

Is this **componentDidUpdate**?  
**useEffect**  $( () => \{ \dots \}, [\text{😱}])$



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## componentDidUpdate

- Lifecycle method which is **NOT** called for the initial render.
- Can perform certain actions when the component gets updated.
- And all the fancy stuff that you can read from the official React docs.

# useEffect

- A hook which is called on both initial render as well as on component update.
- If the dependency array is empty, this hook is called on the initial render only.
- But even if the dependency array is not empty, useEffect will be called on the initial render!

## componentDidMount + componentDidUpdate

➤ useEffect with dependency acts like a combination of **componentDidMount** and **componentDidUpdate**.

```
useEffect(() => {  
  console.log("Liked!");  
}, [likesCount]);
```

➤ This implementation will log "Liked!" on the initial render as well.

## Better componentDidMount

➤ By making use of useRef, useEffect can work as componentDidMount!

```
const firstMount = useRef(true);

useEffect(() => {
  if (!firstMount.current) console.log("Liked!");
  else firstMount.current = false;
}, [likesCount]);
```

➤ This implementation will log "Liked!" only when the likesCount changes.

Link is in the post description

# That was quick

`() => {}, [ quickPosts ]`



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