Maintainable React

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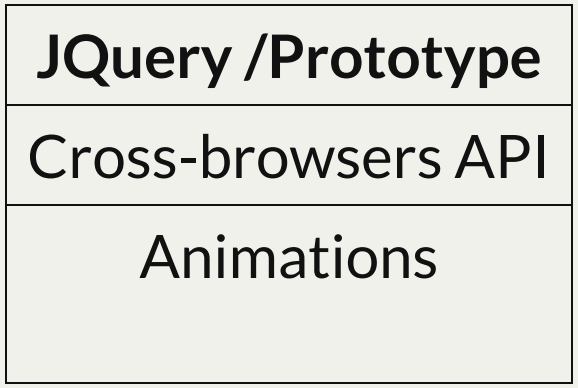

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> *Modern front-end is complex software*

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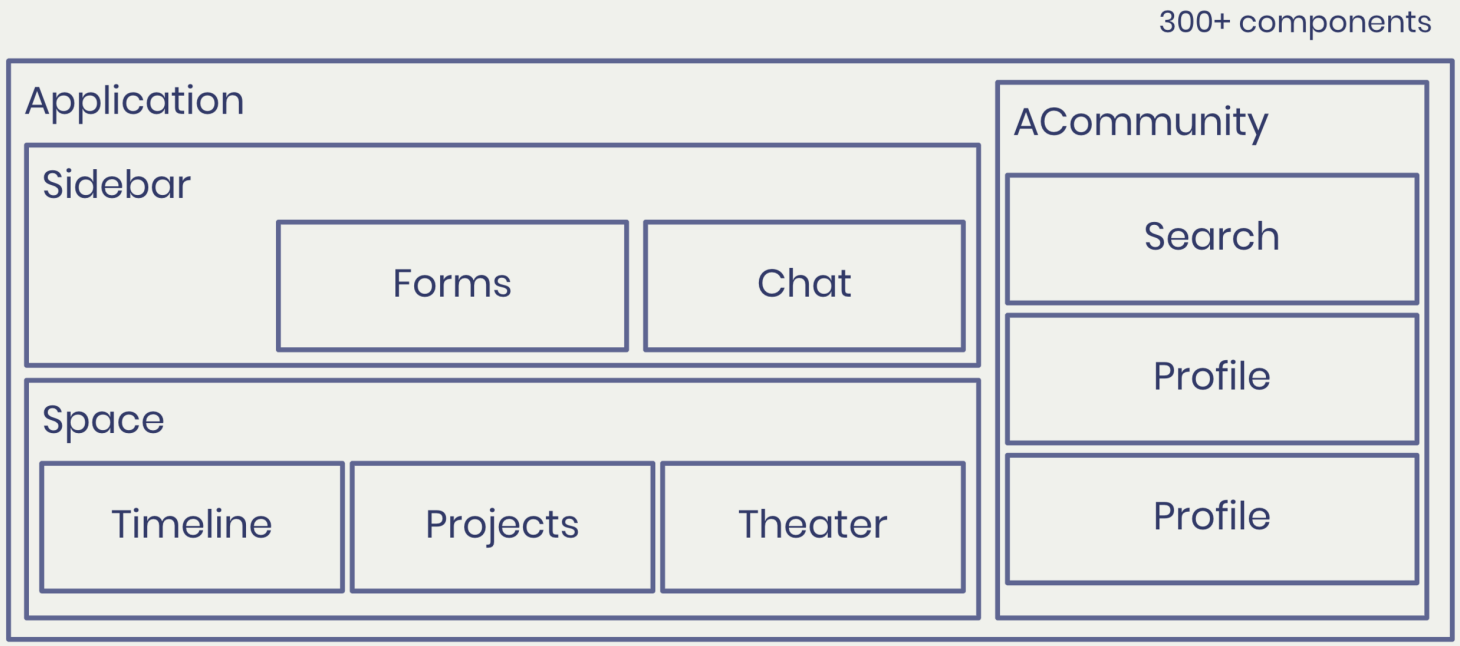

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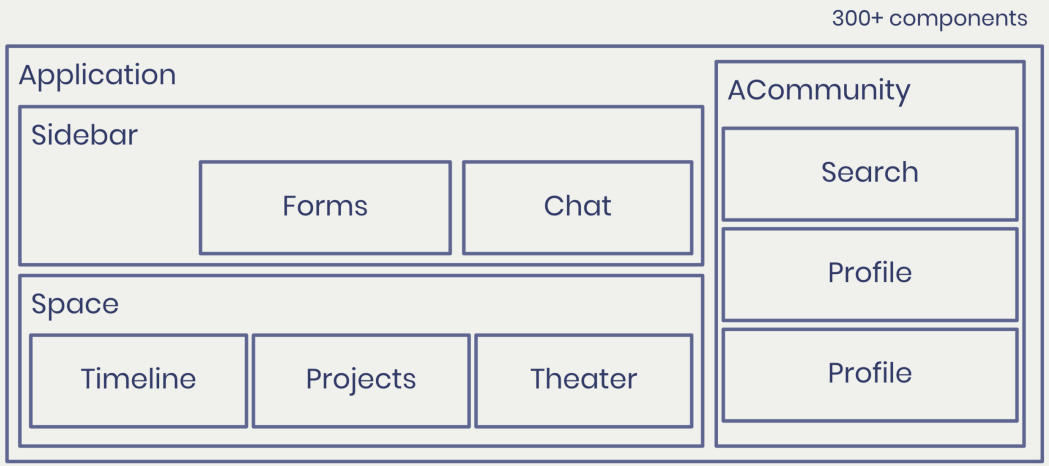

