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Topics

- What are React Server Components and why would you care?
- Using Next.js and the App Router
- Turning a React Client Component into a React Server Component
- Updates and caching with React Server Components
- Querying the database from a React Server Component
- Suspense & React Server Components
- React Server Components and streaming
- Which components are really React Server Components?
- Using React Server Actions to execute code on the server

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Prerequisites



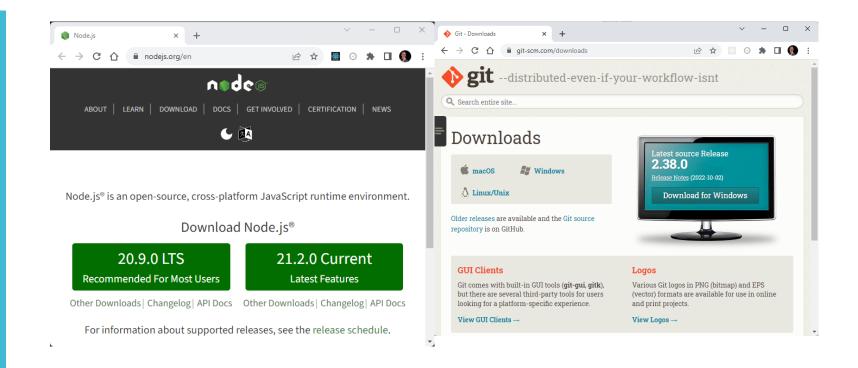
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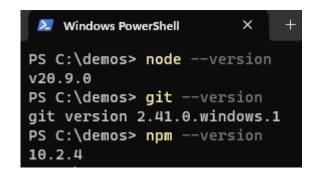
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Prerequisites

Install Node & NPM
Install the GitHub repository

Install Node.js & NPM





Following Along



- Repo: https://bit.ly/rsc-training-23-github
- Slides: https://bit.ly/rsc-training-23-slides

Create a new Next.js app

```
PS C:\Repos> npx create-next-app@latest react-server-components-training-23
Need to install the following packages:
create-next-app@14.0.1
Ok to proceed? (y)
  Would you like to use TypeScript? ... No / Yes
  Would you like to use ESLint? ... No / Yes
  Would you like to use Tailwind CSS? ... No / Yes
  Would you like to use 'src/' directory? ... No / Yes
  Would you like to use App Router? (recommended) ... No / Yes
  Would you like to customize the default import alias (@/*)? ... No / Yes
Creating a new Next.js app in C:\Repos\react-server-components-training-23.
Using npm.
Initializing project with template: app-tw
Installing dependencies:
  react
  react-dom
Installing devDependencies:
  typescript
  @types/node
  @types/react
  @types/react-dom
  autoprefixer
  postcss
 - tailwindcss
 - eslint-config-next
added 330 packages, and audited 331 packages in 38s
116 packages are looking for funding
  run 'npm fund' for details
found 0 vulnerabilities
Initialized a git repository.
 Success! Created react-server-components-training-23 at C:\Repos\react-server-components-training-23
```

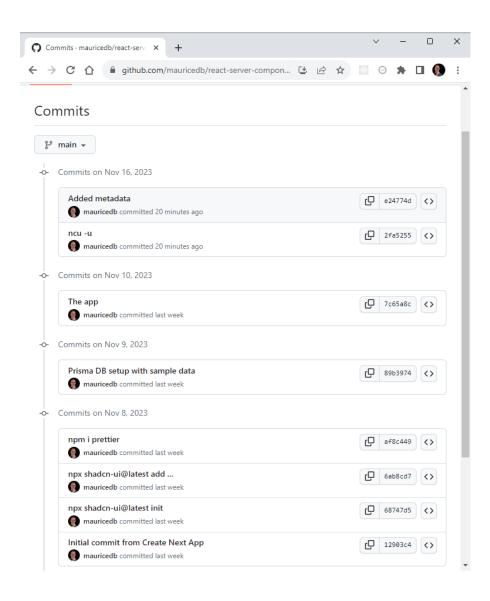
Adding Shadcn support

Adding Shadcn components

```
PS C:\Repos\react-server-components-training-23>
>> npx shadcn-ui@latest add `
>> button `
>> card `
>> command `
>> dialog `
>> form `
>> input `
>> label `
>> popover `
>> textarea `
>> toast
```

The changes





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Cloning the GitHub repository



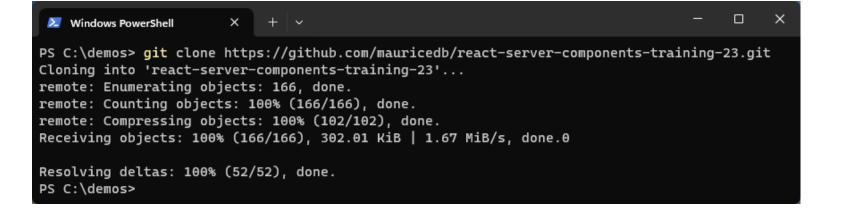
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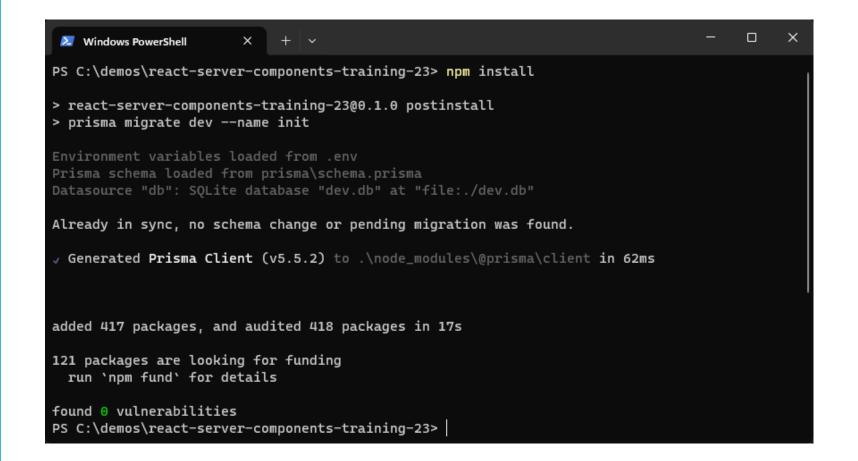
Cloning the GitHub repository

And running the application

Clone the GitHub Repository



Install NPM Packages



Start branch

- Start with the **00-start** branch
 - git checkout --track origin/00-start

Start the application

```
npm config get registry
PS C:\demos\react-server-components-training-23> npm run dev
> react-server-components-training-23@0.1.0 dev
> next dev
   ▲ Next.js 14.0.2
                   http://localhost:3000
   - Local:
   - Environments: .env
 √ Ready in 3.5s
 O Compiling / ...
 ✓ Compiled / in 3.9s (816 modules)

√ Compiled in 480ms (390 modules)

√ Compiled /movies in 360ms (809 modules)

√ Compiled /api/movies in 153ms (448 modules)

√ Compiled (450 modules)

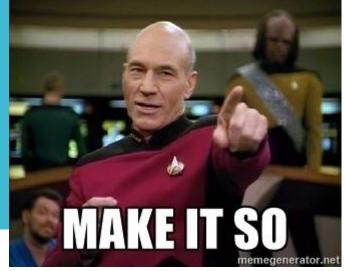
√ Compiled /movies/by-genre/[genre] in 178ms (839 modules)

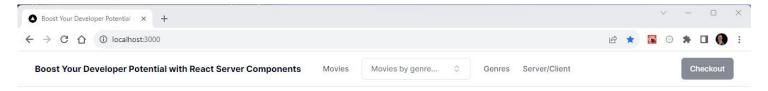
√ Compiled /genres in 393ms (851 modules)

√ Compiled /movies/[id] in 471ms (863 modules)

√ Compiled /api/movies/[id] in 161ms (486 modules)
```

The application







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What are React Server Components?



