



# Redux

*"... predictable state container for JavaScript apps." -- [Redux docs](#)*

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# Why do we need Redux?

We have already solved many problems of state management by

- treating data as **immutable objects** and
- having most of the **data stored in the root component**.



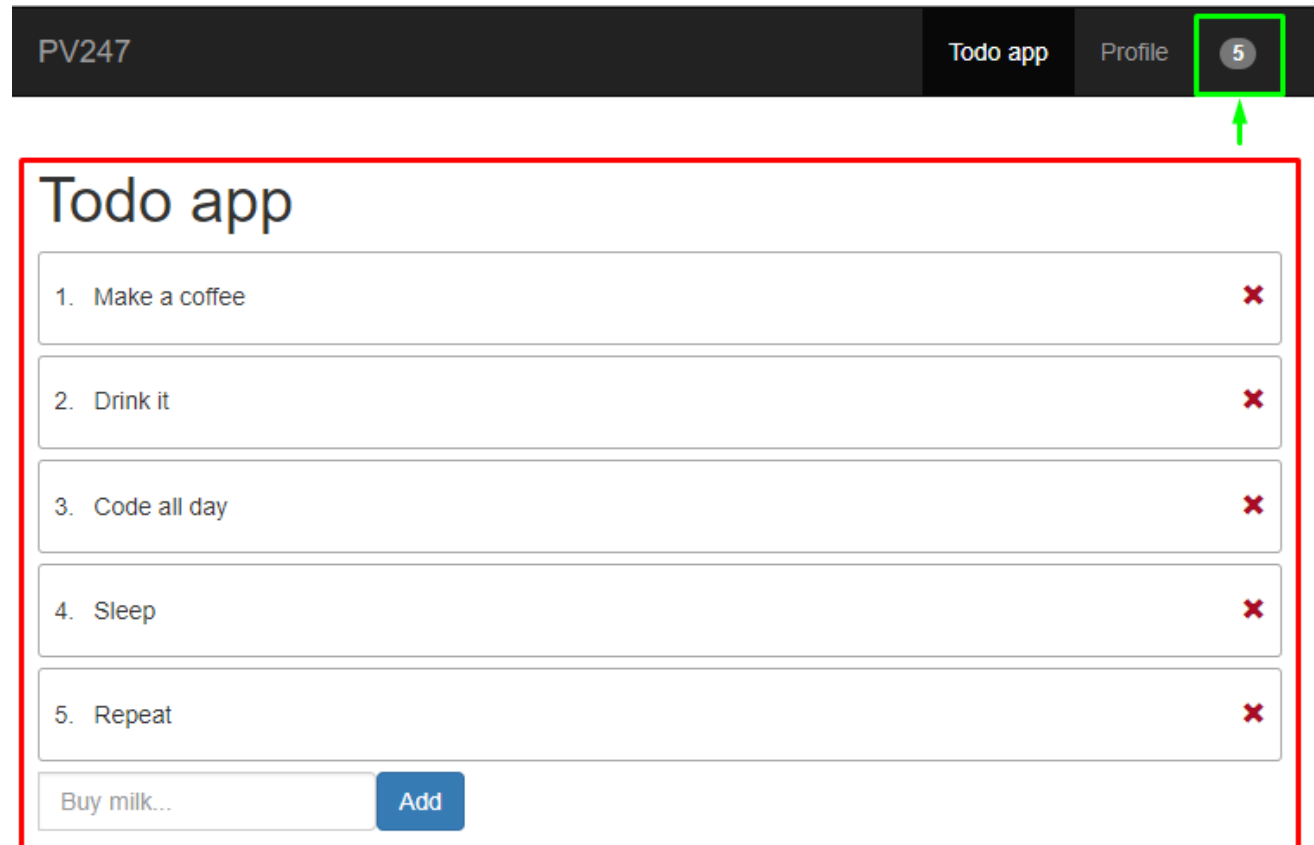
# Problem 1: What is “root component”

## New feature request:

→ Displaying number of TODOs in the navigation bar?

→ **“Unrelated” components dependent on the same data.**

→ [Lifting state up](#). But until when? How to make it scalable?



The screenshot shows a web application interface. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with the text "PV247" on the left, "Todo app" in the center, and "Profile" on the right. A small circular icon with the number "5" is located to the right of "Profile", highlighted with a green square and a green arrow pointing upwards. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Todo app" and contains a list of five todo items, each with a red "x" icon for deletion:

- 1. Make a coffee
- 2. Drink it
- 3. Code all day
- 4. Sleep
- 5. Repeat

At the bottom of the todo list, there is an input field containing the text "Buy milk..." and a blue "Add" button.

# Problem 2: Callbacks chain

Todo app

1.

