

## Step 1: Set Up the Project

1. **Create a new React project:** we will be setting up the project, creating reusable components, managing form state, handling validation, and form submission. Open your terminal and run the following command to create a new React application called `contact-form-app`:

```
npx create-react-app contact-form-app  
cd contact-form-app
```

2. **Install necessary dependencies:** We will use Material-UI (MUI) for styling the form components. Run the following command to install MUI:

```
npm i @mui/material @emotion/react @emotion/styled
```

## Step 2: Create Reusable Components

1. **Create a folder for components:** Inside the `src` directory, create a new folder called `components` to store our reusable components:

```
mkdir src/components
```

**Create a TextInput component:** The `TextInput` component will be a reusable input field with built-in error handling.

```
// src/components/TextInput.js  
  
import React from 'react';  
import TextField from '@mui/material/TextField';  
  
const TextInput = ({ label, name, value, onChange, onBlur,  
error, helperText }) => {  
  return (  
    <TextField  
      fullWidth  
      variant="outlined"  
      label={label}
```

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        name={name}
        value={value}
        onChange={onChange}
        onBlur={onBlur}
        error={!!error}
        helperText={helperText}
      />
    );
  };

export default TextInput;

```

- **Props Explanation:**

- **label:** The label displayed above the input field.
- **name:** The name attribute for the input field, used to identify the field.
- **value:** The current value of the input field.
- **onChange:** A function to handle changes to the input field.
- **onBlur:** A function to handle the blur event (when the input field loses focus).
- **error:** A boolean indicating if the input field has an error.
- **helperText:** Text to display as a helper or error message.

**Create a SubmitButton component:** The SubmitButton component will be a reusable button for submitting the form.

```

// src/components/SubmitButton.js

import React from 'react';
import Button from '@mui/material/Button';

const SubmitButton = ({ children, ...props }) => {
  return (
    <Button variant="contained" color="primary"
    type="submit" {...props}>
      {children}
    </Button>
  );
};

export default SubmitButton;

```

- **Props Explanation:**
  - `children`: The content to be displayed inside the button.
  - `...props`: Any additional props to be passed to the button component.

### Step 3: Create the Contact Form

**Create the `ContactForm` component:** This component will manage the form state, handle validation, and handle form submission.

```
// src/components/ContactForm.js

import React, { useState } from 'react';
import TextInput from '../TextInput';
import SubmitButton from '../SubmitButton';
import { Box } from '@mui/material';

const ContactForm = () => {
  // State to manage form values
  const [values, setValues] = useState({
    name: '',
    email: '',
    message: ''
  });

  // State to manage form errors
  const [errors, setErrors] = useState({});

  // Handle input value changes
  const handleChange = (e) => {
    const { name, value } = e.target;
    setValues({
      ...values,
      [name]: value
    });
  };

  // Validate form values
  const validate = () => {
    let tempErrors = {};
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    if (!values.name) tempErrors.name = 'Name is required';
    if (!values.email) tempErrors.email = 'Email is
required';
    else if (!/\S+@\S+\.\S+/.test(values.email))
tempErrors.email = 'Email is not valid';
    if (!values.message) tempErrors.message = 'Message is
required';
    setErrors(tempErrors);
    return Object.keys(tempErrors).length === 0;
};

```

```

// Handle form submission
const handleSubmit = (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  if (validate()) {
    // Simulate an API call
    setTimeout(() => {
      alert(JSON.stringify(values, null, 2));
      setValues({ name: '', email: '', message: '' });
    }, 500);
  }
};

```

```

return (
  <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
    <Box mb={2}>
      <TextInput
        name="name"
        label="Name"
        value={values.name}
        onChange={handleChange}
        error={!!errors.name}
        helperText={errors.name}
      />
    </Box>
    <Box mb={2}>
      <TextInput
        name="email"
        label="Email"
        value={values.email}
        onChange={handleChange}
        error={!!errors.email}
        helperText={errors.email}

```

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        />
    </Box>
    <Box mb={2}>
        <TextInput
            name="message"
            label="Message"
            multiline
            rows={4}
            value={values.message}
            onChange={handleChange}
            error={!!errors.message}
            helperText={errors.message}
        />
    </Box>
    <SubmitButton>Submit</SubmitButton>
</form>
    );
};

export default ContactForm;

```

- **State Management:**

- **values:** An object to store the current values of the form fields.
- **setValues:** A function to update the form values.
- **errors:** An object to store error messages for the form fields.
- **setErrors:** A function to update the error messages.

- **Event Handlers:**

- **handleChange:** Updates the form values when an input field changes.
- **validate:** Checks the form values for errors and updates the errors state.
- **handleSubmit:** Handles the form submission, validates the form, and if valid, simulates an API call and resets the form.

## Step 4: Integrate the Form into Your App

Update the App.js file to include the ContactForm component:

```
// src/App.js

import React from 'react';
import Container from '@mui/material/Container';
import ContactForm from '../components/ContactForm';

const App = () => {
  return (
    <Container maxWidth="sm">
      <h1>Contact Us</h1>
      <ContactForm />
    </Container>
  );
};

export default App;
```

- **Explanation:**

- The App component uses the Container component from Material-UI to center the content.
- The ContactForm component is included inside the Container.

## Step 5: Run the Application

1. **Start the development server:** Open your terminal and run the following command to start the development server:

```
npm start
```

2. **Open your browser and navigate to <http://localhost:3000>:** You should see your contact form with the fields for name, email, and message. The form will handle input changes, validation, and submission.

## Detailed Explanation of the Contact Form

### TextInput Component

- **Purpose:** A reusable component for rendering text input fields with error handling.
- **Usage:** Used to render individual input fields in the form.

- **Props:**
  - `label`: The label for the input field.
  - `name`: The name of the input field.
  - `value`: The current value of the input field.
  - `onChange`: The function to call when the input value changes.
  - `onBlur`: The function to call when the input loses focus.
  - `error`: Boolean indicating if the input has an error.
  - `helperText`: Text to display as a helper or error message.

## SubmitButton Component

- **Purpose:** A reusable component for rendering a submit button.
- **Usage:** Used to render the submit button for the form.
- **Props:**
  - `children`: The content to be displayed inside the button.
  - `...props`: Additional props to be passed to the button component.

## ContactForm Component

- **Purpose:** Manages the state, validation, and submission of the contact form.
- **State:**
  - `values`: An object to store the current values of the form fields.
  - `errors`: An object to store error messages for the form fields.
- **Event Handlers:**
  - `handleChange`: Updates the form values when an input field changes.
  - `validate`: Checks the form values for errors and updates the errors state.
  - `handleSubmit`: Handles the form submission, validates the form, and if valid, simulates an API call and resets the form.