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Episode - 12

Let's Build our Store (Redux)

- Disclaimer: Redux is not mandatory in your application
- Redux is mandatory when you are making a very big application
- Redux is a separate library if React is separate.
- Redux is not the only library which is used for state management
for example Zustand
- ★ Redux is primarily used for handling states of our application
- ★ When we use redux then our debugging becomes easy.
- Redux can also be used with other libraries & frameworks.
- Redux offers us 2 libraries
 - React-Redux
 - Redux-Toolkit (newer way of writing redux).
 - Along with react-redux.

- ★ React-Redux:- It is basically used to connect react with redux
- ★ Redux: It is a standalone state management library for JS app.
- ★ Redux-Toolkit: Newer way of writing redux which enhances the development experience with Redux by providing additional tools.
 - ↓
standard way of writing redux.

Earlier we used to write redux with vanilla redux / Normal tradition redux.
It was more complicated.

→ In Vanilla redux we had these 3 major problems which is now solved into ~~diff~~- too redux toolkit.

- ① It was very complicated. → Now less complicated with RTK
- ② Needed to add allot of packages to get redux tool to anything
- ③ It used to require too much boilerplate code.
Now the code is short and sweet with RTK (Redux Toolkit)

* We will learn RTK while building the ~~most~~ feature in our app.

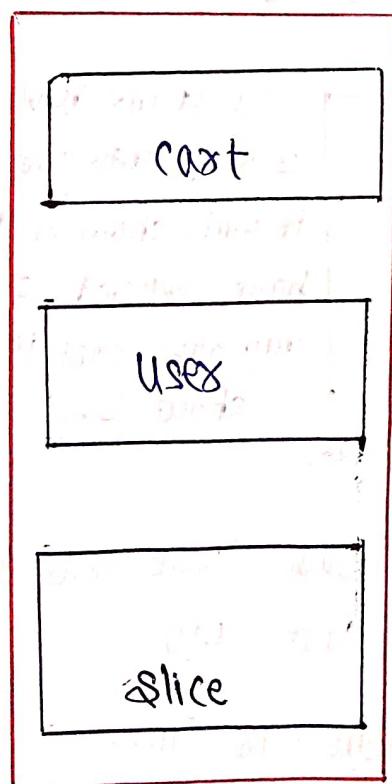
* Redux Theory

→ What is a redux store?

↳ Assume it as a very big JS object which is kept ~~as~~ in a global central place. (Any comp. can access that object)

→ Is it good to keep all data into redux store?

↳ Yes, It is absolutely fine, our redux store does not become clumsy we have slices in redux store.



Redux toolkit
Store

- Slice is a small portion of our redux
- Why do we need slices? and what are slices?

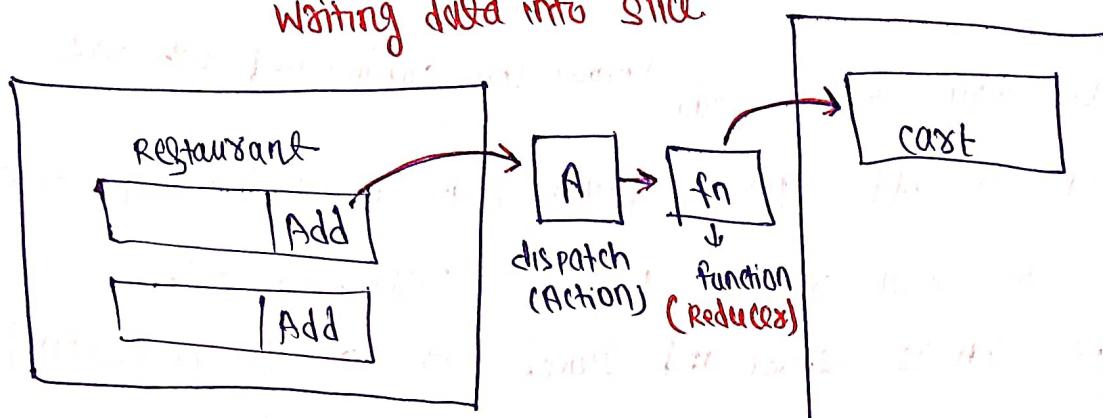
Ans logical separation of data are slices.

for example:

- ① If we want to store cart data into our store we can create a cart slice
- ② If we want to store the logged in user data we can create a login slice
- ③ If we ~~want~~ to have different themes (dark/white) we can create a slice related to theme data like colors etc.

