

# Service functions

Service calls can be raw `fetch()` calls

- but I've shown a nice pattern of a service function
- returns a promise
- resolves with content
- or rejects with error

# Logic vs Presentation

All of the `fetch()` logic isn't presentation

- Does not belong in JSX component
- handling the results CAN belong

Conclusion:

- don't call `fetch()` in component
- do call service function in component
- set state to reflect data/error

# Importing service functions

Just one way to do it

- but I recommend

import function as a **named import**

```
import { fetchTodos } from './services.js';
```

# Benefits

- Service logic off in a dedicated bit of code
- Only "presentation logic" in presentation
  - What to show
  - If to show it
- Service functions called anywhere in your code
  - reusable

# Calling the functions

- Call in `useEffect` callback
- set state to reflect data and if any errors

# Call demonstration

```
function App() {
  const [todos, setTodos] = useState({});
  useEffect( () => {
    fetchTodos()
      .then( results => {
        setTodos(results);
      })
      .catch( err => {
        // FIXME
      })
  },
  [setTodos]
);

  return (
    <div className="app">
      <TodoList
        todos={todos}
      />
    </div>
  );
}
```

# What happens

- First: `todos` state is set to default with `useState({})`
- Second: `useEffect()` callback is queued to run
- Third: `App()` renders `<TodoList>` (default todos)
- Fourth: `useEffect()` callback runs
  - puts `.then()` callback in queue
- Fifth: `.then()` callback runs
  - calls `setTodos()`
    - which queues a re-render of `App()`
- Sixth: `App()` rerenders, now with fetched `todos`
  - `useEffect()` does nothing as `setTodos` is same

# What if error happens?

What do you want to show in this case?

- What component shows that?
- Based on what state? `useEffect` callback()
- Should catch the error
- Update state
  - You have to make the setters available
- Can you redo fetch call if error handled?
  - Don't do as `useEffect`



# Error Demonstration

```
import { fetchTodos } from './services.js';
const [todos, setTodos] = useState({});
const [errorMsg, setErrorMsg] = useState('');

useEffect( () => {
  fetchTodos()
    .then( results => {
      setTodos(results);
    })
    .catch( err => {
      setErrorMsg(err);
    });
},
[setTodos, setErrorMsg]
);
```

# More Error Demonstration

```
<div className="app">
  {
    errorMsg && <p>
      {errorMsg} -
      <button
        onClick={(e) => {
          e.preventDefault();
          setErrorMsg('');
          fetchTodos()
            .then( results => setTodos(results) )
            .catch( err => setErrorMsg(err) );
        }}
      >
        Try again
      </button>
    </p>
  }
}
```

# **Vital Lesson here!**

Error handling involves a lot of work

- Often more than "happy path"
- Especially in presentation
- Don't delay it too long
- Don't expect it to be quick
  - rushed code is often bad code

# Spinners are the biggest lie in webdev



- showing an animated image
- not because the computer is "thinking" or waiting
  - we use it to show that user should wait
  - we code a sequence
    - show image
    - do thing
    - remove image
  - if we made mistake it will just lie

# **A Useful Lie**

If we don't mess up, the spinner gives useful info

- "You should wait"
- "Don't click more buttons"
- "Don't refresh the page"

# Finding a Spinner image

- Remember Licensing talk!
- Can be text-based
- Can be pure CSS
- Can be image + CSS
- Can be animated image

# Combining the parts

In useEffect:

- show loading state
- make fetch call
- remove loading state

In JSX:

- If loading
  - show loading indicator
- If not loading
  - show content

Remember useEffect is AFTER first render!

# Demo of Loading

```
const [todos, setTodos] = useState({});
const [isLoading, setIsLoading] = useState(true);

useEffect( () => {
  setIsLoading(true);
  fetchTodos()
  .then( results => {
    setTodos(results);
  })
  .finally( () => {
    setIsLoading(false);
  });
},
[setTodos, setIsLoading]
);
return (
  <div className="app">
    { isLoading && <div>Loading...</div> }
    { !isLoading && <div>{todos}</div> }
  </div>
);
```



## **Summary - Service calls**

- fetch calls are best in outside .js files
  - not in components
- Components should handle results
  - success AND reporting errors
- UI for Error handling can be involved

# Summary - useEffect

useEffect() to load data

- happens AFTER first render
- updates state for success or error
- should indicate a loading status somehow
- should avoid infinite loops
  - from state updates
- May need to re-trigger loading if it failed

# Showing Loading status

- Needs to show status starting BEFORE fetch call
- remove after fetch call
  - success OR error