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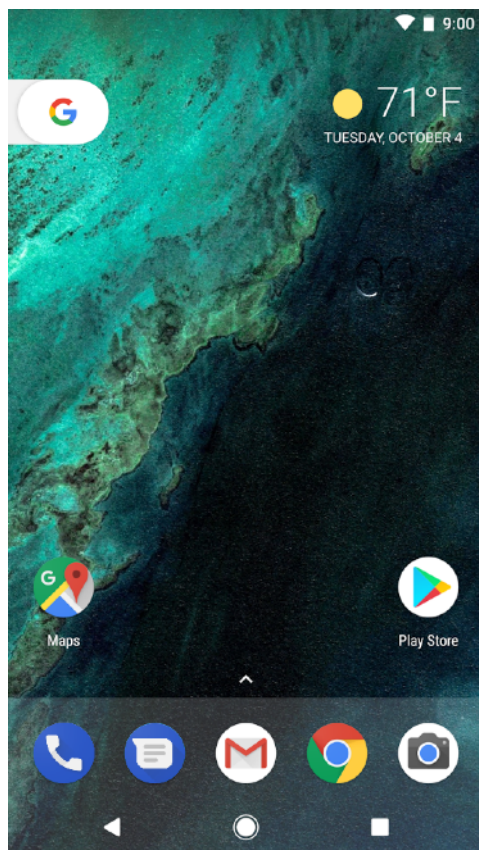
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 - Focus on React-Native
 - Focus on Xamarin

Overview of mobile platform

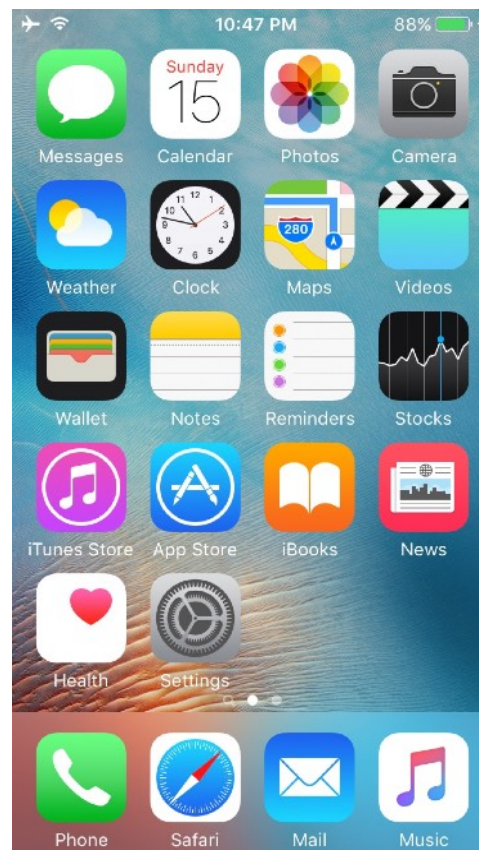
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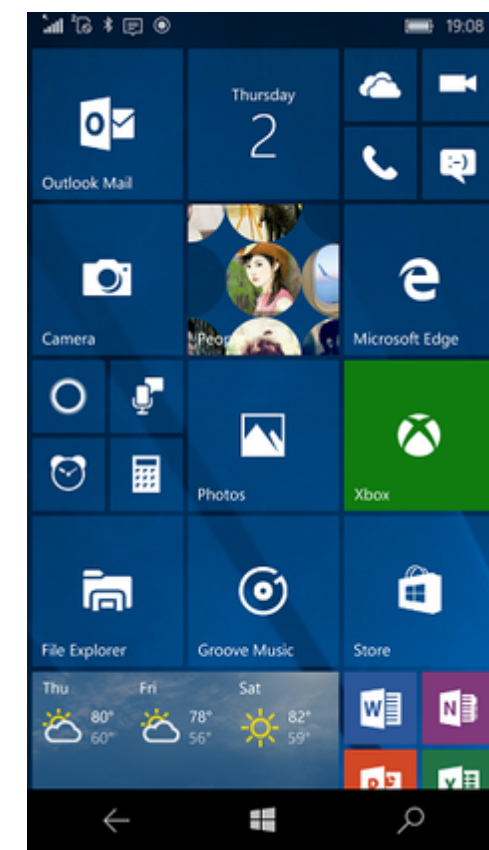


iOS (supported by Apple)

