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React Weather App Core Concepts Explained Simply
What does setData(...) do?
It saves the current weather info (like temperature, wind, humidity).
Think of it like this:
Someone tells your app the weather. You store that paper in a box labeled "data" using
setData().
What does setLocation(...) do?
It saves what the user types in the search box (like "New York").
Think of it like this:
As the user types letter by letter, you write it down with setLocation(). "N" "Ne"
"New York".
What does setLocationInfo(...) do?
It saves extra info about the location name, country, and coordinates.
Think of it like this:
After asking where "London" is, you write down its map info (lat/lon) using
setLocationInfo(info).
What does setForecastData(...) do?
It saves the weather forecast for the next 5 days.
Think of it like this:
You ask, What's the weather this week? You store the answers in a list using
setForecastData(list).
What does on Change do?
It runs whenever the user changes the text in the input box.
Think of it like this:
Each time the user types or deletes a letter, on Change saves the new text using
setLocation(value).
Example:
You type "New Y" on Change runs and saves location = "New Y"
What does onKeyDown do?
It runs whenever the user presses any key (like Enter, A, Space).
Think of it like this:
You're listening for a key press. When you hear "Enter", you say "Okay, fetch the
weather!"
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In your code:
onKeyDown={searchLocation}
Inside that function:
if (event.key === "Enter") { ... }
Summary Table
| Function / Event | What it does
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setData
                    | Saves the current weather info
setLocation
                    | Saves what the user types in the input
setLocationInfo
                    Saves map info (lat/lon, country) for the city
                    Saves the 5-day forecast
setForecastData
onChange
                    Runs whenever the input changes (each keystroke)
onKeyDown
                     Runs whenever any key is pressed (used to check for Enter
key)
How do the setSomething(...) functions work?
Each set function:
1. Saves new info
2. Updates its matching variable (like data, location, etc.)
3. React sees the change and refreshes the screen
Heres what each one does:
                  | Saves info to... | Then you can use...
Function
|-----|
setData(...) updates data
                                       data.main.temp, data.weather, etc.
setLocation(...) updates location | location (for search or API call)
setLocationInfo(...) updates locationInfo locationInfo.name,
locationInfo.country
setForecastData(...) updates forecastData forecastData.map(...) for 5-day
cards
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Think of it like this:

- setData(weather) Put this weather info into the data box.
- setLocation("Paris") Write Paris in the location box.
- setForecastData(list) Store this 5-day list for display.
- React will auto-refresh the screen when these change.

Final summary:

Use setXYZ(...) to save new info.

React updates the matching variable.

And the screen refreshes with the new values!