

## Understanding useMemo and useCallback

React keeps our UI in sync w/ our application state. Tool: "re-render".

useMemo and useCallback are tools built to help us optimize re-renders.

In JavaScript, we only have one main thread.

useMemo takes two arguments:

↳ it is like a small cache, and the dependencies are the cache invalidation strategy.

1) A chunk of work to be performed, wrapped up in a function.

2) A list of dependencies.  
Memorization

React.memo → pure components

→ export default React.memo(Component)

useMemo use cases:

1) Heavy computations

2) Preserved references

From the documentation

useId is a React hook for generating unique IDs that are stable across the server and client, while avoiding hydration mismatches. It is not for generating keys in a list. Keys should be generated from your data.

Problem: (every time React re-renders, we're producing a new array. They're equivalent in terms of value, but not in terms of reference.  
same for objects

useMemo to preserve a reference to a particular array/object.

useMemo → for ~~fixe~~ arrays/objects ; useCallback → for functions

Functions are also compared by reference, not by value.

```
React.useCallback(function helloWorld() {3, [1]});  
    (=)
```

```
React.useMemo(() => function helloWorld() {3, [1]});
```

when to use these hooks "for sure":

- 1) Inside generic custom hooks
- 2) Inside context providers



Since it's common to pass a big object as the 'value' attribute, it's generally a good idea to memoize this object. Example:

```
const AuthContext = React.createContext({});
```

```
function AuthProvider({user, status, children}) {
```

```
  const memoizedValue = React.useMemo(() => {
```

```
    return {
```

```
      user,
```

```
      status,
```

```
    };
```

```
  }, [user, status]);
```

```
  return (
```

```
    <AuthContext.Provider value={memoizedValue}>
```

```
      {children}
```

```
    </AuthContext.Provider>
```

```
  );
```

```
}
```