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* **Features**:
  + Show products with “Add to Cart” buttons.
  + Display the cart with all added items.
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We’ll use **React** to build the screens (the UI) and **Redux** to manage the cart’s data (the state).

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First, let’s imagine we’re starting a new project. In real life, you’d use tools like create-react-app to set this up, but I’ll keep it simple and focus on the code you’d write.

**What We Need**

* **React**: To display products and the cart.
* **Redux**: To store and manage the cart’s items.
* A library called react-redux to connect React and Redux.

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Let’s start with Redux, because it’s the “central notebook” that holds our app’s data. We’ll set it up to track the shopping cart.

**The Store (The Notebook)**

The store is where all the app’s state lives. For our e-commerce app, the state will include the cart’s items.

// store.js

import { createStore } from 'redux';

// Starting state: an empty cart

const initialState = {

cart: [] // Array to hold items like [{ name: "Shirt" }, { name: "Hat" }]

};

// Reducer: Rules for updating the state

function cartReducer(state = initialState, action) {

switch (action.type) {

case 'ADD\_TO\_CART':

// Add the new item to the cart

return {

cart: [...state.cart, action.item] // Spread old items, add new one

};

default:

return state; // No change if action isn’t recognized

}

}

// Create the store

const store = createStore(cartReducer);

export default store;

**Explanation**:

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* **Reducer**: This is like the store’s rulebook. It says, “If the action is ‘ADD\_TO\_CART’, add the item to the cart array.”
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Now let’s use React to create the app’s screens. We’ll make two components:

1. **ProductList**: Shows products with “Add to Cart” buttons.
2. **Cart**: Shows what’s in the cart.

**ProductList Component**

This will list some fake products.

// ProductList.js

import React from 'react';

function ProductList() {

// Fake product data (in a real app, this might come from a server)

const products = [

{ name: 'Shirt', id: 1 },

{ name: 'Hat', id: 2 },

{ name: 'Shoes', id: 3 }

];

// For now, clicking does nothing—we’ll connect it later

const handleAddToCart = (product) => {

console.log(`Added ${product.name} to cart!`);

};

return (

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<h2>Products</h2>

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**Explanation**:

* React builds this component like a Lego block. It shows a list of products and a button for each.
* Right now, clicking “Add to Cart” just logs a message. Later, we’ll hook it up to Redux.

**Cart Component**

This will display the cart (which is empty for now).

// Cart.js

import React from 'react';

function Cart() {

// For now, pretend the cart is empty

const cartItems = []; // We’ll connect this to Redux soon

return (

<div>

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**Main App Component**

This snaps the Lego blocks together.

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import Cart from './Cart';

function App() {

return (

<div>

<h1>My E-Commerce Store</h1>

<ProductList />

<Cart />

</div>

);

}

export default App;

**Explanation**:

* React is handling the UI here. It shows the products and cart, but they’re not connected yet. The cart is stuck showing “empty” because it doesn’t know about Redux’s state.

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We need to “wrap” our app with a Redux provider so all components can access the store.

// index.js (the entry point)

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import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';

import { Provider } from 'react-redux';

import store from './store';

import App from './App';

ReactDOM.render(

<Provider store={store}>

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</Provider>,

document.getElementById('root')

);

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* The Provider is like a Wi-Fi signal that broadcasts the Redux store to all React components. Any component can now “tune in” to the store.

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Let’s make the “Add to Cart” button send an action to Redux.

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*// React Component*

import { useSelector, useDispatch } from "react-redux"; *// Tools to connect to Redux*

function Counter() {

const count = useSelector((state) => state.count); *// Get "count" from store*

const dispatch = useDispatch(); *// Send actions to Redux*

return (

<div>

<p>Count: {count}</p>

<button onClick={() => dispatch({ type: "INCREASE\_COUNT" })}>

Click me!

</button>

</div>

);

}

* useSelector: Grabs the count from the store.
* useDispatch: Lets you send the “INCREASE\_COUNT” action when the button is clicked.
* The reducer updates the store, and the component re-renders with the new count.

**Wrapping Up**

Think of React as the artist who paints the app’s screens, and Redux as the librarian who keeps all the data organized in one book. React asks Redux, “What’s the latest info?” and Redux says, “Here you go!” When something changes, React tells Redux via actions, and Redux updates the book so everyone stays on the same page.

That’s Redux and React in a nutshell! Does this make sense so far? Let me know if you’d like me to dive deeper into any part!

