

🕸 React Component Guide

Class-Based vs Function-Based Components

⋄ Overview

vs	Class-Based Component	Function-Based Component
	Uses class and extends React.Component	Just a function
State Handling	With this.state, this.setState()	With useState()
🌣 Lifecycle	Uses lifecycle methods	Uses useEffect() and hooks
Props Access	Via this.props	Via function parameters {}
✓ Preferred Today	X Old (still used in some codebases)	✓ Yes, modern standard

Sasic Syntax

Elass-Based Component

```
import React from "react";
class Welcome extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props); // Always call super(props)
   this.state = {
      message: "Welcome to Class Component!",
   };
 }
 render() {
   return <h1> @ {this.state.message} </h1>;
 }
}
export default Welcome;
```

Function-Based Component

```
import React, { useState } from "react";
const Welcome = () => {
 const [message, setMessage] = useState("Welcome to Function Component!");
 return <h1> <message}</h1>;
```

```
};
export default Welcome;
```

(2) Handling props

In Class-Based:

```
class Greet extends React.Component {
  render() {
    return <h2>  Hello, {this.props.name}</h2>;
  }
}
```

In Function-Based:

```
const Greet = ({ name }) => {
  return <h2>    Hello, {name}</h2>;
};
```

Managing state

☐ In Class-Based:

```
class Counter extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
   this.state = { count: 0 };
 }
 increment = () => {
   this.setState({ count: this.state.count + 1 }); // ち must use setState
 };
 render() {
   return (
     <div>
        Count: {this.state.count}
       <button onClick={this.increment}> + </button>
     </div>
   );
 }
}
```

In Function-Based:

Ö Class-Based Component Lifecycle:

```
class MyComponent extends React.Component {
  componentDidMount() {
    console.log(" Mounted");
  }

componentDidUpdate() {
    console.log(" Updated");
  }

componentWillUnmount() {
    console.log(" Unmounted");
  }

render() {
    return Hello Lifecycle ;
  }
}
```

★ Function-Based with useEffect:

```
import { useEffect } from "react";

const MyComponent = () => {
  useEffect(() => {
    console.log(" Mounted");

  return () => {
```

```
console.log("X Unmounted");
};
}, []); // empty array = run once

return Hello Lifecycle ();
};
```

➢ Event Handling

☆ Class-Based:

```
class Clicker extends React.Component {
  handleClick = () => {
    alert("Clicked!");
  };

render() {
  return <button onClick={this.handleClick}> () Click Me</button>;
  }
}
```

☆ Function-Based:

```
const Clicker = () => {
  const handleClick = () => {
    alert("Clicked!");
  };

return <button onClick={handleClick}> (*) Click Me</button>;
};
```

Bad Practices in Class Components

X Modifying state directly:

```
this.state.count = 10; // 🗶 Don't do this
```

✓ Correct way:

```
this.setState({ count: 10 }); // <a>
```

X Forgetting to bind methods (when not using arrow functions):

this.handleClick = this.handleClick.bind(this); // Needed if using normal
functions

☑ Best Practices

✓ Class Component	✓ Function Component	
Use arrow functions to auto-bind this	Keep components pure and small	
Always call super(props)	Use hooks (useState, useEffect) smartly	
Use componentDidMount for data loading	Use cleanup in useEffect for unmount logic	
Break big components into smaller ones	Use useCallback, useMemo for perf	

When Should I Use Class Components?

- Only when:
 - You're working in **legacy codebases**.
 - You're maintaining older libraries that still use classes.
- But in modern apps, prefer function-based components + hooks for:
 - Simpler syntax
 - Better readability
 - More flexible side-effect management

Final Cheat Sheet Summary

Feature	Class Component	Function Component (Hooks)
Structure	class MyComp extends React.Component	<pre>const MyComp = () => {}</pre>
Props	this.props.name	{ name } via parameters
State	this.state, this.setState	useState hook
Lifecycle	componentDidMount, etc.	useEffect()
Events	this.handleClick =	Direct const handleClick =
Modern Preferred	X Less preferred	✓ Yes (default today)

Bonus Tip:

Combine hooks like useState, useEffect, useContext, and useReducer in function components to replace everything class components offer and even more!

