


React Practice

App Component

```
export default function App() {
  async function getAdvice() {
    const response = await fetch("https://api.adviceslip.com/advice");
    const data = await response.json();
    console.log(data);
  }

  return (
    <div>
      <h1>Hello World!</h1>
      <button onClick={getAdvice}>Get Advice!</button>
    </div>
  );
}
```



```
import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
```

```
export default function App() {
  /* useState is a function that returns an array in react
  and here we are destructuring that array 1st position of the
  array is value of the state, the 2nd value is a setter function that
  we can use to update the piece of state */
  const [advice, setAdvice] = useState("");
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  async function getAdvice() {
    const res = await fetch("https://api.adviceslip.com/advice");
    const data = await res.json();
    setAdvice(data.slip.advice);
    /* Now in this getAdvice function we can use setAdvice function to
    update the state, whenever the piece of state is updated
    user interface will also be updated */
    // take current count add 1 and that will become the new count
    setCount((c) => c + 1);
  }

  // Generate very first piece of advice when loaded
  /* useEffect takes two arguments 1st a function that
  we want to execute at the beginning when the component loads and 2nd
  argument is dependency array */
}
```

```

useEffect(function () {
  getAdvice();
}, []);
return (
  <div>
    <h1>{advice}</h1>
    <button onClick={getAdvice}>Get Advice!</button>
    { /* include this component like it is another html element */ }
    { /* Pass count as a prop to Message. Props are like parameters
       to function. We call the prop count and pass in the prop
       value */ }
    <Message count={count} />
  </div>
);
}

// In react we divide user interfaces into components
// components are reusable pieces of code
// components are used to render UI
// Name of all components should start with capital letter(convention)
// Now accept the props object as a parameter. In this props object count is
now a property
function Message(props) {
  // update count dynamically
  return (
    <p>
      You have read <strong>{props.count}</strong> pieces of advice
    </p>
  );
}

```

JSX Template: Babel transpiles JSX code by transforming it into regular JavaScript code. JSX (JavaScript XML) is a syntax extension for JavaScript that allows developers to write HTML-like code within JavaScript. Babel is a toolchain that is primarily used to convert ECMAScript 2015+ (ES6+) code into a backwards-compatible version of JavaScript that can be run in older browsers or environments.

When Babel encounters JSX code, it transforms it into function calls that create React elements. Here's a simplified explanation of how Babel transpiles JSX:

1. ****Parsing****: Babel first parses the JSX syntax into an Abstract Syntax Tree (AST), which is a structured representation of the code.

2. **Transformation**: Babel then transforms the JSX AST into equivalent JavaScript code. This transformation involves replacing JSX elements with `React.createElement()` function calls.

3. **Generation**: Finally, Babel generates the transpiled JavaScript code from the transformed AST.

For example, given the following JSX code:

```
```jsx
const element = <h1>Hello, world!</h1>;
```
```

Babel transpiles it into the following JavaScript code:

```
```javascript
const element = React.createElement("h1", null, "Hello, world!");
```
```

In this transpiled code, `React.createElement()` is used to create a React element representing the `<h1>` element with the text content "Hello, world!".

It's important to note that Babel itself doesn't understand JSX syntax natively; instead, it relies on plugins like `@babel/preset-react` to handle JSX transformation. This preset includes the necessary plugins to transform JSX into JavaScript that can be understood by browsers or other JavaScript environments.

App.js:

```
-----
import "./App.css";
function App() {
  const title = "Welcome to the new blog!";
  const likes = 50;
  // can output: number, string, and array
  // can't output: boolean and objects
  const link = "https://www.google.com/";

  const ninja = { name: "Yoshi", age: 30 };
  // returning dynamic values
  return (
    <div className="App">
      <div className="content">
        <h1>{title}</h1>
        <p>Liked {likes} times</p>
        { /* <p>{ninja}</p> */ }
      </div>
    </div>
  );
}
```

```

    <p>`${ninja.name} is a ${ninja.age} years old ninja!`</p>
    { /* bunch different element in arrays together and bunch them as string
*/}

    <p>[1, 25, 686]</p>
    { /* use dynamic values as attribute values in element tags */}
    <p>{Math.random() * 20}</p>
    <a rel="noreferrer" target="_blank" href={link}>
      Link to google!
    </a>
  </div>
</div>
);
}

```

```
export default App;
```

Components contain template which makes up the html along with js logic. Components return jsx and In background a transpiler named babel converts all this jsx template into regular JavaScript code when we save the file. class is a reserved keyword in js so we can't use it in jsx.

Components return jsx and exported to use elsewhere.

React converts out (whatever data type we give it to it) into strings before it renders it in the browser.

can output: number, string, and array
 can't output: boolean and objects

Lesson 6 (Adding Styles):

React styles are not bound to a single component, it will be applied to all components in the browser at that time (inspect to see), cause react takes all these styles adds them to head of the webpage. check out styles tag inside head element.

The styles are not scoped into single component, we can use css modules or styled components to scope styles into components.

We can create a global index.css file to implement all our styles.

Inline styling in react:

```
    {/* Inline styling in jsx, the first {} denote dynamic value and inside {} denote an object inside its key-value pair, key = css property, value = css property value (string) */}
```

```
    <a
      href="/create"
      style={{
        color: "#fff",
        backgroundColor: "#f1356d",
        borderRadius: "8px",
      }}
    >
      New Blog
    </a>
```

Lesson 7 (click events):

Home.js

```
const Home = () => {
  const handleClick = (e) => {
    console.log("Hello Ninjas!", e);
  };
  const handleClickAgain = (name, e) => {
    console.log(`Hello ${name}!, ${e.target}`);
  };
  return (
    <div className="home">
      <h2>Homepage</h2>
      {/* passing function reference {handleClick} on clicking function will be
invoked, calling it handleClick() will invoke the function without clicking
*/}
      <button onClick={handleClick}>Click me!</button>
      {/*Avoid this handleClickAgain(name) as it will invoke the function
without clicking it, passing in argument to function: wrap inside anonymous
function '() => {
        handleClickAgain("Mario");
      }', e.g. handleClick is similar like () => { console.log(Hello
Ninjas!)} as we are not invoking the function with () we are referencing it, on
clicking the anonymous function is invoked then handleClickAgain("Mario") with
"Mario" argument, we can also remove curly braces ({})) cause it's one line, in
jsx {} indicates dynamic value */}
      <button onClick={{(e) => handleClickAgain("Mario", e)}}>
        Click me again!
      </button>
```

```
    {/* Event object/parameter we automatically get access to it when an
event occurs. As the first parameter of the function (referenced function), In
the second case: anonymous function gets access to event object, now will pass
that in handleClickAgain("Mario") function as 2nd argument */}
```

```
    </div>
```

```
  );
```

```
};
```

```
export default Home;
```

Lesson 8(useState hook):

State of a component means data being used on that component in a particular time.

It could be an array of values, booleans, string, objects or any other data that our component uses.

We created some variables and used them in our template before (refer to React Practice.pdf App.js file) but if we need to change variable or data over time or in reaction to some event (user clicking a button)

Home.js (Before using useState Hook):

```
// Destructure useState hook from react library, this grabs us the function
from the react library, now we can use it in our component
import { useState } from "react";
```

```
const Home = () => {
  let name = "Mario";
  const handleClick = () => {
    // Updating the value will not reflect in the template
    name = "Luigi";
    /* name itself changed to luigi but it doesn't get updated in the template
(view in browser console) cause the variable we have created is not reactive
(let name = "Mario") means react doesn't watch it for changes, when its value
changes it doesn't trigger react to re-render the template with the new value
inside it (name variable in this case) and we continue to see the old value
(Mario) in the browser, to make this work we need to make the value reactive so
that when it changes react detects that and it re-renders the template with the
new value (where we output it in the template) and updated value is visible to
the browser to implement this we use hook which is called useState(). Hook in
react is a special type of function that does a certain job, it generally
starts with the word use. useState hook provides us a way to make reactive
```

value, also provides a way to change that value whenever we want. So to use useState hook we need to import it */

```
    console.log(name);
  };

  // const handleClickAgain = (name, e) => {
  //   console.log(`Hello ${name}!, ${e.target}`);
  // };

  return (
    <div className="home">
      <h2>Homepage</h2>

      <p>{name}</p>
      {/* onclicking button change the value of name variable */}
      <button onClick={handleClick}>Click me!</button>
      {/* <button onClick={(e) => handleClickAgain("Mario", e)}>
        Click me again!
      </button> */}
    </div>
  );
};
```

export default Home;

Home.js (After using useState Hook):

