React Hooks

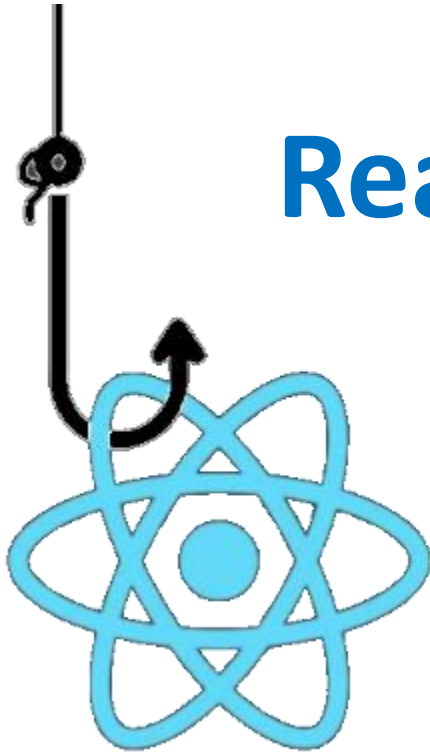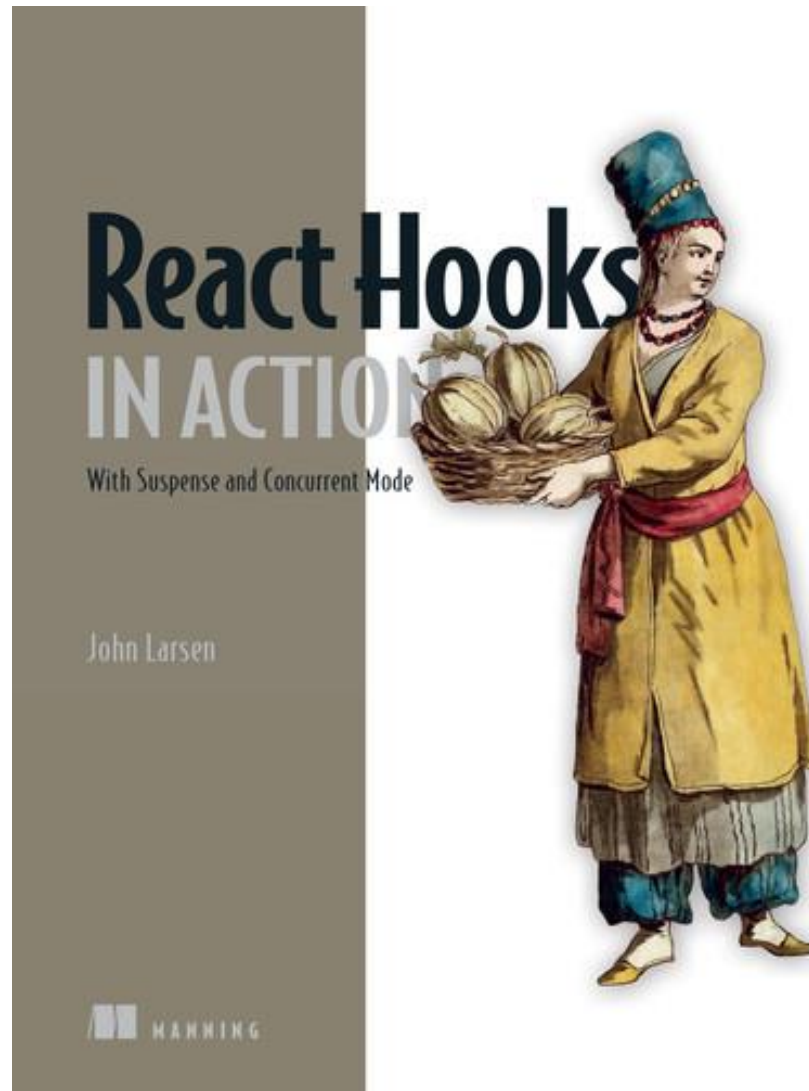# **Outline**

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Slides are based on

What is Hook?

- A Hook is a special function that lets you **hook** into React features such as state and lifecycle methods

- There are 3 rules for hooks:

  - Hooks can only be called inside React function components.

  - Hooks can only be called at the top level of a component.

