

React

Introduction

1. Getting started

a. Importing Libraries and rendering the root element

```
var React = require("react");
var ReactDOM = require("react-dom");
// or
//import React from "react";
//import ReactDOM from "react-dom";

ReactDOM.render(<h1>Jai Shree Ram</h1>, document.getElementById("r
//ReactDOM.render(What to Show,Where to Show);
//What to show - Single HTML element only (Use everything inside single
```

b. JSX

i. **JSX (JavaScript XML)** is a syntax extension for JavaScript. It looks like HTML but works inside JavaScript. React uses it to describe what the UI should look like.

ii. `<h1>Jai Shree Ram</h1>`

This is JSX, and it means:

👉 Create an HTML `<h1>` element with the text "Jai Shree Ram".

iii. JSX allows to write HTML inside JS but it also allows to write
JS → HTML → JS

1. `{ expression }` - Using this any expression can be written but not statements but ternary and logical expressions are allowed.

a. ex - `9+10` is allowed but `if(cond)` is not .

2. ES6 - ``${expression}``

c. Babel

- i. **Babel** is a tool (a compiler) that **converts JSX into regular JavaScript** so that browsers can understand it.
- ii. converts it to : `React.createElement("h1", null, "Jai Shree Ram")`

2. Styling

- a. Inline - style attr takes JS object (Preferred for dynamic styling)

```
import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom";
const customStyle = {
  color: "red",
  fontSize: "20px", // CamelCase
};
customStyle.color = "orange";
ReactDOM.render(
  <div>
    <p style={customStyle}>Jai Shree Ram</p>
    <p style={{color:"red"}}>Jai Shree Ram</p>
  </div>,
  document.getElementById("root")
);
```

- b. External - Add class to tag (Used for major styling of website)

Here instead of class, **className** is used.



Conventions-

- 1. camelCase - Attributes are always written in camelCase
- 2. No self closing tags - Always close each tag (``)

Components

1. A **React component** is a reusable, self-contained piece of UI.
2. It's like a **function that returns JSX**.
3. Importing/Exporting a component

a. `index.js`

```
js
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import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom";
import List from "./List.jsx"; // ✓ Importing the component
//import List from "./List"; //This can also be used
ReactDOM.render(
  <div>
    <List /> //Here component is embedded
  </div>,
  document.getElementById("root")
);
```

1. `List.jsx` (Component - PanelCase)

```
js
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import React from "react";

function List() {
  return (
    <div>
      <ul>
        <li>A</li>
        <li>B</li>
        <li>C</li>
      </ul>
    </div>
  );
}
```

```
</div>
```

```
);  
}
```

```
export default List;
```

```
//It makes the component available to be used in another file.
```

4. Methods to import/export

Type	Syntax (Export)	Syntax (Import)	Notes
Default Export	<code>export default value</code>	<code>import name from "./file"</code>	Only one per file, name is custom
Named Export	<code>export { name1, name2 }</code>	<code>import { name1 } from "./file"</code>	Multiple per file, name must match
Namespace Import	<i>use with named exports</i>	<code>import * as obj from "./file"</code>	All named exports under <code>obj</code> (<code>obj.name()</code>)

Props

1. **Props** (short for "**properties**") are **read-only inputs** passed from one React component (usually a parent) to another (usually a child). They allow you to **pass data** into components so they can display dynamic content.
2. Props Flow :

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App (parent)

└─ sends props 👉 to Card (child)



Card uses props to display info

Part	Example from your code	Explanation
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Passing props	<code><Card name="Ram" phone="123" /></code>	Props are added as attributes in JSX
Receiving props	<code>function Card(props) { return <p>{props.name}</p>; }</code>	Function receives a <code>props</code> object
Using props	<code>props.name</code> , <code>props.phone</code> inside JSX	Used to display or work with passed-in values
Dynamic rendering	<code>name={Contacts[0].name}</code>	Makes component dynamic based on array/object data

Arrow Functions

Arrow functions are a **shorter syntax** for writing functions in JavaScript.

Basic Syntax

```
// Traditional function
function add(a, b) {
  return a + b;
}

// Arrow function (same as above)
const add = (a, b) => {
  return a + b;
};

//Anonymous function
const doubled = numbers.map(function(num) {
  return num * 2;
});

const doubled = numbers.map((num) => {return num * 2});
```

Map()

```
js
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array.map(function(currentValue, index, array) {
  // return the new value for the new array
})
```

- Loops through every element of an array.
- Runs a function for each element.
- Returns a **new array** with the results.

