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Build a CRUD Todo app with Django and React/Redux

Tutorial for Beginners

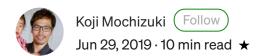
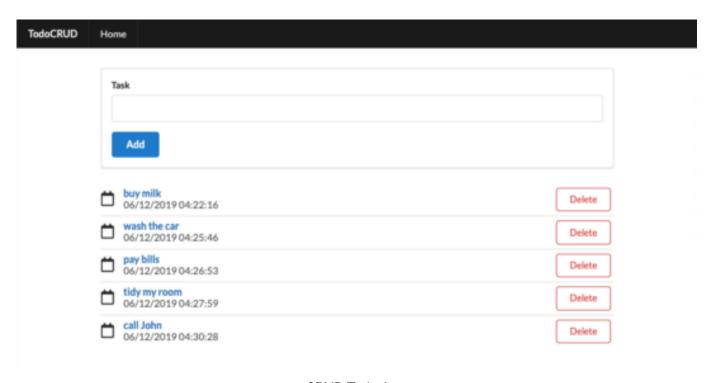




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In this tutorial, we will learn how to build a CRUD Todo application with Django REST framework for the backend, React and Redux for the frontend.

At the end of this tutorial, we will have the application that looks like this:



CRUD Todo App

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Setting up Django

Creating a virtual environment with Pipenv

First, we will create the folder for the project and navigate into it:

```
$ mkdir django-react-todo
$ cd django-react-todo
```

Let's create a virtual environment by running this command:

```
$ pipenv --python 3
```

If you don't have Pipenv installed yet, please install it by running this command:

```
$ pip install pipenv
```

We will install the packages we need:

```
$ pipenv install django djangorestframework
```

Creating a new project and some apps

In this tutorial, we will create a project named "todocrud". We can leave out the extra folder which is automatically created by adding a dot to the end of the command and running:

\$ django-admin startproject todocrud .

Next, we will create two apps. One is for the backend, the other is for the frontend:

```
$ python manage.py startapp todos
$ python manage.py startapp frontend
```

We will open the settings.py file in the project directory, and configure to use the apps we created and Django REST framework:

```
# settings.py
 1
 2
 3
    INSTALLED_APPS = [
 4
         'frontend.apps.FrontendConfig', # added
         'todos.apps.TodosConfig', # added
         'rest_framework', # added
         'django.contrib.admin',
         'django.contrib.auth',
 8
         'django.contrib.contenttypes',
         'django.contrib.sessions',
         'django.contrib.messages',
11
         'django.contrib.staticfiles',
12
    1
13
14
15
    REST_FRAMEWORK = { # added
16
         'DEFAULT_PERMISSION_CLASSES': [
             'rest_framework.permissions.AllowAny'
17
18
         ],
         'DATETIME_FORMAT': "%m/%d/%Y %H:%M:%S",
```

configuration dictionary named REST_FRAMEWORK.

Let's apply migrations and start the development server:

```
$ python manage.py migrate
$ python manage.py runserver
```

Visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/ with your browser. If you see the page a rocket taking off, it worked well!

Writing backend's modules

First, we will create a simple model. Open the <code>models.py</code> file and write the following code:

Next, we will build a simple model-backed API using REST framework. Let's create a new folder named api and create new files __init__.py, serializers.py, views.py and urls.py in it:

```
todos/
    api/
    __init__.py
    serializers.py
    urls.py
    views.py
```

Since the api is a module, we need to include __init__.py file.

Let's define the API representation in the serializers.py file:

The ModelSerializer class will create fields that correspond to the Model fields.

Next, we will define the view behavior in the api/views.py file:

We will finally write the URL configuration using Routers:

We use three arguments to the register() method, but the third argument is not required.

Writing frontend's modules

In the frontend, all we have to do is write simple views and URL patterns.

Open the frontend/views.py file and create the two views:

```
# frontend/views.py

from django.shortcuts import render
from django.views.generic.detail import DetailView
```

```
from todos.models import Todo

def index(request):
    return render(request, 'frontend/index.html')

class TodoDetailView(DetailView):
    model = Todo
    template name = 'frontend/index.html'
```

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Add a new urls.py file to the same directory and create the URL conf:

```
# frontend/urls.py

from django.urls import path

from .views import index, TodoDetailView

urlpatterns = [

path('', index),

path('edit/<int:pk>', TodoDetailView.as_view()),

path('delete/<int:pk>', TodoDetailView.as_view()),

path('delete/<int:pk>', TodoDetailView.as_view()),

]
```

As you can see above, the index view is for the index page and the TodoDetailView is called when we request a specific object.

