

React Native on the Universal Windows Platform

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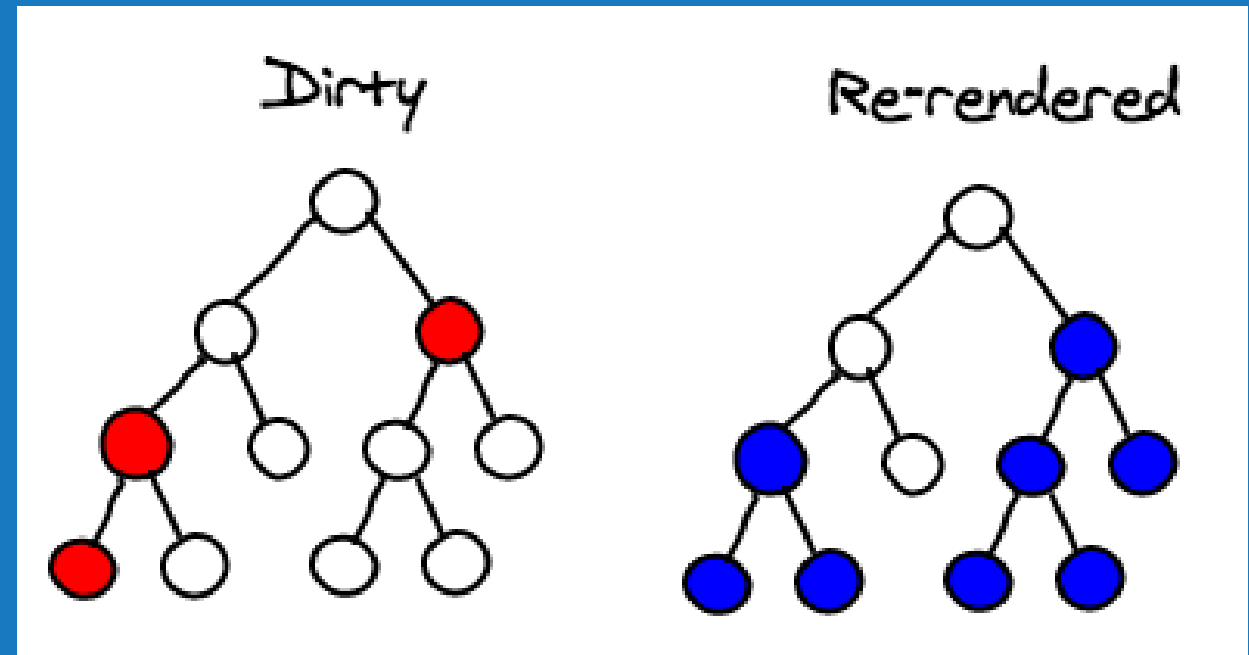
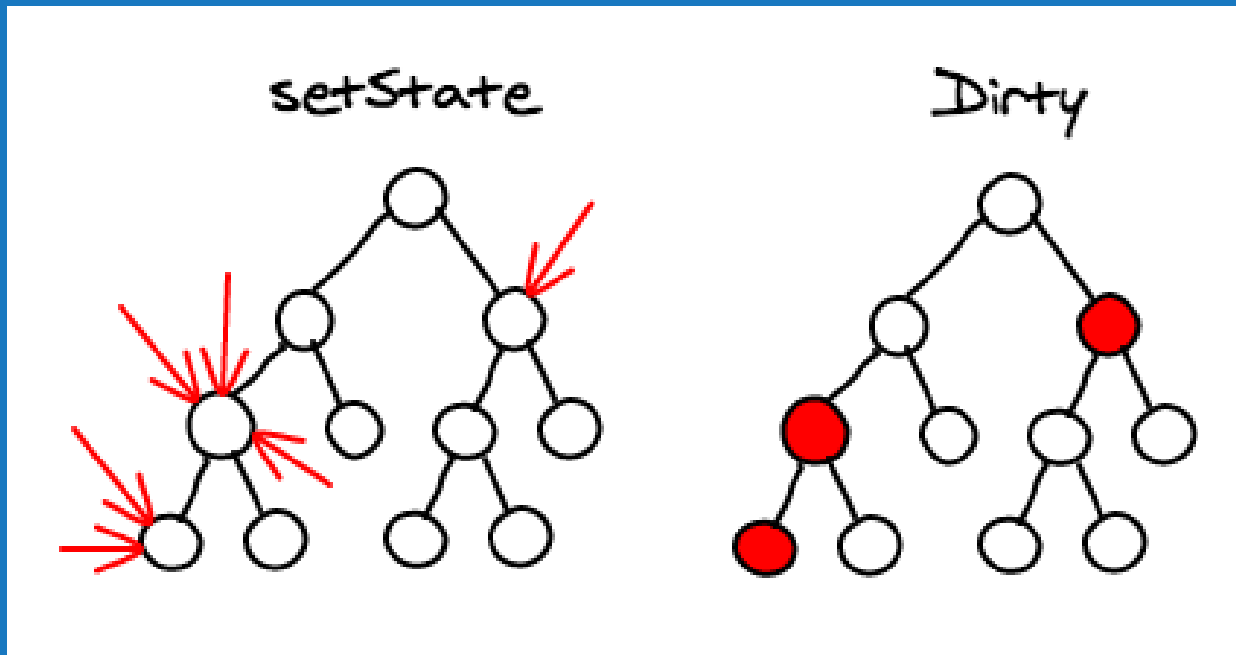
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What is React?

```
var HelloWorld = React.createClass({
  render: function() {
    return (
      <p>
        Hello, <input type="text" placeholder="Your name here" />!
        It is {this.props.date.toTimeString()}
      </p>
    );
  }
});

setInterval(function() {
  ReactDOM.render(
    <HelloWorld date={new Date()} />,
    document.getElementById('example')
  );
}, 500);
```

