REACT AND FRIENDS

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AGENDA

- What is React?
- Intro to Create React App
- What React isn't
- Common companion libraries
- What makes React a good choice for your team

WHAT IS REACT?

- A view library for building component-based UIs
- Created by Facebook in 2013
- Includes a declarative DSL for describing components called JSX
 - "html in your javascript"
- Components are a function of two parameters
 - "props" = read-only
 - "state" = read/write
- Components have a specific lifecycle that can be used to influence behavior
 - http://projects.wojtekmaj.pl/react-lifecycle-methods-diagram/

CREATE REACT APP





• https://github.com/facebook/create-react-app

WHAT REACT ISN'T

- A "framework"
- The following is up to you:
 - State Management
 - Routing
 - Forms
 - Styling
 - Testing

OUR STACK

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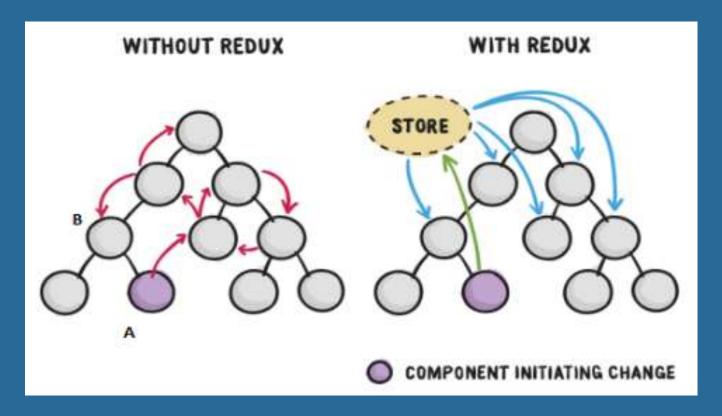
STATE MANAGEMENT



Flux Redux Mobx

• It is totally possible to use React without any state management library!

REDUX - DATA FLOW



Source: https://www.slideshare.net/binhqdgmail/006-react-redux-framework

- STORE a single, global data repository and an API to change said data
- STATE the data
 - Important: this is NOT the same as the "state" of a component : (
- ACTION an event
 - Usually, causes some update to STATE
- REDUCER function which responds to ACTION(s) and decides how to update STATE
- DISPATCH function that passes actions to reducers
 - you "dispatch" an "action"

- (yet another) a companion library
- provides a nice API for using redux with your React components
- subscribe to pieces of the data, receiving updates when they change
- make changes to the data from your components

REACT-REDUX IN PRACTICE

```
interface StateProps {
            inFlight: boolean;
            schedule?: Session[];
        interface DispatchProps {
            scheduleRequest: () => void;
        type ScheduleProps = StateProps & DispatchProps;
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        class ScheduleComponent extends Component<ScheduleProps> {
            public componentDidMount() {
                this.props.scheduleRequest();
            public render() {
                return (
                        <h3>Choose an appointment time:</h3>
                        <div className={styles.schedule}>
                            {(this.props.inFlight || !this.props.schedule)
                                ? <SpinnerComponent />
                                    {this.props.schedule.map((session: Session) => (
                                        <SessionLink
                                            key={session.id}
                                            {...session}
                                    ))}
                                </Fragment>
                        </div>
                    </Fragment>
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        const mapStateToProps: MapStateToProps<StateProps, ScheduleProps, { spa: SpaState }> = state => ({
            inFlight: state.spa.inFlight,
            schedule: state.spa.schedule,
        const mapDispatchToProps: MapDispatchToProps<DispatchProps, ScheduleProps> = dispatch => ({
            scheduleRequest: () => dispatch(ActionCreators.scheduleRequest()),
        export const ScheduleContainer = connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps)(ScheduleComponent);
```

REACT-REDUX IN PRACTICE

• tooling matters

ASYNC ACTIONS





redux-thunk

redux-saga

redux-observable

• a.k.a. but I need to talk to a server!

