

## React.2

▼ What does spread operator do?

it creates a new copy of an array with the same values

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3];
const grades = [...numbers];
console.log(grades); // [1, 2, 3] (shallow copy)
```

▼ What is a shallow copy?

a copy of the items inside an array (but down to 1 level)

▼ How can you use spread syntax to concatenate arrays?

```
const winners = ["Jane", "Bob"];
const losers = ["Ronald", "Kevin"];

const players = [...winners, ...losers];
console.log(players); // ['Jane', 'Bob', 'Ronald', 'Kevin']
```

▼ How do we add an item to an array in an immutable way?

We don't use .push() because it will mutate original array.

We have to make a shallow copy and then insert the new item in a new array.

```
const numbers = [1, 2, 3];
const result = [...numbers, 4];
console.log(result); //[1, 2, 3, 4]
```

▼ How to update array items in an immutable way?

you can use the .map method to return a copy of the array while modifying one or more items

```
const grades = [10, 20, 18, 14];
// change 18 to 17
const updatedGrades = grades.map(grade => {
    if (grade === 18){
        return 17;
    }
    // in all other cases, keep it as it was
    return grade;
});
console.log(updatedGrades); //[10, 20, 17, 14]
```

Why is slice() immutable and splice() is not? splice() method returns the removed item(s) in an array slice() method returns the selected element(s) in an array, as a new array object

▼ How to remove array items in an immutable way?

you can use the .slice method which returns the selected element(s) in an array, as a new array object you can also use the .filter method which will return a subset of the original array based on a condition

```
const grades = [10, 8, 9, 4, 16];

// remove the first grade
// think of it as: get all grades except the first one
const subset1 = grades.slice(1); //start from position 1
console.log(subset1); // [8, 9, 4, 16]

// remove the last 2 grades
// think of it as: get all grades except the last 2
// so start from 0 and stop after 5 - 2 = 3 items
const subset2 = grades.slice(0, grades.length - 2);
console.log(subset2); // [10, 8, 9]
```

```
const grades = [10, 8, 9, 4, 16];

// return all grades >= 10
const subset1 = grades.filter(grade => grade >= 10);
console.log(subset1); // [10, 16]

// remove the 2nd grade
const subset2 = grades.filter(grade => grade !== 8);
console.log(subset2); // [10, 9, 4, 16]
```

▼ How can .map can be used inside JSX to loop through arrays?

Every time you have a map in JSX, you need to provide a key or else you will get a warning.

React needs to be able to know what item to update in a list without re-rendering the whole list for every update.

The key should be a unique representation of the single item inside the map.

```
import React from "react";

function Grades(){
    const grades = [8, 18, 10, 7, 14];

    return {
        grades.map((grade, index) => {grade})
    };
}
```

▼ Why do we need keys in React?

For example, given a list React needs to be able to know which to update thus it requires a unique key so that it is able to only update that item without having to remove all the items and render them again.

▼ What does a key allow React to do efficiently?

update the DOM with the least amount of operations

▼ How to add a key/value to object immutably?

```
const data = {
    id: 1,
    name: "Sam"
}

// immutable
const newObj = {...data, age: 18}
console.log(newObj); // {id: 1, name: "Sam", age: 18}
```

▼ How to replace the value of an existing key immutably?

we need to create a new copy of that object with { ...data } and then merge it with the new same key but a different value

It's important to note that when you want to replace, the new values should be after the copy of the old object in order to override old value.

```
const data = {
   id: 1,
   age: 19
}

// immutable
const newObj = {...data, age: 20};
console.log(newObj); // {id: 1, age: 20}
console.log(data); // original object did not change {id: 1, age: 19}
```

▼ How to to create a new copy of an existing object?

{ ...obj }

▼ What does new Date() return?

an instance of the Date object that gives us the current date & time e.g. "Tue Feb 18 2020 16:34:15 GMT..."

▼ How to immutably remove a key/value pair from an object?

The reason why this works is because const {year, ...rest} = obj is destructuring the value of the key year from obj.

So we end up with rest an immutable copy of obj excluding the year!