// Destructure useState hook from react library, this grabs us the function from the react library, now we can use it in our component

```
import { useState } from "react";
```

```
const Home = () => {
  // let name = "Mario";
  // Make a reactive value using useState, we give this useState a initial value for example (Mario), we want to store this in some variable. We use array destructuring to grab 2 values that this hook returns to us, first value is the initial value (name), 2nd value is a function that we can use to change that value most times it's called set[whatever the name of value to be changed]
  const [name, setName] = useState("Mario");
  const [age, setAge] = useState(23);
  const handleClick = () => {
    /* changing the state data using setName, this useState value is reactive if we change it it's gonna change in the template as well, when we use this function to change the value that triggers react to re-render the component upon re-rendering it has the new value of name cause it's been updated. We can
```

```

use this hook (useState) as many times in our component for different values
other than name like it can be array, object, boolean etc. like 'const [age,
setAge] = useState(0)' The data type of state we are using doesn't matter */
    setName("Luigi");
    // update age to 30
    setAge(30);
  };

  return (
    <div className="home">
      <h2>Homepage</h2>
      /* At first it will give us the initial value (Mario), to change this
value we can use the setName function */
      <p>
        {name} is {age} years old.
      </p>
      <button onClick={handleClick}>Click me!</button>
    </div>
  );
};

```

/* Conclusion: When we need a reactive value something that might change at some point we use the useState hook to do that we pass in an initial value and we can output that value in the template and then we just call the set function 2nd value we get in the destructured array to update it and that triggers re-render and the new value is going to be output to the browser in this template, so this hook is very useful 😊 */

```
export default Home;
```

Lesson 9 (React Dev Tools):

React Dev tools integrate with browser development tools and gives us extra features that we can use on any website created with react. To extra tabs components, and profiler is available. Components is more useful. This gives us component diagram or component tree of our current app. Hovering over it provides extra info about the component.

Important tabs in react dev tools:

1. Inspect the matching DOM element. (eye icon)
2. Log this component data to the console. (bug icon)

Change of state (data) under hooks tab can be viewed in home (by selecting it from component tree) component by clicking the button (click me). Changes in state in a component can be tracked here.

If we log the home component to the console we can see the hooks property with array of objects and each object represents the piece of state we have with properties name, value, id, isStateEditable etc.

Lesson 10 (Outputting Lists):

Goal: Outputting list of blogs in our template.

Create some states to represent these blogs. We will be using useState hook cause data might change at some point we might delete the blog, we need react to update the DOM when that happens.

Home.js (lecture 10: Outputting List)

```
import { useState } from "react";

const Home = () => {
  /* destructure the two values, initial value of this state is an array of
  objects, each objects represent a blog with title, body, author, and id
  property. This id is going to be used by react when we output this data, each
  id needs to be unique for each one of the items/blogs. */
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1
  },
    { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2
  },
    {
      title: "Web dev top tips",
      body: "lorem ipsum...",
      author: "mario",
      id: 3,
    },
  ]);
  return (
    <div className="home">
      {/* iterate/loop through blogs array using map method, for each iteration
      as we iterate through this we get access to the item we are currently iterating
      that is blog in this case, when we output list using map method each root
      element in the template that we return must have a key property now this key
      property is something that react uses to keep track of each item in the dom as
      it outputs it, so if data changes at any point say we remove/add new items to
      the array react can keep track of those items. So we must add a key attribute
      to each item that we output, otherwise react can't distinguish between list
      items in the DOM. This normally an id property for each item in the array (we
      already have that in our array of objects) */}
      {blogs.map((blog) => (
```

```

        // what we want to output for each blog
        <div className="blog-preview" key={blog.id}>
            <h2>{blog.title}</h2>
            <p>Written by {blog.author}</p>
        </div>
    )})
</div>
);
};

```

/* Summary: That is how we output a list of data in react. We have a list in this case an array of object which is stored in useState the we map through the data and we take each item into that as we map through it an we output a bit of template for each one (in this case see comment what we want to output for each blog) and each one has a key property which is id in our case but it could be any unique property. Now some css is added for each blog template (view after 'blog previews / list' comment in index.css) */

```
export default Home;
```

Lesson 11 (Props):

If we are building a real blog we might have the list of blogs in various places on our website it might be the homepage, search, category or tag page. So several different areas may use the same logic where we cycling/iterating through blogs and outputting a blog preview for each one. To implement that in our project we'll be repeating the code (map function iteration) over and over again in different components for different pages. Where we have pieces of components or bits of templates that might be reused in different positions or different places in the website we like to make that bit of template into its own reusable component. e.g. if we make a component blog list then we could drop this blog list component in any other components in the project. So if we have category page later on we could just get the blog list component and drop it in. To pass in different data into reusable component every time use it we will do that in form of props. E.g. in the homepage we might list all the blogs and show a preview for all the blogs starting from the latest one but on a search page or search component, we might only show the blogs that match the search term so the data is going to be different the structure is the same (of map function iteration BlogList component) but the blogs that we are going to use (state array of objects/blogs) is going to be different, so we can pass in data into these external components as well in the form of props. An external component of BlogList will contain all the logic/template(jsx) of map iteration and listing blog preview.

Home.js

```

import { useState } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1 },
    { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2 },
    {
      title: "Web dev top tips",
      body: "lorem ipsum...",
      author: "mario",
      id: 3,
    },
  ]);
  return (
    <div className="home">
      { /* {} - Dynamic value */ }
      <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />
    </div>
  );
};

/* Conclusion: That's how we can make a component take in props data and then
use that data inside that component. It makes the Bloglist component more
reusable and it does, we can now use this BlogList component anywhere in our
application whether in home component or in different page component later on
*/
export default Home;

```

BlogList.js

```

// const BlogList = (props) => {
const BlogList = ({ blogs, title }) => {
  /* storing blog property of props object in blogs, we are passing in
properties to props object and grabbing this different properties from this
props object and storing these in this variables now an easier way to do this
is destructuring ('{blogs, title}') as we want blogs and title from props
object */
  // const blogs = props.blogs;
  // const title = props.title;
  // const { blogs, title } = props;
  // console.log(props, blogs);
  return (
    /* In the BlogList component we are trying to map through the blogs data
but this component has no idea of what blogs is. The blogs data is not defined

```

in this component. We can't just use any data in another where it's defined (Home component in this case) right here in home component because it can't reach that. There is 2 ways to fix this: 1st option is to redeclare all this data into BlogList component instead of home (data - ' const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([

```
  { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1
},
  { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2
},
  {
    title: "Web dev top tips",
    body: "lorem ipsum...",
    author: "mario",
    id: 3,
  },
]);
```

the 2nd option is to use props whereby we pass this data from this home component into the BlogList here the 2nd option props will be used for 3 reasons 1st: It's gonna make our BlogList component more reusable and we'll see exactly how later on. 2nd: It allows us to still use this data in home component later on (cause we are not removing it) if we need it in future cause the data is still gonna be declared here in home component. 3rd: It allows to learn how to use props 🤔. Props are a way to pass data from one component(a parent component) into a child component. In this case Home is parent component and BlogList is child component, we will be passing the blogs data into the BlogList component to do that we will make a property name on <BlogList/> tag. We can call it whatever we want it's blogs in this case. So, <BlogList blogs={blogs} /> now this is being passed into BlogList component (check home component code) as a prop (blogs={blogs} - this is a prop). We need to receive it here in BlogList component we get access to an argument inside this function/component called props. Now this blogs property will be in props object. Any props that we send through (like blogs={blogs}) into a component will be attached to this props object which we automatically get as an argument in the component ('const BlogList = (props)=>{') and we can access them like props.blogs. We can pass in multiple props if we want to like we can pass in title="All Blogs" with a string value */

```
<div className="blog-list">
  <h2>{title}</h2>
  {/* {props.blogs.map((blog) => ( */}
  {blogs.map((blog) => (
    // what we want to output for each blog
    <div className="blog-preview" key={blog.id}>
      <h2>{blog.title}</h2>
      <p>Written by {blog.author}</p>
    </div>
  )}}
</div>
```

```

    );
  };

export default BlogList;
-----

```

Lesson 12 (Reusing components):

We took all this logic (map iteration) from home component and externalized it into BlogList component and we passed props into that component the data which it uses and externalizing all this logic into different component, makes that code more reusable, we can reuse this component in different places in our application where we need it and we can pass different data to it each time.

```

-----
Home.js
-----
import { useState } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1 },
    { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2 },
    {
      title: "Web dev top tips",
      body: "lorem ipsum...",
      author: "mario",
      id: 3,
    },
  ]);
  return (
    <div className="home">
      <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />
      {
        /* pass in filtered data from blogs array, we will take out the blogs
        which doesn't have a author of mario, pass in title of 'Mario's Blogs' which
        was 'All Blogs!' previously, filter method fires a callBack function for each
        item in the array now if we return true for that item it keeps it in the array
        and if we return false it filters it out of the array and it returns a new
        array with the items except filtered out ones and we are passing this that data
        (filtered out array) as a prop, so this BlogList component can be reused and we
        can reuse it with different data which makes it really useful for doing things
        like a search page whereby the title matches the search term for example */
      }
      <BlogList

```

```

        blogs={blogs.filter((blog) => blog.author === "mario")}
        title="Mario's Blogs!"
      />
    </div>
  );
};

```

```
export default Home;
```

```
-----
BlogList.js
```

```

const BlogList = ({ blogs, title }) => {
  return (
    <div className="blog-list">
      <h2>{title}</h2>

      {blogs.map((blog) => (
        <div className="blog-preview" key={blog.id}>
          <h2>{blog.title}</h2>
          <p>Written by {blog.author}</p>
        </div>
      ))}
    </div>
  );
};

```

```
export default BlogList;
```

```
-----
Next Lesson: Updating the state by deleting items from data array (state of
array of objects/blogs)
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```

Lesson 13 (Functions as Props Delete an item):


Allow users to delete blogs by clicking on the button. We need a button inside the BlogList component for each blog that we output doing that below the author {blog.author}.