→ We cannot directly modify our slice. There is a way for it.

Writing data into slice



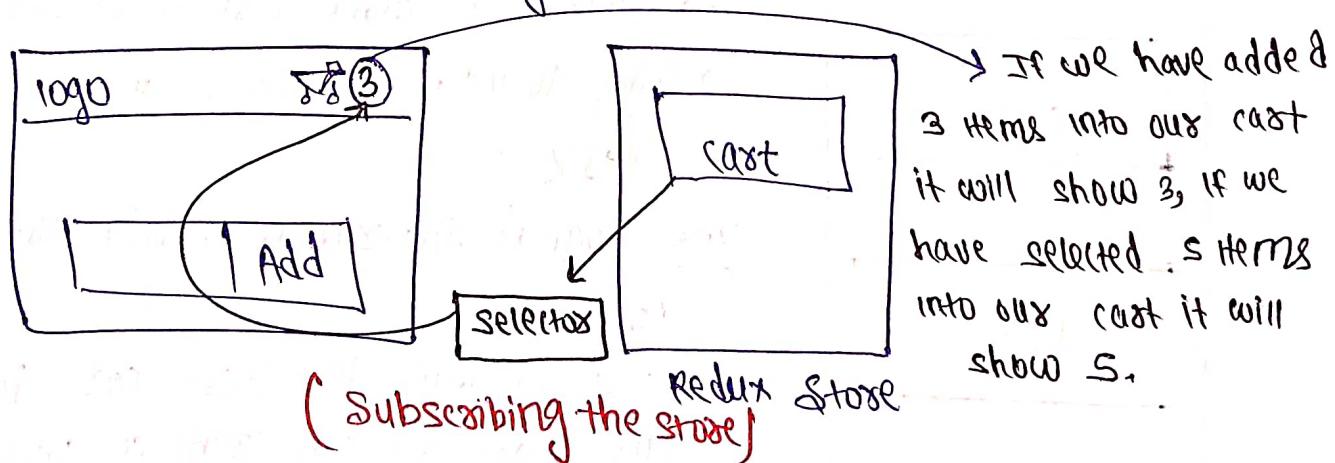
→ When you click on add button, it dispatches an action, and this action calls a function and it internally modifies the cart slice. Redux Store

→ That function is known as reducer function

→ When you click on add, it dispatches an action which calls a dispatch an action which calls a dispatches function which updates slice of our redux store.

→ Now how can we read data from slice?

↳ For this we will use something known as Selector.



→ Steps: We want to extract data from our cart slice & show the number of cart items on cart logo.

→ For this we need to get/read data from our slice.

→ For this we will use selector. (To read the data from slice & modify that cart number on header)

- The phenomena of using selector is known as **Subscribing to the Store**.
 - After this when our count number changes on header, as data changes in slice. Then we say that **our count is subscribed to our store**
 - This means that our header component is now **interacted with** redux store.
- Conclusion: When we click on add button, it dispatches an action, that action calls a **reducer function** which modified or updated our slice. Now as our header component is subscribed to our **redux store**, the using a selector, our number of count items will increase.
- * For mid & small size project we can use context, we don't even need redux for it.
 - Even in our big / scalable projects we can use context, but right now redux is in trend in market.
 - With context, we have to create separate context for separate data. like for count we can create count context, for user data we can create user context. But for doing this in redux, we can have a global store and inside that store we can have different slices.
 - Why we use redux in big projects, because redux is scalable as compare to context.
 - Redux also provide some extra stuff. (middleware, things etc)

- Steps :-
- 1) Install React toolkit **@reduxjs/toolkit** is react-redux.
 - 2) Build our store Easier to work with.
 - 3) Connect our store to our app. For redux, we need to install all sort of different packages to make redux powerful.
 - 4) Dispatch (action)
 - 5) Selector.

09/03/24 Steps to use a Redux Toolkit :-

- ① Install react-redux & **@reduxjs/toolkit**.
 - ② Build a store


```

        import { configureStore } from '@reduxjs/toolkit';
        import cartReducer from './cartSlice';

        const myStore = configureStore({
          reducer: {
            cart: cartReducer,
          },
        });
      
```

one big reducer for the whole app

It will store all the reducers : { }

name slice present in the store.

