GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JAVASCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

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HELLO!

1. Pull changes from the `svodnik/JS-SF-8-resources` repo to your computer
2. Open the `starter-code` folder in your editor

JAVASCRIPT DEVELOPMENT

INTRODUCTION TO REACT

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this class, you will be able to

- Understand the roles of model, view, and controller
- Describe the difference between frameworks and libraries
- Recognize the primary uses of React
- Create a component hierarchy
- Build a React component

AGENDA

- Model View Controller (MVC)
- Frameworks and libraries
- React overview
- Creating React components
- React lab

WEEKLY OVERVIEW

WEEK 10	React / Final project lab
WEEK 11	Final project presentations

EXIT TICKET QUESTIONS

1. Is there not another way to include the API key in my .js file without others stealing it? for example are there link shorteners / link redirecting services that require a sign-in prior to showing the original link
2. How would I update my app? Do I just deploy again?

Final Project Checkin

ACTIVITY

KEY OBJECTIVE

- Check in on final project

TYPE OF EXERCISE

- Groups of 3

TIMING

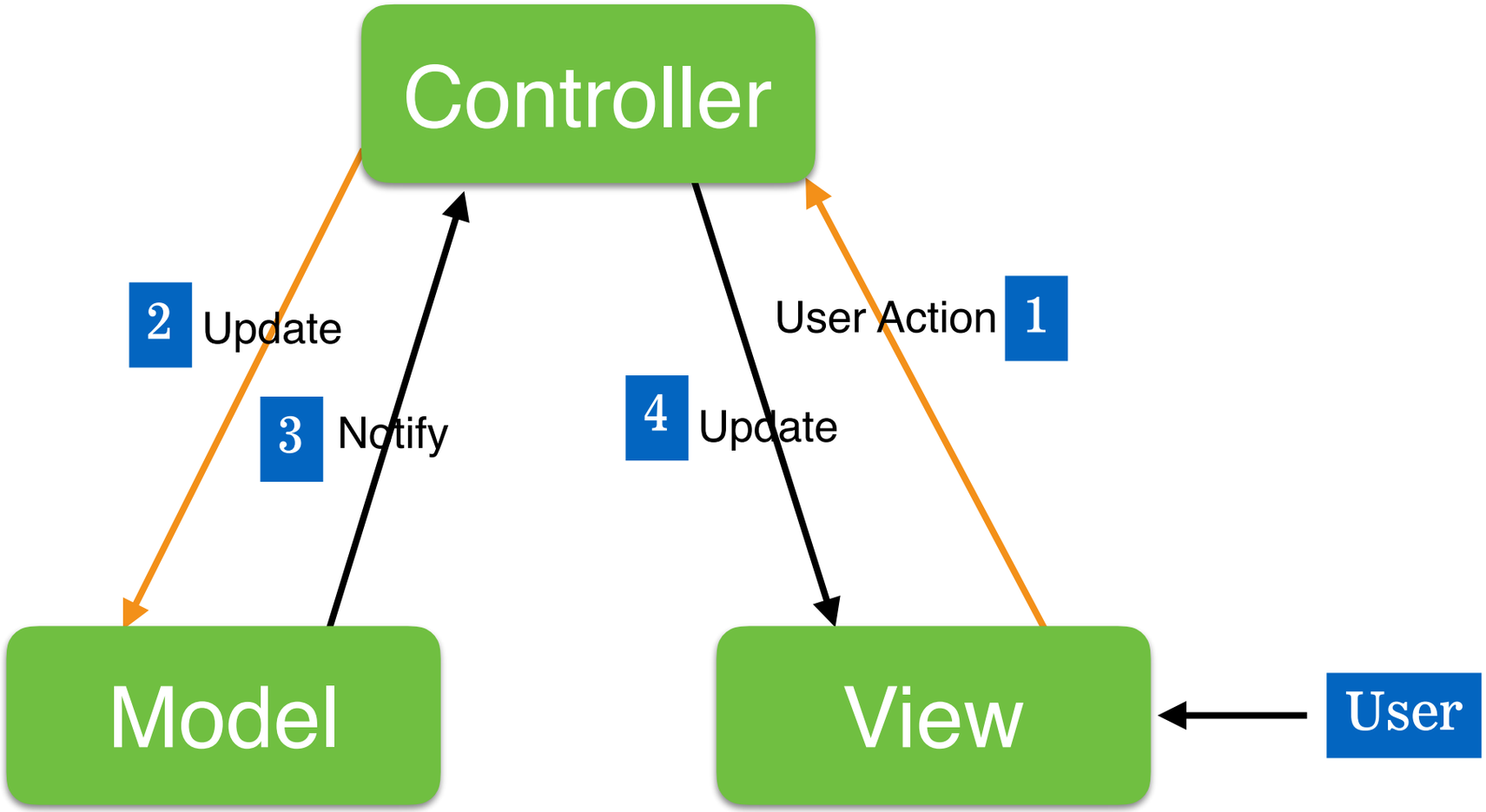
10 min

1. Take turns checking in about where you are with your final project. If you have a working prototype, display your app in your browser, demonstrate its functionality, and explain what you plan to add to your app.
2. Share a challenge you've run into with your project. If you've overcome it, describe how. If not, brainstorm resources and next steps with your group members.

MODEL-VIEW-CONTROLLER (MVC)

- **Model**: handles data and business logic
- **View**: presents data to user in any supported format and layout
- **Controller**: receives user inputs and calls appropriate resources to carry them out

MODEL-VIEW-CONTROLLER (MVC)



LIBRARIES VS FRAMEWORKS

- Your code calls a **library**
- A **framework** calls your code

WHY USE FRAMEWORKS?

- Standard / well known
  - Dictates a method that cannot be (easily) ignored
- Common problems already solved
  - Cross Browser
  - Accessibility
  - Complexity of state

LIBRARIES

- Target a single problem
- Are usable in any project
- Often consist of a set of independent functions
- Are lightweight

