# 12 Redux and Hooks

# **Exercise 1: Handling state with Redux**

State management with Redux is actually really similar to using a Reducer Hook. We first define the state object, then actions, and finally, our reducers. An additional pattern in Redux is to create functions that return action objects, so-called action creators.

Furthermore, we need to wrap our whole app with a Provider component, and connect components to the Redux store in order to be able to use Redux state and action creators.

## Step 1: Installing Redux

First of all, we have to install Redux, React Redux, and Redux Thunk. Let us look at what each one does individually:

- Redux itself just deals with JavaScript objects, so it provides the store, deals with actions and action creators, and handles reducers.
- React Redux provides connectors in order to connect Redux to our React components.
- Redux Thunk is a middleware that allows us to deal with asynchronous requests in Redux.

Using **Redux** in combination with **React** offloads global state management to **Redux**, while **React** deals with rendering the application and local state:

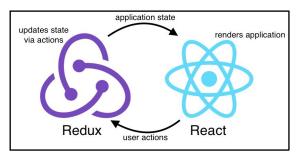


Illustration of how React and Redux work together

To install Redux and React Redux, we are going to use npm. Execute the following command:

> npm install --save redux react-redux redux-thunk

Now that all of the required libraries are installed, we can start setting up our Redux store.

## Step 2: Defining state, actions, and reducers

The first step in developing a Redux application is defining the state, then the actions that are going to change the state, and finally, the reducer functions, which carry out the state modification. In our ToDo application, we have already defined the state, the actions, and the reducers, in order to use the Reducer Hook. Here, we simply recap what we defined in the previous chapter.

#### **State**

The full state object of our ToDo app consists of two keys: an array of todo items, and a string, which specifies the currently selected filter value. The initial state looks as follows:

As we can see, in Redux, the state object contains all of the state that is important to our app. In this case, the application state consists of an array of todos and a filter.

#### **Actions**

Our app accepts the following five actions:

```
FETCH_TODOS: To fetch a new list of todo items—{ type: 'FETCH_TODOS', todos:
[] }
ADD_TODO: To insert a new todo item—{ type: 'ADD_TODO', title: 'Test ToDo app' }

TOGGLE_TODO: To toggle the completed value of a todo item—{ type: 'TOGGLE_TODO', id: 'xxx' }

REMOVE_TODO: To remove a todo item—{ type: 'REMOVE_TODO', id: 'xxx' }

FILTER_TODOS: To filter todo items—{ type: 'FILTER_TODOS', filter: 'completed' }
```

#### Reducers

We defined three reducers—one for each part of our state—and an app reducer to combine the other two reducers. The filter reducer waits for a <code>FILTER\_TODOS</code> action, and then sets the new filter accordingly. The todos reducer listens to the other todo-related actions, and adjusts the todos array by adding, removing, or modifying elements. The app reducer then combines both reducers, and passes actions down to them. After defining all the elements that are needed to create a Redux application, we can now set up the Redux store.

## Step 3: Setting up the Redux store

In order to keep things simple initially, and to show how Redux works, we are not going to use connectors for now. We are simply going to replace the state object, and the dispatch function that was previously provided by a Reducer Hook, with Redux.

Let's set up the Redux store now:

1. Edit src/App.js, and import the useState Hook, as well as the createStore function from the Redux library:

```
import React, { useState, useEffect, useMemo } from 'react'
import { createStore } from 'redux'
```

2. Below the import statements and before the App function definition, we are going to initialize the Redux store. We start by defining the initial state:

```
const initialState = { todos: [], filter: 'all' }
```

3. Next, we are going to use the createStore function in order to define the Redux store, by using the existing appReducer function and passing the initialState object:

```
const store = createStore(appReducer, initialState)
```

Please note that in Redux, it is not best practice to initialize the state by passing it to createStore. However, with a Reducer Hook, we need to do it this way. In Redux, we usually initialize state by setting default values in the reducer functions. We are going to learn more about initializing state via Redux reducers later in this chapter.

