

Vanilla JS → React Cheat Sheet

Selecting & Updating the UI

Vanilla:
`const el = document.getElementById('msg');
el.textContent = 'Hi';`

React:
`const [msg, setMsg] = useState('');
setMsg('Hi'); // JSX shows {msg}`

Event Listeners

Vanilla:
`btn.addEventListener('click', () => doThing());`

React:
`<button onClick={doThing}>Click</button>`

Styles & Classes

Vanilla:
`btn.style.backgroundColor = 'red';
btn.classList.add('active');`

React:
`<button style={{ backgroundColor: 'red' }} className={`btn ${active ? 'active' : ''}`} />`

Conditional Rendering

Vanilla:
`el.style.display = show ? 'block' : 'none';`

React:
`{show && <Panel />}`

Loops / Lists

Vanilla:
`items.forEach(i => container.appendChild(makeRow(i)));`

React:
`{items.map(i => <Row key={i.id} item={i} />)}`

Reading/Writing Form Values

Vanilla:
`const val = input.value;`

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input.value = 'next';
```

React:

```
const [val, setVal] = useState('');  
<input value={val} onChange={e => setVal(e.target.value)} />
```

Disable / Enable

Vanilla:

```
btn.disabled = isDisabled;
```

React:

```
<button disabled={isDisabled}>Save</button>
```

Lifecycle / Effects

Vanilla:

```
document.addEventListener('DOMContentLoaded', init);
```

React:

```
useEffect(() => { init(); }, []);
```

Keyboard Events

Vanilla:

```
document.addEventListener('keydown', e => { if (e.key === 'r') reset(); });
```

React:

```
useEffect(() => {  
  const onKey = e => e.key === 'r' && reset();  
  window.addEventListener('keydown', onKey);  
  return () => window.removeEventListener('keydown', onKey);  
}, [reset]);
```

Timers

Vanilla:

```
const id = setInterval(tick, 1000);  
clearInterval(id);
```

React:

```
useEffect(() => {  
  const id = setInterval(tick, 1000);  
  return () => clearInterval(id);  
}, []);
```

Fetching Data

Vanilla:

```
fetch('/api').then(r => r.json()).then(setUI);
```

React:

```
useEffect(() => {
  (async () => {
    const res = await fetch('/api');
    setData(await res.json());
  })();
}, []);
```

Show/Hide & Toggle

Vanilla:
box.classList.toggle('open');

React:
setOpen(prev => !prev);
{open && <Box />}

Increment/Computed Updates

Vanilla:
count = count + 1;

React:
setCount(c => c + 1);

Direct DOM Access

Vanilla:
const input = document.getElementById('name');
input.focus();

React:
const ref = useRef(null);
<input ref={ref} />
useEffect(() => ref.current?.focus(), []);

Prevent Default

Vanilla:
form.addEventListener('submit', e => { e.preventDefault(); save(); });

React:
<form onSubmit={e => { e.preventDefault(); save(); }}>

Cleanup on Unmount

Vanilla:
// manually remove listeners/timers when needed

React:
useEffect(() => {
 const id = setInterval(tick, 1000);

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    return () => clearInterval(id);  
  }, []);
```