```
BlogList.js
```

```

const BlogList = ({ blogs, title, handleDelete }) => {
  /* function to delete blog using id: here we want to delete the blog with
  that id from blog data, now the data is initialize in home component useState
  (this is where the state is), we don't want to directly edit the blogs prop
  (blogs prop - that is passed in in this component from Home component) (we

```

shouldn't do that) instead we need to use `setBlogs` method inside `Home` component to the update the state (change the state after deleting an item (blog)) that's what we need to do, it's not good to defined `handleDelete` function in here (in `BlogList` component) instead we want it to be defined in the home component, so we can interact with the data directly and then we can pass in this data (returned data from `handleDelete` function, the data after deleting) through as prop, so we can create a prop called `handleDelete` in `Home` component and set it equal to `handleDelete` function e.g. `handleDelete={handleDelete}` and the in `BlogList` we can accept this function as a prop in `BlogList` component and we are using it in the `onClick` event see below , So we are invoking this function which is defined in the parent home component and inside home component we can use `setBlogs` function to update the state and we can remove the blog with this id (check `handleDelete` function in `Home` component) */

```
return (  
  <div className="blog-list">  
    <h2>{title}</h2>  
    {blogs.map((blog) => (  
      <div className="blog-preview" key={blog.id}>  
        <h2>{blog.title}</h2>  
        <p>Written by {blog.author}</p>  
        {/* button with click event handler (onClick), invoke an anonymous  
function while clicking it (Note: We pass in function expression (body of  
function or function name)), we'll pass in the id of the blog we want to delete  
so that we can find it in the array and delete it, we have access to the blog  
and the id property is in the blog, so we are passing that (blog.id) into  
handleDelete function so we know in here which blog to delete, this click event  
invokes the handleDelete function defined in Home component */}  
        <button onClick={() => handleDelete(blog.id)}>Delete blog!</button>  
      </div>  
    )})  
  </div>  
);  
};
```

```
export default BlogList;
```

Home.js

```
import { useState } from "react";  
import BlogList from "../BlogList";
```

```
const Home = () => {  
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
```

```

    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1
  },
  { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2
  },
  {
    title: "Web dev top tips",
    body: "lorem ipsum...",
    author: "mario",
    id: 3,
  },
]);

```

```

const handleDelete = (id) => {
  /* store the new array temporarily in newBlogs, the filter method doesn't
  change the original (blogs) array it doesn't mutate (change) it, It returns a
  new filtered array, blog id that doesn't match this passed id will remain in
  the array id that is not matched is removed, the new array is stored in
  newBlogs */
  const newBlogs = blogs.filter((blog) => blog.id !== id);
  /* we will use setBlogs to set new value (filtered array of objects/blogs
  (newBlogs)) for blogs, see the defined array of objects up 👉 in the useState
  that is previous (initial) value and we will update the state by setting the
  value of blogs to newBlogs, fingers crossed 🤞, upon refreshing the modified
  newBlogs state will not persist the state will set back to initial state as it
  re rendering, re-running the code, that's how we are passing functions
  (handleDelete) into other components (BlogList) as props from parent
  component(Home) */
  setBlogs(newBlogs);
};

return (
  <div className="home">
    /* we can pass in this data (returned data from handleDelete function,
the
    data after deleting) through as prop, so we can create a prop called
    handleDelete in Home component and set it equal to handleDelete function
    e.g. handleDelete={handleDelete} */
    <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" handleDelete={handleDelete} />
  </div>
);
};

```

/* conclusion: handleDelete function is defined where the original initial data is in the home component we will not be modifying blogs prop instead we will pass this handleDelete function as prop to BlogList component and use it in there in the onClick method by invoking it with the id of the blog to be

deleted this handleDelete function defined in Home component since then invoked and uses setBlogs(newBlogs) to change value of blogs to newBlogs filtered array upon refreshing the code reruns and the state(data) of blogs is set back to initial value */

```
export default Home;
```

Lesson 14 (useEffect Hook):

We have seen a useState hook that is used to create some state for the component. But there are many other hooks that we can use in React. One such is useEffect - this hook runs a function at every render of the components, remember the component renders initially when it first loads and the rendering also happens when the state changes it re renders the dom so we can update that state in the browser, so this useEffect hook is a way to run code on every render and that can be useful for many different reasons which we're going to see later on, now focus on how can we use it.

First thing to do import it from react - (import { useState, useEffect } from "react")

Home.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1 },
    { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2 },
    {
      title: "Web dev top tips",
      body: "lorem ipsum...",
      author: "mario",
      id: 3,
    },
  ]);

  const handleDelete = (id) => {
    const newBlogs = blogs.filter((blog) => blog.id !== id);
    setBlogs(newBlogs);
  };
};
```

/* use useEffect hook - we don't store it inside a constant it doesn't return anything all we need to do is pass as an argument a function, this function the function that's going to run every time there is a re-render so once initially when the component first loads but thereafter anytime the data changes, normally in this function inside useEffect we could do something like fetch data or communicate with some kind of authentication service and those things are known as side effects in react, but for now we are doing simple console.log, if we see in browser console we can observe useEffect ran on refresh and when we delete a blog(changing the data (state) (re-rendering)) so useEffect runs on every render. We can also access the state inside useEffect, so if we want to output the blogs we can do 'console.log(blogs)' inside useEffect. If we inspect the browser console we can see the blogs data on every render as useEffect runs, Need to be careful about changing the state inside useEffect because because we could end up in a loop of continuous renders (e.g. setting state inside useEffect 'setBlogs(newBlogs)') 😊. In this scenario, Initially the component renders to the DOM which will trigger useEffect function to run that would then update the state and the state(data) would change and that would trigger a re-render on that re-render again that triggers this function in useEffect to run and this goes on again and again creating a endless loop, there are ways to fix it which we will see later */

```
useEffect(() => {
  console.log("useEffect ran");
  console.log(blogs);
});

return (
  <div className="home">
    <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" handleDelete={handleDelete} />
  </div>
);
};
```

/* Conclusion: This useEffect hook is really really useful for running any kind of code that we need to run at every render. It can be used for things like fetching data we're gonna see that later. Next up we gonna look at dependencies of useEffect */

export default Home;

Lesson 15 (useEffect Dependencies):

useEffect hook the function inside it fires after every render, that happens once initially when the component first loads but thereafter every time the state changes and we re-render the template. But we don't want to run a function after every single render rather maybe only after certain renders to

do that we can use dependency array, this is an array that we can pass into `useEffect` hook as a second argument like this:

```
useEffect(() => {
  console.log("useEffect ran");
  console.log(blogs);
}, []);
  👉 (2nd argument)
```

Passing an empty array - this ensures that `useEffect` hook runs only after the first initial render, thereafter if the state (data) changes it won't run the function again. It only runs it once. This is useful if we want to only run the function once after the first render.

Now we can also add actual dependencies to this array, meaning any state (data) values that should trigger the `useEffect` function to run when they change. To demonstrate we are creating another piece of state.