Wire up the URLs

We will include the frontend's and backend's URLs to the project's URLconf:

```
# todocrud/urls.py

from django.contrib import admin
from django.urls import path, include

urlpatterns = [
path('', include('frontend.urls')),
path('analydo('todoc ani urls'))
```

```
path('admin/', admin.site.urls),

path('admin/', admin.site.urls),

path('admin/', admin.site.urls),
```

Although the path for the Django admin site is left, we are not going to use it in this tutorial.

As a final part of this chapter, we will make a new migration file and apply changes to our databases by running the commands below:

```
$ python manage.py makemigrations
$ python manage.py migrate
```

Setting up React

Creating directories

First of all, let's create all of the directories we need:

```
$ mkdir -p ./frontend/src/{components,actions,reducers}
$ mkdir -p ./frontend/{static,templates}/frontend
```

The above command should create the directories as follows:

```
frontend/
src/
actions/
components/
reducers/
static/
frontend/
templates/
frontend/
```

Installing packages

We need to create a package.json file by running the following command before installing packages:

```
$ npm init -y
```

In order to use npm, Node. js needs to be installed.

Then, let's install all the packages we use with npm command:

```
$ npm i -D webpack webpack-cli
$ npm i -D babel-loader @babel/core @babel/preset-env @babel/preset-
react @babel/plugin-proposal-class-properties

$ npm i react react-dom react-router-dom
$ npm i redux react-redux redux-thunk redux-devtools-extension
$ npm i redux-form
$ npm i axios
$ npm i lodash
```

Creating config files

Add a file named .babelrc to the root directory and configure **Babel**:

We can use **Async/Await** with **Babel** by writing as above.

Secondary, add a file named webpack.config.js to the same directory and write a configuration for webpack:

Additionally, we need to rewrite the "scripts" property of the package.json file:

Two new scripts have been defined. We can run scripts with <code>npm run dev for development or npm run build for production. When these scripts are run, webpack bundles modules and output the <code>main.js file.</code></code>

Creating principal files

Let's create three principal files and render the first word.

We will create a file named index.js that is called first when we run the React application:

Next, we will create a file named App. js that is a parent component:

We will finally create a template file named index.html that is specified in the views.py file:

In this tutorial, we will use <u>Semantic UI</u> as a CSS framework.

Place the wrapper for rendering the App component and the bundled script into the <body> tag.

Checking the display

Let's see whether it is displayed correctly.

Open another terminal and run the script:

```
$ npm run dev
```

The main.js file should be generated in the static/frontend directory.

Then, start the dev server and visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/:

```
$ python manage.py runserver
```

If the word "ToDoCRUD" is displayed, everything is going well so far:)

Getting data from the API and displaying the list

It is time to use **Redux**. We will create **Actions**, **Reducers** and **Store**.

Actions

Let's define all the **type properties** in advance. Add a new file named types.js into the src/actions directory:

```
1 // actions/types.js
```

```
a export const GET_TODOS = 'GET_TODOS';

export const GET_TODO = 'GET_TODO';

export const ADD_TODO = 'ADD_TODO';

export const DELETE_TODO = 'DELETE_TODO';

export const EDIT_TODO = 'EDIT_TODO';

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```

In order to create actions, we need to define **Action Creators**. Add a new file named todos.js into the src/actions directory:

```
// actions/todos.js
 2
 3
    import axios from 'axios';
 4
    import { GET_TODOS } from './types';
 6
    // GET TODOS
 7
    export const getTodos = () => async dispatch => {
       const res = await axios.get('/api/todos/');
 8
 9
      dispatch({
         type: GET_TODOS,
11
        payload: res.data
12
      });
13
    };
```

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Reducers specify how the application's state changes in response to actions sent to the store.

That is the role of **Reducers**. Add a new file named todos.js into the src/reducers directory and write a child reducer:

```
// reducers/todos.js
1
2
   import _ from 'lodash';
3
    import { GET_TODOS } from '../actions/types';
5
   export default (state = {}, action) => {
6
7
      switch (action.type) {
        case GET_TODOS:
9
          return {
            ...state,
            ..._.mapKeys(action.payload, 'id')
```

```
12 };
13 default:
14 return state;
15 }
```

development time and make your codebase smaller.

Let's create the parent reducer to put together every child reducer using combineReducers(). Add a new file named index.js into the src/reducers directory:

```
1  // reducers/index.js
2
3  import { combineReducers } from 'redux';
4  import { reducer as formReducer } from 'redux-form';
5  import todos from './todos';
6
7  export default combineReducers({
8   form: formReducer,
9   todos
10  });
```

In order to use redux-form, we need to include its reducer in the combineReducers function.

Store

The **Store** is an object to hold the **state** of our application. In addition, we will use the recommended middleware **Redux Thunk** to write async logic that interacts with the store. Let's create a new file named store.js in the src directory:

```
// fronted/src/store.js

import { createStore, applyMiddleware } from 'redux';

import { composeWithDevTools } from 'redux-devtools-extension';

import reduxThunk from 'redux-thunk';

import rootReducer from './reducers';

const store = createStore(
 rootReducer,
```

```
composeWithDevTools(applyMiddleware(reduxThunk))

1);

2

export default store;
```

Use of **Redux DevTools** is optional, but it is very useful because it visualizes the state changes of Redux. I will omit how to use it here, but it is highly recommended.

Components

First, create a new folder named todos in the components directory. And then, add a new file named TodoList.js into the folder we created:

```
1
     // components/todos/TodoList.js
 2
 3
     import React, { Component } from 'react';
 4
     import { connect } from 'react-redux';
 5
     import { getTodos } from '../../actions/todos';
 6
    class TodoList extends Component {
 8
       componentDidMount() {
         this.props.getTodos();
       }
11
12
       render() {
13
         return (
           <div className='ui relaxed divided list' style={{ marginTop: '2rem' }}>
15
             {this.props.todos.map(todo => (
16
               <div className='item' key={todo.id}>
17
                 <i className='large calendar outline middle aligned icon' />
                 <div className='content'>
19
                   <a className='header'>{todo.task}</a>
20
                   <div className='description'>{todo.created_at}</div>
                 </div>
22
               </div>
23
             ))}
           </div>
         );
26
       }
27
    }
28
    const mapStateToProps = state => ({
29
       todos: Object.values(state.todos)
```

```
32
33 export default connect(
```

mapStateToProps as the first argument, Action Creators as the second argument. We will be able to use the store state as **Props** by specifying mapStateToProps.

We will create a new file named <code>Dashboard.js</code> in the same directory. It is just a container for <code>TodoList</code> and a form we will create in the next chapter:

```
1
    // components/todos/Dashboard.js
 2
    import React, { Component } from 'react';
 3
     import TodoList from './TodoList';
 5
 6
    class Dashboard extends Component {
 7
       render() {
         return (
 9
           <div className='ui container'>
             <div>Todo Create Form</div>
             <TodoList />
           </div>
13
         );
14
      }
15
16
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```

```
1  // components/App.js
2
3  import Dashboard from './todos/Dashboard'; // added
4
5  import { Provider } from 'react-redux'; // added
6  import store from '../store'; // added
7
8  class App extends Component {
9  render() {
```

Checking the display

First, visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/api/todos/ and create several objects. And then, visit http://127.0.0.1:8000/.

You should see a simple list of the objects you created. Did it work?

Creating Form and adding a new Todo

Actions

Open the actions/todos.js file, and add a new action creator:

Dispatching reset('formName') clears our form after we submission succeeds. We will specify the form name later in the Form component.

Reducers

Open the reducers/todos.js file, and add a new action to the reducer:

Components

Let's create a Form component. We will create a Form separately as a reusable component so that it can also be used for editing. Create a new file named TodoForm.js in the components/todos directory:

The tutorial would be lengthy, so I will leave out how to use **Redux Form**. To understand how the Redux Form works, it is a good idea to try to customize your form referring to the <u>documentation</u>.

^{&#}x27;todoForm' is the name of this form. That is what we used in the action creator addTodo.

When we click in the textbox and then remove the focus, it displays a validation error, so specify touchonBlur: false to disable it.

Next, let's create a component for adding new todos. Create a new file named TodoCreate.js in the components/todos directory:

```
1
    // components/todos/TodoCreate.js
 2
 3
    import React, { Component } from 'react';
     import { connect } from 'react-redux';
 4
     import { addTodo } from '../../actions/todos';
 5
 6
     import TodoForm from './TodoForm';
    class TodoCreate extends Component {
 8
       onSubmit = formValues => {
 9
         this.props.addTodo(formValues);
       };
11
12
13
       render() {
         return (
14
           <div style={{ marginTop: '2rem' }}>
16
             <TodoForm destroyOnUnmount={false} onSubmit={this.onSubmit} />
           </div>
17
         );
19
       }
20
21
    export default connect(
      null,
       c 111+ 11 3
```

when the component is unmounted. It is for displaying the form state in an editing form.

