Data Fetching in React (SPA)

Method 1: useEffect Way

Setup

- git clone -b useeffect https://github.com/fullstack-67/df-http.git df-http
- git checkout -t origin/useeffect

Backend

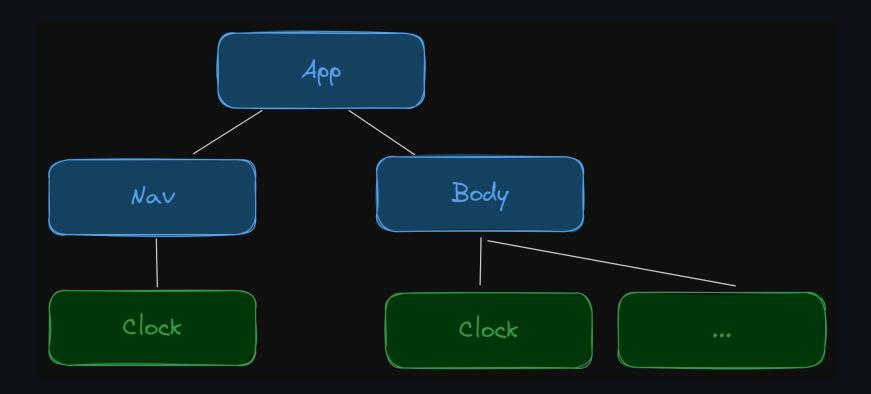
- cd backend
- pnpm i
- npm run dev

Setup

Frontend

- cd frontend
- pnpm i
- npm run dev

Layout



./src/components/Clock.tsx

```
const Clock: FC<Props> = () => {
  const [clock, setClock] = useState("");
  const refetch = () => {
     // Fetching logic
  };
  useEffect(() => {
     refetch();
  }, []);
  // return JSX
};
```

useEffect

- Good
 - No external library required
- Bad
 - Confusing to write
- Comment
 - States are all local.

Method 2: useEffect + Custom hook

Setup

• git checkout -t origin/custom-hook

./src/hooks/useClock.ts

```
function useClock() {
  const [clock, setClock] = useState("");
  const refetch = () => {
     // Fetching logic
  };
  useEffect(() => {
     refetch();
  }, []);
  return { clock, refetch };
}
```

useEffect + Custom hook

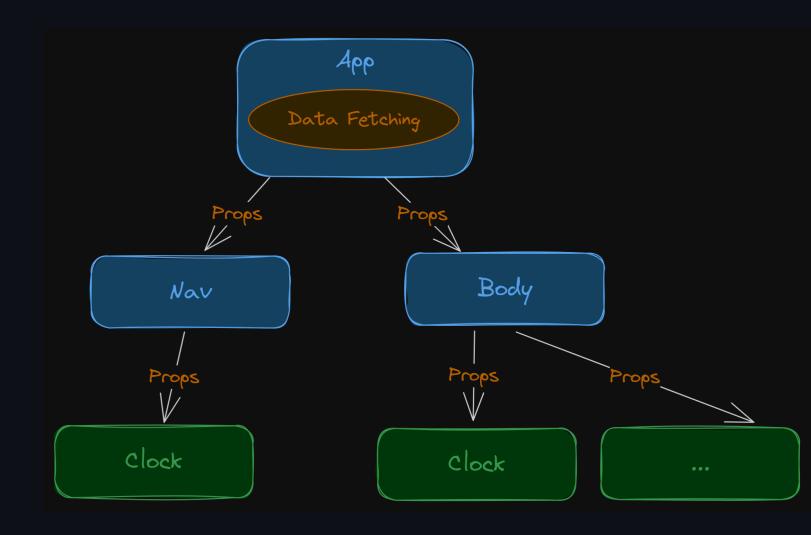
- Good
 - Logic encapsulation
 - Cleaner components
- Comment
 - States are still all local.

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Method 3: useEffect + Prop drilling

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Prop drilling



useEffect + Prop drilling

- Good
 - No external library required
 - Pure components
- Bad
 - Impractical for deep-nested components.
 - Fetching logic is too "far" from the view (JSX).

