



React

I (1). Introduction to React

• What is React?

- Definition: A JavaScript library for building user interfaces.
- Key Features:
 - **Component-Based**: Breaks the UI into reusable components.
 - **Single-Page Applications (SPAs)**: Updates only parts of the page that have changed without reloading the entire page.
- **Example**:

On platforms like Instagram, as you scroll, new posts load without a full page refresh, making the experience fast and seamless.

I (2). Setting Up a React Environment

• Creating a React Project:

- 1- `npx create-react-app project-name`
- 2- `cd project-name`
- 3- `npm start`

I (3). JSX (JavaScript XML)

- Definition:

An extension to JavaScript that allows you to write HTML-like code within JavaScript.
- Purpose:

Simplifies the process of rendering UI in React components.
- **Example**:

```
const heading = <h1>Hello, React!</h1>;
```

■ (4). Components in React

- Definition:
Components are small, reusable pieces of the UI that can be defined as JavaScript functions or classes.
- Benefit:
They help break application into manageable & maintainable pieces.
- Types of Components:
 - a) Functional Components
 - b) Class Components

a) Functional Components ::

- Definition:
JavaScript functions that return JSX.
- State Management:
Use React Hooks (e.g., `useState`) to manage state and lifecycle.
- Lifecycle Methods
No built-in lifecycle methods (hooks replace them).
- Example:

```
function Welcome() {return <h1>Welcome to React!</h1>;}
```

b) Class Components ::

- Definition:
ES6 classes that extend `React.Component`.
- State Management:
Use `this.state` for state and `this.setState()` for updates.
- Lifecycle Methods:
Methods such as `componentDidMount`, `componentDidUpdate`.
- Example:

```
class Welcome extends React.Component {  
  render() { return <h1>Welcome to React!</h1>; } }
```

■ (5). Props and State

a) Props:

- Definition:
A JavaScript object used to pass data from a parent component to a child component
- Example:

```
// Child Component (receives props)  
function Welcome(props) { return <h1>Hello, {props.name}!</h1>; }  
  
// Parent Component (sends props)  
function App() { return <Welcome name="Hasan" />; }
```

b) State:

- Definition:
An object used to store dynamic data that can change over time

within a component

- When to Use:
 - To track user input (e.g., form fields, buttons).
 - To store data fetched from an API.
 - To manage UI behaviors (e.g., modal visibility, toggles).
- Example:

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
  return ( <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>  
    Clicked {count} times </button> ); }
```

■ (6). Component Lifecycle

a) Functional Components:

- Using React Hooks:
The useEffect hook can mimic the behavior of several lifecycle methods (e.g., componentDidMount, componentDidUpdate, and componentWillUnmount).

b) Class Components:

- Phases:
 - (1) Mounting Phase.
 - (2) Updating Phase.
 - (3) Unmounting Phase.

(1) Mounting Phase

- When: A component is created and inserted into the DOM.
- Key Methods:
 - constructor(): Initializes state/props.
 - render(): Returns JSX.
 - componentDidMount(): Executes code after the component is added to the DOM (e.g., fetching data).

(2) Updating Phase

- When: State/props change or the parent component re-renders.
- Key Methods:
 - shouldComponentUpdate(): Determines whether the component should re-render.
 - componentDidUpdate(): Executes after the component has updated in the DOM.
 - render(): Updates the UI.

(3) Unmounting Phase

- When: The component is removed from the DOM..

■ (7). React Hooks

- What are Hooks?:
Functions that let you “hook into” React state and lifecycle features in functional components without writing a class.

- Hooks Types:
 - (1) useState.
 - (2) useEffect.
 - (3) useContext.

(1) useState

- Syntax: `const [stateVariable, setStateFunction] = useState(initialValue);`
- Function:
 - Tracks and manages dynamic data within a component.
 - When the state changes, the component re-renders automatically.

(2) useEffect

- useEffect Hook as componentDidMount, componentDidUpdate, and componentWillUnmount.
- What are dependency ?:
 - in useEffect refers to a variable or state that the effect depends on.
 - If dependencies change, useEffect runs again.
 - If array empty (`[]`), useEffect runs once when component mounts.
- Use Cases:
 - 1 No Dependency Array → Runs on Every Render of Component
 - Syntax: `useEffect(() => { console.log("Hi"); }, {});`
 - 2 Empty Dependency Array (`[]`) → Runs Only on Mount
 - Syntax: `useEffect(() => { console.log("Hi"); }, [], {});`
 - 3 Specific Dependencies → Runs When count Changes
 - Syntax: `useEffect(() => { console.log("Hi:", count); }, [count]);`
 - 4 Multiple Dependencies → Runs When count or name change.
 - Syntax: `useEffect(() => { console.log("Hi:", count, name); }, [count, name]);`

(3) useContext

- Why Use useContext ?
 - ✓ Avoid "Prop Drilling" – No need to pass props manually on multiple levels.
 - ✓ Global State – Share data (e.g., theme, auth state) across components.
 - ✓ Easy to Use – Works with `React.createContext()`.

• How useContext Works?

1 Import & Create a Context