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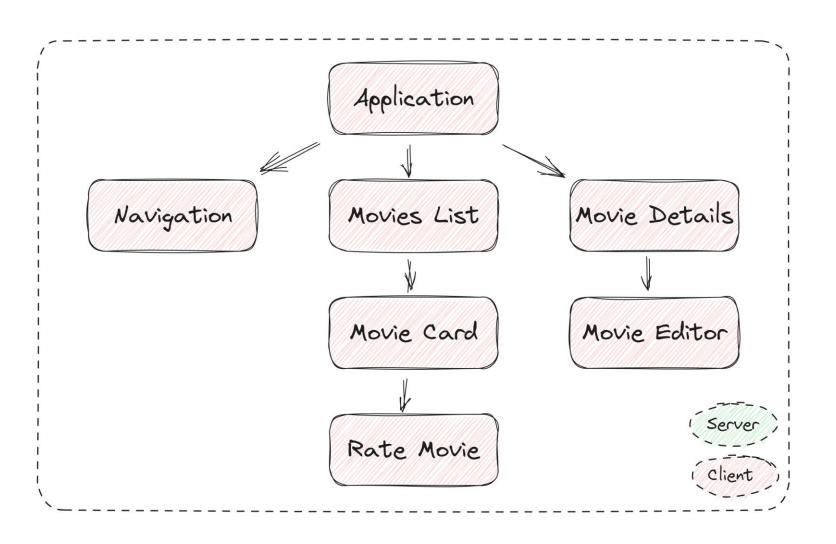
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What are React Server Components?

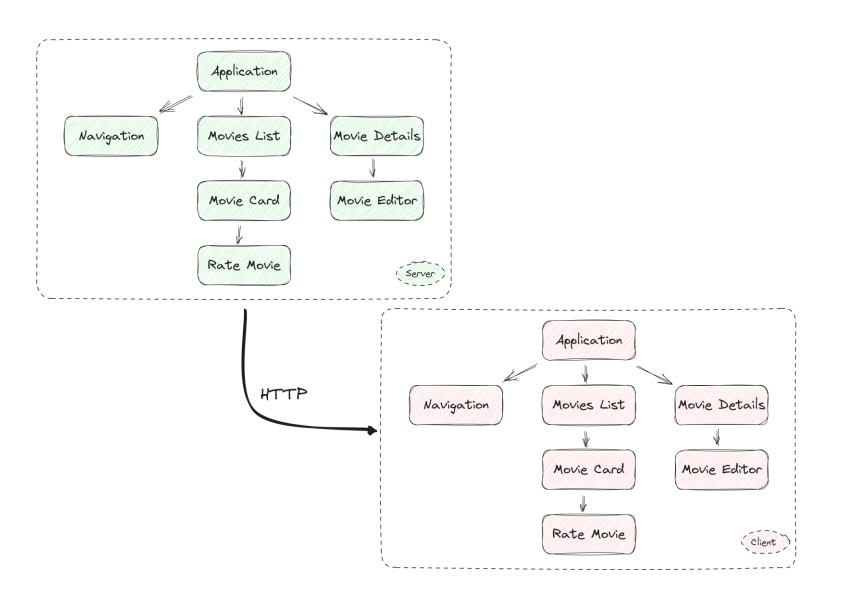
React Server Components

- React Server Components (RSC) only execute on the server
 - Traditionally React components always execute in the browser
- RSC are not the same as Server Side Rendering
 - With SSR components are executed both on the client and server
- Applications are a combination of server and client components
- The result: The back and front-end code are more integrated
 - Leading to better type safety ©

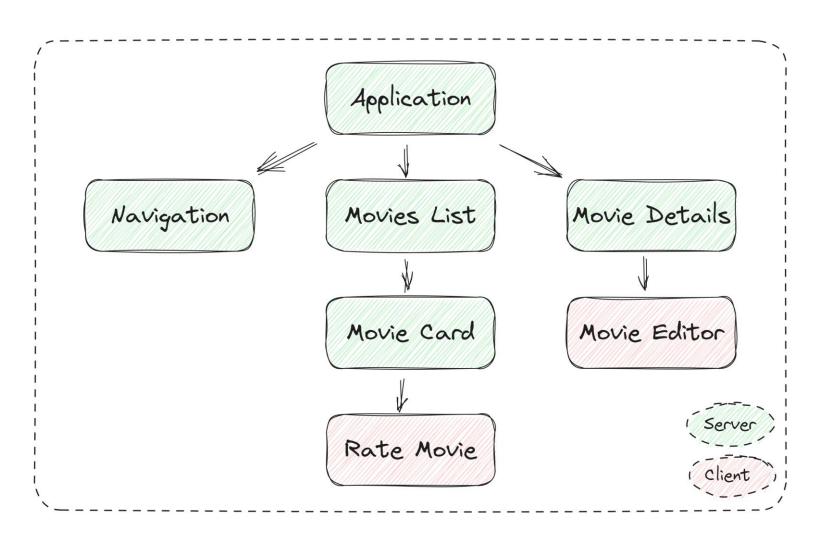
Before RSC



Server Side Rendering



With RSC



React Server Components

- Server components can be asynchronous
 - Great to load data from some API
- Server components render just once
 - No re-rendering with state changes or event handling
- The server component code is not send to the browser
 - · Can safely use secure API key's etc.
 - Smaller bundle sizes
- React Server Components can be authored in TypeScript
 - RSC require TypeScript 5.1 or later

React Server Component

React Client Components

- Server components can render both server and client components
 - Client components can only render other client components
- Adding 'use client' to the top of a component makes it a client component
 - Used as a directive for the bundler to include this in the client JS bundle
- A client component is still executed on the server as part of SSR
 - When using Next.js

```
rs movie-form.tsx ×

src > components > TS movie-form.tsx > ...
    1     'use client'
    2
    3    import { zodResolver } from '@hookform/resolvers/zod'
    4     import * as z from 'zod'
```

Rendering RSC's

- React Server Components are only rendered on the server
 - And shipped to the client as a JSON like structure
 - The React Server Component Payload
- The client then injects these JSON objects into the React tree
 - Where it would previously have rendered these components themself
- React already used a 2 step process
 - Components render to a virtual DOM
 - Just a series of JavaScript objects
 - Reconciliation maps the virtual DOM to the browser DOM
 - Or an HTML stream in the case or Server Side Rendering

