



Web Dev Mastery



React Hooks – Complete Guide

♦ All React Hooks

1 State & Lifecycle Hooks

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◆ Code Examples, Use Cases, and Benefits

1 `useState` – State Management

When to use?

Use when you need local component state, such as tracking user input, toggling elements, or storing values.

Benefits:

- Simplifies state management in functional components.
- Rerenders the component when the state changes.

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

function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

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

2 useEffect – Side Effects

When to use?

Use when you need to perform side effects such as API calls, event listeners, or subscriptions.

Benefits:

- Runs after rendering to handle side effects.
- Cleanup logic prevents memory leaks.

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";

function Posts() {
  const [posts, setPosts] = useState([]);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);

  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchPosts = async () => {
      try {
        const response = await
fetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/posts");
        const data = await response.json();
        setPosts(data);
      } catch (error) {
        console.error("Error fetching posts:", error);
      } finally {
        setLoading(false);
      }
    };

    fetchPosts();
  }, []);

  if (loading) return <p>Loading posts...</p>;

  return (
    <div>
```

```

    <h2>Posts</h2>
    <ul>
      {posts.slice(0, 5).map((post) => (
        <li key={post.id}>{post.title}</li>
      ))}
    </ul>
  </div>
);
}

export default Posts;

```

3 useLayoutEffect – Sync Effects Before Paint

When to use?

Use when you need to measure DOM size or manipulate the layout before the browser paints.

Benefits:

- Runs before browser paint, ensuring smoother UI updates.

```

import { useState, useLayoutEffect } from "react";

function ChangeBackground() {
  const [color, setColor] = useState("lightblue");

  useLayoutEffect(() => {
    document.body.style.backgroundColor = color;
  }, [color]); // Runs before paint when color changes

  return (
    <div style={{ textAlign: "center", padding: "20px" }}>
      <h2>Current Background: {color}</h2>
      <button onClick={() => setColor("lightcoral")}>Red</button>
      <button onClick={() => setColor("lightgreen")}>Green</button>
      <button onClick={() => setColor("lightblue")}>Blue</button>
    </div>
  );
}

```

```
export default ChangeBackground;
```

4 useContext – Context API Hook

📌 When to use?

Use when you need to access global state without prop drilling.

✅ Benefits:

- Avoids passing props down multiple levels.

Steps:

1 Create Context (MoneyContext.jsx)

```
import { createContext } from "react";  
  
// Creating Context  
  
const MoneyContext = createContext();  
  
export default MoneyContext;
```

2 Create Provider (MoneyState.jsx)

```
import MoneyContext from "../MoneyContext";  
  
const MoneyState = (props) => {  
  const money = 10000; // Context Value  
  
  return (  
    <MoneyContext.Provider value={{ money }}>  
      {props.children}  
    </MoneyContext.Provider>  
  );  
};
```

```
    </MoneyContext.Provider>

  );

};

export default MoneyState;
```

③ Wrap the App with Provider (App.jsx)

```
import React from "react";

import People from "./People";

import MoneyState from "./MoneyState";

const App = () => {

  return (

    <MoneyState>

      <People />

    </MoneyState>

  );

};

export default App;
```

④ Use The Context in Child Component (People.jsx)

```
import { useContext } from "react";

import MoneyContext from "./MoneyContext";

const People = () => {

  const { money } = useContext(MoneyContext); // Using Context

  return <h1>Money = {money}</h1>;
```

```
};
```

```
export default People;
```

5 useReducer – Advanced State Management

When to use?

Use when managing complex state logic, such as in form handling or state transitions.

Benefits:

- Works well for complex state logic.
 - Predictable state updates using actions.
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Folder Structure

```
/useReducerExample
```

```
|— src
|   |— components
|   |   |— Counter.jsx
|   |   |— counterReducer.js
|   |— App.jsx
|   |— main.jsx
```

1 Create Reducer File (counterReducer.js)

This file contains the **reducer function** that manages the counter state.

```
// counterReducer.js
const counterReducer = (state, action) => {
  switch (action.type) {
```

```
    case "INCREMENT":
      return { count: state.count + 1 };
    case "DECREMENT":
      return { count: state.count - 1 };
    case "RESET":
      return { count: 0 };
    default:
      return state;
  }
};

export default counterReducer;
```

2 Create Counter Component (Counter.jsx)

This component **uses useReducer** to manage the counter state.

```
// Counter.jsx
import React, { useReducer } from "react";
import counterReducer from "../counterReducer";

const Counter = () => {
  const [state, dispatch] = useReducer(counterReducer, { count: 0 });

  return (
    <div style={{ textAlign: "center", padding: "20px" }}>
      <h2>Counter: {state.count}</h2>
      <button onClick={() => dispatch({ type: "INCREMENT"
    }}>+</button>
      <button onClick={() => dispatch({ type: "DECREMENT"
    }}>-</button>
      <button onClick={() => dispatch({ type: "RESET"
    }}>Reset</button>
    </div>
  );
};
```



```
        </div>
    );
};

export default Counter;
```

3 Wrap It in App.jsx

The App.jsx imports the Counter component.

