

Let's go **step by step** to create a React project using **Vite** and understand **usestate** with clear examples. I'll make it beginner-friendly.

Step 1: Create a new React project with Vite

Open your terminal and run:

```
# Create a new Vite project
npm create vite@latest my-react-app

# Choose options:
# - Project name: my-react-app
# - Framework: React
# - Variant: JavaScript or TypeScript (I'll use JavaScript for simplicity)

cd my-react-app

# Install dependencies
npm install

# Start the development server
npm run dev
```

You should see a message like:

```
Local: http://localhost:5173/
```

Open this in your browser to see your React app running.

Let's create a **React + Vite** example that demonstrates `useState`, which is one of the most important hooks in React for managing component state. I'll do it step by step with separate files so it's easy to teach.

Step 1: Project Structure

We'll have this structure:

```
src/
├── components/
│   └── Counter.jsx
├── App.jsx
└── main.jsx
```

Step 2: Create `Counter.jsx`

Inside `src/components/Counter.jsx`:

```
// src/components/Counter.jsx
import React, { useState } from "react";

const Counter = () => {
  // Declare a state variable "count" with initial value 0
  const [count, setCount] = useState(0);

  // Function to increment the count
  const increment = () => setCount(count + 1);

  // Function to decrement the count
  const decrement = () => setCount(count - 1);

  // Function to reset the count
  const reset = () => setCount(0);

  return (
    <div style={{ textAlign: "center", marginTop: "20px" }}>
      <h2>Counter: {count}</h2>
      <button onClick={increment} style={{ margin: "5px" }}>Increment</button>
      <button onClick={decrement} style={{ margin: "5px" }}>Decrement</button>
      <button onClick={reset} style={{ margin: "5px" }}>Reset</button>
    </div>
  );
};
```

```
};
```

```
export default Counter;
```

□ This component teaches the following concepts:

- `useState` to store and update state
 - Updating state with `setCount`
 - Handling events like button clicks
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Step 3: Update `App.jsx`

Inside `src/App.jsx`:

```
// src/App.jsx
import React from "react";
import Counter from "../components/Counter";

function App() {
  return (
    <div style={{ padding: "20px", textAlign: "center" }}>
      <h1>React useState Example</h1>
      <Counter />
    </div>
  );
}

export default App;
```

Step 4: Ensure `main.jsx` is Correct

Inside `src/main.jsx`:

```
// src/main.jsx
import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom/client";
import App from "./App";
import "../index.css"; // optional for styling

ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById("root")).render(
  <React.StrictMode>
    <App />
  </React.StrictMode>
);
```

```
</React.StrictMode>  
);
```

Step 5: Run the App

In the terminal:

```
npm run dev
```

Open the browser at <http://localhost:5173/>. You'll see a counter that:

- Increments when you click **Increment**
- Decrements when you click **Decrement**
- Resets when you click **Reset**

Let's do a **React + Vite** example showing how to use `useState` to handle multiple form fields, which is a common real-world scenario. We'll do it in a **separate file structure** for clarity.

Step 1: Project Structure

```
src/
├── components/
│   └── MultiForm.jsx
├── App.jsx
└── main.jsx
```

Step 2: Create `MultiForm.jsx`

Inside `src/components/MultiForm.jsx`:

```
// src/components/MultiForm.jsx
import React, { useState } from "react";

const MultiForm = () => {
  // useState for an object representing multiple form fields
  const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
    name: "",
    email: "",
    age: "",
  });

  // Handle input changes
  const handleChange = (e) => {
    const { name, value } = e.target;
    setFormData({
      ...formData, // keep other fields unchanged
      [name]: value, // update the specific field
    });
  };

  // Handle form submission
  const handleSubmit = (e) => {
    e.preventDefault(); // prevent page refresh
    alert(`Form Submitted:\nName: ${formData.name}\nEmail:
${formData.email}\nAge: ${formData.age}`);
    setFormData({ name: "", email: "", age: "" }); // reset form
  };

  return (
    <div style={{ maxWidth: "400px", margin: "20px auto" }}>
      <h2>Multi-Field Form</h2>
      <form onSubmit={handleSubmit}>
```

```

    <div style={{ marginBottom: "10px" }}>
      <label>Name: </label>
      <input
        type="text"
        name="name"
        value={formData.name}
        onChange={handleChange}
        required
      />
    </div>

    <div style={{ marginBottom: "10px" }}>
      <label>Email: </label>
      <input
        type="email"
        name="email"
        value={formData.email}
        onChange={handleChange}
        required
      />
    </div>

    <div style={{ marginBottom: "10px" }}>
      <label>Age: </label>
      <input
        type="number"
        name="age"
        value={formData.age}
        onChange={handleChange}
        required
      />
    </div>

    <button type="submit">Submit</button>
  </form>

  <div style={{ marginTop: "20px" }}>
    <h3>Form Data Preview:</h3>
    <p>Name: {formData.name}</p>
    <p>Email: {formData.email}</p>
    <p>Age: {formData.age}</p>
  </div>
</div>
);
};

export default MultiForm;

```

□ Key points:

- useState holds an **object** for multiple fields.
- handleChange updates only the **field that changed**.
- Spread operator `...formData` ensures other fields stay the same.
- Form submission handled with `handleSubmit` prevents page reload.