Write JSX

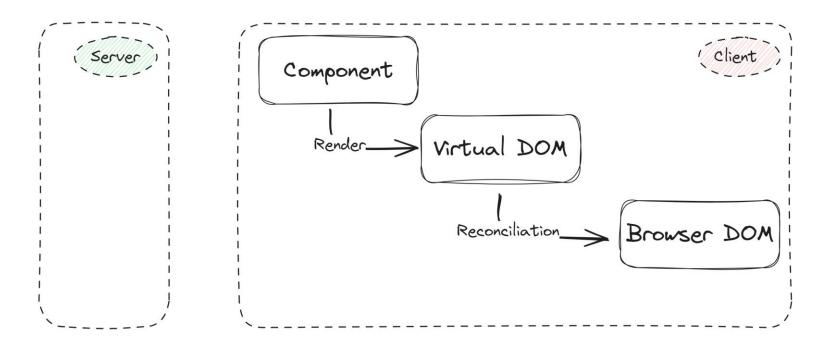
Turned into createElement()

```
export function MyComponent() {
  return React.createElement(
    'div',
   null,
   React.createElement(
      'h1',
        className: 'text-2xl font-bold',
      'Hello',
   React.createElement('p', null, 'World'),
```

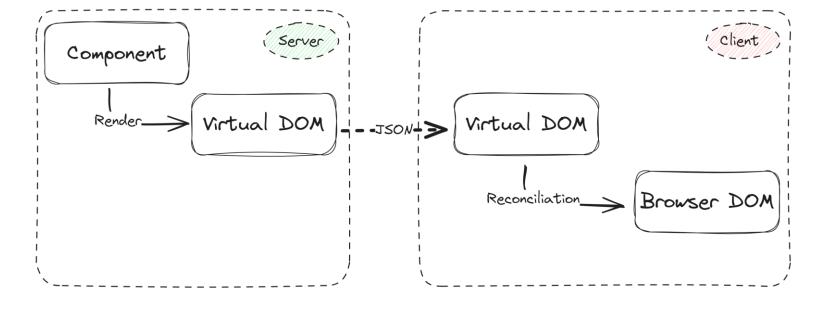
Returns the Virtual DOM

```
▼ {$$typeof: Symbol(react.element), type: 'div', key: null, ref: null, props: {...}, ...} €
   $$typeof: Symbol(react.element)
   key: null
  ▼ props:
   ▼ children: Array(2)
     ▼ 0:
         $$typeof: Symbol(react.element)
         key: null
       ▼ props:
           children: "Hello"
           className: "text-2x1 font-bold"
         ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
         ref: null
         type: "h1"
         _owner: null
       ▶ _store: {validated: true}
         self: null
         _source: null
       ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
     ▼ 1:
         $$typeof: Symbol(react.element)
         key: null
       ▼ props:
           children: "World"
         ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
         ref: null
         type: "p"
         owner: null
       ▶ _store: {validated: true}
        _self: null
         source: null
       ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
       length: 2
     ▶ [[Prototype]]: Array(0)
   ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
   ref: null
   type: "div"
   _owner: null
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   _self: null
   _source: null
  ▶ [[Prototype]]: Object
```

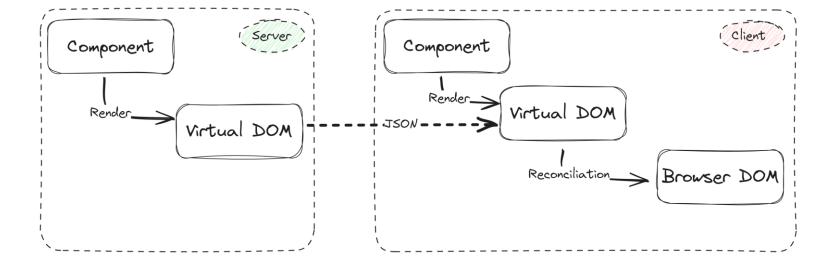
Before RSC



With RSC



With RSC and RCC



Async transport

- RSC's are streamed asynchronously to the client
 - Enables using Suspense boundaries while loading

Code bundling

- Multiple JavaScript bundles have to be made
 - The client and server have different code bundles
- Server Component code is never executed on the client
 - Can use react-server-dom-webpack or a similar package

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Next.js and the App Router



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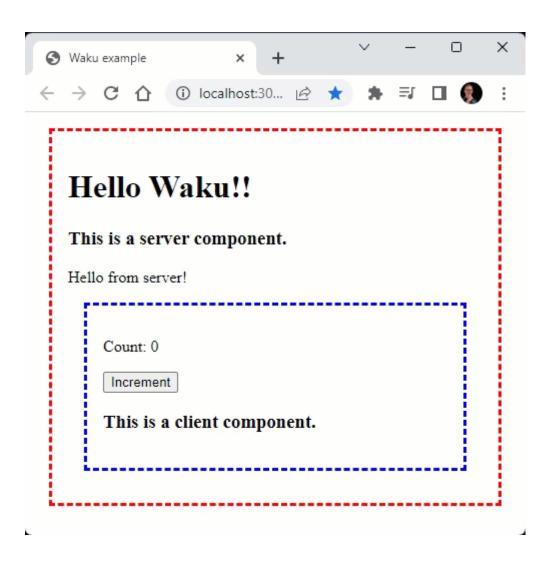
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Next.js and the App Router

Next.js and the App Router

- React is no longer just a client side library
 - We need additional server side capabilities
 - As well as additional code bundling options
- Next.js is the best production option available
 - Shopify Hydrogen is also an option
 - Remix 2 doesn't support RSC yet
- There are also more experimental options
 - Waku from Daishi Kato
 - React Server Components Demo from the React team

Waku



Server Component

```
TS App.tsx X TS Counter.tsx
        import { Suspense } from "react";
       import { Counter } from "./Counter.js";
       const App = (\{ \text{ name } \}: \{ \text{ name: string } \}) \Rightarrow \{ \}
         return (
            <div style={{ border: "3px red dashed", margin: "1em", padding: "1em" }}>
   9
              <h1>Hello {name} !! </h1>
  10
              <h3>This is a server component.</h3>
  11
  12
              <Suspense fallback="Pending...">
                <ServerMessage ∕>
  13
              </ssepense>
  14
              <Suspense fallback={<CounterSkeleton />}>
  15
  16
                <Counter />
              </suspense>
  17
  18
            </div>
  19
  20
  21
       const ServerMessage = async() \Rightarrow \{
  22
         await new Promise((resolve) ⇒ setTimeout(resolve, 1000));
  23
         return Hello from server!;
  24
  25
       };
```

Client Component

```
TS App.tsx
           TS Counter.tsx X
src > components > TS Counter.tsx > ...
         "use client";
        import { useState } from "react";
        export const Counter = () \Rightarrow \{
          const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
           return (
             <div style={{ border: "3px blue dashed", margin: "1em", padding: "1em" }}>
                Count: {count}
                <br/> <button onClick=\{() \Rightarrow setCount((c) \Rightarrow c + 1)\}>Increment</br/>/button>
  10
  11
               <h3>This is a client component.</h3>
  12
             </div>
  13
  14
```

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Turning a React Client Component into a Server Component

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Turning a React Client Component into a Server Component

