Activity No. 6 Introduction to Core APIs						
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1. Objective(s)

This activity aims to introduce the students to the Core APIs used in React Native by building a simple messaging application.

2. Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

After this module, the student should be able to:

- Develop an application using both functional and object-oriented programming in React Native.
- Utilize core APIs to enable functionality within the application.

3. Discussion

Building a messaging app

Our messaging app should enable people to communicate. Specifically it must allow the users to:

- 1. Send text messages, images, and maps;
- 2. Choose images from the device camera roll; and
- 3. View images full screen.

For this activity, we will use some of the following APIs to create a simple messaging app.

- Alert Displays modal dialog windows for simple user input
- BackHandler Controls the back button on Android
- CameraRoll Returns images and videos stored on the device
- Dimensions Returns the dimensions of the screen
- Geolocation Returns the location of the device, and emits events when the location changes
- Keyboard Emits events when the keyboard appears or disappears
- NetInfo Returns network connectivity information, and emits events when the connectivity changes
- PixelRatio Translates from density-independent pixels to density-dependent pixels (more detail on the later)
- StatusBar Controls the visibility and color of the status bar

We'll just be focusing on the UI, so we won't actually send messages, but we could connect

the UI we build to a backend if we wanted to use it in a production app.

4. Materials and Equipment

To properly perform this activity, the student must have:

- Node.js LTS
- Expo
- Emulator / Simulator / Android or iOS Mobile Device

5. Procedure

Initializing the Project

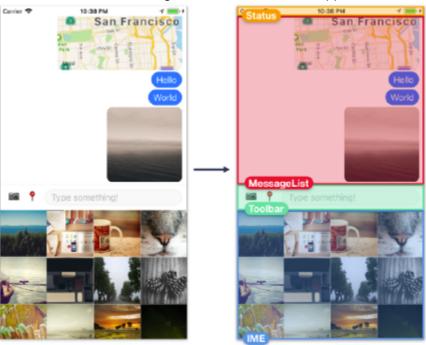
Like we have done with previous activities, we are initializing the project through the following steps:

- 1. Create a new expo app called messaging.
- 2. Navigate into the messaging director afterwards.

Section end, screenshot of progress is required for the output section.

The App

The Application should have the following features, observe the app's skeleton below:



The components that make up the skeleton are as follows:

- Status The device generally renders a status bar, the horizontal strip at the top of the screen that shows time, battery life, etc but in this case, we'll augment it to show network connectivity more prominently. We'll create our own component, Status, which renders beneath the device's status bar.
- MessasgeList This is where we'll render text messages, images, and maps.
- Toolbar This is where the user can switch between sending text, images, or location, and where the input field for typing messages lives.

 Input Method Editor (IME) - This is where we can render a custom input method, i.e. sending images. We'll build an image picker component, ImageGrid, and use it here. Note that the keyboard is rendered natively by the operating system, so we will trigger the keyboard to appear and disappear at the right times, but we won't render it ourselves.

Now, in your App.js, follow the procedures:

- 1. Create the skeleton of the application using functional React Native, like we have done in the previous activity.
- 2. Create the stylesheet objects with the following specifications:
 - a. Container with flex 1 and background color white.
 - b. Content with flex 1 and background color white.
 - c. inputMethodEditor with flex 1 and background color white.
 - d. Toolbar with borderTopWidth 1, borderTopColor as 'rgba(0,0,0,0.04)', and background color white.
- 3. Run the app and preview your progress.

Section end, screenshot of progress is required for the output section.

Network Connectivity Connector

Since we're building a messaging app, network connectivity is relevant at all times. Let's let the user know when they've lost connectivity by turning the status bar red and displaying a short message.



