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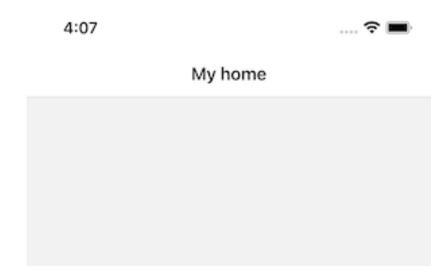
Lecture 06

React Native Navigation (2) Time Tracking App

Configuring the header bar

• Use the title property in options to set a fixed title for each screen.

```
<Stack.Screen name="Home"
component={HomeScreen}
  options={{ title: 'My home' }} />
```



Using Params in the Title

- To set a dynamic title based on parameters, options should be a function that receives route and returns a title.
- The argument that is passed in to the options function is an object with the following properties:
 - navigation The navigation object for the screen.
 - route The route object for the screen

Updating the Title Dynamically with setOptions

• It's often necessary to update the options configuration for the active screen from the mounted screen component itself. We can do this using navigation.setOptions

```
 onPress={() => navigation.setOptions({ title: 'Updated!' })}>
    Update the title
</Button>
```

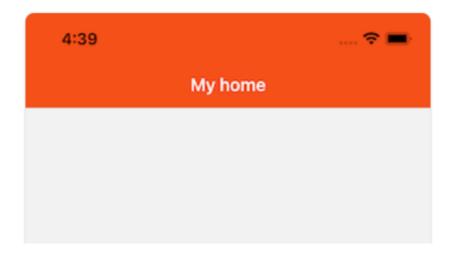
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Customizing Header Styles

- Three key properties for styling:
 - headerStyle: Styles the header background.
 - headerTintColor: Sets the color for the back button and title.
 - headerTitleStyle: Customizes font properties for the title.



Customizing Header Styles

```
<Stack.Screen name="Home" component={HomeScreen} options={{
    title: 'My home',
    headerStyle: { backgroundColor: '#f4511e' },
    headerTintColor: '#fff',
    headerTitleStyle: { fontWeight: 'bold' },
}} />
```

Sharing common options across screens

• Instead of repeating styles for each screen, set screenOptions in Stack. Navigator.

```
<Stack.Navigator screenOptions={{
    headerStyle: { backgroundColor: '#f4511e' },
    headerTintColor: '#fff',
    headerTitleStyle: { fontWeight: 'bold' },
}}>
    <Stack.Screen name="Home" component={HomeScreen}
        options={{ title: 'My home' }} />
    <Stack.Screen name="Details" component={DetailsScreen} />
    </Stack.Navigator>
```

Replacing the Title with a Custom Component

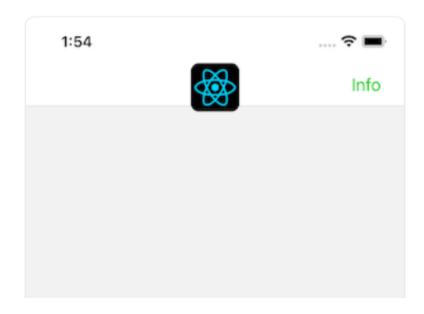
• Use headerTitle to replace the text title with a custom component, such as an image or button.

Difference Between title and headerTitle

- title is used for multiple navigation types like tab bars and drawers.
- headerTitle is specific to stack navigators and replaces the default Text component.

Header buttons

• You can place buttons in the header using headerLeft (left side) or headerRight (right side).



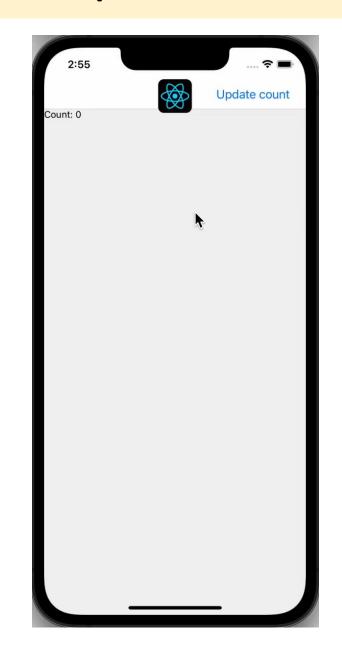
Header interaction with its screen component

- When we define our button this way, the this variable in options is not the HomeScreen instance, so you can't call setState or any instance methods on it.
 - It's common to want the buttons in your header to interact with the screen that the header belongs to.
- To make the button interact with the screen's state, use navigation.setOptions.