Home.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
    { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1 },
    { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2 },
    {
      title: "Web dev top tips",
      body: "lorem ipsum...",
      author: "mario",
      id: 3,
    },
  ]);

  const [name, setName] = useState("Mario");

  const handleDelete = (id) => {
    const newBlogs = blogs.filter((blog) => blog.id !== id);
    setBlogs(newBlogs);
  };

  /* We want to run this useEffect at the beginning when the component first
  renders but also whenever a certain value changes (in this case name meaning if
```

this state changes - ``const [name, setName] = useState("Mario")`` so the `useEffect` function will run only when the name state changes, given name will become the dependency we add into the 2nd argument ``[name]`` - now `useEffect` is going to watch this value and if it changes it will run the function. Now on the first render `useEffect` still runs displayed `console.log(name)` output `mario` on browser console. If if we delete the blogs it will not run cause it's only watching for changes in name state not in blogs state cause blogs is not in the dependency array, but if we change the name it does run the function (see the console) cause name is in the dependency array & when it changes the function inside `useEffect` is ran). Now one thing to notice: after changing the name state to `luigi`, if we click the change name button again it will not run again. Cause although it is using `setName("Luigi")` function to change the state it's not actually changing the value anymore cause it's already `luigi` at this point (we already clicked the button changing the state to `luigi`) so state is not changing and we are not triggering that re-render and therefore the function inside `useEffect` (`useEffect`) in general is not running */

```
useEffect(() => {
  console.log("useEffect ran");
  // console.log(blogs);
  console.log(name);
}, [name]);

return (
  <div className="home">
    <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" handleDelete={handleDelete} />
    {/* this onClick event will invoke an anonymous function which then
invokes the setName(function that changes the state - data) */}
    <button onClick={() => setName("Luigi")}>Change name</button>
    {/* Outputting, the name in a paragraph */}
    <p>{name}</p>
  </div>
);
};
```

/* Conclusion: That's how we can use dependencies this dependency array is the 2nd argument to `useEffect` to control when this `useEffect` function runs */

`export default Home;`

Lesson 16(Using Json Server):

Fetching Data using `useEffect` - it is good place to fetch data in a component cause we know it runs the function (function inside `useEffect` sent as 1st argument) when the component first renders initially, and that's generally when

we want to go and fetch some data and then we can use that data in our application instead of the data that we already have in the blogs state:

```
`const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState([
  { title: "My new website", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "mario", id: 1
},
  { title: "Welcome party!", body: "lorem ipsum...", author: "yoshi", id: 2
},
  {
    title: "Web dev top tips",
    body: "lorem ipsum...",
    author: "mario",
    id: 3,
  },
])`
```

Cause typically in an web app we will not have hard coded data like this, instead it will probably come from a database using an api endpoint (rest api). We are gonna using json server which will allow us to build a fake rest api just using a json file that we can use to test this out.

1st step is to create a json file which is going to act as our database, this will reside in data folder of root directory of dojo-blog. in `data/db.json`

[db.json is one property called blogs with an array of two other objects]

```
db.json
-----
{
  "blogs": [
    {
      "title": "My First Blog",
      "body": "Why do we use it?\nIt is a long established fact that a reader
will be distracted ",
      "author": "mario",
      "id": 1
    },
    {
      "title": "Opening Party",
      "body": "Why do we use it?\nIt is a long established fact that a reader
will be distracted ",
      "author": "yoshi",
      "id": 2
    }
  ]
}
```

so each object is a blog with title, body, author, and id, we have two objects/blogs in total and when we're using json server each top level property is considered a resource so we just have one top level property blogs (which contains the array with 2 objects) so it sees that as resource and creates endpoints for us to interact with this resource so we can do things like delete items from it, add items to it, edit items, get the items etc so that is db.json file in a nutshell.

```
// comments are not allowed in json
```

```
-----  
-----
```

Now we'll use json server package to watch this file (db.json) and wrap it with some endpoints. So there is 2 options here either 1. Install json server package locally into this project and then use it or 2. Use npx like we did to create-react-app to run the code from web and it will still watch our file right here `db.json`, that's is what we are gonna do. Open up different terminal rather than that's running our local development server(localhost:3000).

We need to install json-server with 2 flags: (watch and port)

```
`npx json-server --watch data/db.json --port 8000`
```

watch followed by the path of the file to watch.

And the port number where json-server will run.

After running it (the command above) is going to watch db.json and will wrap it with some api endpoints.

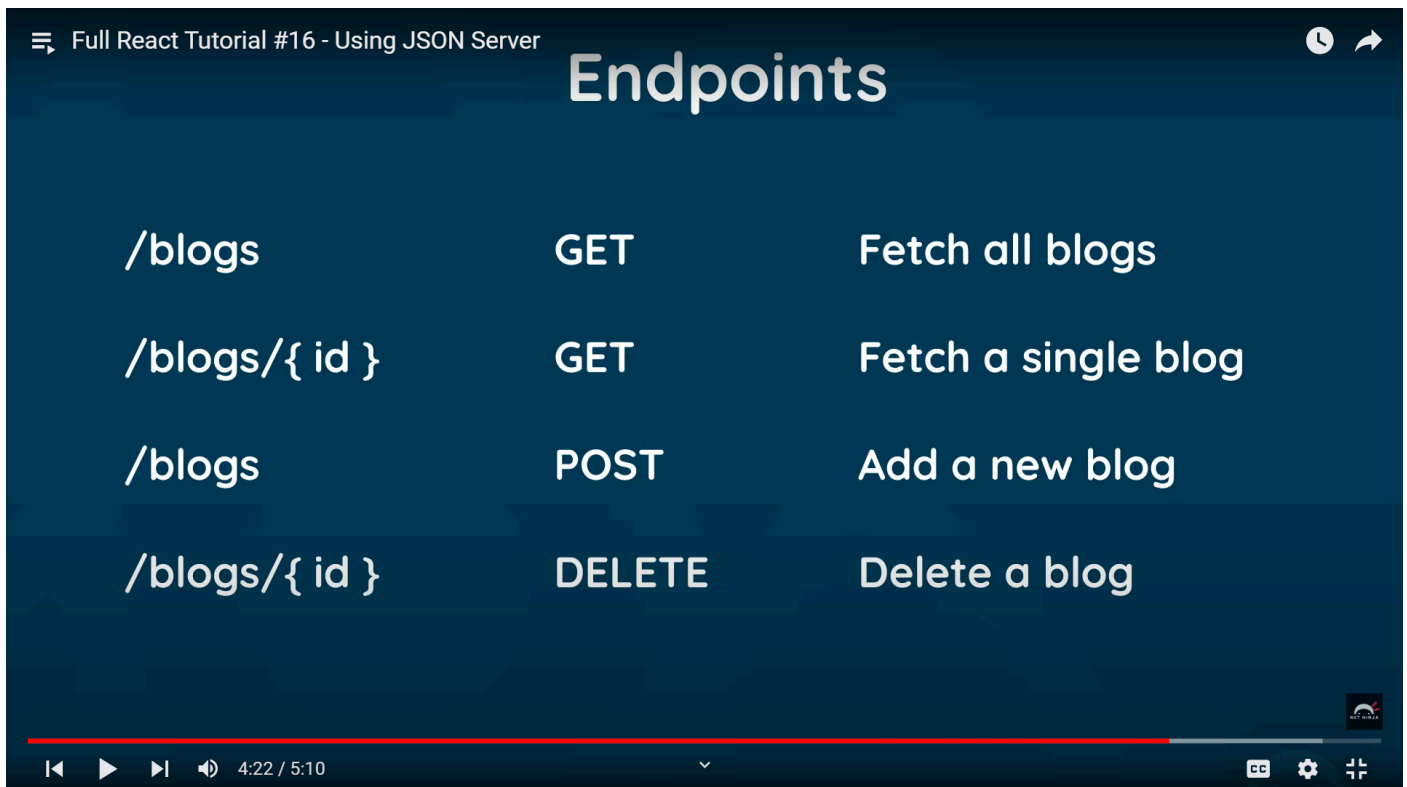
It picked up that we have a blogs resource: <http://localhost:8000/blogs>

So if we want to send a get request to get all of the blogs we would use this endpoint: <http://localhost:8000/blogs> - we can view this url in browser and see the data typically we're not gonna be using the browser to get that data instead we're gonna be using a fetch request inside our component using these different endpoints right here. Now at the moment we can see this:

<http://localhost:8000/blogs> endpoint but it also provides us with other endpoints. The endpoints we are gonna be using (provided by json-server to us) is shown in the JSON server API endpoint image in lecture summary. This is not all of the endpoints, just the ones we will be using. The use of these endpoints is also provided in the image. The first one we already tested in the browser (refer to the image) - <http://localhost:8000/blogs>.

/blogs/{id} - <http://localhost:8000/blogs/1> (1 is the id)

The Image :



Lesson 17 (fetching data using useEffect):

Fetch data inside `useEffect` hook - it's going to run when the component first renders that's is the only time it's going to run cause we passed an `[]` empty dependency array to `useEffect` as 2nd argument.

We are not gonna use initial data hardcoded data for `blogs` state instead we will set the initial value as `null`. Upon successfully fetching the data from `db.json` file we are going to update the `'blogs'` state (data) using `'setBlogs'` with the data we get back.

Let's make that fetch request, `fetch('endpoint')` = format of fetch

Home.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState(null);

  // const handleDelete = (id) => {
  //   const newBlogs = blogs.filter((blog) => blog.id !== id);
  //   setBlogs(newBlogs);
  // }
```

```
// };
```

```
useEffect(() => {
```

```
  /* get request to `http://localhost:8000/blogs` this returns to us a
  promise, we can't use async we can't use await inside this to implement that we
  need to externalize a function with all of this logic inside it and make that
  asynchronous. But here we going to use `then` method, so this will fire a
  function once this promise has resolved so once we have the data back, first of
  all we get a response object, this response object is actually not the data is
  just a response object and in order to get the data we have to do something
  with the response object and this is when we just use the fetch api
  (`http://localhost:8000/blogs`), So we need to use `res.json()` to pass the
  json into javascript object */
```

```
  fetch("http://localhost:8000/blogs")
```

```
    .then((res) => {
```

```
      /* and this passes the json into a javascript object, we need to return
      this value and when we return this it returns another promise cause res.json()
      is also asynchronous it takes some time to do. so we need chain another then
      method which is going to fire a function once `res.json` is complete and this
      function (function inside then method that is chained 2nd time) takes in as
      parameter the actual data that `res.json` gets us. So use the res (response)
      object use the json method on that (res.json) and chain another then method
      whereby we get the data. So this data is going to be whatever in here in
      db.json in javascript format or rather a javascript array (the array starting
      from the top level resource `blogs`). We are logging the data inspect browser,
      now we are going to update initial null value given to the blogs state using
      setBlogs, if we put this setBlogs function inside useEffect it is not going to
      cause an infinite loop cause we have put the empty dependency array ensuring it
      only runs after first initial render not whenever the data changes */
```

```
      return res.json();
```

```
    })
```

```
    .then((data) => {
```

```
      console.log(data);
```

```
      setBlogs(data);
```

```
    });
```

```
  }, []);
```

```
  return (
```

```
    <div className="home">
```

```
      /* Upon uncommenting the following line there might still be a error,
      here we are passing blogs as a prop to the BlogList component and then inside
      the BlogList the error is occuring in the map method, where we trying to map
      through the blogs that we pass through now the blogs should be the data that we
      have seen in the console `console.log('data')` in 2nd chained then method. So
      why it is not working? It's not working cause it takes a fraction of time to
      get that data and initially the value of blogs is null and we're passing in
```


