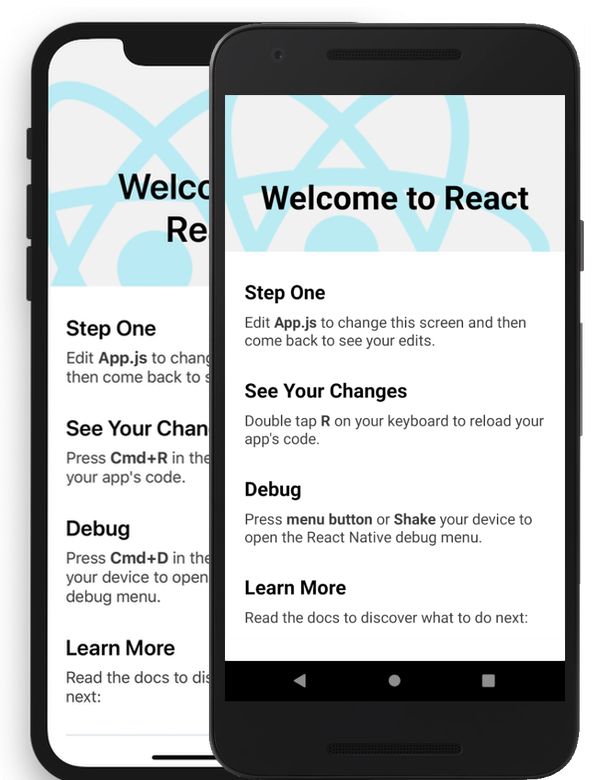
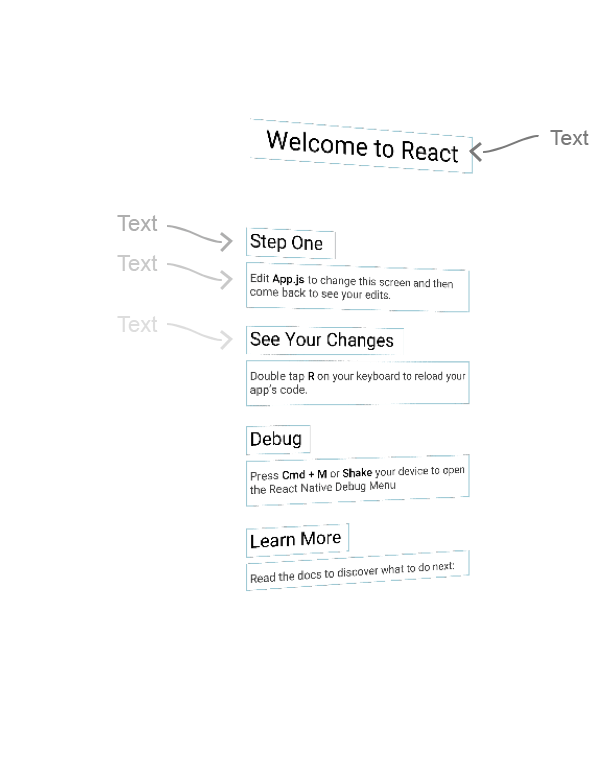
**Introduction**

**Create native apps for Android and iOS using React**

React Native combines the best parts of native development with React, a best-in-class JavaScript library for building user interfaces.  
  
**Use a little—or a lot**. You can use React Native today in your existing Android and iOS projects or you can create a whole new app from scratch.

**Written in JavaScript—rendered with native code**

React primitives render to native platform UI, meaning your app uses the same native platform APIs other apps do.  
  
**Many platforms**, one React. Create platform-specific versions of components so a single codebase can share code across platforms. With React Native, one team can maintain two platforms and share a common technology—React.

**Native Development For Everyone**

React Native lets you create truly native apps and doesn't compromise your users' experiences. It provides a core set of platform agnostic native components like View, Text, and Image that map directly to the platform’s native UI building blocks.

**Seamless Cross-Platform**

React components wrap existing native code and interact with native APIs via React’s declarative UI paradigm and JavaScript. This enables native app development for whole new teams of developers, and can let existing native teams work much faster.

## Introduction to Expo

[Expo](https://expo.dev/) is a framework and a platform for universal React applications. It is a set of tools and services built around React Native and native platforms that help you develop, build, deploy, and quickly iterate on iOS, Android, and web apps from the same JavaScript/TypeScript codebase.