  - Hooks cannot be conditional

Common Hooks

useState: creates a state variable

- Used for basic state management inside a component

const [state, setState] = useState(initialState)

The name of your state

The function you'll eventually use to change the value of this state
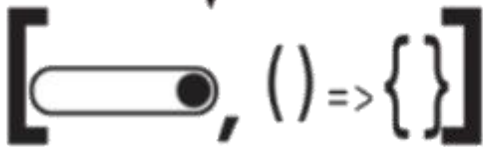
The initial value of your state

useEffect

- For doing stuff when a component is mounts/unmounts/updates
- Ideal for fetching data when the component is mounted

```
useEffect ( () => {

    // do something with dep1 and dep2

    return () => { /* clean up */ };

}, [dep1, dep2] );
```

Cleanup function:
Return a function to clean up after the effect (e.g., unsubscribe, stop timers, remove listeners, etc.).
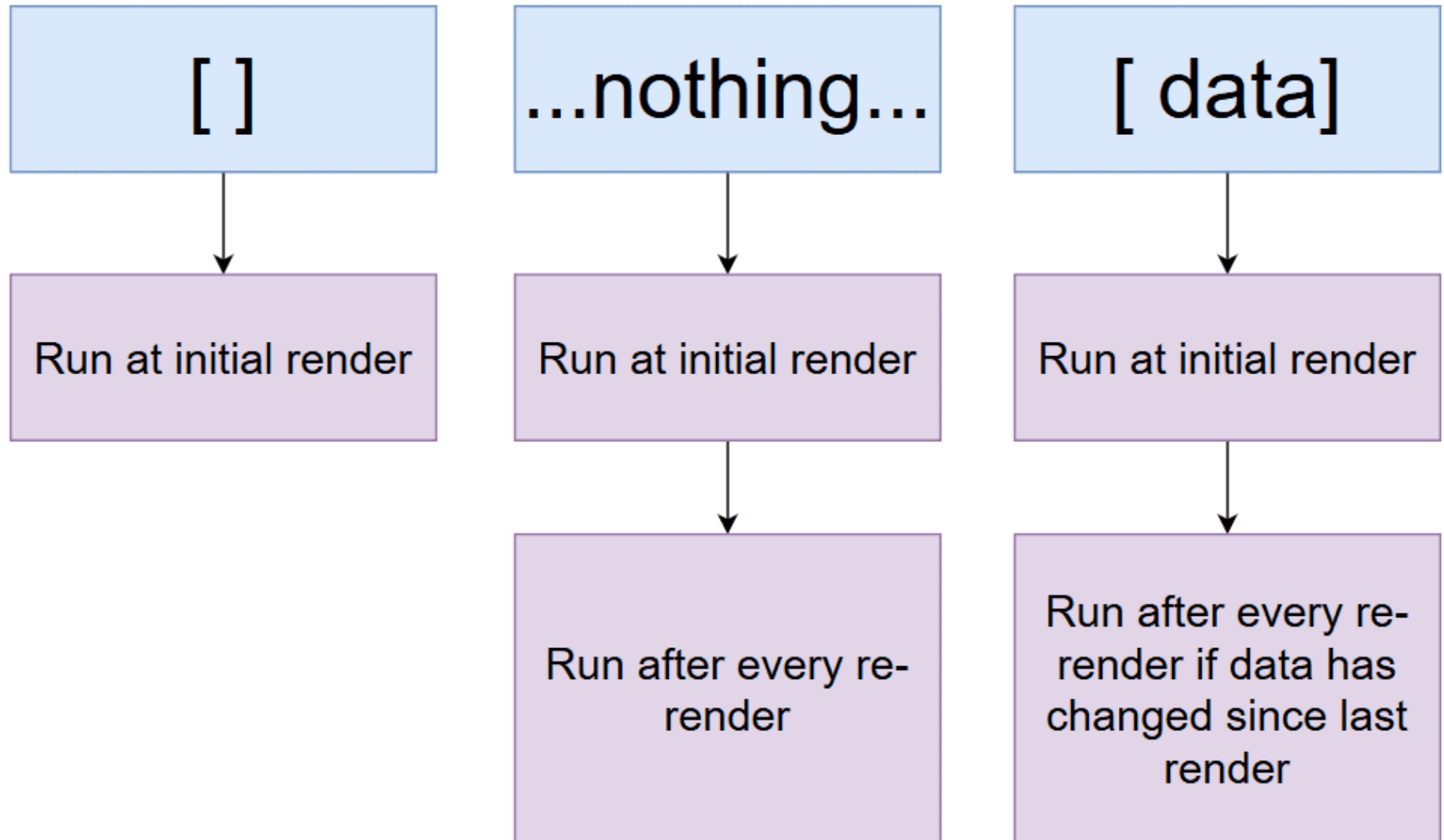
Dependency list:
Run the effect only if the values in the array change.