If we don't need to specify a mapStateToProps function, set null into connect().

Let's view and test the form. Open the Dashboard.js file, and update as follows:

```
1 // components/todos/Dashboard.js
```

```
import TodoCreate from './TodoCreate'; // added
4
5
    class Dashboard extends Component {
6
      render() {
        return (
          <div className='ui container'>
            <TodoCreate /> // added
9
10
            <TodoList />
11
         </div>
     );
12
      }
13
14
16
    eynort default Dashhoard:
```

Let's take a break and create a header. Create a new folder named layout, and then add a new file name Header.js into it:

```
1
    // components/layout/Header.js
2
    import React, { Component } from 'react';
4
5
    class Header extends Component {
      render() {
6
7
        return (
          <div className='ui inverted menu' style={{ borderRadius: '0' }}>
            <a className='header item'>TodoCRUD</a>
             <a className='item'>Home</a>
          </div>
11
12
        );
      }
13
14
15
    evnort default Header:
```

```
1  // components/App.js
2
3  import Header from './layout/Header'; // added
4
5  class App extends Component {
```

```
render() {
return (

Provider store={store}>

Header /> // added

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```

in this tutoriai, the header is just an ornament.

Removing Todos

First, we will create a history object using the **history** package. We can use it for changing the current location. Create a new file named history.js in the frontend/src directory, and write the code below:

```
// frontend/src/history.js

import { createBrowserHistory } from 'history';

export default createBrowserHistory();

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view raw
```

Actions

Open the actions/todos.js file, and add two new action creators:

```
// actions/todos.js
 1
 2
    import history from '../history'; // added
 3
 4
     import { GET_TODOS, GET_TODO, ADD_TODO, DELETE_TODO } from './types'; // added GET_TODO
 5
    // GET TODO
    export const getTodo = id => async dispatch => { // added
       const res = await axios.get(`/api/todos/${id}/`);
 8
 9
      dispatch({
         type: GET_TODO,
        payload: res.data
12
      });
    };
13
```

```
15  // DELETE TODO
16  export const deleteTodo = id => async dispatch => { // added
17  await axios.delete(`/api/todos/${id}/`);
18  dispatch({
19    type: DELETE_TODO,
20    payload: id
21  });
```

We are going to create a modal window for confirmation of deletion later. The history.push('/') method automatically takes us from the modal window to the index page after removing an object.

Reducers

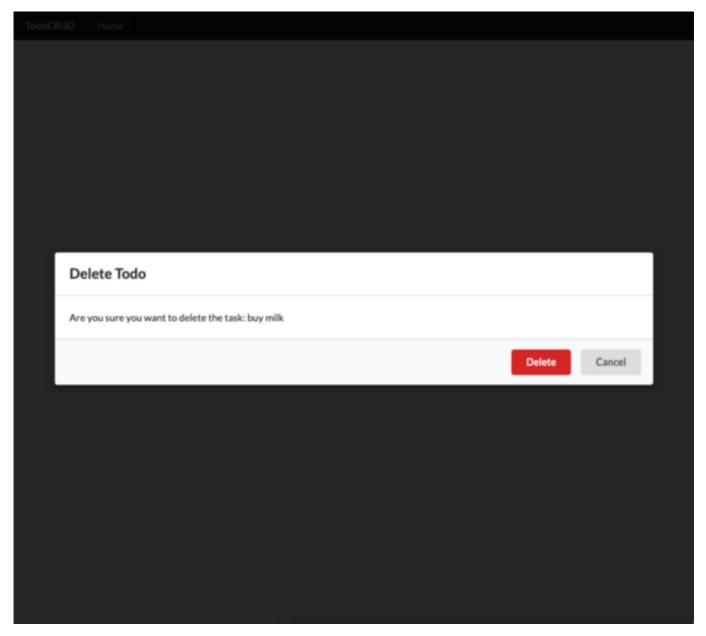
Open the reducers/todos.js file, and add the actions to the reducer:

```
// reducers/todos.js
 2
 3
    import _ from 'lodash'; // added
    import { GET_TODOS, GET_TODO, ADD_TODO, DELETE_TODO } from '../actions/types'; // added
 4
 5
 6
    export default (state = {}, action) => {
 7
       switch (action.type) {
         // ...
 8
         case GET_TODO: // added
        case ADD_TODO:
11
           return {
12
             ...state,
             [action.payload.id]: action.payload
14
           };
         case DELETE_TODO: // added
15
           return _.omit(state, action.payload);
16
         // ...
17
      }
18
19
    };
```

For the DELETE_TODO action, use <u>Lodash</u> again as a shortcut.

Components

Let's create the modal window I just mentioned. We will have it that looks like this:



The modal window for confirmation of the deletion

Create a new file named Modal.js in the components/layout directory, and write as follows:

```
1  // components/layout/Modal.js
2
3  import React from 'react';
4  import ReactDOM from 'react-dom';
5
6  const Modal = props => {
```

```
7
       return ReactDOM.createPortal(
 8
         <div onClick={props.onDismiss} className='ui active dimmer'>
           <div onClick={e => e.stopPropagation()} className='ui active modal'>
             <div className='header'>{props.title}</div>
             <div className='content'>{props.content}</div>
             <div className='actions'>{props.actions}</div>
12
13
           </div>
         </div>,
14
         document.querySelector('#modal')
16
      );
17
    };
18
```

create a portal using createPortal(). The first argument is the renderable child element and the second argument is the DOM element to render.

And then, open the index.html file and add a container for the Modal inside the <body> tag:

Next, we will create a new component TodoDelete.js in the components/todos directory:

```
// components/todos/TodoDelete.js

import React, { Component, Fragment } from 'react';

import { connect } from 'react-redux';

import { Link } from 'react-router-dom';

import Modal from '../layout/Modal';

import history from '../../history';

import { getTodo, deleteTodo } from '../../actions/todos';
```

```
9
     class TodoDelete extends Component {
10
11
       componentDidMount() {
         this.props.getTodo(this.props.match.params.id);
12
       }
13
14
15
       renderContent() {
16
         if (!this.props.todo) {
           return 'Are you sure you want to delete this task?';
17
         }
18
         return `Are you sure you want to delete the task: ${this.props.todo.task}`;
19
       }
21
       renderActions() {
23
         const { id } = this.props.match.params;
24
         return (
           <Fragment>
26
             <button
27
               onClick={() => this.props.deleteTodo(id)}
               className='ui negative button'
28
29
               Delete
             </button>
             <Link to='/' className='ui button'>
33
               Cancel
             </Link>
34
           </Fragment>
36
         );
       }
37
38
39
       render() {
40
         return (
41
           <Modal
             title='Delete Todo'
42
             content={this.renderContent()}
43
             actions={this.renderActions()}
44
             onDismiss={() => history.push('/')}
45
46
           />
         );
47
48
       }
49
     }
50
51
     const mapStateToProps = (state, ownProps) => ({
52
       todo: state.todos[ownProps.match.params.id]
```

The code is a bit long, but it is not so difficult. Define the helper functions that display the content and the action buttons on the modal window. Then, pass them as Props to the Modal component. onDismiss is set to return to the index page when the dim part of the modal window is clicked.

We can retrieve the data from its own props by specifying ownProps as the second argument to mapStateToProps.

Let's open the TodoList.js file and put a delete button:

```
1
    // components/todos/TodoList.js
 2
 3
     import { Link } from 'react-router-dom'; // added
 4
     import { getTodos, deleteTodo } from '../../actions/todos'; // added deleteTodo
 5
    class TodoList extends Component {
 6
       // ...
 8
 9
       render() {
         return (
           <div className='ui relaxed divided list' style={{ marginTop: '2rem' }}>
11
             {this.props.todos.map(todo => (
12
               <div className='item' key={todo.id}>
13
14
                 <div className='right floated content'> // added
                   <Link
15
                     to={`/delete/${todo.id}`}
                     className='small ui negative basic button'
17
19
                     Delete
                   </Link>
                 </div>
21
                 <i className='large calendar outline middle aligned icon' />
22
                 <div className='content'>
23
24
                   <a className='header'>{todo.task}</a>
25
                   <div className='description'>{todo.created_at}</div>
26
                 </div>
               </div>
28
             ))}
29
           </div>
         );
       }
```