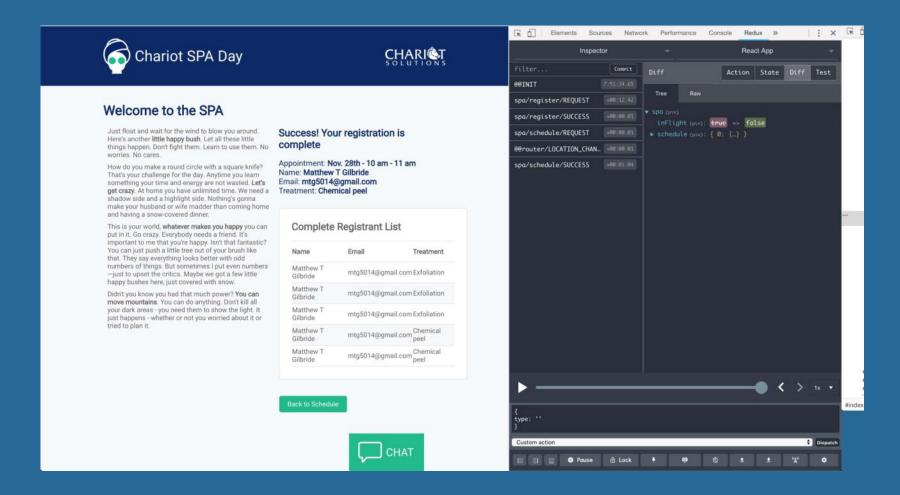
REDUX-OBSERVABLE

- turns redux actions into observables
- "Epics": actions in, actions out



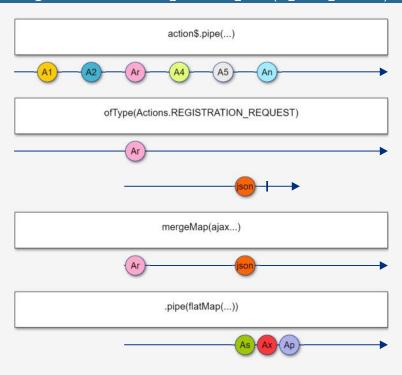
- "Observable" think of it as a stream
- resources
 - http://rxmarbles.com/
 - http://reactivex.io/documentation/operators/merge.html
 - http://reactivex.io/documentation/operators/zip.html
 - Video: Marble diagrams in Rx

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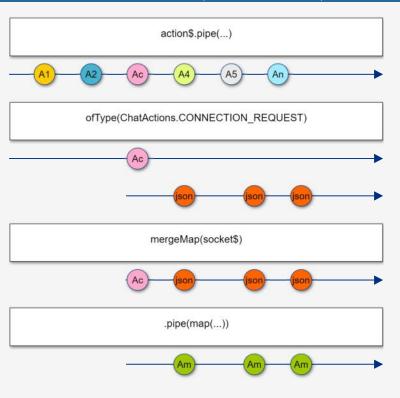


REDUX-OBSERVABLE IN PRACTICE

registrationRequestEpic (spaEpic.ts)



connectEpic (chatEpic.ts)



ROUTING









Backbone Router

React's website has a more comprehensive list of available routers: Link

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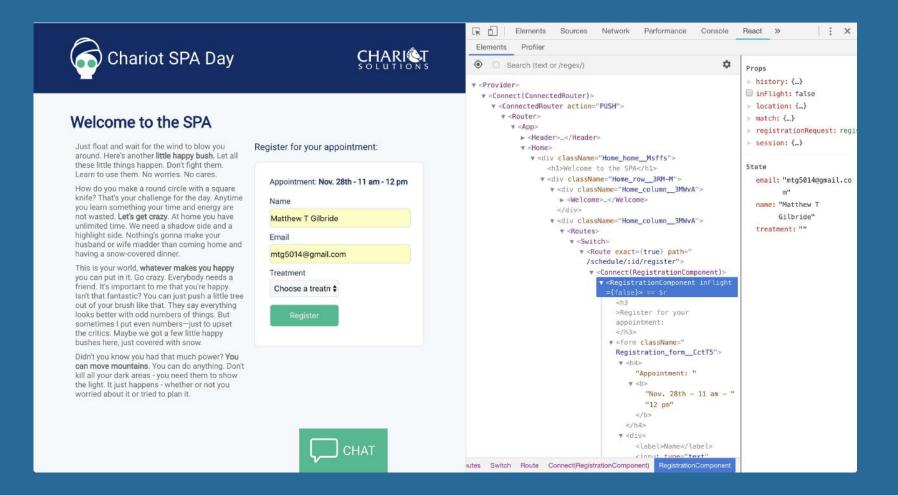
Formik

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React's basic documentation on controlled and uncontrolled forms: Link

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STYLING



CSS MODULES

Global Styles or Imported Component Styles

React Specific Approaches

CSS Modules

TESTING







Enzyme

WHO IS REACT GOOD FOR?

- Existing projects
- Strong development teams which want flexibility
- Small projects

THANKS!

• Questions?