
react hooks?

In React, **Hooks** are special functions that let you "hook into" React features like state and lifecycle methods in function components — without using class components.

Common React Hooks:

1. **useState()**

- Adds state to functional components.

js

```
const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
```

2. **useEffect()**

- Runs side effects (e.g., data fetching, DOM updates).

js

```
useEffect(() => {  
  console.log('Component mounted or updated');  
}, [dependency]);
```

3. **useContext()**

- Accesses context values without writing a Consumer.

js

```
const value = useContext(MyContext);
```

4. **useRef()**

- Accesses DOM elements or keeps mutable variables that don't trigger re-renders.

js

```
const inputRef = useRef(null);
```

5. **useMemo()**

- Memoizes expensive computations to avoid re-computation.

js

```
const result = useMemo(() => computeExpensiveValue(a, b), [a, b]);
```

6. **useCallback()**

- Memoizes functions to avoid re-creating them on each render.

js

```
const handleClick = useCallback(() => doSomething(), []);
```

7. **useReducer()**

- Alternative to useState for complex state logic.

js

```
const [state, dispatch] = useReducer(reducer, initialState);
```

8. **useLayoutEffect()**

- Like useEffect, but fires synchronously after all DOM mutations.

9. **useImperativeHandle()**

- Customizes the instance value exposed when using ref with a component.



give me a table so i can easily which does what works and where should i use which one

Here's a clear table summarizing **React Hooks**, what they do, and when to use them:

Hook	Purpose	When to Use
useState()	Adds state to functional components	When you need to store and update simple state (like a counter, form input)
useEffect()	Handles side effects (e.g., fetch, timer, DOM updates)	When you want to run code after render or when dependencies change
useContext()	Accesses values from a React Context	When you want to share data (like themes or auth) globally without prop drilling
useRef()	Stores a mutable reference to a DOM element or value	When you need to reference DOM or keep values without triggering re-renders
useMemo()	Caches the result of a computation	When you have an expensive calculation that shouldn't re-run on every render
useCallback()	Caches a function definition	When passing functions to child components to avoid unnecessary re-renders

Hook	Purpose	When to Use
<code>useReducer()</code>	Manages complex state logic with reducers	When <code>useState</code> becomes too complex (e.g., managing form inputs, toggles, etc.)
<code>useLayoutEffect()</code>	Like <code>useEffect</code> but runs before painting the DOM	When you need to measure layout or apply DOM changes before the screen paints
<code>useImperativeHandle()</code>	Customizes the instance value exposed by <code>ref</code>	When building a component that exposes methods to its parent (advanced use)
