



Worksheet 2: React Native Components

Learning Outcomes

After completing this worksheet, students will be able to:

1. Create **Dumb (Presentational) Components** in React Native
2. Create **Smart Components** that manage data and pass props
3. Use **props** to send data between components
4. Use **useState** to manage component state
5. Detect **button press events** with `onPress`

Step 0 – Create a New Project

Open your Terminal and run:

```
npx create-expo-app rn-components  
cd rn-components  
npx expo start
```

Step 1 – Clean App.js and Set Up the Basic Structure

Delete everything in `App.js`, then insert the following code (Fill in each blank according to its number):

```
import { [1] , [2] } from 'react-native';  
  
export default function App() {  
  return (  
    <[3]>  
      <[4]>Hello</[4]>  
    </[3]>  
  );  
}
```

Step 2 – Create a Dumb Component

Add the following code **above** the App component. Fill the blanks as numbered:

```
function DisplayMessage({ [5] }) {  
  return (  
    <Text>  
      Message: [6]  
    </Text>  
  );  
}
```

Now call this component from inside App that the value is "Hello WU"

```
<DisplayMessage message="__[7]__" />
```

Blanks to fill:

Step 3 – Add a Smart Component (Using useState)

Import useState at the top:

```
import { useState } from 'react';
```

Inside the App component, add the state declaration:

```
const [message, setMessage] = useState(__[8]__);
```

Send the state value to the DisplayMessage component:

```
<DisplayMessage message=__[9]__ />
```

Step 4 – Add Buttons to Detect Press Events

Insert two buttons and fill the missing parts:

```
<Button  
  title="SHOW A"  
  onPress={() => setMessage(__[10]__)}  
/>  
  
<Button  
  title="SHOW B"  
  onPress={() => setMessage(__[11]__)}  
/>
```

Step 5 – Full Code Structure with Numbered Blanks

Below is the full App.js with all blanks included for students to fill:

```
import { useState } from 'react';  
import { __[1]__ , __[2]__ , Button } from 'react-native';  
  
// Dumb Component  
function DisplavMessage({ __[5]__ }) {  
  return <Text>Message: __[6]__</Text>;  
}  
  
// Smart Component  
export default function App() {  
  const [message, setMessage] = useState(__[8]__);  
  
  return (  
    <__[3]__ style={{ padding: 40 }}>  
      <DisplayMessage message=__[9]__ />  
  
      <Button  
        title="SHOW A"  
        onPress={() => setMessage(__[10]__)}>
```

```
/>

<Button
  title="SHOW B"
  onPress={() => setMessage(__[11]__)}
  />
</__[3]__>
);
}
```

Step 6 – Expected Output

Your application should behave as follows:

- Initially, the displayed message is empty ("") or the chosen default
- Press **SHOW A** → Display: *Message: A*
- Press **SHOW B** → Display: *Message: B*

Reflection Questions

1. What is the main difference between a Dumb Component and a Smart Component?

Answer: _____

2. Why do we need `useState` in a Smart Component? **Answer:**

3. Explain how `onPress={() => setMessage("A")}` works. **Answer:**
