>);
};
```

Browser will invoke that method when button is clicked

```
makeSpanish = (evt: MouseEvent<HTMLButtonElement>) => {
    this.setState({greeting: "Hola"});
  };
```

- Call to setState causes a re-render (in a bit)

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    this.state = {greeting: "Hi"};
  }
 render = (): JSX.Element {
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- "Props" are part of the specification (arguments)
 - public interface, used by clients

root.render(<Hi name={"Fred"}/>); // pass in name

- "State" is the concrete representation
 - private choice of data structures, hidden from clients

```
constructor(props: HiProps) {
  super(props);
  this.state = {greeting: "Hi"}; // initial state
}
```

Can have RIs on state as well

```
// RI: 0 <= index < options.length
type OptionState = {
   options: string[],
   index: number
};</pre>
```

• Good idea to write a checkRep here also!

React Components are Level 3

- Like ADTs, methods are sharing state
 - change in one method is read in other methods
- Debugging will be harder!
- Move complex parts into separate functions
 - class is ideally just be render and simple event handlers move everything complex into helper functions
 e.g., calculation of new state can be a helper function
 - harder to reason about and test Level 3, so keep it simple
- Write code to check your invariants
 - ensure the new state is valid before calling setState

- HTML on the screen is a (hidden) part of the state
 - components work with React to manage this state
- render **method is like an AF**
 - defines the correct HTML to display for the given state
- Components have an invariant like an RI

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	Component	React
t = 10	this.state = s_1	$doc = HTML_1 = render(s_1)$
t = 20	this.setState(s ₂)	
t = 30	this.state = s_2	doc HTML ₂ = render(s_2)

React updates this.state to s_2 and doc to HTML_2 simultaneously

Components have an invariant like an RI

HTML on screen = render(this.state)

- don't want to be in a state where that is not true unless you like painful debugging!
- 1. Do not mutate this.state (call setState) React will update this.state and HTML on screen at the same time
- 2. Make sure no data on screen would disappear on re-render More on this later...

Example: To-Do List