## Tools and Services

Expo tools and services empower you to create incredible apps using Expo CLI and the Expo SDK, the Expo Go app, our cloud build and submission services, and Expo Snack.

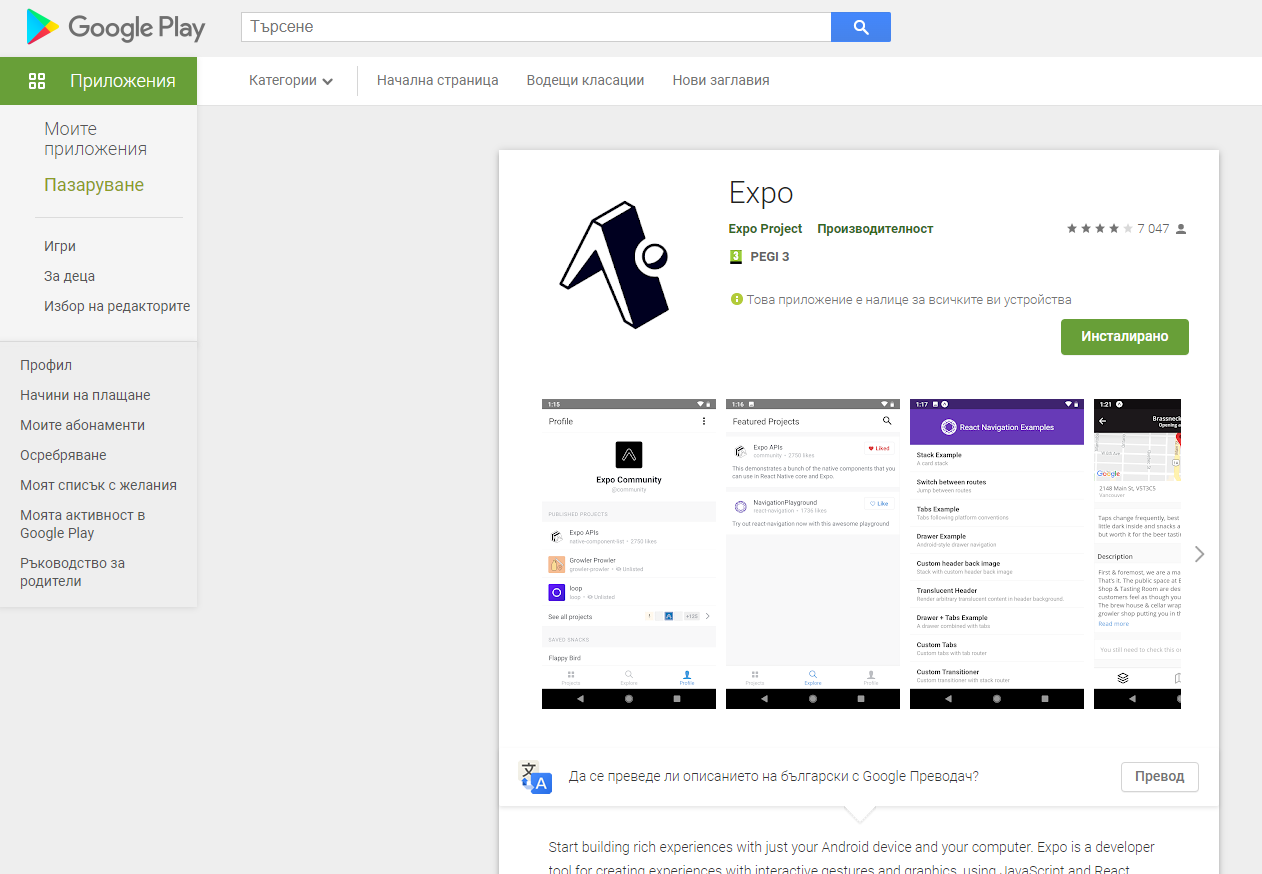
## Develop with Expo’s CLI and SDK

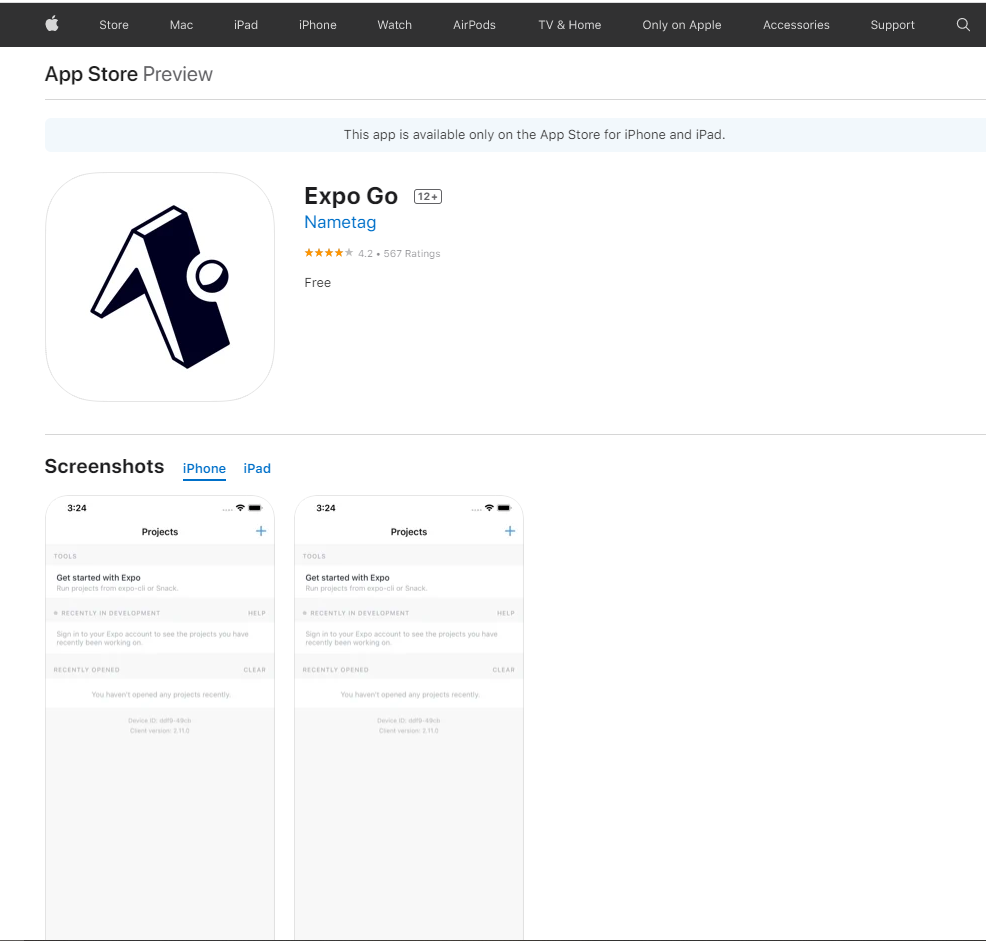