```
const obj = {
   id: 1,
   title: "Harry potter",
   year: 2017,
   rating: 4.5
}

// immutable
const {year, ...rest} = obj;
console.log(rest); // { id: 1, title: "Harry potter", rating: 4.5}
```

▼ How to loop through an object in JSX?

The Object.entries() method returns an **array** of a given object's own enumerable string-keyed property **[key, value]** pairs

▼ How to add a default value on a input in JSX?

```
<input type="text" name="address" defaultValue="Amsterdam" />
```

▼ How to add a read only value on a input in JSX?

```
<input type="text" name="address" value="Amsterdam" />
```

▼ Event handler for an input JSX?

onChange attribute

event.target refers to the element (in this example the <input />)

because it's an input, you read what's written inside of it by accessing the .value property

```
import React from "react";

function handleAddressChange(event) {
    console.log(event.target.value);
}

<input type="text" name="address" onChange={handleAddressChange} />
```

▼ What is a controlled component?

when you keep track of an input's value as state and update it whenever it changes

- ▼ How to create a controlled component?
  - 1. We start by creating a state variable to store the value
  - 2. This state will have a default value of an empty string or another default value
  - 3. We set the value of the input to that **state** variable
  - 4. We update the state every time it changes

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
function App() {
    const [address, setAddress] = useState("");
    return <input type="text" value={address} onChange={event => setAddress(event.target.value)} />;
}
```

▼ Controlled select component (example)

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

function App() {
    const [country, setCountry] = useState("");

    return <select value={country} onChange={e => setCountry(e.target.value)}>
        <option>Country</option>
        <option value="netherlands">Netherlands</option>
        <option value="belgium">Belgium</option>
        <option value="france">France</option>
        </select>
}
```

▼ Controlled textarea component (example)

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

function App() {
   const [comment, setComment] = useState("");

   return <textarea value={comment} onChange={e => setComment(e.target.value)} />
}
```

▼ React submit a form (example)

event.preventDefault(): called on the event when submitting the form to prevent a browser reload/refresh

▼ Why event.preventDefault() when submit form?

it's called on the event when submitting the form to prevent a browser reload/refresh

▼ What is accessibility?

the design and creation of web applications that can be used by everyone

it's a practice that promotes inclusion because everyone (people with all abilities) will be able to use your website

▼ What is a11y?

You may often see accessibility shortened as a11y, which means it's a word that starts with a, ends with y, and has 11 characters in between (ccessibilit).

▼ Why is it important to add a label element to every input (except buttons), textarea and select in your form?

Accessibility

For: 1) Mouse users & users with motor impairment 2) Visually impaired users use screen-readers

▼ A <label /> needs an htmlFor attribute (React) for what?

to point to the ID of the element

▼ Shallow vs Deep copies of arrays of objects

A shallow copy means that it creates a new array, but the objects are still referring to the old ones.

A deep copy means that the new array contains new objects so that changes to those new objects will not affect the old ones in the original array.

▼ What is the solution for copies of arrays of objects in React?

Even though the spread operator creates a shallow copy, it is creating a new copy of the array which is enough to notify React that the state has changed.

or you could use a library like immutable-js

```
const users = [{
  id: 1,
  name: "Alex"
}];
// create a (shallow) copy
```

```
const usersCopy = [...users];

// are they the same? If `false` then React thinks

// that the state has changed
console.log(users === usersCopy); //false
```

▼ Example of iterating and deleting items by ID

▼ What is Create React App (or CRA)?

an officially supported way of creating single-page React Apps

▼ What is a single page app?

A single page app is a website built with a single index.html whereby JavaScript is responsible for re-writing the content based on the URL.

