

# Using Context and Custom React Hooks for a Redux Like Experience



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# Theme Context Built in the Previous Module

## App.js

```
import { createContext, useState } from "react";
import Layout from "./components/layout/Layout";

export const ThemeContext = createContext({});

const App = ({ url }) => {
  const [darkTheme, setDarkTheme] = useState(false);
  const toggleTheme = () => setDarkTheme(!darkTheme);

  const value = {
    darkTheme,
    toggleTheme,
  };

  return (
    <ThemeContext.Provider value={value}>
      <Layout url={url} />
    </ThemeContext.Provider>
  );
};

export default App;
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```
export const ThemeContext = createContext({});  
function ContextAndStateManager({children}) {  
  const [darkTheme, setDarkTheme] = "..."  
  const toggleTheme = () => { return "..." }  
  return (  
    <ThemeContext.Provider  
      value={{darkTheme, toggleTheme}}>  
      {children}  
    </ThemeContext.Provider>  
  );  
}
```



# Problems with Wrapping App Component with a Context Provider

Code base confusing with global variables everywhere

Any context reference in a component forces the component to re-render on any change



# Was Refactoring Out a Theme Component a Good Idea?

Likely no

VS

Maybe yes but ...

Not reusing `useTheme`

Logic is very simple

Separated concerns

Kept functionality in logical components



# Demo

## More examples of shared context

- Make speaker delete button work
- Make speaker add button work



# Demo

## Learn about custom React hooks

- Add a general-purpose custom React Hook that manages calls to a REST server
- Add a more specialized custom React hooks for speaker's data that calls the general-purpose custom hook.



# Demo

## Learn more about sharing React contexts

- Leverage useContext for speaker landing pages like /speaker/1124
- Handle case of having Context defined in same JavaScript file as useContext being referenced



```
import { SpeakersDataProvider } from "../contexts/SpeakersDataContext";
import { SpeakerMenuProvider } from "../contexts/SpeakerMenuContext";

function Speakers() {
  const { darkTheme } = useContext(ThemeContext);

  return (
    <div className={darkTheme ? "theme-dark" : "theme-light"}>
      <SpeakerMenuProvider>
        <SpeakerMenu />
        <div className="container">
          <div className="row g-4">
            <SpeakersDataProvider>
              <SpeakersList />
            </SpeakersDataProvider>
          </div>
        </div>
      </SpeakerMenuProvider>
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```
import { SpeakersDataContext } from "../contexts/SpeakersDataContext";
import useSpeakerSortAndFilter from "../hooks/useSpeakerSortAndFilter";

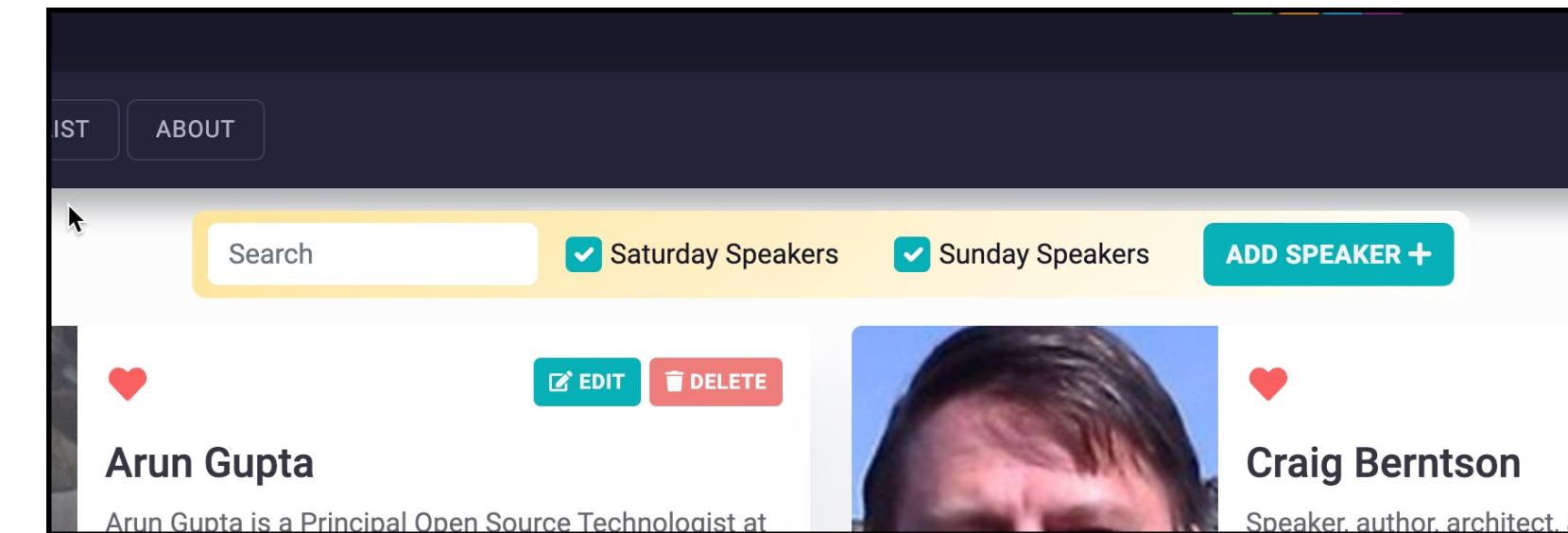
export default function SpeakersList() {
  const { speakerList, loadingStatus } = useContext(SpeakersDataContext);
  const speakerListFiltered = useSpeakerSortAndFilter(speakerList);
  if (loadingStatus === "loading") {
    return <div className="card">Loading...</div>;
  }
  return (
    <>
      {speakerListFiltered.map(function (speakerRec) {
        return (
          <SpeakerDetail
            key={speakerRec.id}
            speakerRec={speakerRec}
            showDetails={false}
          />
        );
      })}
    </>
  );
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# Demo

## Implement a speaker menu with shared context

- Handle multiple criteria
- Learn about UI pivot menus



## Takeaways

Learned how combining React hooks together can significantly enhance your apps

Specifically, combining React's `useContext` with other hooks (`useState`) is very powerful

- Apps are easy to breakdown into building blocks
- Building blocks easy to integrate and reuse
- Improved React app maintenance and updates

