

Here's a simple and beginner-friendly guide to **React.js**, covering key concepts and components you'll need to start your React journey!

What is React?

React is a **JavaScript library** used for building user interfaces (UIs), particularly for single-page applications where you need fast, interactive user experiences. It allows you to create reusable UI components and efficiently update the UI when data changes.

Key Concepts of React:

1. JSX (JavaScript XML):

- JSX is a syntax extension for JavaScript that allows you to write HTML-like code inside JavaScript. React components are often written using JSX.
- **Example:**

Jsx code

```
const element = <h1>Hello, world!</h1>;
```

2. Components:

- React components are reusable pieces of code that return JSX and define how parts of the UI should look and behave.
- **Types of Components:**
 - **Functional Components:** Functions that return JSX.

Jsx code:-

```
function Welcome(props) {  
  return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;  
}
```

- **Class Components:** ES6 classes that extend `React.Component` and can have additional features like state and lifecycle methods.

Jsx code:-

```
class Welcome extends React.Component {  
  render() {  
    return <h1>Hello, {this.props.name}</h1>;  
  }  
}
```

3. Props (Properties):

- **Props** are inputs to a component and are passed from parent components to child components.
- Props are **read-only** and cannot be modified by the child component.
- **Example:**

Jsx code

```
function Welcome(props) {  
  return <h1>Hello, {props.name}</h1>;  
}
```

```

}

// Usage
<Welcome name="John" />

```

4. State:

- **State** is used to manage data that changes over time, typically in response to user interactions. Unlike props, state is **mutable** and can be changed within a component.
- In **functional components**, you use the `useState` hook.
- **Example** (Functional Component with State):

Jsx code

```

import React, { useState } from 'react';

function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  return (
    <div>
      <p>You clicked {count} times</p>
      <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Click
me</button>
    </div>
  );
}

```

5. Event Handling:

- React uses event handlers to capture user input or actions.
- Example of a click event:

Jsx code

```

function MyButton() {
  const handleClick = () => {
    alert('Button clicked!');
  };

  return <button onClick={handleClick}>Click Me</button>;
}

```

6. Conditional Rendering:

- You can render components or elements based on conditions using `if` statements, ternary operators, or logical `&&` operators.
- Example:

jsx code

```

function Greeting({ isLoggedIn }) {
  return isLoggedIn ? <h1>Welcome back!</h1> : <h1>Please log
in.</h1>;
}

```

7. Lists and Keys:

- React allows you to render lists of elements by mapping over an array. When rendering lists, each element should have a unique `key` to help React optimize rendering.
- Example:

Jsx code:-

```
function ListItem(props) {
  return <li>{props.value}</li>;
}

function NumberList() {
  const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];
  return (
    <ul>
      {numbers.map((number, index) => (
        <ListItem key={index} value={number} />
      ))}
    </ul>
  );
}
```

8. Forms:

- Handling forms in React requires managing state for input fields, so the form data is controlled by React.
- Example:

Jsx code:-

```
function NameForm() {
  const [name, setName] = useState('');

  const handleChange = (event) => {
    setName(event.target.value);
  };

  const handleSubmit = (event) => {
    alert('A name was submitted: ' + name);
    event.preventDefault();
  };

  return (
    <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
      <label>
        Name:
        <input type="text" value={name} onChange={handleChange} />
      </label>
      <button type="submit">Submit</button>
    </form>
  );
}
```

9. useEffect Hook:

- The `useEffect` hook lets you perform side effects (like fetching data, updating the DOM, or subscribing to external services) in function components.
- It replaces lifecycle methods in class components like `componentDidMount`, `componentDidUpdate`, and `componentWillUnmount`.
- Example:

jsx code:-

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from 'react';

function Timer() {
  const [seconds, setSeconds] = useState(0);

  useEffect(() => {
    const interval = setInterval(() => {
      setSeconds((prev) => prev + 1);
    }, 1000);

    return () => clearInterval(interval); // Cleanup
  }, []);

  return <div>Seconds: {seconds}</div>;
}
```

10. React Router:

- React Router allows you to handle navigation between different pages in your app. It helps you create single-page applications with multiple views.
- Example of using React Router:

Cmd terminal :-

```
npm install react-router-dom
```

jsx code:-

```
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Link } from 'react-router-dom';

function App() {
  return (
    <Router>
      <nav>
        <Link to="/">Home</Link> | <Link to="/about">About</Link>
      </nav>

      <Route path="/" exact>
        <h1>Home Page</h1>
      </Route>
      <Route path="/about">
        <h1>About Page</h1>
      </Route>
    </Router>
  );
}
```