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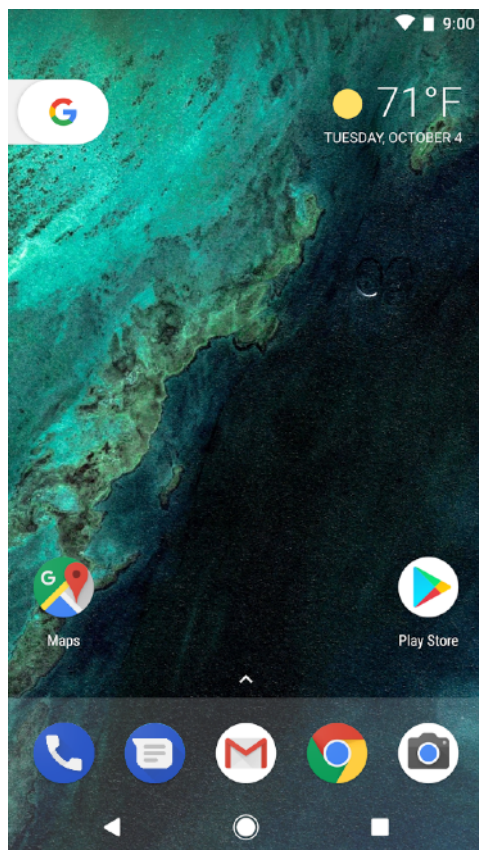
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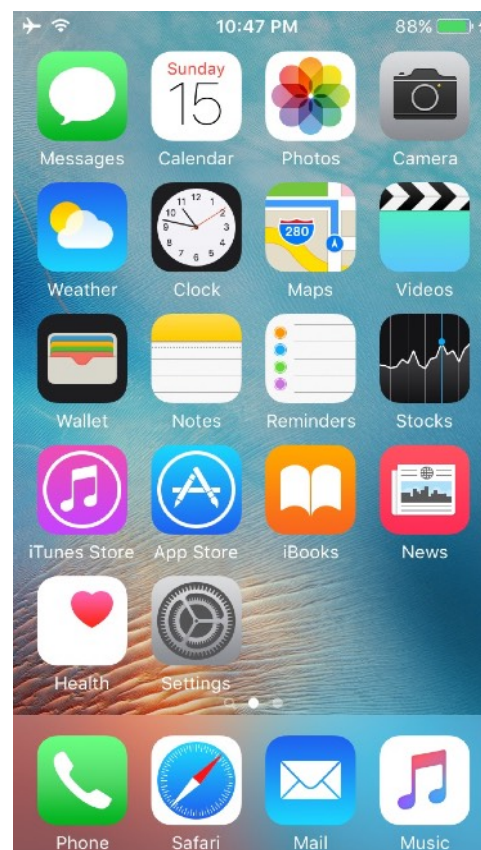
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Windows 10 Mobile supported by Microsoft



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Tweeting Microsoft Windows 10! My team creates the Windows experience & Microsoft Edge.

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Of course we'll continue to support the platform.. bug fixes, security updates, etc. But building new features/hw aren't the focus. 🤔 twitter.com/hglr/status/91...

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We have tried VERY HARD to incent app devs. Paid money.. wrote apps 4 them.. but volume of users is too low for most companies to invest. 😞 twitter.com/Jadsonx/status...

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Overview of mobile platform

In terms of market share

Operating System	3Q16 Units	3Q16 Market Share (%)
Android	327,674.0	87.8
iOS	43,000.7	11.5
Windows	1,484.4	0.4
BlackBerry	377.8	0.1
Others	755.5	0.2
Total	373,292.5	100.0

Source: Gartner (November 2016)

What is cross-platform ?

