

Fullstack Development

Data Fetching in React / NextJS

<https://github.com/fullstack-66/data-fetching>

Time server

Local

- Clone <https://github.com/fullstack-66/time-server>
- `npm install`, `npm start`
- `http://localhost:3001`

Cloud

- <https://time-server-production-7506.up.railway.app/>

Setup NextJS project

```
npx create-next-app@latest
```

Configure import

tsconfig.json

```
{
  "baseUrl": ".",
  "paths": {
    "@app/*": ["app/*"],
    "@components/*": ["components/*"]
  }
}
```

- Note, if you don't define `baseUrl`, you need to prefix the path with `./`.

API Endpoint

```
./utils/index.ts
```

```
if (!process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_API_URL) {  
  throw new Error("NEXT_PUBLIC_API_URL is not set");  
}  
export const API_URL = process.env.NEXT_PUBLIC_API_URL;
```

Create additional page

```
./app/another/page.tsx
```

```
export default function AnotherPage() {  
  return <div>Another Page</div>;  
}
```

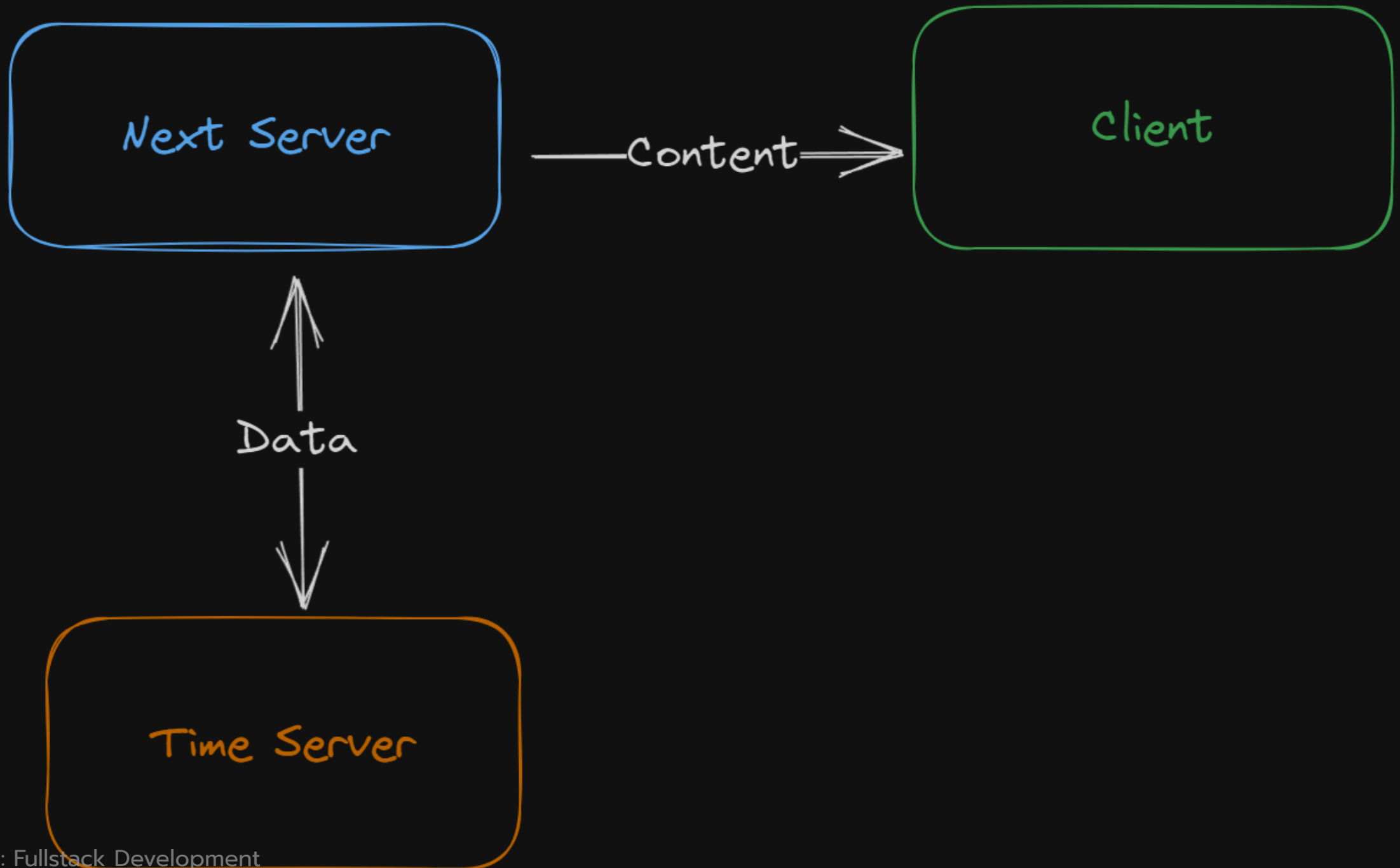
Add navigation

./app/layout.tsx

```
import Link from "next/link";
// ...
export default function RootLayout(...) {
  return (
    <html lang="en">
      <body className={inter.className}>
        <div className="flex gap-2 mb-4">
          <Link href="/">Home</Link> ➡
          <Link href="/another">another</Link> ➡
        </div>
        <div className="m-4">{children}</div>
      </body>
    </html>
  );
}
```


Fetching #1: Server component

- `./components/t1_serverComponent/index.tsx`
- Notice the caching behavior.