1. Open app.json and add the following code to allow our network status bar to use a solid color. Note: You can ignore this if you're not using Android.

```
"androidStatusBar": {
    "barStyle": "dark-content",
    "backgroundColor": "#FFFFFF"
}
```

- 2. Create a new status bar component and include imports for Constants from 'expo' and StyleSheet from React Native.
- 3. We'll have two visual states: one where the user is connected to the network, and one where the user is disconnected. We'll set the color for each state in render, so let's start with the base style for the status bar:

```
import { Constants } from 'expo';
import { StyleSheet } from 'react-native';

const statusHeight = (Platform.OS == 'ios' ? Constants.statusBarHeight : 0)

const styles = StyleSheet.create({
    status: {
        zIndex: 1,
        height: statusHeight,
    }
})
```

The base style status will give the View its height. The View will have the same height regardless of whether this component is in the connected or disconnected state. We use a zIndex of 1 to indicate that this View should be drawn on top of other content – this will be relevant later, since we're going to render a ScrollView beneath it.

4. We'll store the network connectivity status in component state as state.info. Network connectivity status can have several different states, but let's assume for now that if the state.info is "none" then we're disconnected, and anything else means we're connected. Let's try rendering this background View.

```
import { Constants } from 'expo';
import { NetInfo, Platform, StatusBar, StyleSheet, Text, View } from
'react-native';
import React from 'react';
export default class Status extends React.Component{
```

```
state = {
       info: null,
   render() {
       const {info} = this.state;
       const isConnected = info !== 'none';
       const backgroundColor = isConnected ? 'white' : 'red';
       if(Platform.OS == 'ios'){
           return <View style={[styles.status, {backgroundColor}]}></View>
       return null; //Temporary!
   }
}
const statusHeight = (Platform.OS == 'ios' ? Constants.statusBarHeight : 0)
const styles = StyleSheet.create({
  status: {
       zIndex: 1,
       height: statusHeight,
   }
})
```

Notice how we use an array for the View to apply two styles: the status style, and then a style object containing a different background color depending on whether we're connected to the network or not.

5. Let's save Status.js and import it from App.js so we can see what we have so far. We can now go ahead and render our new Status component from App:

We shouldn't see anything yet... but to verify that everything is working, you can temporarily set info: 'none' in the state of Status. If possible, you should test this on iOS. You should have a similar result to the image below:



Section end, you must provide a screenshot of your progress so far. Note all of your observations and lessons learned so far.

Using StatusBar

1. Let's import it from react-native and render it within our View. Place this before the if (Platform.OS === 'ios')

Here we set barStyle to dark-content if we're connected (black text on our white background) and light-content if we're disconnected (white text on our red background). We set backgroundColor to set the correct background color on Android. We also set animated to false – since we're not animating the background color on iOS, animating the text color won't look very good.

Section end, you must provide a screenshot of your progress so far. All of your observations and lessons learned so far have to be noted.

Message Bubble

Since the red status bar alone doesn't indicate anything about network connectivity, let's also add a short message in a floating bubble at the top of the screen.



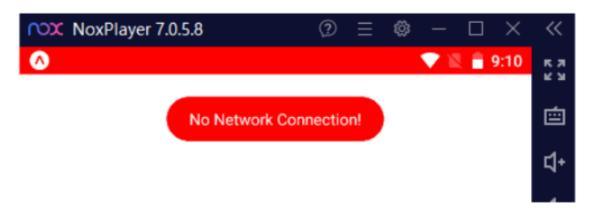
 Create a new messageContainer so that your code looks similar to what is shown below.

```
import { Constants } from "expo";
import { NetInfo, StatusBar, StyleSheet, Text, View } from "react-native";
import React from "react";
export default class Status extends React.Component {
 // ...
 render() {
   const { info } = this.state;
   const isConnected = info !== "none";
   const backgroundColor = isConnected ? "white" : "red";
   const statusBar = (
     <StatusBar
       backgroundColor={backgroundColor}
       barStyle={isConnected ? "dark-content" : "light-content"}
       animated={false}
     />
   );
    const messageContainer = (
      <View style={styles.messageContainer} pointerEvents={"none"}>
         {statusBar}
         {!isConnected && (
           <View style={styles.bubble}>
             <Text style={styles.text}>No network connection</Text>
           </View>
         ) }
      </View>
    );
    if (Platform.OS === "ios") {
      return (
         < View style={[styles.status, { backgroundColor }]}>
           {messageContainer}
         </View>
      );
    return messageContainer;
  }
```

- 2. Create a StyleSheet object so that you have the following specifications.
 - a. messageContainer has a zIndex of 1, position absolution, top value

- statusHeight + 20, right and left as 0, height as 80, and alignItems to center.
- b. Bubble with paddingHorizontal value of 20, paddingVertical value of 10, borderRadius value of 20, and backgroundColor value of 'red'.
- c. Text with color white.