Header interaction with its screen component

- For this use case, we need to use navigation.setOptions to update our options.
 - By using navigation.setOptions inside the screen component, we get access to screen's props, state, context etc.

 Here we update the headerRight with a button with onPress handler that has access to the component's state and can update it.



Header interaction with its screen component

```
function HomeScreen() {
    const navigation = useNavigation();
    const [count, setCount] = React.useState(0);
    React.useEffect(() => {
        navigation.setOptions({
            headerRight: () => (
                <Button onPress={() => setCount((c) => c + 1)}>
                    Update count
                </Button>
    }, [navigation]);
    return <Text>Count: {count}</Text>;
```

Customizing the Back Button

- React Navigation provides platform-specific defaults for back buttons. On iOS, the back button shows the title of the previous screen when space allows.
- Customization Options
 - headerBackTitle: Changes the back button text.
 - headerBackTitleStyle: Styles the back button text.
 - headerBackImageSource: Sets a custom image for the back button.

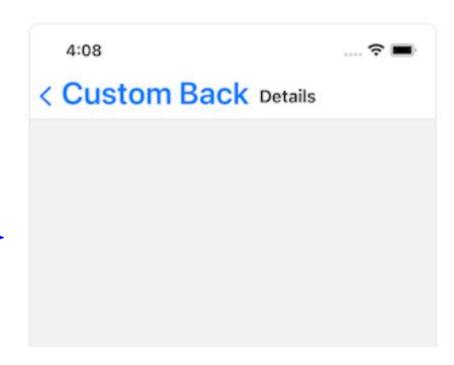
Customizing the Back Button

```
<Stack.Navigator>
    <Stack.Screen name="Home" component={HomeScreen} />
    <Stack.Screen
        name="Details"
        component={DetailsScreen}
        options={{
            headerBackTitle: 'Custom Back',
            headerBackTitleStyle: { fontSize: 30 },
        }} />
</Stack.Navigator>
```

Overriding the Back Button

• If you need a completely custom back button, use headerLeft

```
<Stack.Screen
 name="Details"
  component={DetailsScreen}
 options={{
    headerLeft: () => (
      < Button
        onPress={() => alert('Custom Back Pressed')}
        Back
      </Button>
```



What is Nesting Navigators?

- It means placing a navigator inside a screen of another navigator.
 - Example: A **Tab** Navigator inside a **Stack** Navigator.



Key Behaviors of Nested Navigators

- Independent Navigation History: Each navigator maintains its own back navigation.
- **Separate Screen Options**: A nested navigator's options (e.g., title) don't affect the parent.
- **Independent Params**: Params of a nested screen are not accessible from parent/child screens.
- Navigation Actions Bubble Up: If a child navigator cannot handle an action, the parent will.
- **Navigator-Specific Methods**: Methods like openDrawer are only available inside that navigator.
- **No Inherited Parent Events**: Screens inside a nested navigator don't receive parent events.
- Parent UI Renders on Top: A drawer placed inside a stack appears under the stack's header.

Example: Nesting Navigators

```
const HomeScreen = () => (
    <View style={{ flex: 1, justifyContent: 'center', alignItems: 'center' }}>
        <Text>Home Screen</Text>
    </View>
const SettingsScreen = () => (
    <View style={{ flex: 1, justifyContent: 'center', alignItems: 'center' }}>
        <Text>Settings Screen</Text>
    </View>
const DetailsScreen = () => (
    <View style={{ flex: 1, justifyContent: 'center', alignItems: 'center' }}>
        <Text>Details Screen</Text>
    </View>
```

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```
const { Navigator, Screen } = createNativeStackNavigator();
export default function App() {
    return (
        <NavigationContainer>
            <Navigator>
                <Screen name="Tabs" component={MyTabs} />
                <Screen name="Details" component={DetailsScreen} />
            </Navigator>
        </NavigationContainer>
```

Navigating in Nested Navigators

• Navigate to a screen inside a nested navigator:

```
navigation.navigate('Tabs', {
    screen: 'Settings'
});
```

Passing params when navigating:

```
navigation.navigate('Tabs', {
    screen: 'Settings',
    params: { user: 'jane' }
});
```

Avoiding Multiple Headers

• Prevent duplicate headers by hiding the parent header:

```
cStack.Screen
   name="Home" component={HomeTabs}
   options={{ headerShown: false }}
/>
```

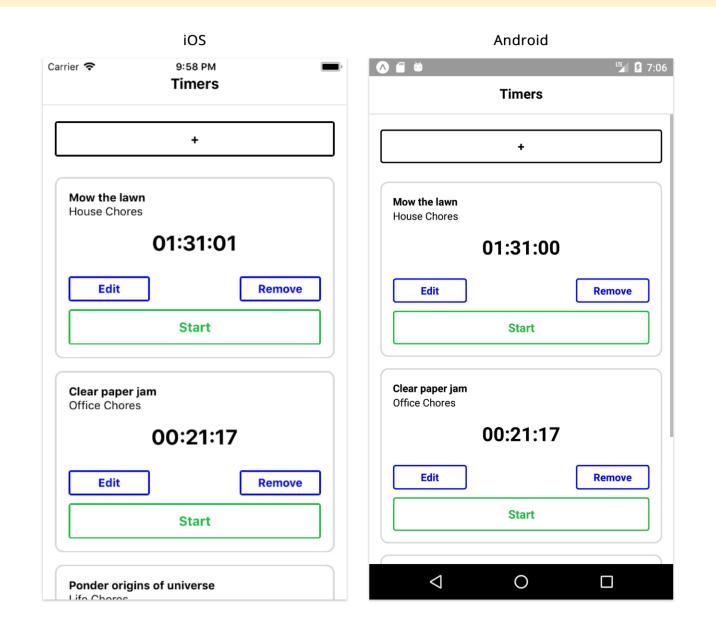
Hide all headers:

```
<Stack.Navigator screenOptions={{ headerShown: false }}>
```

Time Tracking App

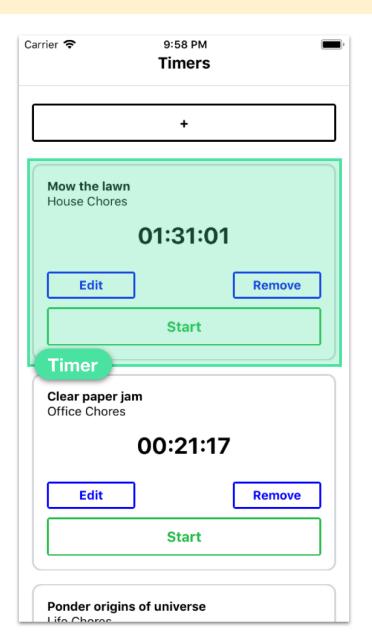
- Creating the Time Tracking App
 - App analysis & design
- 7-step development process
- Learning some components
 - TouchableOpacity

The finished app will look like this:



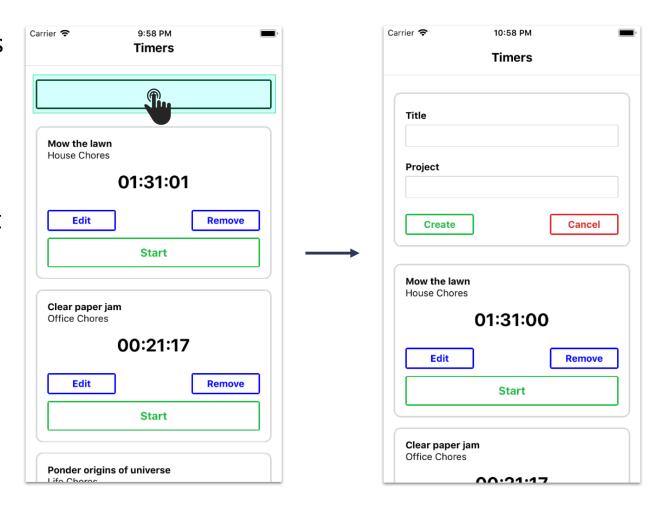
Breaking the app into components

We'd want a Timer
 component for each timer



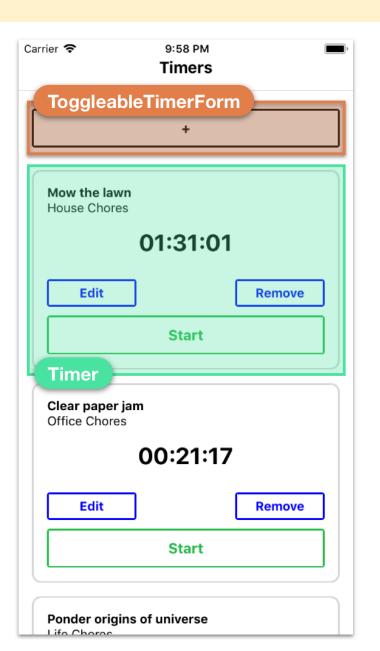
A form to add timers

- When the "+" button is pressed, the component changes into a form.
- When the form is closed, the component changes back into a "+" button.



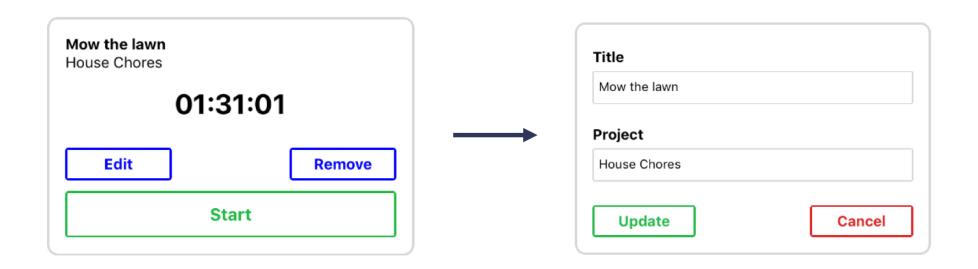
A form to add timers

- Solution: A custom component called ToggleableTimerForm
 - Decides to render a button or a form
 - Based on a boolean state



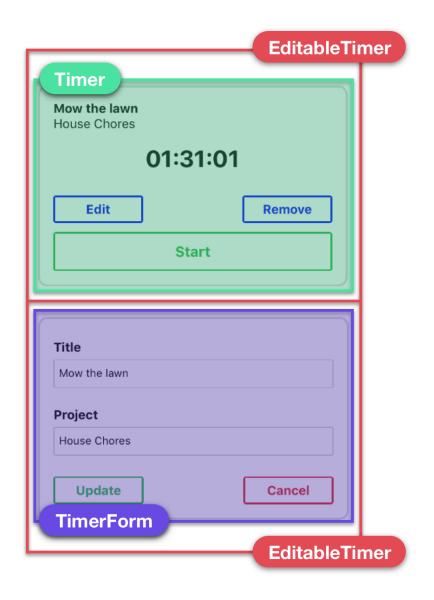
The Timer component's functionalities

- Timer turns into a form when the user clicks "Edit"
- Timer deletes itself when "Remove" is pressed
- Time has buttons for starting and stopping



The Timer component's functionalities

- EditableTimer
 - Decides to render either a Timer or a TimerForm component
 - Based on a boolean state
- Also, all buttons in the app have similar appearance.
 - Use a component called TimerButton



7-step process for building React Native application

- 1. Break the app into components
- 2. Build a static version of the app (Use props instead of state for values)
- Determine what should be stateful
- 4. Determine in which component each piece of state should live
- 5. Hardcode initial states
- 6. Add inverse data flow (Create functions where states live and pass it down to the component which handles user events)
- 7. Add network communication (if applicable)

The app's component tree

- App: Root container
 - ToggleableTimerForm: Displays a form to add new timer
 - TimerButton: Displays the "+" button
 - TimerForm: Displays a new timer's create form
 - EditableTimer: Displays either a timer or an edit form
 - Timer: Displays a given timer
 - TimerForm: Displays a given timer's edit form

Build a static version of the app

Components, props & minimal event handling

Explaination of Components & Props

For boolean attributes:

- present -> true
- absent -> false

EditableTimer component

