



React tip:

Prefer primitives in useEffect



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The problem

Performance issues arise when **entire objects are passed** as dependencies when you only need a primitive value. This ends up causing effects to run unnecessarily.

```
const ShoppingList = ({ product }) => {  
  useEffect(() => {  
    console.log(`${product.id} units has  
changed to ${product.units}.`);  
  }, [product]);  
  
  return (  
    <>  
      <h3>{product.id}</h3>  
      <span>  
        {product.price} x {product.units}  
      </span>  
    </>  
  );  
};
```





The solution

is to use only the parts of the **object that the effect relies on**. Oftentimes, these are primitives, such as strings and numbers. Comparing their values to the previous dependencies is **more efficient** and avoids unnecessary re-runs.

```
const ShoppingList = ({ product }) => {  
  const { id, units, price } = product;  
  
  useEffect(() => {  
    console.log(`${id} units has changed  
to ${units}.`);  
  }, [id, units]);  
  
  return (  
    <>  
      <h3>{id}</h3>  
      <span>  
        {price} x {units}  
      </span>  
    </>  
  );  
};
```



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