Common side effects

Common side effects include:

- Setting the page title imperatively
- Working with timers like `setInterval` or `setTimeout`
- Logging messages to the console or other service
- Fetching data or subscribing and unsubscribing to services
- Setting or getting values in local storage

useEffect - 2nd argument

[ ]	...nothing...	[data]
Run at initial render	Run at initial render	Run at initial render
	Run after every re-render	Run after every re-render if data has changed since last render

Use cases for the useEffect hook

Call pattern	Code pattern	Execution pattern

No second argument	`useEffect(() => {`
	`  // perform effect`
	`});`
		Run after every render.

Empty array as second argument	`useEffect(() => {`
	`  // perform effect`
	`}, []);`
		Run once, when the component mounts.

Dependency array as second argument	`useEffect(() => {`
	`  // perform effect`
	`  // that uses dep1 and dep2`
	`}, [dep1, dep2]);`
		Run whenever a value in the dependency array changes.

Return a function	`useEffect(() => {`
	`  // perform effect`
	`  return () => {/* clean-up */};`
	`}, [dep1, dep2]);`
		React will run the cleanup function when the component unmounts and before rerunning the effect.

useEffect – Executes code during Component Life Cycle

- **Initialize state data** when the component loads

```
useEffect(() => {
    async function fetchData() {
        const url = "https://api.github.com/users";
        const response = await fetch(url);
        setUsers( await response.json() ); } // set users in state
         fetchData();
}, []); // pass empty array to run this effect once when the component is first mounted to the DOM.
```

- **Executing a function every time a state variable changes**

```
useEffect(() => {
    async function fetchData() {
        const url = `https://hn.algolia.com/api/v1/search?query=${query}`;
        const response = await fetch(url);
        const data = await response.json();
        setNews(data.hits);
    }
    fetchData();
}, [query]);
```

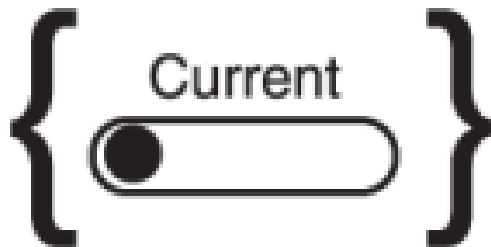**If 2nd parameter is not set, then the useEffect function will run on every re-render**

useRef

- Allows updating state without causing a re-render
- Commonly used to access DOM elements

Initial value:
Pass the initial value to the useRef hook.

```
const refObject = useRef( initialValue );
```

Current

Ref:
React returns an object with a current property.

useRef to access DOM elements

Basic Syntax

const ref = useRef();

Assign:

❯ In the return, assign to any element with the ref prop: <div ref={ref}> ... </div>

❯ Alternatively, assign directly in a side effect

Returns:

❯ ref - a mutable object with one property current, pointing to a DOM node or piece of data

useContext

- Share state between deeply nested components more easily "prop drilling" (i.e., pass the state as "props" through each nested component)