What is React?



What is React Native?

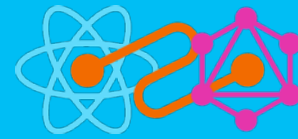
"React Native enables you to build world-class application experiences on native platforms using a consistent developer experience based on JavaScript and React."

What is React Native?

~~*"Write once, run anywhere"*~~
"Learn once, write anywhere"

Horizontal Platform

APIs and Paradigms



React



Tools and Languages

React Native

iOS

Android

UWP

...

Web

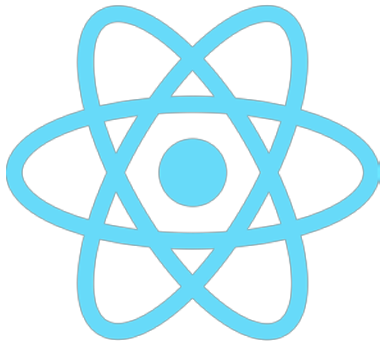
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Share when possible, go native when necessary

Mobile Cross-Platform Options



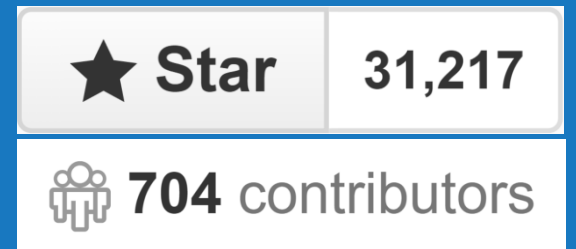
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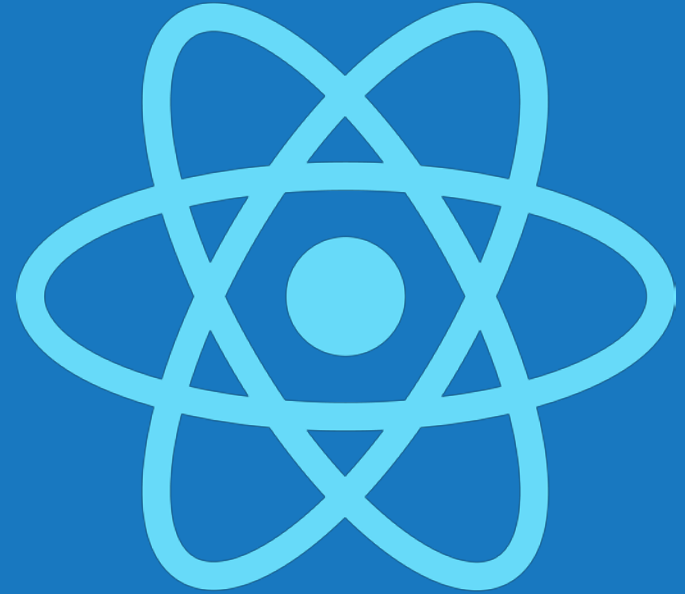
React Community

