



React Hooks

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Hooks are an upcoming feature that let you make stateful logic reusable in a cleaner way.




Why hooks?

- Reusing stateful logic between components can get complicated
 - Mixins (ew)
 - Higher order components
 - Render props
- It can be difficult to decouple logic from implementation details
- Create more functional components than class-based components

Duplicate state logic

```
1 import React from 'react'
2 import getTopPopSongs from '../api/getTopPopSongs'
3 import SearchResults from './SongSearchResults'
4
5 export default class TopPopSongs extends React.Component {
6   state = {
7     value: '',
8     searchResults: {
9       items: [],
10      totalItems: 0
11    }
12  }
13
14   setValue = event => {
15     this.setState({
16       value: event.currentTarget.value,
17       searchResults: getTopPopSongs(event.currentTarget.value)
18     })
19   }
20
21   componentDidMount() {
22     this.setState(prevState => ({
23       searchResults: getTopPopSongs(prevState.value)
24     }))
25   }
26
27   render() {
28     const { searchResults, value } = this.state
29     return (
30       <div className="content">
31         <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
32         <input
33           className="shadow-input"
34           type="text"
35           placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
36           value={value}
37           onChange={this.setValue}
38         />
39         <br />
40         <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
41       </div>
42     )
43   }
44 }
45
```

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import getTopPublicUniversities from "../api/getTopPublicUniversities";
3 import SearchResults from "../components/UniversitySearchResults";
4
5 export default class TopPublicUniversities extends React.Component {
6   state = {
7     value: "",
8     searchResults: {
9       items: [],
10      totalItems: 0
11    }
12  };
13
14   setValue = event => {
15     this.setState({
16       value: event.currentTarget.value,
17       searchResults: getTopPublicUniversities(event.currentTarget.value)
18     });
19   };
20
21   componentDidMount() {
22     this.setState(prevState => ({
23       searchResults: getTopPublicUniversities(prevState.value)
24     }));
25   }
26
27   render() {
28     const { searchResults, value } = this.state;
29     return (
30       <div className="content">
31         <h1>Top Public Universities</h1>
32         <input
33           type="text"
34           placeholder="Search a school name or location"
35           value={value}
36           onChange={this.setValue}
37         />
38         <br />
39         <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
40       </div>
41     );
42   }
43 }
44
```



Duplicate state logic everywhere we want to use search

```
1  state = {  
2    value: "",  
3    searchResults: []  
4  };  
5  
6  setValue = event => {  
7    this.setState({  
8      value: event.currentTarget.value,  
9      searchResults: getTopPublicUniversities(event.currentTarget.value)  
10   });  
11  };  
12  
13  componentDidMount() {  
14    this.setState(prevState => ({  
15      searchResults: getTopPublicUniversities(prevState.value)  
16    }));  
17  }
```

Higher order component

Allows us to create a function that encapsulates the search functionality and inject it into a given component.

Downsides:

- Hard to determine which props are coming from where and to avoid name conflicts
- Creates an additional component in your DOM tree
- Harder to test than standalone hooks

```
1 import React from "react";
2
3 export default function withSearch(WrappedComponent, search) {
4   return class WithSearch extends React.Component {
5     state = {
6       value: "",
7       searchResults: []
8     };
9
10    setValue = event => {
11      this.setState({
12        value: event.currentTarget.value,
13        searchResults: search(event.currentTarget.value)
14      });
15    };
16
17    componentDidMount() {
18      this.setState(prevState => ({
19        searchResults: search(prevState.value)
20      }));
21    }
22
23    render() {
24      return (
25        <WrappedComponent
26          { ... this.props }
27          value={this.state.value}
28          setValue={this.setValue}
29          searchResults={this.state.searchResults}
30        />
31      );
32    }
33  };
34 }
```

Higher order component 'withSearch' in use

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import getTopPopSongs from "../api/getTopPopSongs";
3 import withSearch from "../withSearch";
4 import SearchResults from "../components/SongSearchResults";
5
6 function TopPopSongs({ value, setValue, searchResults }) {
7   return (
8     <div className="content">
9       <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
10      <input
11        className="shadow-input"
12        type="text"
13        placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
14        value={value}
15        onChange={setValue}
16      />
17      <br />
18      <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
19    </div>
20  );
21 }
22
23 export default withSearch(TopPopSongs, getTopPopSongs);
```

component

search fn



Render Props

A component with a render prop takes a function that returns a React element and calls it instead of implementing its own render logic