Client Component to Server Component

- React Server Components normally perform better
 - Only render once on the server
 - The code doesn't need to be shipped to the browser
- Can be async and await data to be fetched
 - No need for a render/effect/re-render cycle in the browser
- Components that don't need client capabilities should be SRC's
 - State, effects, browser API's etc. are client requirements

movies /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx M X TS movie-card.tsx M
       You, 2 minutes ago | 1 author (You)
       import { Movie } from '@prisma/client'
        import { MovieList } from '@/components/movie-list'
        export default async function MoviesPage() {
         const rsp = await fetch('http://localhost:3000/api/movies')
          const movies: Movie[] = await rsp.json()
   8
   9
          return (
  10
            <main <pre>className="container space-y-4">
              <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold tracking-tight">Top Rated Movies</h2>
  11
  12
              <MovieList movies={movies} />
            </main>
  13
  14+
  15
```

movie-card.tsx



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Updating the movies by genre and the movie details pages



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Updating the movies by genre and the movie details pages

Updating the movies by genre and the movie details pages

- The MoviesByGenrePage and MoviePage also fetch on the client
 - Lets make these React Server Components as well

movies/by-genre /page.tsx

```
import { Movie } from '@prisma/client'
     import { MovieList } from '@/components/movie-list'
     type Props = {
       params: {
         genre: string
 8
10
11
     export default async function MoviesByGenrePage({ params: { genre } }: Props) {
       const rsp = await fetch(`http://localhost:3000/api/movies?genre=${genre}`)
12
       const movies: Movie[] = await rsp.json()
13
14+
15
       return (
         <main className="container space-y-4">
16
           <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold tracking-tight">Movies By Genre</h2>
17
           <MovieList movies={movies} />
18
         </main>
19
20
```

movies/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
               TS page.tsx ...\[id] M X TS movie-form.tsx M
       import React from 'react'
       import { Movie } from '@prisma/client'
       import { MovieForm } from '@/components/movie-form'
   6
       type Props = {
         params: {
            id: string
  10
  11
  12
       async function MoviePage({ params: { id } }: Props) {
  13
         const rsp = await fetch(`http://localhost:3000/api/movies/${id}`)
  14+
  15
         const movie: Movie = await rsp.json()
  16
         if (!movie) {
  17
  18
            return (
              <main className="flex flex-grow items-center justify-center">
  19
                Loading movie ...
  20
  21
              </main>
  22
  23
```

movie-form.tsx



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Making the movie card mostly a RSC



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Making the movie card mostly a RSC

Making the movie card mostly a RSC

- The MovieCard is not a very interactive component
 - Only the Add to card button is interactive
- Recommended to split it into two components
 - An RSC with the movie card
 - And a client component with the button.
- Optionally: use dynamic loading without SSR
 - Clients with no JavaScript don't get a non operational button

add-toshopping-cartbutton.tsx

```
TS add-to-shopping-cart-button.tsx U X
TS movie-card.tsx M
src > components > TS add-to-shopping-cart-button.tsx > ...
        'use client'
        import { Button } from '@/components/ui/button'
        import { useShoppingCart } from '@/components/shopping-cart'
        type Props = {
          movie: { id: number; title: string }
   9
        export default function AddToShoppingCartButton({ movie }: Props) {
  10
          const { addMovie } = useShoppingCart()
  11
  12
  13
          return (
            <Button
  14+
  15
               variant="secondary"
               onClick={() ⇒ addMovie({ id: movie.id, title: movie.title })}
  16
  17
  18
              Add to cart
            </Button>
  19
  20
  21
```

movie-card.tsx



```
TS movie-card.tsx M X TS add-to-shopping-cart-button.tsx U
        import { Resolve } from '@/lib/type-helpers'
  16
  17
  18
        import dynamic from 'next/dynamic'
  19
        const AddToShoppingCartButton = dynamic(
  20
          () ⇒ import('./add-to-shopping-cart-button'),
  21
  22
  23
            ssr: false,
            loading: () \Rightarrow (
  24
  25
               <Button variant="secondary" disabled>
  26
                 Add to cart
  27
               </Button>
  28
  29+
  30
```

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Updates and caching in Next.js



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Updates and caching

In Next.js

Updates and caching

- Next.js does a lot of optimizations using caching
 - Both on the server and client
- The Next.js uses a Data Cache and Full Router Cache on the server
 - Use export const dynamic = 'force-dynamic' to make sure data on the server isn't cached
 - Can also be controlled at the fetch() level
- The Next.js uses a Router Cache on the client
 - Dynamically rendered routes are purged after 30 seconds
 - Call *router.refresh()* to immediately purge the cache
 - Make sure to use the router from 'next/navigation'

movies/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS movie-form.tsx M
               TS page.tsx ...\[id] M X TS page.tsx ...\movies M
                                               TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
        type Props = {
          params: {
   8
            id: string
  10
  11
  12
  13
        export const dynamic = 'force-dynamic'
  14
        async function MoviePage({ params: { id } }: Props) {
  15
          const rsp = await fetch(`http://localhost:3000/api/movies/${id}`)
  16
  17
          const movie: Movie = await rsp.json()
  18
  19
          if (!movie) {
  20
            return (
  21
               <main className="flex flex-grow items-center justify-center">
                 Loading movie ...
  22
               </main>
  23
  24
```

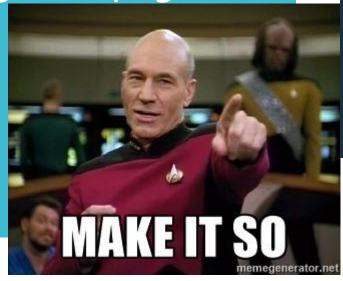
movieform.tsx

```
TS movie-form.tsx M X TS page.tsx ...\[id] M
                                 TS page.tsx ...\movies M
                                                   TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
src > components > TS movie-form.tsx > ...
         export function MovieForm({ initialMovie }: Props) {
  50
  51
           const router = useRouter()
           const { toast } = useToast()
  52
  53
           const onSubmit = async (movie: Movie) \Rightarrow {
  54
  55
              try {
  56
                await saveMovie(movie)
  57
                router.refresh()
  58
                toast({
  59
  60
                   title: 'Success',
                   description: 'Movie updated',
  61
  62
                catch (error) {
  63
```

movies /page.tsx