- 275,000+ users of React Chrome Extension
- 30,000+ GitHub stars
- 700+ React Native contributors
- 500+ Third Party Modules @ <http://react.parts>

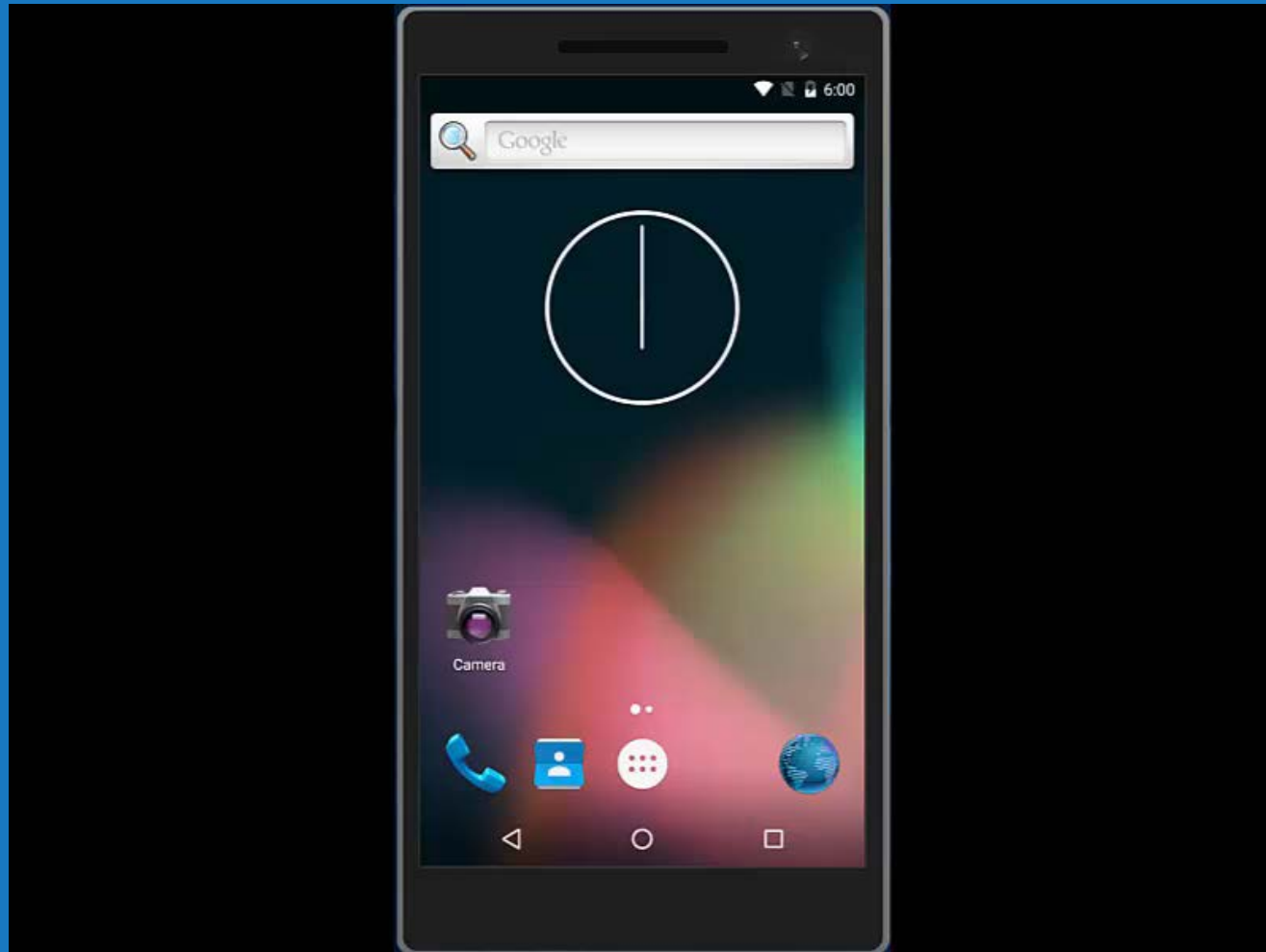


What is React Native?