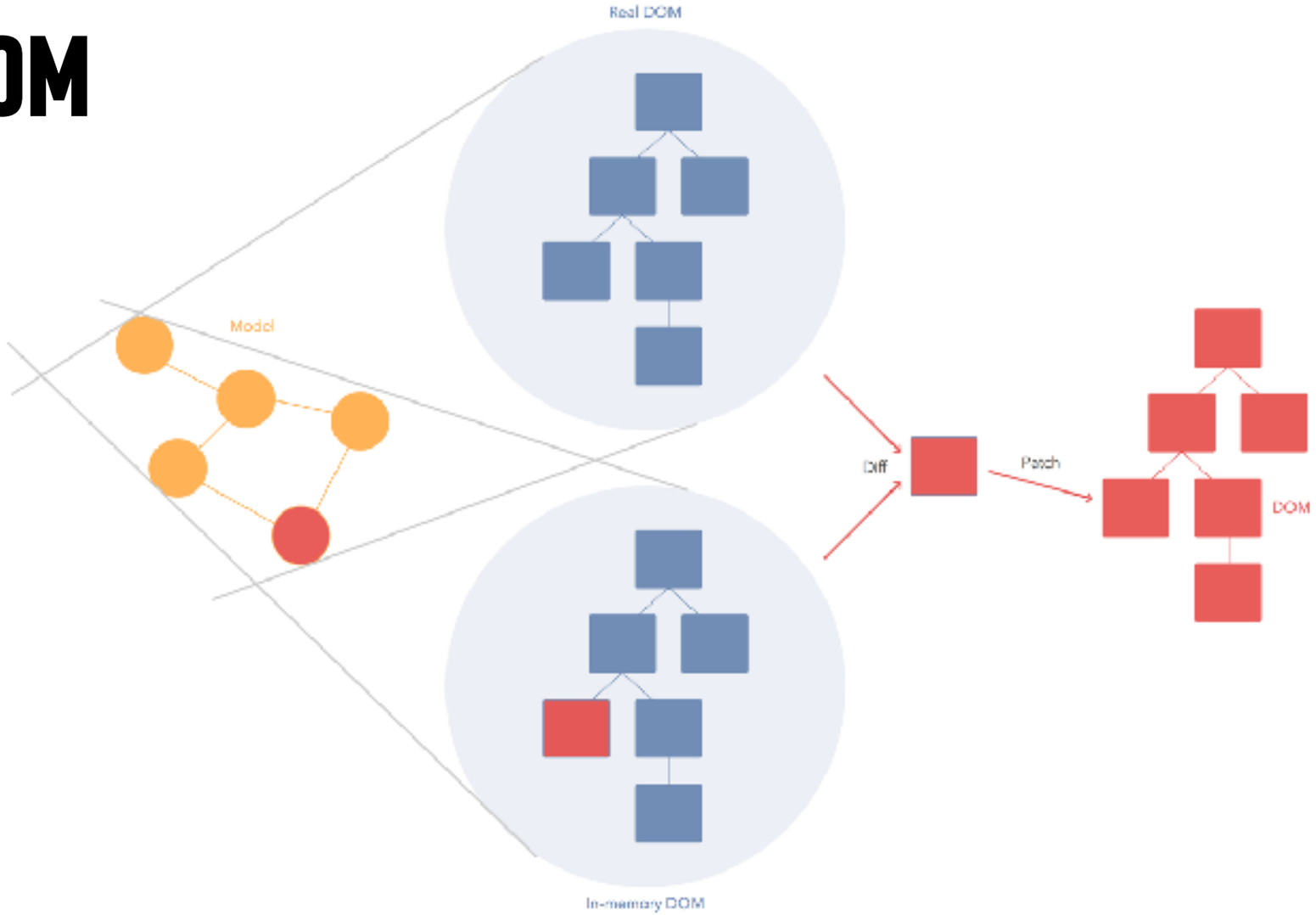
REACT

- somewhere between a framework and a library
  - “a framework that feels like a library”
- It only cares about your views (V from MVC)
- BUT you must do your views the React way