Install Expo CLI to create and run your project. Then use our SDK’s APIs and components to build a fully-featured application.



## Run your project with Expo Go

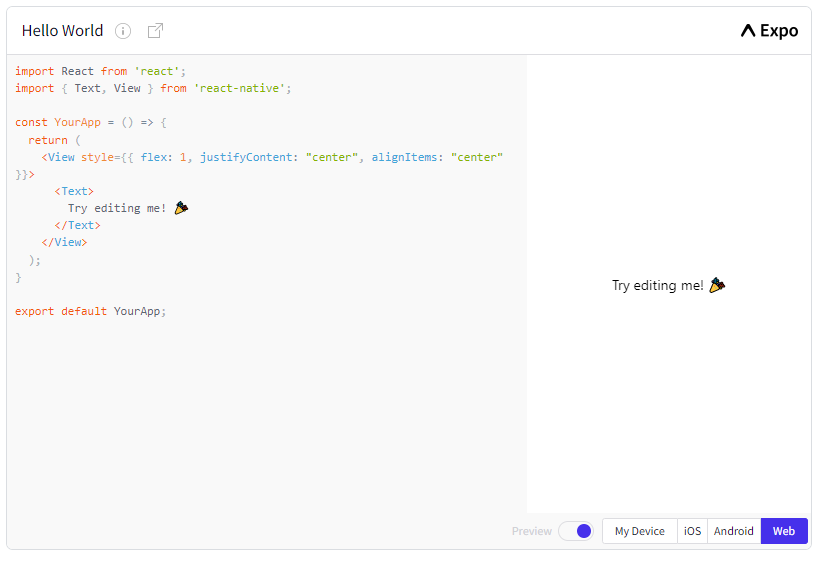
Run your project on your own device in seconds with Expo Go.