▼ Official documentation for Create React App

https://create-react-app.dev/

▼ Why use create-react-app?

Using create-react-app allows you to get started with building a React app without having to worry about setting up a build system (such as Webpack).

▼ What is Webpack?

Webpack is used to allow you to import libraries that you will need inside your project (among other things).

▼ Command for creating a react app with create-react-app

npx create-react-app name-of-your-app

▼ What is npx?

npx is a command that is available with NodeJS and it allows you to run and execute a certain type of node modules (specifically: package binaries)

▼ What are scripts?

Commands you can use in package.json

```
"scripts": {
    "start": "react-scripts start",
    "build": "react-scripts build",
    "test": "react-scripts test",
    "eject": "react-scripts eject"
}
```

▼ What is npm run start?

npm run start will start a webserver using webpack which you can access by going to localhost:3000

This command will use the development version of React

▼ What is a webserver (software)?

a web server uses HTTP (Hypertext Transfer Protocol) and other protocols to respond to client requests

▼ What is a web server (hardware)?

a web server is a computer that stores web server software and a website's component files

▼ What is npm run build?

When you're ready to deploy your project, you should run npm run build which will create an optimized version of your app.

It will minify all your scripts, and perform several optimizations before you deploy your app. The optimized files will be placed in a new folder called **build**.

This command will use the **production** version of React.

▼ What is npm run test?

run tests

you will have to write those tests as you develop your application

▼ What is npm run eject?

allows you to unhide configuration files so that you can edit them

Ejecting the configuration is permanent (means you cannot undo) and you will end up having to maintain your own Webpack configuration.

▼ Do not maintain your own Webpack configuration unless you're at a large company

This might make sense for some large companies, but if you're a solo developer or a small team, in most scenarios it's not recommended.

In case you're looking to use a certain feature that is not available out of the box, start by checking if it's included in the <u>documentation</u>.

If you still can't find it, then check if there's an existing **template** that solves the same issue.

▼ What should you put in the src/ folder?

contains the <App /> component and is where you should put all your scripts & styles

▼ What should you put in the public/ folder?

contains the index.html and is where you should put all your images, fonts (if any)

▼ What should be imported in index.js?

The App component is exported and then imported in the index.js

The index.js has the call to ReactDOM's render method:

```
ReactDOM.render(<App />, document.getElementById('root'));
```

▼ What should be in public/index.html?

<div id="root"></div>

▼ How to organize folder structure of small-sized projects (less than 20 components)?

▼ How to organize folder structure of medium-sized projects (contains helpers and classes)?

▼ How to organize folder structure of large-sized projects?

Large projects will most likely have specific requirements, thus it will be up to them to decide on a folder structure.

▼ What is the starting point of a React application?

The <App /> component in src/App.js

▼ React development vs production

Development

- is not minified. It contains all the comments from the React source code and also includes development helpers such as warnings.
- react.development.js (106KB)

## Production

- is minified, strips out all the comments, and does not include development helpers and warnings.
- should be used whenever you deploy your website.
- react.production.js (16KB)
- ▼ What is a stateless component?

it does NOT manage state internally

no useState calls.

▼ What is a stateful component?

it will manage at least 1 state variable

▼ How can a stateless component be interactive?

For example, a stateless component can contain a form as well as a textbox and a submit button. However, the state will be managed by its parent component.

▼ How to pass a function as a property to a component?

```
return <div>Store renders here</div>;
}
```

▼ Naming convention for props that are functions

on Subject Event

onStoreOpen={handleStoreOpen}

▼ Naming conventions for functions

handleSubjectEvent

onStoreOpen={handleStoreOpen}

▼ (Example) pass a function as a property to a component - onClick

```
// index.js
import React from "react";
import {render} from "react-dom";
import Card from "./Card.js";

function App() {
    function handleCardClick() {
        console.log("Card got clicked");
    }
    return <Card onCardClick={handleCardClick} />
}

render(<App />, document.querySelector("#react-root"));
```

▼ (Example) pass a function as a property to a component - onChange

The App component is a stateful component because it manages the state.