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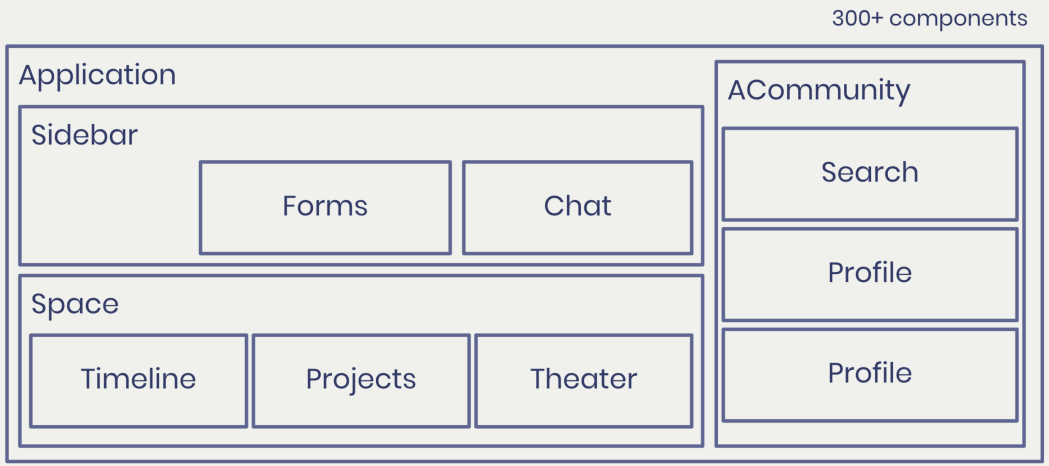

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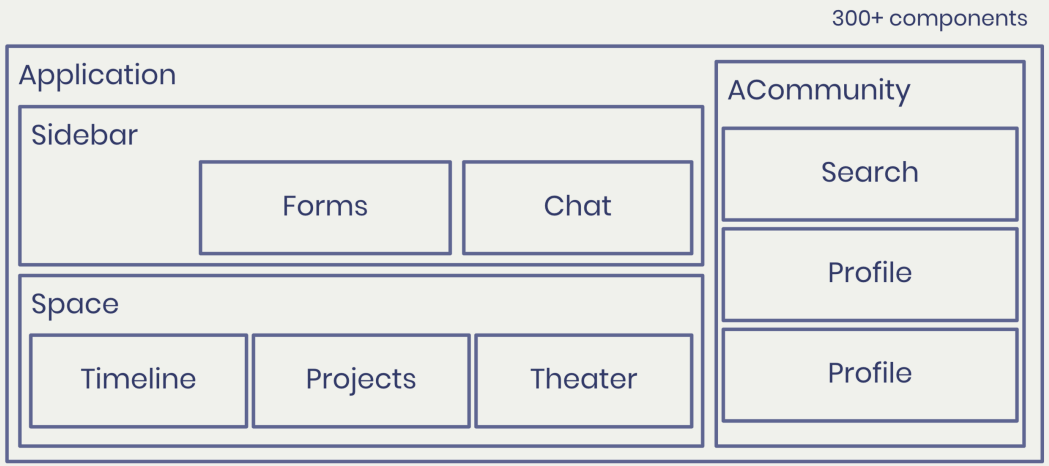

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- **Type:** Form (Input, ...), View, Button
  When missing, we assume that a component is a View component by default.

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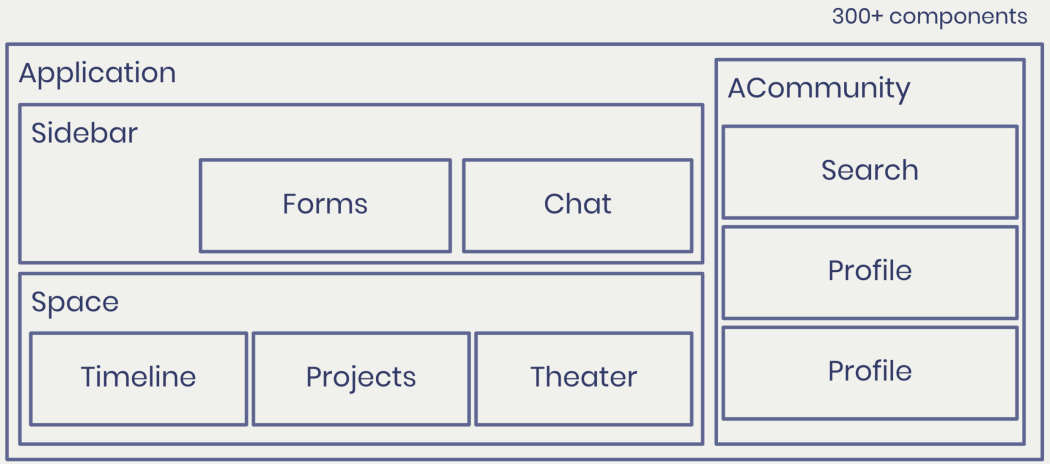

Domain, Page/Context, Component, Type

ACommunityAddToShortListButton

Sidebar

SidebarSwitch

ChatConversation

ChatConversationName

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File-based

- ACommunityAddToShortListButton.tsx
- Sidebar.tsx
- SidebarSwitch.tsx

Folders-based

- ACommunity/AddToShortList/Button/index.tsx
- Sidebar/index.tsx
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🧭 Good naming convention will force you to divide your app in meaningful pieces

