



React useEffect, fetch, custom hooks

Component Lifecycle

What do you think this means?

What are some moments in a component's lifecycle?



Component Lifecycle

Birth

Everything in between

Death



Component Lifecycle

~~Birth~~

Mounting

~~Everything in between~~

Updating

~~Death~~

Unmounting

Component Lifecycle

useEffect covers all of these

A function which takes a callback

The callback is called whenever a *dependency* changes

Dependencies are specified in an array



useEffect - updating

```
const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);  
  
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    console.log("counter has been updated!");  
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useEffect - updating

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Counter is a dependency

The callback is called every time it changes

useEffect - updating

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useEffect - mounting

```
useEffect(() => {  
  console.log("component has mounted!");  
}, []);
```

useEffect - mounting

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useEffect(() => {  
  console.log("component has mounted!");  
}, []);
```

Dependency array is empty

Callback is called whenever a dependency changes

No dependencies == no calls to callback?

Not quite, there's 1 initial call



useEffect - initial API call

```
useEffect(async () => {  
  const birds = await API.getBirds();  
  setBirds(birds);  
}, []);  
  
if (birds.length === 0) return <div>LOADING BIRDS</div>  
  
return <div>  
  <BirdsList birds={birds} />  
</div>
```



useEffect - mounting

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useEffect - unmounting

Why do we care about unmounting?



useEffect - unmounting

Async!

Updating state on a component which isn't there is bad

Before unmounting, cancel/handle async actions



useEffect - unmounting

The callback passed to `useEffect` can return another function

This gets called before unmounting

```
useEffect(() => {  
  const timeoutId = setTimeout(doStuff, 1000);  
  
  return () => {  
    clearTimeout(timeoutId);  
  }  
}, []);
```



useEffect - unmounting

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useEffect

Any questions on useEffect?



Custom hooks

Hooks, like components, should be reusable

Forms are a good example

Custom hooks are functions which start with **use**



Custom hooks

```
const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
  firstName: "",
  lastName: ""
});
```

```
const handleChange = event => {
  setFormData({
    ...formData,
    [event.target.name]: event.target.value
  });
}
```

```
const handleSubmit = event => {
  event.preventDefault();
  API.postData(formData);
}
```



Custom hooks

```
const [formData, handleChange, handleSubmit] = useForm({  
  firstName: "",  
  lastName: ""  
}, () => {  
  API.postData(formData);  
});
```



Custom hooks

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Custom hooks

<https://usehooks.com/>

Any questions on custom hooks?