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used the `map()` method to loop over the `contacts` array and render a `Card` component for each contact.

```
jsx
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{contacts.map(createCard)}
```

Breaking it Down

Let's break this part:

- `contacts` is your array of contact objects.
- `.map(createCard)` means: for **each object** in the `contacts` array, call the `createCard()` function and use its return value (a `<Card />` JSX element).
- The `createCard()` function looks like this:

```
js
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function createCard(contact) {
  return (
    <key={contact.id}
    id={contact.id}
    name={contact.name}
```

```
    img={contact.imgURL}
    tel={contact.phone}
    email={contact.email}
  />
);
}
```



key - It is the differentiating attribute for each component. Without a unique key, React **re-renders all list items** instead of just the changed ones. It is **not a prop**.

filter()

Returns a **new array** containing elements that **pass a test** (i.e., return `true` in a callback).

◆ Syntax:

```
array.filter(function(value, index, array) {return condition});
```



Example:

```
js
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const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4, 5];

const even = numbers.filter(function(num) { return num % 2 === 0});
```

```
console.log(even); // ➤ [2, 4]
```

Reduce()

Reduces the array to a **single value** (like sum, product, etc.).

◆ Syntax:

```
array.reduce((accumulator, currentValue, index, array) ⇒ {}, initialValue);
```

Example:

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3, 4];  
  
const sum = numbers.reduce((acc, num) ⇒ acc + num, 0);  
  
console.log(sum); // ➤ 10
```

- `acc` starts as `0`
- Then: `0 + 1 = 1`, `1 + 2 = 3`, `3 + 3 = 6`, `6 + 4 = 10`

Find()

Returns the **first element** that satisfies a condition.

Stops searching after the first match.

◆ Syntax:


```
array.find((value, index, array) => condition);
```

Example:

```
const numbers = [5, 10, 15, 20];  
  
const found = numbers.find(num => num > 10);  
  
console.log(found); // ➤ 15 (first one greater than 10)
```

FindIndex()

Returns the **index** of the **first element** that satisfies a condition.

Returns **-1** if none found

◆ Syntax:

```
array.findIndex((value, index, array) => condition);
```

Example:

```
const numbers = [5, 10, 15, 20];  
  
const index = numbers.findIndex(num => num > 10);
```

```
console.log(index); // ➤ 2 (15 is at index 2)
```

State

- **State** is a built-in object that stores **dynamic data** for a component.
- When **state changes**, the component **re-renders** automatically.
- It's like the component's **memory**.

◆ Declarative vs Imperative

Concept	Declarative (React way)	Imperative (Manual DOM way)
Meaning	Tell what you want	Tell how to do it
React example	<code><h1>{count}</h1></code> – UI updates on state change	<code>document.getElementById("h1").innerText = count;</code>
Style	Clear, predictable	Manual, harder to manage

Destructuring

Destructuring is a syntax that allows you to **unpack values** from arrays or properties from objects **into variables**.

Type	Syntax	Example Value
Array	<code>const [a, b] = arr</code>	<code>[10, 20]</code>
Object	<code>const {x, y} = obj</code>	<code>{x: 1, y: 2}</code>
Nested Array	<code>const [a, [b, c]] = nestedArr</code>	<code>[1, [2, 3]]</code>
Nested Obj	<code>const {a: {b}} = nestedObj</code>	<code>{a: {b: 5}}</code>

Hooks

Hooks are special **functions** in React that let you **"hook into"** React features like **state**, **lifecycle**, or **context** — **without writing a class**.



If we do not use hooks we have to rerender the whole component for updating a single state

Most Common Hooks:

Hook	Purpose
<code>useState()</code>	Add state to functional components
<code>useEffect()</code>	Run code on mount/update (like lifecycle methods)
<code>useContext()</code>	Use context API (global state)
<code>useRef()</code>	Refer to DOM elements or persist data
<code>useReducer()</code>	Advanced state management (like Redux)

1. `useState()`

a. `useState()` lets a functional component have **state**.

b. Syntax:

```
const [state, setState] = useState(initialValue);
```

Part	Meaning
<code>useState</code>	React Hook that gives you state in function components
<code>state</code>	Current value of the state
<code>setState</code>	Function to update the state
<code>initialValue</code>	The starting value of the state

c. Example: Counter with `useState`