null (in below line as prop to BlogList `blogs={blogs}`) when the app first loads in the browser so in the BlogList component blogs (blog property destructured from props object and stored in blogs `blogs = props.blogs`) is null and we are trying to use map method on null at the very start once we get the data it should work fine but to begin with until we have that data we get the error. So how do we combat this? So we don't want to output the below line until we have a value for blogs. So we are going to short circuit && operator by wrapping the whole line in {} which denotes javascript [&& ShortCircuiting: When first value is true the and operator will automatically return the second operand. No matter what that is. When first value is false (here null is a falsy value) the and operator will automatically return first value and doesn't check the second value. That is short circuiting. This acts little bit like if statement]. This is called conditional templating in react. So if the the left operand (here that is null and evaluates to false) is false it doesn't even bother checking the right operand (it short circuits), the <BlogList/> is not outputted here. If the blogs left operand evaluates as true, this moves to the right operand and evaluates <BlogList/> by evaluating this it outputs it to the screen. So the right operand is only ever going to be output if the left operand is true and that's generally how we can conditionally output parts of template🔥(I think it means one template or the other) we're going to see more of this later. So that's all */

```
    {blogs && <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />}
  </div>
);
};
```

/* Conclusion: So we are fetching the data as soon as the component first renders at that moment in time once we have the data we update the state right here `setBlogs(data)` once we update the state it has a value it outputs this `<BlogList/>` and this passes through that value `blogs={blogs}` then we cycle through them in BlogList component and render them to DOM */

/* Now we are going to remove the buttons to delete the blog because if we are deleting the blog it's just from local data and yes it'll work because we're storing this into local data in the state `in blogs state. Also notice we're updating blogs state upon deleting using setBlogs(newBlogs) in handleDelete function that runs on onClick event` but ultimately we are going to make delete request to db.json file so let's get rid of handleDelete functionality cause we don't need that anymore from Home component and in BlogList component, that is passed function as prop to BlogList component. So now it's gone */

/* Next up we're going to see more about conditional templates (using logical operators) and how to output a loading message as we're trying to fetch the data */

```
export default Home;
```

BlogList.js

/* Removing the handleDelete function that was passed as prop from home component to BlogList component, also the button that is used to invoke it */

```
const BlogList = ({ blogs, title }) => {
  return (
    <div className="blog-list">
      <h2>{title}</h2>
      {blogs.map((blog) => (
        <div className="blog-preview" key={blog.id}>
          <h2>{blog.title}</h2>
          <p>Written by {blog.author}</p>
          {/* <button onClick={() => handleDelete(blog.id)}>Delete
blog!</button> */}
        </div>
      ))}
    </div>
  );
};
```

```
export default BlogList;
```

Lesson 18 (Conditional Loading Message):

Currently in our app we render the BlogList `{blogs && <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />}` once we have blogs data and until then we don't render it. Now it would be nice to create a loading message while the data is being fetched so that user knows something is loading if it takes time to do, now our fetch is very quick because we're just making a fetch locally to our computer. But most times fetch will be to another server over the internet and slower in which case the user will see that loading message while we fetch the data.

To do this, we're going to create an additional piece of state inside the home component and this is going to be called isPending and the function to change it's value that is setIsPending with initial value set to true:

```
const [isPending, setIsPending] = useState("true");
```

Now we will implement another conditional template ->

Home.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";
```

```

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState(null);
  const [isPending, setIsPending] = useState("true");

  useEffect(() => {
    /* Since it happens too fast we're gonna add 1 sec/1000 millisec delay to
    it, so that we can show the loading message. This setTimeout function (the
    anonymous function inside it) will fire after 1 sec then we can perform the
    fetching operation, so that just makes fetch a little more realistic in terms
    of the amount of time it takes to get the data. Don't use setTimeout for
    real-world apps 😊 cause we're just forcing our user to wait another 1 second
    when they don't need to. This is just to kind of simulate the idea of the
    request taking little bit of time so it makes it a bit more realistic */
    setTimeout(() => {
      fetch("http://localhost:8000/blogs")
        .then((res) => {
          return res.json();
        })
        .then((data) => {
          console.log(data);
          setBlogs(data);
          // Setting isPending to false once we have the data, therefore
updating the state
          setIsPending(false);
        });
    }, 1000);
  }, []);

  return (
    <div className="home">
      {/* only when isPending is true we want to show a loading message. Now to
      begin with isPending is true it is true as it's initial value set to true so
      user will see it. This shows it, but we want to show it only when the fetch is
      going on and We don't want to show it once we have the data. So once we have
      the data in 2nd chained .then method available to us we can set isPending to
      false. See Up 🙌. Upon refreshing we can see the loading h2 for split second.
      To see it better we can use chrome dev tools and set the throttling to
      mid-tier-mobile. */}
      {isPending && <h2>Loading.....</h2>}
      {blogs && <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />}
    </div>
  );
};