One code to rule them all



Instead of one code/project for each platform



iOS



Windows 10

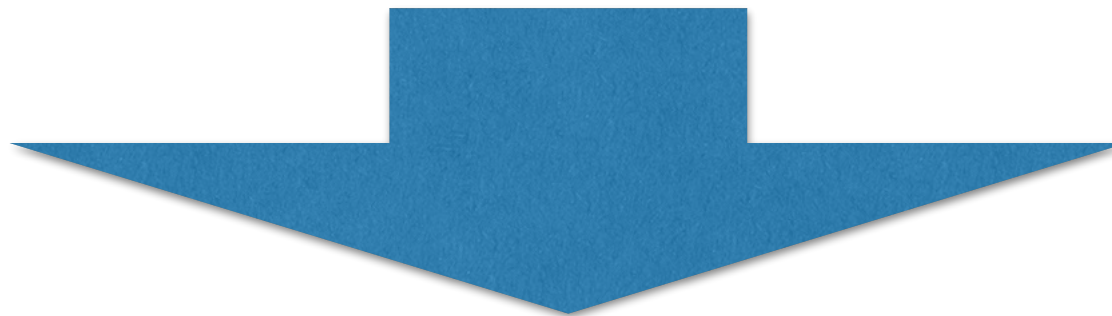


Expectations

Code once run anywhere

Generic code

Cross-platform SDK

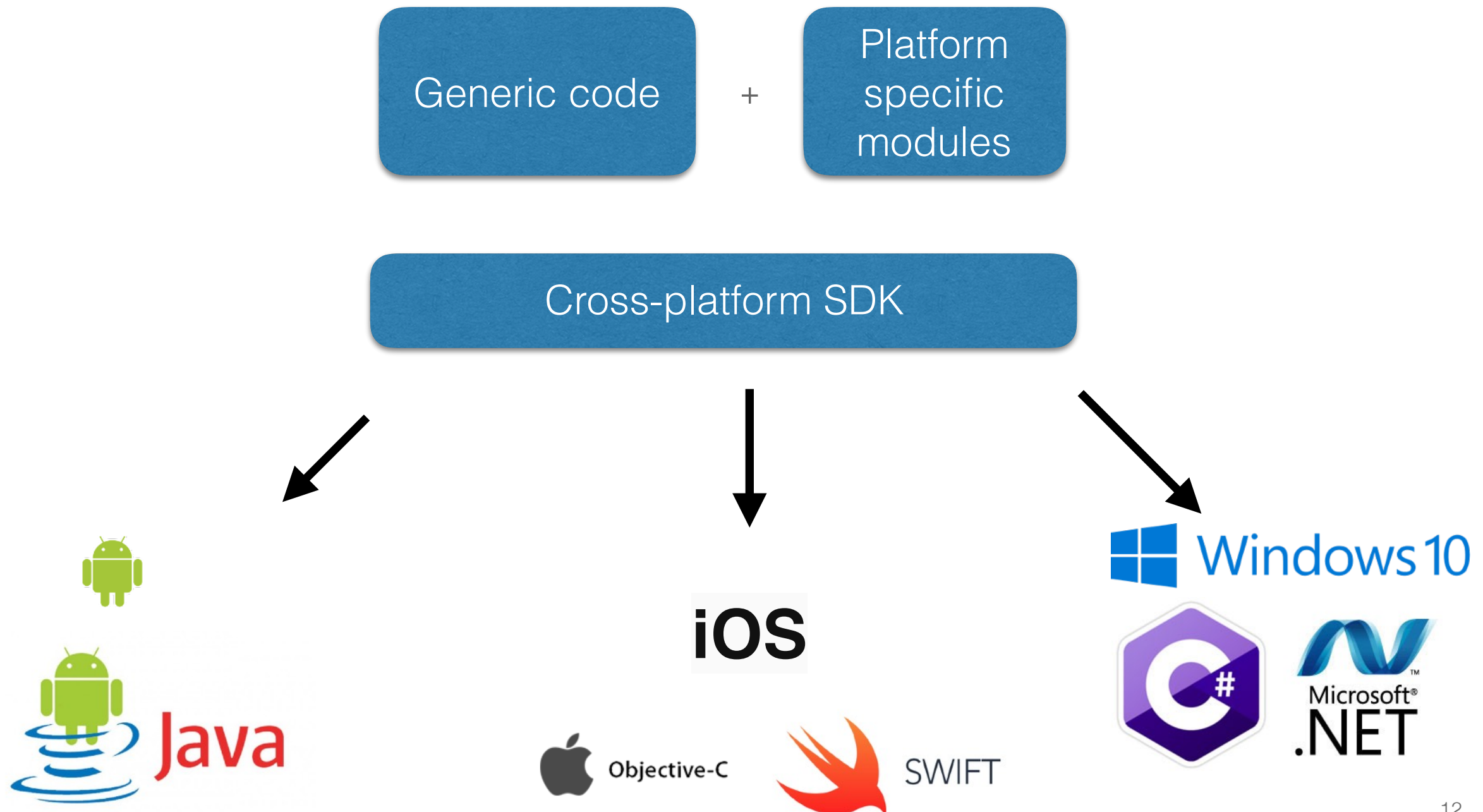


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Reality



**What cross-platform technologies
are available ?**

Going full web

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Option 2 : Embed a web app in Apache Cordova or Ionic

- Gain access to some native library & sensors



<https://cordova.apache.org>



<https://ionicframework.com>

Using a dedicated framework

Here we focus on 3 frameworks

NB Pros and Cons are not exhaustive and are subjective.

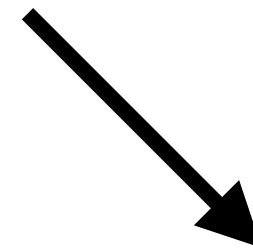
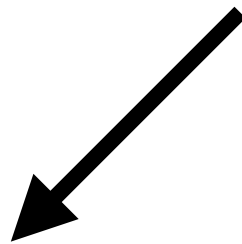
Framework	Pros	Cons	Pricing
Unity	Gaming purpose	Everything not related to gaming or VR	125\$/Mth for pro
React - Native	App with modern design, Easy setup	Facebook license Growing community Going native is hard to setup thus possible	Free
Xamarin	Native UI Code once, run anywhere Good documentation	Stick to one dev env : Visual Studio	Free for Open source, else see Visual Studio pricing

other exists such as Qt : <https://www.qt.io/mobile-app-development/>, Juce : <https://juce.com>

Dedicated framework & Native code

Side notes

Managed VS Unmanaged Code



Code managed by a framework, no direct access to low level API such as memory management.

Compile to an intermediate language, for example Java ByteCode

Code mean't to be compiled to machine code. Without passing by an intermediate language

Gain access to low level system API

Dedicated framework & Native code

Cross platform frameworks often offer an high level abstraction.

what about calling native code in these high level environments ?

