

2. Hooks

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One-Line Summary

| Hook | Remember As |
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| useState | Memory box - stores and updates values |
| useEffect | Alarm - "when X happens, do Y" |
| useCallback | Saved recipe - remembers how to do something |
| Custom Hook | Backpack - bundle of related tools |

Imagine a Video Game Character

Your game character needs to:

1. Remember things (health points, coins collected, current level)
2. Do things when something happens (when game starts, load saved progress)
3. Use special powers (abilities that can be reused)

1. useState = Character's Memory 🧠

```
const [coins, setCoins] = useState(0);
```

Your character remembers they have 0 coins.

When they collect a coin: setCoins(coins + 1) → Now they remember they have 1 coin!

Simple: It's a box that stores a value and updates the screen when it changes.

2. useEffect = "When This Happens, Do That" ⚡

```
useEffect(() => {
  loadSavedGame(); // Load saved game when game starts
}, []);
```

Simple: It's an alarm that triggers when something happens.

- Game starts? → Load saved progress
- Player enters new level? → Play level music

3. Custom Hooks = Backpack of Tools 🎒

```
const { loading, transactions, fetchData } = useCancelPaymentTransactions();
```

Instead of carrying tools separately, you put them in a backpack.

- useState = Analytics backpack (tracks what user does)
- useEffect = API backpack (fetches data)
- useCallback = Filter backpack (handles filtering)

Backend Analogy:

| React Hook | Backend Equivalent |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| useState | Instance variable in a class |
| useEffect | @PostConstruct / lifecycle method |
| useCallback | Memoized/cached method |
| Custom hooks (e.g., useFPTITracker) | Service class / Utility class |

Example - Custom Hook Pattern:

```
// useCancelPaymentTransactions.ts - This is a "custom hook"
// Think of it like a Service class in Java/Spring

export const useCancelPaymentTransactions = (config) => {
  // Internal state (like private fields)
  const [loading, setLoading] = useState(false);
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  // Methods (like public service methods)
  const loadTransactions = useCallback(async () => {
    setLoading(true);
    const result = await api.fetchTransactions();
    setLoading(false);
    return result;
  }, []);

  // Return public API (like exposing service methods)
  return {
    loading,
    error,
    loadTransactions,
  };
};
```

Usage in component:

```
const { loading, loadTransactions } = useCancelPaymentTransactions(config);
```

- useState → stores data across renders
- useEffect → reacts to renders / changes
- useEffect does **not** store data
- Custom hooks → reusable combinations of hooks
- Custom hooks do **not** share state
- Everything is re-executed, but React preserves hook state