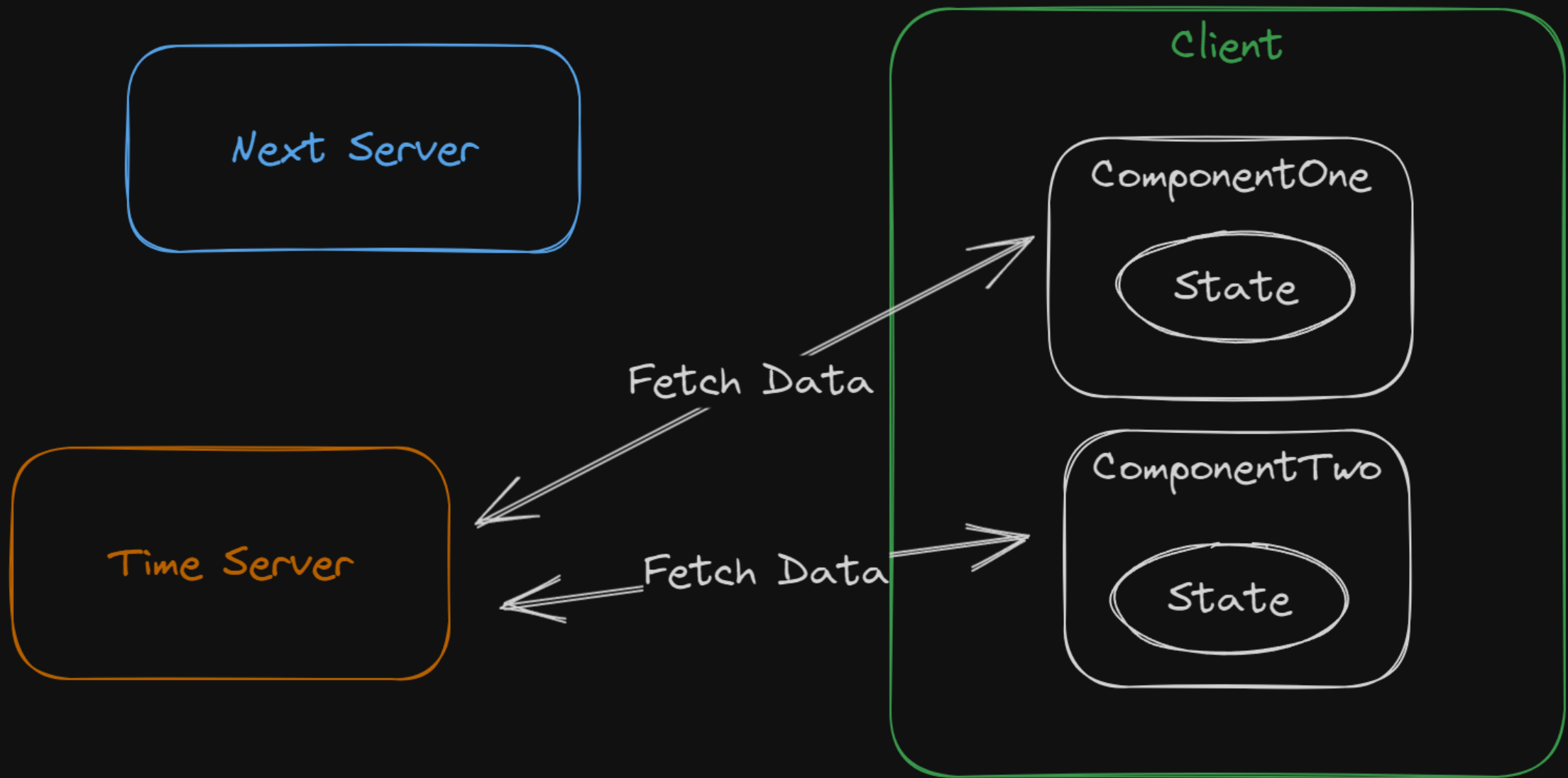
Also used

- `DisplayTime` component from `./components/utls/displayTime.tsx`
- Type from `./components/utls/types.ts`