Framework	Going native ?
Unity	Yes (.so for android, .mm for iOS)
React - Native	Yes (but few documentation or exemple) Use `djinni` to cross compile. NB Android : JNI binding must be done mannualy
Xamarin	Yes (.so for android, .a .dlyb for iOS)

Demo

Demo - Presentation

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Framework	Encountered difficulties	Time spent to get things running	Results
Unity	Using IDE in a non gaming context	0.75 day	One project that could be deployed on Android and iOS (native code running on both)
React Native	Bridging to native code, going further than documentation	1.5 day	One project that could be deployed on Android and iOS (native code running on both)
Xamarin	Compiling iOS	0,5 day	One project that could be deployed on Android and iOS (native code running on both)

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Side node : Building native library

Android

Android understands only .so library
generated with NDK,
these library must be called via JNI binding
Some framework do the abstraction (Xamarin/Unity)

Android.mk + Application.mk provided to NDK-BUILD

iOS

iOS understands .a .mm, .dylib
(it depends on the framework)

These library could be build with Xcode
or with g++ clang

Demo - Focus on Unity

Structure

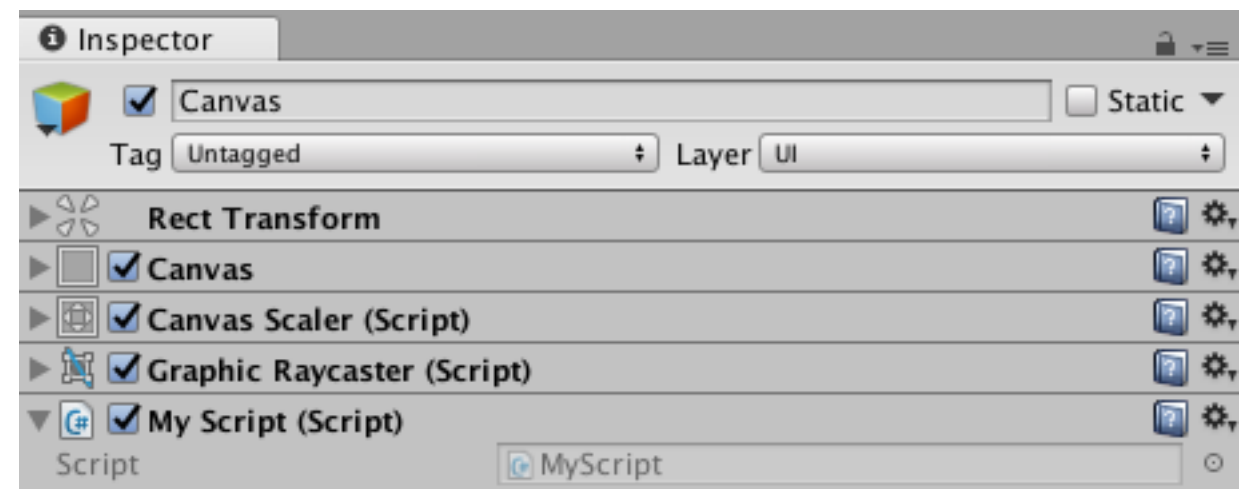
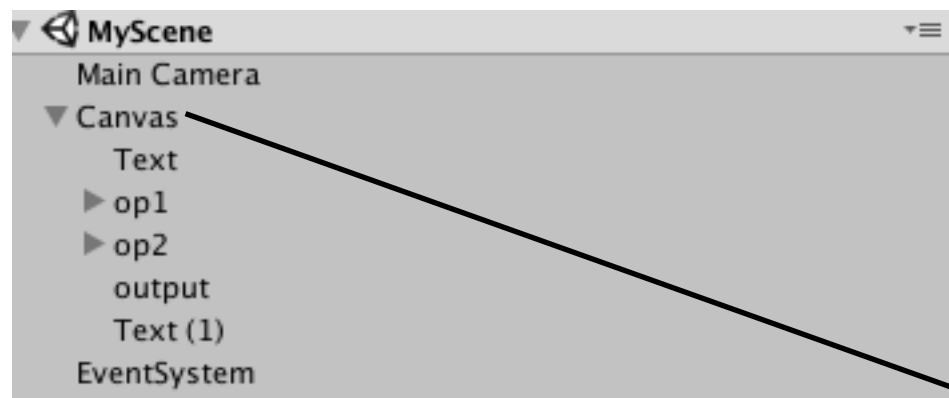
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Canvas is bind to a C# script