/* Conclusion: That's how we can conditionally output a loading message */
export default Home;

```

Next up we're gonna look at fetching errors🔥

Lesson 19 (Handling Fetch Errors):

One more thing to do in home component is to handle any kind of error when we try to make the fetch. That could be an error which is sent back from the server or it could be connection error where we can't even connect to the server in these cases we wouldn't be getting the data back and we need to let the user know that there is some kind of error. So the first thing to do, is add a catch block (chain this method to 2nd chained then method)

Home.ejs

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";

const Home = () => {
  const [blogs, setBlogs] = useState(null);
  const [isPending, setIsPending] = useState("true");
  // Creating state to show the error in the browser, to begin with this state
  will have the initial value of null
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    setTimeout(() => {
      fetch("http://localhost:8000/blogs")
        .then((res) => {
          /* Read 2nd: take the response object `res` and check the `ok`
property on the response object and in fact before we do that we are going to
comment the if block and log the response object (res). Now check the logged
response object where we get `ok` property. The value of this `ok` property
will be true if everything is fine and we get the data back. If we don't get
the data back for example if we send a request to an endpoint that is faulty or
that doesn't exist then value of `ok` property will be false, so what we want
to do is check is the response okay or rather is it not okay because if this
`ok` property is false the we want to throw an error. So we'll uncomment the if
block and we will check not if the response is okay but if it's not okay
(!false = true, condition will be true and the if block will execute) now at
this point in this if block we want to throw an error, cause it means there is
an error coming back from the server so we'll throw it right here like this
(this is how we throw an error): throw Error('Our own error message'). So when
we throw an error in this fetch it catches it in the catch block/method. So if
it's not ok it throws the error and we catch that error with the message
attached to it. So we should see that message in `console.log(err.message)`.
Now at the moment it's not gonna fire that message because that response is
```

okay (ok property is true) but if we change our endpoint to something that doesn't exist like add another `s` see the fetch argument 🙌. So the endpoint will become faulty it's going to make request to the server and the server will send an error back so `if (!res.ok) {`

```
    throw Error("Could not fetch the data for that resource");
  }` block will be fired and then we will throw our own error and we'll catch this error in catch block. So it shows in the console `Could not fetch the data for that resource`. So now we're catching the errors what we would like to do to store the error in some kind of state so that we could output it to the browser  */
```

```
    // console.log(res);
    if (!res.ok) {
      throw Error("Could not fetch the data for that resource");
    }
    return res.json();
  })
  .then((data) => {
    console.log(data);
    setBlogs(data);
    // Setting isPending to false once we have the data, therefore
    updating the state
    setIsPending(false);
    setError(null);
  })
  .catch((err) => {
```

```
    /* Read 1st: This catch block catches any kind of network error, and it will fire a function (that anonymous function with err (we can name this parameter anything we want) parameter). We'll log this error to console. So this will catch any kind of network error, so that's if we can't even connect to server, now we can simulate this kind of error if we open the terminal and terminate (ctrl+c) the json-server. Now we shouldn't be able to connect to the server cause it's not running, and we should catch the error in catch block and will log that to the console. That is a connection error but what if there is another type of error for example imagine our request reaches the server but the server sends an error back maybe if the endpoint that we've tried to fetch from doesn't exist or if the request is denied, in that case this catch block over here doesn't automatically catch those errors when we use the fetch api cause it's still reaching the server and the server is still sending a response(res in this case) object back to us it's just that the response doesn't contain the data and it will contain a different status now in this case we need to check that response object when we get it back, in the first then block we're going to do a if check look up 🙌 */
```

```
    /* Read 3rd: So When we catch the error over here instead of logging it to the console, what we can do to setError to update the state by passing in the error message (err.message property) so whatever message is in the error that could be the error message we are throwing `Could not fetch the data for
```

that resource` or the network error message that we get when we are not able to connect to server, that we saw terminating the json server */

```
// console.log(err.message);

// set isPending message to false when having an error
setIsPending(false);
setError(err.message);
});
}, 1000);
}, []);

return (
  <div className="home">
    {/* Now we can output this error message in our template, if we have a
value for error state (data), again using conditional templating or conditional
rendering by using && operator short circuiting. So we have only have a value
for error this output will be visible. Otherwise it will have the initial falsy
value of `null`. So if we run it the browser we can see it working, however we
still se the Loading..... message cause isPending state is true as we not
updating it as we haven't got the data back because of the error (look the 2nd
chained then method). We don't want to see that Loading..... if we have an
error because it's not actually still loading so what we could do is if we get
an error we also want to set this state (isPending) to be false so it doesn't
show that loading message. So we are gonna do that as well. See up 🙌. No we
will set the error to null inside 2nd chained then method if we get data
because if we try to make subsequent request by fetching the data again (after
already getting the data) at any point we want to get rid of the error message
if it's successful so the previous error(any error connection or faulty
endpoint fetch error etc.) is resolved then there is no point showing the
previous error in the template therefore error state is going to be changed to
null. So we are gonna do setError(null) by setting the state to null thereby
updating the state */}
    {error && <div>{error}</div>}
    {isPending && <div>Loading.....</div>}
    {blogs && <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />}
  </div>
);
};

export default Home;
```

Lesson 20 (Making a custom hook):

We put together all this logic inside the useEffect hook to update all of these all of these state properties to output the data or a loading message or an

error if there is one and everything is working fine and it's fine to be left like this but what if we wanna do same kind of thing in another component in the future where we fetch some data we create state for the data itself the error and isPending property etc. We'd essentially have to rewrite all of this code in that component again and that's not very efficient, (no re usability as we need to rewrite all this in another component) It's not easy to manage especially if we're using this code in few different places in our application. So it would be good if we can make use of all of this code again in different components so make it a bit more reusable so we don't have to continually write it out again and again for example what we could do is we could rip it all out of this component and put in it's own javascript file and then we just import that into this file to use it and we could also import that into any other component that might need to use the same logic in the future and this way we're only writing and maintaining the code in one place (in it's own javascript file) and not in several different places over different components that need to fetch data. So when we do something like this by externalizing the logic into its own file we're creating something called a custom hook in react so a bit like useState and useEffect have their own specific functionality as hooks we'd be creating a custom hook with specific ability to fetch data, So in order to make this custom hook the first thing we're going to do is make a new file inside the source `src` folder called `useFetch.js`.

Inside this we'll place all the functionality to fetch data exactly as we did exactly in the home component. But first of all we need to create a function to put the code in and this function will be the hook itself.

useFetch.js

```
/* custom hooks in react needs to start with the word use otherwise it won't work, Now grab the whole useEffect thing in here now paste it inside the hook/function (useFetch - this function called a hook cause it starts with the word use). Now we need to do some tweaks first of all we need to import the useEffect hook and we also need to register all of the states as well because currently the state is in home component, but we're not setting the state in home component anymore we're setting them here in useFetch. So we're grabbing all the states and bringing them here from home component. We'll also import useState and useEffect in order to use them. We'll export this function/hook (Component functions starts with capital letter this function is a hook not an component) to use it in other components and we'll call the blogs state data cause we want to make this reusable so in the future if we're using this hook fetch data it might be to fetch a different type of resource for example tags or categories so it makes no sense to call it blogs all the time. So change state name to data in the function to update this state to setData. Notice the parameter inside the first chained then method is also called data but it will not affect us cause it's local version inside this function (the anonymous function). So it doesn't matter if the names clash. Last thing to do is to
```

return some values from useFetch function. So we know hooks(useState, useEffect) return some values, we can do the same thing in our custom hooks, so at the bottom useFetch function we're gonna return some values */

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";

const useFetch = (url) => {
  const [data, setData] = useState(null);
  const [isPending, setIsPending] = useState("true");
  // Creating state to show the error in the browser, to begin with this state
  // will have the initial value of null
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);

  useEffect(() => {
    setTimeout(() => {
      fetch(url)
        .then((res) => {
          // console.log(res);
          if (!res.ok) {
            throw Error("Could not fetch the data for that resource");
          }
          return res.json();
        })
        .then((data) => {
          console.log(data);
          setData(data);
          // Setting isPending to false once we have the data, therefore
          // updating the state
          setIsPending(false);
          setError(null);
        })
        .catch((err) => {
          // console.log(err.message);
          // set isPending message to false when having an error
          setIsPending(false);
          setError(err.message);
        });
    }, 1000);
  }, [url]);
```

/* return an object and place 3 values inside this object, the return value can be whatever we like it could be an array like useState(useState returns an array we destructure that array) or it could be a string or boolean in our case it's an object with three properties they are data, isPending, and error cause when we use this useFetch hook inside another file/component in future we'll be able to grab this properties from the hook that's what we want to get. One more thing we want to do is to pass in the api endpoint (url) into the function rather than hardcode it in `fetch("http://localhost:8000/blogs")` cause if

we're using this useFetch hook in another file or in different component at some point it might not always be to the same endpoint (url). So we'll use a parameter of url in useFetch function and inside fetch as well `fetch(url)`. Now we need to pass an argument to this useFetch url parameter whenever we want to call it, that also means that we're gonna place url as dependency to the useEffect dependency array `[url]` and that means whenever the url changes it's going to rerun this function to get the data for that endpoint. (assuming we're going to create state variable of url and setUrl function to update it in other component - Not sure about this 😊). Now we're going to import this useFetch function in our Home component and then use it */

```
    return { data, isPending, error };
  };
// export it to use it in other components
export default useFetch;
```

Home.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
import BlogList from "../BlogList";
// import useFetch required
import useFetch from "../useFetch";

const Home = () => {
  /* destructure the three properties we get back returned from useFetch
  function, we could have returned array in useFetch and destructure it here, but
  returning object is beneficial cause then order of these properties doesn't
  matter as long as the destructured variable names and property names are
  same**, and we can just grab isPending without getting other returned
  properties if that's what we want. Now the initial value to this hook we need
  to pass in the endpoint as argument to useFetch(url) parameter. So that's the
  resource we're trying to fetch */
  /* data: blogs - this means grab the `data` but call it blogs in this
  context, so now when we pass blogs in we're just passing in data `blogs =
  data`. Let's save and see this if it works 🙌 */
  const {
    data: blogs,
    isPending,
    error,
  } = useFetch("http://localhost:8000/blogs");

  return (
    <div className="home">
      {error && <div>{error}</div>}
      {isPending && <div>Loading.....</div>}
      /* Changing the blogs state to data */
      {blogs && <BlogList blogs={blogs} title="All Blogs!" />}
    </div>
  );
};
```

