How to create State

React Component functions run each time we render

- How do we get variables with persistent values?
- hooks!
 - Outside functions to read/write state changes
- JSX renders with current state
- Event listeners (using onEVENT) update state
- JSX automatically rerenders when state changes

State Example

SO MUCH - import

```
import { useState } from 'react';
```

This is one of those "other" ways to import

- A file can have one "default" export
 - import and give a name of your choice
- A file can have many "named" exports
 - that you import inside {} using their name
 - you can change it with as:

```
import { useState as someOtherVar } from 'react';
```

• importing from a library (react) involves no path

SO MUCH - array destructure

```
const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
useState() returns an array
```

Above code is the same as:

```
const returnedArray = useState(0);
const count = returnedArray[0]; // value from state
const setCount = returnedArray[1]; // setter function
```

useState() always returns array of two values

• We **destructure** to declare and assign 2 variables

SO MUCH - useState returns

useState() always returns array of two values:

- value from state
- setter function

Value is:

- The last value set with setter function
- If NEVER set, uses value passed to useState()
- Value passed to useState() ignored once setter called

SO MUCH - onClick

```
<button
    onClick={() => setCount((count) => count + 1)}
>
    count is {count}
</button>
```

Let's simplify to better understand:

```
<button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)} >
    count is {count}
</button>
```

Simplified on Click

```
<button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)} >
    count is {count}
</button>
```

- count is {count} will show "current" count
- onClick() is passed a callback handler function
 - Just like a click event listener
- Handler function calls setCount()
- setCount() changes stored state value
- Triggers re-render

Notice the difference here

```
<button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)} >
    count is {count}
</button>
```

- onClick is passed a function callback to call
- setCount() called when that callback is called

```
<button onClick={setCount(count + 1)} > /* BAD */
   count is {count}
</button>
```

- onClick() is passed result of calling setCount()
- setCount() is called IMMEDIATELY
- setCount() triggers rerender, calls setCount()
- Web app crashes (infinite loop)

Passing Function Wrapper

- Event handlers are passed a function to run
 - Just like _addEventListener
- NOT result of calling a function immediately

```
/* Correct Version: */
<button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)} >
        count is {count}

</button>

/* Bad Version: */
<button onClick={setCount(count + 1)} >
        count is {count}

</button>
```

SO MUCH - automatic rerender

setCount() changes the value of count in state

• Page shows changed HTML/text!

When a state setter function is called

• Output **automatically** re-renders

When does state variable change?

```
on render 0
before setter 0
after setter 0
on render 1
```

Important State Update Confusion!

setCount() does NOT change count

```
<button
  onClick={() => {
     setCount(count + 1);
     console.log(count);
  }}
>
  count is {count}
</button>
```

- console.log() shows that count didn't change!
- But page shows that count DID change?!

State isn't actually IN component

- Component function called after state changes
- Component **gets** a **copy of state** from useState()
- Setter updates state outside of component
 - Queues up new call to component function
 - To render HTML
 - Doesn't happen until current code finishes
 - Copies of state values are STALE until then
- https://react.dev/reference/react/useState#ive-updated-the-state-but-logging-gives-me-the-old-value

Passing a function to a setter?

What does this mean?

```
• setCount((count) => count + 1)
```

Consider:

```
<button onClick={() => {
    setCount(count + 1);
    setCount(count + 1);
}
} >
    count is {count}
</button>
```

- Page shows count only going + 1
- Because count is a stale copy of state

Why pass a function to a state setter

You can pass a value to a state setter

- setState(count + 1)
- Value will be new value for state

You can also pass a function to a state setter

```
• setState( (count) => count + 1 )
```

- Passed function is itself passed current state value
 - ACTUAL current value of state, not copy
- Passed function should return new value for state

Results of passing function to setter

```
<button onClick={ () => {
    setCount( count => count + 1);
    setCount( cat => cat + 1);
}
} >
    count is {count}
</button>
```

- Now increases by 2
- Functions were passed ACTUAL value of state
 - Not the possibly stale copy that is count
- param name in passed function just a name
 - In its own scope
 - That's why cat still changed count state
 - But please use meaningful variables

Another example

State values can be any value, not just numbers!

Let's consider an example with text

Input Example

SO MUCH - onInput

```
<input
  value={name}
  onInput={ (e) => setName(e.target.value) }
/>
```

- name will always be latest value
- onInput() runs whenever there is typing
 - input event
 - Including backspace/delete
- e.target is the input field here
- Notice the self-closing input tag!
 - JSX requires a close

Putting the Parts together

- When App() is called (when <app/> renders
 - name is set to
 - HTML renders to the screen
 - <input> has value
- User types 'J'
 - onInput callback fires
 - calls setName with 'J'
- Change in state triggers rerender (App() is called)
 - name is set to 'J'
 - HTML renders <input> with value = 'J'

Why State?

