

Experiment 2

Aim

Experiment based on React Hooks (useEffect, useContext, custom hooks)

Theory

What & Why

- **Hooks** let function components manage **state**, **side effects**, and **shared logic** without classes. Standard practice: keep components “pure UI” and push effects/shared logic into hooks.

useEffect

- **Purpose:** Run **side effects** after render (data fetch, subscriptions, DOM APIs), with optional **cleanup**.
- **Timing:** Runs after paint; cleanup runs before the next effect or on unmount.
- **Dependencies:** Array controls when it re-runs—`[]` (mount/cleanup only), `[a, b]` (when `a` or `b` change). Missing deps = bugs.
- **Best practice:**
 - Keep effects **idempotent** and **minimal**; avoid doing rendering logic in effects.
 - Move fetches/subscriptions into **custom hooks**; return status + data.
 - Prefer event handlers/derived values over effects when possible (effects are a last resort).Always **return a cleanup** for subscriptions/timers.

useContext

- **Purpose:** Provide **global-ish**, **read-mostly** values down the tree (theme, auth, i18n) without prop drilling.
- **Mechanics:** `const value = useContext(MyContext)` reads from nearest `<MyContext.Provider value=...>`.
- **Best practice:**
 - Keep context **stable** (memoize provider value) to avoid re-renders.
 - **Split contexts** by concern (state vs dispatch) or use **selectors** to reduce updates.
 - Don't use context as a general store for frequently changing granular state—consider **local state** or a dedicated state library.

Custom Hooks

- **Purpose: Encapsulate reusable logic** (state + effects + context usage) behind a simple API. Naming: `useSomething`.
- **Design:**
 - Inputs are **parameters**, outputs are a **stable object** or tuple.
 - Hide implementation details; expose the minimum surface (data, booleans, callbacks).
 - Keep hooks **pure** (no conditional hook calls), and **testable** (isolate side effects).
- **Examples:** `useFetch`, `useToggle`, `useLocalStorage`, `useBreakpoint`, `useAuth`.

Common Pitfalls (and fixes)

- **Stale closures** in effects → list all deps or use functional updates.
- **Effect doing too much** → split by concern; one effect per side effect.
- **Context value recreated each render** → wrap in `useMemo/useCallback`.
- **Custom hook leaks** (intervals/listeners) → always provide **cleanup**.
- **Overusing effects** for derived state → derive during render or with `useMemo` instead.

Standard way: Prefer local state + render logic first; reach for `useEffect` only for true side effects, `useContext` for stable cross-cutting values, and **custom hooks** to package reusable behavior cleanly with proper dependencies and cleanups.

30% extra part

Zustand: lightweight state for React (vs Redux)

- **What:** Tiny state manager using hooks (`create`), no Provider or reducers needed. Components subscribe to **slices** via selectors.
- **Why better than Redux (for most apps):**
 - **Near-zero boilerplate** (no actions/types/reducers).
 - **Selector-based subscriptions** → fewer re-renders by default.
 - **Mutable updates allowed** (or use `immer` middleware) with clean TypeScript inference.
 - **No context needed;** works across trees, portals, and outside React.
 - **Composability:** middlewares (`persist`, `immer`, `devtools`) added per store.
- **shallow / useShallow:** Optimize multiple-field selects. `shallow` compares object/array fields to avoid re-renders when values don't change. (If your version exports `useShallow`, it's a convenience wrapper for the same pattern.)
- **Server & async friendly:** Zustand stores can be used **outside React components**, which means you can update/read state in async functions, event handlers, or even on the server side — something Redux and Context patterns handle less cleanly.

Source code

```
src > JS store.js > ...
1  import { create } from "zustand";
2
3  export const useCounter = create((set) => ({
4    count: 0,
5    inc: () => set((s) => ({ count: s.count + 1 })),
6    dec: () => set((s) => ({ count: s.count - 1 })),
7    reset: () => set({ count: 0 }),
8  }));
9
```

Fig 1.1

```
src > main.jsx
1  import { StrictMode } from 'react'
2  import { createRoot } from 'react-dom/client'
3  import './index.css'
4  import App from './App.jsx'
5
6  createRoot(document.getElementById('root')).render(
7    <StrictMode>
8      <App />
9    </StrictMode>,
10 )
11
```

