



How To Save An Image To A Specific Path In Ionic 3 Using Native Camera Plugin



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Introduction

Ionic is a popular, open source, and cross-platform mobile app framework that is helpful in developing or building hybrid mobile apps quickly and easily. It will save you a lot of time and money.

This article demonstrates how to take a picture in a camera and save the picture's specific path in Ionic 3 using a native camera plugin. The following tools and requirements should be prepared before starting this article.

- [Nodejs](#)
- [Latest Ionic 3 CLI](#)
- [Latest Cordova](#)
- Node Command Line Window (Windows) or Terminal (OS X, Linux)
- Text Editor or IDE (e.g. [Visual Studio Code](#), [Atom](#),)

Once we've installed Node.js, we are able to install other tools on the terminal or command line. Run the following command.

```
npm install -g ionic cordova
```

Once the installation is finished, let's start creating an Ionic 3 app.

Create Ionic 3 app

Open your node.js terminal and open a specific location to create the Ionic 3 app. Start a new Ionic project using *ionic start* command.

```
ionic start myApp
```

This command will take a few minutes because it has installed all dependencies and modules in a project. Now, change the location to myApp.

```
cd myApp
```

Once we've changed the location of myApp, add an Android platform to your app.

```
ionic cordova platform add android
ionic cordova platform add browser(For Browser)
```

Now, run the project using the following command.

```
ionic serve (For Browser)
ionic cordova run android(For Device)
```

Make sure that you have connected the device and the settings have been set.

Now, let's start.

- *Camera*
The Camera Plugin is used to take a picture and also capture a video.
- *File*
Using the File Plugin, we can achieve the following -
 - Get the available free space
 - Check if the directory is available or not
 - Create a directory
 - Remove a directory
 - Move a directory from one place to another place,
 - Copy a directory
 - List an available directory
 - Set pre-defined path
 - Check if a file is available or not
 - Create a file
 - Remove a file
 - Write a file
 - Read a file as text
 - Read a file and return base64 data
 - Read a file and return data in a binary format
 - Read a file and return data in an array buffer format
 - Move and copy files
 - Get a directory or file etc.

Install and Configure Camera and File

Follow the below-mentioned steps.

Step1


Now, we have an Ionic app so we can move forward. First, install the camera plugin to our Ionic app using the following steps.

```
ionic cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-camera
npm install --save @ionic-native/camera
```

Now, install the file plugin to the Ionic app using the following steps.

```
ionic cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-file
npm install --save @ionic-native/file
```

Step 2

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app.module.ts file

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```
01. //here importing lines for access camera object and file plugin to our app.
02. import {
03.   Camera
04. } from '@ionic-native/camera';
05. import {
06.   File
07. } from '@ionic-native/file';
08. @NgModule({
09.   providers: [
10.     //here added class to our provider service block
11.     Camera,
12.     File
13.   ]
14. })
15. export class AppModule {}
```

Step 3

Now, it's time to integrate with a component in our app.

app.ts file

```
01. import {
02.   Camera,
03.   CameraOptions
04. } from '@ionic-native/camera';
05. import {
06.   File
07. } from '@ionic-native/file';
08. //here injecting camera and file class to our component part as object
09. constructor(private camera: Camera, private file: File) {}