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Reference version

https://codesandbox.io/s/maintainable-react-geekle-april-2020-94pq1

Refactored version

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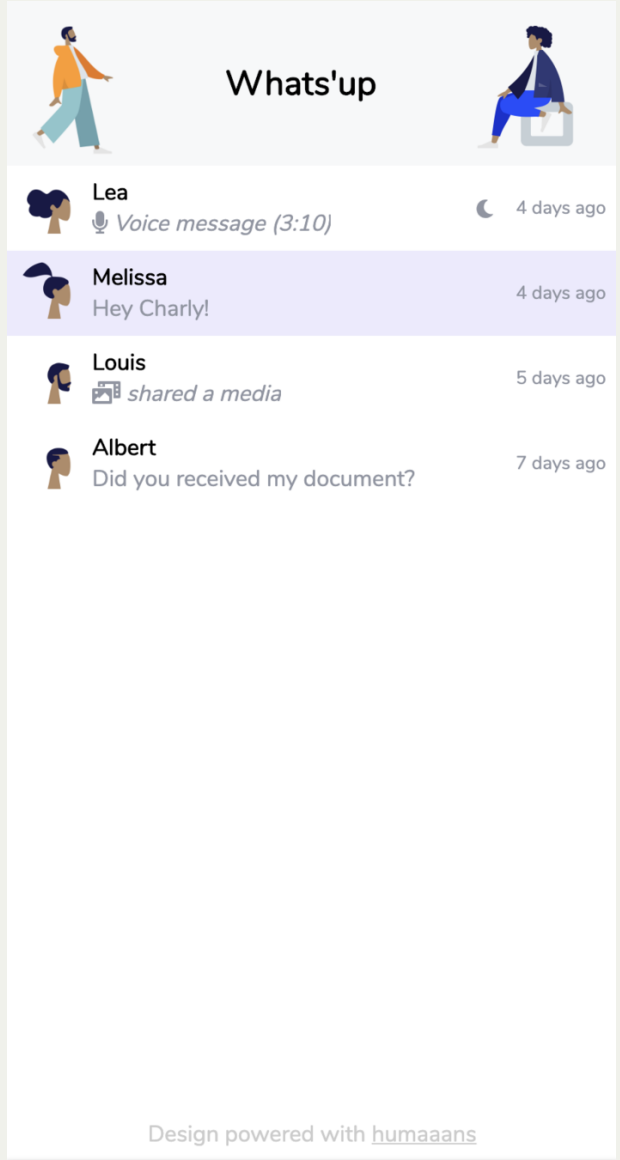

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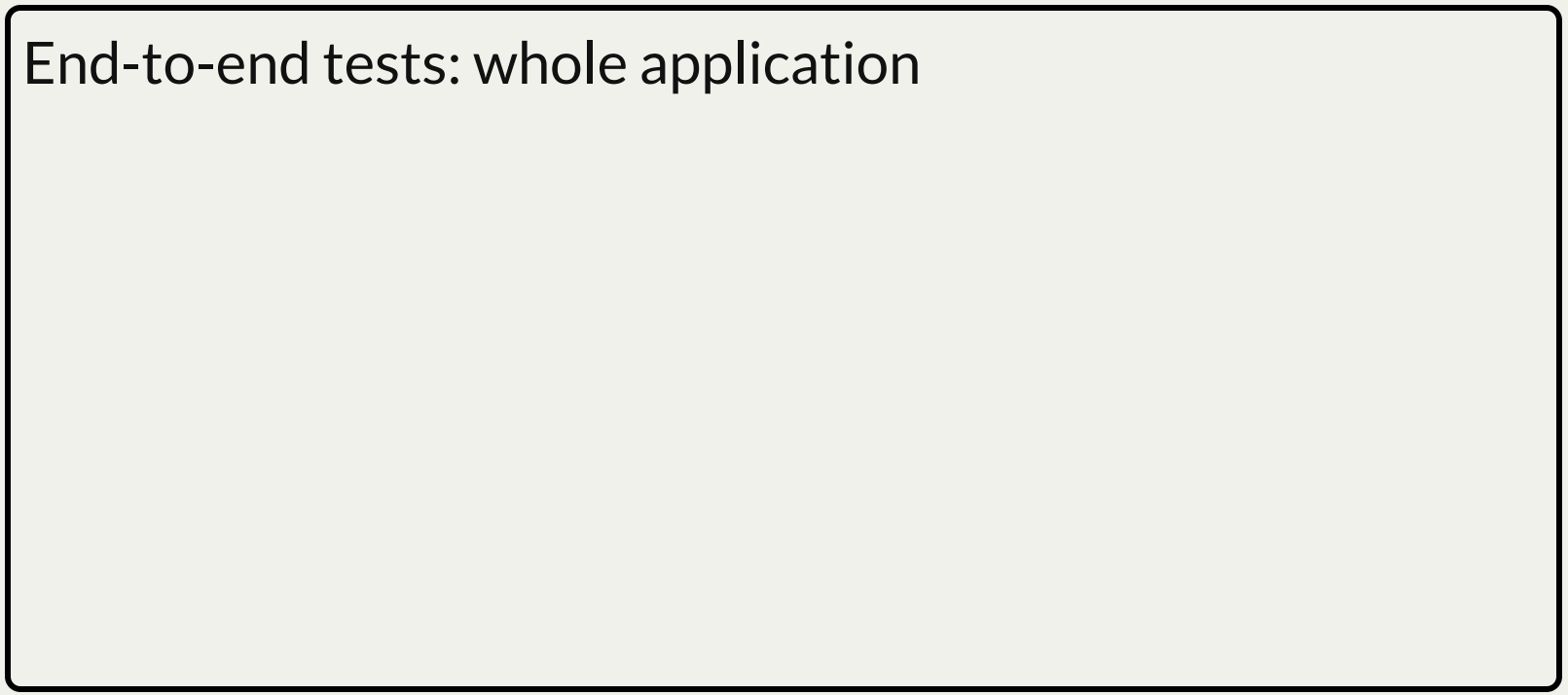