4. Now, we can get the dispatch function from the store:

```
const { dispatch } = store
```

5. The next step is removing the following Reducer Hook definition within the App function:

```
const [ state, dispatch ] = useReducer(appReducer, { todos: [],
filter: 'all' })
```

It is replaced with a simple State Hook, which is going to store our Redux state:

```
const [ state, setState ] = useState(initialState)
```

6. Finally, we define an Effect Hook, in order to keep the State Hook in sync with the Redux store state:

```
useEffect(() => {
    const unsubscribe = store.subscribe(() => setState(store.getState()))
    return unsubscribe
}, [])
```

As we can see, the app still runs in exactly the same way as before. Redux works very similarly to the Reducer Hook, but with more functionality. However, there are slight differences in how actions and reducers should be defined, which we are going to learn about in the following sections.

# Step 4: Defining action types

The first step when creating a full Redux application is to define so-called action types. They will be used to create actions in action creators and to handle actions in reducers. The idea here is to avoid making typos when defining, or comparing, the type property of actions.

Let's define the action types now:

- 1. Create a new src/actionTypes.js file.
- 2. Define and export the following constants in the newly created file:

```
export const FETCH_TODOS = 'FETCH_TODOS' export const
ADD_TODO = 'ADD_TODO'
export const TOGGLE_TODO = 'TOGGLE_TODO' export const
REMOVE_TODO = 'REMOVE_TODO' export const FILTER_TODOS =
'FILTER TODOS'
```

Now that we have defined our action types, we can start using them in action creators and reducers.

## **Defining action creators**

After defining the action types, we need to define the actions themselves. In doing so, we are going to define the functions that will return the action objects. These functions are called action creators, of which there are two types:

- Synchronous action creators: These simply return an action object
- **Asynchronous action creators**: These return an async function, which will later dispatch an action

We are going to start by defining synchronous action creators, then we are going to learn how to define asynchronous action creators.

#### Step 5: Defining synchronous action creators

We have already defined the action creator functions earlier, in src/App.js. We can now copy them from our App component, making sure that we adjust the type property in order to use the action type constants, instead of a static string.

Let's define the synchronous action creators now:

- 1. Create a new src/actions.js file.
- 2. Import all action types, which we are going to need to create our actions:

```
import {
    ADD_TODO, TOGGLE_TODO, REMOVE_TODO, FILTER_TODOS
} from './actionTypes'
```

3. Now, we can define and export our action creator functions:

```
export function addTodo (title) {
    return { type: ADD_TODO, title }
}

export function toggleTodo (id) {
    return { type: TOGGLE_TODO, id }
}

export function removeTodo (id) {
    return { type: REMOVE_TODO, id }
}

export function filterTodos (filter) {
    return { type: FILTER_TODOS, filter }
}
```

As we can see, synchronous action creators simply create and return action objects.

#### Step 6: Defining asynchronous action creators

The next step is defining an asynchronous action creator for the fetchTodos action. Here, we are going to use the async/await construct.

We are now going to use an async function to define the fetchTodos action creator:

1. In src/actions.js, first import the FETCH\_TODOS action type and the fetchAPITodos function:

```
import {
    FETCH_TODOS, ADD_TODO, TOGGLE_TODO, REMOVE_TODO, FILTER_TODOS
} from './actionTypes'
import { fetchAPITodos } from './api'
```

2. Then, define a new action creator function, which will return an async function that is going to get the dispatch function as an argument:

```
export function fetchTodos () {
    return async (dispatch) => {
```

3. In this async function, we are now going to call the API function, and dispatch our action:

```
const todos = await fetchAPITodos()
dispatch({ type: FETCH_TODOS, todos })
}
```

As we can see, asynchronous action creators return a function that will dispatch actions at a later time.

## Step 7: Adjusting the store

In order for us to be able to use asynchronous action creator functions in Redux, we are going to need to load the redux-thunk middleware. This middleware checks if an action creator returned a function, rather than a plain object, and if that is the case, it executes that function, while passing the dispatch function to it as an argument.

Let's adjust the store to allow for asynchronous action creators now:

- 1. Create a new src/configureStore.js file.
- 2. Import the createStore and applyMiddleware functions from Redux:

```
import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from 'redux'
```

3. Next, import the thunk middleware and appReducer function:

```
import thunk from 'redux-thunk'
import appReducer from './reducers'
```

4. Now, we can define the store and apply the thunk middleware to it:

```
const store = createStore(appReducer, applyMiddleware(thunk))
```

5. Finally, we export the store:

```
export default store
```

Using the redux-thunk middleware, we can now dispatch functions that will later dispatch actions, which means that our asynchronous action creator is going to work fine now.