12. let base64ImageData;
13. const options: CameraOptions = {
14.   //here is the picture quality in range 0-100 default value 50. Optional field
15.   quality: 100,
16.   /**here is the format of an output file.
17.    *destination type default is FILE_URI.
18.    * DATA_URL: 0 (number) - base64-encoded string,
19.    * FILE_URI: 1 (number)- Return image file URI,
20.    * NATIVE_URI: 2 (number)- Return image native URI
21.    */
22.   destinationType: this.camera.DestinationType.DATA_URL,
23.   /**here is the returned image file format
24.    *default format is JPEG
25.    * JPEG:0 (number),
26.    * PNG:1 (number),
27.    */
28.   encodingType: this.camera.EncodingType.JPEG,
29.   /** Only works when Picture Source Type is PHOTOLIBRARY or SAVEDPHOTOALBUM.
30.   *PICTURE: 0 allow selection of still pictures only. (DEFAULT)
31.   *VIDEO: 1 allow selection of video only.
32.   */
33.   mediaType: this.camera.MediaType.PICTURE,
34.   /**here set the source of the picture
35.   *Default is CAMERA.
36.   *PHOTOLIBRARY : 0,
37.   *CAMERA : 1,
38.   *SAVEDPHOTOALBUM : 2
39.   */
40.   sourceType: this.camera.PictureSourceType.CAMERA
41. }
42. this.camera.getPicture(options).then((imageData) => {
43.   //here converting a normal image data to base64 image data.
44.   base64ImageData = 'data:image/jpeg;base64,' + imageData;
45.   /**here passing three arguments to method
46.   *Base64 Data
47.
48.   *Folder Name
49.
50.   *File Name
51.   */
52.   this.writeFile(base64ImageData, "My Picture", "sample.jpeg");
53. }, (error) => {
54.   console.log(Error Occured: ' + error);
55. });
56. }
57. //here is the method is used to write a file in storage
58. public writeFile(base64Data: any, folderName: string, fileName: any) {
59.   let contentType = this.getContentType(base64Data);
60.   let DataBlob = this.base64toBlob(content, contentType);
61.   // here iam mentioned this line this.file.externalRootDirectory is a native pre-
defined file path storage. You can change a file path whatever pre-defined method.
62.   let filePath = this.file.externalRootDirectory + folderName;
63.   this.file.writeFile(filePath, fileName, DataBlob, contentType).then((success) => {
64.     console.log("File Writed Successfully", success);
65.   }).catch((err) => {
66.     console.log("Error Occured While Writing File", err);
67.   })
68. }
69. //here is the method is used to get content type of an bas64 data
70. public getContentType(base64Data: any) {
71.   let block = base64Data.split(";");
72.   let contentType = block[0].split(":")[1];
73.   return contentType;
74. }
75. //here is the method is used to convert base64 data to blob data
76. public base64toBlob(b64Data, contentType) {
77.   contentType = contentType || '';
78.   sliceSize = 512;
79.   let byteCharacters = atob(b64Data);
80.   let byteArrays = [];
81.   for (let offset = 0; offset < byteCharacters.length; offset += sliceSize) {
82.     let slice = byteCharacters.slice(offset, offset + sliceSize);
83.     let byteNumbers = new Array(slice.length);
84.     for (let i = 0; i < slice.length; i++) {
85.       byteNumbers[i] = slice.charCodeAt(i);
86.     }
87.     var byteArray = new Uint8Array(byteNumbers);
88.     byteArrays.push(byteArray);
89.   }
```

```
90.         let blob = new Blob(byteArrays, {
91.             type: contentType
92.         });
```



Step 4

Calling the getPicture method.

```
01. this.getPicture();
```

For further details, visit the official website.

- *Camera*
<https://ionicframework.com/docs/native/camera/>
- *File Writing*
<https://ionicframework.com/docs/native/file/>
- *File Location*
Where to Store a file,
<https://github.com/apache/cordova-plugin-file#where-to-store-files>

Summary

In this article, we discussed how to take a picture in a camera and save a picture's specific path in Ionic 3 using a native camera plugin.

If you have any questions/issues about this article, please let me know in the comments.

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Risto Kurniawan

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mahesh kumar

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Hi mahesh kumar, You can save any file using native file but path has been mentioned by default. For example check here, <https://github.com/apache/cordova-plugin-file#where-to-store-files>

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Getting this error please help

ravi patel

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The string to be decoded is not correctly encoded.Error: Failed to execute 'atob' on 'Window': The string to be decoded is not correctly encoded.

ravi patel

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I received same error, how to address this?

Michael Bevilacqua

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Hi ravi patel, Sorry for delay. You need pass correct base 64 string to 'atob' method.

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Still issue exists, please follow this link this may help you. <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/39490904/errorfailed-to-execute-atob-on-window-the-string-to-be-decoded-is-not-corr>

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Thank You.

Harshitha P

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Sorry that's my mistake, you can change like this, let DataBlob = this.base64toBlob(base64Data, contentType);

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What we need to pass in content to this method this.base64toBlob(content, contentType)

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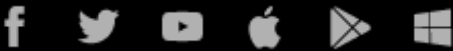
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