2. Drink it

3. Code all day

*Click!*

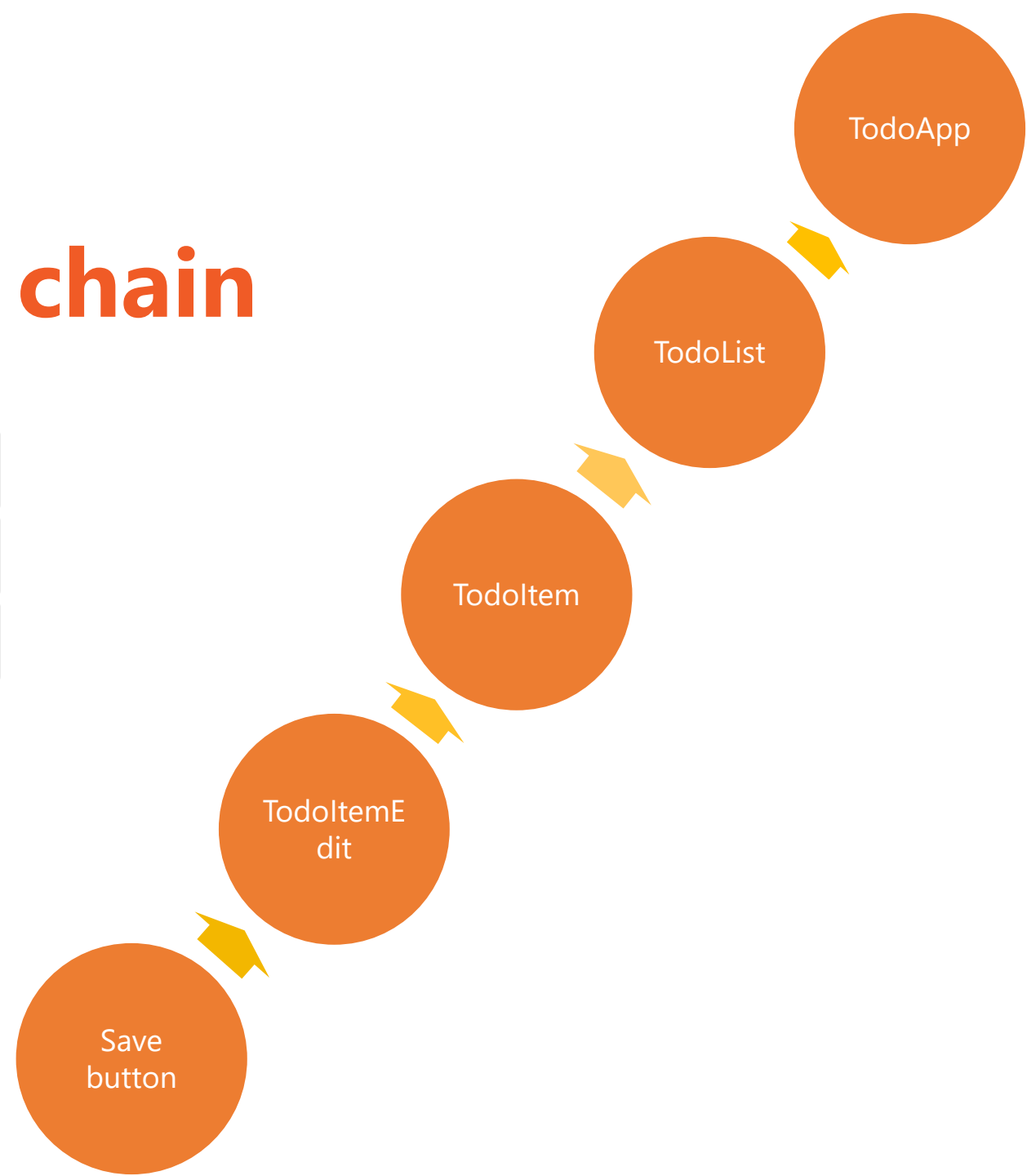
Save Cancel

2. Drink it ✕

3. Code all day ✕

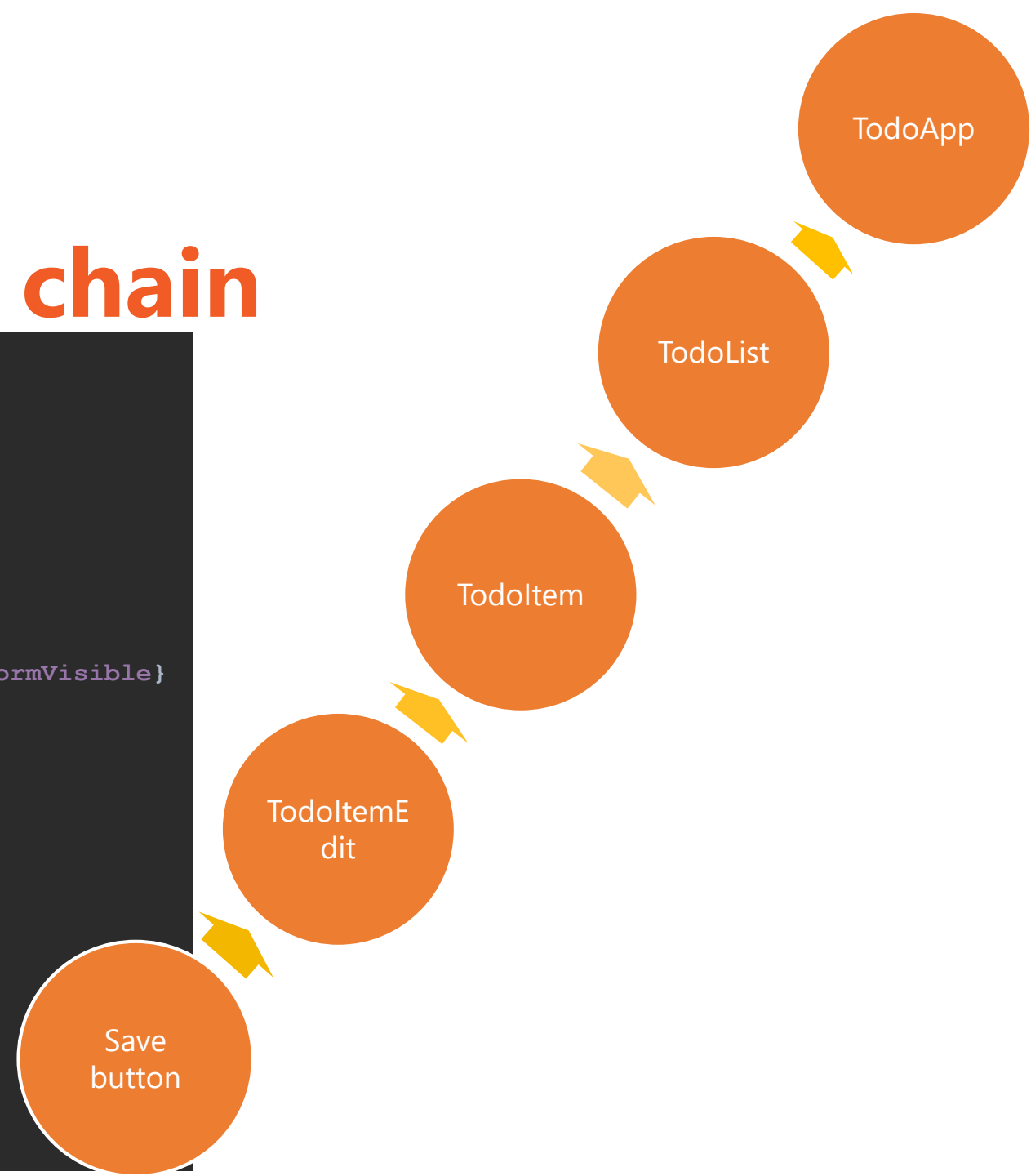
Buy milk... Add

```
<TodoApp>
  <div className="container">
    <div className="row">
      <div className="col-sm-12">...</div>
      <div className="col-sm-12 col-md-6">
        <TodoList>
          <div className="todo-list">
            <TodoItem key="0" index={1}>
              <div key="1" className="todo-list__item">
                <div className="todo-list__item-index">...</div>
                <ItemEdit>
                  <form className="todo-list__item-editing">
                    <input value="Make a coffee" className="form-control"></input>
                    <button type="submit" className="btn btn-primary">Save</button>
                    <button type="button" className="btn btn-default">Cancel</button>
                  </form>
                </ItemEdit>
              </div>
            </TodoItem>
          </div>
        </TodoList>
      </div>
    </div>
  </div>
</TodoApp>
```

