

Explicit Data Fetching with React

Re-fetching all data each time someone types in the input field isn't optimal. Since we're using a third-party API to fetch the data, its internals are out of our reach. Eventually, we will incur [rate limiting](#), which returns an error instead of data.

To solve this problem, change the implementation details from implicit to explicit data (re-)fetching. In other words, the application will refetch data only if someone clicks a confirmation button. First, add a button element for the confirmation to the JSX:

```
const App = () => {  
  ...  
  
  return (  
    <div>  
      <h1>My Hacker Stories</h1>  
  
      <InputWithLabel  
        id="search"  
        value={searchTerm}  
        isFocused  
  
        onChange={handleSearchInput}  
      >  
        <strong>Search:</strong>  
      </InputWithLabel>  
  
      <button  
        type="button"  
        disabled={!searchTerm}  
        onClick={handleSearchSubmit}  
      >  
        Submit  
      </button>  
  
      ...  
    </div>  
  );  
};
```



Second, the handler, input, and button handler receive implementation logic to update the component's state. The input field handler still updates the `searchTerm`; the button handler sets the `url` derived from the *current* `searchTerm` and the static API URL as a new state:

```
const App = () => {
  const [searchTerm, setSearchTerm] = useSemiPersistentState(
    'search',
    'React'
  );

  const [url, setUrl] = React.useState(
    `${API_ENDPOINT}${searchTerm}`
  );

  ...
  const handleSearchInput = event => {

    setSearchTerm(event.target.value);
  };

  const handleSearchSubmit = () => {
    setUrl(`${API_ENDPOINT}${searchTerm}`);
  };

  ...
};
```

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Third, instead of running the data fetching side-effect on every `searchTerm` change – which would happen each time the input field's value changes – the `url` is used. The `url` is set explicitly by the user when the search is confirmed via our new button:

```
const App = () => {
  ...

  const handleFetchStories = React.useCallback(() => {
    dispatchStories({ type: 'STORIES_FETCH_INIT' });

    fetch(url)
      .then(response => response.json())
      .then(result => {
        dispatchStories({
          type: 'STORIES_FETCH_SUCCESS',
          payload: result.hits,
        });
      })
      .catch(() =>
```

```

    dispatchStories({ type: 'STORIES_FETCH_FAILURE' });
  });

}, [url]);

React.useEffect(() => {
  handleFetchStories();
}, [handleFetchStories]);

...
};

```

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Before the `searchTerm` was used for two cases: updating the input field's state and activating the side-effect for fetching data. Too many responsibilities one may would have said. Now it's only used for the former. A second state called `url` got introduced for triggering the side-effect for fetching data which only happens when a user clicks the confirmation button.

Exercises:

- Confirm the [changes from the last section](#).
- Why is `useState` instead of `useSemiPersistentState` used for the `url` state management?
- Why is there no check for an empty `searchTerm` in the `handleFetchStories` function anymore?