Can you please explain it by building an e-commerce app which tracks information on carts of the store and use React with Redux to build this app and explain me in simplest form how React and Redux operating with each other and by themselves as you build the app

Let’s build a simple e-commerce app step-by-step using React and Redux. Our app will let users add items to a shopping cart and see what’s in it. I’ll explain everything in the simplest terms, as if we’re building it together from scratch, and show how React and Redux work both on their own and with each other. Imagine we’re sitting side-by-side, coding this app!

**What Our App Will Do**

* **Goal**: A mini online store with a list of products (like “Shirt,” “Hat,” and “Shoes”) and a cart.
* **Features**:
  + Show products with “Add to Cart” buttons.
  + Display the cart with all added items.
  + Keep track of the cart’s contents.

We’ll use **React** to build the screens (the UI) and **Redux** to manage the cart’s data (the state).

**Step 1: Setting Up the Basics**

First, let’s imagine we’re starting a new project. In real life, you’d use tools like create-react-app to set this up, but I’ll keep it simple and focus on the code you’d write.

**What We Need**

* **React**: To display products and the cart.
* **Redux**: To store and manage the cart’s items.
* A library called react-redux to connect React and Redux.

**Step 2: Redux by Itself – Managing the Cart**

Let’s start with Redux, because it’s the “central notebook” that holds our app’s data. We’ll set it up to track the shopping cart.

**The Store (The Notebook)**

The store is where all the app’s state lives. For our e-commerce app, the state will include the cart’s items.

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*// store.js*

import { createStore } from 'redux';

*// Starting state: an empty cart*

const initialState = {

cart: [] *// Array to hold items like [{ name: "Shirt" }, { name: "Hat" }]*

};

*// Reducer: Rules for updating the state*

function cartReducer(state = initialState, action) {

switch (action.type) {

case 'ADD\_TO\_CART':

*// Add the new item to the cart*

return {

cart: [...state.cart, action.item] *// Spread old items, add new one*

};

default:

return state; *// No change if action isn’t recognized*

}

}

*// Create the store*

const store = createStore(cartReducer);

export default store;

**Explanation**:

* **Initial State**: The cart starts empty (cart: []).
* **Reducer**: This is like the store’s rulebook. It says, “If the action is ‘ADD\_TO\_CART’, add the item to the cart array.”
* **Action**: We’ll send actions like { type: "ADD\_TO\_CART", item: { name: "Shirt" } } to tell Redux what to do.
* **Store**: This is the single place where the cart lives. Redux manages it for us.

Redux is now ready to track the cart! On its own, it doesn’t display anything—it’s just a data manager.

**Step 3: React by Itself – Building the UI**

Now let’s use React to create the app’s screens. We’ll make two components:

1. **ProductList**: Shows products with “Add to Cart” buttons.
2. **Cart**: Shows what’s in the cart.

**ProductList Component**

This will list some fake products.

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*// ProductList.js*

import React from 'react';

function ProductList() {

*// Fake product data (in a real app, this might come from a server)*

const products = [

{ name: 'Shirt', id: 1 },

{ name: 'Hat', id: 2 },

{ name: 'Shoes', id: 3 }

];

*// For now, clicking does nothing—we’ll connect it later*

const handleAddToCart = (product) => {

console.log(`Added ${product.name} to cart!`);

};

return (

<div>

<h2>Products</h2>

{products.map(product => (

<div key={product.id}>

<span>{product.name}</span>

<button onClick={() => handleAddToCart(product)}>Add to Cart</button>

</div>

))}

</div>

);

}

export default ProductList;

**Explanation**:

* React builds this component like a Lego block. It shows a list of products and a button for each.
* Right now, clicking “Add to Cart” just logs a message. Later, we’ll hook it up to Redux.

**Cart Component**

This will display the cart (which is empty for now).

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*// Cart.js*

import React from 'react';

function Cart() {

*// For now, pretend the cart is empty*

const cartItems = []; *// We’ll connect this to Redux soon*

return (

<div>

<h2>Your Cart</h2>

{cartItems.length === 0 ? (

<p>Cart is empty</p>

) : (

<ul>

{cartItems.map((item, index) => (

<li key={index}>{item.name}</li>

))}

</ul>

)}

</div>

);

}

export default Cart;

**Main App Component**

This snaps the Lego blocks together.

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*// App.js*

import React from 'react';

import ProductList from './ProductList';

import Cart from './Cart';

function App() {

return (

<div>

<h1>My E-Commerce Store</h1>

<ProductList />

<Cart />

</div>

);

}

export default App;

**Explanation**:

* React is handling the UI here. It shows the products and cart, but they’re not connected yet. The cart is stuck showing “empty” because it doesn’t know about Redux’s state.

**Step 4: Connecting React and Redux**

Now let’s make React and Redux talk to each other using react-redux. This is where the magic happens!