NameForm is a stateless component as it does NOT manage state.

```
//NameForm.js
import React from "react";
```

In what direction can you share state between components? you can lift state up to their shared closest common ancestor

- ▼ If you have 2 components that depend on the same state, then the state will be defined where? in their closest parent component
- ▼ (Example) shared state between components

```
// common parent/ancestor component. stateful
 //TodoApp.js
import React, {useState} from "react";
import TodoForm from "./TodoForm.js";
import TodoList from "./TodoList.js";
function TodoApp() {
                     const [todos, setTodos] = useState([]);
const [entry, setEntry] = useState("");
                      function handleEntryChange(event) {
                                           setEntry(event.target.value);
                      }
                      function handleFormSubmit(event) {
                                           event.preventDefault();
                                           \verb|setTodos([...todos, entry]);|\\
                                          setEntry("");
                      return <>
                                           < TodoForm\ entry = \{entry\}\ on Entry Change = \{handle Entry Change\}\ on Form Submit = \{handle Form Submit\}\ /> \ on Entry Change = \{handle Entry Change\}\ on Form Submit = \{handle Form Submit\}\ /> \ on Entry Change = \{handle Entry Change\}\ on Form Submit = \{handle Form Submit\}\ /> \ on Entry Change = \{handle Entry Change\}\ on Entry Change = \{handle Entr
                                           <TodoList todos={todos} />
```

- ▼ Reasons for breaking up a component into smaller ones (aka abstraction)?
  - Reusability

- · Isolate bugs
- ▼ (Example) stateful and stateless components with state shared

```
//StoreFront.js
import React, {useState} from "react";
import ProductsList from "./ProductsList.js";
import AddProductForm from "./AddProductForm.js";
export default function StoreFront() {
    const [products, setProducts] = useState([]);
    const [name, setName] = useState("");
    const [description, setDescription] = useState("");
    const [validation, setValidation] = useState("");
    function handleFormSubmit(event) {
        event.preventDefault();
        if (!name) {
            setValidation("Please enter a name");
            return ;
        if (!description){
            setValidation("Please enter a description");
            return ;
        {\tt setProducts([...products,\ \{}
           id: products.length + 1,
            name: name,
            description, description
        setName("");
        setDescription("");
        setValidation("");
    function handleNameChange(event) {
        setName(event.target.value);
    function handleDescriptionChange(event) {
        setDescription(event.target.value);
    function handleDeleteClick(id) {
       setProducts(products.filter(product => product.id !== id));
    return <>
        <AddProductForm name={name} description={description} validation={validation} onNameChange={handleNameChange} onDescriptionChan</pre>
        <div>{products.length === 0 && Add your first product}</div>
       <ProductsList products={products} onDeleteClick={handleDeleteClick} />
    </>:
}
```

```
//AddProductForm.js
import React from "react";

export default function AddProductForm(props) {
    return <form onSubmit={props.onFormSubmit}>
```

▼ React Dev Tools tutorial

https://react-devtools-tutorial.vercel.app/

▼ Why use React Dev Tools Profiler?

The profiler tab in React dev tools will help us spot rendering performance issues in our React apps.

- This tab is useful when there are a lot of components in your app, as it lets you see which components rerendered and why.
- Often times when improving the rendering performance, you will realize that there was a component that did not need to re-render.
- ▼ Are state updates in React synchronous or asynchronous?

asynchronous which means that the state does not necessarily update instantly

▼ Why does React batch several state updates together?

When you update the state in React, this will require re-rendering of your component (and potentially other components) which could be an expensive operation.

React batches several state updates together and combines them into 1 re-rendering in order to **make your app more** responsive and reduce the amount of work the browser has to do.