```
import { createContext } from "react";
const ThemeContext = createContext("light"); // Default value: "light"
```

2 Provide the Context (Wrap Components)

```
import { useState } from "react";
import { ThemeContext } from "../ThemeContext";
```

```
const ThemeProvider = ({ children }) => {
  const [theme, setTheme] = useState("light");
```

```

return (
  <ThemeContext.Provider value={{ theme, setTheme }}>
    {children}
  </ThemeContext.Provider>
);
};
export default ThemeProvider;

```

③ Consume the Context in a Component

```

import { useContext } from "react";
import { ThemeContext } from "../ThemeContext";

const ThemeSwitcher = () => {
  const { theme, setTheme } = useContext(ThemeContext);

  return (
    <div>
      <p>Current Theme: {theme}</p>
      <button onClick={() => setTheme(theme === "light" ? "dark" : "light")}>
        Toggle Theme
      </button>
    </div>
  );
};

```

■ (8). Connecting React to the DOM (index.js)

- Definition
A package that connects React with the browser's DOM.
- Role
Used to render React components into HTML elements
- Entry Point
The entry file that links your React app to the DOM.

■ (9). Organizing the Component Tree (App.js)

- Definition
A package that connects React with the browser's DOM.
- Role
Acts as the root component of your React application.
- Responsibilities
 - Contains other child components.
 - Handles application-wide logic and routing.

■ (10). Fragments & Component Instantiation

- Fragments (<> </>)
- Used to group multiple elements without adding an extra node to the DOM.
- Starting a Component (Rendering)

- Example :
 - (1) Without Parameters: `<Greeting />`
 - (2) With Parameters: `<Greeting name={"Hasan"} />`
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■ (11). CSS Classes in React

- Definition
In React, using `className` instead of `class` to assign CSS classes.
- Example:
`<h1 className="title">Hello, React!</h1>`

(1) Inline Style (Object Syntax)

- Example: `<h1 style={{ color: 'red', fontSize: '24px' }}>Hi</h1>`

(2) Using a Style Object

- Example: `const style = { color: 'red', fontSize: '20px' };
<h1 style={style}>Hello, React!</h1>`
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■ (12). Spread/Rest Operator (...)

- Definition
Works either to spread out elements or collect them together.
 - Example:
 - Example in (1) Objects:
 - `const arr = Object.keys(arr).map(key => ({ id: key, ...arr[key] }));`
 - This useful if want to merge or add additional properties to object.
 - Example in (2) Arrays:
 - `const combinedArray = [...arr1, ...arr2];`
 - This is similar to using `arr1.concat(arr2)` but with cleaner syntax.
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■ (13). Event Handling: `e.target.value`

- Definition
Commonly used in event handlers (e.g., `onChange`) to access the value of an input field or form element.
 - Example:
`const handleChange = (e) => { console.log(e.target.value); };
<input type="text" onChange={handleChange} />`
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■ (14). Import & Export

- Importing
 - Same Folder: `import Home from './home.js';`
 - Different Folder: `import Home from '../js/home.js';`
- Exporting:
 - (1) Default Export (Only one per file):
 - Export Syntax: `export default home;`
 - Import Syntax: `import home from './home.js';`
 - (2) Named Export

- Export Syntax: `export const home = () => { /* code */ };`
- Import Syntax: `import { home } from './home.js';`

- Note: Use default exports for the main component in a file.
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■ (15). Events & Forms

• Common React Events

- `onClick`
- `onChange`
- `onSubmit`
- `onKeyDown`

• Handling Forms in React:

(1) Start the Form:

```
<form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>  
  <button type="submit">Submit</button>  
</form>
```

(2) Create the Handler:

```
const handleSubmit = (e) => { e.preventDefault(); };
```

- Note: Any variable used in forms should be managed via `useState`.
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■ (16). Routing in React

• Overview

- Used for navigation between pages in a Single Page Application.
- Ensures the app does not reload the entire page when navigating.

• Installing

- `npm install react-router-dom`

• Key Components

(1) `<BrowserRouter>`

- Wraps the entire app to enable routing.
- Should be placed at the top level (in `index.js` or `App.js`).
- Never use multiple `<BrowserRouter>` in the full application.

(2) `<Routes>`

- Holds multiple `<Route>` components and ensures only one page is shown at a time.
- Example: `<Routes>`
- `<Route path="/" element={</>} />`
- `<Route path="/" element={</>} />`
- `</Routes>`

(3) `<Route>`

- Defines a mapping from a URL path to a component.
- `import { Routes, Route } from 'react-router-dom';`
- Example: `<Route path="/" element={<Home />} />`

(4) `<Link>`

- Provides navigation without a full page refresh, replacing traditional `<a>` tags..
- Example:

- `import { Link } from 'react-router-dom';`
- `<Link to="/">Home</Link>`

(5) `<useNavigate>`

- Allows programmatic navigation (e.g., after login, logout, or other actions)
- Example:
- `import { useNavigate } from 'react-router-dom';`
- `const navigate = useNavigate();`
- `navigate("/dashboard");`