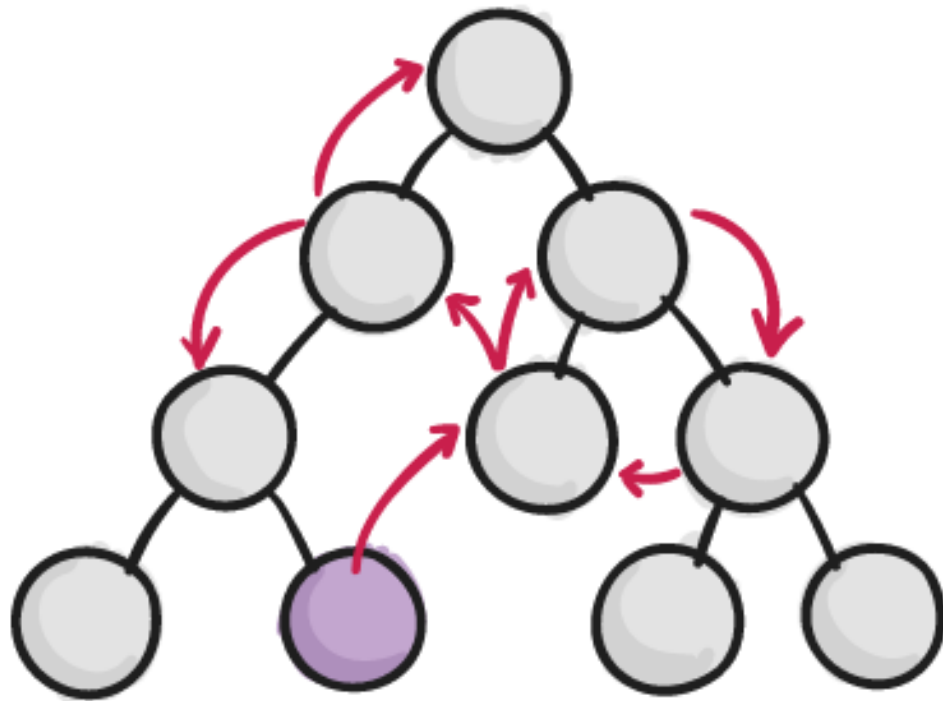


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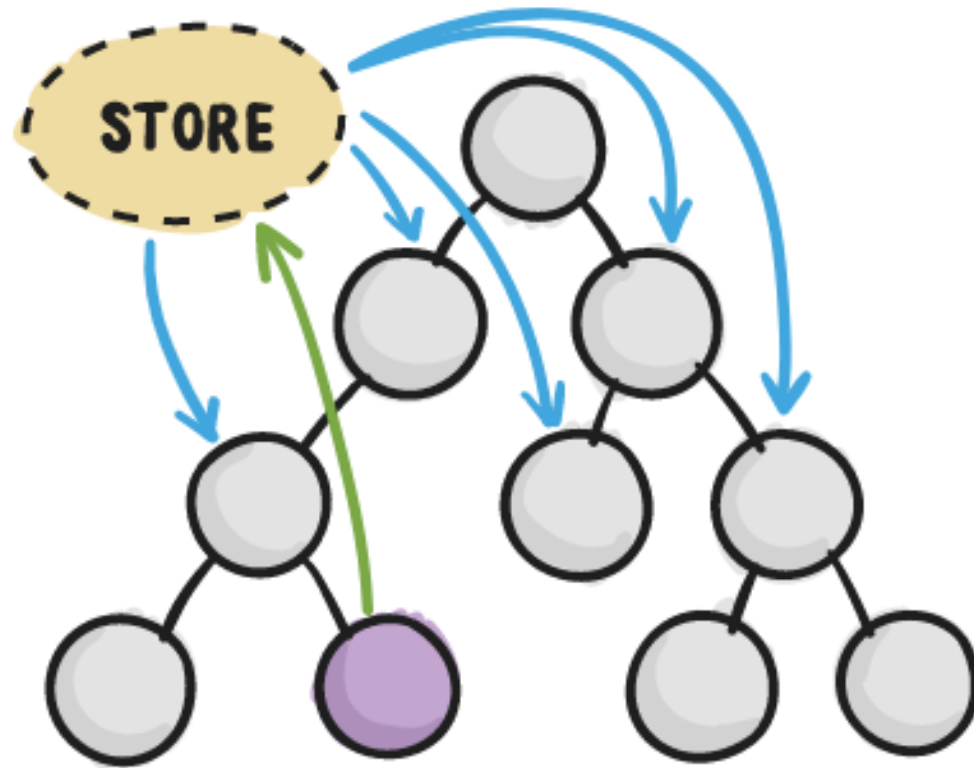
```
class TodoApp extends React.Component {  
  
  // other methods  
  // ...  
  
  render() {  
    return (  
      <TodoList  
        list={this.state.list}  
        editedItemId={this.state.editedItemId}  
        createNewFormVisible={this.state.createNewFormVisible}  
        isDragging={this.state.isDragging}  
        onDelete={this._deleteItem}  
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      />  
    );  
  }  
}
```



## WITHOUT REDUX



## WITH REDUX



 COMPONENT INITIATING CHANGE

# Motivation

## Complex state management made easy

- **Scalable** state management
- **Deterministic** and easily traceable changes
- **State is decoupled from presentation** (won't break with every UI change)
- Better **dev tools** than `console.log()`
- Better **testability**