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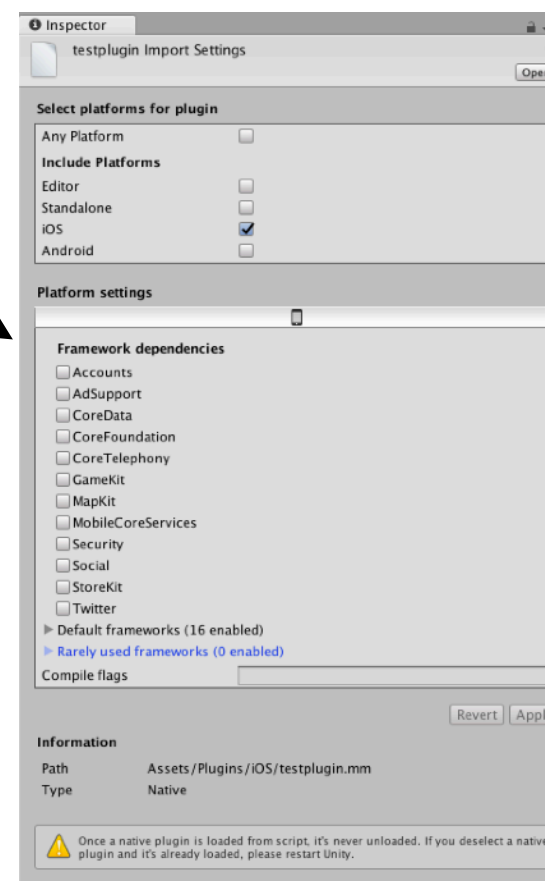
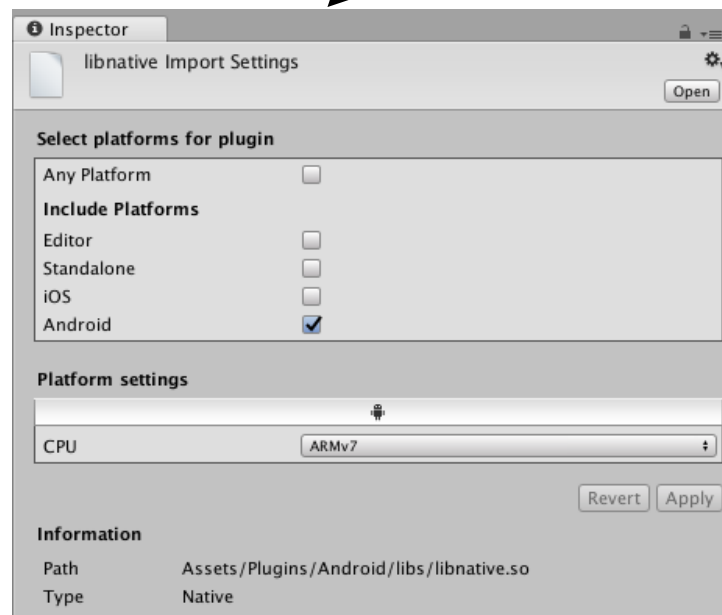
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Libs are located in **Plugins/Android** or **Plugins/iOS**