React Class vs Function Components – Full Flow & Advanced Patterns

- Managing Multiple State Variables

```
class Profile extends React.Component {
                constructor(props) {
                                super(props);
                                this.state = {
                                                  name: "Darshan",
                                                  age: 22,
                                                  city: "Surat",
                                };
                }
                render() {
                                 return (
                                                   <div>
                                                                     \lambda Name: {this.state.name}
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<sup>o</sup> City: {this.state.city}
                                                   </div>
                                 );
               }
}
```

Function-Based (with useState x multiple):

```
);
};
```

✓ Or, combine into one object state:

```
const [user, setUser] = useState({
  name: "Darshan",
  age: 22,
  city: "Surat",
});

const updateCity = () => {
  setUser((prev) => ({ ...prev, city: "Ahmedabad" }));
};
```

Destructuring props and state

☐ In Class-Based:

```
class User extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
   this.state = {
    name: "Darshan",
    age: 22,
   };
 }
 render() {
   const { name, age } = this.state;
   const { email } = this.props;
   return (
     <div>
       Email: {email}
    </div>
   );
 }
}
```

In Function-Based:

```
const User = ({ email }) => {
  const [user, setUser] = useState({ name: "Darshan", age: 22 });
```

Full Class Component Lifecycle 🕏

Class components have 3 major phases:

- 1. Mounting
- 2. Updating
- 3. Unmounting

1. Mounting Phase

Method	Purpose	
constructor()	Initialize state & bind methods	
render()	Return JSX	
componentDidMount()	Called once after initial render (API calls, DOM ops)	

2. Updating Phase

Method	Purpose
render()	Called again on state/prop change
<pre>componentDidUpdate()</pre>	Called after render due to update

X 3. Unmounting Phase

Method	Purpose
componentWillUnmount()	Cleanup tasks like event listeners, timers, etc

Full Class Example with All Lifecycle Methods

```
class LifeCycleDemo extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = {
```

```
count: ∅,
   console.log("② constructor");
 }
 componentDidMount() {
   console.log("  componentDidMount");
 componentDidUpdate(prevProps, prevState) {
   console.log("☐ componentDidUpdate");
   console.log("Previous State:", prevState.count);
 }
 componentWillUnmount() {
   console.log(" // componentWillUnmount");
 }
 increment = () => {
   this.setState({ count: this.state.count + 1 });
 };
 render() {
   console.log("@ render");
   return (
     <div>
       <h1> Count: {this.state.count}</h1>
       <button onClick={this.increment}> + Increment
     </div>
   );
 }
}
```

Equivalent Function Component with Hooks

```
import React, { useState, useEffect } from "react";

const LifeCycleDemo = () => {
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

// ② ComponentDidMount + ComponentDidUpdate
  useEffect(() => {
    console.log(" ② useEffect - mount/update");
    return () => {
       console.log(" ③ Cleanup - componentWillUnmount");
    };
    }, [count]); // dependency array

return (
    <div>
```

Summary Cheat Sheet: Lifecycle Comparison

ছ Lifecycle Phase	Class Component	Function Component
Mounting	<pre>constructor() → render() → componentDidMount()</pre>	<pre>useEffect(() => {}, [])</pre>
Updating	render() → componentDidUpdate()	useEffect(, [deps])
Unmounting	componentWillUnmount()	<pre>return () => {} in useEffect</pre>

O Common Mistakes (BAD practices)

X Bad Practice ☑ Fix Updating state directly this.state.name = ... Always use this.setState() or setState() hook Not using cleanup in useEffect Add return function in useEffect for cleanup Using too many useState() separately Consider combining into one object if related Forgetting to pass props to super() Always call super(props) in constructor

☑ Best Practices

- Use function components with hooks for all **new code**.
- Use useEffect to handle all side-effects, API calls, subscriptions.
- Group related state in one useState() object or use useReducer() for complex cases.
- Always return cleanup in useEffect() when needed (e.g., setInterval, event listeners).

Scenario: Parent-Child Class Components

```
componentDidMount() {
    console.log("    Child: componentDidMount");
  render() {
   console.log("    Child: render");
    return <h3>I am the Child</h3>;
  }
}
class Parent extends React.Component {
  constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    console.log("% Parent: constructor");
  }
  componentDidMount() {
    console.log("% Parent: componentDidMount");
  render() {
    console.log("% Parent: render");
    return (
      <div>
        <h2>I am the Parent</h2>
        <Child />
      </div>
    );
  }
}
```

Full Lifecycle Flow (on initial mount)

MOUNTING Phase Order:

```
1 Parent: constructor
2 Parent: render
3 Child: constructor
4 Child: render
5 Child: componentDidMount
6 Parent: componentDidMount
```

igodots Render order always goes parent o child igodots componentDidMount runs after both render phases finish

☐ If Parent Re-renders (due to state/props update)

this.setState({}); // inside Parent

UPDATE Flow:

1 Parent: render

2 Child: render (if affected or re-rendered)

3 Child: componentDidUpdate (if state or props changed)

4 Parent: componentDidUpdate

- ▲ Note: Child will only re-render if:
 - It received new props OR
 - Its state changed OR
 - You force update the parent which contains the child

X UNMOUNTING Flow (if parent removes child):

{this.state.showChild && <Child />}

When showChild becomes false:

1 Child: componentWillUnmount

Full Lifecycle Breakdown Table

Phase	Component	Method	Notes
Mounting	Parent	constructor	Initialize Parent
Mounting	Parent	render	Starts rendering JSX
Mounting	Child	constructor	Child is constructed
Mounting	Child	render	Child JSX is rendered
Mounting	Child	componentDidMount	Runs after child rendered
Mounting	Parent	componentDidMount	Runs after child mounted
Updating	Parent	render	Rerenders when parent state changes
Updating	Child	render (if needed)	Child re-renders if affected
Updating	Child	componentDidUpdate	Child update logic

Phas	e	Component	Method	Notes
Upda	ating	Parent	componentDidUpdate	Parent update logic
Unm	ounting	Child	componentWillUnmount	When removed from DOM

Bonus: Test It Live

```
class Child extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
   console.log("Child: constructor");
 }
 componentDidMount() {
   console.log("Child: componentDidMount");
 }
 componentDidUpdate() {
   console.log("Child: componentDidUpdate");
 }
 componentWillUnmount() {
   console.log("Child: componentWillUnmount");
 }
 render() {
   console.log("Child: render");
   return <h3> @ I am the Child</h3>;
 }
}
class Parent extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
   this.state = {
     showChild: true,
   console.log("Parent: constructor");
 componentDidMount() {
   console.log("Parent: componentDidMount");
 }
 componentDidUpdate() {
   console.log("Parent: componentDidUpdate");
 }
 toggleChild = () => {
   this.setState((prev) => ({ showChild: !prev.showChild }));
 };
```

TL;DR Lifecycle Flow

Event Type	Order
Initial Mount	Parent constructor → Parent render → Child constructor → Child render → Child CDM → Parent CDM
Update State	Parent render → Child render → Child CDU → Parent CDU
Remove Child	Child CWU

React Lifecycle Flow with Two Children (Class-Based)

Scenario

We have the following structure:

```
App (Parent)

|-- ChildA
|-- ChildB
```

✓ Code Setup:

```
componentDidMount() {
   render() {
  return <div>Child A</div>;
 }
}
// ◇ ChildB.js
class ChildB extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
  console.log("
    ChildB: constructor");
 }
 componentDidMount() {
   }
 render() {
  console.log("
    ChildB: render");
  return <div>Child B</div>;
 }
}
// ◇ App.js (Parent)
class App extends React.Component {
 constructor(props) {
   super(props);
   console.log("  Parent: constructor");
 }
 componentDidMount() {
   console.log("  Parent: componentDidMount");
 }
 render() {
   console.log("  Parent: render");
   return (
     <div>
      <h1>Parent</h1>
      <ChildA />
      <ChildB />
     </div>
   );
 }
}
```

(Mounting) Initial Render: Lifecycle Order (Mounting)

```
1  Parent: constructor
2  Parent: render
3  ChildA: constructor
4  ChildA: render
5  ChildB: constructor
6  ChildB: render
7  ChildA: componentDidMount
8  ChildB: componentDidMount
9  Parent: componentDidMount
```

☑ Children always mount after parent renders ☑ componentDidMount() runs bottom-up (child first, parent last)

Update Flow (e.g., Parent setState())

If App does this.setState():

```
1  Parent: render
2  ChildA: render (if affected)
3  ChildB: render (if affected)
4  ChildA: componentDidUpdate
5  ChildB: componentDidUpdate
6  Parent: componentDidUpdate
```

Re-render order: top-down 🕲 Update lifecycle: bottom-up

X If One Child is Removed

Let's say ChildB is conditionally rendered like:

```
{this.state.showB && <ChildB />}
```

Toggling showB to false:

Lifecycle Summary Table

Phase Order

Phase	Order
Mounting	Parent constructor \rightarrow render \rightarrow ChildA constructor \rightarrow render \rightarrow ChildB constructor \rightarrow render \rightarrow componentDidMount (ChildA \rightarrow ChildB \rightarrow Parent)
Updating	Parent render \rightarrow ChildA render \rightarrow ChildB render \rightarrow componentDidUpdate (ChildA \rightarrow ChildB \rightarrow Parent)
Unmount	Only affected child's componentWillUnmount() runs

Visual Timeline (Mounting)

