

1. Props (short for "Properties")

What are Props?

Props are read-only values passed from parent to child components. Think of them as function arguments.

Example:

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```
function Welcome(props) { return <h1>Hello, {props.name}!</h1>; } function App() { return <Welcome  
name="Alice" />; }
```

 props.name here is "Alice" — passed from <App /> into <Welcome /> .

Props Key Points:

- Props are **immutable** (you can't change them inside the child).
- Help make components **reusable**.
- You can pass **strings, numbers, functions, arrays, objects**, even other components.

2. State

What is State?

State is a way to store **data that changes over time** — like form inputs, toggles, counters, etc.

In **functional components**, we manage state using the `useState` hook.

Example:

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```
import React, { useState } from 'react'; function Counter() { const [count, setCount] =
useState(0); // count = state, setCount = update function return ( <div> <p>You clicked {count}
times</p> <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>Click me</button> </div> ); }
```

✔ State Key Points:

- Managed within a component.
- `useState(initialValue)` returns:
 - The current state value.
 - A function to update it.
- Updating state re-renders the component.

↔ State vs Props – Comparison

Feature	Props	State
Passed from	Parent component	Managed inside the component
Read/Write	Read-only	Read & Write
Purpose	Pass data into a component	Handle data that changes
Can update it?	❌ No	✔ Yes (with <code>setState</code> / <code>setX</code>)

🧩 Combined Example

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```
function WelcomeMessage({ name }) { return <h2>Welcome, {name}!</h2>; } function App() { const
[username, setUsername] = useState("React Learner"); return ( <div> <WelcomeMessage name=
```

```
{username} /> <button onClick={() => setUsername("JSX Master")}>Change Name</button> </div> ); }
```

- username is **state** in App .
- name is a **prop** passed to WelcomeMessage .