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    </div>
  );
};
// *** Need to verify it in browser console

/* So that's how we can make a custom hook. So now this is more reusable now we
don't have to redo all of this logic in every component that needs to make a
fetch all we need to do is one line of code destructure and pass the endpoint
in (doesn't matter what that is ) It's going to try and fetch that data and
bring it back to us we get a loading state (isLoading) and also an error if
there is one which we can use in that component in general. This results into
neat and tidy components that are easier to read */
export default Home;

```

Lesson 21 (The React Router):

So far, our application has only single page, we don't navigate around to other pages, we just have single home page. Most websites we create going to have probably more than one page, so we need a way to introduce multiple different pages or routes in our react application and the way we do this in react is with the react router but before we talk about how that works let us know how a typical multi-page website works.

Typical website not using react handling multiple pages: Start in the browser by typing a url in the address bar and hitting enter that sends a request to that server for that address and the server handles it. The server is generally going to send back full html page which we then view in a browser now if a user was to click on a link on that website to another page like the contact page it then sends a brand new request to the server and then the server responds by sending back a new contact html page and we view that in the browser and the cycle would continue over and over as we click other page links on the website. So we're constantly making request to the server for new pages.

Websites using react handling multiple pages:

Now react applications don't work like this. They delegate all the routing and changing of page content to the browser only and it starts the same way we make an initial request in the browser the server then responds to that by sending back the html page to the browser but it also sends back our compiled react javascript files which controls our react application. So from this point on, react and the react router can take full control of the application. So initially, the html page we get back is virtually empty and then react injects the content dynamically using the components that we create if we then decide to click on a link to a new page the react router is going to step in and intercept that request to stop it from going to the server and instead it's going to look at the new page request and inject the required content on the screen. For example clicking on a contact link the react router will tell react

to inject the contact component in the browser, if we were to click in a about link it would tell react to inject the about component and so forth. So this is generally the way react router works. We assign a top-level component for each route or page and that component is dynamically injected into the browser when we visit that route. Now this whole process, means that we're making less request to the server and the whole website therefore feels faster and slicker. Now we know from a bird's eye perspective how it works. Let's set it up in our code:

We need to install react router package cause it's not part of the core react library. So on a new terminal execute(@5 - version 5, this version is used in this tutorial):

```
`npm i react-router-dom@5`
```

Now look into `package.json` if it's there, so remember when we install something it goes into the `node_modules` folder.

Set up routing for our application: 1st thing to do go to the root component that is App.js, we need to import few things from react-router package in here.

App.js

```
// / - forward slash \ - back slash
// don't need to provide .js at filename
import Navbar from "./Navbar";
import Home from "./Home";
/* lesson21: (Read the comments top to bottom) To get started with routing we
need to destructure few things, 1st thing we need is BrowserRouter, we're gonna
say `BrowserRouter as Router` that means we can use the BrowserRouter that
we're importing using this name `Router` inside this file. We also want to
import something called the `route` component and also the `switch` component,
we'll see what they do as we go forward. So now we need to surround our entire
application with Router component and that means we can use the router in the
entire application all components that are nested inside this app component
will have access to the router. */
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from "react-router-dom";

function App() {
  // const title = "Welcome to the new blog!";

  return (
    <Router>
      {/* lesson21: this div will be surrounded by Router component,
<Router><div>.....</div></Router> so that's the first step, The next step is to
decide where we want our page content to go when we go to different pages, we
```

```

want go inside the div with className content. So we're gonna delete the home
component */}
    <div className="App">
        {/* self closing custom components, we can do <Navbar></Navbar> as well
*/}

        <Navbar />
        <div className="content">
            {/* lesson21: We're gonna delete the home component and we're gonna
replace it with the `Switch` component. This Switch component makes sure that
only one route shows at any one time. More about it will be discussed later.
Just know for now, all of our routes go inside this `Switch` component. So now
we need to setup our individual routes, so what we do is we create a route for
each page that we have using this `Route` component, now we only have one page
so we're just going to place one route inside this `Switch` component but later
on we're gonna have other pages and more routes inside here as well. So let's
do our route for the home page. */}

            {/* <Home /> */}
            <Switch>
                {/* lesson21: So the Route component like so with the closing tag
and add a property to the route component which is going to be `path`, this
`path` is basically the route, so for the home page it would just be `/'` the
root path. For example for contact page it would be `'/contact'` for about
`'/about'` and so on, basically this is the path after the root of our website.
e.g. if our root is junayed.com it can be the path after that root path of our
URL like junayed.com/about, `/'` is the path for home page and we need to nest
the `Home` component inside inside this `Route` that we want to show when a
user visits this route `path="/"` so we wanna show the `Home` component. So
basically it's saying I want to show the Home component right here inside the
div with className content when we visit `/'` path. Notice: the Navbar
`<Navbar/>` component always going to show because it's not inside this switch
statement. Meaning this component is here for every single path or route but
the content on the `Switch` is going to change depending on the route as we
build up more routes. So let's save and preview🔥. Now nothing really should
change because we're still using just the same home page but at least it does
work just forward slash in the address bar and we get the home page🚀. Next up
we're going to add another route and will discuss more about this `Switch`
component we've used */}

                <Route path="/">
                    <Home />
                </Route>
            </Switch>
        </div>
    </div>
</Router>
);
}

```

```
export default App;
```

Lesson 22 (Exact Match Routes):

Let's add another route to our app to do this we need another page component. And this is going to for a web form to add a new blog so we're gonna call this component `Create`. So we'll create that inside the source folder named `Create.js` and we'll create a stateless functional component (sfc) in here named Create.

Create.js

```
const Create = () => {  
  // This template will be very simple to begin with, Now we will show this  
  component App.js (App Component)  
  return (  
    <div className="create">  
      <h2>Add a new blog:</h2>  
    </div>  
  );  
};  
  
export default Create;
```

App.js

```
import Navbar from "../Navbar";  
import Home from "../Home";  
  
import { BrowserRouter as Router, Route, Switch } from "react-router-dom";  
// import create component  
import Create from "../Create";  
  
function App() {  
  // const title = "Welcome to the new blog!";  
  
  return (  
    <Router>  
      <div className="App">  
        <Navbar />  
        <div className="content">  
          { /* <Home /> */}  
          <Switch>
```

```
<Route exact path="/">
  <Home />
</Route>
```

{/* To add another route add multiple different components inside the `Switch` this time the path is going to be create `/create` and it's not going to render the component it's going to render the `Create` component. Also import the `Create` component on top. let's see if this works, and the results are probably not gonna be what we expected. If we execute the create route we get the `Home` component rendered that doesn't make sense, so why it's showing us the homepage/`Home` component when we've gone to `/create` which the path registered in our `Route` `path="/create"` that's do with the way react looks at route paths and matches them against our routes that we create right here. In this case, it sees the route we go to as `/create` what we type in the address bar and then it looks through our routes and it tries to match that against with one of our paths right here now it matches against the first one it finds to be a correct match and it stops there. So it goes from top to bottom and it looks at this first path `/` first of all and it says well yes this is a match that's strange cause it's not a match but in the eyes of the react router it is kind of a match and that's because this thing right here this `/` (forward slash thing), this route is inside `/create` (this forward slash exists in that `/create` route) and this logic might seem strange but that's the way it works. So `/create` is considered a match for `/` cause it contains that forward slash `/`. Imagine if we have a route for `/c` this would match the for `/create` as well cause create route contains `/c`. So how do we get around this, cause we don't want to show the `Home` component if we go to `/create` (that makes no sense). All we have to do is say well look I don't want you to match this if it's included in the route we only want we want you to match this if it's exactly the route so all we do is add on the exact prop in `/` route like this see up 🙌. So that's it. So now it's saying only match this if it's exactly the url we go to not just inside the url. So it's to do with order as well if we put the `/` path after `/create` it will work just fine. So we'll add more routes and pages in the same way in the future.*/}

{/* `Switch` component surrounds all routes and it is there to make sure only one route component shows in the browser at any one time. So when a request is made to a route react will look at that request and then go from top to bottom inside the switch and try to match against a route and it's going to stop at the first match it finds for that route and render that component inside the route. Now if the `Switch` component doesn't surround all of these routes it would carry on and render other matches as well meaning we could end up more than one page showing at one time. So it's always a good idea to surround our routes with `Switch` component. Now there is still a problem with this setup when we click on links to go to different pages it's still sending a request to the server (notice it reloads) for each click so for example. So if we click on New blog btw that goes to `/create` it's still making a request to the server now we said that react router should intercept those requests and handle it in the browser instead well it does but instead of using anchor tags

we have to a special react router link instead and we'll see that next up