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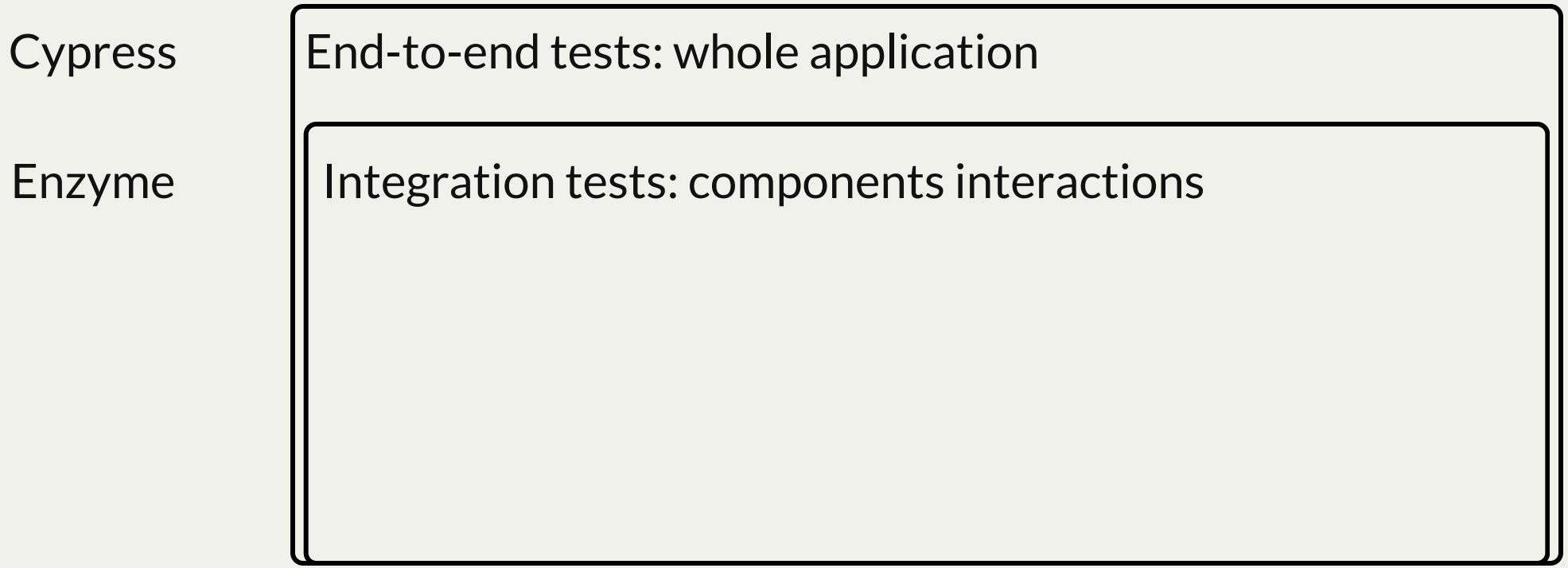

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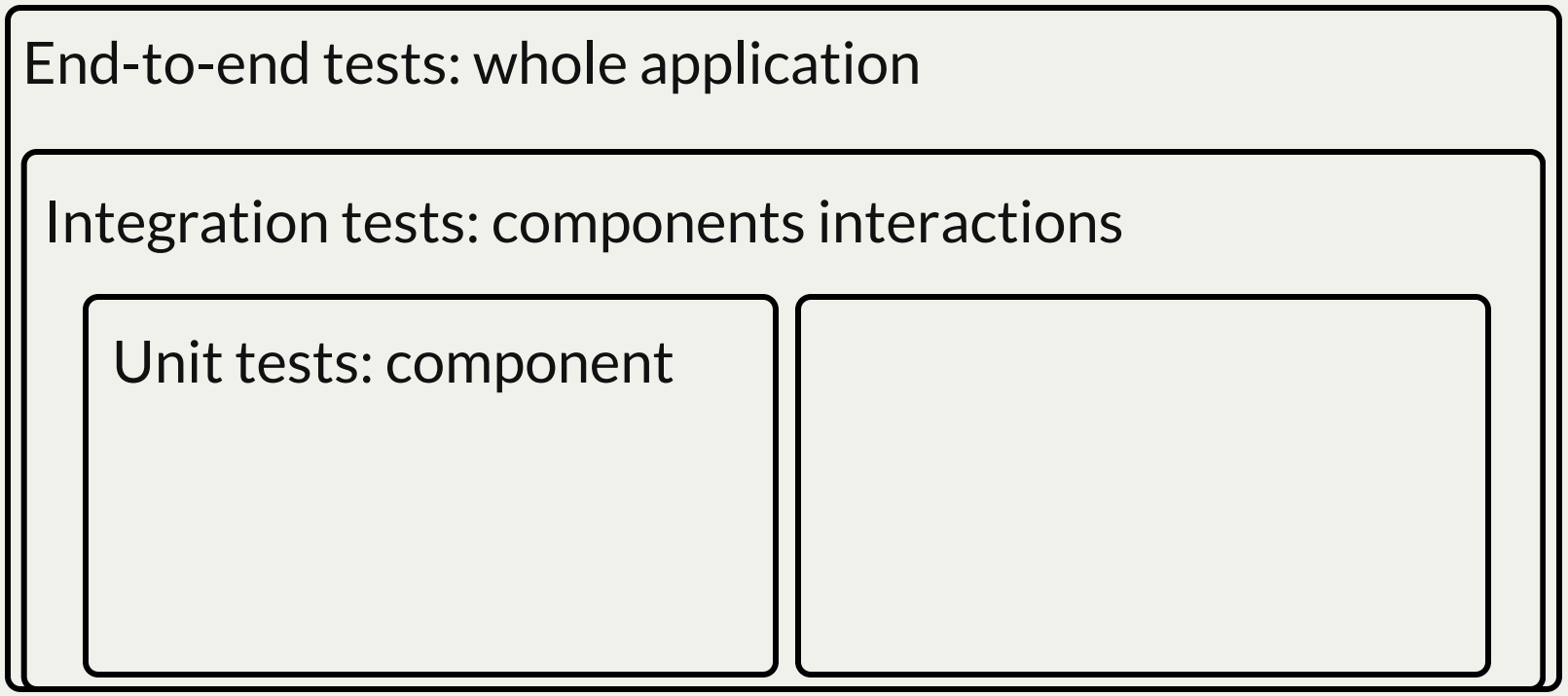