It is the reducer of cart slice.

It is the name of the slice present into our store.
 - ③ Now to mention slices and their reducers, we need to create them first
- ```

import { createSlice } from '@reduxjs/toolkit';
const cartslice = createSlice({
 name: "cart",
 → Name of our slice.
}
)

```

```
initialState : {
```

```
 items : [],
```

```
},
```

reduces : { It will have 's', because it have multiple reducers.

It will store the initial state or initial data into our store's slice

Initially we are just storing an array (empty array).

These are our actions

→ addItems :

This are our reduce functions

$(state, action) \Rightarrow \{ state.items.push(action.payload) \}$

→ removeItems :

$(state) \Rightarrow \{ state.items.pop() \}$ ,

→ clearItems :

$(state) \Rightarrow \{ state.items.length = 0 \}$ ,

```
},
```

});, from here we are doing named export of all of our different actions.

export const { addItems, removeItems, clearItems } = cartSlice;

export default cartSlice.reducer; ] → We are exporting the reduce of our slice which will be (reading the data).

④

HOW TO USE THIS DATA

received at our store, at line ②

↳ import {useSelector} from "react-redux";

const data = useSelector((store) => store.items);

↑  
Here we will get our data, / Read operation

④ HOW TO PROVIDE OUR STORE TO ALL OF OUR COMPONENTS.

In your app.js (root component)

→ import mystore from "./mystore";

→ import {Provider} from "react-redux";

<Provider store={mystore}>

<Header/>

my store

:  
</Provider>

{Before using data}  
Firstly provide your store to the app

⑥ HOW to do write operation? → using dispatch

click → dispatch action → reducer func → change in store

→ ~~the~~ import {useDispatch} from "react-redux";  
import {addItems} from "./cartslice";

const dispatch = useDispatch();

const onclickHandler = (item) => { dispatch(

return dispatch(addItems(item));

});  
OR

data to store ←

const onclickHandler = (item) => dispatch(addItems(item));

Name of the action → you need  
to import it.

action's reducer

→ In addItems function why we have ~~wrote~~ written action.payload?

In state we will get our initial value present in our store

addItems : (state, action) => state.items.push(action.payload);

When we do dispatch(addItems(item));

Then in action looks like action : {

payload: item  
};

Basically redux created a payload key & put item at its  
value and provide this object to action parameter.

→ Mistake not to do while using useSelector():

If you are writing

```
const data = useSelector((store) => store.cart.item);
```

Then you are only subscribing to item which is inside cart, which is inside store. So your "data" will change only if there is a change in item.

If you write

```
const item = useSelector((store) => store);
```

```
const {data} = item.cart.store;
```

Then you are subscribing to the whole store, now suppose you have more than one slice into your store. (let's say login user) & if there is any change into user/login slice then our "data" will get updated. Because you have subscribed to the whole store. So **subscribing to the whole store is not efficient at all.**

→ Vanilla / older Redux vs Redux toolkit.

Write some action in reducer function

action.payload

→ addItems : (state, action) => { state.items.push(item) }

In above reducer function we are directly mutating/updating the state, and also we are not updating returning anything.

→ But in vanilla / older redux we could not directly mutate / update our state & also we need to return the new updated state.

Vanilla / older redux code for the same addItems

addItems: (state, action) => {

const newStore = [...store];

newStore.items.push(action.payload);

return (newStore);

};

↳ This new store will replace the original state.

→ In Redux-toolkit behind the scenes we used the same above process and for doing this it used **immerjs library**.

→ immerjs takes the previous/original store & makes a copy of the updated store, compare them & provide the difference between them.

→ While using immerjs we are not updating/mutating the original store, we are updating the draft of the copy of original store.

→ After completing the changes immerjs will update the original<sup>^</sup>

→ In removeItems we can't do this:

removeItems: (state) => { state = []; }

because here state is a local variable, whatever changes we are making changes into our local variable (draft/copy of original). Therefore it will not work if we need to do state.cart.items.length = 0;

other way of doing it

removeItem : (state)  $\Rightarrow$  { return ({ item :    }) } ;  
★ This object will replace the previous state.

→ You can also use `current` to see the current state

removeItems : (state)  $\Rightarrow$  {  
    console.log(state); → This will not show you the current state properly. Properly.  
    console.log(current(state));  
}

→ Redux also helps in debugging with its redux devtool. So also use it.