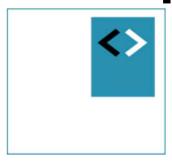


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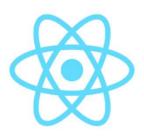
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# **Expo Device APIs**

Native API's exposed as Expo modules that you can install/use

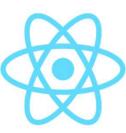
#### What is the Expo API?

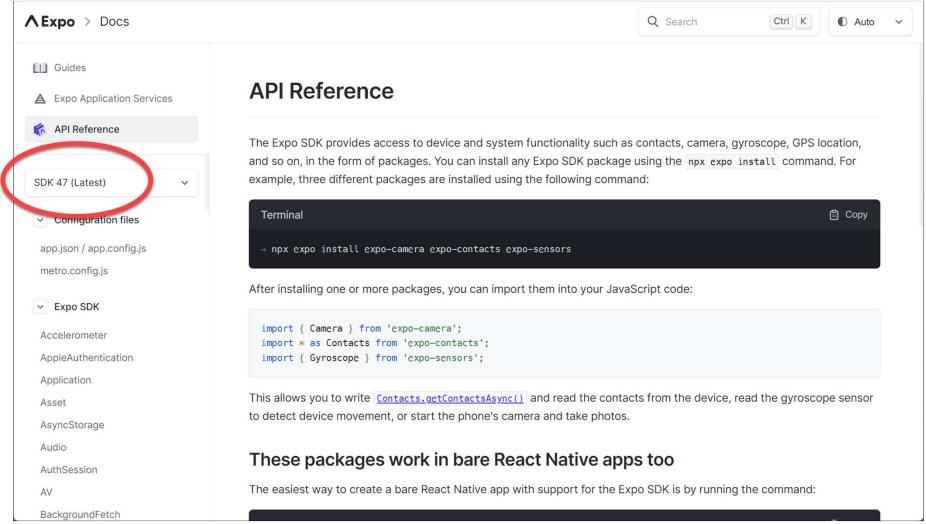


"The Expo SDK provides access to device and system functionality such as contacts, camera, gyroscope, GPS location, and so on, in the form of packages.

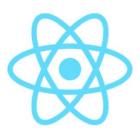
You can install any Expo SDK package using the npx expo install <package-name> command."

#### **Documentation online**





#### Mind the versioning!



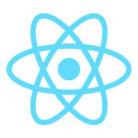
Make sure to match versions, otherwise it will (probably) not work!

#### Each Expo SDK version depends on a React Native version

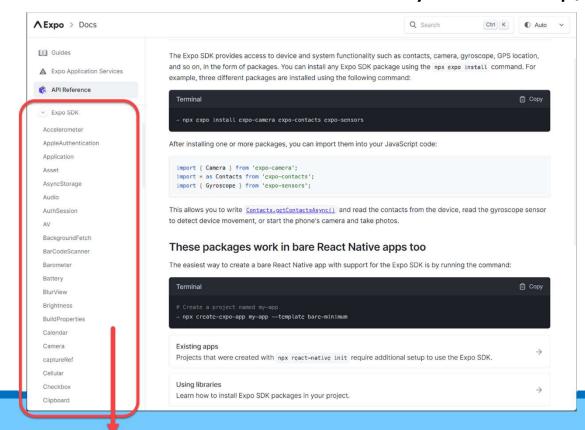
Every quarter there is a new Expo SDK release that typically updates to the latest stable versions of React Native and React Native Web, and includes a variety of bug fixes, features, and improvements to the Expo SDK.

Expo SDK version	React Native version	React Native Web version
47.0.0	0.70.5	0.18.9
46.0.0	0.69.6	0.18.7
45.0.0	0.68.2	0.17.7
44.0.0	0.64.3	0.17.1

#### What's in the Expo API?



- JavaScript access to device API's that were previously only available via native (Java/Swift) code.
- A LOT more than in the early PhoneGap/Cordova-days.



Most of the API's work

async. It comes in handy

if you know a little bit

about Promises and/or

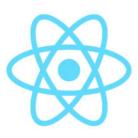
async/await.



# General workflow

Installing and using expo api's

#### **General workflow**



#### 1. Install the api inside your project

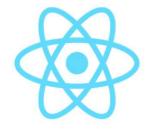
- Like: npx expo install expo-battery
- npx expo install expo-sensors, etc.

