Step-by-Step Exercise Lab

Build a Cryptocurrency Market Tracker (using CDNs)

This exercise will guide you through creating a React web application from scratch using Content Delivery Networks (CDNs). You'll learn to fetch data from an API, display it, perform calculations, and add interactivity, all within one HTML file.

Goal: Create an app that fetches a list of cryptocurrencies, displays a random selection, calculates their total market capitalization, and allows you to remove items from the list.

Prerequisites:

A text editor (like VS Code, Notepad++, Sublime Text).

A web browser (Chrome, Firefox, Safari).

Basic understanding of HTML structure.

Basic JavaScript concepts (variables, functions, arrays).

You will build a React App to render some data from the following API:

https://api.coingecko.com/api/v3/coins/markets?vs_currency=usd&order=market_cap_desc&per_page=100&page=1&sparkline=false

You can check the contents of the API response before you start creating your app.

Out final App will look like to:



Step 1: Create Your Basic HTML File

You'll start with the barebones HTML structure.

Create a New File: In an empty folder on your computer, create a new file and name it index.html.

Add Basic HTML Boilerplate: Copy and paste the following code into your index.html file.

Step 2: Include React, ReactDOM, and Babel from CDNs

To use React directly in your HTML, you need to include the React library, ReactDOM (which connects React to the DOM), and Babel (to translate modern JavaScript and JSX into browser-understandable code).

1. Add Script Tags: Place the following <script> tags inside the <head> section of your index.html, just before the closing </head> tag.

Step 3: Create Your First React Component (App)

You'll now define your main React component and tell ReactDOM to render it into the #root div.

1. Add React Script Block: Add a new <script> tag just before the closing </body> tag. This script tag must have type="text/babel" so Babel knows to process its content.

Test It: Save and refresh your browser. You should now see "Hello, Crypto Tracker!" on your page.

Step 4: Add the shuffleArray Helper Function

You'll need a way to randomly select cryptocurrencies. This shuffleArray function will be used for that.

1. **Define shuffleArray:** Place the shuffleArray function **inside your <script type="text/babel"> block**, but **outside** the App component definition (e.g., just above const App = () => { ... }).

```
// Destructure useState and useEffect from the global React object
const { useState, useEffect } = React;

// Step 4: Define shuffleArray helper function
function shuffleArray(array, n = 12) {
    let newArray = [...array]; // Create a shallow copy to avoid mutating original
    let currentIndex = newArray.length;
    let randomIndex;

while (currentIndex !== 0) {
    randomIndex = Math.floor(Math.random() * currentIndex);
    currentIndex--;
```

2. **Test It:** Save and refresh. No visual change, but the helper function is now available.

Step 5: Fetch Data from CoinGecko API

Now, let's get the actual crypto data!

 Add State for Data: Inside the App component, define a state variable to hold your cryptocurrency list.

```
const App = () => {
    const [cryptoList, setCryptoList] = useState([]); // Step 5: State for fetched
    crypto data
```

2. **Add useEffect for Fetching:** Still inside the App component, add the useEffect hook to fetch data when the component mounts.

3. **Test It:** Save and refresh your browser. Open your browser's developer console (usually F12 or right-click -> Inspect -> Console). You should see "Step 5: Fetching crypto data!" and then a large array of cryptocurrency objects logged to the console.

Step 6: Process and Select Random Cryptocurrencies

Now, refine the fetched data and pick your random selection.

1. **Map and Select:** Modify the useEffect's second .then() block to map the data and use shuffleArray.

```
const App = () \Rightarrow \{
    const [cryptoList, setCryptoList] = useState([]);
    useEffect(() => {
        console.log('Step 6: Processing and selecting crypto data!');
fetch('https://api.coingecko.com/api/v3/coins/markets?vs_currency=usd&order=market_
cap_desc&per_page=100&page=1&sparkline=false')
            .then(res => {
                if (!res.ok) {
                    throw new Error(`HTTP error! status: ${res.status}`);
                return res.json();
            })
            .then(data => {
                const mappedData = data.map(crypto => ({
                    id: crypto.id, // Unique ID for React key
                    name: crypto.name,
                    symbol: crypto.symbol,
                    currentPrice: crypto.current price,
                    marketCap: crypto.market_cap,
                    image: crypto.image // URL to the crypto's logo
                }));
                const selectedCryptos = shuffleArray(mappedData, 12); // Select 12
random unique cryptos
                setCryptoList(selectedCryptos); // Update state with the selected
                console.log('Selected cryptos:', selectedCryptos); // Log to
confirm
            })
            .catch(err => console.error('Error fetching crypto:', err));
```

2. **Test It:** Save and refresh. Check your console. You should now see "Selected cryptos:" followed by an array of 12 (or fewer if the API returned less) cleaned-up crypto objects. The page itself will show "Cryptos loaded! Ready to display X items."