▼ Re-render State Batching example

Given the following:

- 1. How many state updates are there when the button is called?
  - 1. Answer: Two
- 2. How many re-renders will this component perform when the button is clicked?
  - 1. Answer: One. Why? React batches (merges) these 2 state changes and performs them at the same time.

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

function App() {
    const [date, setDate] = useState(new Date());
    const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);

    console.log("rendered"); //allows us to visualize re-renders

    function handleButtonClick() {
        setDate(new Date());
        setCounter(counter + 1);
    }

    return <button onClick={handleButtonClick}>Click me</button>
}
```

▼ What to do when computing the new state from the previous state?

Whenever the new state is computed using the previous state then you should use functional state updates to guarantee consistency and prevent unexpected bugs.

```
const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);
...
function handleButtonClick() {
    setCounter(counter => counter + 1);
}
```

React will call this function and pass the previous value of the state as the first argument.

counter ⇒ counter + 1 is a function definition.

▼ What is a React hook?

Hooks are functions that let you "hook into" React state and lifecycle features from function components.

▼ What is the useEffect hook?

lets you perform an effect in your component

- ▼ What are some examples of effects?
  - · Get data from an API
  - Initialize a DOM plugin outside of React (for example maps)
  - Change the page title (the one that shows up in the browser tab)
  - Subscribe a user to live chat service (with WebSockets)
- ▼ What is a page title?

the text that shows in the browser tab

▼ What is the DOM or Document Object Model?

it is a cross-platform and language-independent interface that treats an XML or HTML document as a tree structure wherein each node is an object representing a part of the document

it represents a document with a logical tree

▼ Example useEffect updating the page title

we have a counter state and we want to show that counter value in the title

it accepts a function definition as its first argument

the function passed to useEffect will be called after every render and re-render of the component

do not wrap useEffect in an if condition

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

function Counter() {
    const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);

    useEffect(() => {
        document.title = `Counter is ${counter}`;
    });

    function handleButtonClick() {
        setCounter(prevCounter => prevCounter + 1);
    }

    return <button onClick={handleButtonClick}>Click me {counter}</button>
}
```

▼ What are the rules of hooks?

Rule #1: Only call Hooks from React functions

Rule #2: Only call Hooks at the Top Level and never call hooks inside loops, conditions, or nested functions

▼ What is a memory leak?

a type of resource leak that occurs when a computer program incorrectly manages memory allocations in a way that memory which is no longer needed is not released

- ▼ How to cleanup effects (aka avoid memory leaks)?
  - To clean up an effect, you have to return a function from inside the useEffect call
  - React will call that function every time the component is being unmounted (removed from the DOM). The
    component gets unmounted either because it's being updated or because it's being removed completely.

```
useEffect(() => {
  console.log("effect running");
  return () => {
    console.log("effect cleaning up");
  }
})
```

▼ When does a component get unmounted?

either because it's being updated or because it's being removed completely

▼ How to clean up a timer when a component is unmounted within useEffect()?

In plain JavaScript, here's how you create a timer and then cancel it immediately:

- JavaScript provides the clearTimeout(timerId) function which takes the timerId as a parameter.
- The timerId can be stored by assigning the setTimeout call to a variable.

▼ Why does this code make it possible to have a memory leak?

```
useEffect(() => {
    window.addEventListener("scroll", () => {
        console.log("page scrolled");
    });
});
```

Because every time the component is re-rendered, we end up adding a new event listener.

You need to clean up afterward by calling removeEventListener.

▼ How to clean up an event listener on window or document (objects outside the React world) within useEffect()? removeEventListener which requires 2 arguments, the type of the event, and the name of the function handling that event

```
function handleWindowScroll(event) {
    console.log("page scrolled");
}

useEffect(() => {
    window.addEventListener("scroll", handleWindowScroll);

// cleanup event listener
    return () => {
        window.removeEventListener("scroll", handleWindowScroll);
    }
}
```

```
}
});
```

▼ What are useEffect dependencies and why do we use them?

useEffect(effectCallback, dependencies)

dependencies is an array that will dictate when to re-run the effect (it defaults to null)

Why use? Sometimes you don't want that useEffect to re-render every time

▼ useEffect dependencies (example)

This tells React that it should only call the useEffect again when the value of counter changes.

