

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 install @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}
    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.