VIRTUAL DOM

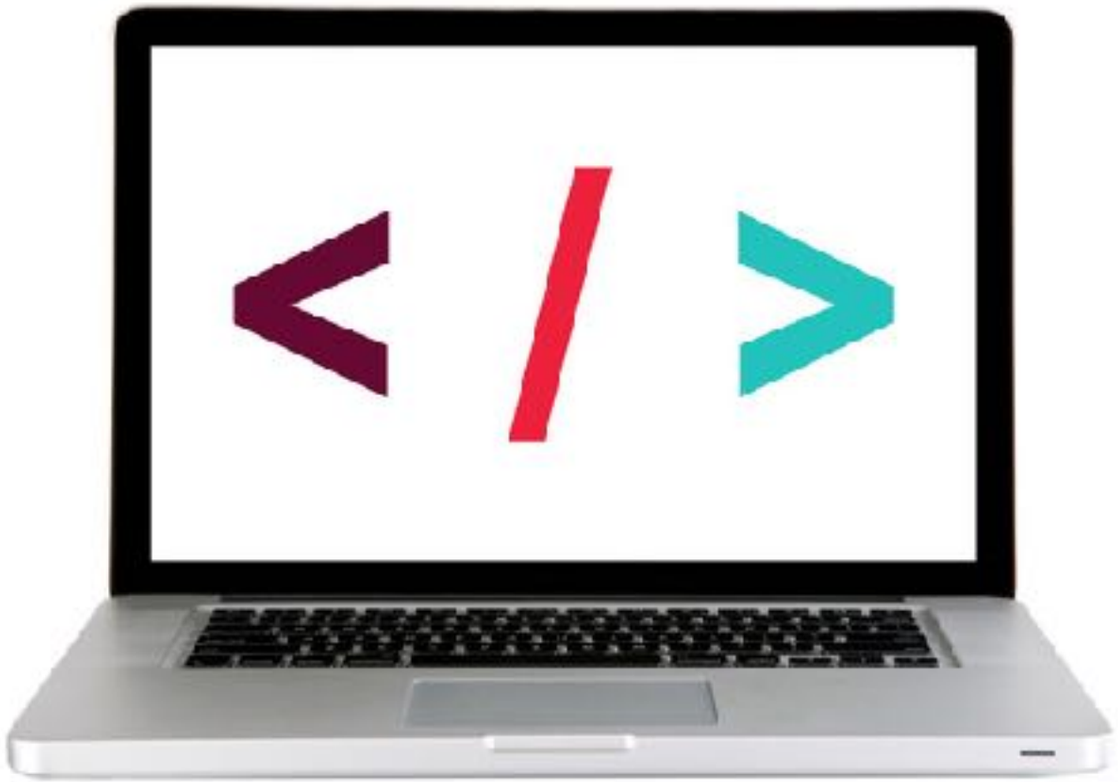
- Tracks changes to DOM without making them immediately
- React changes DOM to match only when necessary
- This is quicker than doing direct DOM manipulation