```
export default function EditableTimer(props) {
    if (props.editFormOpen) {
        return <TimerForm
            id={props.id}
            title={props.title}
            project={props.project}
        />;
    } else {
        return (
            <Timer
                id={props.id}
                title={props.title}
                project={props.project}
                elapsed={props.elapsed}
                isRunning={props.isRunning}
            />
```

TimerForm component

```
export default function TimerForm(props) {
   const submitText = props.id ? 'Update' : 'Create';
   // code omitted
}
```

Text inputs:

TimerButton component

```
export default function TimerButton(
    { color, title, small, onPress }) {
    return (
        <TouchableOpacity
            style={[
                styles.button,
                { borderColor: color }
            onPress={onPress}>
            <Text style={[
                styles.buttonText,
                small ? styles.small : styles.large,
                { color }
            ]}>{title}</Text>
        </TouchableOpacity>
```

(*) On pressed down, the opacity of the component is decreased, dimming it.

ToggleableTimerForm component

```
export default function ToggleableTimerForm({ isOpen }) {
    return (
        <View style={[
            styles.container,
            !isOpen && styles.buttonPadding
        ]}>
                isOpen ?
                    <TimerForm />
                    <TimerButton title="+" color="black" />
        </View>
```

[Utility function] Human-readable time

```
export const millisecondsToHuman = (ms) => {
    const seconds = Math.floor((ms / 1000) % 60);
    const minutes = Math.floor((ms / 1000 / 60) % 60);
    const hours = Math.floor(ms / 1000 / 60 / 60);
    const humanized = [
        pad(hours.toString(), 2),
        pad(minutes.toString(), 2),
        pad(seconds.toString(), 2),
    ].join(':');
    return humanized;
};
```

[Utility function] Zero padding

```
const pad = (numberString, size) => {
   let padded = numberString;
   while (padded.length < size) {
      padded = `0${padded}`;
   }
   return padded;
};</pre>
```

(*) `0\${padded}` is a template literal

[Utility function] Generating timer data

```
export const newTimer = (attrs = {}) => {
    const timer = {
        title: attrs.title |  'Timer',
        project: attrs.project || 'Project',
        id: uuidv4(),
        elapsed: ∅,
        isRunning: false,
    };
    return timer;
};
   uuidv4 is a secure way to generate unique ids
            (very low chance of duplication)
             > npm install uuidv4
```

Reference: https://scaleyourapp.com/uuid-guid-oversimplified-are-they-really-unique/

How to make the timer running?

- Based on isRunning boolean value
- May execute code with useEffect hook

```
setTimeout(someFunction, TIME_INTERVAL)
elapsed = isRunning ? elapsed + TIME INTERVAL : elapsed;
```

- Every useEffect hook may return a clean-up function that executes when:
 - component is unmount (removed from the virtual DOM)
 - is going to be re-rendered (before each render)

Implementing the app

Follow 7-step process as close as possible

Teacher gives live instructions to complete the app...

Determine what should be stateful

~= State criteria =~

- Is it passed in from a parent via props?
 If so, it probably isn't state.
- Does it change over time?
 If not, it probably isn't state.
 A key criterion of stateful data: it changes!
- Can you compute it based on any other state or props in your component?
 If so, it's not state.
 - (*) For simplicity, we want to strive to represent state with as few data points as possible.

In which component should a state be placed?

~= Facebook's Thinking in React guide=~

- For each piece of state:
 - Identify all components that are rendered based on it
 - Find a common ancestor component

 (a component above all those components in the hierarchy)
 - Either the common ancestor or another component higher up in the hierarchy should own the state.
 - If you can't find a component where it makes sense to own the state, create a new component simply for holding the state and add it somewhere in the hierarchy above the common ancestor component.

Hard-code initial states

```
const [timers, setTimers] = useState([
        title: 'Mow the lawn',
        project: 'House Chores',
        id: uuidv4(),
        elapsed: 0,
        isRunning: true,
        title: 'Bake donuts',
        project: 'Kitchen Chores',
        id: uuidv4(),
        elapsed: 0,
        isRunning: false,
    },
```