#### 2. You can install multiple modules at once, e.g.

npx expo install expo-battery expo-sensors expo-camera ...

- 3. Read the Usage section in docs, e.g.
  - Import the correct modules (like import \* as Battery from 'expo-battery')
  - Initialize variables in state and/or use API using useState (...)
  - See examples in docs or blogs

#### **Questions?**



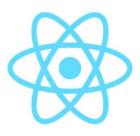
# Some examples



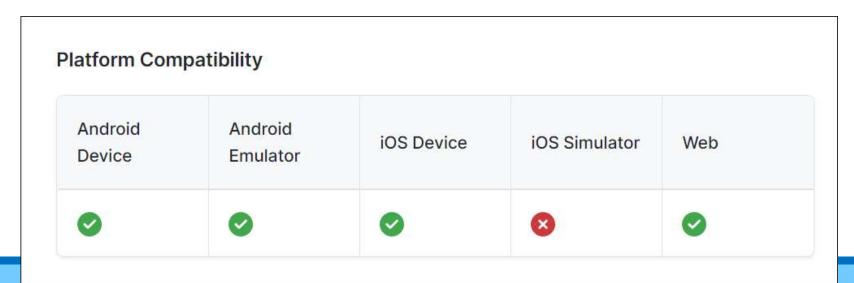
# **Battery**

Reading the battery level from device and (charging) status

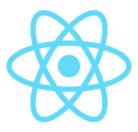
#### **Battery API**



- The package expo-battery provides battery information for the physical device
  - battery level, whether or not the device is charging, and more
  - as well as corresponding event listeners.
- Not available on emulators or desktop-pc's



#### Installing package

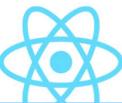


#### npx expo install expo-battery

```
> Stopped server
PS C:\Users\Gebruiker\Desktop\myExpoProje t> npx expo install expo-battery
> Installing 1 SDK 47.0.0 compatible native module using npm
> npm install
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@2.3.2 (node_modules\fsevents):
npm WARN notsup SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: Unsupported platform for fsevents@2.3.2: watt: {"os":"win32", "arch":"x64"})
npm WARN optional SKIPPING OPTIONAL DEPENDENCY: fsevents@1.2.13 (node_modules\webpack-dev
```

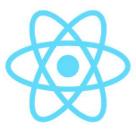
```
{
    //package.json
    "version": "x.x.x",
    "dependencies": {
        "expo": "~47.0.8",
        "expo-battery": "~7.0.0"
        ...
},
}
```

#### **Example on using Battery**



```
// BatteryApi.js
useEffect(() => {
    // 2. Using an async function inside useEffect, and calling it immediately.
    (async () => {
         const [isAvailable, batteryLevel, batteryState, lowPowerMode] = await Promise.all([
             Battery.isAvailableAsync(),
             Battery.getBatteryLevelAsync(),
             Battery.getBatteryStateAsync(),
                                                                                      13:57 O D 19 •
             Battery.isLowPowerModeEnabledAsync(),
         1):
        // 3. await all the above Promises.
        // then set the state variables:
                                                                                         Battery Level:
                                                                Battery Level:
         setIsAvailable(isAvailable);
                                                                                         93 %
                                                                100 %
         setBatteryLevel(batteryLevel);
                                                                                         State:
                                                                State:
         setBatteryState(batteryState);
                                                                                         Charging
                                                                Unplugged
         setLowPowerMode(lowPowerMode);
                                                                Battery available?
                                                                                         Battery available?
    })();
                                                                true
                                                                                        true
```

#### Demo code



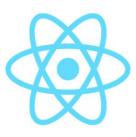
• See example in ../components/BatteryApi.js.



### Geolocation

Read the GPS-status from the device

#### **API's with additional permissions**



- Some API's require additional permissions from the user
  - Access to location,
  - Access to camera
  - Access to contacts, and so on
- Most of the time you don't have to set this manually
  - App requests it upon first usage
  - Some functions work only in submitted apps and approval by

Google|Apple

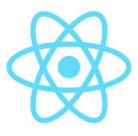
#### **Android permissions**

When you install the expo-location module, it automatically adds the following permissions:

- ACCESS\_COARSE\_LOCATION: for approximate device location
- ACCESS\_FINE\_LOCATION: for precise device location
- FOREGROUND\_SERVICE: to subscribe to location updates while the app is in use

To use background location features, you must add the ACCESS\_BACKGROUND\_LOCATION in app.json and submit your app for review and request access to use the background location permission.