- Using the context requires 3 steps: creating, providing, and consuming the context
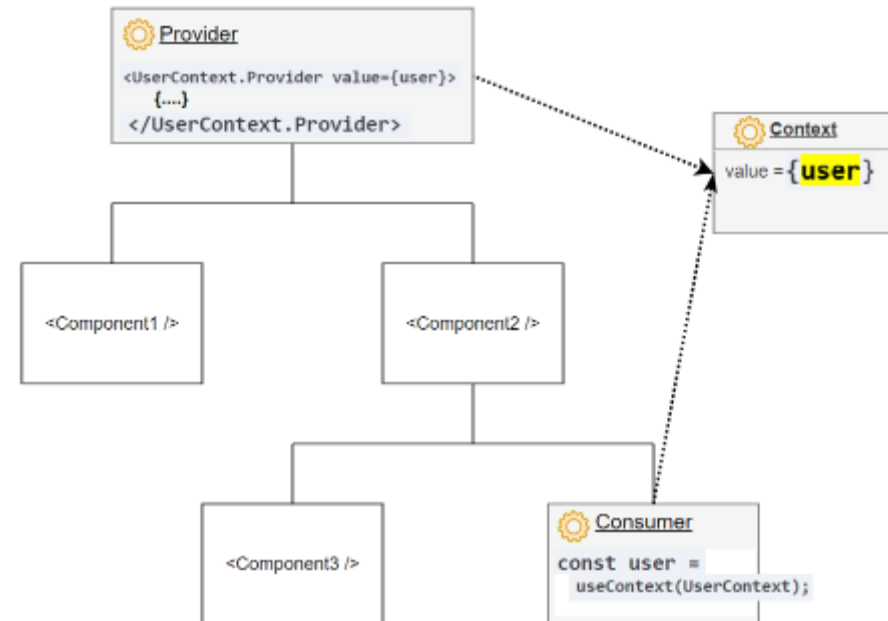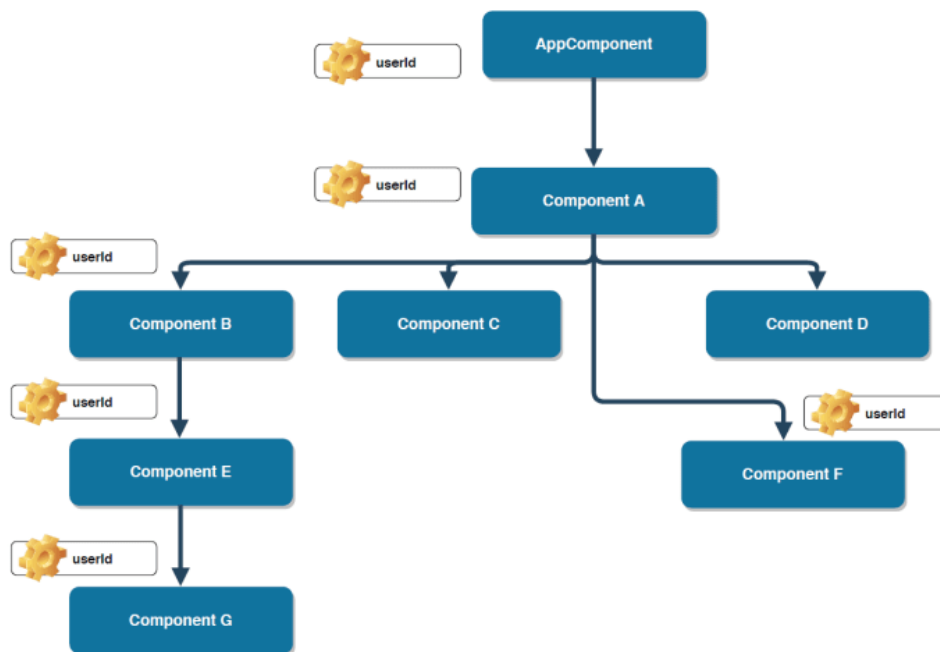
useContext – Define global variables and functions