# 3 Principles of Redux

## Single source of truth:

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# Building blocks

## Action

- describes UI changes

## Store

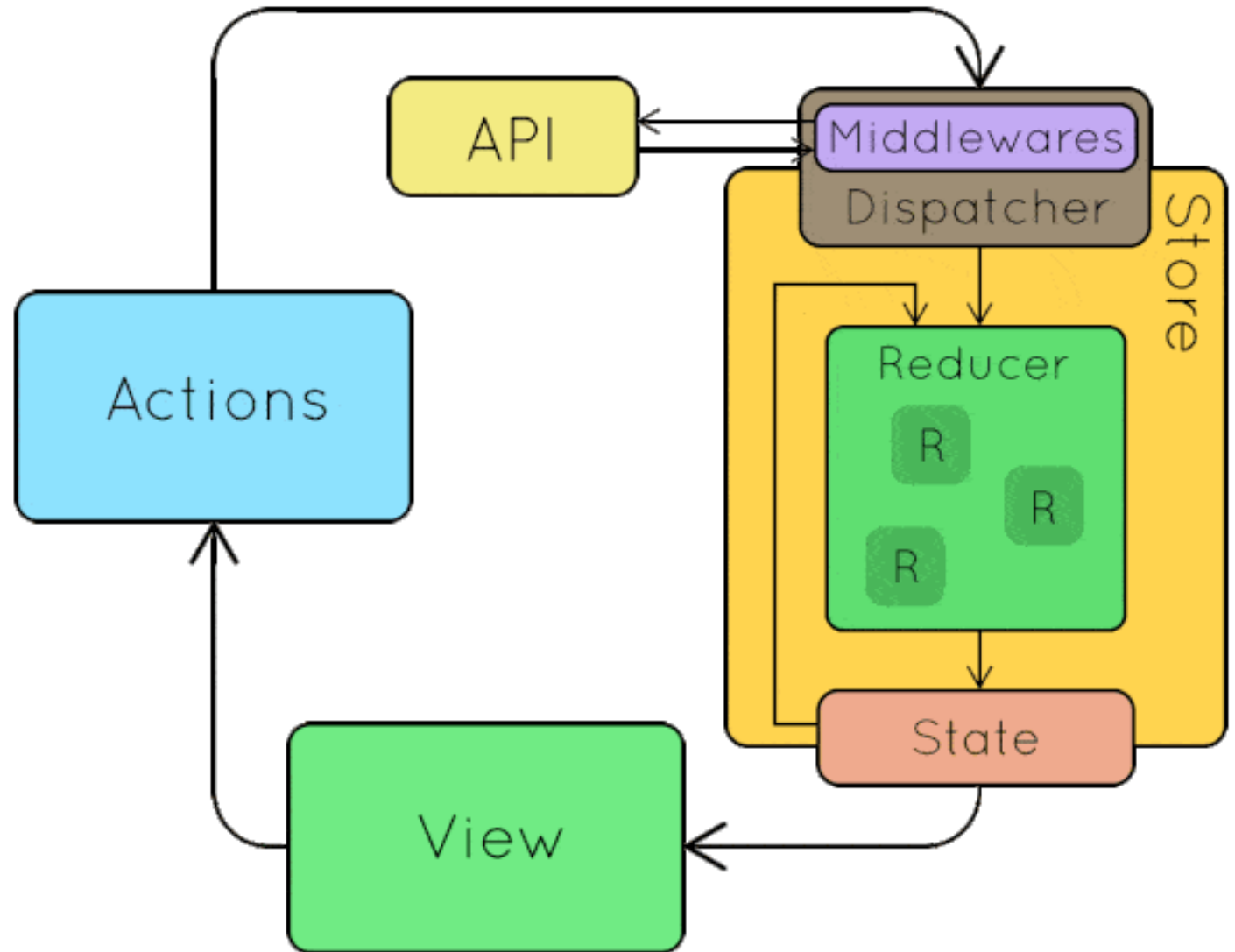
- receives action via dispatcher
- calls root reducer

## Reducer

- $(prevState, action) \Rightarrow newState$

## View

- gets notified about state change
- re-renders with new data



# Actions & Action creators

“**Actions** are payloads of information that send data from your application to your store. They are the *only* source of information for the store.”

A new developer can go through all defined actions and immediately see the entire API – all the user interactions that are possible in your app.

**Action** - simple JS objects describing data change

```
{
  type: 'TODO_APP_ITEM_CREATE',
  payload: {
    id: 42,
    text: 'Buy milk'
  }
}
```

**Action creator** - helper function for creating actions

```
const createItem = (text) => ({
  type: TODO_APP_ITEM_CREATE,
  payload: {
    id: uuid(),
    text: text
  }
});
```

# Reducers

Action describes WHAT has happened, reducer specifies **HOW the state should change**

- **1 root reducer** that can be composed from many others
- Pure function (**prevState, action**) => **nextState**

What is a **pure function**? (args) => result

- It does not make outside network or database calls.
- Its return value depends solely on the values of its parameters.
- Its arguments should be considered "immutable" (must not be changed)
- **Calling a pure function with the same set of arguments will always return the same value.**