```
TS movie-form.tsx M
                            TS page.tsx ...\movies M X TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
       import { Movie } from '@prisma/client'
       import { MovieList } from '@/components/movie-list'
       export const dynamic = 'force-dynamic'
       export default async function MoviesPage() {
         const rsp = await fetch('http://localhost:3000/api/movies')
          const movies: Movie[] = await rsp.json()
   9
  10
  11
         return (
  12
            <main className="container space-y-4">
  13
              <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold tracking-tight">Top Rated Movies</h2>
  14
              <MovieList movies={movies} />
  15
            </main>
  16
  17
```

movies/by-genre/ [genre]/page.tsx



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                                              TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M X
                             TS page.tsx ...\movies M
src > app > movies > by-genre > [genre] > TS page.tsx > ...
        type Props = {
          params: {
            genre: string
   8
   9
  10
  11
        export const dynamic = 'force-dynamic'
  12
  13
        export default async function MoviesByGenrePage({ params: { genre } }: Props
          const rsp = await fetch(`http://localhost:3000/api/movies?genre=${genre}`
  14
          const movies: Movie[] = await rsp.json()
  15
  16
  17
          return (
  18
            <main className="container space-y-4">
  19
               <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold tracking-tight">Movies By Genre</h2>
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               <MovieList movies={movies} />
            </main>
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```

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Querying the database from a React Server Component



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Querying the database from an RSC

Querying the database from an RSC

- Using REST to load the data results in overhead
 - Using the network to call back into the same application
 - Serializing and deserializing the data as JSON
- Because an RSC only runs on the server we can use server side code
 - Query the DB using Prisma directly
 - It's save to use secrets like database connection strings
- Never executed in the browser
 - Leads to smaller JavaScript bundle sizes

movies /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx ...\movies M X TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
                                                                                          5 5
                                TS page.tsx ...\[id] M
                                               TS route.ts M
       async function getMovies() {
         const orderBy: Prisma.MovieOrderByWithRelationInput = {
   9
            voteAverage: 'desc',
  10
          } as const
  11
  12
          const movies = await prisma.movie.findMany({
  13
  14
            orderBy,
  15
  16
  17
          return movies
  18
  19
       export default async function MoviesPage() {
  20
         const movies = await getMovies()
 21
  22
  23
         return (
  24
            <main className="container space-y-4">
  25
              <h2 className="text-3xl font-bold tracking-tight">Top Rated Movies</h2>
              <MovieList movies={movies} />
  26
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            </main>
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```

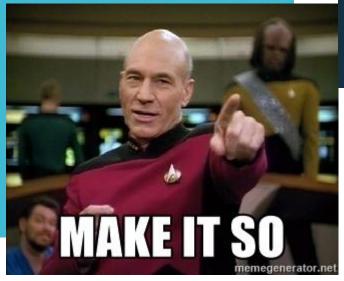
movies/bygenre /page.tsx

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TS page.tsx ...\movies M
                 TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M X TS page.tsx ...\[id] M
                                                 TS route.ts M
src > app > movies > by-genre > [genre] > TS page.tsx > ..
        async function getMovies(genreId: string) {
  15
          const orderBy: Prisma.MovieOrderByWithRelationInput = {
  16
            voteAverage: 'desc',
  17
           } as const
  18
          const genre = await prisma.genre.findFirst({
  19
            where: { id: +genreId },
  20
            include: {
  21
  22
               movies: {
  23
                 orderBy,
  24
               },
  25
  26
  27
          return genre?.movies ?? []
  28
  29
  30
        export default async function MoviesByGenrePage({ params: { genre } }: Props) {
  31
          const movies = await getMovies(genre)
  32
  33
  34
          return (
             <main <pre>className="container space-y-4">
  35
```

movies/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx ...\movies M
                TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
                                  TS page.tsx ...\[id] M X TS route.ts M
        async function getMovie(id: string) {
          const movie = await prisma.movie.findFirstOrThrow({
             where: \{ id: +id \},
  16
          |})
  17
  18
  19
          return movie
  20
  21
        async function MoviePage({ params: { id } }: Props) {
  22
  23
          const movie = await getMovie(id)
  24
          return (
  25
             <main className="container">
  26
               <MovieForm initialMovie={movie} />
  27
             </main>
  28
  29
  30
```

api/movies/[id] /route.ts



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Prevent over fetching of data



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Prevent over fetching

Prevent over fetching

- Colocation of DB queries with components enables more optimizations
 - Fetch exactly the right amount of data
 - No more shared REST queries

movies /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx ...\movies M X TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M
       async function getMovies() {
  10
  11
         type MovieForCard = ComponentProps<typeof MovieCard>['movie']
  12
  13
         const orderBy: Prisma.MovieOrderByWithRelationInput = {
  14
            voteAverage: 'desc',
  15
          } as const
  16
         const select = {
  17
            id: true,
  18
  19
            title: true,
            overview: true,
  20
            backdropPath: true,
  21
  22
            voteAverage: true,
  23
            voteCount: true,
  24
           satisfies Pick<Prisma.MovieSelect, keyof MovieForCard>
  25
  26
         const movies = await prisma.movie.findMany({
  27
            select,
  28
            orderBy,
  29
  30
         return movies
  31
  32
```

movies/bygenre



```
TS page.tsx ...\movies M
               TS page.tsx ...\[genre] M X
       async function getMovies(genreId: string) {
 16
         type MovieForCard = ComponentProps<typeof MovieCard>['movie']
 17
 18
 19
         const orderBy: Prisma.MovieOrderByWithRelationInput = {
 20
           voteAverage: 'desc',
         } as const
 21
 22
 23
         const select = {
 24
           id: true,
 25
           title: true,
           overview: true,
 26
           backdropPath: true,
 27
           voteAverage: true,
 28
 29
           voteCount: true,
 30
          } satisfies Pick<Prisma.MovieSelect, keyof MovieForCard>
 31
 32
         const genre = await prisma.genre.findFirst({
 33
           where: { id: +genreId },
           include: {
             movies: {
 36
               select,
 37
               orderBy,
 38
 39
 40
 41
 42
         return genre?.movies ?? []
```

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Suspense and React Server Components



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Suspense & RSC pages

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Suspense & RSC pages

- React Server Components are suspended until they resolve
 - Can be controlled with <Suspense /> boundaries
- Next.js makes it easy to suspend when rendering an async page
 - Add a loading.tsx
 - They can be nested and the closest loading component will be used

movies /loading.tsx

movies /page.tsx



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React Server Components and streaming



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RSC and streaming

RSC and streaming

- Async React Server Components are streamed to the browser
 - Using the React Server Component Payload
 - On the client they are suspended until the component resolves
- Server action responses can also stream components back
 - After a revalidatePath() or a revalidateTag()

RSC Payload

```
{} streaming.json 1, U X
      2:HL["/ next/static/css/app/layout.css?v=1695461372573",{"as":"style"}]
      0:["$@1",["development",[[["",{"children":["movies",{"children":[["id","238","d"],{"children":["__PAGE___",{
      5:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./src/components/shopping-cart.tsx","chunks":["app/layout:static/chunks/app/la
      6:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./src/components/main-nav.tsx","chunks":["app/layout:static/chunks/app/layout.
      8:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./node modules/next/dist/client/components/layout-router.js","chunks":["app-pages
      9:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./node_modules/next/dist/client/components/render-from-template-context.js","c
      c:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./src/components/ui/toaster.tsx","chunks":["app/layout:static/chunks/app/layout
      1:"$undefined"
      3:[null,["$","html",null,{"lang":"en","children":["$","body",null,{"className":"min-h-screen bg-background a
      4:[["$","meta","0",{"charSet":"utf-8"}],["$","title","1",{"children":"TS Congress"}],["$","meta","2",{"name"
      d:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./src/components/movie-form.tsx","chunks":["app/movies/[id]/page:static/chunks/
      a:null
      e:{"id":"8ee0c4224708db417bfe9cefca1638c119b06524","bound":null}
      b:["$","main",null,{"className":"flex-1 space-y-4 p-8 pt-6","children":[["$","h2",null,{"className":"text-3x`
 15+ f:I{"id":"(app-pages-browser)/./src/components/genre-selector.tsx", "chunks":["app/layout:static/chunks/app/l
 16 7:["$","$Lf",null,{"genres":[{"id":28,"name":"Action"},{"id":12,"name":"Adventure"},{"id":16,"name":"Animati
```

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What is a server component?