Downsides:

- Although this is a more clear abstraction than HOC, it's still an abstraction.
- You are creating a new anonymous function which may be a performance concern eventually in a large app
- Triangle of Doom

```
1 import React from "react";
2
3 export default class Search extends React.Component {
4   state = {
5     value: "",
6     searchResults: {
7       items: [],
8       totalItems: 0
9     }
10  };
11
12  setValue = event => {
13    this.setState({
14      value: event.currentTarget.value,
15      searchResults: this.props.search(event.currentTarget.value)
16    });
17  };
18
19  componentDidMount() {
20    this.setState(prevState => ({
21      searchResults: this.props.search(prevState.value)
22    }));
23  }
24
25  render() {
26    return this.props.children({
27      value: this.state.value,
28      setValue: this.setValue,
29      searchResults: this.state.searchResults
30    });
31  }
32 }
33
```


Render prop 'Search' in use

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import getTopPopSongs from "../api/getTopPopSongs";
3 import Search from "../Search";
4 import SearchResults from "../components/SongSearchResults";
5
6 export default function TopPopSongs() {
7   return (
8     <Search search={getTopPopSongs}>
9       {{ value, setValue, searchResults }} => (
10         <div className="content">
11           <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
12           <input
13             className="shadow-input"
14             type="text"
15             placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
16             value={value}
17             onChange={setValue}
18           />
19           <br />
20           <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
21         </div>
22       )}
23     </Search>
24   );
25 }
```

Hooks

- Allow us to write a whole app using just functional components instead of class-based components every time we need state
- Allow us to group related logic in effects rather than having to group and sometimes repeat functionality in lifecycle methods
- Custom hooks are just functions, so they are easy to test, reuse and understand

```
1 import React, { useEffect, useState } from "react";
2 import getTopPopSongs from "../api/getTopPopSongs";
3 import SearchResults from "../components/SongSearchResults";
4
5 export default function TopPopSongs() {
6   const [value, setValue] = useState("");
7   const [searchResults, setSearchResults] = useState({
8     items: [],
9     totalItems: 0
10  });
11
12  useEffect(
13    () => {
14      const results = getTopPopSongs(value);
15      setSearchResults(results);
16    },
17    [value]
18  );
19
20  return (
21    <div className="content">
22      <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
23      <input
24        className="shadow-input"
25        type="text"
26        placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
27        value={value}
28        onChange={event => {
29          setValue(event.currentTarget.value);
30        }}
31      />
32      <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
33    </div>
34  );
35 }
36
```



Rules of Hooks

- Only call hooks at the top level (not inside a loop, function, or conditional statement)
- Only call hooks from React functions (not from regular JS functions)



Types of React Hooks

- State hooks (useState)
- Effect hooks (useEffect)
- Custom hooks (useSomeCoolThing)
- Other hooks (useContext, useRef, useReducer, etc.)

Class component versus function component with Hooks

```
1 import React from 'react'
2 import getTopPopSongs from '../api/getTopPopSongs'
3 import SearchResults from './SongSearchResults'
4
5 export default class TopPopSongs extends React.Component {
6   state = {
7     value: '',
8     searchResults: {
9       items: [],
10      totalItems: 0
11    }
12  }
13
14  setValue = event => {
15    this.setState({
16      value: event.currentTarget.value,
17      searchResults: getTopPopSongs(event.currentTarget.value)
18    })
19  }
20
21  componentDidMount() {
22    this.setState(prevState => ({
23      searchResults: getTopPopSongs(prevState.value)
24    }))
25  }
26
27  render() {
28    const { searchResults, value } = this.state
29    return (
30      <div className="content">
31        <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
32        <input
33          className="shadow-input"
34          type="text"
35          placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
36          value={value}
37          onChange={this.setValue}
38        />
39        <br />
40        <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
41      </div>
42    )
43  }
44 }
45
```