Remember the concept we are using

- State is variable(s) of values that can change
- **Rendering** is setting HTML based on state
- Events will change state
- After state changes, **render**

True both in React and in advanced plain JS SPAs

Every component defines part of HTML

• Based on state and props

Revisit Example

Component is output HTML

- Based on current state/props
- Defines event handlers
- Event Handlers can change state
 - Which would cause new **render**
 - Which would reflect updated state

More Example

```
function App() {
 const [inProgress, setInProgress] = useState('');
 const [saved, setSaved] = useState('');
 return (
     Name in progress is {inProgress}
     Last Saved name was {saved}
     <label>
       <span>Name: </span>
       <input
         value={inProgress}
         onInput={ (e) => setInProgress(e.target.value) }
       />
       <but
         type="button"
         onClick={ () => setSaved(inProgress) }
       >Save</button>
     </label>
   </>
 );
```

Two useState()s

```
const [inProgress, setInProgress] = useState('');
const [saved, setSaved] = useState('');
```

Each useState() will track a separate value

- Order in file in meaningful
- You can't put useState() inside an if() {}

Different State Updates

```
<input
  value={inProgress}
  onInput={ (e) => setInProgress(e.target.value) }
/>
<button
  type="button"
  onClick={ () => setSaved(inProgress) }
>Save</button>
```

- One "as you type"
- One "after you click"

See the State-Render cycle at work

- We have State variables and props
- The output HTML is based on the variables
- User events change the state
- Output HTML is automatically updated
 - Based on new state

Trigger for render was the change in state

- Not the user event
- User event was the trigger for the change in state

Components can call other components

Component calls other component

Both App.jsx and ShowThing.jsx are components

- Components can have Components amidst HTML
- Can have multiple instances of any Component

State became a prop

- isOn state passed to <ShowThing> as a prop
- name of prop changed! (isImpressive)
 - Does not need to change/stay the same
 - Passing a parameter to a function
 - New variable, can be same or different name
 - Does MATTER! A lot!
 - Some names are better changed
 - Some names are better staying the same

Component ignorant of source of prop

- Doesn't know is Impressive was set by state
 - That's good. **decoupled**
- Rerendered when prop changes
- Notice template literal `` with className
- Used to embed in string

Showing a list

```
function TodoList({ list }) {
  const items = list.map(
    item => ( {item} )
  );
  return (

      {items}

  );
}
```

Check the console for errors and warnings!

- Warning: Each child in a list should have a unique "key" prop.
- Warnings don't prevent things from working
 - Do indicate a problem
- Errors indicate something definitely wrong
- Fix BOTH Warnings and Errors immediately
 - Don't ignore because things are "working"
 - Regret will come if you let them accumulate

Rendered lists and "key" prop

Rendered lists in React need a "key" prop

- React does comparison logic to decide what to actually change in DOM
 - Delete item 5 out of 10:
 - Looks like 5,6,7,8,9 changed; 10 deleted
- key props allow to see which really changed
 - Must be unique within list
 - Must stay the same between renders
 - Generally bad to use index

Fixing our key prop

```
function TodoList({ list }) {
  const items = list.map(
    item => ( {item}
  );
  return (

        {items}

  );
}
```

• Unique key prop added

Understanding the List

```
function TodoList({ list }) {
  const items = list.map(
    item => (  )
  );
  return (

        {items}

  );
}
```

- map() list of items to list of JSX elements
- No .join()
- Not a string!
- Embedded list in JSX

JSX removes leading/trailing spaces

Results

```
<div>This is on a new line This has many spaces</div>
```

- Unlike HTML, no leading/trailing space/newline
- 99% of the time this is GREAT!

When React is too eager to remove whitespace

Sometimes React removes expected whitespace:

- You might expect: Name: Jorts in the browser
- Instead you see: Name: Jorts

Forcing Spaces

Sophisticated Output

React does not render false, null, or undefined

Both Test and 0 will render

• false, null, undefined do NOT

Using Short-Circuiting

Remember when we said & and | | "short-circuit"?

• Return the left-side or right-side value

React does not render false, null, or undefined

• Combine with & or | | inside {}!

Alternatively, use **conditional operator** (?:)

- Cannot use if (condition) inside {}
- Can use { condition ? Was Truthy : Was Falsy }

Conditional Rendering

Conditional Rendering = Deciding what to show

o/NaN WILL render!

Conditional Rendering is great

- But remember some falsy values WILL render
- Notably o and NaN
- Option: Use conditional operator
- Option: Convert to boolean

```
// Bad!
{ messages.length && You've got mail! }
// Good!
{ messages.length !== 0 && You've got mail!}
{ !!messages.length && You've got mail!}
{ messages.length ? You've got mail! : null }
```

Composing Content

How to organize when you have options for content?

