

WEB APP DEVELOPMENT WITH REACTJS (INT252)

Lecture 18: Performance Optimization & Memoization

Unit V – State Management & Advanced React

Syllabus Mapping:

- Performance optimization
- Memoization techniques
- React.memo, useMemo, useCallback

Target Learner: Beginner → Intermediate

Why Performance Matters

React re-renders components when:

- State changes
- Props change

Too many re-renders = slow app ❌

What is Re-rendering?

Re-rendering means:

- React calls the component function again
- JSX is recalculated

Not always bad, but sometimes unnecessary

Problem Scenario

```
function App() {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
  return <ExpensiveComponent />;  
}
```

ExpensiveComponent re-renders every time ❌

Solution: Memoization

Memoization means:

- Remembering previous result
- Skipping unnecessary work

Tool 1: React.memo

`React.memo` :

- Prevents re-render
- If props have NOT changed

React.memo Example

```
const Header = React.memo(function Header({ title }) {  
  console.log('Rendered');  
  return <h1>{title}</h1>;  
});
```

When React.memo Works

- Same props
- Same reference

Tool 2: useMemo

useMemo :

- Memoizes a value
- Avoids expensive calculations

useMemo Syntax

```
const value = useMemo(() => compute(), [deps]);
```

useMemo Example

```
const result = useMemo(() => {  
  return slowFunction(count);  
}, [count]);
```

When to Use useMemo

- Heavy calculations
- Derived values

Tool 3: useCallback

`useCallback` :

- Memoizes a function
- Prevents new function creation

useCallback Syntax

```
const handler = useCallback(() => {  
  doSomething();  
}, [deps]);
```

useCallback Example

```
const handleClick = useCallback(() => {  
  setCount(count + 1);  
}, [count]);
```

useMemo vs useCallback

useMemo	useCallback
Memoize value	Memoize function

Common Beginner Mistakes

- ✗ Overusing memoization
- ✗ Using without understanding
- ✗ Missing dependencies

When NOT to Optimize

- Small apps
- Simple components

Premature optimization is bad ✖

Practice Exercises

1. Wrap component using `React.memo`
2. Memoize expensive calculation
3. Prevent function recreation

✓ Answers – Practice Exercises

```
const Comp = React.memo(Comp);
```

```
const val = useMemo(() => heavy(), []);
```

```
const fn = useCallback(() => {}, []);
```

Key Takeaways

- Re-renders affect performance
- React.memo prevents re-renders
- useMemo and useCallback optimize work

Next Lecture

Lecture 19: Redux & Global State (Introduction)

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