1. **Create a context** (i.e., a global container to provide global variables and functions available to all components)

```jsx
import React from 'react';
const UserContext = React.createContext();
export default UserContext;
```
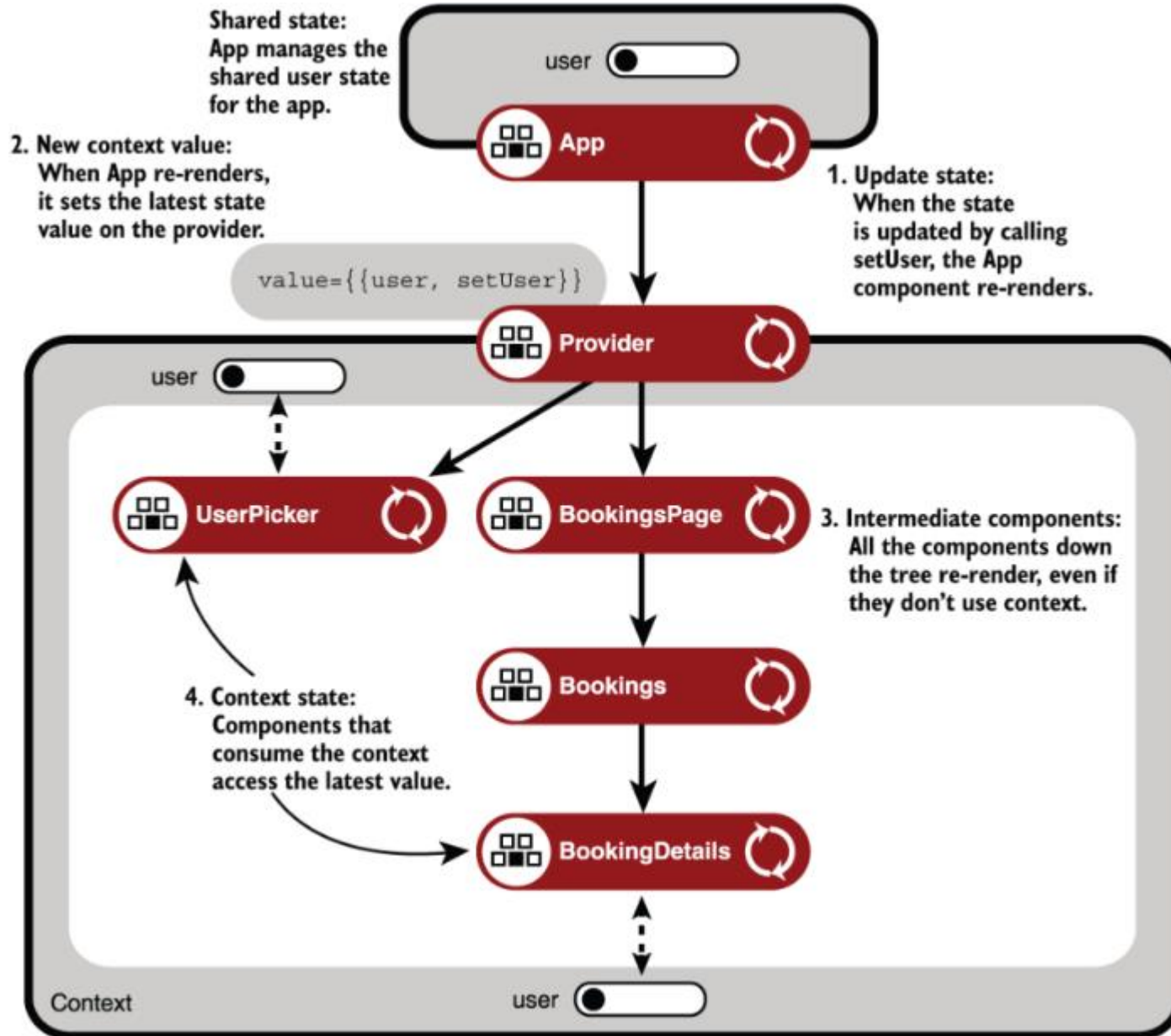
2. **Provider places global variables / functions in the context**

```jsx
import UserContext from './components/UserContext';
function App() {
   return (
     <UserContext.Provider value={ user }>
           <Welcome appName='React Demo App'/> …
     </UserContext.Provider>
   );
}
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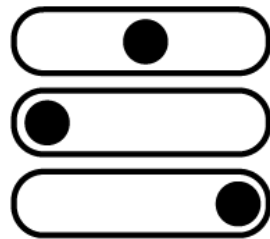
3. **Consumer access the global variables / functions in the context**

```jsx
import React, {useContext} from "react";  import UserContext from './UserContext';
export default function Welcome() {
    const user = useContext(UserContext);
    return <div>You are login as: {user.username}</div>;
}
```

Shared State Example

Shared state:
App manages the shared user state for the app.

2. New context value: When App re-renders, it sets the latest state value on the provider.

`value={{user, setUser}}`

1. Update state: When the state is updated by calling setUser, the App component re-renders.

3. Intermediate components: All the components down the tree re-render, even if they don't use context.

4. Context state: Components that consume the context access the latest value.

useReducer: manage multiple related state variables

state:
the current
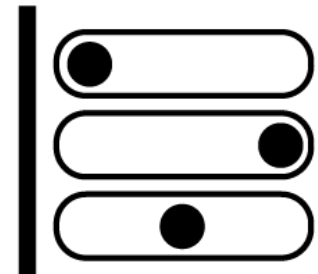value of each
property
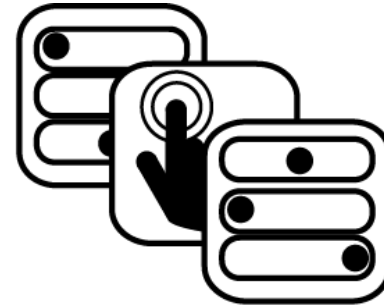
reducer:
uses an action
to create a new state
from the old