```
1 import React, { useEffect, useState } from "react";
2 import getTopPopSongs from "../api/getTopPopSongs";
3 import SearchResults from "../components/SongSearchResults";
4
5 export default function TopPopSongs() {
6   const [value, setValue] = useState("");
7   const [searchResults, setSearchResults] = useState({
8     items: [],
9     totalItems: 0
10  });
11
12  useEffect(
13    () => {
14      const results = getTopPopSongs(value);
15      setSearchResults(results);
16    },
17    [value]
18  );
19
20  return (
21    <div className="content">
22      <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
23      <input
24        className="shadow-input"
25        type="text"
26        placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
27        value={value}
28        onChange={event => {
29          setValue(event.currentTarget.value);
30        }}
31      />
32      <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
33    </div>
34  );
35 }
36
```




Custom Hooks

Allows us to combine hooks for reuse throughout different components.

Benefits:

- Decouple stateful logic from implementation details
- Reuse stateful logic across components

```
1 import { useEffect, useState } from "react";
2
3 export default function useSearch(search) {
4   const [value, setValue] = useState("");
5   const [searchResults, setSearchResults] = useState({
6     items: [],
7     totalItems: 0
8   });
9
10  useEffect(
11    () => {
12      const results = search(value);
13      setSearchResults(results);
14    },
15    [value]
16  );
17
18  return [value, setValue, searchResults];
19 }
20
```



Custom Hook useSearch() in use

```
1 import React from "react";
2 import getTopPopSongs from "../api/getTopPopSongs";
3 import useSearch from "../useSearch";
4 import SearchResults from "../components/SongSearchResults";
5
6 export default function TopPopSongs() {
7   const [value, setValue, searchResults] = useSearch(getTopPopSongs);
8
9   return (
10     <div className="content">
11       <h1>Top Pop Songs</h1>
12       <input
13         className="shadow-input"
14         type="text"
15         placeholder="Search an artist or song name"
16         value={value}
17         onChange={event => {
18           setValue(event.currentTarget.value);
19         }}
20       />
21       <br />
22       <SearchResults searchResults={searchResults} />
23     </div>
24   );
25 }
26
```



Resources

- React docs on hooks are really good as a starting point: <https://reactjs.org/docs/hooks-intro.html>
- Dan Abramov does a really good job explaining hooks:
https://medium.com/@dan_abramov/making-sense-of-react-hooks-fdbde8803889
- CSS Tricks has a good article too: <https://css-tricks.com/intro-to-react-hooks/>
- Some hook recipes to explore use cases for hooks: <https://usehooks.com/>
- Look, they're coming to Vue too!: <https://css-tricks.com/what-hooks-mean-for-vue/>
- For a deeper dive on Higher Order Components, Tyler McGinnis crushes it here:
<https://tylermcginnis.com/react-higher-order-components/>
- Mixins being publicly shamed in React:
<https://reactjs.org/blog/2016/07/13/mixins-considered-harmful.html>

One last example...

```
1 import { useState } from "react";
2
3 export default function useForm(initialValues) {
4   const [values, setValues] = useState(initialValues);
5
6   function mergeValue(key, value) {
7     setValues(prevValues => ({
8       ...prevValues,
9       [key]: value,
10    }));
11  }
12
13  function changeValue(event) {
14    const { checked, id, name, type, value } = event.currentTarget;
15    if (type === "checkbox") {
16      mergeValue(id, checked);
17    } else if (type === "radio") {
18      mergeValue(name, id);
19    } else {
20      mergeValue(id, value);
21    }
22  }
23
24  return [values, changeValue];
25 }
```

```
1 function SomeForm() {
2   const [values, setValue] = useForm({
3     name: "",
4   });
5
6   return (
7     <Label htmlFor="name">
8       Name
9       <Input id="name" value={values.name} onChange={setValue} />
10    </Label>
11  );
12 }
```

Hook for form data management! ✨