This is an optimization technique.

```
const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);
    useEffect(() => {
        console.log("effect is running");
    }, [counter]);
```

▼ What should you pass to dependencies when you want to run useEffect() only once?

an empty array []

Because it's an empty array, the comparison between the previous render and the next render will always be the same. This means that passing an [] will only run the effect once.

- ▼ When can you run an effect?
  - 1. Once, after component mounted
  - 2. Once, after component mounted + once before unmounting
  - 3. On every re-render
  - 4. On certain re-renders
- ▼ useEffect(): run once, after component mounted (example)

If you know about React classes, this is the equivalent to componentDidMount.

Having such effect is often useful to initiate plugins that depend on the DOM (such as a map plugin), as well as using fetch to get data from a backend.

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

function App() {
    useEffect(() => {
        console.log("Once after component mounted")
    }, []);
    return null;
}
```

▼ useEffect(): run once, after component mounted + once before unmounting (example)

If you know about React classes, the function returned is the equivalent to componentWillUnmount.

This example shows componentDidMount and componentWillUnmount.

This is also useful for some libraries/plugins that require cleaning up (such as a chat library) as well as functions that have side effects such as setTimeout and setInterval.

```
import React, {useEffect} from "react";
function App() {
   useEffect(() => {
      console.log("Once after component mounted")
```

```
return () => {
          console.log("Once before component unmounted");
    }
}, []);
return null;
}
```

▼ useEffect(): run on every re-render (example)

This example shows componentDidMount and componentDidUpdate.

This is useful to update the document.title using a certain state variable inside that component.

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

function App() {
    useEffect(() => {
        console.log("After it mounted the first time and after every re-render");
    });
    return null;
}
```

▼ useEffect(): run on certain re-renders (example)

This is similar to componentDidUpdate but with an additional if condition that checks the previous value of the first state and the user prop.

This will instruct React to only call this effect again when at least one of the 2 values changes: first or props.user.

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

function App(props) {
    const [first, setFirst] = useState(0);
    const [second, setSecond] = useState(0);

    useEffect(() => {
        console.log("Only when first and/or props.user change.")
    }, [first, props.user]);
    return null;
}
```

▼ What is the useLayoutEffect hook?

It is for effects that will make a visual change to the DOM as a side effect.

```
useLayoutEffect(() => {
    console.log("measure a DOM element")
    console.log("or initialize a library that mutates the DOM")
});
```

▼ What does the useLayoutEffect hook prevent and why?

will allow you to prevent the user interface from flickering.

That's because the layout effect will run before the DOM is actually drawn/painted on the user's screen.

- ▼ When should you use useLayoutEffect hook?
  - · The side effect will mutate the DOM
  - The side effect is a library initialization that will mutate the DOM (such as a Map, a UI plugin)
  - You want to use DOM layout measurement APIs such as getBoundingClientRect().
- ▼ calling setState inside a useEffect will most likely lead to what?

an infinite loop

You will have to pass a dependency to useEffect.

▼ Build a Clock Component with useEffect, setInterval, and Date (example w/ explanations)

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

function Clock() {
    const [date, setDate] = useState(new Date());

    useEffect(() => {
        const intervalId = setInterval(() => {
            // set a new instance of date every second (clock)
            setDate(new Date());
        }, 1000);

        // cleanup the side effect to prevent memory leak
        clearInterval(intervalId);
    }, []);

    return <h2>{date.toLocaleTimeString()}</h2>
}
```

You can think of it as the following:

- 1. React renders the <h2></h2> with the time.
- 2. After rendering the first time, it will run the arrow function inside useEffect only once
- 3. That function calls setInterval which will schedule the setDate(new Date()) to be called once every second.
- 4. Every time setDate() is called, the component will re-render showing the updated time on the screen.
- ▼ Running an effect on a boolean flag conditional (example)

```
function Stopwatch() {
    const [counter, setCounter] = useState(0);
    const [running, setRunning] = useState(false);
    useEffect(() => {
        // the effect still runs every time
        \ensuremath{//} but the code inside of it only runs with 'running' is true
        if (running) {
            let timerId = setTimeout(() => {
                setCounter(prevCounter => prevCounter + 1);
            }, 1000);
            return () => {
                clearTimeout(timerId)
    });
    function handleButtonClick() {
        setRunning(prevValue => !prevValue); // invert boolean flag
        <h2>{counter}</h2>
        <button onClick={handleButtonClick}>Start / Pause</button>
}
```

▼ What does date.toLocaleTimeString() show?

the current time in hh:mm:ss format

when use: when converting a date time string into clock format

▼ Why won't this code work (hander/state)?

That console.log(count) will show us the old count.

That's because React's state updates are asynchronous.

This means that several state updates may be merged together and that you cannot rely on the value of the state to be up to date immediately after you call setState.

```
function handleButtonClick() {
    setCount(prevCount => prevCount + 1);
    console.log(count);
}
```

▼ How to log state updates immediately?

All you need to do is use an effect with the dependency being that state variable.

That will make the effect run whenever the state variable changes

```
useEffect(() => {
    console.log(count)
}, [count]);
```

- ▼ If you need the updated value of a state that gets changed in an event, then you need to move the logic into what?

  an effect
- ▼ The effect you schedule with useEffect will run when? after the component has rendered to the DOM
- ▼ What is localStorage (or window.localStorage)?
  - a synchronous, Web API that lets us store key-value pair in the browser.

The localStorage API can only save strings. So the key and the value will be strings.

▼ If you want to call localStorage inside a React component, where should you do it?

inside a useEffect

By wrapping the localStorage calls with useEffect, we can let the component render to the screen first, and then after it has rendered, execute the localStorage calls.

```
// this is BETTER for performance
useEffect(() => {
    localStorage.setItem("data", JSON.stringify(data));
});
```

▼ localStorage - saving and getting strings, numbers, objects and booleans (example)

```
let name = "Sam"

// Key is "name", value is the variable name (which has the value "Sam")
localStorage.setItem("name", name);

const age = 20

localStorage.setItem("age", age);
let age = localStorage.getItem("age");
console.log(age); // "20" (string)
age = Number.parseInt(age, 10); // 20 (number)

const is_verified = true;
localStorage.setItem("is_verified", is_verified);
const is_verified = localStorage.getItem("is_verified") === "true"; // converts back to boolean

const person = {
    id: 1,
        name: "Sam"
};
localStorage.setItem("person", JSON.stringify(person));
```

```
let person = localStorage.getItem("person");
person = JSON.parse(person);
console.log(person); // {id: 1, name: "Sam"}
```

▼ How to store the state in localStorage?

To store the state in localStorage, you have to use the localStorage API inside a useEffect call.

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

function App() {
    const [random, setRandom] = useState(Math.random());

    useEffect(() => {
        // every time the value of random changes, save it to localStorage:
        localStorage.setItem("random", random);
    }, [random]);

    return <button onClick={() => setRandom(Math.random())}>Re-render</button>;
}
```

▼ What is lazy initial state?

It allows you to pass a function definition rather than an expression that will allow React to only call it on the initial render.

This will allow React to only call the function needed to get the value of the initial state once which will not create performance issues.

When to use: to avoid performance issues when the initial state requires a potentially expensive computation.

```
import React, {useState} from "react";
function App() {
   const [state, setState] = useState(() => localStorage.getItem("some-state"));
   return null;
}
```