Demo - Focus on Unity

Results

Sample : Perform the sum of the two inputs

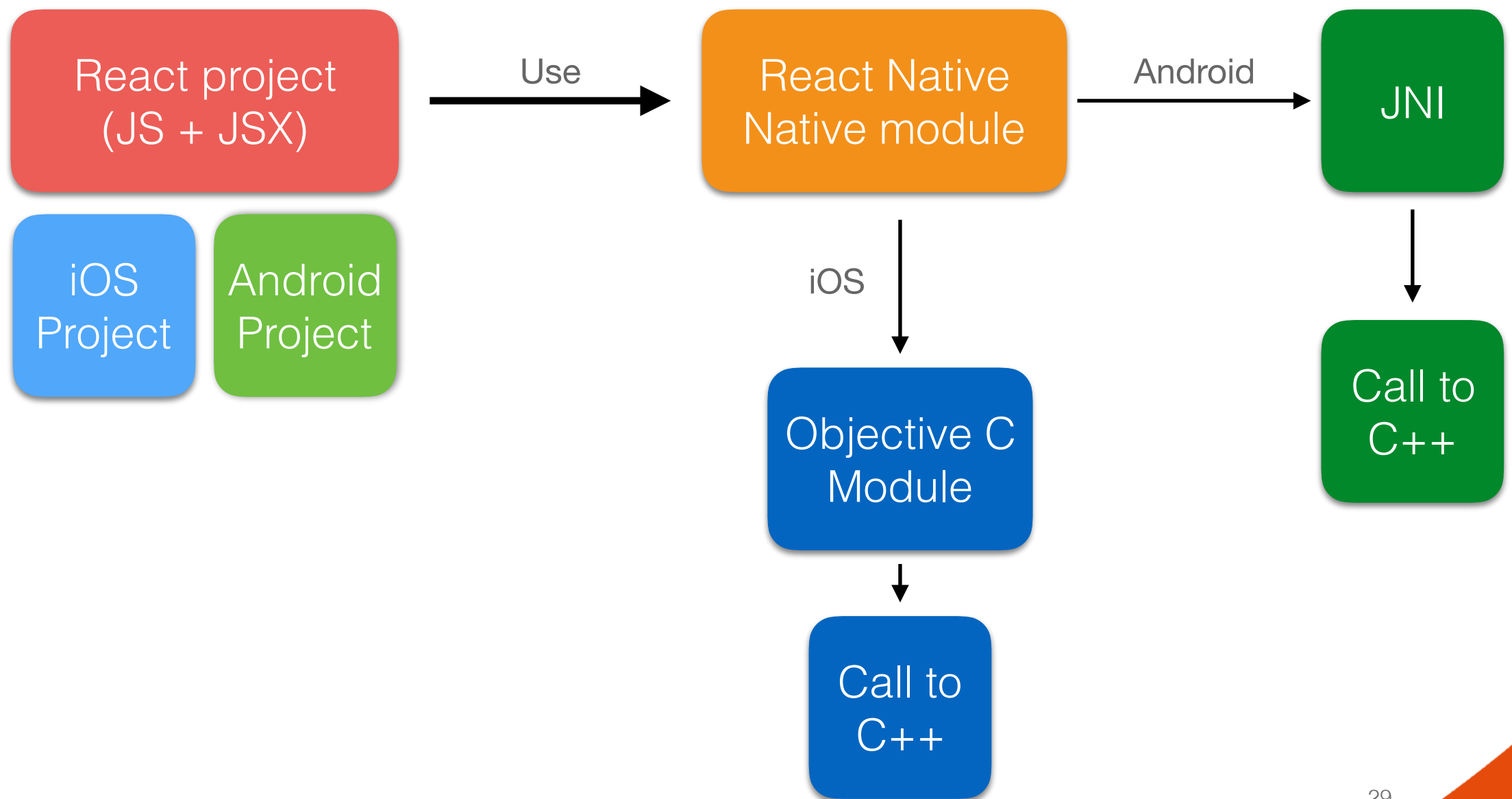