```
const [ state, dispatch ] = useReducer( reducer, initialState );
```
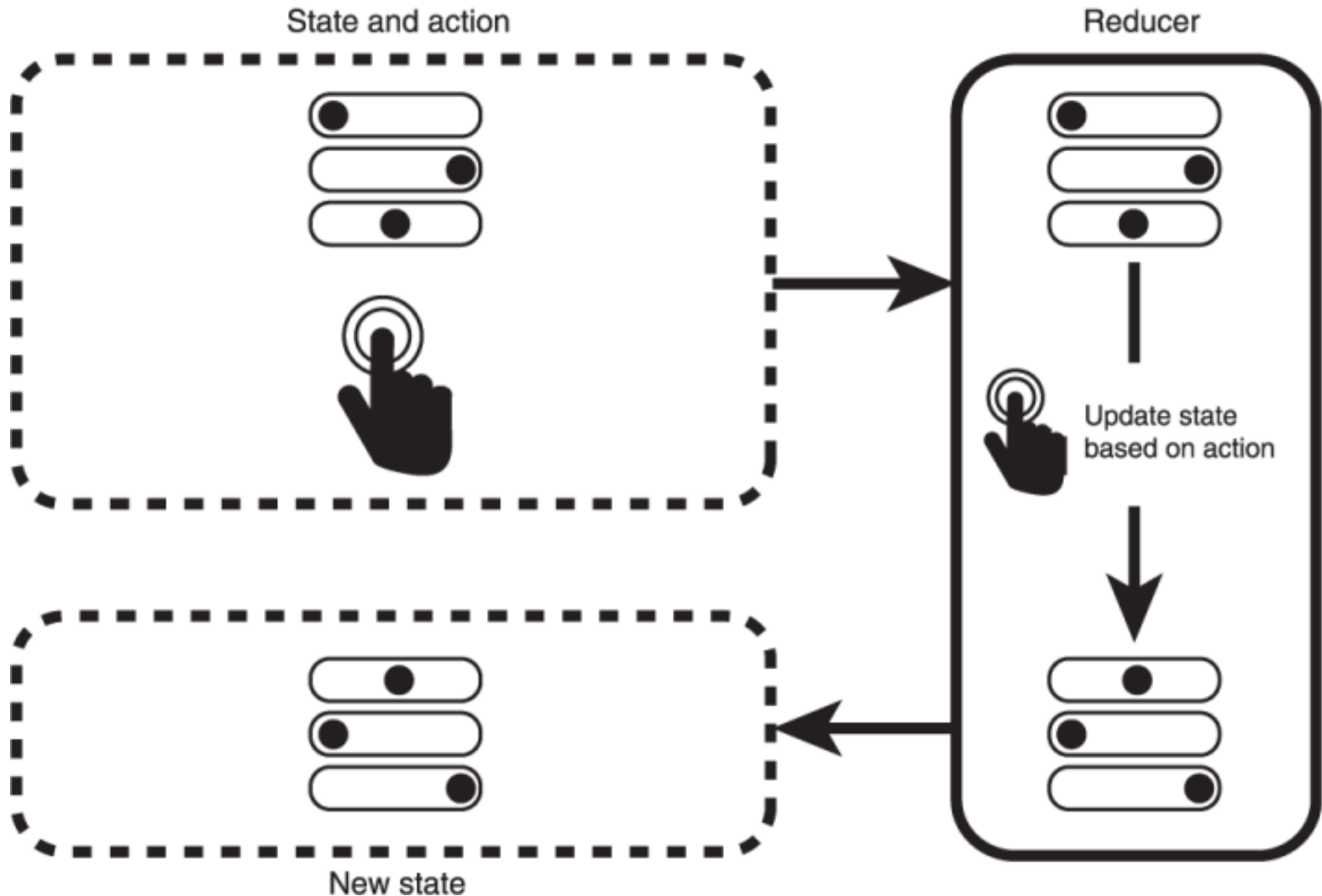
dispatch function:
passes an action
to the reducer

initial state:
the value of each
property when the
component first runs

A reducer takes a state and an action and returns a new state

Summary

- Hooks are functions which "hook into" React state and lifecycle features from function components

- **useState** : manage state

- **useEffect**: perform side effects and hook into moments in the component's life cycle

- **useContext:** share data with child components without prop drilling using

- **useRef**: access DOM elements using

- **useReducer:** manage multiple related state variables

Resources

- **Hooks at a Glance**

https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-overview.html

- React Hooks in Action textbook

https://learning.oreilly.com/library/view/react-hooks-in/9781617297632/

- Useful list of resources

https://github.com/rehooks/awesome-react-hooks