

Class 4: Interactive Components

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Review: Event Handling – Vue.js

The `v-on` directive listens for DOM events and runs JavaScript code when they're triggered.

`v-on` Directive

```
<script setup>
function buttonClicked() {
  console.log('Button clicked!')
}
</script>

<template>
  <button v-on:click="buttonClicked">Click Me!</button>
</template>
```

@ Shorthand

```
<script setup>
function buttonClicked() {
  console.log('Button clicked!')
}
</script>

<template>
  <button @click="buttonClicked">Click Me!</button>
</template>
```

Review: Reactive Variable + Interpolation

```
<script setup>
import { ref } from 'vue'
const count = ref(0)

function incrementCount() {
  count.value++
}
</script>

<template>
  <button @click="incrementCount">
    Increment
  </button>
  <span>{{ count }}</span>
</template>
```

Review: `.vue` Files

- Each `.vue` file is a **component**.
- Each component has:
 - `<script>`: JavaScript logic
 - `<template>`: HTML structure
 - `<style>`: CSS styling

```
<script setup>
</script>

<template>
  <button>Click Me!</button>
</template>

<style scoped>
button {
  font-size: 1.5em;
  padding: 0.5em 1em;
}
</style>
```

Components

User Interface Components

Definition: A **component** is a reusable, self-contained piece of user interface (UI) that can be used to build larger applications.

Examples:

- Button
- Slider
- Search Input
- Dropdown Menu

Review: React Components

components/StarRating.jsx :

```
export default function StarRating() {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

App.jsx :

```
import StarRating from './components/StarRating.jsx'  
  
export default function App() {  
  return (  
    <>  
      <StarRating />  
    </>  
  )  
}
```

Vue.js Components

components/StarRating.vue :

```
<script setup>
</script>

<template>
  <div>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    <button>'☆'</button>
  </div>
</template>

<style scoped>
</style>
```

App.vue :

```
<script setup>
import StarRating from './components/StarRating.vue'
</script>

<template>
  <StarRating />
</template>
```

Activity: Component Practice

1. Open the activity repository for today's class.
2. Create a new `SoundButton` component with **hard-coded data**.
Hardcode the sound name, icon, and sound file into the component.
For example: "Rain", `rain.svg`, and `rain.mp3`.
3. The `SoundButton` component should internally include the ability to play the sound when clicked.
4. Use the `SoundButton` component in your app to replace the existing button for that sound.

Props

Review: React Props

components/StarRating.jsx :

```
export default function StarRating({name}) {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <span>{name}</span>  
      <button>' ☆ '</button>  
      <button>' ☆ '</button>  
      <button>' ☆ '</button>  
      <button>' ☆ '</button>  
      <button>' ☆ '</button>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

App.jsx :

```
import StarRating from './components/StarRating.jsx'  
  
export default function App() {  
  return (  
    <>  
      <StarRating name="Movie Rating"/>  
    </>  
  )  
}
```

Vue.js Props

components/StarRating.vue :

```
<script setup>
defineProps({
  name: String
})
</script>

<template>
  <div>
    <span>{{ name }}</span>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    ...
  </div>
</template>
```

App.vue :

```
<script setup>
import StarRating from './components/StarRating.vue'
</script>

<template>
  <StarRating name="Movie Rating"/>
</template>
```

Activity: Props Practice

1. Modify the `SoundButton` component to accept **props** for the sound name, icon, and sound file.
2. Use the `SoundButton` component in your app to replace the existing button for that sound, passing the appropriate props to the component.

```
<script setup>
defineProps({
  name: String
})
</script>
```

Gotcha: Binding Props

Literal values:

```
<StarRating name="Movie Rating" />
```

Variables, Reactive Variables, Expressions:

```
<script setup>
import { ref } from 'vue'
const movieRating = ref('Movie Rating')
</script>

<template>
  <StarRating :name="movieRating" />
</template>
```

```
<script setup>
import { ref } from 'vue'
const movieRating = ref('Movie Rating')
</script>

<template>
  <StarRating v-bind:name="movieRating" />
</template>
```

Comparison: React vs Vue.js

React

```
export default function App() {  
  const movieRating = "Movie Rating"  
  
  return (  
    <>  
      { /* string literal */}  
      <StarRating name="Movie Rating"/>  
  
      { /* variable */}  
      <StarRating name={movieRating}/>  
    </>  
  )  
}
```

Vue.js

```
<script setup>  
import { ref } from 'vue'  
const movieRating = ref('Movie Rating')  
</script>  
  
<template>  
  <!-- string literal -->  
  <StarRating name="Movie Rating"/>  
  
  <!-- variable -->  
  <StarRating :name="movieRating"/>  
</template>
```

Conditional Rendering

Review: React Conditional Rendering

`components/StarRating.jsx`:

```
export default function StarRating({name}) {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      {!!name && <span>{name}</span>}  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
      <button>'☆'</button>  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

Vue.js Conditional Rendering

`components/StarRating.vue` :

```
<script setup>
defineProps({
  name: String
})
</script>

<template>
  <div>
    <span v-if="!!name">{{ name }}</span>
    <button>'☆'</button>
    ...
  </div>
</template>
```

Activity: Conditional Rendering Practice

Working with your **peer**, complete the **handout**.

```
<script setup>
defineProps({
  name: String
})
</script>

<template>
  <div>
    <span v-if="!!name">{{ name }}</span>
    <button>'☆'</button>
  ...

```

Rendering Lists

Review: React Lists

`components/StarRating.jsx`:

```
export default function StarRating({name}) {  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <span>{name}</span>  
      {[1, 2, 3, 4, 5].map((num) => (  
        <button key={num}>'☆'</button>  
      ))}  
    </div>  
  )  
}
```

Vue.js **v-for** Directive

components/StarRating.vue :

```
<script setup>
defineProps({
  name: String
})
</script>

<template>
  <div>
    <span>{{ name }}</span>
    <button v-for="num in 5" :key="num">'☆'</button>
  </div>
</template>
```

Activity: Rendering Lists Practice

Render a list of `SoundButton` components in your app using the `v-for` directive. (They should all be the **same** sound button for this activity.)

```
<template>
  <button v-for="num in 5" :key="num">'☆'</button>
</template>
```

What's Next

Render different `SoundButton` components in your app using the `v-for` and reactive variables.

- Due Monday, 9/7/2026, 11:59PM: Class 5, Preparation