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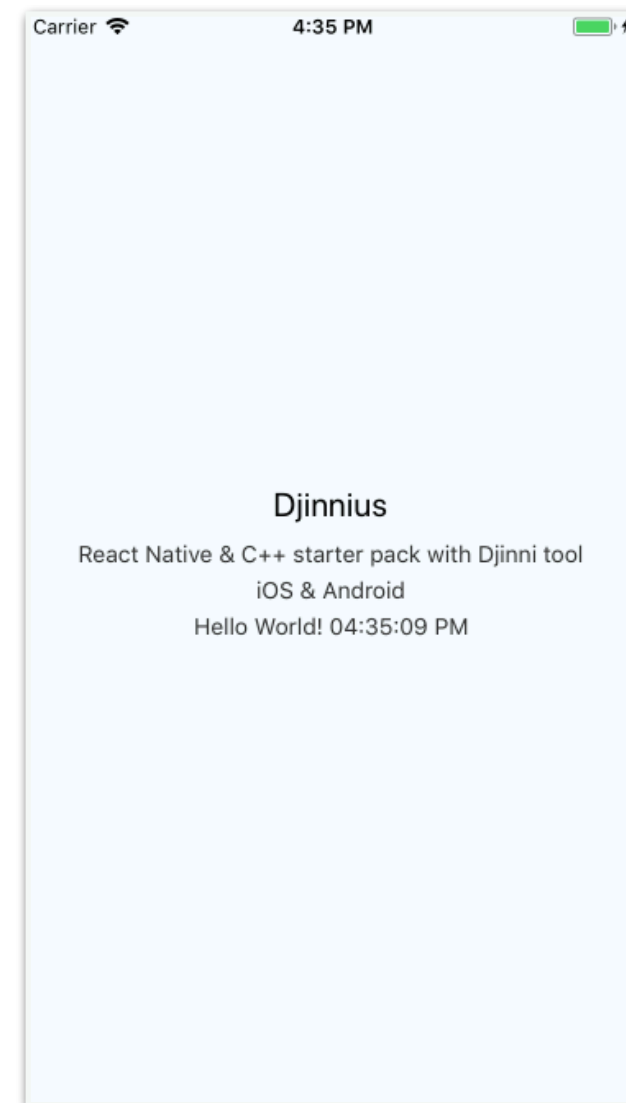
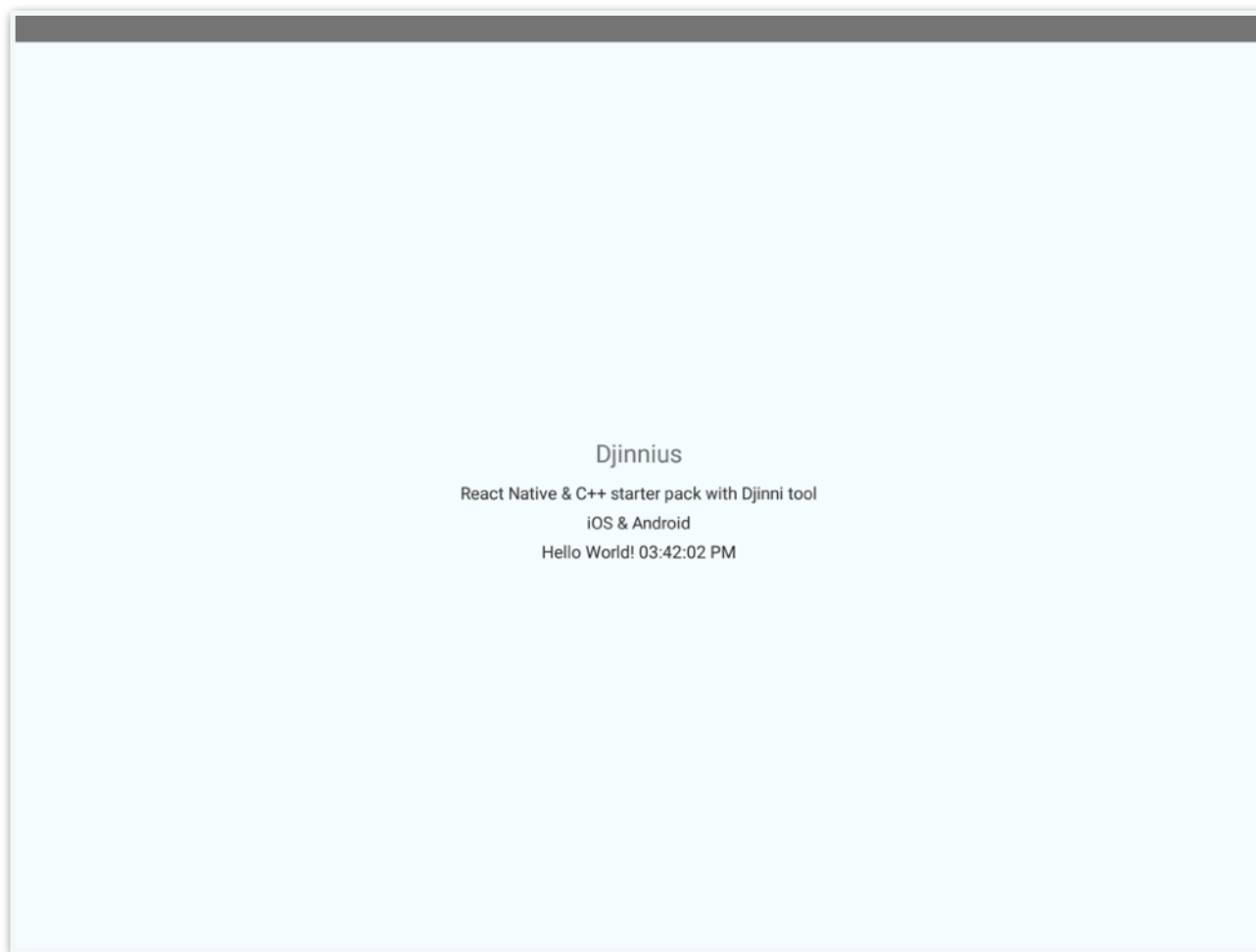
Live sample