## Interactive examples[​](https://reactnative.dev/docs/getting-started#interactive-examples)

This introduction lets you get started immediately in your browser with interactive examples like this one:

  
https://reactnative.dev/docs/getting-started

The above is a Snack Player. It’s a handy tool created by Expo to embed and run React Native projects and share how they render in platforms like Android and iOS. The code is live and editable, so you can play directly with it in your browser. Go ahead and try changing the "Try editing me!" text above to "Hello, world!"

## Function Components and Class Components[​](https://reactnative.dev/docs/getting-started#function-components-and-class-components)

With React, you can make components using either classes or functions. Originally, class components were the only components that could have state. But since the introduction of React's Hooks API, you can add state and more to function components.

[Hooks were introduced in React Native 0.59.](https://reactnative.dev/blog/2019/03/12/releasing-react-native-059), and because Hooks are the future-facing way to write your React components, we wrote this introduction using function component examples. Where useful, we also cover class components under a toggle like s

import React, { Component } from 'react';

import { Text, View } from 'react-native';

class HelloWorldApp extends Component {

render() {

return (

<View style={{

flex: 1,

justifyContent: "center",

alignItems: "center"

}}>

<Text>Hello, world!</Text>

</View>

);

}

}

export default HelloWorldApp;

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import { Text, View } from 'react-native';

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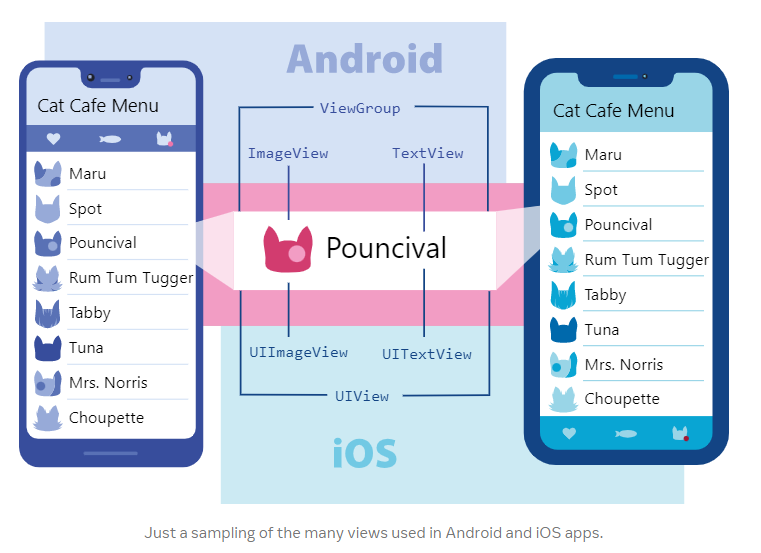
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## Core Components and Native Components

React Native is an open source framework for building Android and iOS applications using [React](https://reactjs.org/) and the app platform’s native capabilities. With React Native, you use JavaScript to access your platform’s APIs as well as to describe the appearance and behavior of your UI using React components: bundles of reusable, nestable code. You can learn more about React in the next section. But first, let’s cover how components work in React Native.

## Views and mobile development[​](https://reactnative.dev/docs/intro-react-native-components#views-and-mobile-development)

In Android and iOS development, a **view** is the basic building block of UI: a small rectangular element on the screen which can be used to display text, images, or respond to user input. Even the smallest visual elements of an app, like a line of text or a button, are kinds of views. Some kinds of views can contain other views. It’s views all the way down!



**Native Components**[**​**](https://reactnative.dev/docs/intro-react-native-components#native-components)

In Android development, you write views in Kotlin or Java; in iOS development, you use Swift or Objective-C. With React Native, you can invoke these views with JavaScript using React components. At runtime, React Native creates the corresponding Android and iOS views for those components. Because React Native components are backed by the same views as Android and iOS, React Native apps look, feel, and perform like any other apps. We call these platform-backed components **Native Components.**

React Native comes with a set of essential, ready-to-use Native Components you can use to start building your app today. These are React Native's **Core Components**.

React Native also lets you build your own Native Components for [Android](https://reactnative.dev/docs/native-components-android) and [iOS](https://reactnative.dev/docs/native-components-ios) to suit your app’s unique needs. We also have a thriving ecosystem of these **community-contributed components.** Check out [Native Directory](https://reactnative.directory/) to find what the community has been creating.