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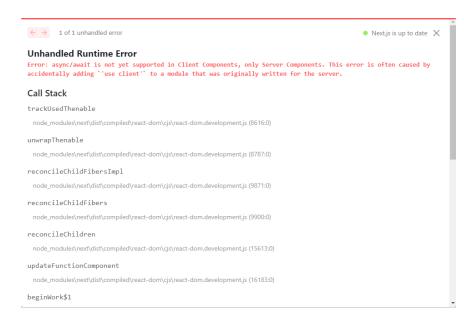


What is a server component?

- What is a server component and what is not?
 - Client components are marked with 'use client'
- But not all other components are server components
 - With a component without 'use client' it depends on their parents
- If a component is a client component
 - Then all components it renders are also client components
- There is no 'use server' for server components
 - The 'use server' directive exists but is used for Server Actions
 - But there is a server-only NPM package

Async Client Components

- Client components can't be asynchronous yet
 - But the error doesn't reliably show up



server-only

- Import the **server-only** NPM package
 - With components that must run on the server

Using an RSC as a child of a client component

- A client component can have a server component as a child
 - As long as it doesn't render it
- Render the child server component from another server component
 - And pass it as a children prop into the client component

childcomponent.tsx

```
TS child-component.tsx M X TS parent-component.tsx M
                                    TS page.tsx M
        import 'server-only'
        import { sleep } from '@/lib/utils'
        export async function ChildComponent() {
          console.log('Rendering Child Component')
          await sleep(100)
   8
   9
  10
          return (
            <main className="bg-red-400 p-12">
  11
  12
              <h2 className="my-6 text-4xl font-bold">Child Component/h2>
            </main>
  13
  14
  15
```

parentcomponent.tsx

```
TS child-component.tsx M
                  TS parent-component.tsx M X TS page.tsx M
src > app > server-or-client > TS parent-component.tsx > ...
        'use client'
        import { PropsWithChildren } from 'react'
        export function ParentComponent({ children }: PropsWithChildren) {
          console.log('Rendering Parent Component')
          return (
   9
             <main className="bg-green-400 p-12">
  10
               <h2
  11
                  className="my-6 text-4xl font-bold"
                  onClick={() ⇒ console.log('Click')}
  12
  13
  14
                  Parent Component
               </h2>
  15 +
  16
               {children}
             </main>
  17
  18
  19
```

server-or-client /page.tsx



```
TS child-component.tsx M
                  TS parent-component.tsx M
                                     TS page.tsx M X
src > app > server-or-client > TS page.tsx > ...
        import { ParentComponent } from './parent-component'
        import { ChildComponent } from './child-component'
        export default function ServerOrClient() {
          console.log('Rendering Page')
   6
          return (
   8
             <main className="bg-blue-400 p-12">
               <h1 className="my-6 text-4xl font-bold">
                  Render on the server or client
  10
  11
               </h1>
  12
               <ParentComponent>
                 <ChildComponent />
  13
               </ParentComponent>
  14
             </main>
  15 +
  16
  17
```

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Loading the genres in the menu on the server



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Loading the genres in the menu on the server

Loading the genres on the server

- The <GenreSelector/> component can't be rendered on the server
 - The parent component <MainNav/> is a client component
- The <SiteHeader /> is a server component
 - It can access the database and load the genres

genre-loader.tsx

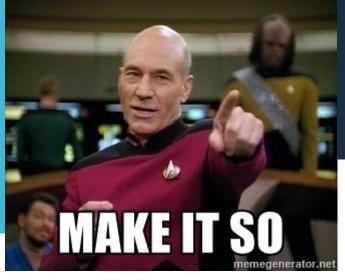
genre-selector.tsx

```
TS genre-loader.tsx U
              TS genre-selector.tsx M X TS site-header.tsx M
                                            TS main-nav.tsx M
        'use client'
       import { useState } from 'react'
       import { Check, ChevronsUpDown } from 'lucide-react'
       import { useParams, useRouter } from 'next/navigation'
   6
       import { Genre } from '@prisma/client'
   8
       import { cn } from '@/lib/utils'
       import { Button } from '@/components/ui/button'
       import { Command, CommandGroup, CommandItem } from '@/components/ui/command'
      > import { ···
       } from '@/components/ui/popover'
  17
       type Props = {
  18
  19
         genres: Genre[]
  20
  21
       export function GenreSelector({ genres }: Props) {
  22
         const [open, setOpen] = useState(false)
  23
         const { genre: selectedGenre } = useParams()
```

site-header.tsx

```
TS genre-selector.tsx M
                               TS site-header.tsx M X TS main-nav.tsx M
src > components > TS site-header.tsx > ♦ SiteHeader
        import { MainNav } from '@/components/main-nav'
        import { CheckoutButton } from '@/components/checkout-button'
       import { GenreLoader } from '@/components/genre-loader'
        export async function SiteHeader() {
          return (
            <header className="sticky top-0 z-40 w-full border-b bg-background">
              <div className="container flex h-16 items-center space-x-4 sm:justify-between"</pre>
                <MainNav genres={<GenreLoader />} />
 10
                <div className="flex flex-1 items-center justify-end space-x-4">
 11
                  <nav className="flex items-center space-x-1">
 12
                     <CheckoutButton />
 13
                  </nav>
                </div>
 14+
              </div>
 15
 16
            </header>
 17
  18
```

main-nav.tsx



```
TS genre-loader.tsx U
              TS genre-selector.tsx M
                              TS site-header.tsx M
                                             TS main-nav.tsx M X
  18
          return (
  19
            <div className="flex gap-6 md:gap-10">
              <Link href="/" className="flex items-center space-x-2">
  20
  21
                <span className="inline-block font-bold">
  22
                  Boost Your Developer Potential with React Server Components
  23
                </span>
              </Link>
  24
  25
              <nav className="flex gap-6">
  26
                <MainNavLink href="/movies" active={pathname == '/movies'}>
  27
                  Movies
                ⟨MainNavLink>
  28
  29
                <Suspense
                  fallback={
  30
                    <RotateCw className="w-[200px] animate-spin text-foreground/40" />
  31
  32
  33
  34
                   {genres}
                </suspense>
  35
                <MainNavLink href="/genres" active={pathname == '/genres'}>
```