Screenshot your current progress, your output must be similar to the image below. Is it similar? Did you encounter any challenges answering this activity?



6. Output

Your output for this activity contributes toward the achievement of *ILO1: Develop an application using both functional and object-oriented programming in React Native.*

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Initializing the Project

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- PS C:\Users\admin\Documents\Emtech3-HOA> npx create-expo-app messaging
 √ Downloaded and extracted project files.
- > npm install
- PS C:\Users\admin\Documents\Emtech3-HOA> cd messaging
- PS C:\Users\admin\Documents\Emtech3-HOA\messaging> npx expo start
 Starting project at C:\Users\admin\Documents\Emtech3-HOA\messaging
 Starting Metro Bundler

PS C:\Users\admin\Documents\Emtech3-HOA\messaging> npm run reset-project



The App

Status

```
messaging > app > JS Status.js > ...
      import React from 'react';
      import { View, Text, StyleSheet } from 'react-native';
  4 const Status = () => {
       return (
          <View style={styles.container}>
          <Text style={styles.statusText}>Status: sdsdsd</Text>
         </View>
 10
      };
      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
       container: {
          backgroundColor: 'lightgray',
          padding: 10,
       statusText: {
         fontSize: 16,
         color: 'black',
      });
      export default Status;
```

MessageList

```
messaging > app > JS MessageList.js > [❷] styles
      import React from 'react';
      import { FlatList, Text, View, StyleSheet } from 'react-native';
  4 const messages = [
      { id: '1', type: 'text', content: 'Hoa 9.1' },
       { id: '2', type: 'text', content: 'Work in Progress :D' },
      1;
      const MessageList = () => {
       const renderItem = ({ item }) => (
         <Text style={styles.textMessage}>{item.content}</Text>
       return (
         <FlatList</pre>
            data={messages}
            keyExtractor={(item) => item.id}
           renderItem={renderItem}
      };
      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
          container: {
            flex: 1,
           backgroundColor: 'white',
          textMessage: {
            fontSize: 18,
           padding: 10,
       。 },
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        });
      export default MessageList;
```

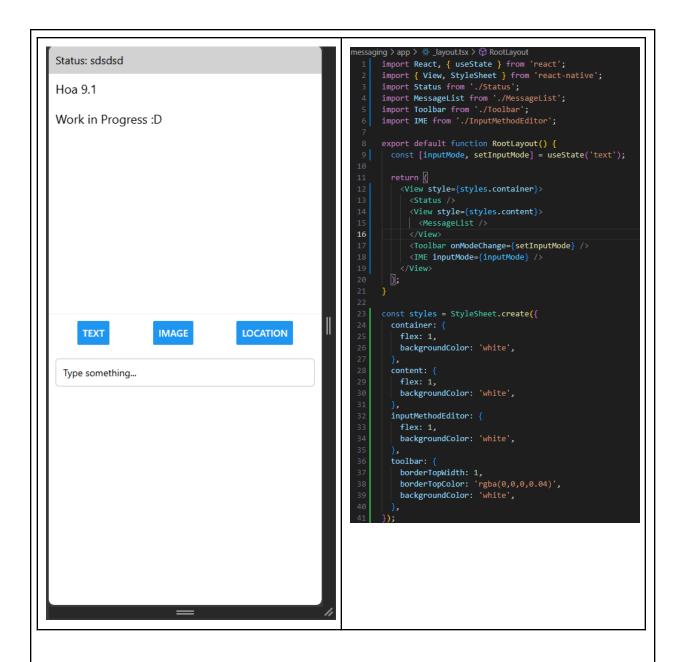
Toolbar

```
messaging > app > JS Toolbar.js > ...
       import React from 'react';
       import { View, Button, StyleSheet } from 'react-native';
      const Toolbar = ({ onModeChange }) => {
        return (
           <View style={styles.toolbar}>
            <Button title="Text" onPress={() => onModeChange('text')} />
             <Button title="Image" onPress={() => onModeChange('image')} />
            <Button title="Location" onPress={() => onModeChange('location')} />
      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
       toolbar: {
           borderTopWidth: 1,
           borderTopColor: 'rgba(0,0,0,0.04)',
           backgroundColor: 'white',
          flexDirection: 'row',
          justifyContent: 'space-around',
           padding: 10,
      });
      export default Toolbar;
```