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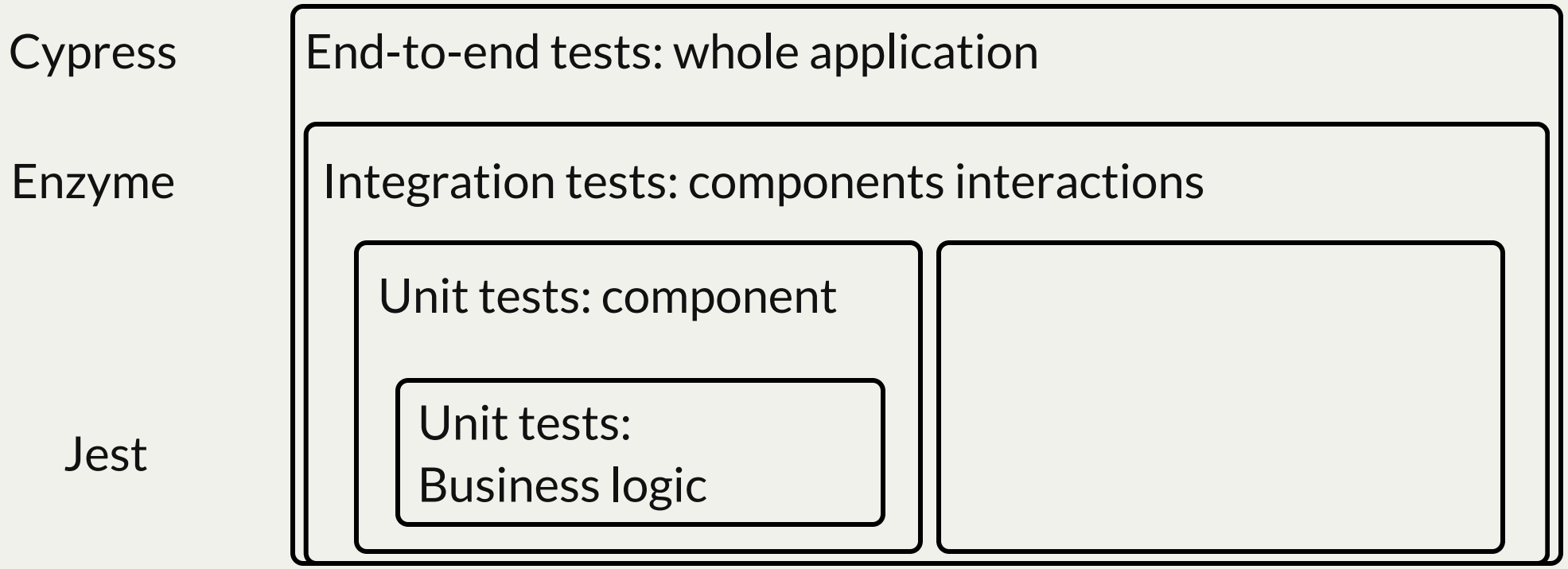

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- Complex view complex should get data from props

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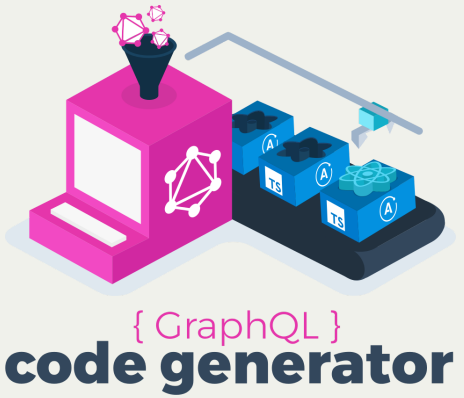


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scalar Date

schema {
  query: Query
}

type Query {
  me: User!
  user(id: ID!): User
  allUsers: [User]
  search(term: String!): [SearchResult!]!
  myChats: [Chat!]!
}

enum Role {
  USER,
  ADMIN,
}

interface Node {
  id: ID!
}
```

```typescript
export type Maybe<T> = T | null;
/** All built-in and custom scalars, mapped to their a
export type Scalars = {
  ID: string,
  String: string,
  Boolean: boolean,
  Int: number,
  Float: number,
  Date: any,
};

export type Chat = Node & {
  __typename?: 'Chat',
  id: Scalars['ID'],
  users: Array<User>,
  messages: Array<ChatMessage>,
};

export type ChatMessage = Node & {
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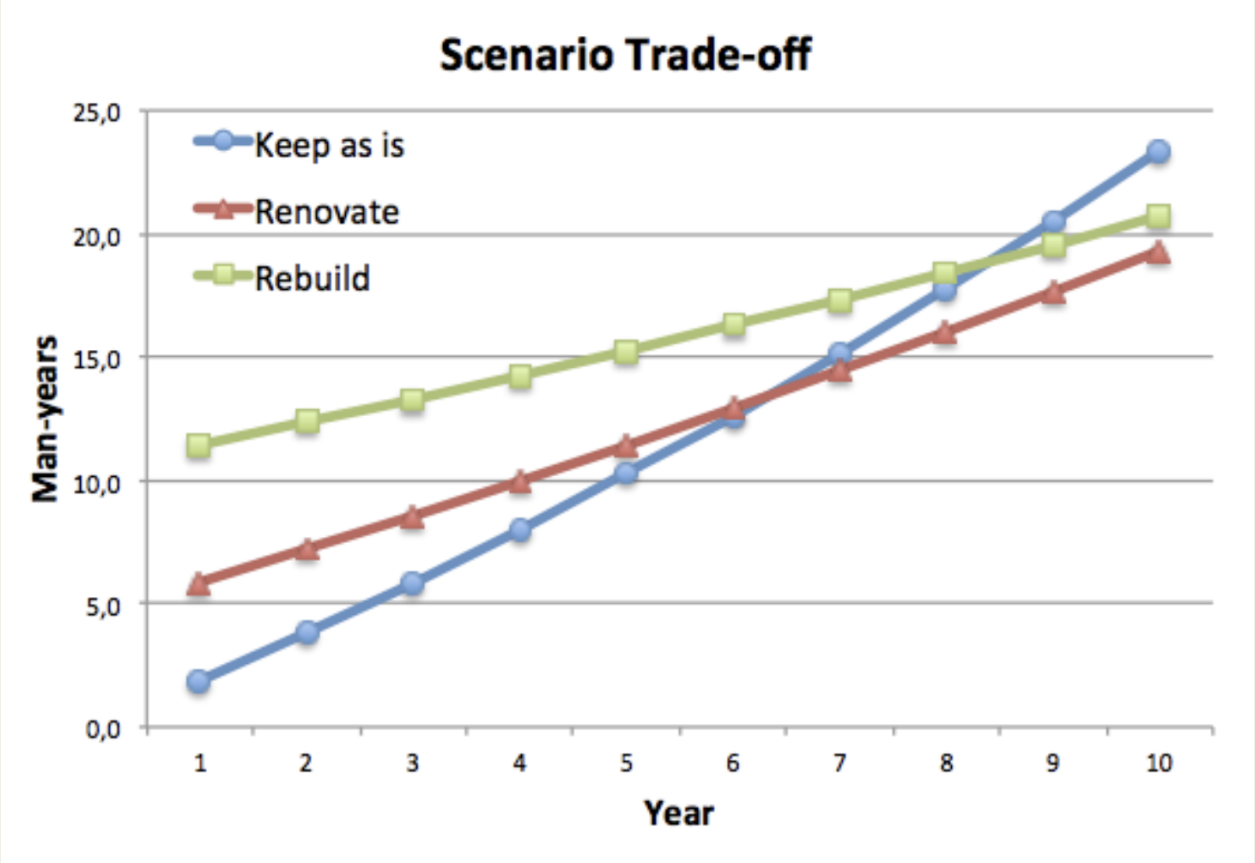

