

Introduction to Custom Higher-Order Components (HOCs) in React

A Higher-Order Component (HOC) is an advanced pattern in React that allows you to reuse component logic. It's a function that takes a component and returns a new component with enhanced behavior.

Basic Syntax of a Custom HOC

jsx

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```
function withExtraInfo(WrappedComponent) { return function EnhancedComponent(props) { return <WrappedComponent {...props} extraInfo="Hello from HOC!" />; }; }
```

Example: Custom HOC to Add Loading State

Step 1: Create the HOC

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```
function withLoading(Component) { return function WrappedComponent({ isLoading, ...rest }) { if (isLoading) { return <p>Loading...</p>; } return <Component {...rest} />; }; }
```

Step 2: Create a Component to Wrap

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```
function UserList({ users }) { return ( <ul> {users.map((user) => <li key={user.id}>{user.name}</li>)} </ul> ); }
```

Step 3: Use the HOC

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```
const UserListWithLoading = withLoading(UserList);
```

Step 4: Render the Enhanced Component

jsx

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```
<UserListWithLoading isLoading={true} users={[]} />
```

Why Use HOCs?

- Reuse logic like **loading states**, **authentication**, or **data fetching**.
- Keep components clean and focused.
- Compose behavior without changing the original component.

HOC Limitations

- Can become hard to trace with deeply nested HOCs.
- Less preferred now compared to **hooks** for many use cases.