## Exercise 2: Adjusting reducers(Chapter12\_2)

As previously mentioned, Redux reducers differ from Reducer Hooks in that they have certain conventions:

- Each reducer needs to set its initial state by defining a default value in the function definition
- Each reducer needs to return the current state for unhandled actions

We are now going to adjust our existing reducers so that they follow these conventions. The second convention is already implemented, because we defined a single app reducer earlier, in order to avoid having multiple dispatch functions.

#### Step 1: Setting the initial state in Redux reducers

So, we are going to focus on the first convention—to set the initial state by defining a default value in the function arguments, as follows:

1. Edit src/reducers.js and import the combineReducers function from Redux:

```
import { combineReducers } from 'redux'
```

2. Then, rename filterReducer to filter, and set a default value:

```
function filter (state = 'all', action) {
```

3. Next, edit todosReducer and repeat the same process there:

```
function todos (state = [], action) {
```

4. Finally, we are going to use the combineReducers function to create our appReducer function. Instead of creating the function manually, we can now do the following:

```
const appReducer = combineReducers({ todos, filter }) export
default appReducer
```

As we can see, Redux reducers are very similar to Reducer Hooks. Redux even provides a function that allows us to combine multiple reducer functions into a single app reducer!

## **Exercise 3: Connecting components**

Now, it is time to introduce connectors and container components. In Redux we can use the connect higher-order component to connect existing components to Redux, through injecting state and action creators as props into them.

Redux defines two different kinds of components:

- Presentational components: React components, as we have been defining them until now
- **Container components**: React components that connect presentational components to Redux Container components use a connector to connect Redux to a presentational component. This connector accepts two functions:
  - mapStateToProps(state): Takes the current Redux state, and returns an object of props to be passed to the component; used to pass state to the component
  - mapDispatchToProps (dispatch): Takes the dispatch function from the Redux store, and returns an object of props to be passed to the component; used to pass action creators to the component

**Step 1:** We are now going to define container components for our existing presentational components:

- 1. First, we create a new src/components/ folder for all our presentational components.
- 2. Then, we copy all of the existing component files to the src/components/ folder, and adjust the import statements for the following files:

AddTodo.js, App.js, Header.js, TodoFilter.js, TodoItem.js, and TodoList.js.

#### Step 2: Connecting the AddTodo component

We are now going to start connecting our components to the Redux store. The presentational components can stay the same as before. We only create new components—container components—that wrap the presentational components, and pass certain props to them.

Let's connect the AddTodo component now:

- 1. Create a new src/containers/ folder for all our container components.
- 2. Create a new src/containers/ConnectedAddTodo.js file.
- 3. In this file, we import the connect function from react-redux, and the bindActionCreators function from redux:

```
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
import { bindActionCreators } from 'redux'
```

4. Next, we import the addTodo action creator and the AddTodo component:

```
import { addTodo } from '../actions'
import AddTodo from '../components/AddTodo'
```

5. Now, we are going to define the mapStateToProps function. Since this component does not deal with any state from Redux, we can simply return an empty object here:

```
function mapStateToProps (state) {
   return {} }
```

6. Then, we define the mapDispatchToProps function. Here we use bindActionCreators to wrap the action creator with the dispatch function:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return bindActionCreators({ addTodo }, dispatch)
}
```

This code is essentially the same as manually wrapping the action creators, as follows:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return {
       addTodo: (...args) => dispatch(addTodo(...args))
    }
}
```

7. Finally, we use the connect function to connect the AddTodo component to Redux:

```
export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps) (AddTodo)
```

Now, our AddTodo component is successfully connected to the Redux store.

#### Step 3: Connecting the Todoltem component

Next, we are going to connect the TodoItem component, so that we can use it in the TodoList component in the next step.

