

Complete React BMI Calculator - Code Explanation

React Fundamentals Used

1. Component Structure

```
jsx

const BMICalculator = () => {
  // Component logic here
  return (
    // JSX template here
  );
};

export default BMICalculator;
```

- **Functional Component:** Modern React uses functions instead of classes
- **Arrow Function:** `() => {}` syntax for cleaner code
- **Default Export:** Makes this component importable in other files

2. React Hooks Used

useState Hook - State Management

```
jsx

const [height, setHeight] = useState("");
const [weight, setWeight] = useState("");
const [bmi, setBmi] = useState(null);
const [category, setCategory] = useState("");
const [isCalculated, setIsCalculated] = useState(false);
const [history, setHistory] = useState([]);
```

What it does:

- `useState("")` creates a state variable with initial value
- Returns array: `[currentValue, setterFunction]`
- `height` = current value, `setHeight` = function to update it
- When state changes, React re-renders the component

Example:

```
jsx

// When user types in input:
onChange={(e) => setHeight(e.target.value)}
// This updates the height state and re-renders component
```

useEffect Hook (imported but not used)

```
jsx

import { useState, useEffect } from 'react';
```

- Used for side effects (API calls, timers, etc.)
- Not used in this component, but imported for potential future use

3. JSX (JavaScript XML)

JSX lets you write HTML-like syntax in JavaScript:

```
jsx

return (
  <div className="min-h-screen bg-gradient-to-br">
    <h1 className="text-4xl font-bold text-white">BMI Calculator</h1>
  </div>
);
```

Key differences from HTML:

- `className` instead of `class`
- `onClick` instead of `onclick`
- Self-closing tags: `<input />` not `<input>`
- JavaScript expressions in `{ }`

Component Breakdown

State Variables Explained

```
jsx
```

```
const [height, setHeight] = useState(""); // User's height input
const [weight, setWeight] = useState(""); // User's weight input
const [unit, setUnit] = useState('metric'); // Metric/Imperial toggle
const [bmi, setBmi] = useState(null); // Calculated BMI result
const [category, setCategory] = useState(""); // BMI category (Normal, Overweight, etc.)
const [isCalculated, setIsCalculated] = useState(false); // Whether BMI was calculated
const [history, setHistory] = useState([]); // Array of previous calculations
```

Helper Functions

1. getBMICategory Function

jsx

```
const getBMICategory = (bmiValue) => {
  if (bmiValue < 18.5) return { name: 'Underweight', color: 'text-blue-500', bg: 'bg-blue-100' };
  if (bmiValue >= 18.5 && bmiValue < 25) return { name: 'Normal weight', color: 'text-green-500', bg: 'bg-green-100' };
  if (bmiValue >= 25 && bmiValue < 30) return { name: 'Overweight', color: 'text-yellow-500', bg: 'bg-yellow-100' };
  return { name: 'Obese', color: 'text-red-500', bg: 'bg-red-100' };
};
```

Purpose:

- Takes BMI number as input
- Returns object with category name and styling classes
- Used to determine if someone is underweight, normal, overweight, or obese

2. calculateBMI Function

jsx

```

const calculateBMI = () => {
  if (!height || !weight) return; // Exit if no input

  let heightInMeters, weightInKg;

  if (unit === 'metric') {
    heightInMeters = parseFloat(height) / 100; // Convert cm to meters
    weightInKg = parseFloat(weight); // Already in kg
  } else {
    heightInMeters = (parseFloat(height) * 0.0254); // Convert inches to meters
    weightInKg = parseFloat(weight) * 0.453592; // Convert lbs to kg
  }

  const bmiValue = weightInKg / (heightInMeters * heightInMeters); // BMI formula
  const roundedBMI = Math.round(bmiValue * 10) / 10; // Round to 1 decimal

  setBmi(roundedBMI); // Update BMI state
  setCategory(getBMICategory(roundedBMI)); // Update category state
  setIsCalculated(true); // Show results
};

```

Step-by-step:

1. Check if height and weight exist
2. Convert units to metric (meters and kg)
3. Apply BMI formula: $\text{weight} \div (\text{height}^2)$
4. Update multiple state variables
5. React re-renders with new data

3. Event Handlers

```

jsx

// Handle form input changes
onChange={(e) => setHeight(e.target.value)}

// Handle button clicks
onClick={() => setUnit('metric')}
onClick={calculateBMI}
onClick={reset}

```

Conditional Rendering

React shows/hides elements based on state:

jsx

```
{/* Only show if BMI is calculated */}
{isCalculated && bmi && (
  <div className="mt-8 animate-fade-in">
    <div className="text-5xl font-bold text-white mb-2">{bmi}</div>
  </div>
)}

{/* Only show if there's calculation history */}
{history.length > 0 && (
  <div className="bg-white/10 backdrop-blur-lg rounded-3xl p-6">
    <h3>Recent Results</h3>
  </div>
)}
```

How it works:

- `&&` operator: if left side is true, show right side
- `isCalculated && bmi` = both must be true
- If false, React renders nothing

Dynamic Styling

jsx

```
className={`px-6 py-2 rounded-full transition-all duration-300 ${
  unit === 'metric'
    ? 'bg-white text-purple-600 shadow-lg' // If metric selected
    : 'text-white hover:bg-white/10'      // If imperial selected
}`}

```

Template literals with dynamic classes:

- Backticks `` allow multi-line strings
- `${}` for JavaScript expressions
- Ternary operator: `condition ? true : false`