 - Generated using `Paste as Code` extension.

Fetching #2: `useEffect` way

```
./t2_clientUseEffectOne/index.ts
```

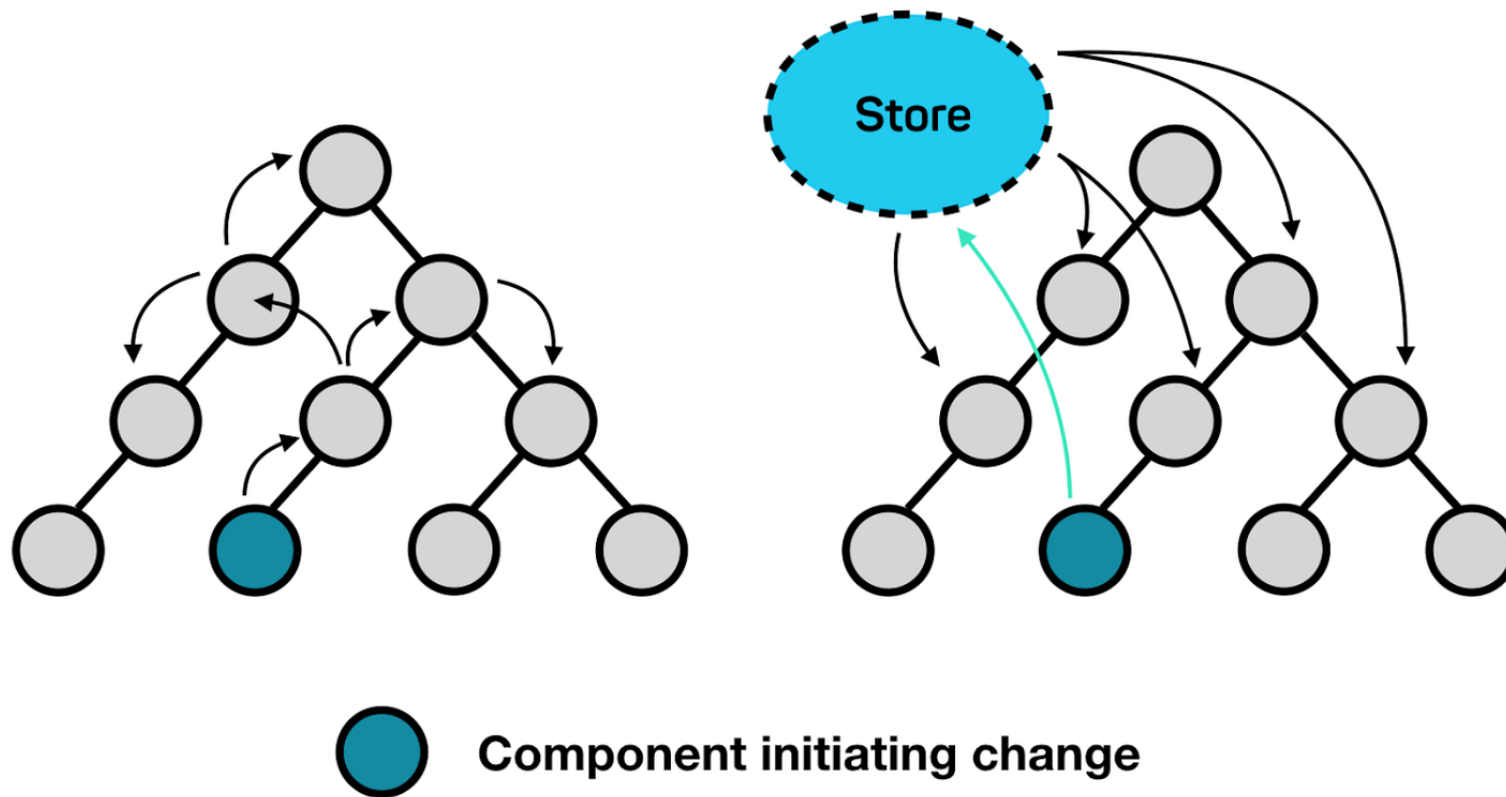
```
./t2_clientUseEffectTwo/index.ts
```