Fig 1.2

```
src > App.jsx > ...
1 import { useCounter } from "../store";
2
3 export default function App() {
4   const count = useCounter((s) => s.count);
5   const inc = useCounter((s) => s.inc);
6   const dec = useCounter((s) => s.dec);
7   const reset = useCounter((s) => s.reset);
8
9   return (
10     <div style={{ display: "grid", placeItems: "center", height: "100vh", gap: 12 }}>
11       <h1>Count: {count}</h1>
12       <div style={{ display: "flex", gap: 8 }}>
13         <button onClick={dec}>-1</button>
14         <button onClick={reset}>Reset</button>
15         <button onClick={inc}>+1</button>
16       </div>
17     </div>
18   );
19 }
```

Fig 1.3

```
src > index.css > :root
1  √ :root {
2    font-family: system-ui, Avenir, Helvetica, Arial, sans-serif;
3    line-height: 1.5;
4    font-weight: 400;
5
6    color-scheme: light dark;
7    color: rgba(255, 255, 255, 0.87);
8    background-color: #242424;
9
10   font-synthesis: none;
11   text-rendering: optimizeLegibility;
12   -webkit-font-smoothing: antialiased;
13   -moz-osx-font-smoothing: grayscale;
14 }
15
16 √ a {
17   font-weight: 500;
18   color: #646cff;
19   text-decoration: inherit;
20 }
21 √ a:hover {
22   color: #535bf2;
23 }
24
25 √ body {
26   margin: 0;
27   display: flex;
28   place-items: center;
29   min-width: 320px;
30   min-height: 100vh;
31 }
32
33 √ h1 {
34   font-size: 3.2em;
35   line-height: 1.1;
36 }
```