# Pure or impure?

```
const getMagicNumber = () => Math.random();
```

```
const time = () => new Date().toLocaleTimeString();
```

```
const addFive = (val) => val + 5;
```

```
var count = 0;  
const increaseCount = (val) => count += val;
```

# Reducers

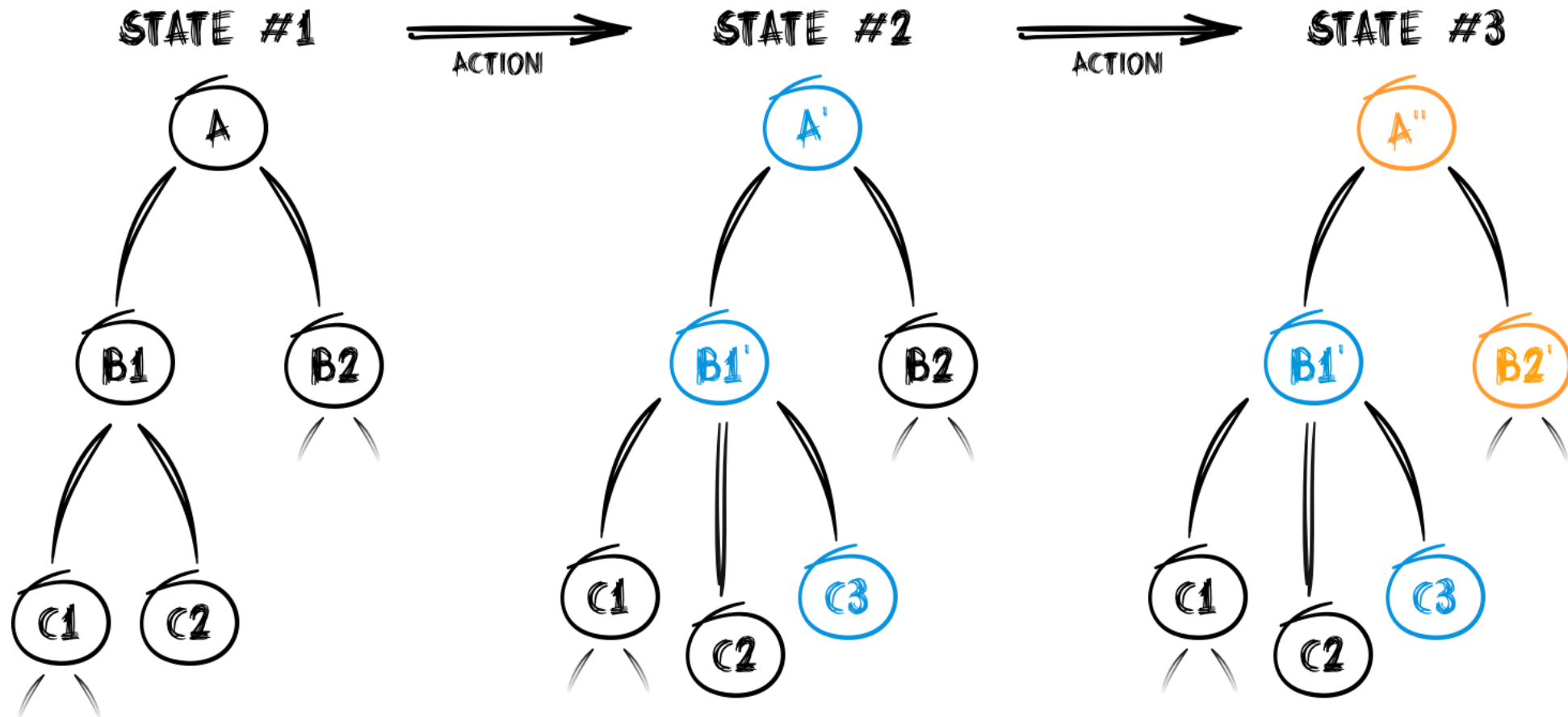


Previous state argument

- Specify default value
- Return same reference for irrelevant action type

```
function counter(state = 0, action) {  
  switch (action.type) {  
    case 'INCREMENT':  
      return state + 1;  
    case 'DECREMENT':  
      return state - 1;  
    default:  
      return state;  
  }  
}
```

# Reducer composition



# Store

**Single store for whole app managed by Redux** (we only provide a root reducer)

- Holds application state;
- Allows access to state via **getState()**;
- Allows state to be updated via **dispatch(action)**;
- Registers listeners via **subscribe(listener)**;
- Handles unregistering of listeners via the function returned by `subscribe(listener)`.

-- [Redux docs](#)

# Minimalistic API

- **createStore(rootReducer)**
- store.**getState**()
- store.**dispatch**(action)
- store.**subscribe**(listener)
- **combineReducers**({...})
- What is the **store lifecycle**?
  - initial call to reducer + call on every dispatched action



# Moving state to the Redux store

**GOAL:** No internal state in TodoApp.jsx

- ? How do we inject state to TodoApp component?
- ? How do we subscribe to changes?