```
// App.jsx
import React from "react";
import Counter from "../components/Counter";

const App = () => {
    return (
        <div>
            <h1 style={{ textAlign: "center" }}>useReducer Example</h1>
            <Counter />
        </div>
    );
};

export default App;
```

6 useMemo – Optimize Performance



When to use?

Use when performing expensive calculations to prevent unnecessary recomputation.



Benefits:

- Caches the result, preventing unnecessary recalculations.



File Structure

/useMemoExample

- |— src
 - | |— App.js (Main Component)
 - | |— index.js (Entry Point)
- |— package.json
- |— README.md

File: App.js (Without useMemo)

```
import React, { useState } from "react";

const App = () => {
  const [cart, setCart] = useState([
    { id: 1, name: "Laptop", price: 50000 },
    { id: 2, name: "Phone", price: 30000 },
    { id: 3, name: "Headphones", price: 2000 },
  ]);
  const [discount, setDiscount] = useState(0);

  // Calculate total price (Runs on every render)
  const totalPrice = cart.reduce((total, item) => {
    console.log("Calculating total price...");
    return total + item.price;
  }, 0);

  return (
    <div>
      <h2>Shopping Cart</h2>
      {cart.map((item) => (
        <p key={item.id}>{item.name}: ₹{item.price}</p>
      ))}
      <h3>Total Price: ₹{totalPrice}</h3>
      <button onClick={() => setDiscount(discount + 10)}>Increase
Discount</button>
    </div>
  );
};
```

```
export default App;
```

🔴 Problem Explanation:

- Every time **discount** changes, the component **re-renders**.
 - The **totalPrice recalculates unnecessarily**, even though cart hasn't changed.
 - This **wastes performance**.
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🟢 Solution: Using useMemo (Optimized Code)

📄 File: App.js (Using useMemo)

```
import React, { useState, useMemo } from "react";

const App = () => {
  const [cart, setCart] = useState([
    { id: 1, name: "Laptop", price: 50000 },
    { id: 2, name: "Phone", price: 30000 },
    { id: 3, name: "Headphones", price: 2000 },
  ]);
  const [discount, setDiscount] = useState(0);

  // Memoizing the total price calculation
  const totalPrice = useMemo(() => {
    console.log("Calculating total price...");
    return cart.reduce((total, item) => total + item.price, 0);
  }, [cart]); // Runs only when cart changes

  return (
    <div>
      <h2>Shopping Cart</h2>
```

```
    {cart.map((item) => (  
      <p key={item.id}>{item.name}: ₹{item.price}</p>  
    ))}  
    <h3>Total Price: ₹{totalPrice}</h3>  
    <button onClick={() => setDiscount(discount + 10)}>Increase  
Discount</button>  
  </div>  
);  
};  
  
export default App;
```

7 useCallback – Prevent Unnecessary Function Recreation

When to use?

Use when passing functions as props to prevent unnecessary re-renders.

Benefits:

- Prevents function recreation on each render.

File Structure

```
/useCallbackExample  
├── src  
│   ├── App.js (Parent Component)  
│   ├── Button.js (Child Component)  
│   └── index.js (Entry point)  
├── package.json  
└── README.md
```

🔴 Problem: Without useCallback (Unoptimized Code)

📄 File: Button.js (Child Component)

```
import React from "react";

const Button = ({ onClick }) => {
  console.log("Button re-rendered!");
  return <button onClick={onClick}>Click Me</button>;
};

export default Button;
```

📄 File: App.js (Parent Component)

```
import React, { useState } from "react";
import Button from "./Button";

const App = () => {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
  const [darkMode, setDarkMode] = useState(false);

  // Function gets recreated on every render
  const handleClick = () => {
    setCount(count + 1);
  };

  return (
```

```

    <div style={{ background: darkMode ? "#333" : "#fff", color:
darkMode ? "#fff" : "#000", padding: "20px" }}>
      <h2>Count: {count}</h2>
      <Button onClick={handleClick} />
      <button onClick={() => setDarkMode(!darkMode)}>Toggle
Theme</button>
    </div>
  );
};

export default App;

```

🔴 Problem Explanation:

- The handleClick function is **re-created** every time App re-renders.
 - Since handleClick **changes on each render**, the Button component **also re-renders unnecessarily**.
 - This **wastes performance**, especially when there are multiple child components.
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🟢 Solution: Using useCallback (Optimized Code)

📄 **File: Button.js (Child Component with React.memo)**

