

useContext:

- Passes data directly to components deep in the tree without passing it through intermediate components, avoiding props drilling.
- Manage shared state data in a single centralized location, making it easier to update and maintain.
- Makes your components more concise and focused by sharing data.

useState relates to component lifecycles:

- **Initialization:** When a component first renders, `useState` initializes the state variable with the value you provide. This is similar to how state is initialized in the constructor of a class component.
- **Re-renders:** When the state variable is updated using the state updater function (e.g., `setData` in the `useFetch` example), React re-renders the component. This is crucial for keeping the UI in sync with the latest state.
- **Persistence:** Unlike regular variables in a function that are re-created on every render, state variables persist across re-renders. This allows components to "remember" their previous state

useEffect is closely related to lifecycle methods of **class components (only class components have lifecycle methods)**. They provide a way to manage side effects and handle logic that was previously managed by methods like `componentDidMount`, `componentDidUpdate`, and `componentWillUnmount`.

Here's how `useEffect` relates to component lifecycles:

- **componentDidMount:** Code within `useEffect` runs after the component first renders, similar to `componentDidMount`. This is useful for setting up subscriptions, fetching data, or manipulating the DOM.
- **componentDidUpdate:** By specifying dependencies in the `useEffect` dependency array, you can control when the effect runs. This allows you to perform actions when specific props or state variables change, similar to `componentDidUpdate`.
- **componentWillUnmount:** You can return a cleanup function from `useEffect`. This function will be executed when the component unmounts,

allowing you to unsubscribe from events, clear timers, or perform other cleanup tasks, much like `componentWillUnmount`.

Differences:

- **Functional components:** Hooks are designed to be used in functional components, while lifecycle methods are specific to class components.
- **More flexible:** `useEffect` can be used multiple times within a single component to handle different side effects, whereas you were limited to a single instance of each lifecycle method in a class component.
- **Dependency array:** The dependency array in `useEffect` gives you fine-grained control over when the effect runs, making it more efficient and preventing unnecessary re-renders.

CODE FROM THE CUSTOM HOOKS LAB EXERCISE:

`useSearch` custom hook:

Note: the search code currently searches all data for each row. To only search by name:

```
useEffect(() => {  
  if (!query) {  
    setFilteredData(data);  
  } else {  
    const lowercasedQuery = query.toLowerCase();  
    const filtered = data.filter(item =>  
      item.name.toLowerCase().includes(lowercasedQuery)  
    );  
    setFilteredData(filtered);  
  }  
});
```

```
    }  
    }, [data, query]);  
  
    return filteredData;  
};
```

useState in the Search functionality:

Manages and Updates Search Results by:

- **Storing the filtered data:** `useState` provides a way to store the search results in the `filteredData` state variable. This allows the component to keep track of the filtered data and display it to the user.
- **Triggering re-renders:** When the `query` or `data` changes, the `useEffect` hook updates the `filteredData` state using `setFilteredData`. This triggers a re-render of the component, ensuring that the displayed results always reflect the latest search query and data.

Improves Performance:

- **Efficient updates:** By using `useState` and `useEffect`, you ensure that the component only re-renders when necessary (i.e., when `query` or `data` changes). This helps to optimize performance, especially when dealing with large datasets.

Code Organization and Readability:

- **Encapsulation:** `useState` helps to encapsulate the search logic within the `useSearch` hook, making the code more organized and easier to understand.
- **Separation of concerns:** The use of `useState` and `useEffect` separates the concerns of data fetching, filtering, and state management, making the code more modular and maintainable.

`useState` in this `useSearch` hook provides a clean and efficient way to manage and update the filtered data based on the search query, while also improving performance and code organization.

useEffect in the search:

Managing Side Effects:

- **Performing actions after render:** `useEffect` allows you to perform side effects (actions that are not directly related to rendering UI) after the component renders. In this case, the side effect is filtering the data based on the `query`.
- **Synchronization with state/prop changes:** The dependency array `[data , query]` ensures that the filtering logic within `useEffect` runs whenever `data` or `query` changes. This keeps the `filteredData` synchronized with the latest inputs.

2. Optimizing Performance:

- **Preventing unnecessary filtering:** By using the dependency array, `useEffect` prevents the filtering logic from running unnecessarily on every render. It only executes when `data` or `query` actually change.
- **Avoiding infinite loops:** If the filtering logic was placed directly in the component body, it could lead to an infinite loop of re-renders as `filteredData` updates would trigger further re-renders. `useEffect` prevents this by controlling when the filtering happens.

3. Improving Code Structure:

- **Separating concerns:** `useEffect` separates the filtering logic from the main component logic, making the code cleaner and easier to understand.
- **Readability:** It clearly indicates that the filtering is a side effect that depends on `data` and `query`.

`useEffect` in this hook ensures that the filtering logic is executed efficiently and at the right times, responding to changes in `data` and `query` while preventing performance issues and improving code organization.

Hooks in the `useFetch` custom hook:

1. `useState`

- **`data:`**

- **Storing fetched data:** `useState([])` initializes a state variable `data` to hold the fetched data from the API. This allows the component using this hook to access and display the data.
 - **Triggering re-renders:** When the fetched data is available, `setData(result)` updates the `data` state, causing the component to re-render and display the new data.
- **loading:**
 - **Managing loading state:** `useState(true)` initializes a state variable `loading` to `true`, indicating that the data is being fetched. This allows you to display a loading indicator while waiting for the data.
 - **Improving user experience:** By updating `setLoading(false)` after the fetch operation (whether successful or not), you provide feedback to the user that the loading process is complete.
- **error:**
 - **Handling errors:** `useState(null)` initializes a state variable `error` to store any errors that occur during the fetch process.
 - **Providing error feedback:** If an error occurs, `setError(error)` updates the `error` state, allowing you to display an error message to the user.

2. `useEffect`

- **Fetching data after render:** `useEffect` ensures that the `fetchData` function is called after the component renders, initiating the data fetching process.
- **Dependency array `[url]`:** The dependency array `[url]` ensures that the effect runs only when the `url` prop changes. This prevents unnecessary fetches if the component re-renders for other reasons.
- **Cleaning up:** If the `url` changes before the previous fetch completes, `useEffect` automatically aborts the previous fetch, preventing potential race conditions and memory leaks. (Although this example doesn't explicitly show an abort mechanism, `useEffect` provides the mechanism to implement one if needed, like using an `AbortController`).

Using `useState` with `useEffect` in this `useFetch` hook makes it efficient to:

- Fetch data from an API.
- Manage loading and error states.
- Update the component with the fetched data.

- Optimize performance by only fetching when necessary.
- Handle potential race conditions and cleanup.