**Setting Up the Connection**

We need to “wrap” our app with a Redux provider so all components can access the store.

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*// index.js (the entry point)*

import React from 'react';

import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';

import { Provider } from 'react-redux';

import store from './store';

import App from './App';

ReactDOM.render(

<Provider store={store}>

<App />

</Provider>,

document.getElementById('root')

);

**Explanation**:

* The Provider is like a Wi-Fi signal that broadcasts the Redux store to all React components. Any component can now “tune in” to the store.

**Updating ProductList to Use Redux**

Let’s make the “Add to Cart” button send an action to Redux.

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*// ProductList.js*

import React from 'react';

import { useDispatch } from 'react-redux';

function ProductList() {

const products = [

{ name: 'Shirt', id: 1 },

{ name: 'Hat', id: 2 },

{ name: 'Shoes', id: 3 }

];

const dispatch = useDispatch(); *// Tool to send actions to Redux*

const handleAddToCart = (product) => {

*// Send an action to Redux*

dispatch({ type: 'ADD\_TO\_CART', item: { name: product.name } });

};

return (

<div>

<h2>Products</h2>

{products.map(product => (

<div key={product.id}>

<span>{product.name}</span>

<button onClick={() => handleAddToCart(product)}>Add to Cart</button>

</div>

))}

</div>

);

}

export default ProductList;

**How It Works**:

* useDispatch: This is like a mailbox. The component uses it to send an action (ADD\_TO\_CART) to Redux.
* When you click “Add to Cart,” React tells Redux, “Hey, add this item!” Redux’s reducer updates the store.

**Updating Cart to Use Redux**

Now let’s make the Cart component read the cart from the store.

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*// Cart.js*

import React from 'react';

import { useSelector } from 'react-redux';

function Cart() {

*// Get the cart from the Redux store*

const cartItems = useSelector(state => state.cart);

return (

<div>

<h2>Your Cart</h2>

{cartItems.length === 0 ? (

<p>Cart is empty</p>

) : (

<ul>

{cartItems.map((item, index) => (

<li key={index}>{item.name}</li>

))}

</ul>

)}

</div>

);

}

export default Cart;

**How It Works**:

* useSelector: This is like a window into the store. The Cart component looks at state.cart and grabs the list of items.
* When the store updates (like after adding an item), React notices and re-renders the Cart with the new list.

**Step 5: How It All Operates Together**

Let’s walk through what happens when you use the app:

1. **You Open the App**:
   * React renders the App, which shows ProductList and Cart.
   * The cart starts empty because Redux’s store has cart: [].
2. **You Click “Add to Cart” on “Shirt”**:
   * React’s ProductList uses dispatch to send { type: "ADD\_TO\_CART", item: { name: "Shirt" } }.
   * Redux’s cartReducer sees the action, updates the store to cart: [{ name: "Shirt" }].
3. **The Cart Updates**:
   * React’s Cart component is subscribed to the store via useSelector.
   * It sees the store now has cart: [{ name: "Shirt" }], so it re-renders and shows “Shirt” in the list.
4. **You Add “Hat”**:
   * Same process: dispatch sends the action, Redux updates the store to cart: [{ name: "Shirt" }, { name: "Hat" }], and React’s Cart re-renders with both items.

**React and Redux: Their Roles**

* **Redux by Itself**:
  + Manages the cart data in the store.
  + Listens for actions (like ADD\_TO\_CART) and updates the state predictably.
  + Doesn’t care about the UI—it’s just a data keeper.
* **React by Itself**:
  + Builds the UI (products and cart).
  + Handles user clicks and displays data.
  + Without Redux, it’d struggle to share the cart data between ProductList and Cart.
* **Together**:
  + React says, “Hey Redux, store this cart item!” (via dispatch).
  + Redux says, “Got it, here’s the updated cart!” (via the store).
  + React says, “Cool, I’ll show it!” (via useSelector).

**Final App Code Recap**

* **store.js**: Sets up Redux with the cart state and reducer.
* **ProductList.js**: Shows products and sends “add” actions to Redux.
* **Cart.js**: Reads the cart from Redux and displays it.
* **App.js**: Combines the components.
* **index.js**: Connects Redux to React with Provider.

When you run this app:

* You’ll see “Shirt,” “Hat,” and “Shoes” with buttons.
* Click “Add to Cart,” and the items appear in the cart below.

**Why This Matters**

* **Scalability**: If we add more features (like removing items or showing totals), Redux keeps the cart data organized.
* **Clarity**: React focuses on the UI, Redux focuses on the state—no confusion.