Let's connect the TodoItem component now:

- 1. Create a new src/containers/ConnectedTodoItem.js file.
- 2. In this file, we import the connect function from react-redux, and the bindActionCreators function from redux:

```
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
import { bindActionCreators } from 'redux'
```

3. Next, we import the toggleTodo and removeTodo action creators, and the TodoItem component:

```
import { toggleTodo, removeTodo } from '../actions'
import TodoItem from '../components/TodoItem'
```

4. Again, we only return an empty object from mapStateToProps:

```
function mapStateToProps (state) {
   return {}
}
```

5. This time, we bind two action creators to the dispatch function:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return bindActionCreators({ toggleTodo, removeTodo }, dispatch)
}
```

6. Finally, we connect the component, and export it:

```
export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps) (TodoItem)
```

Now, our TodoItem component is successfully connected to the Redux store.

## Step 4: Connecting the TodoList component

After connecting the TodoItem component, we can now use the ConnectedTodoItem component in the TodoList component.

Let's connect the TodoList component now:

1. Edit src/components/TodoList.js, and adjust the import statement as follows:

```
import ConnectedTodoItem from '../containers/ConnectedTodoItem'
```

2. Then, rename the component that is returned from the function to ConnectedTodoItem:

3. Now, create a new src/containers/ConnectedTodoList.js file.

4. In this file, we import only the connect function from react-redux, as we are not going to bind the action creators this time:

```
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
```

5. Next, we import the TodoList component:

```
import TodoList from '../components/TodoList'
```

6. Now, we define the mapStateToProps function. This time, we use destructuring to get todos and filter from the state object, and return them:

```
function mapStateToProps (state) {
  const { filter, todos } = state
  return { filter, todos } }
```

7. Next, we define the mapDispatchToProps function, where we only return an empty object, since we are not going to pass any action creators to the TodoList component:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return {}
}
```

8. Finally, we connect and export the connected TodoList component:

```
export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps) (TodoList)
```

Now, our TodoList component is successfully connected to the Redux store.

#### Step 5: Adjusting the TodoList component

Now that we have connected the TodoList component, we can move the filter logic from the App component to the TodoList component, as follows:

1. Import the useMemo Hook in src/components/TodoList.js:

```
import React, { useMemo } from 'react'
```

2. Edit src/components/App.js, and remove the following code:

```
const filteredTodos = useMemo(() => {
   const { filter, todos } = state
   switch (filter) {
      case 'active':
         return todos.filter(t => t.completed === false)
      case 'completed':
         return todos.filter(t => t.completed === true)
      default:
      case 'all':
         return todos
   }
}, [ state ])
```

3. Now, edit src/components/TodoList.js, and add the filteredTodos code here. Please note that we removed the destructuring from the state object, as the component already receives the filter and todos values as props. We also adjusted the dependency array accordingly:

```
const filteredTodos = useMemo(() => {
    switch (filter) {
        case 'active':
            return todos.filter(t => t.completed === false)
        case 'completed':
            return todos.filter(t => t.completed === true)
        default:
        case 'all':
            return todos
    }
}, [ filter, todos ])
```

Now, our filtering logic is in the TodoList component, instead of the App component. Let's move on to connecting the rest of our components.

#### Step 6: Connecting the TodoFilter component

Next up is the TodoFilter component. Here, we are going to use both mapStateToProps and mapDispatchToProps.

Let's connect the TodoFilter component now:

- 1. Create a new src/containers/ConnectedTodoFilter.js file.
- 2. In this file, we import the connect function from react-redux and the bindActionCreators function from redux:

```
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
import { bindActionCreators } from 'redux'
```

3. Next, we import the filterTodos action creator and the TodoFilter component:

```
import { filterTodos } from '../actions'
import TodoFilter from '../components/TodoFilter'
```

4. We use destructuring to get the filter from our state object, and then we return it:

```
function mapStateToProps (state) {
   const { filter } = state
   return { filter }
}
```

5. Next, we bind and return the filterTodos action creator:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return bindActionCreators({ filterTodos }, dispatch)
}
```

6. Finally, we connect the component and export it:

```
export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps) (TodoFilter)
```

Now, our TodoFilter component is successfully connected to the Redux store.

## Step 7: Connecting the App component

The only component that still needs to be connected now, is the App component. Here, we are going to inject the fetchTodos action creator, and update the component so that it uses the connected versions of all the other components.

Let's connect the App component now:

1. Edit src/components/App.js, and adjust the following import statements:

```
import ConnectedAddTodo from '../containers/ConnectedAddTodo'
import ConnectedTodoList from '../containers/ConnectedTodoList'
import ConnectedTodoFilter from '../containers/ConnectedTodoFilter'
```

2. Also, adjust the following components that are returned from the function:

- 3. Now, we can create the connected component. Create a new src/containers/ConnectedApp.js file.
- 4. In this newly created file, we import the connect function from react-redux, and the bindActionCreators function from redux:

```
import { connect } from 'react-redux'
import { bindActionCreators } from 'redux'
```

5. Next, we import the fetchTodos action creator, and the App component:

```
import { fetchTodos } from '../actions' import App
from '../components/App'
```

6. We already deal with the various parts of our state in other components, so there is no need to inject any state into our App component:

```
function mapStateToProps (state) {
    return {}
}
```

7. Then, we bind and return the fetchTodos action creator:

```
function mapDispatchToProps (dispatch) {
    return bindActionCreators({ fetchTodos }, dispatch)
}
```

8. Finally, we connect the App component and export it:

```
export default connect(mapStateToProps, mapDispatchToProps) (App)
```

Now, our App component is successfully connected to the Redux store.

## Step 8: Setting up the Provider component

Finally, we have to set up a Provider component, which is going to provide a context for the Redux store, which will be used by the connectors.

Let's set up the Provider component now:

1. Edit src/index.js, and import the Provider component from react-redux:

```
import { Provider } from 'react-redux'
```

2. Now, import the ConnectedApp component from the containers folder and import the Redux store that was created by configureStore.js:

```
import ConnectedApp from './containers/ConnectedApp'
import store from './configureStore'
```

3. Finally, adjust the first argument to ReactDOM.render, by wrapping the ConnectedApp component with the Provider component, as follows:

Now, our application will work in the same way as before, but everything is connected to the Redux store! As we can see, Redux requires a bit more boilerplate code than simply using React, but it comes with a lot of advantages:

- Easier handling of asynchronous actions (using the redux-thunk middleware)
- Centralized action handling (no need to define action creators in the components)
- Useful functions for binding action creators and combining reducers
- Reduced possibilities for errors (for example, by using action types, we can ensure that we did not make a typo)

However, there are also disadvantages, which are as follows:

- A lot of boilerplate code is required (action types, action creators, and connected components)
- Mapping of state/action creators in separate files (not in the components, where they are needed)

The first point is an advantage and disadvantage at the same time; action types and action creators do require more boilerplate code, but they also make it easier to update actionrelated code at a later stage. The second point, and the boilerplate code that is required for the connected components, can be solved by using Hooks to connect our components to Redux. We are going to use Hooks with Redux in the next section of this chapter.

## **Example code**

The example code can be found in the Chapter12/chapter12\_2 folder.

Just run npm install in order to install all dependencies and npm start to start the application, then visit http://localhost:3000 in your browser (if it did not open automatically).

# Exercise 4: Using Redux with Hooks (Chapter12\_3)

After turning our todo application into a Redux-based application, we are now using higher-order components, instead of Hooks, in order to get access to the Redux state and action creators. This is the traditional way to develop a Redux application. However, in the latest versions of Redux, it is possible to use Hooks instead of higher-order components!

We are now going to replace the existing connectors with Hooks.

Even with Hooks, the Provider component is still required in order to provide the Redux store to other components. The definition of the store and the provider can stay the same when refactoring from connect() to Hooks.

The latest version of React Redux offers various Hooks as an alternative to the connect () higher-order component. With these Hooks, you can subscribe to the Redux store, and dispatch actions without having to wrap your components.

## **Using the dispatch Hook**

The useDispatch Hook returns a reference to the dispatch function that is provided by the Redux store. It can be used to dispatch actions that are returned from action creators. Its API looks as follows: const dispatch = useDispatch()

We are now going to use the Dispatch Hook to replace the existing container components with Hooks.

You do not need to migrate your whole Redux application at once in order to use Hooks. It is possible to selectively refactor certain components—meaning that they will use Hooks—while still using connect() for other components.

After learning how to use the Dispatch Hook, let's move on to migrating our existing components so that they use the Dispatch Hook.

## Step 1: Using Hooks for the AddTodo component

Now that we have learned about the Dispatch Hook, let's see it in action by implementing it in our AddTodo component.

Let's migrate the AddTodo component to Hooks now:

- 1. First delete the src/containers/ConnectedAddTodo.js file.
- 2. Now, edit the src/components/AddTodo.js file and import the useDispatch Hook from react-redux:

```
import { useDispatch } from 'react-redux'
```

3. Additionally, import the addTodo action creator:

```
import { addTodo } from '../actions'
```

4. Now, we can remove the props from the function definition:

```
export default function AddTodo () {
```

5. Then, define the Dispatch Hook:

```
const dispatch = useDispatch()
```

6. Finally, adjust the handler function and call dispatch():

```
function handleAdd () {
    if (input) {
        dispatch(addTodo(input))
        setInput('')
    }
}
```

7. Now, all that is left to do is to replace the ConnectedAddTodo component with the AddTodo component in src/components/App.js. First, adjust the import statement:

```
import AddTodo from './AddTodo'
```

8. Then, adjust the rendered component:

As you can see, our app still works in the same way as before, but we are now using Hooks in order to connect the component to Redux!

## Step 2: Using Hooks for the App component

Next, we are going to update our App component so that it directly dispatches the fetchTodos action. Let's migrate the App component to Hooks now:

- 1. First delete the src/containers/ConnectedApp.js file.
- 2. Now, edit the src/components/App.js file and import the useDispatch Hook from react-redux:

```
import { useDispatch } from 'react-redux'
```

3. Additionally, import the fetchTodos action creator:

```
import { fetchTodos } from '../actions'
```

4. Now, we can remove the props from the function definition:

```
export default function App () {
```

5. Then, define the Dispatch Hook:

```
const dispatch = useDispatch()
```

6. Finally, adjust the Effect Hook and call dispatch():

```
useEffect(() => {
    dispatch(fetchTodos())
}, [ dispatch ])
```

7. Now, all that is left to do is to replace the ConnectedApp component with the App component in src/index.js. First, adjust the import statement:

```
import App from './components/App'
```

8. Then, adjust the rendered component:

As we can see, using Hooks is much simpler and more concise than defining a separate container component.

#### **Step 3:** Using Hooks for the Todoltem component

Now, we are going to upgrade the TodoItem component to use Hooks. Let's migrate it now:

- 1. First delete the src/containers/ConnectedTodoItem.js file.
- 2. Now, edit the src/components/TodoItem.js file, and import the useDispatch Hook from react-redux:

```
import { useDispatch } from 'react-redux'
```

3. Additionally, import the toggleTodo and removeTodo action creators:

```
import { toggleTodo, removeTodo } from '../actions'
```

4. Now, we can remove the action creator-related props from the function definition. The new code should look as follows:

```
export default function TodoItem ({ title, completed, id }) {
```

5. Then, define the Dispatch Hook:

```
const dispatch = useDispatch()
```

6. Finally, adjust the handler functions to call dispatch():

```
function handleToggle () {
    dispatch(toggleTodo(id))
}
function handleRemove () {
    dispatch(removeTodo(id))
}
```

7. Now, all that is left to do is to replace the ConnectedTodoItem component with the TodoItem component in src/components/TodoList.js. First, adjust the import statement:

```
import TodoItem from './TodoItem'
```

8. Then, adjust the rendered component:

Now the TodoItem component uses Hooks instead of a container component. Next, we are going to learn about the Selector Hook.

## **Exercise 5: Using the Selector Hook**

Another very important Hook that is provided by Redux is the Selector Hook. It allows us to get data from the Redux store state, by defining a selector function. The API for this Hook is as follows:

```
const result = useSelector(selectorFn, equalityFn)
```

selectorFn is a function that works similarly to the mapStateToProps function. It will get the full state object as its only argument. The selector function gets executed whenever the component renders, and whenever an action is dispatched (and the state is different than the previous state).

It is important to note that returning an object with multiple parts of the state from one Selector Hook will force a re-render every time an action is dispatched. If multiple values from the store need to be requested, we can do the following:

- Use multiple Selector Hooks, each one returning a single field from the state object
- Use reselect, or a similar library, to create a memoized selector (we are going to cover this in the next section)
- Use the shallowEqual function from react-redux as equalityFn

We are now going to implement the Selector Hook in our ToDo application, specifically in the TodoList and TodoFilter components.

#### Step 1: Using Hooks for the TodoList component

First, we are going to implement a Selector Hook to get all todos for the TodoList component, as follows:

- 1. First delete the src/containers/ConnectedTodoList.js file.
- 2. Now, edit the src/components/TodoList.js file, and import the useSelector Hook from react-redux:

```
import { useSelector } from 'react-redux'
```

3. Now, we can remove all the props from the function definition:

```
export default function TodoList () {
```

4. Then, we define two Selector Hooks, one for the filter value, and one for the todos value:

```
const filter = useSelector(state => state.filter)
const todos = useSelector(state => state.todos)
```

5. Now, all that is left to do is to replace the ConnectedTodoList component with the TodoList component in src/components/App.js. First, adjust the import statement:

```
import TodoList from './TodoList'
```

6. Then, adjust the rendered component:

The rest of the component can stay the same, because the values where we store the parts of the state have the same names as before.

#### Step 2: Using Hooks for the TodoFilter component

Finally, we are going to implement both the Selector and Dispatch Hooks in the TodoFilter component, because we need to highlight the current filter (state from the Selector Hook) and dispatch an action to change the filter (the Dispatch Hook).

Let's implement Hooks for the TodoFilter component now:

- 1. First, delete the src/containers/ConnectedTodoFilter.js file.
- 2. We can also delete the src/containers/ folder, as it is empty now.
- 3. Now, edit the src/components/TodoFilter.js file, and import the useSelector and useDispatch Hooks from react-redux:

```
import { useSelector, useDispatch } from 'react-redux'
```

4. Additionally, import the filterTodos action creator:

```
import { filterTodos } from '../actions'
```

5. Now, we can remove all the props from the function definition:

```
export default function TodoFilter () {
```

6. Then, define the Dispatch and Selector Hooks:

```
const dispatch = useDispatch()
const filter = useSelector(state => state.filter)
```

7. Finally, adjust the handler function to call dispatch():

```
function handleFilter () {
    dispatch(filterTodos(name))
}
```

8. Now, all that is left to do is to replace the ConnectedTodoFilter component with the TodoFilter component in src/components/App.js. First, adjust the import statement:

```
import TodoFilter from './TodoFilter'
```

9. Then, adjust the rendered component:

**Exercise 6: (Chapter12\_4)** Now, our Redux application makes full use of Hooks instead of container components!

When defining selectors as we have done until now, a new instance of the selector is created every time the component is rendered. This is fine, if the selector function does not do any complex operations and does not maintain internal state. Otherwise, we need to use reusable selectors, which we are going to learn about now.

#### Step 1: Setting up reselect

In order to create reusable selectors, we can use the createSelector function from the reselect library. First, we have to install the library via npm. Execute the following command:

```
> npm install --save reselect
```

Now, the reselect library has been installed, and we can use it to create reusable selectors.

#### Step 2: Memoizing selectors that only depend on state

If we want to memoize selectors, and the selector only depends on the state (not props), we can declare the selector outside of the component, as follows:

1. Edit the src/components/TodoList.js file, and import the createSelector function from reselect:

```
import { createSelector } from 'reselect'
```

2. Then, we define selectors for the todos and filter parts of the state, before the component definition:

```
const todosSelector = state => state.todos
const filterSelector = state => state.filter
```

If selectors are used by many components, it might make sense to put them in a separate selectors.js file, and import them from there. For example, we could put the filterSelector in a separate file, and then import it in TodoList.js, as well as TodoFilter.js.

3. Now, we define a selector for the filtered todos, before the component is defined, as follows:

```
const selectFilteredTodos = createSelector(
```

4. First, we specify the other two selectors that we want to reuse:

```
todosSelector,
filterSelector,
```

5. Now, we specify a filtering selector, copying the code from the useMemo Hook:

```
(todos, filter) => {
    switch (filter) {
        case 'active':
            return todos.filter(t => t.completed === false)
        case 'completed':
            return todos.filter(t => t.completed === true)
        default:
        case 'all':
            return todos
    }
}
```

6. Finally, we use our defined selector in the Selector Hook:

```
export default function TodoList () {
   const filteredTodos = useSelector(selectFilteredTodos)
```

Now that we have defined a reusable selector for the filtered todos, the result of filtering the todos will be memoized, and will not be re-computed if the state did not change.