- Native Views
- Asynchronous Execution
- Touch Handling
- Flexbox & Styling
- Extensibility



React Native Demo





 Windows 10



What language will be used?

- Framework Extensibility
- Platform Symmetry
- Native Performance

What native view framework will be used?

- Web View?
- Windows.UI.Composition?
- Windows.UI.Xaml.UIElement ✓

```
public interface IViewManager
{
    string Name { get; }

    void UpdateProperties(
        FrameworkElement viewToUpdate,
        ReactStylesDiffMap props);

    FrameworkElement CreateView();

    void OnDropViewInstance(
        FrameworkElement view);

    void UpdateExtraData(
        FrameworkElement root,
        object extraData);

    void ReceiveCommand(
        FrameworkElement view,
        int commandId,
        JArray args);
}
```

What JavaScript runtime will be used?

- JavaScriptCore?
- Chakra ✓

```
var globalObject = JavaScriptValue.GlobalObject;  
var requireFunction = globalObject.GetProperty(  
    JavaScriptPropertyId.FromString("require"));  
var moduleName =  
    JavaScriptValue.FromString("MyModule");  
var module = requireFunction.CallFunction(  
    globalObject,  
    moduleName);
```

```
var value = JavaScriptValue.CreateObject();  
value.SetProperty(  
    JavaScriptPropertyId.FromString("foo"),  
    JavaScriptValue.FromInt32(42),  
    true);
```

```
JavaScriptContext.RunScript(  
    "var myModule = require('MyModule'); " +  
    "var value = { 'foo': 42 };");
```

How are the native threads managed?

JavaScript and Layout Threads

```
private readonly taskScheduler =
    new LimitedConcurrencyTaskScheduler(1);

private readonly taskFactory =
    new TaskFactory(taskScheduler);

public async void RunOnQueue(Action action)
{
    await taskFactory.StartNew(() =>
    {
        try
            action();
        catch (Exception ex)
            ShowRedBoxException(ex);
    });
}
```

UI Thread

```
private readonly actionObservable =
    new Subject<Action>();

private readonly subscription =
    actionObservable
        .ObserveOnDispatcher()
        .Subscribe(action =>
        {
            try
                action();
            catch (Exception ex)
                ShowRedBoxException(ex);
        });

public async void RunOnQueue(Action action)
{
    actionObservable.OnNext(action);
}
```

How are native modules registered?

```
class ClipboardModule : NativeModuleBase
{
    public override string Name
    {
        get
        {
            return "Clipboard";
        }
    }

    [ReactMethod]
    public void setString(string text)
    {
        RunOnDispatcher(() =>
        {
            var package = new
            DataTransfer.DataPackage(text);
            DataTransfer.Clipboard.SetContent(package);
        })
    }
}
```

```
class FooViewManager : SimpleViewManager<Canvas>
{
    public override string Name => "Foo";

    [ReactProp("Bar")]
    public void SetBar(string qux)
    {
        /* ... */
    }

    protected override Canvas CreateViewInstance(
        ThemedReactContext reactContext)
    {
        return new Canvas();
    }
}
```