Input Method Editor (IME)

```
messaging > app > JS InputMethodEditor.js > [❷] styles
      import React, { useState } from 'react';
      import { View, TextInput, StyleSheet } from 'react-native';
      const IME = ({ inputMode }) => {
        const [text, setText] = useState('');
        return (
          <View style={styles.inputMethodEditor}>
             {inputMode === 'text' && (
               <TextInput
                 style={styles.textInput}
                 placeholder="Type something..."
                value={text}
                onChangeText={setText}
            )}
          </View>
      };
      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
        inputMethodEditor: {
          flex: 1,
          backgroundColor: 'white',
          padding: 10,
        textInput: {
          borderColor: '#ccc',
          borderWidth: 1,
          padding: 10,
       borderRadius: 5,
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      });
      export default IME;
```

Layout.tsx



After some tinkering, my code went crazy so I was not able to monitor it step by step. Here is my final output so far..

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```
□□□□ 0: -
   index.tsx •
   PROBLEMS OUTPUT DEBUG CONSOLE TERMINAL PORTS
   PS C:\messaging> mxp expo start
mp: The term 'mp' is not recognized as the name of a cmdlet, function, script file, or operable program. Check the spelling of the name, or if a path was included, verify that the path is correct and try again.
At line:1 char:1
+ mxp expo start
+ \times CategoryInfo : ObjectNotFound: (mxp:String) [], CommandNotFoundException
+ FullyQualifiedErrorId : CommandNotFoundException
   PS C:\messaging> npx expo start
Starting project at C:\messaging
> Port 8081 is being used by another process
✓ Use port 8082 instead? ... yes
Starting Metro Bundler
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The App
```

```
PS C:\messaging> npx expo install @react-native-community/netinfo
>>
> Installing 1 SDK 51.0.0 compatible native module using npm
> npm install

added 1 package, and audited 1583 packages in 6s

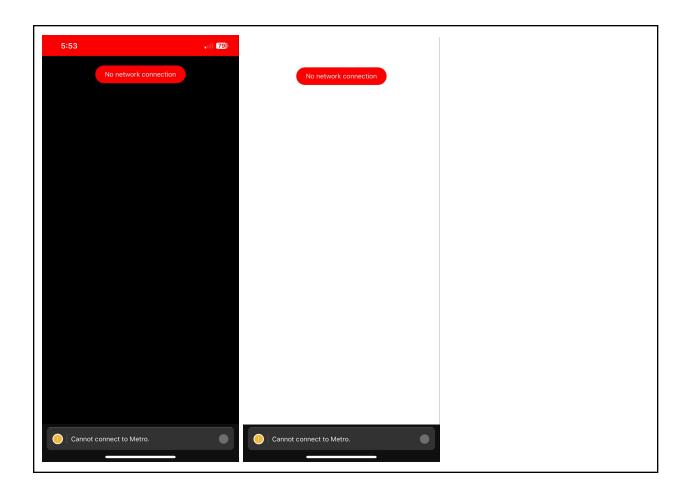
147 packages are looking for funding
    run `npm fund` for details