```

import React from "react";

const Button = React.memo(({ onClick }) => {
  console.log("Button re-rendered!");
  return <button onClick={onClick}>Click Me</button>;
});

```

```
export default Button;
```

File: App.js (Parent Component with useCallback)

```
import React, { useState, useCallback } from "react";
import Button from "../Button";

const App = () => {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
  const [darkMode, setDarkMode] = useState(false);

  // Memoizing handleClick function using useCallback
  const handleClick = useCallback(() => {
    setCount((prev) => prev + 1);
  }, []);

  return (
    <div style={{ background: darkMode ? "#333" : "#fff", color:
darkMode ? "#fff" : "#000", padding: "20px" }}>
      <h2>Count: {count}</h2>
      <Button onClick={handleClick} />
      <button onClick={() => setDarkMode(!darkMode)}>Toggle
Theme</button>
    </div>
  );
};

export default App;

}, []);

return <Child onClick={handleClick} />;
}
```

8 useRef – Reference DOM Elements

📌 When to use?

Use when you need to persist values without causing re-renders or reference DOM elements.

✅ Benefits:

- Stores a mutable value without causing re-renders.

File: App.js (Using useRef to Change Image on Button Click)

```
import React, { useRef, useState } from "react";

const App = () => {
  const imageRef = useRef(null);
  const [isFirstImage, setIsFirstImage] = useState(true);

  const handleImageChange = () => {
    if (imageRef.current) {
      imageRef.current.src = isFirstImage
        ? "https://via.placeholder.com/300/FF5733/FFFFFF?text=Second+Image"
        : "https://via.placeholder.com/300/3498db/FFFFFF?text=First+Image";
      setIsFirstImage(!isFirstImage);
    }
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <h2>Change Image Using useRef</h2>
      
      <br />
    </div>
  );
};
```



```
        <button onClick={handleImageChange}>Change Image</button>
    </div>
  );
};

export default App;
```

9 **useId** – Unique IDs for Accessibility

When to use?

Use when generating unique IDs for accessibility or form elements.

Benefits:

- Avoids ID conflicts across multiple renders.

```
import { useId } from "react";

function Form() {
  const id = useId();
  return <label htmlFor={id}>Name: <input id={id} /></label>;
}
```

10 **useTransition** – Deferred Rendering for Performance

When to use?

Use when transitioning between UI states without blocking interactions.

Benefits:

- Prioritizes rendering, improving performance in complex UIs.

```
import { useState, useTransition } from "react";

function App() {
```

```
const [search, setSearch] = useState("");
const [isPending, startTransition] = useTransition();

const handleSearch = (e) => {
  startTransition(() => {
    setSearch(e.target.value);
  });
};

return <input onChange={handleSearch} value={search} />;
}
```

useFetch – Custom Hook for Fetching Data

 **File Name:** **useFetch.js**

Custom Hook: **useFetch**

useFetch is a reusable React hook that fetches data from an API, handling loading, errors, and responses efficiently.

♦ **Code - useFetch.js**

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";

const useFetch = (url) => {
  const [data, setData] = useState(null);
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(true);
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    const fetchData = async () => {
      setLoading(true);
      try {
        const response = await fetch(url);
        if (!response.ok) throw new Error("Failed to fetch data");
        const result = await response.json();
        setData(result);
      }
    };
    fetchData();
  }, [url]);
}
```

```

        setError(null);
    } catch (err) {
        setError(err.message);
    } finally {
        setLoading(false);
    }
};

    fetchData();
}, [url]);

    return { data, loading, error };
};

export default useFetch;

```

♦ How to Use in a Component

📁 **File Name:** `UserList.js`

```

import React from "react";
import useFetch from "../useFetch";

const UserList = () => {
    const { data, loading, error } =
    useFetch("https://jsonplaceholder.typicode.com/users");

    if (loading) return <p>Loading...</p>;
    if (error) return <p>Error: {error}</p>;

    return (
        <ul>
            {data.map((user) => (
                <li key={user.id}>{user.name}</li>
            ))}
        </ul>
    );
};

```

```
};
```

```
export default UserList;
```

◆ Other Hooks

useImperativeHandle – Customizes behavior of a component's **ref**.

useDebugValue – Provides a custom label for React DevTools.

useSyncExternalStore – Allows subscribing to external state sources (React 18+).

useInsertionEffect – Runs before DOM mutations, useful for injecting styles.



Summary of Hook Uses & Benefits

Hook	When to Use	Benefits
useState	Manage local component state	Simple and fast
useEffect	Handle side effects (API, subscriptions)	Clean and efficient
useContext	Access global state	Avoids prop drilling
useReducer	Complex state logic	Predictable updates
useMemo	Expensive calculations	Optimized performance
useCallback	Memoize functions	Prevents unnecessary renders
useRef	Access DOM elements	No re-renders
useTransition	Deferred rendering	Improved responsiveness