- Example:
 - If user is NOT logged in:
 - Show Login Form to login
 - If user IS logged in:
 - Show "content"
 - Show Logout button

A Conditional Example

```
const [isLoggedIn, setIsLoggedIn] = useState(false);
const [username, setUsername] = useState('');
return ( <>
 { isLoggedIn
    ? < div >
       Hello {username}
        <button onClick={() => setIsLoggedIn(false)}>Logout
      </div>
    : <form className="missing-here-for-clarity">
        <label> <span>Username: </span>
          <input
           value={username}
           onInput={(e) => setUsername(e.target.value)}
          />
        </label>
        <button
          type="button"
          onClick={() => setIsLoggedIn(true)}
       >Login</button>
      </form>
</>);
```

That was messy

- Worked
- Hard to read
- Annoying to decipher

Solution: Move parts to different components

Conditional Rendering of "Pages"

- SPA is a "single page"
- We can change content
- Sometimes a little content
- Sometimes a lot of content
- Sometimes EVERYTHING

Our app can show different "pages" based on state

- Completely different "pages"
- Or just different parts
- "Screens", "views", "pages"
 - No actual terminology

State goes "down"

```
function App() {
  const [todos, setTodos] = useState([
    'Pounce',
    'Chase Laser Pointer',
    'Nap',
    ]);
  return (
    <div className="app">
        <TodoList list={todos}/>
        </div>
  );
}
```

- State is passed "down"
 - to children

What if a child wants to change state?

Child component has no access to setter!

- Cannot reach "up" to variables in parent
- Parent must pass some function to change
 - Direct setter (Ex: setName, etc)
 - OR wrapper of direct setter

Example of passing wrapper of setter function

A Better Conditional Example

```
import Content from './Content';
import Login from './Login';
function App() {
  const [isLoggedIn, setIsLoggedIn] = useState(false);
  const [username, setUsername] = useState('');
  return (
    <div className="app">
      { isLoggedIn
        ? <Content
            username={username}
            setLoggedIn={setLoggedIn}
          />
        : <Login
            username={username}
            setUsername={setUsername}
            setLoggedIn={setLoggedIn}
    </div>
 );
```

The other components

```
function Content({ username, setLoggedIn }) {
  return ( <div>
    Hello {username}
    <button onClick={() =>
        setIsLoggedIn(false)}>Logout</button>
    </div>);
}
```

You can be more generic

```
const onLogin = (username) => {
  setUsername(username);
  setIsLoggedIn(true);
};
const onLogout = () => setIsLoggedIn(false);
return (
  <div className="app">
    { isLoggedIn
      ? <Content
          username={username}
          onLogout={onLogout}
        />
      : <Login
          onLogin={onLogin}
  </div>
);
```

The more generic parts

```
function Content({ username, onLogout }) {
  return ( <div>
    Hello {username}
    <button onClick={onLogout}>Logout</button>
    </div>);
}
```

Each component can have state

See the useState() here!

- Distinct from the username of App
- Allows for custom behavior

Where should you useState()?

• Generally, declare that the "nearest common ancestor" of all Components that need that state

```
stateA is used by ComponentB and ComponentC

ComponentC is a "child" of ComponentD

ComponentB is a "child" of ComponentE

ComponentE is a "child" of ComponentD
```

ComponentD is the "nearest common ancestor"

- Have useState() for stateA in ComponentD
- Pass state and any setters/wrappers from ComponentD to child elements

Often a LOT of state ends up at "top"

- Most state lives in App.jsx
 - Most state matters to most Components
- Temp state like "as you are typing" username
 - Kept out of App.jsx
 - Declared in their specialized components
 - Any "final" version passed to handlers received from ancestor
 - Ex: Login sends FINAL username to App
 - Using the onLogin prop it was passed

Summary - State

- import { useState } from 'react';
- useState() is a React hook
- Pass useState() initial value for a state variable
- Returns array of two parts
 - We **destucture** array into two variables
 - State value (a COPY)
 - Setter function
- State value will be:
 - Last value passed to setter function
 - useState() argument if setter never called

Summary - Changing State

- Component returns HTML based on state
 - conditional rendering
- Can have multiple useState() calls
 - Each a different state variable
- When state changes, component **rerenders**
- set onevent (onclick, onSubmit, etc) props
 - If set on "native" HTML element
 - Callback called when event on element
 - Callback can call setter to change state

Conditional Rendering

- React renders value from {}
 - Will not render false, null, undefined
- Short Circuiting in {} can conditionally render JSX
 - Watch out for 0 or NaN
 - Convert to boolean OR
 - Use conditional operator
- Conditional operator in {} conditionally renders
- Can't use if () in {}

Summary - Passing State

A Component

- Can pass state as props to other components
- CANNOT call setter functions they don't have
- CAN be passed functions as props
- CAN pass setter functions to other components
- CAN pass wrapper functions to other components