# React-redux integration

You can connect your existing app to the store by hand.  
But you would lose many optimizations react-redux package brings.

Use [react-redux](#) library instead:

1. Wrap your root component in **<Provider>**
2. Connect components to redux store
  - `connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps)(Component)`

# Should all components be stateless?

*"How much" state should we move to the redux store?*

## **Does your state influence more components in your application?**

- (and the common parent is way up in the hierarchy)
- move state to redux store
- `TodoApp.jsx` – rendering number of items in navbar
- `TodoItem.jsx` – if you want just one item to be editable at a time

## **Is the state well encapsulated and local for the component?**

- It can stay in the stateful component.
- `TodoItemEdit.jsx` – temporary value of the input field

# What about our props explosion?

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  onExpand={this.props.onStartEditing}
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  onSave={this.props.onUpdate}
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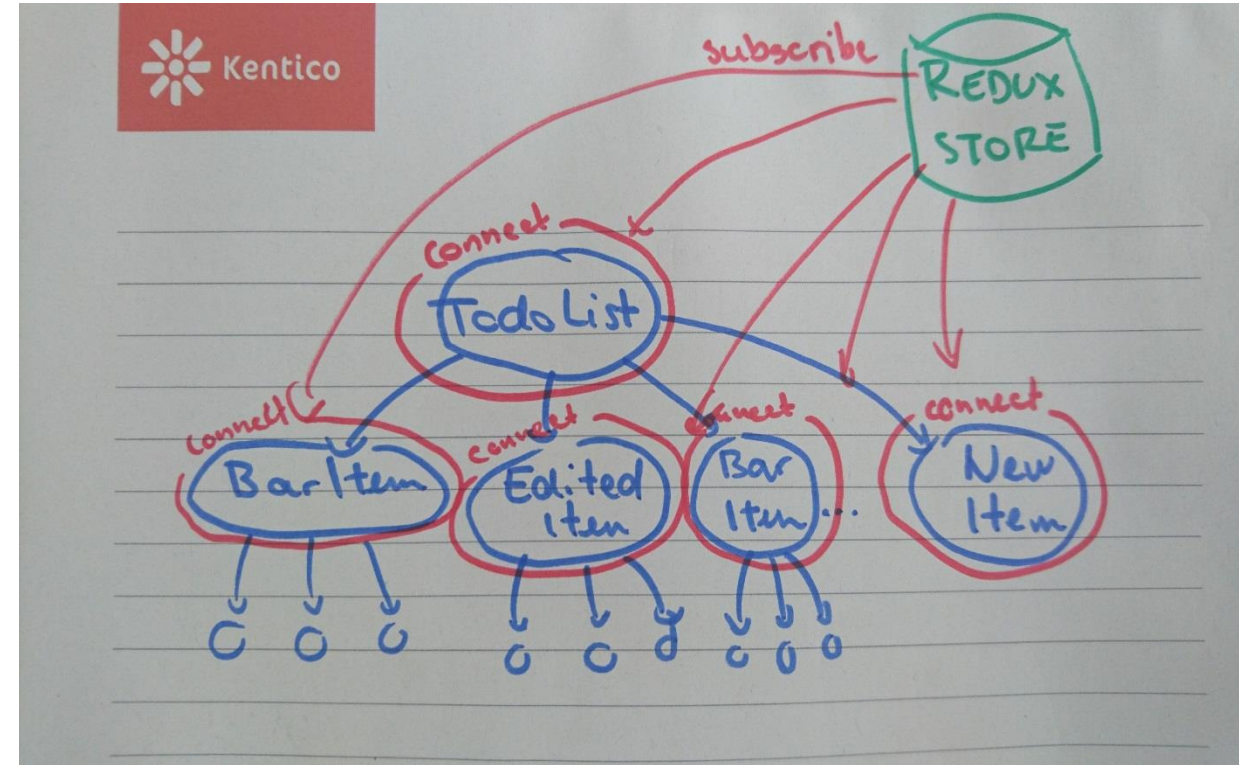
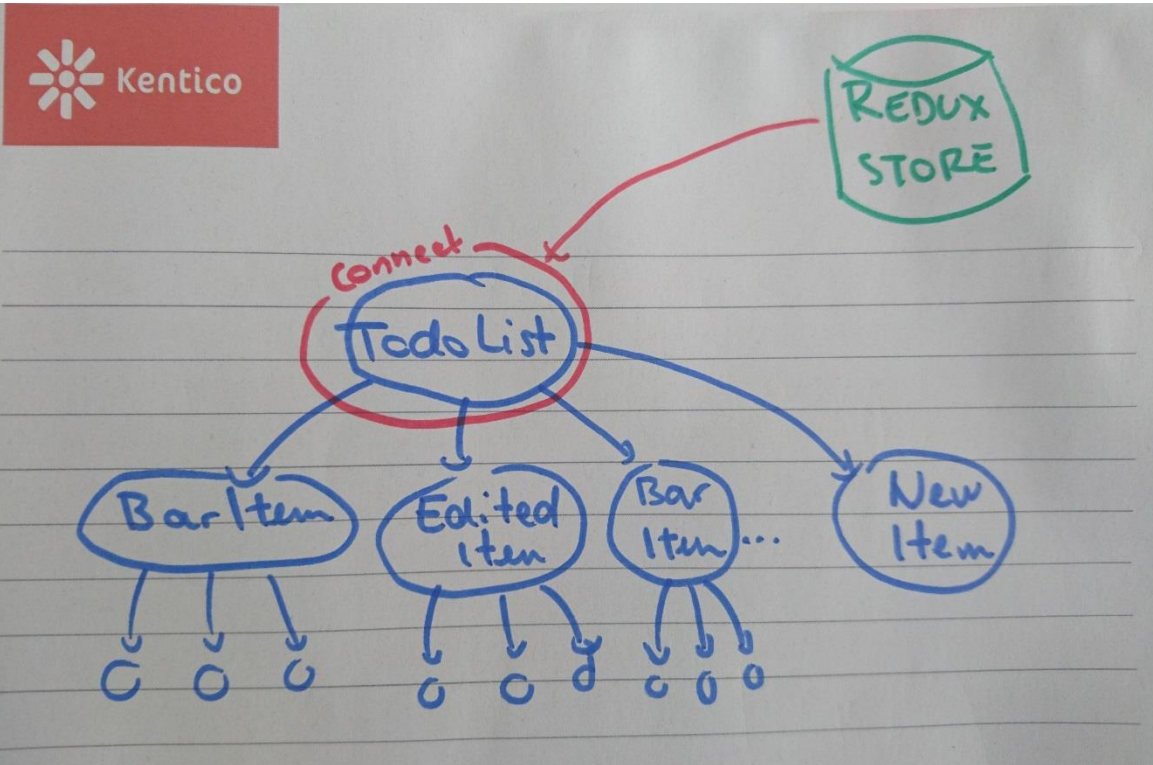
# Performance

