

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();
```

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

- useFPTITracker = Analytics backpack (tracks what user does)
- useCancelPaymentTransactions = API backpack (fetches data)
- useCancelPaymentFilters = 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