Step 7: Create the CryptoCard Component

This component will be responsible for displaying individual cryptocurrency details.

Define CryptoCard: Place this code inside your <script type="text/babel">
 block, but outside the App component definition (e.g., just above const App = () => {
 ... }).

Test It: Save and refresh. No visual change yet, as CryptoCard isn't being used.

Step 8: Render the List of Crypto Cards

Now, let's make the cards appear on the page!

- 1. **Map cryptoList to CryptoCards:** In App's return statement, modify the content to map over cryptoList and render CryptoCard components.
- 2. **Define removeCrypto function:** This function will be passed down to CryptoCard to handle removing items.

```
const removeCrypto = (id) => {
   // Filter out the removed crypto
   const updatedList = cryptoList.filter(crypto => crypto.id !== id);
   setCryptoList(updatedList);
   // We'll update total market cap based on this new list in a later step
};
return (
       <h1>Cryptocurrency Market Tracker</h1>
       {/* Step 8: Render the list of CryptoCards */}
       <div className="crypto-list"> {/* We'll add CSS for this class later */}
           {cryptoList.length > 0 ? (
               cryptoList.map(crypto => (
                   <CryptoCard
                       key={crypto.id} // Essential for React lists
                       id={crypto.id}
                       name={crypto.name}
                       symbol={crypto.symbol}
                       price={crypto.currentPrice}
                       marketCap={crypto.marketCap}
                       image={crypto.image}
                       onRemove={removeCrypto} // Pass the removal function
               ))
               Loading cryptocurrencies...
       </div>
   </div>
```

Test It: Save and refresh. You should now see 12 (or fewer) crypto cards displayed vertically on your page. If you click a "Remove" button, the card should disappear.

Step 9: Calculate and Display Total Market Capitalization

Now, let's add the core calculation feature.

1. Add totalMarketCap State: Inside the App component, define a new state variable.

```
const [totalMarketCap, setTotalMarketCap] = useState(0); // Step 9: State for
total market cap
```

2. **Calculate on Initial Load:** In useEffect, after selectedCryptos are set, calculate their total market cap and update the state.

```
then(data => {
                const mappedData = data.map(crypto => ({
                    id: crypto.id, // Unique ID for React key
                    name: crypto.name,
                    symbol: crypto.symbol,
                    currentPrice: crypto.current_price,
                    marketCap: crypto.market_cap,
                    image: crypto.image // URL to the crypto's logo
               }));
                const selectedCryptos = shuffleArray(mappedData, 12); // Select 12
random unique cryptos
                setCryptoList(selectedCryptos); // Update state with the selected list
                console.log('Selected cryptos:', selectedCryptos); // Log to confirm
               // Step 9: Calculate total market cap for the displayed list on
initial load
               const sumMarketCap = selectedCryptos.reduce((acc, crypto) => {
                    return acc + crypto.marketCap;
                }, 0);
                setTotalMarketCap(sumMarketCap);
            .catch(err => console.error('Error fetching crypto:', err));
   }, []);
```

3. **Recalculate on Removal:** In removeCrypto, after filtering the list, recalculate the sum based on the *new* updatedList.

```
const removeCrypto = (id) => {
    const updatedList = cryptoList.filter(crypto => crypto.id !== id);
    setCryptoList(updatedList);

// Step 9: Recalculate total market cap with the updated list
```

```
const newTotal = updatedList.reduce((acc, crypto) => acc + crypto.marketCap,
0);
    setTotalMarketCap(newTotal);
};
```

4. **Display the Total:** In App's return, add a heading to display the totalMarketCap.

```
return (
           <h1>Cryptocurrency Market Tracker</h1>
           {/* Step 8: Render the list of CryptoCards */}
           {/* Step 9: Display total market cap */}
           <h2>Total Market Cap of Displayed Cryptos:
${totalMarketCap.toLocaleString()}</h2>
           <div className="crypto-list"> {/* We'll add CSS for this class later */}
               {cryptoList.length > 0 ? (
                   cryptoList.map(crypto => (
                       <CryptoCard
                           key={crypto.id} // Essential for React lists
                           id={crypto.id}
                          name={crypto.name}
                           symbol={crypto.symbol}
                           price={crypto.currentPrice}
                          marketCap={crypto.marketCap}
                           image={crypto.image}
                           onRemove={removeCrypto} // Pass the removal function
                   ))
                   Loading cryptocurrencies...
           </div>
       </div>
```

5. **Test It:** Save and refresh. You should now see the "Total Market Cap" at the top. Click "Remove" on a card, and the total should update dynamically.

Step 10: Basic Styling

Let's make the app look better by adding some CSS.