8 vulnerabilities (5 low, 3 moderate)
```

```
index.tsx 2 X JS Status.js
app > (tabs) > 🎡 index.tsx > 🕪 statusHeight
      import { NetInfo, Platform, StatusBar, StyleSheet, View } from 'react-native
      import Constants from 'expo';
      import React from 'react';
      export default class Status extends React.Component {
          state = {
              info:null,
          render() {
              const { info } = this.state;
              const isConnected = info !=='none';
              const backgroundColor = isConnected ? 'white' : 'red';
            if(Platform.OS == 'ios'){
              return
              <View style={[styles.status, { backgroundColor }]}></View>
            return null;
      const statusHeight = (Platform.OS === 'ios' ? Constants.statusBarHeight : 0
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      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
          status: {
              zIndex: 1,
              height: statusHeight,
      });
```

```
components > JS Status.js > ...
       import { Constants } from 'expo'
      import { StyleSheet } from 'react-native';
      const statusHeight = (Platform.OS == 'ios' ? Constants.statusBarHeight : 0)
      const styles = StyleSheet.create({
          status: {
              zIndex: 1,
              height: statusHeight,
      })
Using StatusBarUsing StatusBar
 return (
    <View style={styles.container}>
      <StatusBar
        barStyle={isConnected ? 'dark-content' : 'light-content'}
        backgroundColor={statusBarBackgroundColor}
        animated={false}
```





```
render() {
 const { info } = this.state;
 const isConnected = info !== 'none';
 const backgroundColor = isConnected ? 'white' : 'red';
 const statusBar = (
   <StatusBar
     backgroundColor={backgroundColor}
     barStyle={isConnected ? 'dark-content' : 'light-content'}
     animated={false}
  );
 const messageContainer = (
   <View style={styles.messageContainer} pointerEvents={'none'}>
     {statusBar}
      {!isConnected && (
       <View style={styles.bubble}>
         <Text style={styles.text}>No network connection</Text>
       </View>
      )}
    </View>
```

```
const styles = StyleSheet.create({
 status: {
    zIndex: 1,
    height: statusHeight,
 messageContainer: {
    zIndex: 1,
    position: 'absolute',
   top: statusHeight + 20,
   right: 0,
   left: 0,
   height: 80,
   alignItems: 'center',
 bubble: {
   paddingHorizontal: 20,
    paddingVertical: 10,
   borderRadius: 20.
   backgroundColor: 'red',
 text: {
   color: 'white',
});
```

7. Supplementary Activity

ILO2: Utilize core APIs to enable functionality within the application.

We have info in state, and we have logic to switch between showing a connected and disconnected UI in our render method. Now we need to update this state whenever network connectivity changes

We can do this using the NetInfo APIs. The NetInfo APIs are a good example of React Native core APIs: these provide a uniform interface to the lower level native APIs on iOS and Android. React Native is essentially providing JavaScript bindings and smoothing out platform differences for us.

We can call NetInfo.getConnectionInfo() to get the network connectivity status. NetInfo.getConnectionInfo() returns a promise which resolves to a string. If the device is connected, the string value will be 'wifi' or 'cellular' If the device isn't connected, the promise will still resolve, but with the value 'none'.

If we wanted to update our UI when the network connection changes, we could continuously poll NetInfo.getConnectionInfo() to get the network status – but this would be inefficient. Instead, we can add an event listener to NetInfo. NetInfo provides the method addEventListener, which we can call with a callback function, which it will invoke each time the network status changes.

Here's an example of using NetInfo.addEventListener