"An Empirical Model of Technical Debt and Interest", SIG

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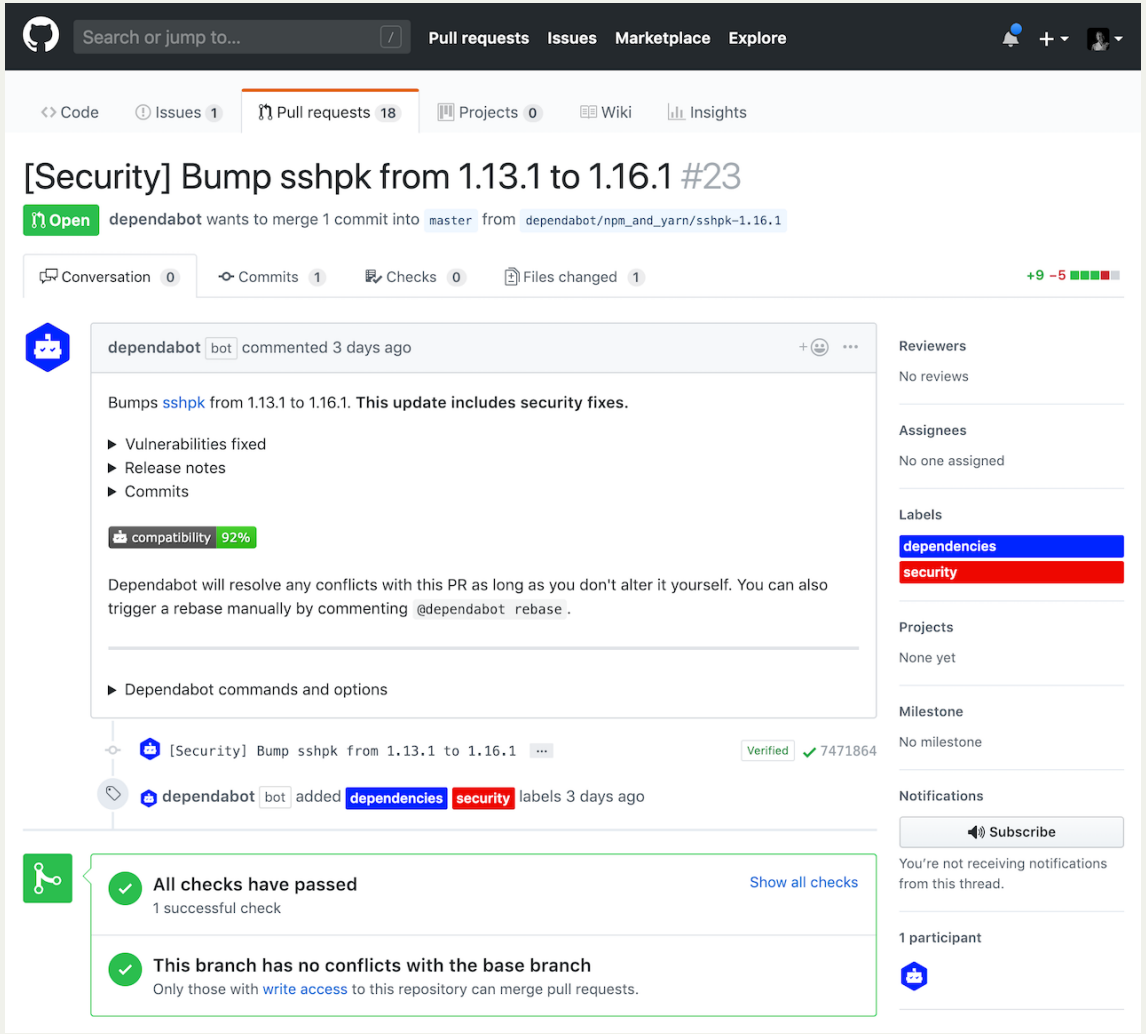
- Renovate your code
- Update, break things often and move fast



