

Here's a **complete example** of **Forms and Controlled Components** in React, where the form input values are controlled by the React state. This approach ensures that the form inputs are bound to the state, and any changes to the inputs update the state accordingly. This is the recommended way of handling forms in React.

Key Concepts

- **Controlled Components:** Form elements whose values are controlled by React state.
- **State Management:** The form values are stored in state, and changes to the input are reflected in the state.
- **Two-Way Binding:** The state and input value are linked, so changes to one update the other.

Example: User Registration Form

In this example, we'll create a simple user registration form with the following fields:

- Name
- Email
- Password
- Accept terms checkbox

The form will be controlled using React state.



File: UserRegistrationForm.js

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

const UserRegistrationForm = () => {
  // State to manage form inputs
  const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
    name: "",
    email: "",
    password: "",
    termsAccepted: false,
  });

  // Handle input changes
  const handleChange = (event) => {
    const { name, value, type, checked } = event.target;
    setFormData((prevData) => ({
      ...prevData,
      [name]: type === "checkbox" ? checked : value,
    }));
  };
};
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    });
};

// Handle form submission
const handleSubmit = (event) => {
  event.preventDefault();
  // Log form data to the console (or process it as needed)
  console.log("Form Data Submitted:", formData);
};

return (
  <div style={styles.container}>
    <h2>User Registration</h2>
    <form onSubmit={handleSubmit} style={styles.form}>
      <div style={styles.formGroup}>
        <label htmlFor="name">Name:</label>
        <input
          type="text"
          id="name"
          name="name"
          value={formData.name}
          onChange={handleChange}
          placeholder="Enter your name"
          style={styles.input}
        />
      </div>

      <div style={styles.formGroup}>
        <label htmlFor="email">Email:</label>
        <input
          type="email"
          id="email"
          name="email"
          value={formData.email}
          onChange={handleChange}
          placeholder="Enter your email"
          style={styles.input}
        />
      </div>

      <div style={styles.formGroup}>
        <label htmlFor="password">Password:</label>
        <input
          type="password"
          id="password"
          name="password"
          value={formData.password}
          onChange={handleChange}
          placeholder="Enter your password"
          style={styles.input}
        />
      </div>
    </form>
  </div>
);

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    <div style={styles.formGroup}>
      <label htmlFor="termsAccepted">
        <input
          type="checkbox"
          id="termsAccepted"
          name="termsAccepted"
          checked={formData.termsAccepted}
          onChange={handleChange}
        />
        I accept the terms and conditions
      </label>
    </div>

    <button type="submit" style={styles.submitButton}>
      Register
    </button>
  </form>
</div>
);
};

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// Styles for the form
const styles = {
  container: {
    width: "400px",
    margin: "0 auto",
    padding: "20px",
    border: "1px solid #ccc",
    borderRadius: "8px",
    backgroundColor: "#f9f9f9",
  },
  form: {
    display: "flex",
    flexDirection: "column",
  },
  formGroup: {
    marginBottom: "15px",
  },
  input: {
    padding: "8px",
    fontSize: "16px",
    width: "100%",
    marginTop: "5px",
  },
  submitButton: {
    padding: "10px",
    fontSize: "16px",
    backgroundColor: "#4CAF50",
    color: "white",
    border: "none",
    cursor: "pointer",
  },
};

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```
export default UserRegistrationForm;
```

Explanation of the Code

- 1. State Management with `useState`:**
 - We define a `formData` state object that holds the values of the form fields: `name`, `email`, `password`, and `termsAccepted` (the checkbox).
 - The initial state is set with empty strings for text fields and `false` for the checkbox.
 - 2. `handleChange` Function:**
 - This function is triggered whenever an input value changes.
 - It uses the `name` attribute of the form input to update the corresponding property in the state.
 - For checkbox inputs, it checks whether the box is checked or not by using `checked`.
 - 3. Form Submission (`handleSubmit`):**
 - The `handleSubmit` function prevents the default form submission and logs the form data to the console.
 - You can replace this with API calls or other logic for form processing.
 - 4. Binding Values:**
 - Each form input is bound to the state using the `value` or `checked` attribute.
 - The value of each input is controlled by the corresponding state property (`formData.name`, `formData.email`, etc.).
 - 5. Styles:**
 - Basic styling is applied to the form for better readability. Feel free to customize the styles as per your design requirements.
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Usage

You can import and use this `UserRegistrationForm` component in your main app file or any other component like this:

```
jsx
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import React from "react";
import UserRegistrationForm from "../components/UserRegistrationForm";

function App() {
  return (
    <div className="App">
      <UserRegistrationForm />
    </div>
  );
}
```

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}
```

```
export default App;
```

Benefits of Controlled Components:

- **Centralized State Management:** The form data is managed in the component's state, allowing for easy access and updates.
 - **Two-Way Binding:** Any changes in the form inputs are immediately reflected in the state, and vice versa.
 - **Easier Validation:** You can easily validate the input values before submitting the form by simply checking the state.
 - **Reusability:** The component can be reused with different initial values or in different contexts.
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