```
const subscription = NetInfo.addEventListener('connectionChange', (status) => {
  console.log('Network status changed', status)
});
```

This example would log a new status each time the network connectivity changes. We can call subscription.remove() when we want to stop listening for changes - most of the time, we'll do this when our component unmounts. For our app, we'll use both NetInfo.getConnectionInfo and NetInfo.addEventListener. First we'll call NetInfo.getConnectionInfo when the Status component mounts to get the initial network connectivity. Then we'll use NetInfo.addEventListener to update our UI when a change occurs.

Tasks:

- Modify Status.js so that you can use a Core API (such as NetInfo) to retrieve connection information
- Test the connection: It must not display any message when there is a connection and vice-versa.

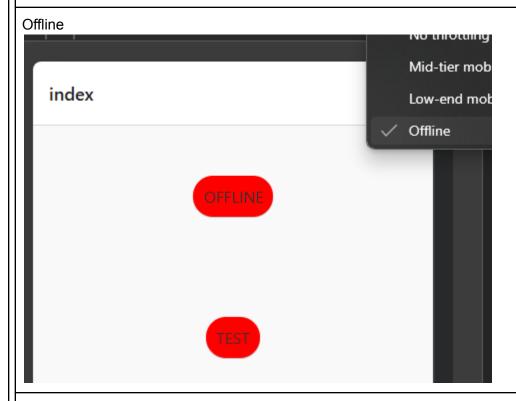
Hint: Check documentation for NetInfo API to verify functions associated and check sample code.

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```
useEffect(() => {
  const unsubscribe = NetInfo.addEventListener(state => {
    setIsOnline(state.isConnected);
  });
  return () => unsubscribe();
}, []);

const handleSendMessage = () => {
  if (message.trim() !== '') {
    setMessages((prevMessages) => [...prevMessages, message]);
    setMessage('');
};

const networkStatusMessage = isOnline ? "ONLINE" : "OFFLINE";
```

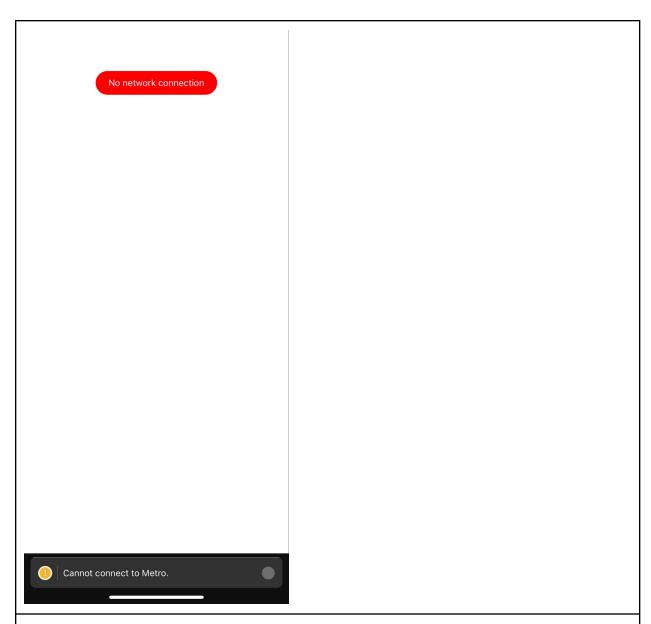


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```
66 v const styles = StyleSheet.create({
67 v container: {
         flex: 1,
         backgroundColor: 'white',
71 ∨ status: {
         zIndex: 1,
         height: statusHeight,
         backgroundColor: 'white',
      messageContainer: {
         zIndex: 1,
         position: 'absolute',
         top: statusHeight + 20,
         right: 0,
         left: 0,
         height: 80,
         alignItems: 'center',
      bubble: {
         paddingHorizontal: 20,
         paddingVertical: 10,
         borderRadius: 20,
         backgroundColor: 'red',
       text: {
      color: 'white'.
```



8. Conclusion

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In this activity, we explored the use of React Native's core API, specifically the NetInfo API, to manage network connectivity within a messaging application. By implementing features that detect online and offline statuses, we enhanced the user experience, allowing for real-time updates in the UI based on network changes. I had a hard time following the procedure, since the code provided in there are depreciated, so I search for their updated alternatives. Also, I encountered an error, where I was doing smoothly at the start of the procedure, but suddenly my components and main index went bonkers, so I need to recreate another expo and redo all of my work. This lead to my lack of screenshots on the procedure part. Overall, this activity reinforced our knowledge in leveraging core APIs to create applications that uses connectivity status.

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- In this module, we learned to develop a React Native app using both functional and object-oriented programming, handling network connectivity with the NetInfo API. By utilizing core APIs, we enabled dynamic UI updates based on real-time network status changes.

9. Assessment Rubric

Criteria	Ratings													Pts
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