# Mobile development: React Native Services

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### Case study

- Your boss: I need you to make a mirror app for me right now.
- You: Sure, give me .... minutes.

# Initialize a project

- npx create-expo-app -t expo-template-blank-typescript
- npx expo install expo-updates expo-camera

./app.json

```
"expo": {
  "plugins": [
      "expo-camera",
        "cameraPermission": "Allow $(PRODUCT_NAME) to access your camera."
```

#### ./App.tsx

```
import { View, Button, SafeAreaView } from "react-native";
import { Camera, CameraType } from "expo-camera";
import { useState } from "react";
export default function App() {
 const [open, setOpen] = useState(false);
  const [cameraPermission, requestCameraPermission] =
    Camera.useCameraPermissions();
  // Camera is still loading
 if (!cameraPermission) return <View />;
  // Ask for permission
 if (!cameraPermission.granted) {
    return (
      <View style={{ flex: 1, justifyContent: "center" }}>
        <Button
          onPress={requestCameraPermission}
          title="We need your permission."
        />
      </View>
    );
  return (
    <SafeAreaView style={{ flex: 1, paddingVertical: 40 }}>
      <Button onPress={() => setOpen((prev) => !prev)} title="Toggle" />
      {open ? (
        <Camera
          style={{ flex: 1 }}
          type={CameraType.front}
          onCameraReady={() => setOpen(true)}
        />
      ) : null}
    </SafeAreaView>
  );
```

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# **Build and deploy**

- eas init
- eas update:configure
- eas build:configure
- eas build --platform android --profile preview

# Camera app

https://github.com/fullstack-66/expo-camera

#### **Nativewind**

```
./utils/nativewind-styled.ts
import { View } from "react-native";
import { styled } from "nativewind";
export const StyledView = styled(View);
./app/index.tsx
<StyledView className="bg-purple-800 flex-1 items-center justify-center">
</StyledView>
```

### Some inconveniences

- Cannot wrap styled with Button component.
  - Does not have style attribute.
- Version conflict

```
{
  "dependencies": {
     "expo": "~49.0.8",
     "nativewind": "^2.0.11"
},
  "devDependencies": {
     "tailwindcss": "^3.3.2" // Not 3.3.3
}
}
```

# Camera mounting/unmounting problem

Only one Camera preview can be active at any given time. If you have multiple screens in your app, you should unmount Camera components whenever a screen is unfocused.

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./app/camera/index.tsx

```
import { useIsFocused } from "@react-navigation/native";

export default function App() {
    // Use this to render camera when the screen is focused.
    const isFocused = useIsFocused();

    if (!isFocused) return <StyledView />;

        // Render camera here
        // return ...;
}
```

# Taking picture

Get reference

```
const cameraRef = useRef<Camera>(null);
return <Camera ref={cameraRef}>...</Camera>;
```

```
async function takePicture() {
  if (!cameraRef.current) return;
  let options = {
    quality: 1,
    base64: true,
    exif: false,
  };
  try {
    let newPhoto = await cameraRef.current.takePictureAsync(options);
    setPicture(newPhoto);
    router.push("/camera/review");
  } catch (err) {
    alert(JSON.stringify(err));
```

The photo is actually stored locally.

# Saving photo

./app/camera/review.tsx

```
import * as MediaLibrary from "expo-media-library";
export default function Review() {
  const [mediaPermission, requestMediaPermission] =
    MediaLibrary.usePermissions();
  function savePhoto() {
    MediaLibrary.saveToLibraryAsync(picture!.uri).then(() => {
      setPicture(null);
      //...
```

# **Location app**

https://github.com/fullstack-66/expo-location

### **SDK** conflict

- Need to downgrade to SDK48
  - onpx create-expo-app -t expo-template-blank-typescript@48

```
{
  "dependencies": {
     "expo": "^48.0.0",
     "expo-location": "~15.1.1",
     "nativewind": "^2.0.11"
},
  "devDependencies": {
     "tailwindcss": "^3.3.1" // Not 3.3.2 or 3.3.3
}
}
```

```
import * as Location from "expo-location";
export default function App() {
  const [locationPermission, requestPermission] =
    Location.useForegroundPermissions();
  function getCurrentLocation() {
    Location.getCurrentPositionAsync({}).then((location) => {
      setLocation(location);
   });
```

#### **Problem with Nativewind**

Nested flex box does not respect gap property.

```
function DisplayLocation({ location }: DisplayLocationProps) {
 if (!location) return <StyledView />;
 return (
   <StyledView className="bg-gray-100 p-4 rounded-xl flex-col mb-6">
     <ListItem title="Latitude" value={location.coords.latitude} />
     <ListItem title="Longitude" value={location.coords.longitude} />
     <ListItem title="Accuracy" value={location.coords.accuracy} />
     <ListItem title="Altitude" value={location.coords.altitude} />
     <ListItem title="Heading" value={location.coords.heading} />
     <ListItem title="Speed" value={location.coords.speed} />
     <ListItem title="Timestamp" value={location.timestamp} />
   </StyledView>
```

# Other locations-relate things to do.

- Background fetching
- Geofencing
- Map

# Sensor app

https://github.com/fullstack-66/expo-sensors

```
import { Accelerometer, AccelerometerMeasurement } from "expo-sensors";
export default function App() {
  const subscribe = () => {
    setSubscription(Accelerometer.addListener(setData));
  };
  const _unsubscribe = () => {
    subscription && subscription.remove();
    Accelerometer.removeAllListeners();
    setSubscription(null);
```

### **Update** interval

```
const _slow = () => Accelerometer.setUpdateInterval(1000);
const _fast = () => Accelerometer.setUpdateInterval(500);
```

### Other sensors

```
import {
   Accelerometer,
   Barometer,
   DeviceMotion,
   Gyroscope,
   LightSensor,
   Magnetometer,
   MagnetometerUncalibrated,
   Pedometer,
} from "expo-sensors";
```