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External Dependencies

External Dependencies

- Not every external component includes `use client` where required
 - Making them hard to use from a React Server Component
- Create a simple wrapper file with `use client`
 - And re-export the same component
- This problem will go away over time
 - · When adding 'use client' becomes the standard
 - Please create pull requests for open source NPM packages

counter.tsx

```
TS page.tsx M
                                       TS parent-component.tsx M
src > components > TS counter.tsx > ...
      import { useState } from 'react'
      import { Button } from './ui/button'
      export function Counter() {
         const [count, setCount] = useState(0)
         return (
           <div className="py-12">
   8
             <span className="pr-6">The count value is: {count}</span>
             <Button onClick={() ⇒ setCount(count + 1)}>Increment/Button>
  10
  11
           </div>
  12
```

clientcounter.tsx

page.tsx



```
TS client-counter.tsx U
TS counter.tsx U
                            TS page.tsx M X TS parent-component.tsx M
      You, 1 second ago | 1 author (You)
      import { ChildComponent } from './child-component'
      import { ParentComponent } from './parent-component'
      import { Counter } from '@/components/client-counter'
      export default function ServerOrClientPage() {
         const label = 'Server Or Client Page'
        console.log(`Rendering ${label}`)
   8
   9
        return (
  10
           <main className="■bg-blue-400 p-12">
  11
             <h1 className="my-6 text-4xl font-bold">{label}</h1>
  12
             <ParentComponent>
               <ChildComponent />
  13
             </ParentComponent>
  14
  15
             <Counter />
           </main>
  16
  17
  18
```

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Unit Testing

Unit Testing

- Unit testing of async React Server Components is still tricky
 - There is no good support from React Testing Library
- Consider using end to end testing for async components
 - Tools like Cypress or Playwright work well
- Unit testing can be done with a few hacks now
 - Stay tuned for then this becomes better

page.test.tsx

movie-list.test.tsx



```
src > components >  movie-list.test.tsx > .
     describe('MovieList', () \Rightarrow \{
        it('has a card with title for each movie', async () \Rightarrow {
          await act(() ⇒ render(<MovieList movies={movies} />))
 29
  30
          for (const movie of movies) {
 31
            expect(screen.getByRole('heading', { name: movie.title })).toBeVisible()
  33
  35
        it('renders a list of movies with an Add to cart for each movie', async () \Rightarrow
  36
          await act(() ⇒ render(<MovieList movies={movies} />))
 37
  38
          const cartButtons = screen.getAllByRole('button', { name: 'Add to cart' })
  39
          expect(cartButtons).toHaveLength(movies.length)
  40
```

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Testing async RSC's

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Testing async RSC's

- React Testing Library has no support for async components yet
 - As of February 2024
 - Hopefully that will be released soon
- A component is just a function
 - Call it as a normal function and await the rendered elements
- Wrapping an async RSC component in <Suspense /> can also help

Recommendation

- Unit test the normal components instead of the async RSC's
 - Use async RSC to load data and pass this into normal components
- Use end to end testing if you need to test logic in an async RSC
 - But avoid this when possible as it is slower

page.test.tsx



```
    page.test.tsx M X

src > app > movies > ♥ page.test.tsx > ...
      jest.mock('../../lib/db', () \Rightarrow ({
        prisma: {
  33
  34
           movie: {
             findMany: async() \Rightarrow movies,
  35
  36
          },
  37
        },
  38
  39
      describe('The Top Rated Movies page', () ⇒ {
 40
        it('Displays the page title', async() ⇒ {
 41
           const element = await MoviesPage()
  42
           await act(() ⇒ render(element))
  43
  44
           expect(
  45
             screen.getByRole('heading', { name: 'Top Rated Movies' }),
  46
           ).toBeVisible()
  47
         1
  48
  49
 50
         it('fetches and displays movies on mount', async () \Rightarrow {
           const element = await MoviesPage()
  51
           await act(() ⇒ render(element))
  52
  53
           for (const movie of movies) {
  54
```

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Server Actions

Server Actions

- Server actions are async functions that are executed on the server
 - Network serialization is done automatically
- The 'use server' directive marks a function as a server action
 - Can be added to the top of a file or individual function
- Server actions can return a value to the caller
 - Intended for mutations
 - Not to request large sets of data
- They can be passed from a RSC to a client component as a prop
 - · Even though a function reference is normally not serializable
- Can also be used to invalidate the client cache in Next.js
 - When revalidatePath() or revalidateTag() is used on the server

Submitting a form

```
TS page.tsx M X
       export default function AddUserPage() {
         const handleSubmit = async (formData: FormData) \Rightarrow {
            'use server';
   8
           console.log('handleSubmit', formData);
   9
         };
 10
 11
         return (
           <div className="m-auto my-10 w-1/3">
 12
 13
             <form action={handleSubmit} className="space-y-4">
                <h1>Add a new user</h1>
 14
                <div className="grid grid-cols-2 gap-4">
 15
                  <div className="space-y-2">
 16
 17
                    <Label htmlFor="first-name">First name</Label>
 18
                    <Input name="first-name" id="first-name" />
                  </div>
 19
 20
                  <div className="space-y-2">
 21
                    <Label htmlFor="last-name">Last name/Label>
                    <Input name="last-name" id="last-name" />
 22
                  </div>
 23
 24
                </div>
```

Server Actions and security

- Server actions are network calls
 - Just like another fetch request
- Always treat input as untrusted
 - Never assume client side validations etc. have been done

Server Actions & HTML forms

- An HTML form can call a server action using the action prop
 - This will even work when JavaScript is disabled in the browser
- Form data is passed as a FormData type parameter
- There are **several hooks** that make the client code more capable
 - useFormState
 - Allows updating form state based on the result of a form action
 - useFormStatus
 - Provides status information of the form submission

Calling a Server Action directly

- Server actions can be called directly
 - Just like any other async functions
- Arguments can be any serializable data type
 - Not just FormData

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Calling Server Actions from a <form />



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Calling Server Actions

From a <form />

Calling Server Actions

- React Server Actions are functions that we can call on the client
 - But then execute on the server
- Add the 'use server' annotation
 - Can be at the top of a file or a single function
 - Not related to server components
- Can be passed as the action of a client side <form />
 - The forms data is passed as a FormData parameter
 - Even works if JavaScript is disabled ©
- Can also be called as a normal asynchronous function
 - The network request is handled for you
- Redirect to a different route if required

/genres/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx M X TS genre-form.tsx M
       async function GenrePage({ params: { id } }: Props) {
  17
         const genre = await prisma.genre.findFirstOrThrow({
  18
           where: { id: Number(id) },
         })
  19
  20
  21
         const onSubmit = async (formData: FormData) \Rightarrow {
  22
            'use server'
  23
           const genre: Genre = {
              id: +(formData.get('id') as string),
  24
              name: formData.get('name') as string,
  25
  26
  27
           await saveGenre(genre)
  28
  29
           revalidatePath('/genres')
  30
  31
  32
           return redirect('/genres')
  33
  34
  35
         return (
  36
            <main className="container">
  37
              <GenreForm genre={genre} onSubmit={onSubmit} />
  38
           </main>
  39
  40
```

genre-form.tsx



```
ಆ ಄ ೫ ೮ ಆ
        TS genre-form.tsx M X
     type Props = {
       genre: Genre
18
       onSubmit: (formData: FormData) ⇒ Promise<void>
20
21
     export function GenreForm({ genre, onSubmit }: Props) {
22
23
       return (
         <form action={onSubmit} className="mx-auto w-1/2">
24
           <Card>
25
             <CardHeader>
26
               <CardTitle>Edit Movie Genre</CardTitle>
27
               <CardDescription>Change the name of the movie genre.</CardDescription>
28
29
             ⟨/CardHeader⟩
```

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Using the useFormStatus() hook



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The useFormStatus() hook

With a <form />

The useFormStatus() hook

- The useFormStatus() hook gives you form status information
 - If a request is in progress and if so the form data
- It must be used in a different component than the form
 - Must be rendered as a child component of the <form/>

submit-button.tsx

genre-form.tsx



```
TS page.tsx M
          TS genre-form.tsx M X TS submit-button.tsx U
       export function GenreForm({ genre, onSubmit }: Props) {
  23
          return (
  24
            <form action={onSubmit} className="mx-auto w-1/2">
              <Card>
  26
  27
                <CardHeader>...