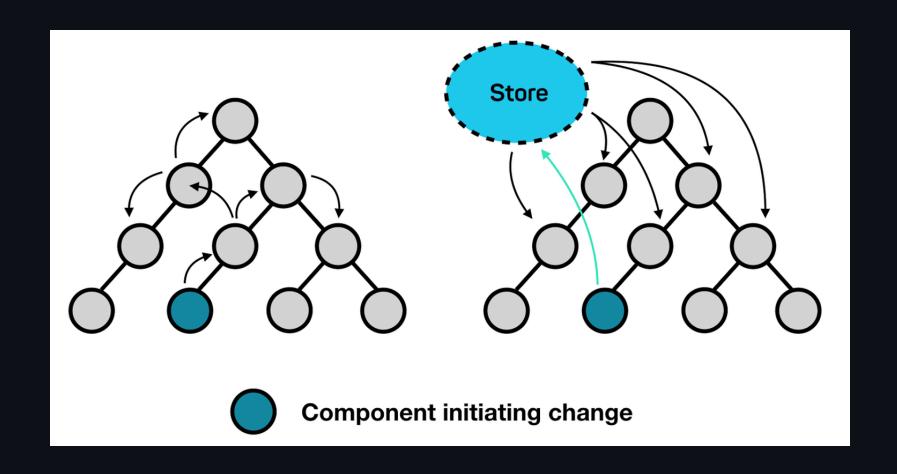
Method 4: useEffect + Global store

Global store pattern

What does using a global store solve?

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

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Global store libraries / API

- React Context
- Redux
- Jotai
- Zustand

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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.

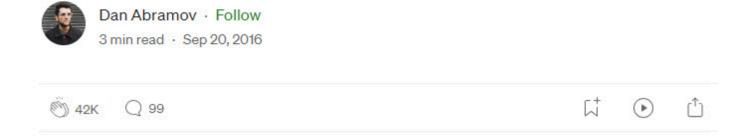
Powerful

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



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.

Setup

- git checkout -t origin/zustand
- pnpm i

Store

./src/stores/useGlobalStore.ts

```
import { create } from "zustand";
interface Store {
   clock: string;
   setClock: (c: string) => void;
}

const useGlobalStore = create<Store>((set) => ({
   clock: "",
   setClock: (c) => set(() => ({ clock: c })),
}));
```

./src/components/Clock.tsx

```
import useGlobalStore from "../stores/useGlobalStore";
const Clock: FC<Props> = () => {
 // No useState now
  const [clock, setClock] = useGlobalStore((state) => [
    state.clock,
    state.setClock,
  ]);
  const refetch = () => {
   // Fetching logic
  };
  useEffect(() => {
   if (initialFetch) refetch();
  }, []);
  // return JSX
```

useEffect + Global store

- Good
 - Shared state.
 - Less network requests
- Bad
 - Not pure components

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Method 5: React Query + Custom hook

Reach Query

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

Setup

- git checkout -t origin/react-query
- pnpm i

Provider

./src/main.tsx

```
import { QueryClient, QueryClientProvider } from "@tanstack/react-query";
import { ReactQueryDevtools } from "@tanstack/react-query-devtools";
// Create a client
const queryClient = new QueryClient();
createRoot(document.getElementById("root")!).render(
  <StrictMode>
    <QueryClientProvider client={queryClient}>
      <App />
      <ReactQueryDevtools initialIsOpen={false} />
  </StrictMode>
);
```

./src/hooks/useClock.ts

```
import { useQuery } from "@tanstack/react-query";
function getClock() {
  // Return promise
function useClock() {
  const query = useQuery({
    // Options
  });
  return { clock: query.data ?? "", refetch: query.refetch };
export default useClock;
```

Note

- Try inspect query object.
- Try navigate away and refocus the tab.
- Try option refetchInterval
- Try using the dev tool.

React Query + Custom hook

- Good
 - O Do I have to repeat myself?
- Bad
 - A little bit of setup / learning curve
- Note
 - Use it please.

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