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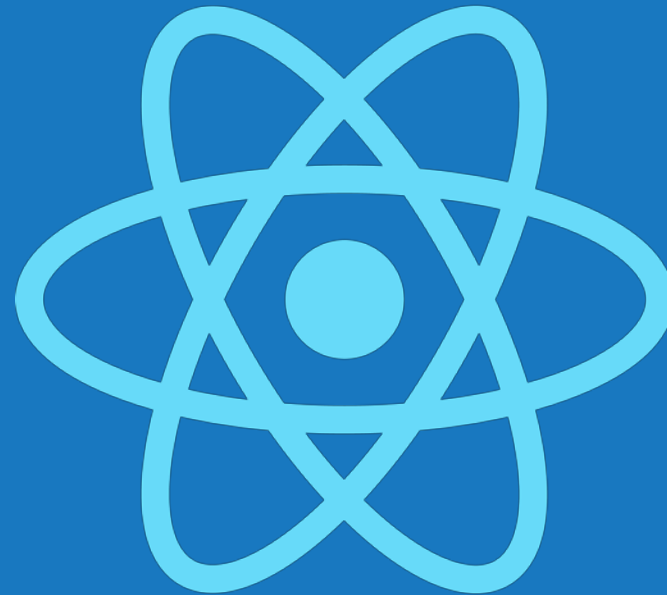
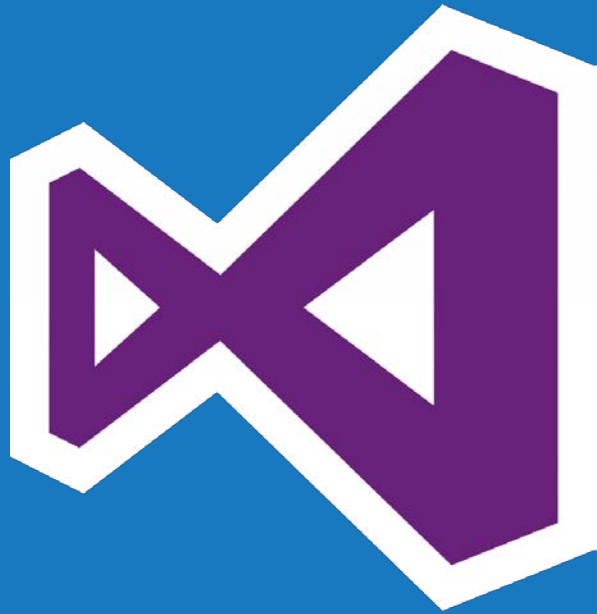
```
public interface IReactPackage
{
    ReadOnlyList<INativeModule> CreateNativeModules(ReactContext reactContext);

    IReadOnlyList<IViewManager> CreateViewManagers(ReactContext reactContext);

    IReadOnlyList<Type> CreateJavaScriptModulesConfig();
}
```

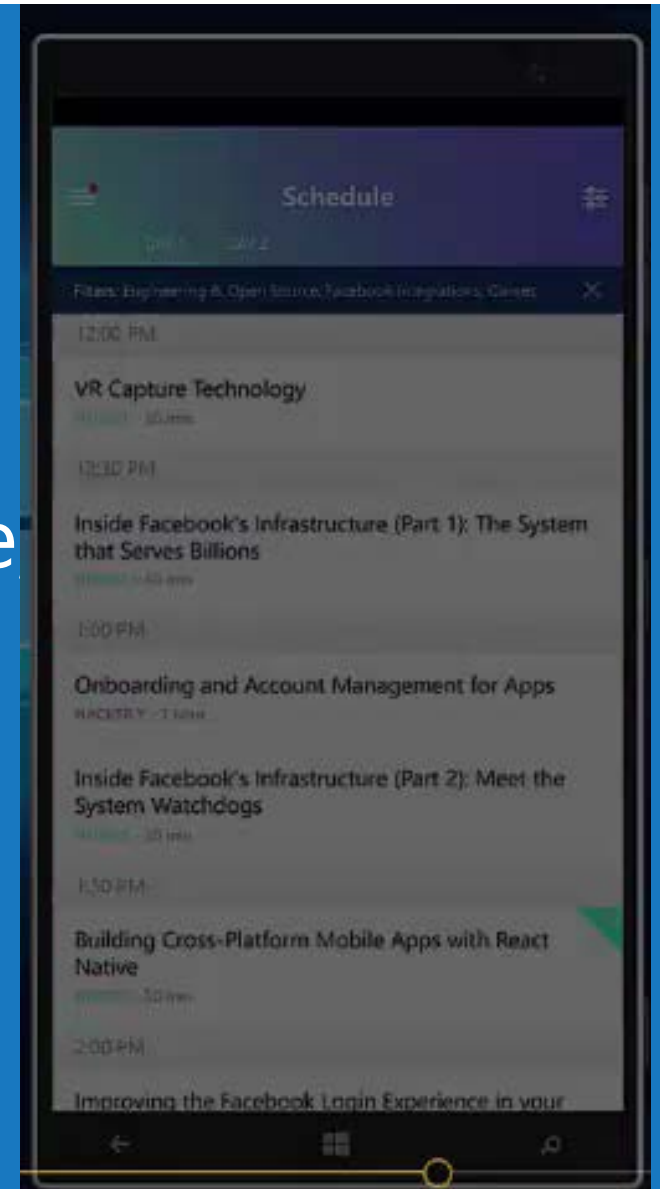
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public class MainReactPackage : IReactPackage
{
    public IReadOnlyList<IViewManager> CreateViewManagers(
        ReactContext reactContext)
    {
        return new List<IViewManager>
        {
            new ReactFlipViewManager(),
            new ReactProgressBarViewManager(),
        }
    }
}
```

What is the native developer experience?



Bringing F8 App to Windows

- 3 developers, 3 weeks
- Most time spent filling in missing modules...
 - SplitView, FlipView, Clipboard, AsyncStorage
 - react-native-fbsdk, react-native-share
- < 1 week for style adaptation only



Bringing F8 App to Windows

F8TabsView.windows.js