Fig 1.4

Output

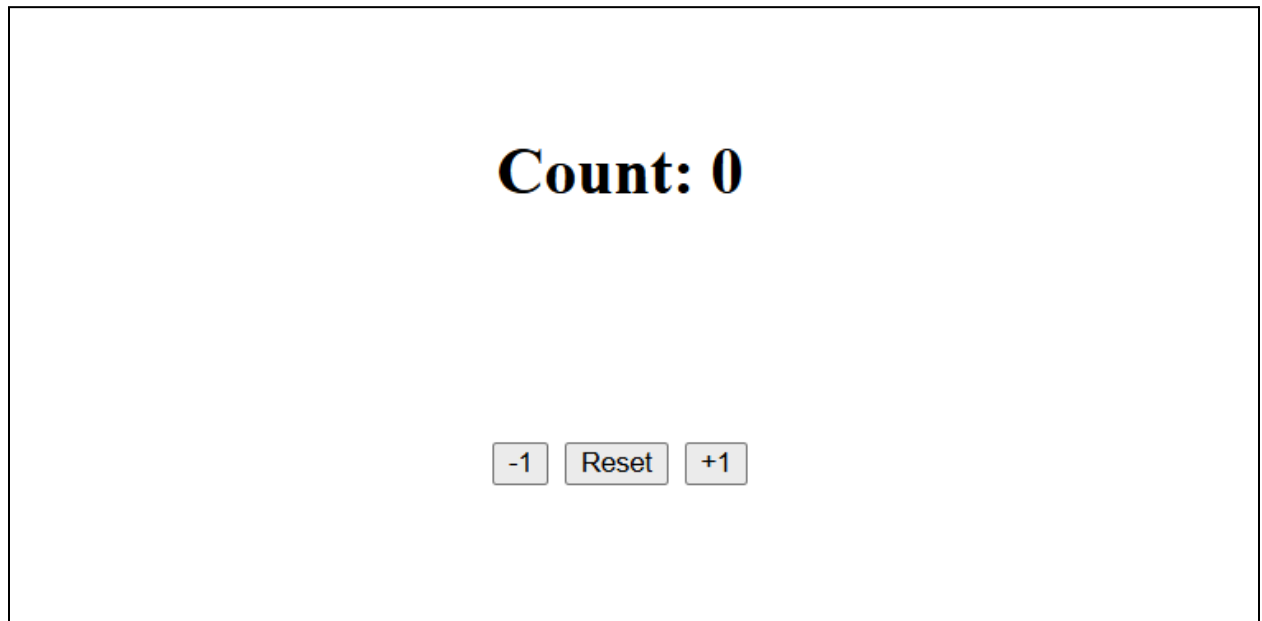


Fig 2.1

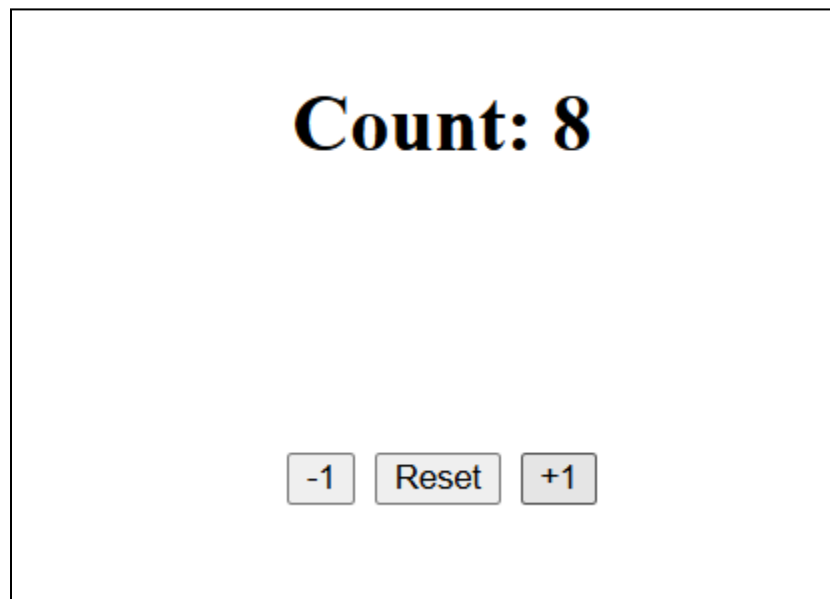


Fig 2.2

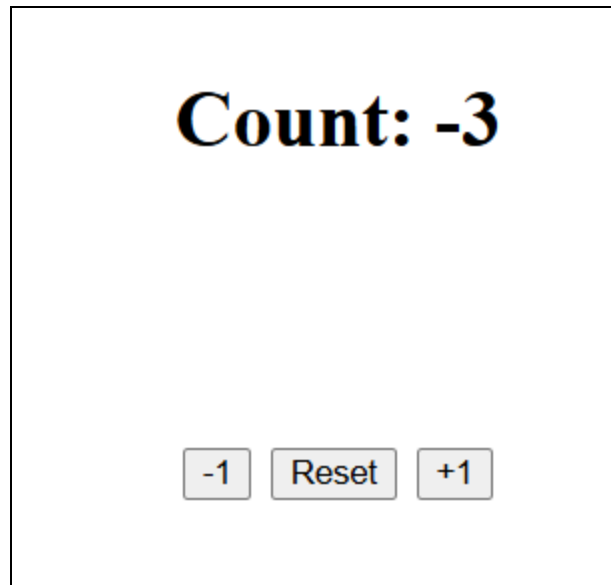


Fig 2.3

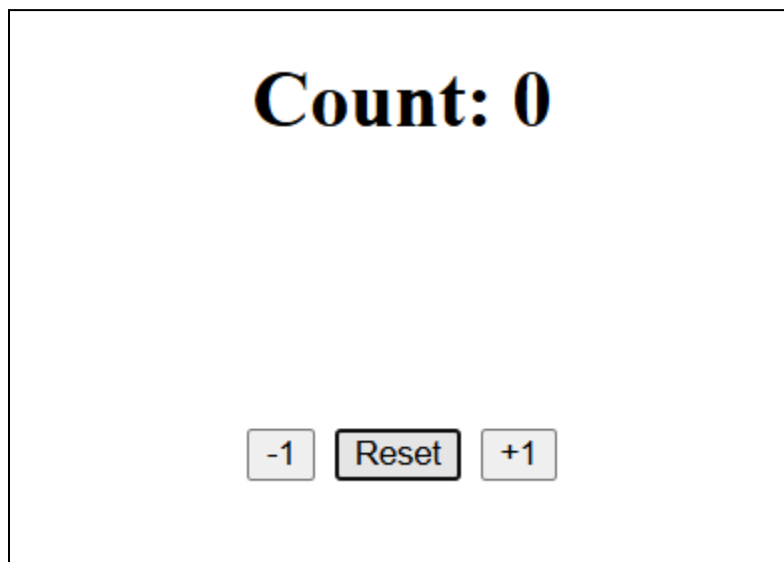


Fig 2.4

Conclusion

This experiment shows how React's built-in hooks (`useEffect`, `useContext`, and custom hooks) help manage side effects, share values across components, and encapsulate reusable logic in a clean, declarative way. Zustand complements these hooks by providing a lightweight state manager that reduces boilerplate, avoids unnecessary re-renders with tools like `shallow/useShallow`, and simplifies global state compared to Redux. Together, hooks and Zustand enable building scalable React apps with minimal code and maximum clarity.