VIRTUAL DOM



from https://stackoverflow.com/questions/21109361/why-is-reacts-concept-of-virtual-dom-said-to-be-more-performant-than-dirty-mode#23995928

LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK



REACT COMPONENTS

- Define a small view template
- Use some values passed in to display data
- Are declarative
- Small, reusable, and independent

CREATING REACT COMPONENTS

- Create a component function
  - initial cap in function name
  - `props` is parameter name
- Add a `return` statement to the component function
  - Contents should be JSX
  - Can include JavaScript expressions wrapped in { }

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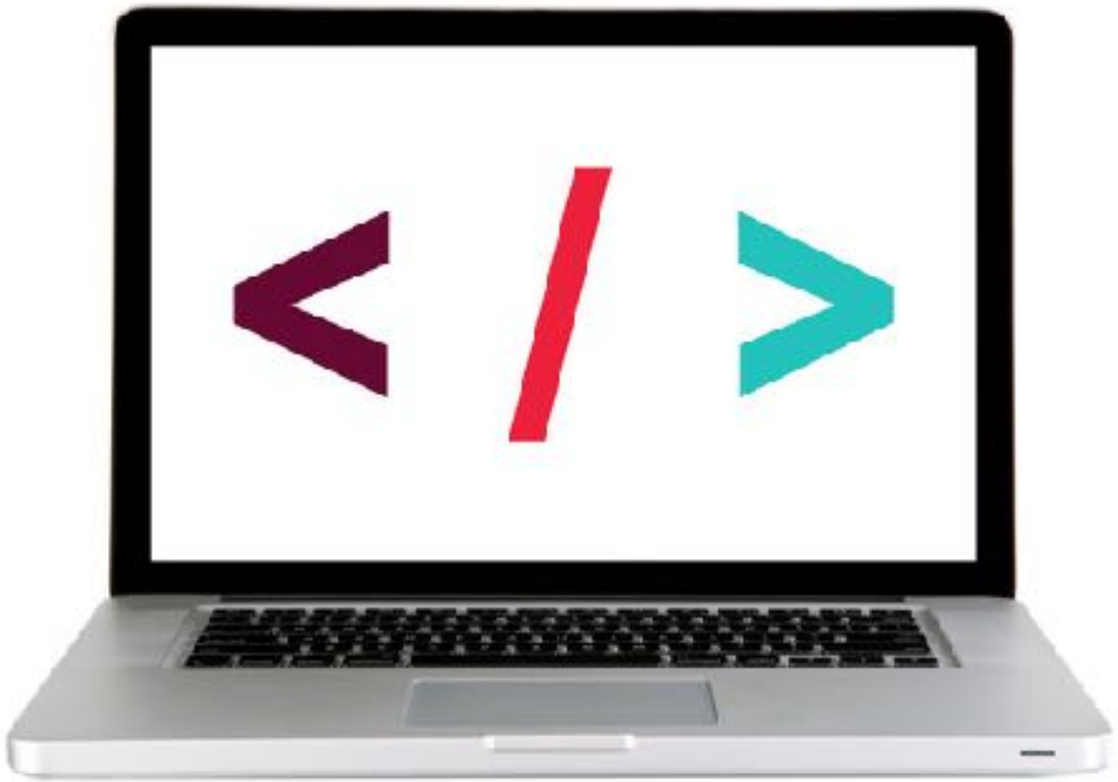

JSX

- Extension to JavaScript
- Lets you write JavaScript code that looks like HTML (actually XML)
- Compiles to a JavaScript object
- Supports JavaScript expressions in curly braces

JSX SPREAD OPERATOR

- . . . characters
- lets you specify an object as the parameter of a function, but transforms that argument into key-value pairs at runtime
- essentially setting key-value pairs as HTML attributes in the React code
- only evaluated at runtime, so it's based on the current value of the state at runtime