**Core Components**[**​**](https://reactnative.dev/docs/intro-react-native-components#core-components)

React Native has many Core Components for everything from form controls to activity indicators. You can find them all [documented in the API section](https://reactnative.dev/docs/components-and-apis). You will mostly work with the following Core Components:

| **REACT NATIVE UI COMPONENT** | **ANDROID VIEW** | **IOS VIEW** | **WEB ANALOG** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| <View> | <ViewGroup> | <UIView> | A non-scrollling <div> | A container that supports layout with flexbox, style, some touch handling, and accessibility controls |
| <Text> | <TextView> | <UITextView> | <p> | Displays, styles, and nests strings of text and even handles touch events |
| <Image> | <ImageView> | <UIImageView> | <img> | Displays different types of images |
| <ScrollView> | <ScrollView> | <UIScrollView> | <div> | A generic scrolling container that can contain multiple components and views |
| <TextInput> | <EditText> | <UITextField> | <input type="text"> | Allows the user to enter text |

import React from 'react';

import { View, Text, Image, ScrollView, TextInput } from 'react-native';

const App = () => {

  return (

    <ScrollView>

      <Text>Some text</Text>

      <View>

        <Text>Some more text</Text>

        <Image

          source={{

            uri: 'https://reactnative.dev/docs/assets/p\_cat2.png',

          }}

          style={{ width: 200, height: 200 }}

        />

      </View>

      <TextInput

        style={{

          height: 40,

          borderColor: 'gray',

          borderWidth: 1

        }}

        defaultValue="You can type in me"

      />

    </ScrollView>

  );

}

export default App;

## Handling Text Input

[TextInput](https://reactnative.dev/docs/textinput#content) is a [Core Component](https://reactnative.dev/docs/intro-react-native-components) that allows the user to enter text. It has an onChangeText prop that takes a function to be called every time the text changed, and an onSubmitEditing prop that takes a function to be called when the text is submitted.

import React, { useState } from 'react';

import { Text, TextInput, View } from 'react-native';

const Translator = () => {

  const [text, setText] = useState('');

  return (

    <View style={{padding: 10}}>

      <TextInput

        style={{height: 40}}

        placeholder="Type here to translate!"

        onChangeText={newText => setText(newText)}

        defaultValue={text}

      />

      <Text style={{padding: 10, fontSize: 42}}>

        {text}

      </Text>

    </View>

  );

}

export default Translator;

## Using a ScrollView

The [ScrollView](https://reactnative.dev/docs/scrollview) is a generic scrolling container that can contain multiple components and views. The scrollable items can be heterogeneous, and you can scroll both vertically and horizontally (by setting the horizontal property).

This example creates a vertical ScrollView with both images and text mixed together.

<https://reactnative.dev/docs/using-a-scrollview>

## Using List Views

React Native provides a suite of components for presenting lists of data. Generally, you'll want to use either [FlatList](https://reactnative.dev/docs/flatlist) or [SectionList](https://reactnative.dev/docs/sectionlist).

The FlatList component displays a scrolling list of changing, but similarly structured, data. FlatList works well for long lists of data, where the number of items might change over time. Unlike the more generic [ScrollView](https://reactnative.dev/docs/using-a-scrollview), the FlatList only renders elements that are currently showing on the screen, not all the elements at once.

The FlatList component requires two props: data and renderItem. data is the source of information for the list. renderItem takes one item from the source and returns a formatted component to render.

This example creates a basic FlatList of hardcoded data. Each item in the data props is rendered as a Text component. The FlatListBasics component then renders the FlatList and all Text components.

<https://reactnative.dev/docs/using-a-listview>

# RNClickCounter app

**Create and Run a React Native Project**

The steps to run the project is the same on all operating systems:

1. Create a React Native project:

npx create-expo-app RNClickCounter

1. Running your React Native application

Install the Expo Go app on your iOS or Android phone and connect to the same wireless network as your computer. On Android, use the Expo Go app to scan the QR code from your terminal to open your project. On iOS, use the built-in QR code scanner of the default iOS Camera app.

Commands:

* cd RNClickCounter
* npx expo install react-native-web@~0.18.10 react-dom@18.2.0 @expo/webpack-config@^18.0.1
* npx expo start

1. Modifying

Open App.js in your text editor of choice and edit some lines. The application should reload automatically once you save your changes.