Demo - Focus on React Native Structure



Demo - Focus on React Native

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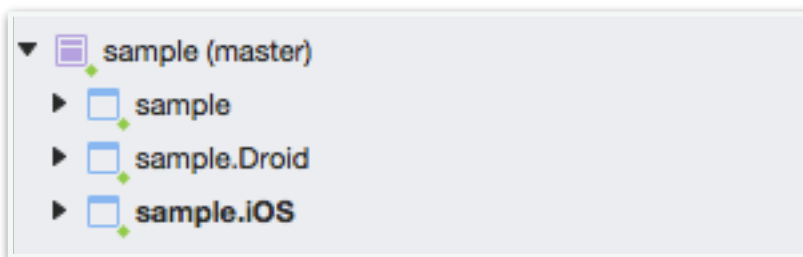
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Demo - Focus on Xamarin

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Abstraction to platform implementation via DependencyService

```
l.Text = "Results = " + DependencyService.Get<ISum>().sum(val1, val2).ToString();
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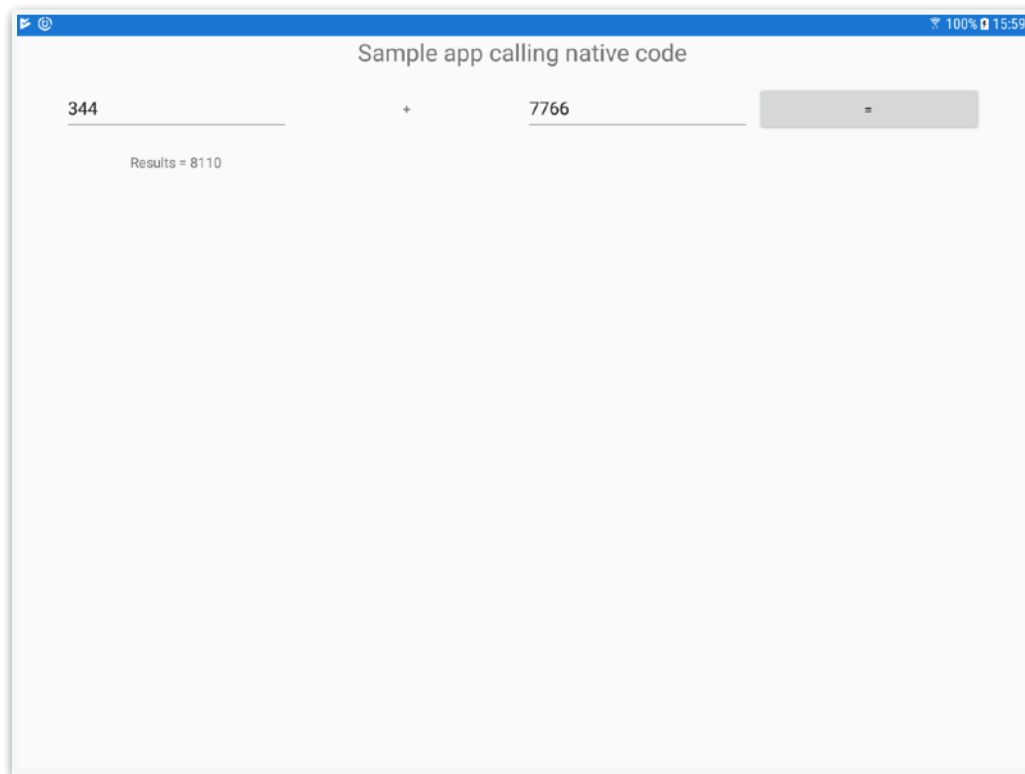
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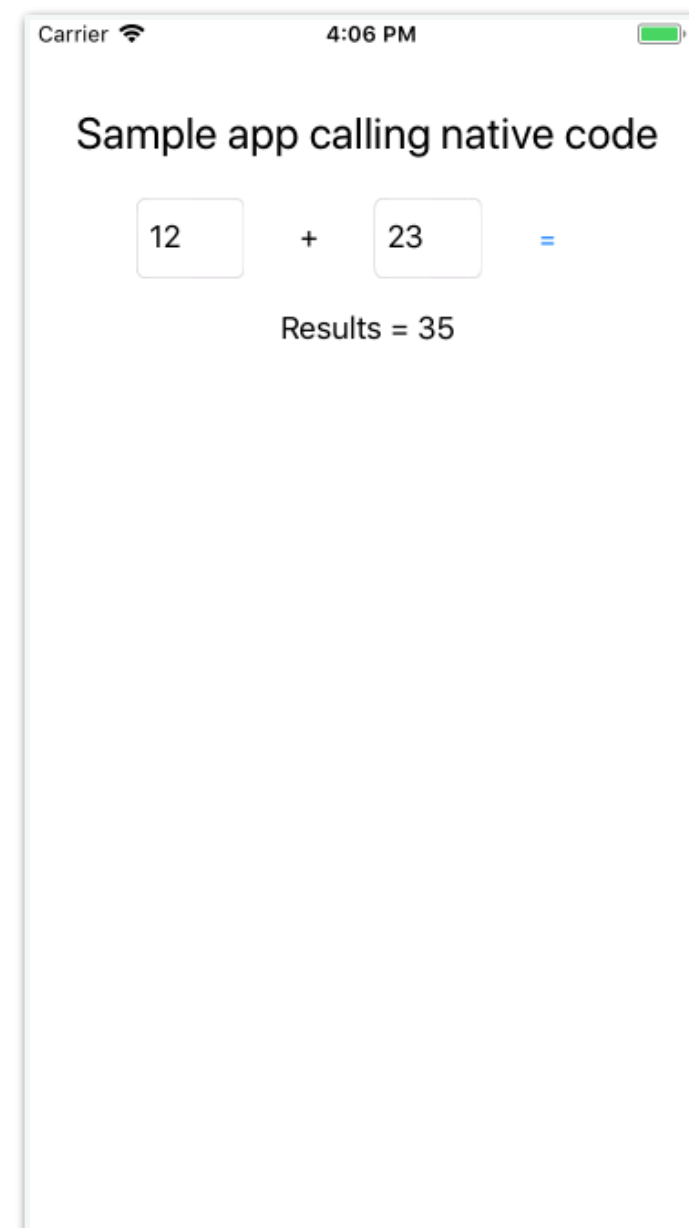
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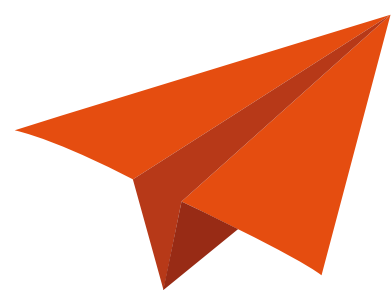
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Live sample

All demos are available :

<https://github.com/smartorigin/Cross-platform-mobile-development-samples.git>

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