

6. State Management and Lifting State Up

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Why State Management Is Important

Managing state effectively allows different components in a React app to stay in sync. It improves data flow, component behavior, and user interaction, especially in larger applications.

Key Concepts

Local Component State

State that is specific to one component.

```
function Counter() {  
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);  
  return <button onClick={() => setCount(count + 1)}>{count}</button>;  
}
```



Lifting State Up

Share state between sibling components by moving it to the closest common parent.

```
function Parent() {  
  const [value, setValue] = useState('');  
  return (  
    <>  
      <Input value={value} onChange={setValue} />  
      <Display value={value} />  
    </>  
  );  
}  
  
function Input({ value, onChange }) {  
  return <input value={value} onChange={(e) => onChange(e.target.value)} />;  
}  
  
function Display({ value }) {  
  return <p>{value}</p>;  
}
```



Prop Drilling

Passing state or functions deeply through many components.

Global State (via Context)

Used when state needs to be shared across many parts of the app.



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

function App() {
  const [theme, setTheme] = useState('light');
  return (
    <ThemeContext.Provider value={theme}>
      <Child />
    </ThemeContext.Provider>
  );
}

function Child() {
  const theme = useContext(ThemeContext);
  return <div>Theme: {theme}</div>;
}
```

Visual Overview

flowchart TD
A[Parent Component] --> B[Input Child Component]
A --> C[Display Child Component]
B -->|onChange| A
A -->|state| C



Guidelines

- Start with local state; lift it when needed.
- Avoid unnecessary prop drilling.
- Use Context for global state.
- Keep state as close as possible to where it's used.

Practice Exercises

1. Create a parent-child form with state lifted to the parent.
2. Update sibling components based on shared parent state.
3. Add global theme state using `useContext`.
4. Refactor a deeply nested component to avoid prop drilling.

Quiz Questions

1. What does "lifting state up" mean?

- a) Storing state in Redux
- b) Passing state from child to parent
- ☒ c) Moving shared state to the closest common ancestor
- d) Avoiding `useState`

2. When should you use Context API?

- a) For every component
 - b) Only for class components
 - ☒ c) When state needs to be shared across many components
 - d) To avoid using props at all
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3. What is prop drilling?

- a) Using multiple contexts
 - b) Changing props in place
 - ☒ c) Passing data through many levels of components
 - d) Breaking the render tree
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4. What is a drawback of lifting state too far up the tree?

- a) React crashes
 - ☒ b) Unnecessary re-renders and complexity
 - c) Memory leaks
 - d) It disables hooks
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