React Native uses some common mobile components like Button, View, Text, etc., along with React Native-specific components like SafeAreaView and StyleSheet. Let's go though some basic components to build the click counter app:

* SafeAreaView adds the required padding for camera-notches/sensor-housing and reflects the area that is not covered by any of the top views like toolbar, navigation, etc.
* Text displays text on the screen. It is similar to UILabel, TextView, or <p> tag.
* View is a basic UI container element with flexbox layout support. The Native equivalents of view are UIView, View, or div tag.
* Button represents the Native platform-specific button with platform-specific style.
* StyleSheet is used to define the style attributes for elements that will be mapped to Native-style values.
* useState is a React hook that is used to maintain a state (stored values) in a functional component. This is used in the App.js functional component to keep the track of the counter variable’s state. The counter variable should be modified by the callback method setCount, and returned by useState.
* export default App is used to allow other components to import the App component. There can be only one default export in a file.
* flex: 1 is used to define the CSS3 flexbox style responsive layout vertically.
* ~~React$Node represents a type of React node (from flow type check) whose value can be a ReactChild, ReactFragment, ReactPortal, boolean, null, number, or string.~~

1. Steps to Implement Click Counter

Follow the below steps to implement click counter in the App.js component:

1. Implement react-hook to store the updated value of count. The setCount method will be used to update the value of count:
2. const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
3. Implement callback functions to increment/decrement the value of count:
4. const counterPlus = () => {
5. 2 setCount(count + 1 <= Number.MAX\_SAFE\_INTEGER ? count + 1 : count)
6. 3 }
7. 4
8. 5 const counterMinus = () => {
9. 6 setCount(count - 1 >= Number.MIN\_SAFE\_INTEGER ? count - 1 : count)
10. 7 }
11. Create the style object to center the views inside container elements, and design details for other views such as Button and Text:
12. const styles = StyleSheet.create({
13. 2 container: {
14. 3 flex: 1,
15. 4 justifyContent: 'center',
16. 5 alignItems: 'center',
17. 6 backgroundColor: '#e6e6fa',
18. 7 },
19. 8 textConter: {
20. 9 fontSize: 28,
21. 10 color: '#000',
22. 11 },
23. 12 buttonStyle: {
24. 13 width: "80%",
25. 14 margin: 10,
26. 15 }
27. 16});
28. Now apply the style to the elements and add the listener on the button to complete the implementation:
29. import React, { useState } from "react";
30. import { SafeAreaView, StyleSheet, Text, StatusBar, Button, View} from 'react-native';
31. export default function App() {
32. const [count, setCount] = useState(0);
33. const counterPlus = () => {
34. setCount(count + 1 <= Number.MAX\_SAFE\_INTEGER ? count + 1 : count)
35. }
36. const counterMinus = () => {
37. setCount(count - 1 >= Number.MIN\_SAFE\_INTEGER ? count - 1 : count)
38. }
39. return (
40. <>
41. <StatusBar barStyle="dark-content" />
42. <SafeAreaView style={styles.container}>
43. <Text style={styles.textConter} >{count}</Text>
44. <View style={styles.buttonStyle}>
45. <Button
46. onPress={counterPlus}
47. title='+' />
48. </View>
49. <View style={styles.buttonStyle}>
50. <Button
51. onPress={counterMinus}
52. title='-' />
53. </View>
54. </SafeAreaView>
55. </>
56. );
57. };
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64. },
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67. color: '#000',
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72. }
73. });

Link:

## Display a List Using the FlatList Component in React Native

Lists are one of the common scrollable components to display similar types of data objects. A list is like an enhanced version of a ScrollView component to display data. React Native provides a FlatList component to create a list. FlatList only renders the list items that can be displayed on the screen. Additionally, FlatList offers many inbuilt features like vertical/horizontal scrolling, header/footer views, separator, pull to refresh, lazy loading, etc. This guide will explain the important details to create and optimize a list of cats images using the [TheCatsAPI](https://thecatapi.com/) in React Native.

## Conclusion

React Native is a great way to build hybrid apps. You can either use Expo or npx react-native CLI to get started with React Native development. The optimized codebase is available at [RnClickCounter](https://github.com/Pavneet-Sing/RNClickCounter) repository. Hopefully, this guide explained the necessary details to get started with React Native on Android. Happy Coding!