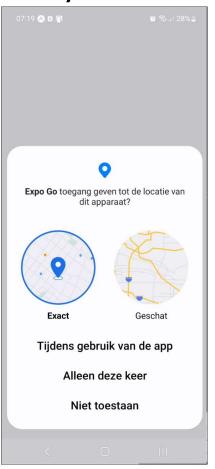
#### Location

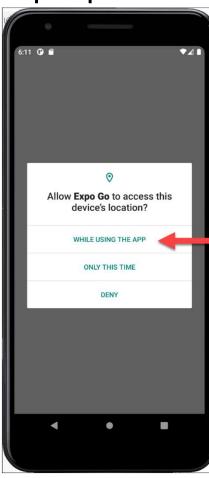


Location requires permission – you have to prepare

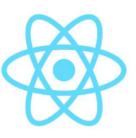
your app for denial

- Use the useEffect() hookfor that
- See <LocationApi /> for example code



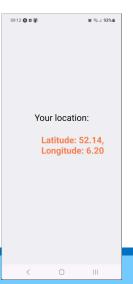


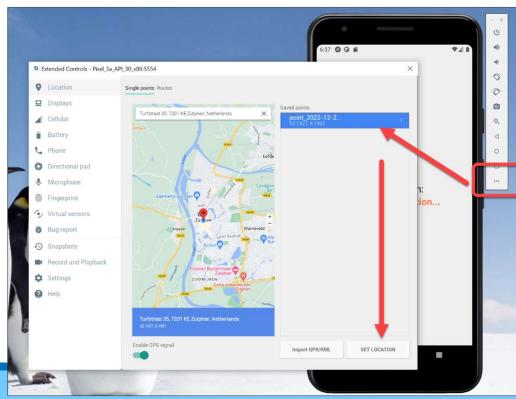
#### **Enable location in emulator**

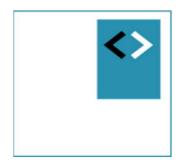


- In iPhone Simulator and Android emulator you have to explicitly enable location services
- Depends on your platform. For Android:
- Resetting perms:

adb shell pm reset-permissions



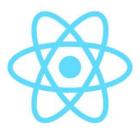




### BarCodeScanner

Using the camera to scan barcodes and QR-codes

#### **BarCodeScanner**



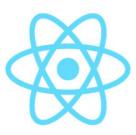
- Scan barcodes and QR-codes
- Request Camera permission on startup
- Supported by all devices
- npx expo install expo-barcode-scanner

expo-barcode-scanner provides a React component that renders a viewfinder for the device's camera (either front or back) and will scan bar codes that show up in the frame.

Platform Compatibility

Android Device Android Emulator iOS Device Simulator Web

#### Again – work mainly async

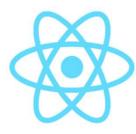


```
// 1. useEffect, getting (camera) permission for the barcodescanner one time only
useEffect(() => {
    const getBarCodeScannerPermissions = async () => {
        // 1a. Destructuring the status in a variable
        const {status} = await BarCodeScanner.requestPermissionsAsync();
        // 1b. Set true or false to hasPermission.
        setHasPermission(status === 'granted');
    };

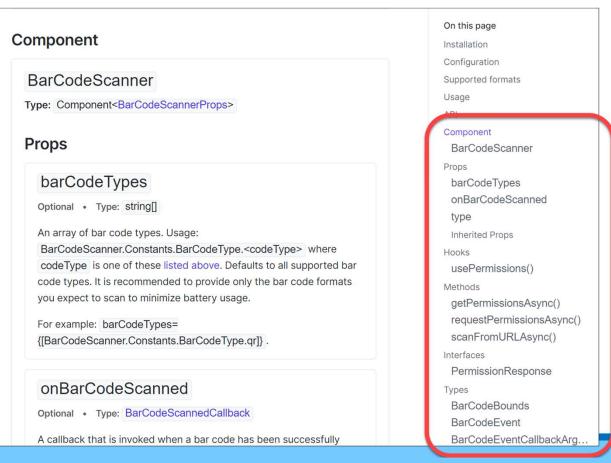
// 1c. Get the permissions on startup
    getBarCodeScannerPermissions();
}, []);
```

../components/BarCodeScannerApi.js

#### General usage

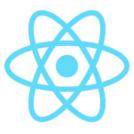


- Always look at:
  - Installation instructions
  - Example
  - API options & props