1. Add <style> Block: Place the following CSS rules inside the <head> section of your index.html, after the <title> tag and before any <script> tags for CDNs.

```
body {
    font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
    margin: 0;
    padding: 20px;
    background-color: #2c3e50; /* Dark background */
    color: #ecf0f1; /* Light text */
    text-align: center;
h1 {
    color: #e74c3c; /* Red accent */
    margin-bottom: 30px;
h2 {
    color: #2ecc71; /* Green accent */
    margin-top: 20px;
    margin-bottom: 30px;
.crypto-list {
    display: flex;
    flex-wrap: wrap;
    justify-content: center;
    gap: 20px; /* Space between cards */
.crypto-card {
    background-color: #34495e; /* Darker card background */
    border-radius: 10px;
    padding: 15px;
    width: 200px;
    box-shadow: 0 4px 8px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.2);
    transition: transform 0.2s ease-in-out;
    cursor: pointer; /* Indicate it's clickable */
    display: flex;
    flex-direction: column;
    align-items: center;
    text-align: center;
.crypto-card:hover {
    transform: translateY(-5px);
.crypto-card-img {
    width: 60px;
    height: 60px;
```

```
margin-bottom: 10px;
.crypto-card h3 {
   margin: 5px 0;
   color: #f1c40f; /* Yellow accent for name */
.crypto-card p {
   margin: 2px 0;
   font-size: 0.9em;
.crypto-card .remove-button {
   background-color: #c0392b; /* Dark red for remove button */
   color: white;
   border: none;
   border-radius: 5px;
   padding: 5px 10px;
   margin-top: 10px;
   cursor: pointer;
   font-size: 0.8em;
.crypto-card .remove-button:hover {
   background-color: #e74c3c;
.no-data-message {
   margin-top: 50px;
   font-style: italic;
   color: #bdc3c7;
```

Test It: Save and refresh. Your app should now have a much better visual presentation!

Final Review: Complete index.html Code

For your convenience, here's the complete index.html (with all the code in the .html) file with all the steps combined. You can use this as a reference or to check your work.

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html lang="en">
    <meta charset="UTF-8">
    <meta name="viewport" content="width=device-width, initial-scale=1.0">
    <title>Crypto Market Tracker</title>
    <script crossorigin</pre>
src="https://unpkq.com/react@18/umd/react.development.js"></script>
    <script crossorigin src="https://unpkg.com/react-dom@18/umd/react-</pre>
dom.development.js"></script>
    <script src="https://unpkg.com/@babel/standalone/babel.min.js"></script>
    <style>
        body {
            font-family: Arial, sans-serif;
            margin: 0;
            padding: 20px;
            background-color: #2c3e50;
            /* Dark background */
            color: #ecf0f1;
            /* Light text */
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   padding: 15px;
   width: 200px;
   box-shadow: 0 4px 8px rgba(0, 0, 0, 0.2);
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            color: #bdc3c7;
    </style>
</head>
   <div id="root"></div>
    <script type="text/babel">
        const { useState, useEffect } = React;
        // Step 4: Define shuffleArray helper function
        function shuffleArray(array, n = 12) {
            let newArray = [...array];
            let currentIndex = newArray.length;
            let randomIndex;
            while (currentIndex !== 0) {
                randomIndex = Math.floor(Math.random() * currentIndex);
                currentIndex--;
                [newArray[currentIndex], newArray[randomIndex]] = [
                    newArray[randomIndex],
                    newArray[currentIndex],
                ];
            const numToSelect = Math.min(n, newArray.length);
            return newArray.slice(0, numToSelect);
        // Step 7: Define the CryptoCard component
        function CryptoCard({ id, name, symbol, price, marketCap, image, onRemove }) {
            return (
                <div className="crypto-card">
                    <img src={image} alt={`${name} logo`} className="crypto-card-img"</pre>
                    <h3>{name} ({symbol.toUpperCase()})</h3>
                    Price: ${price.toLocaleString(undefined, {}
minimumFractionDigits: 2, maximumFractionDigits: 8 })}
```

```
Market Cap: ${marketCap.toLocaleString()}
                   <button className="remove-button" onClick={() =>
onRemove(id)}>Remove</putton>
                </div>
            ):
        // Step 3: Define the App component
        const App = () => {
            // Step 5: State for fetched crypto data
            const [cryptoList, setCryptoList] = useState([]);
            // Step 9: State for total market cap
            const [totalMarketCap, setTotalMarketCap] = useState(0);
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                            symbol: crypto.symbol,
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on initial load
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                        }, 0);
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                    })
                    .catch(err => console.error('Error fetching crypto:', err));
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                                   name={crypto.name}
                                   symbol={crypto.symbol}
                                   price={crypto.currentPrice}
                                   marketCap={crypto.marketCap}
                                   image={crypto.image}
                                   onRemove={removeCrypto}
                           ))
                           Loading
cryptocurrencies...
                   </div>
               </div>
           );
       };
       // Step 3: Mount your React App to the DOM
        const root = ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById('root'));
       root.render(<App />);
    </script>
</body>
</html>
```