```
33
34 // ...
35
36 event default connect/
```

```
1
     // components/App.js
 2
    import { Router, Route, Switch } from 'react-router-dom'; // added
 4
 5
     import history from '../history'; // added
     import TodoDelete from './todos/TodoDelete'; // added
 6
 7
 8
    class App extends Component {
 9
       render() {
         return (
           <Provider store={store}>
11
             <Router history={history}>
12
               <Header />
13
               <Switch>
                 <Route exact path='/' component={Dashboard} />
15
                 <Route exact path='/delete/:id' component={TodoDelete} />
17
               </Switch>
             </Router>
19
           </Provider>
20
         );
21
       }
```

TRAINING document as follows:

The most common use-case for using the low-level <Router> is to synchronize a custom history with a state management lib like Redux or Mobx. Note that this is not required to use state management libs alongside React Router, it's only for deep integration.

The exact parameter specified in Route returns a route only if the path exactly matches the current URL.

That concludes this chapter. Try deleting some objects and see if it works.

Editing Todos

This is the last chapter. We are almost done, so let's keep going!

Actions

Open the actions/todos.js file, and add a new action creator:

```
// actions/todos.js
 1
 2
 3
    import { GET_TODOS, GET_TODO, ADD_TODO, DELETE_TODO, EDIT_TODO } from './types'; // adde
 4
 5
    // EDIT TODO
    export const editTodo = (id, formValues) => async dispatch => {
       const res = await axios.patch(`/api/todos/${id}/`, formValues);
 7
 8
      dispatch({
        type: EDIT_TODO,
 9
        payload: res.data
10
11
       });
      history.push('/');
12
13
    };
```

Reducers

Open the reducers/todos.js file, and add the action to the reducer:

```
// reducers/todos.js
 2
 3
     import {
 4
       GET_TODOS,
       GET_TODO,
       ADD_TODO,
 6
 7
       DELETE_TODO,
       EDIT_TODO // added
 8
     } from '../actions/types';
 9
10
     export default (state = {}, action) => {
11
       switch (action.type) {
12
         // ...
         case GET_TODO:
14
15
         case ADD_TODO:
         case EDIT_TODO: // added
16
           return {
17
             ...state,
```

Create a new component rodoedit.js in the components/todos unectory:

```
1
    // components/todos/TodoEdit.js
 2
 3
    import _ from 'lodash';
     import React, { Component } from 'react';
 4
     import { connect } from 'react-redux';
 6
     import { getTodo, editTodo } from '../../actions/todos';
     import TodoForm from './TodoForm';
 7
 8
 9
    class TodoEdit extends Component {
       componentDidMount() {
11
         this.props.getTodo(this.props.match.params.id);
       }
12
13
       onSubmit = formValues => {
14
         this.props.editTodo(this.props.match.params.id, formValues);
15
16
       };
17
       render() {
18
19
         return (
           <div className='ui container'>
21
             <h2 style={{ marginTop: '2rem' }}>Edit Todo</h2>
             <TodoForm
               initialValues={_.pick(this.props.todo, 'task')}
23
               enableReinitialize={true}
24
               onSubmit={this.onSubmit}
26
             />
           </div>
27
28
         );
29
    }
31
    const mapStateToProps = (state, ownProps) => ({
      todo: state.todos[ownProps.match.params.id]
33
34
    });
35
```

Open the TodoList.js file and update {todo.task} as follows:

```
1  // components/todos/TodoList.js
2
3  <Link to={`/edit/${todo.id}`} className='header'>
4   {todo.task}
5  </Link>
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```

Let's add the new component to the App.js file:

```
// components/App.js
 2
 3
    import TodoEdit from './todos/TodoEdit'; // added
 4
    class App extends Component {
 5
 6
      render() {
 7
         return (
 8
           <Provider store={store}>
             <Router history={history}>
 9
               <Header />
               <Switch>
11
                 <Route exact path='/' component={Dashboard} />
12
                 <Route exact path='/delete/:id' component={TodoDelete} />
13
                 <Route exact path='/edit/:id' component={TodoEdit} /> // added
14
               </Switch>
15
             </Router>
16
           </Provider>
17
         );
      }
```

the TodoForm.js file and update as follows:

```
// components/todos/TodoForm.js
2
3
    class TodoForm extends Component {
4
      // ...
5
6
      render() {
        const btnText = `${this.props.initialValues ? 'Update' : 'Add'}`; // added
8
         return (
           <div className='ui segment'>
            <form
11
              onSubmit={this.props.handleSubmit(this.onSubmit)}
              className='ui form error'
13
              <Field name='task' component={this.renderField} label='Task' />
14
              <button className='ui primary button'>{btnText}// updated
15
16
            </form>
17
          </div>
18
        );
19
      }
```



The edit form

You should have been able to change the value from the form.

This tutorial ends here. The source code of this app is available on <u>GitHub</u>. Thank you for reading!

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