```
[cliff hanger 😊]    */}
    <Route path="/create">
      <Create />
    </Route>
  </Switch>
</div>
</div>
</Router>
);
}
```

```
export default App;
```

Lesson 23 (Router Links):

We have set up multiple different routes now for '/' and '/create' but when we click on these links to those different routes it's still currently sending a fresh request to the server for a new page, we get the same html page (that is blank) back each time and then react is injecting the correct content but we know react router can intercept those requests and just handle the content changes in the browser instead and it can do but to do it we need to use a special link tag so let's go to the `Navbar` component and try to use this, first thing we need to do is to import this link tag from react.

Navbar.js

```
-----
// Component is just a function which returns jsx template and the exported at
the bottom of file
// sfc (stateless functional component) press tab
/* lesson 23: Importing link tag from react, destructure the link component
from react-router-dom to handle new page requests in the browser (react router
intercepts these request to the server ) thus making no request to the server
for new pages. */
import { Link } from "react-router-dom";

const Navbar = () => {
  return (
    <nav className="navbar">
      <h1>The Dojo Blog</h1>
      <div className="links">
        {/* We are currently using anchor(a) tags but if we want react to
handle the routing only in the browser and to intercept those requests for new
pages we need to replace this with `Link` instead `<Link></Link>` now a `Link`
```

component doesn't have href like an anchor tag instead it uses `to`. So now we're saying we want to link to '/' and '/create'. So at the end of the day when react renders all this to the browser we still will see anchor tags and we can see that in browser inspecting elements, so when clicked on (the navbar buttons that go to below routes 📍) they still try to send a request to the server for a new page however built into these link tags is a special functionality and that is for react router to have the ability to prevent that request to the server and then instead it just looks at the url or the path where we are going to and then it matches that against one of our routes defined in App.js (App/Root component) and it tries to inject whatever content that we need because we don't really need the server to resend back the html page doesn't make much sense. Now if we see it in the browser it is much quicker than sending a fresh request every time we want a new page to the server, but one thing to notice (lesson 23, time: 2:40 - 3:30): Let us go to '/' homepage and refresh, from Home to New blog if we go quickly we then get an error and it says warning can't perform a react state update on an unmounted component, now this is to do with our custom fetch hook which is still running in the home page ('Home' component). It's still running in the background even though we've gone to a new page over here and it's trying to update the state of our `Home` component after it's been unmounted from the DOM and replaced with this `Create` component. Now we are gonna see how to combat this error using a cleanup function in our `useEffect` hook next */}

```
    <Link to="/">Home</Link>
    <Link to="/create">New Blog</Link>
  </div>
</nav>
);
};
```

```
export default Navbar;
```

Lesson 24 (useEffect cleanup):

So now whenever we land on our home page, this fetch for data starts using using our custom hook (useFetch) and once it completes it tries to update the state in the home component and we see that effect right here because when the state changes we output that to the DOM that data however if while the data is still trying to be fetched while it's still loading we then go to another page before the fetch completes we get an error. So from homepage `/'` we are going to new blog `/create` now the fetch is still happening on the background once we've switched to add a new blog '/create' and therefore when the fetch is complete it still tries to update that state in the `Home` component but the home component isn't in the browser any more (cause we're in the `/create' route that renders `Create` component) that's why we get this error because

it's saying we can't perform a react state update on an unmounted (not in the browser currently) component. The unmounted component is the `Home` component. So we need a way of stopping the fetch when the component using it unmounts. So if we go home then quickly to new blog we want to stop that fetch from carrying on now to do this we'll be using a combination of the cleanup function in a `useEffect` hook and something called an abort controller in javascript. So first of all we're going to do is go to the `useFetch` hook that we have right here

useFetch.js

```
import { useState, useEffect } from "react";
const useFetch = (url) => {
  const [data, setData] = useState(null);
  const [isPending, setIsPending] = useState("true");
  // Creating state to show the error in the browser, to begin with this state
  will have the initial value of null
  const [error, setError] = useState(null);
  /* lesson 24 (1st read): We wanna run a cleanup function when the component
  that uses this hook `useFetch` and this `useEffect` right here unmounts. So how
  do we create this cleanup function? all we need to do is to place a cleanup
  function inside useEffect and we just return it that's all we do, we return a
  value inside useEffect and that value is a function and then when the component
  that uses this `useEffect` or this `useFetch` hook unmounts it fires that
  returned cleanup function. So we're gonna do this below setTimeout right here.
  */
  useEffect(() => {
    const abortCont = new AbortController();

    setTimeout(() => {
      //lesson 24 Abort controller argument
      fetch(url, { signal: abortCont.signal })
        .then((res) => {
          // console.log(res);
          if (!res.ok) {
            throw Error("Could not fetch the data for that resource");
          }
          return res.json();
        })
        .then((data) => {
          // console.log(data);
          setData(data);
          // Setting isPending to false once we have the data, therefore
          updating the state
          setIsPending(false);
          setError(null);
        })
    });
  });
}
```

```

        .catch((err) => {
            if (err.name === "AbortError") {
                console.log("fetch aborted");
            } else {
                // set isPending message to false when having an error
                setIsPending(false);
                setError(err.message);
            }
        });
    }, 1000);

```

/* lesson 24 (2nd read): So we're gonna write return and it's just gonna be a function and all we do for now is log to the console a message so that we know when this has run. So we'll go on the browser and refresh and we're going to go in home page `Home` component, wait for the data and then go to new blog and we can see the cleanup function run but also if we move quickly away we see it run again. So it's at this point we actually want to stop the fetch that's going in the background so that we don't try to update the state. So how do we do that, to do that we're gonna use something known as the abort controller. So let's create this abort controller first then we will get the explanation how to use it. So we'll do that inside useEffect at the top above the setTimeout and we're gonna store this in a constant and we're gonna call it abortCont (we can call it whatever we want) and we set it equal to new AbortController (look up 🙌) . So we have this abort controller and what we can do with it is we can associate it with specific fetch request and once we have associated it with a fetch, we can use the abort controller to stop the fetch and that's what we wanna do, so the way we associate it with a fetch is by first off adding on a 2nd argument to the fetch which is kind of options for the fetch and then using the `signal` property like so `fetch(url, {signal})` and we set that equal to abortCont like `fetch(url, {signal: abortCont.signal})` which is our constant and that's all there is to it, now we're associating this abort controller with this fetch and then we can use this now to stop that fetch and we wanna do that inside this cleanup function below `return () => abortCont.abort()` by `abortCont.abort()` method like so. So this does is abort whatever fetch is associated with which is this `fetch(url, { signal: abortCont.signal })` one and so therefore it's not gonna carry on with the fetch it's going to pause it. So let's test it out. We still get this error so when we abort a fetch what happens is the fetch then throws an error and we catch that error in here

```

.catch((err) => {
    setIsPending(false);
    setError(err.message);
}) and when we catch an error we're then updating the state
`setIsPending(false)`

```

`setError(err.message)` so we're still updating the state we might not be updating the data state anymore because we've stopped that fetch but we're still updating these states (We set isPending, also this error) and therefore we're still trying to update the whole component with these states so

what we want to do is we want to recognize that error inside this catch block and if it's a specific type of error if it's an abort error caused by us then we don't want to update the state, so let's do that if check right here, We're going to say if `err.name === 'AbortError'` (see up in catch block), then we don't want to update the state else if we get different kind of error (like network error or server error) we wanna update the state (in the else part see up in the catch block) and still want to let the user know about this error and we still want to set `isPending` to false. Iff we abort the fetch in the return function below and `error.name` is `AbortError` then we don't update the state and we just log this ``fetch aborted`` to the console so hopefully that will solve the problem of the component trying to update (running in the background while being unmounted (solved by the return function) trying to update the state (solved by if else block inside catch)) and we won't get that error anymore. And it works! we're removing `useEffect`, and `useState` hook import line as we are not using them in home component `*/`

```
    return () => abortCont.abort();
  }, [url]);

  return { data, isPending, error };
};
/* Conclusion lesson 24: So that's how we can use the cleanup function and the
abort controller. Next up we're gonna learn Route Parameters🔥 */
```

```
export default useFetch;
```