LOOPING IN REACT COMPONENTS

- Commonly used for an array of values
- `array.map()` function built into JavaScript
  - accepts a function as an argument
  - loops through the array, executing the specified function with each element as the argument
  - can return a JSX expression to build out an HTML structure based on a set of values

EXERCISE — CREATE REACT COMPONENTS

KEY OBJECTIVE

- Build a React component

TYPE OF EXERCISE

- Solo or in pairs

LOCATION

- `starter-code > 1-component-exercise`

TIMING

10 min

1. The start file contains the components we've already been working with, along with additional data in the state variable.
2. Create variables storing references to the two new elements in the DOM.
3. Create components to render the contents of the new state properties.
4. Call the render method for each of your two new components.

THINKING IN REACT

Data returned from a JSON API

```
[
  {category: "Sporting Goods", price: "$49.99", stocked: true, name: "Football"},
  {category: "Sporting Goods", price: "$9.99", stocked: true, name: "Baseball"},
  {category: "Sporting Goods", price: "$29.99", stocked: false, name: "Basketball"},
  {category: "Electronics", price: "$99.99", stocked: true, name: "iPod Touch"},
  {category: "Electronics", price: "$399.99", stocked: false, name: "iPhone 5"},
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];
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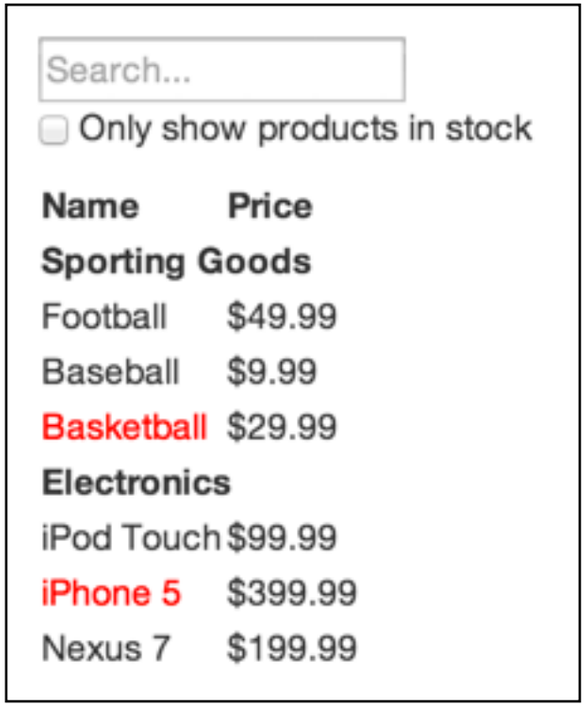
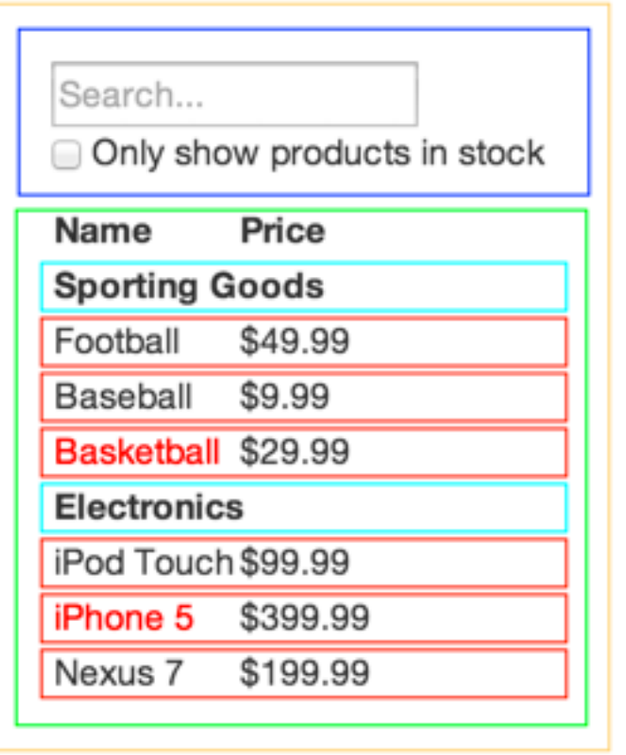
Mock from designer



THINKING IN REACT

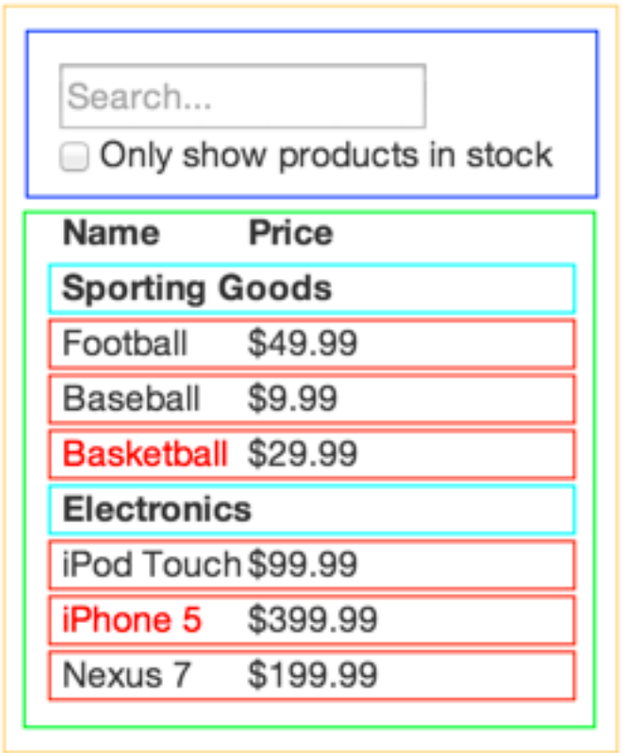
DRAW SOME BOXES



THINKING IN REACT

NAME THE BOXES (SEMANTICALLY!)

- FilterableProductTable
- SearchBar
- ProductTable
- ProductCategoryRow
- ProductRow



THINKING IN REACT

MAKE A HIERARCHY

components!

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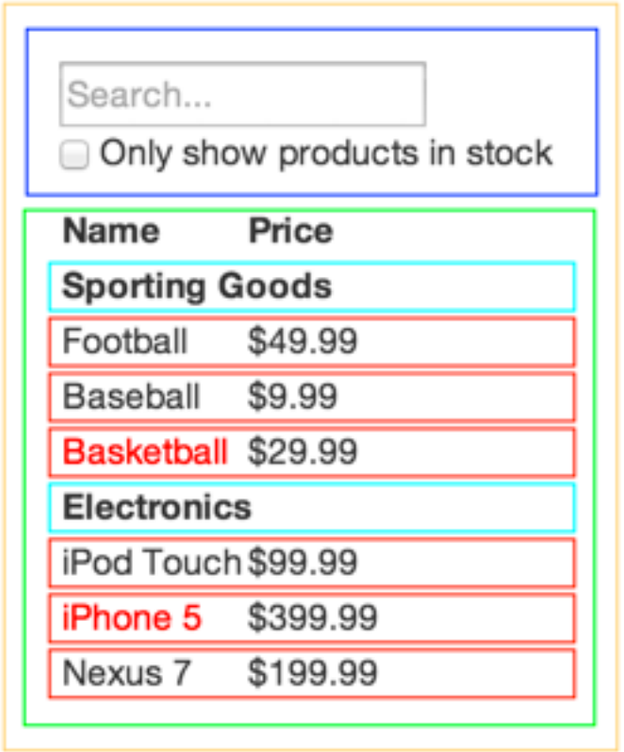

EXERCISE

KEY OBJECTIVE

- Create a component hierarchy

TYPE OF EXERCISE

- Individual/pair

TIMING

7 min

1. Choose a section of your favorite website
2. Write down the component hierarchy (remember the steps: 1. Mock, 2. Boxes, 3. Name, 4. Hierarchy)
3. Don’t forget to use semantic names!

REACT LAB

- Created by Jess Telford, a GA JSD instructor in Australia

https://github.com/jesstelford/react-workshop

Exit Tickets!

(Class #17)

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NEXT CLASS PREVIEW

Final project lab

- All of next class will be lab time for you to work on your final project.
- Larissa and I will be available during class if you want to think through challenges together. (Your classmates will, too!)

Q&A