```
import React, { useState } from "react";

function Counter() {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0); // 0 is the initial value
```

```

return (
  <div>
    <h1>{count}</h1>
    <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>
      Increase
    </button>
  </div>
);
}

export default Counter;

```

d. setState()

```

setState((prevValue) => {
  return newValue;
});

```

- This is a **callback function**.
- React **passes the current (previous) state** into it automatically.
- You decide what to name it. (Here it is prevValue)

e. Spread Operator

The spread operator lets you **copy or merge** arrays/objects **without mutating** the original.

✅ For arrays:

```
const newArr = [...oldArr, newItem];
```

✅ For objects:

```
const newObj = { ...oldObj, newProp: "value" };
```

ex-Here's a real use-case where both are used together:

```

import React, { useState } from "react";

function ProfileUpdater() {
  const [user, setUser] = useState({
    name: "Alice",
    age: 25,
    location: "Delhi"
  });

  const updateLocation = () => {
    setUser(prevUser => ({
      ...prevUser,
      location: "Mumbai" //We can use it like [name] = event.target.value when particular input is triggered so other inputs will not change only [name] = event.target.name
    }));
  };

  return (
    <div>
      <h2>{user.name}</h2>
      <p>Age: {user.age}</p>
      <p>Location: {user.location}</p>
      <button onClick={updateLocation}>Change Location</button>
    </div>
  );
}

```

What is `useEffect` ?

`useEffect` is a **React hook** that lets you **run code when something happens** in your component — like:

- When the component **shows up (mounts)**

- When a **value changes**
- When the component **goes away (unmounts)**

Basic Syntax

```
jsx
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useEffect(() => {
  // This code runs AFTER the component renders

  return () => {
    // (Optional) This cleanup code runs when the component is removed
  };
}, [dependency]);
```

Think of it like:

Situation	Real Life Example
No dependencies <code>[]</code>	Run once when the page loads (like opening a file)
With dependencies <code>[count]</code>	Run again whenever <code>count</code> changes (like reacting to a setting)
No array	Run after every render (not common)

Simple Example

```
jsx
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import { useEffect } from "react";

function Welcome() {
  useEffect(() => {
    console.log("Component mounted! 🎉");
  });
}
```

```

return () => {
  console.log("Component will unmount 😞");
};
}, []);

return <h1>Hello!</h1>;
}

```

✓ Output:

- "Component mounted!" when the component first appears
- "Component will unmount" when the component disappears

Example with Data Fetch

```

jsx
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useEffect(() => {
  fetch("https://api.example.com/data")
    .then(res => res.json())
    .then(data => console.log(data));
}, []);

```

✓ This fetches data **once** when the component loads.

Summary

- `useEffect` = "Run this code **after** the component shows up or updates"
- Can be used for:
 - API calls
 - Changing the page title

- Setting timers
- Cleaning up (like unsubscribing)

React Router (React Router DOM)

React Router is a library that helps you **navigate between pages (components)** in a React app without refreshing the page (Single Page Application - SPA).

Key Concepts:

Term	Meaning
<code>BrowserRouter</code>	Wraps your app; enables routing using the browser URL
<code>Routes</code>	A container for all the different routes
<code>Route</code>	Defines a path and which component to show
<code>Link</code>	Navigation without reloading the page (like <code><a></code> tag but SPA-friendly)
<code>useNavigate()</code>	Hook to programmatically navigate to another route
<code>useParams()</code>	Hook to get route parameters (e.g. <code>/user/:id</code>)

Example Setup:

```
jsx
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import { BrowserRouter, Routes, Route, Link } from "react-router-dom";
import Home from './Home';
import About from './About';

function App() {
  return (
    <BrowserRouter>
      <nav>
        <Link to="/">Home</Link> |
        <Link to="/about">About</Link>
      </nav>
    </BrowserRouter>
  );
}
```



```

    <Routes>
      <Route path="/" element={<Home />} />
      <Route path="/about" element={<About />} />
    </Routes>
  </BrowserRouter>
);
}

```

Feature	React Router	useEffect
Purpose	Navigation between components	Perform side effects
Core Component	Route , Link , BrowserRouter	useEffect()
Common Use	Page switching	Fetching API data, DOM manipulation
Executes	On URL change	On component mount/update (depends on deps)