Global store pattern

What does using a global store solve?

- Multiple copies of states
- Prop drilling
- Unnecessary re-render



Global store libraries / API

- React Context
- Redux
- Jotai
- Zustand

React Context

- Native API
- Fine, but...

```
const App = () => {  
  // ... some code  
  return (  
    <>  
      <ReduxProvider value={store}>  
        <ThemeProvider value={theme}>  
          <OtherProvider value={otherValue}>  
            <OtherOtherProvider value={otherOtherValue}>  
              {/** ... other providers*/}  
              <HellProvider value={hell}>  
                <HelloWorld />  
              </HellProvider>  
              {/** ... other providers*/}  
            </OtherOtherProvider>  
          </OtherProvider>  
        </ThemeProvider>  
      </ReduxProvider>  
    </>  
  );  
};
```

Redux

- Powerful
- Has Redux Dev Tool
- Can be used standalone
- Too much boiler plate for small projects



The official, opinionated, batteries-included toolset for efficient Redux development

Get Started



Simple

Includes utilities to simplify common use cases like **store setup**, **creating reducers**, **immutable update logic**, and more.



Opinionated

Provides **good defaults for store setup out of the box**, and includes **the most commonly used Redux addons built-in**.



Powerful

Takes inspiration from libraries like Immer and Autodux to let you **write "mutative" immutable update logic**, and even **create entire "slices" of state automatically**.



Effective

Lets you focus on the core logic your app needs, so you can **do more work with less code**.

You Might Not Need Redux



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People often choose Redux before they need it. “What if our app doesn’t scale without it?” Later, developers frown at the indirection Redux introduced to their code. “Why do I have to touch three files to get a simple feature working?” Why indeed!

Zustand

- Minimalist
- Use Redux-style (flux principle)
- No provider

Jotai

- Another cool library but I never used it.

Zustand

- `npm install zustand`

./components/utils/store.ts

```
import { create } from "zustand";
import { type Time } from "../types";

interface Store {
  time: Time | null;
  setTime: (time: Time) => void;
}

const useStore = create<Store>((set) => ({
  time: null,
  setTime: (time) => set({ time }),
}));

export default useStore;
```


Fetching #3: Global store

- `./components/t4_clientGlobalStore/index.ts`
- `./components/t5_clientGlobalStoreUpdate/index.ts`
 - Notice how the data change in both components.

Improvement

- `isLoading`, `isError`, `errors` states
- Caching
- Refetching

Fetching #4: React Query

- Data-fetching + state management library
- Highly recommended!

Installation

- `npm install @tanstack/react-query`
- `npm install -D @tanstack/react-query-devtools`

Provider

- `./components/utls/reactQueryProvider.tsx`
- `./app/layout.tsx`

```
import ReactQueryProvider from "@components/utls/reactQueryProvider";  
...  
<ReactQueryProvider>  
  <div className="m-4">{children}</div>  
</ReactQueryProvider>  
...
```

Fetching with React Query

- `./components/t6_clientReactQuery/index.tsx`
- `./components/t7_clientReactQueryTwo/index.tsx`
 - Notice how the data is cached and refetched.

Extra: use custom hook

- `./components/util/reactQueryData.ts`

Appendix

- Why do Client Components get SSR'd to HTML?
- `use client` does not mean the component is run on the client only.

Source

Components in the Client Component module graph are primarily rendered on the client, but with Next.js, they can also be pre-rendered on the server and hydrated on the client.