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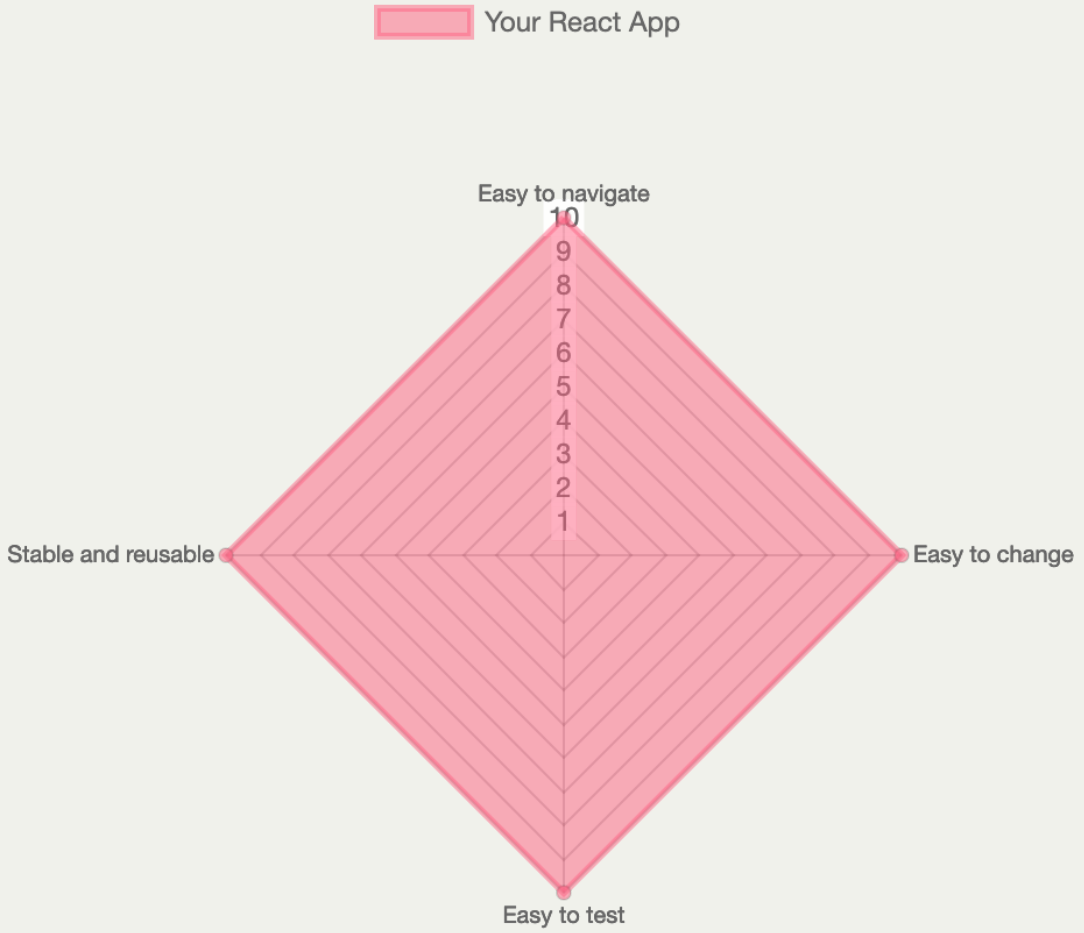

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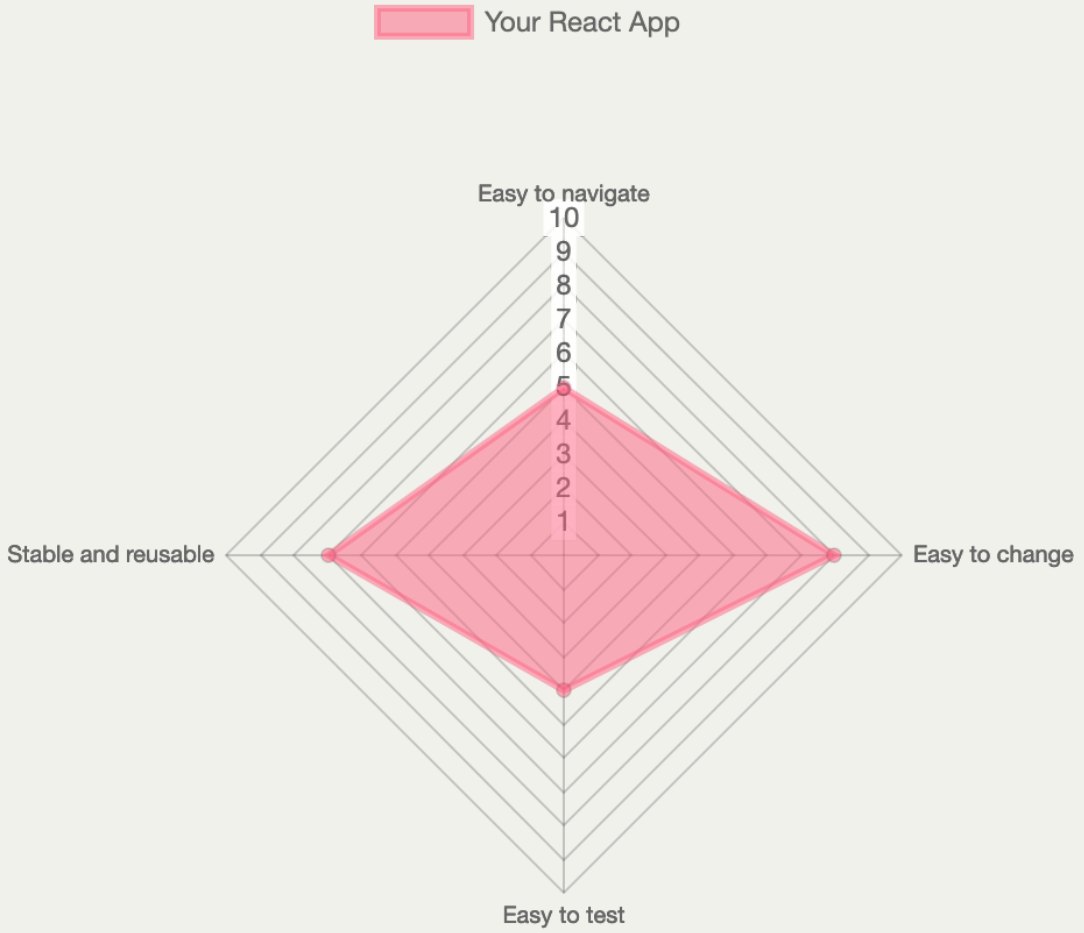