Which components are re-rendered when we edit one todo item?

→ Whole app is re-rendered

How to fix this?

# Connecting more components



# Connecting more components to store

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# Benefits

**State** described as plain object and arrays:

- Inject initial state during server rendering
- Persist to and load from localStorage
- UI is function of state (state -> UI -> deterministic behavior)
- Immutability (React performance)

**State changes** described as plain objects

- Replaying the history (reproducing bugs)
- Pass actions over network in collaborative environments (Google Docs, Trello live updates)
- Implementing undo
- Awesome tooling

**State modification** as pure functions

- Testability
- Hot reloading

**3rd party modules integration (middleware, libs that need to store state...)**

# Drawbacks

- **Boilerplate & Verbosity**

-> have a look at [Repatch](#)

- **"One huge object"**

-> pretty much eliminated by reducer composition and ImmutableJS

- **"Component state vs Redux store" dilemma**

-> see [#1287](#) and: *"Do whatever is less awkward."*


# Be declarative

**Action** describes **what** has happened, **reducer** decides **how** to react

```
const editedItemId = (state = null, action) => {
  switch(action.type) {
    case TODO_LIST_ITEM_START_EDITING:
      return action.payload.id;


    case TODO_LIST_ITEM_CANCEL_EDITING:
    case TODO_LIST_ITEM_UPDATE:
    case TODO_LIST_ITEM_DELETE:
      return null;

    default:
      return null;
  }
};
```



```
dispatch({
  type: 'SET_EDITED_ITEM_ID',
  payload: {
    id: 42
  }
});

dispatch({
  type: 'CLEAR_EDITED_ITEM_ID'
});
```



# Task

```
git clone https://github.com/KenticoAcademy/PV247-2018.git  
cd PV247-2018  
git checkout -b solution-1 redux-task-1  
cd 05-redux  
npm install  
npm start
```

# Task

## 1. Implement removeTodo action

- a) Action type
- b) Action creator
- c) Handling in reducer
- d) Connect TodoItem

## 2. Implement # of todos in the navigation

- a) Component capable of rendering number
- b) Connect component and pass number of todos
- c) Render container component in app menu

## 3. [Bonus] Make sure only one item at a time can be editable

- a) You need to store editedItemId in store (todoApp)

# Redux vol 2. - advanced stuff

- Normalization, memorization, selectors...
- Optimizing performance
- Async action - communicating with API
- How to cleverly structure your state