Lists and Mapping

jsx

```
{getHealthTips().map((tip, index) => (  
  <li key={index} className="text-white/80 text-sm flex items-start gap-2">  
    <Target className="h-4 w-4 text-green-400 mt-0.5 flex-shrink-0" />  
    {tip}  
  </li>  
))}
```

How mapping works:

1. `getHealthTips()` returns an array of strings
2. `.map()` transforms each item into JSX
3. `key={index}` helps React track list items
4. Each `tip` becomes a list item

Form Handling

jsx

```
<input  
  type="number"  
  value={height} // Controlled component  
  onChange={(e) => setHeight(e.target.value)} // Update state on change  
  placeholder="170"  
  className="w-full px-4 py-4 bg-white/10..."  
>
```

Controlled Components:

- `value={height}` - React controls the input value
- `onChange` - Updates state when user types
- State is "single source of truth"



Styling with Tailwind CSS

jsx

```
className="min-h-screen bg-gradient-to-br from-purple-600 via-blue-600 to-teal-500 p-4"
```

Utility classes:

- `min-h-screen` = minimum height 100vh
- `bg-gradient-to-br` = gradient background bottom-right
- `from-purple-600` = starting color
- `p-4` = padding 1rem

Responsive Design

jsx

```
className="grid lg:grid-cols-3 gap-8" // Large screens: 3 columns
className="grid md:grid-cols-2 gap-6" // Medium screens: 2 columns
```

React Lifecycle in This App

1. Initial Render

jsx

```
// Component mounts with initial state
const [height, setHeight] = useState(""); // height = ""
const [bmi, setBmi] = useState(null); // bmi = null
const [isCalculated, setIsCalculated] = useState(false); // isCalculated = false
```

2. User Interaction

jsx

```
// User types in height input
onChange={(e) => setHeight(e.target.value)}
// This triggers re-render with new height value
```

3. State Update & Re-render

jsx

```
const calculateBMI = () => {
  // ... calculations ...
  setBmi(roundedBMI); // State update
  setIsCalculated(true); // State update
  // React automatically re-renders component
};
```

4. Conditional Rendering Update

```
jsx

// After re-render, this now shows because isCalculated = true
{isCalculated && bmi && (
  <div>Your BMI: {bmi}</div> // Now visible
)}
```

Data Flow Example

1. **User Input:** Types "170" in height field
2. **Event:** `onChange` fires
3. **State Update:** `setHeight('170')` called
4. **Re-render:** Component re-renders with height = '170'
5. **User Action:** Clicks "Calculate BMI"
6. **Function Call:** `calculateBMI()` executes
7. **Multiple State Updates:**
 - `setBmi(24.2)`
 - `setCategory({name: 'Normal weight', ...})`
 - `setIsCalculated(true)`
8. **Re-render:** Component shows results
9. **History Update:** New calculation added to history array

Key React Concepts Demonstrated

1. Component Composition

```
jsx

<div className="max-w-6xl mx-auto">
  <Header />      {/* Could be separate component */}
  <CalculatorCard />  {/* Could be separate component */}
  <SidePanel />     {/* Could be separate component */}
</div>
```

2. Props (if components were separated)

```
jsx
```



```
<CalculatorCard
  height={height}
  weight={weight}
  onCalculate={calculateBMI}
/>
```

3. State Management

- **Local state** with `useState`
- **State lifting** (all state in parent component)
- **Derived state** (category derived from BMI)

4. Event Handling

- **Synthetic events** (React's event system)
- **Event delegation** (React handles efficiently)
- **Controlled components** (React controls form inputs)

Advanced React Patterns Used

1. Functional Updates

```
jsx

setHistory(prev => [newEntry, ...prev.slice(0, 4)]);
//    ^^ Function receives previous state
//    ^^ Spread operator adds new item
//    ^^ Keep only first 5 items
```

2. Object State Updates

```
jsx

const newEntry = {
  id: Date.now(),
  bmi: roundedBMI,
  category: getBMICategory(roundedBMI),
  date: new Date().toLocaleDateString(),
  weight: unit === 'metric' ? `${weight} kg` : `${weight} lbs`,
  height: unit === 'metric' ? `${height} cm` : `${height} in`
};
```

3. Conditional Logic in JSX

jsx

```
disabled={!height || !weight} // Button disabled if no input
```

```
className={heightError ? 'border-red-400' : 'border-white/20'} // Dynamic styling
```

Component Structure Overview

BMICalculator

├── Header Section

│ ├── Title with Calculator Icon

│ └── Description

├── Main Content Grid

│ ├── Calculator Card (2/3 width)

│ ├── Unit Toggle Buttons

│ ├── Input Fields (Height & Weight)

│ ├── Action Buttons (Calculate & Reset)

│ └── BMI Result Display

│ └── Side Panel (1/3 width)

│ ├── Health Tips

│ ├── BMI Categories Reference

│ └── Calculation History

└── Footer

This structure demonstrates React's **component-based architecture** where everything is organized into reusable, manageable pieces.

🎯 Summary

This BMI Calculator showcases essential React concepts:

- **Functional Components** with hooks
- **State management** with useState
- **Event handling** and form control
- **Conditional rendering** based on state
- **Dynamic styling** with template literals
- **List rendering** with map
- **Component composition** and organization

The app follows React best practices and demonstrates how to build a complete, interactive application using modern React patterns!