```
class F8TabsView extends React.Component {
  ...

  render() {
    return (
      <F8SplitView
        ref="splitView"
        paneWidth={290}
        panePosition="left"
        renderPaneView={this.renderPaneView}>
        <View
          style={styles.content}
          key={this.props.tab}>
            {this.renderContent()}
          </View>
        </F8SplitView>
      );
    );
  }

  ...
}
```

F8TabsView.android.js

```
class F8TabsView extends React.Component {
  ...

  render() {
    return (
      <F8DrawerLayout
        ref="drawer"
        drawerWidth={290}
        drawerPosition="left"
        renderNavigationView={this.renderNavView}>
        <View
          style={styles.content}
          key={this.props.tab}>
            {this.renderContent()}
          </View>
        </F8DrawerLayout>
      );
    );
  }

  ...
}
```


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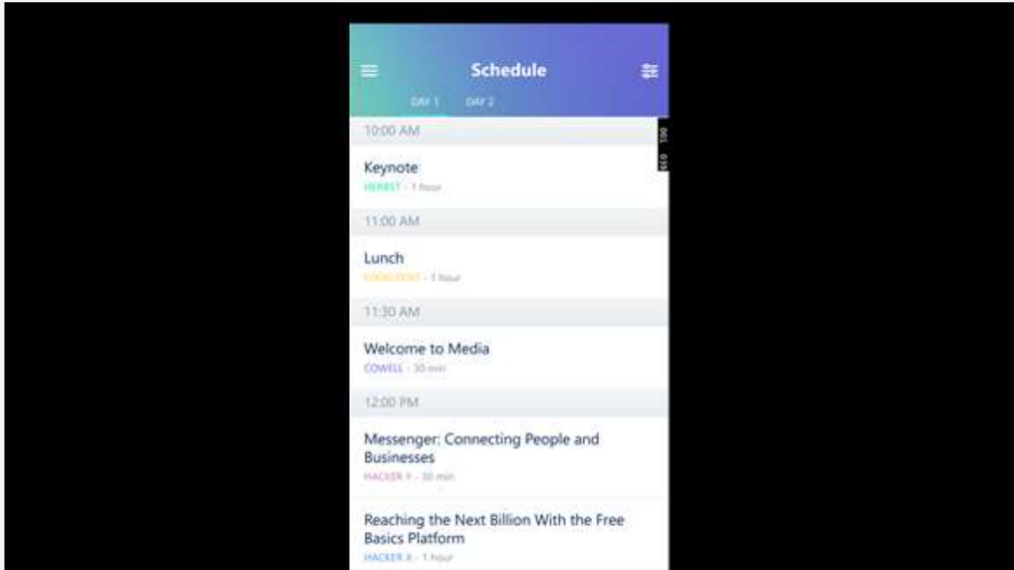
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React Native can transform product organizations.

What lies ahead?



Open Source



<http://github.com/ReactWindows/react-native>

<http://github.com/ReactWindows/f8app>

Thank you!

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