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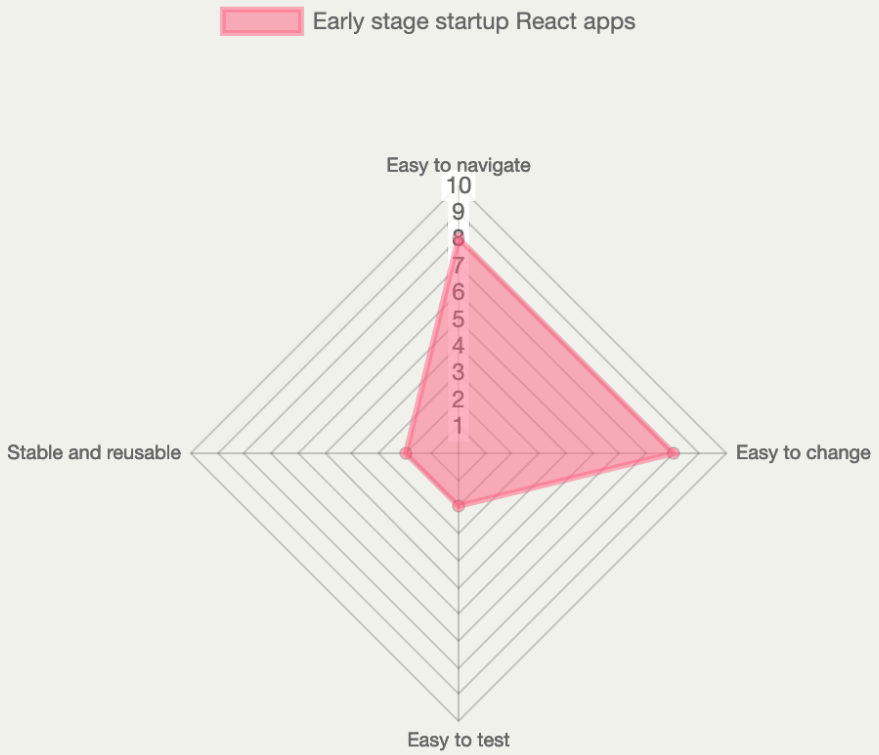

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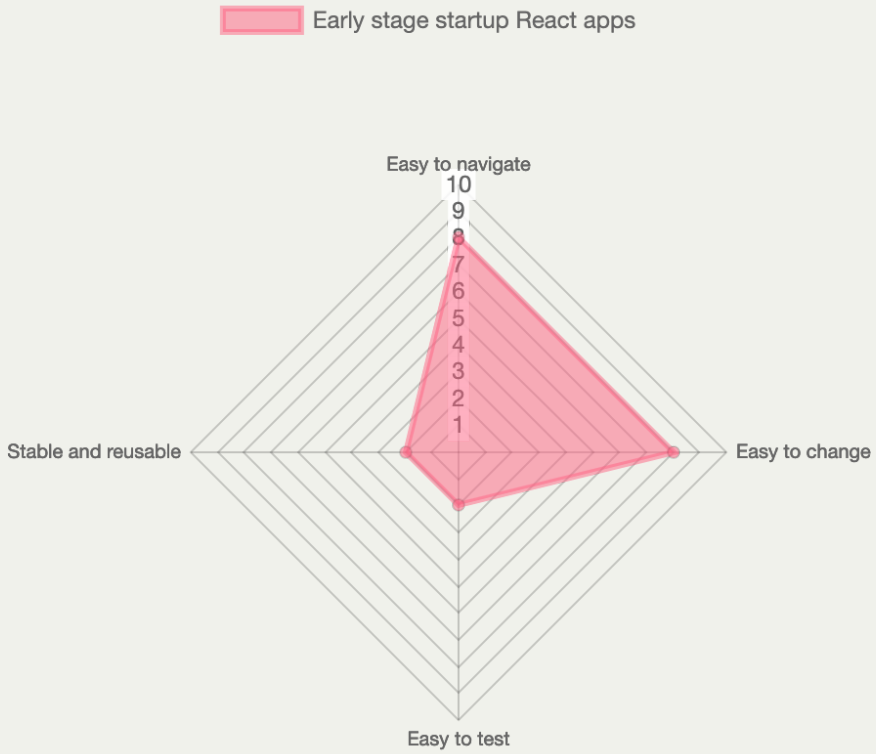

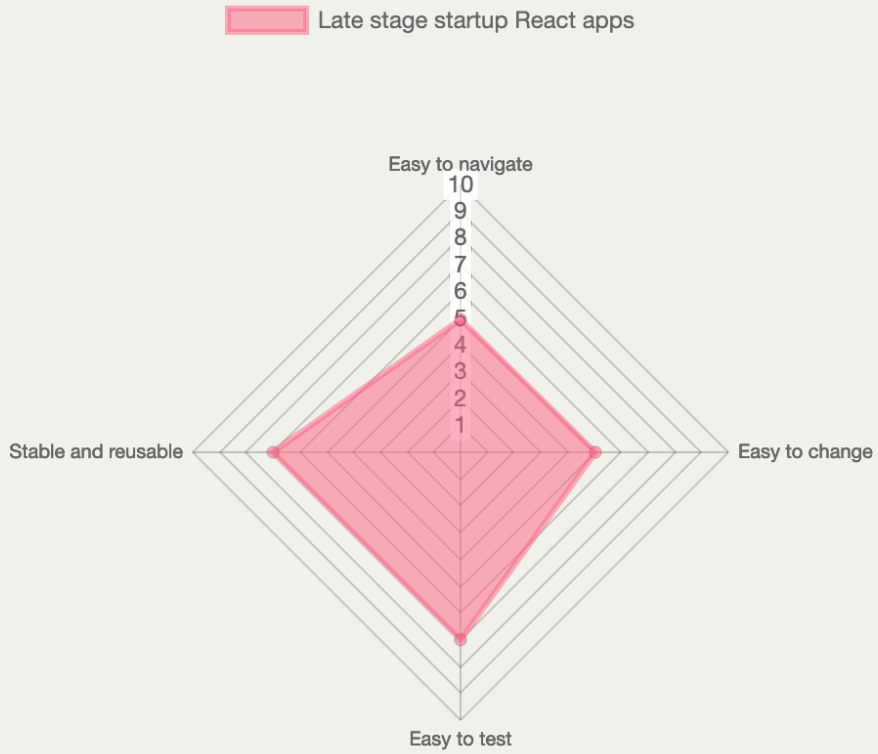

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