

Yes, you're absolutely right — **React Context** is primarily used to avoid "**prop drilling**", which happens when you pass data through many layers of components just to reach a deeply nested child.

What is Prop Drilling?

"Prop drilling" refers to the process of passing data from a top-level component to a deeply nested component via intermediary components that **do not need the data themselves**, but are required to pass it along.

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```
function App() { return <Parent name="Alice" />; } function Parent({ name }) { return <Child name={name} />; } function Child({ name }) { return <Grandchild name={name} />; } function Grandchild({ name }) { return <div>Hello, {name}</div>; }
```

Here, only `Grandchild` needs `name`, but `Parent` and `Child` have to receive and pass it.

How React Context Helps

With **React Context**, you can provide data at a higher level and access it from any nested component directly, without passing it explicitly through every level.

1. Create the Context

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```
const NameContext = React.createContext();
```

2. Provide the Context

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```
function App() { return ( <NameContext.Provider value="Alice"> <Parent /> </NameContext.Provider> ); }
```

3. Consume the Context

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```
function Grandchild() { const name = React.useContext(NameContext); return <div>Hello, {name}</div>; }
```

Now `Grandchild` can access `name` directly, and `Parent` / `Child` don't need to be involved.

🚫 When Not to Use Context

- If the data is only used by a few components close to each other.
- If the data changes frequently — context updates can cause unnecessary re-renders in large trees.
- When local component state or other state management tools (like Redux, Zustand, etc.) are more suitable.

Let me know if you'd like a working code example or a comparison with other state management tools!



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Sure! Let's compare **React Context** and **Redux** with a focus on solving **prop drilling** — and help you understand how Redux approaches the same problem.

🔄 Prop Drilling Problem

Say we want to pass a `user` object (`{ name: "Alice" }`) from a top-level component to a deeply nested child. Doing it with props becomes tedious when the component tree is deep:

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```
<App> <Parent> <Child> <Grandchild> // needs user
```

✅ Solution 1: Using **React Context**

React Context is simple and built-in.

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```
// 1. Create context const UserContext = React.createContext(); // 2. Provide value
function App() { const user = { name: "Alice" }; return ( <UserContext.Provider value=
{user}> <Parent /> </UserContext.Provider> ); } // 3. Consume value function
Grandchild() { const user = React.useContext(UserContext); return <div>Hello,
{user.name}</div>; }
```

→ Context is ideal for small-scale or app-wide static-ish data (like theme, user, locale).

✅ Solution 2: Using **Redux**

Redux is more powerful and suited for **global state management** across large applications — especially when many components need access to or can update the state.

🔧 1. Set up Redux store

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```
// store.js import { configureStore, createSlice } from '@reduxjs/toolkit'; const
userSlice = createSlice({ name: 'user', initialState: { name: 'Alice' }, reducers: {
setName: (state, action) => { state.name = action.payload; } } }); export const {
setName } = userSlice.actions; export const store = configureStore({ reducer: { user:
userSlice.reducer } });
```

📦 2. Provide store to React

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```
// index.js import React from 'react'; import ReactDOM from 'react-dom'; import {
Provider } from 'react-redux'; import { store } from './store'; import App from
```

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'./App'; ReactDOM.render( <Provider store={store}> <App /> </Provider>,
document.getElementById('root') );
```

📌 3. Use Redux state in Grandchild

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```
import { useSelector } from 'react-redux'; function Grandchild() { const user =
useSelector((state) => state.user); return <div>Hello, {user.name}</div>; }
```

🔍 Key Differences: Context vs. Redux

Feature	React Context	Redux
Scope	Good for limited/shared state	Ideal for large/global app state
Complexity	Simple and minimal	Requires setup (store, actions, etc.)
Performance	Might re-render unnecessarily	More optimized with fine-grained control
State updates	Local to component tree	Centralized via actions/reducers
Async logic	Not built-in	Built-in with middleware (e.g. thunk)

🚀 When to Use Redux Over Context?

Use **Redux** when:

- The app is large and deeply nested.
- Many components need to read/write the same global state.
- You need middleware (logging, async logic, etc.).
- You want time-travel debugging, undo/redo, etc.

Use **Context** when:

- You only need to share a few values.
- You want to avoid boilerplate.

- You don't need advanced state control.