⟨CardHeader⟩

  30
                <CardContent>...
  31
  44
                ⟨/CardContent>
  45
                <CardFooter className="flex justify-between">
                  <Button type="reset" variant="outline">
  46
                    Cancel
  47
  48
                  </Button>
                  <SubmitButton>Save Changes
  49
  50
                ⟨CardFooter>
              </Card>
  51
            </form>
  52
  53
  54
```

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Using the useFormState() hook



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The useFormState() hook

With a <form />

The useFormState() hook

- The useFormState() allows you to update state based on an action
 - · It takes the original action as a parameter and returns a new action
- The React Server Action returns the new state
 - And receives the previous state as the first parameter
- Still works if JavaScript is disabled ©

/genres/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx M X TS genre-form.tsx M
      async function GenrePage({ params: { id } }: Props) {
        const genre = await prisma.genre.findFirstOrThrow({
  18
          where: \{ id: +id \},
  19
  20
  21
        const onSubmit = async (state: string, formData: FormData) ⇒
  22
           'use server'
  23
          console.log('onSubmit', formData)
  24
  25
          await sleep(5000)
  26
  27
          if (!formData.get('name')) {
  28
            return 'The genre name is required.'
  29
  30
  31
          const genre: Genre = {
  32
            id: +(formData.get('id') as string),
  33
            name: formData.get('name') as string,
  34
  35
```

genre-form.tsx



```
TS page.tsx M
           TS genre-form.tsx M X
src > components > TS genre-form.tsx > ...
      type Props = {
         genre: Genre
  23
        onSubmit: (state: string, formData: FormData) ⇒ Promise<string>
  24
  25
  26
       export function GenreForm({ genre, onSubmit }: Props) {
  27
         const [errorMessage, action] = useFormState(onSubmit, '')
  28
  29
  30
         return (
           <form action={action} className="mx-auto w-1/2">
  31
  32
             <Card>
```

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Using custom actions with a <button />



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Using custom actions

With a <button />

Using custom actions

- A submit button can have a formAction prop
 - Overrides the form action
- Useful if you want multiple different actions for a <form />
 - · Add to shopping cart or add to favorites for example
- Still works if JavaScript is disabled ©

/genres/[id] /page.tsx

```
TS page.tsx M X TS genre-form.tsx M
        const onDeleteGenre = async (formData: FormData) ⇒
           'use server'
  46
           const id = formData.get('id')
          if (id) {
             await prisma.genre.delete({
               where: { id: +id },
  49
  50
  51
  52
  53
           redirect('/genres')
  54
  55
  56
        return (
  57
           <main className="container">
             <GenreForm
  58
               genre={genre}
  59
               onSubmit={onSubmit}
  60
               onDeleteGenre={onDeleteGenre}
  61
  62
           </main>
  63
  64
  65
```

genre-form.tsx



```
src > components > TS genre-form.tsx > ..
 22 type Props = {
  23
        genre: Genre
  24
        onSubmit: (state: string, formData: FormData) ⇒ Promise<string>
  25
        onDeleteGenre: (formData: FormData) ⇒ Promise<void>
  26
  27
      export function GenreForm({ genre, onSubmit, onDeleteGenre }: Props) {
  28
  29
        const [errorMessage, action] = useFormState(onSubmit, '')
  30
  31
        return (
  32
          <form action={action} className="mx-auto w-1/2">
  33
            <Card>
  34 >
              <CardHeader> ...
  37
              </CardHeader>
  38 >
              <CardContent> ...
  60
              </CardContent>
              <CardFooter <pre>className="flex justify-between">
  61
                 <Button type="reset" variant="outline">
  62
                  Cancel
  63
                 </Button>
  64
  65
                 <SubmitButton formAction={onDeleteGenre} variant="destructive">
                  Delete
  66
  67
                 ⟨/SubmitButton>
                 <SubmitButton>Save Changes</SubmitButton>
  68
              </cardFooter>
  69
  70
            </Card>
          </form>
  71
```

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Calling Server Actions from any other code



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Calling Server Actions

From any other code

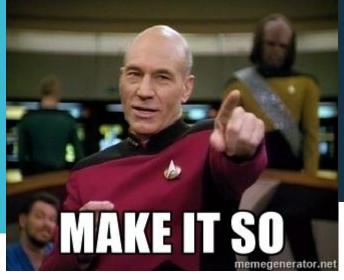
Calling Server Actions

- React Server Actions can also used directly
 - Called as a normal asynchronous function
- It's still an HTTP post request behind scenes
 - The network request is automatically handled for you

checkout-shopping-cart.ts

```
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src > server > TS checkout-shopping-cart.ts > ...
       You, 1 minute ago | 1 author (You)
       'use server'
       import { Movie } from '@prisma/client'
       type ShoppingCartMovie = Pick<Movie, 'id' | 'title'>
   6
       type Cart = {
         account: string
   8
         customerName: string
   9
         movies: ShoppingCartMovie[]
  10
  11
  12
       export async function checkoutShoppingCart({
  13
  14
         account,
         customerName,
  16
         movies,
  17
      }: Cart) {
```

checkout-dialog.tsx



```
TS checkout-shopping-cart.ts M
                    TS checkout-dialog.tsx M X
        const onSubmit = async (data: CheckoutForm) ⇒ {
  56
           try {
             await checkoutShoppingCart({
  57
               account: data.account,
  58
  59
               customerName: data.name,
  60
               movies,
  61
             toast({
  62
               title: 'Success',
  63
               description: 'Checkout completed',
  64
  65
             setCheckoutOpen(false)
  66
             clearCart()
  67
           } catch (error) {
  68
  69
             const description =
               error instanceof Error ? error.message : 'Something went wrong'
  70
  71
             toast({
               title: 'Oops',
  72
  73
               description,
  74
               variant: 'destructive',
  75
```

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Recommendations with React Server Components

Recommendations

- Start with Shared components
 - Can run on the server or client as needed
 - Will default to act as Server Components
- Switch to Server only components if needed
 - When you need to use server side capabilities
- Only use Client only components when absolutely needed
 - Local state or side effects
 - Interactivity
 - Required browser API's
- Learn all about the new capabilities of Next.js
 - App Router
 - Caching

Conclusion

- React Server Components are a great new addition to React
 - Helps with keeping the client more responsive
 - Makes the application architecture easier
- Use Next.js and the App Router
 - Because you need a server
- React Client Components
 - Are components with state and interactivity and require 'use client'
- Control caching of React Server Components
 - Because Next.js is quite aggressive about caching
- React Server Components are streamed
 - And uses Suspense boundaries until they are done
- Server Actions are a great way to call back into the server
 - They also update the invalidated server components on the client

Thank you for joining

Share your thoughts