Step 3: Update `App.jsx`:-

```
// src/App.jsx
import React from "react";
import MultiForm from "../components/MultiForm";

function App() {
  return (
    <div style={{ textAlign: "center", padding: "20px" }}>
      <h1>React useState Multi-Form Example</h1>
      <MultiForm />
    </div>
  );
}

export default App;
```

Step 4: Ensure `main.jsx` is Correct

```
// src/main.jsx
import React from "react";
import ReactDOM from "react-dom/client";
import App from "../App";
import "../index.css";

ReactDOM.createRoot(document.getElementById("root")).render(
  <React.StrictMode>
    <App />
  </React.StrictMode>
);
```

Step 5: Run the App

npm run dev

Open <http://localhost:5173/> and you'll see:

- A form with **Name, Email, Age**
 - Typing updates **state in real-time**
 - Submitting shows an **alert** with all form data
 - Form resets after submission
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Points

1. `useState` can hold **objects** for multiple related fields.

2. `handleChange` uses **computed property names** `[name]: value`.
3. Spread operator `...formData` preserves other fields.
4. Form submission should **prevent default behavior**.
5. You can render a **preview of the current state** in real-time.

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React useState Multi-Form Example

Multi-Field Form

Name:

Email:

Age:

Form Data Preview:

Name:

Email:

Age:

Learn this `useState` multi-form example in a very simple way as a beginner. Let's break it down step by step in plain English, so it's easy to understand.

Step 1: Understand the Goal

We want a form with multiple fields:

- Name
- Email
- Age

...and we want **React to remember what the user types**, show a preview, and handle submission.

Step 2: useState for Multiple Fields

```
const [formData, setFormData] = useState({
  name: "",
  email: "",
  age: "",
});
```

Explanation:

- `formData` → This is an **object** that stores all input values.
- `setFormData` → Function to **update** the object.
- **Initial value:** `{ name: "", email: "", age: "" }` → all fields empty.

☐ Think: “`formData` is like a notebook that holds Name, Email, Age.”

Step 3: Handle Input Changes

```
const handleChange = (e) => {
  const { name, value } = e.target;
  setFormData({
    ...formData,
    [name]: value,
  });
};
```

Explanation:

- `e.target` → the input field you typed in.
- `{ name, value }` → name is the field's name (name, email, age), value is what you typed.
- `...formData` → Keep old values as they are.
- `[name]: value` → Update only the field that changed.

□ Think: “We copy the notebook, then erase and rewrite only the page we changed.”

Step 4: Handle Form Submission

```
const handleSubmit = (e) => {
  e.preventDefault();
  alert(`Form Submitted:\nName: ${formData.name}\nEmail:
${formData.email}\nAge: ${formData.age}`);
  setFormData({ name: "", email: "", age: "" });
};
```

Explanation:

- `e.preventDefault()` → Stop the browser from refreshing the page.
- `alert(...)` → Show the current values typed.
- `setFormData({ ... })` → Reset the form to empty after submitting.

□ Think: “When I click submit, show what I wrote and then clean the notebook.”

Step 5: Inputs in JSX

```
<input
  type="text"
  name="name"
  value={formData.name}
  onChange={handleChange}
  required
/>
```

Explanation:

- `name` → Matches the key in `formData` (`name`, `email`, `age`).
- `value` → Always shows what's in `formData`.
- `onChange` → Calls `handleChange` whenever the user types.
- `required` → Must fill before submitting.

□ Think: “Each input is linked to the notebook. Whatever I type goes in the notebook.”

Step 6: Show Form Data Preview

```
<p>Name: {formData.name}</p>
<p>Email: {formData.email}</p>
<p>Age: {formData.age}</p>
```

- Just read from `formData` and show it on the page.
- Updates automatically as the user types.

□ Think: “Live preview of my notebook.”

Step 7: Tips to Learn Easily

1. Start **small**: Try only one field (`name`) first.
2. Add another field (`email`) after you understand one.
3. Practice typing and see how the preview updates.
4. Console log `formData` inside `handleChange` to **see the object change live**.
5. Remember: `useState` stores the current state, and `setFormData` updates it.