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INTRODUCTION TO MOBILE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

Ionic CLI

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BUILDING OUR FIRST IONIC APP

- Open your command prompt and enter the following command:

```
ionic start myApp blank --type react
```

- This Ionic CLI command will build an Ionic App called “myApp” (you can call it anything you want) using no template (hence *blank*) and will be using React as the JavaScript framework.

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```
james@obsidian ~/code/mcast/imad (master)
$ ionic start myApp blank --type react
[INFO] Existing git project found (C:/Users/james/Code/mcast/imad). Git operations are disabled.
✓ Preparing directory .\myApp in 1.31ms
✓ Downloading and extracting blank starter in 1.02s
> ionic integrations enable capacitor --quiet -- myApp io.ionic.starter
> npm.cmd i --save -E @capacitor/core@latest
npm WARN deprecated abab@2.0.6: Use your platform's native atob() and btoa() methods instead
npm WARN deprecated domexception@4.0.0: Use your platform's native DOMException instead

added 684 packages, and audited 685 packages in 1m

147 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

found 0 vulnerabilities
> npm.cmd i -D -E @capacitor/cli@latest

added 64 packages, and audited 749 packages in 6s

153 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details

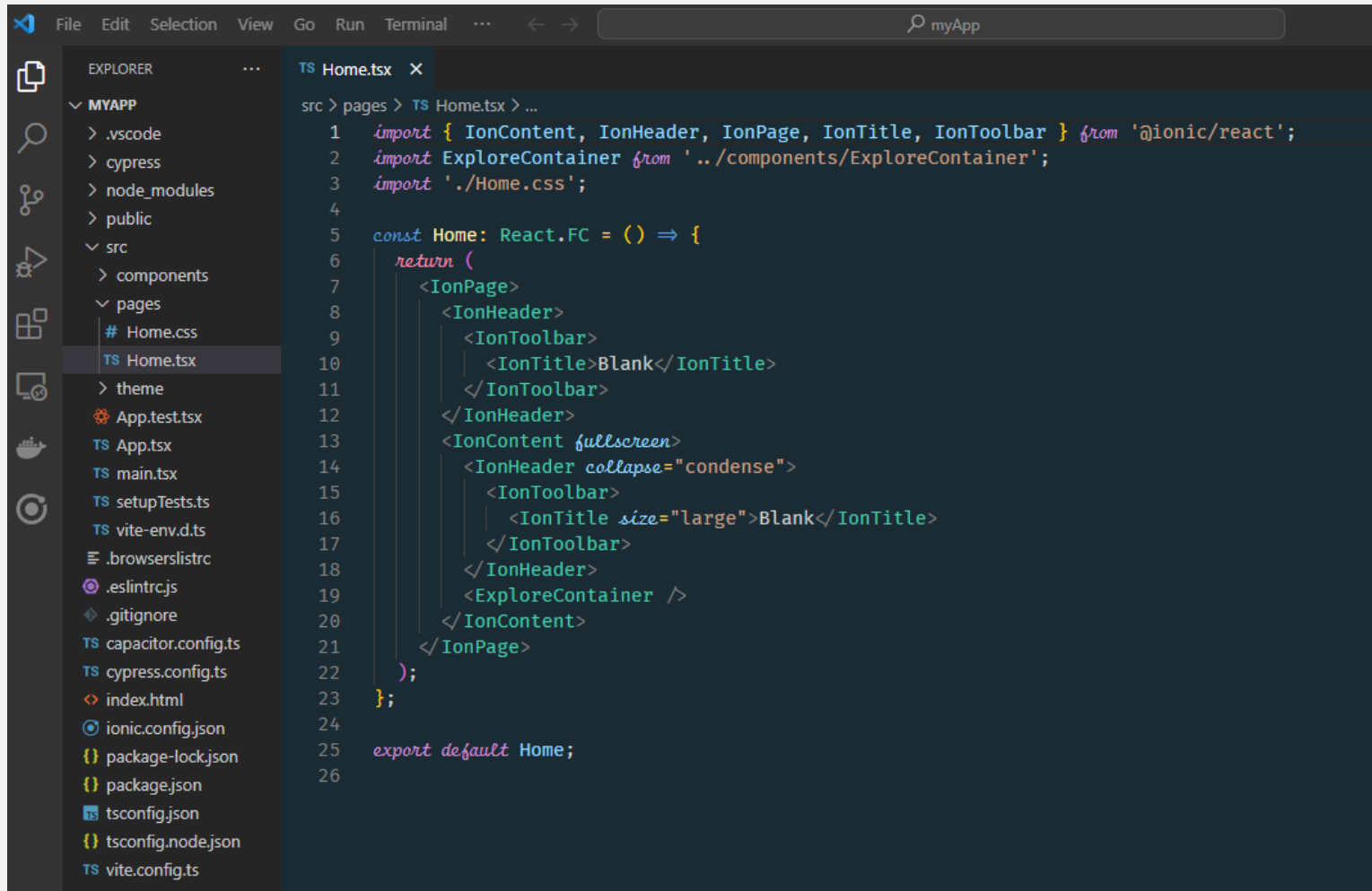
found 0 vulnerabilities
> npm.cmd i --save -E @capacitor/haptics @capacitor/app @capacitor/keyboard @capacitor/status-bar

added 4 packages, and audited 753 packages in 3s

153 packages are looking for funding
```

PROJECT STRUCTURE

The project folder will have the following structure:



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio Code editor with a project named 'MYAPP'. The Explorer sidebar on the left displays the file structure:

- MYAPP
 - .vscode
 - cypress
 - node_modules
 - public
 - src
 - components
 - pages
 - Home.css
 - Home.tsx (selected)
 - theme
 - App.test.tsx
 - App.tsx
 - main.tsx
 - setupTests.ts
 - vite-env.d.ts
 - .browserslistrc
 - .eslintrc.js
 - .gitignore
 - capacitor.config.ts
 - cypress.config.ts
 - index.html
 - ionic.config.json
 - package-lock.json
 - package.json
 - tsconfig.json
 - tsconfig.node.json
 - vite.config.ts

The main editor window shows the content of 'src > pages > TS Home.tsx':

```
1 import { IonContent, IonHeader, IonPage, IonTitle, IonToolbar } from '@ionic/react';
2 import ExploreContainer from '../components/ExploreContainer';
3 import './Home.css';
4
5 const Home: React.FC = () => {
6   return (
7     <IonPage>
8       <IonHeader>
9         <IonToolbar>
10           <IonTitle>Blank</IonTitle>
11         </IonToolbar>
12       </IonHeader>
13       <IonContent fullscreen>
14         <IonHeader collapse="condense">
15           <IonToolbar>
16             <IonTitle size="large">Blank</IonTitle>
17           </IonToolbar>
18         </IonHeader>
19         <ExploreContainer />
20       </IonContent>
21     </IonPage>
22   );
23 };
24
25 export default Home;
26
```

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- The two most important files/folders are:
 - **App.tsx** – This is where the main Ionic application resides and where we define the paths (routes)
 - **.tsx files inside /pages** – This is where we will be developing our mobile application screens (called pages). The default application page is the Home.tsx file.