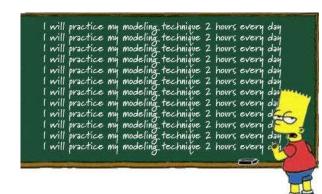


https://docs.expo.dev/versions/v47.0.0/sdk/bar-code-scanner/

#### Workshop



- 1. Open the example ../100-expo-apis and use the different components to see the workings of
  - Battery
  - Location
  - BarCodeScanner
- 2. Add these (or other) expo API's to your own project and test them. For instance:
  - Accelerometer
  - Audio (expo-av)
  - Camera
  - DateTimePicker, ...
- https://docs.expo.dev/versions/latest/

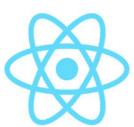


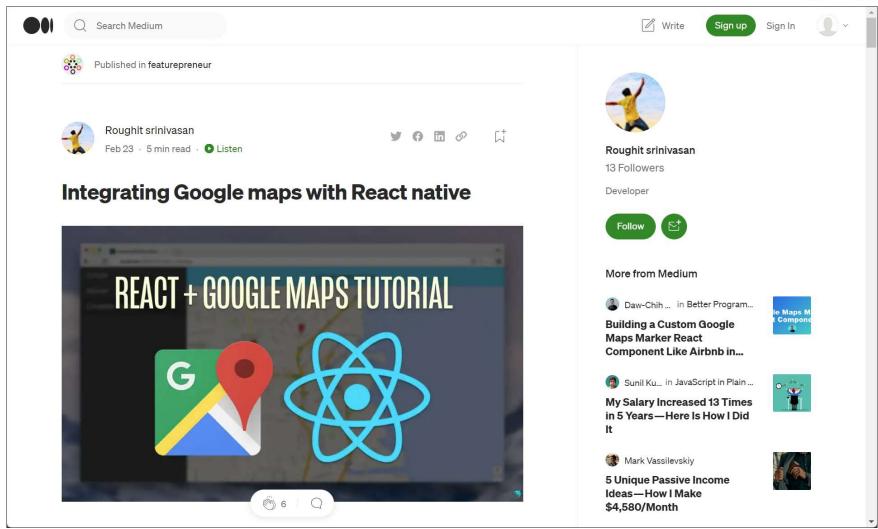


## More info

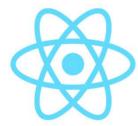
More info on the topics in this module

#### **Integrating Google Maps**





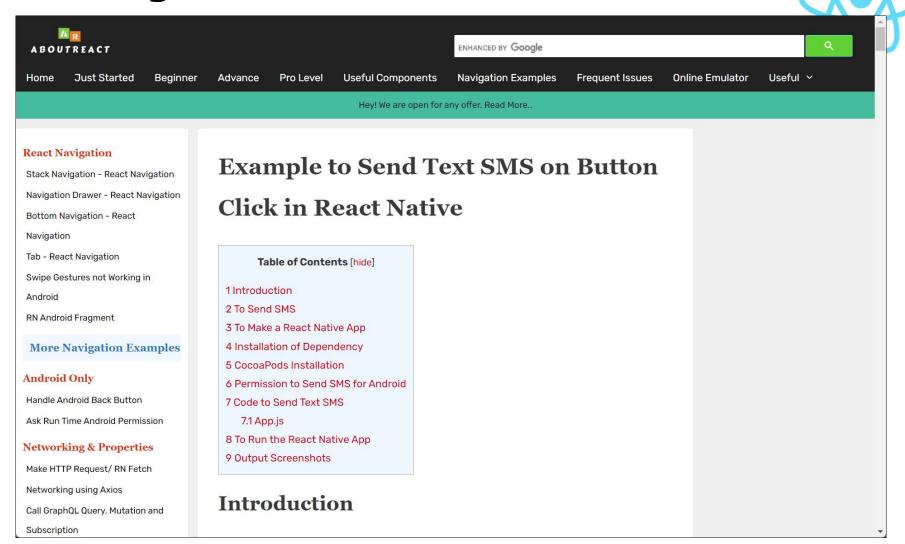
#### **Camera**





https://www.freecodecamp.org/news/how-to-create-a-camera-app-with-expo-and-react-native/

#### **Sending SMS**



https://aboutreact.com/send-text-sms-in-react-native/