

Торіс	SAVE & READ STORIES USING FIREBASE	
Class Description	In today's class, the student will use firebase to add stories and get stories, instead of using temporary data.	
Class	C88	
Class time	45 mins	
Goal	 Resolve the bug from the last class. Integrate firebase to save stories to the database. Read stories from the database. 	
Resources Required	 Teacher Resources Visual Studio Code Editor laptop with internet connectivity earphones with mic notebook and pen Student Resources Visual Studio Code Editor laptop with internet connectivity earphones with mic notebook and pen 	
Class structure	Warm-Up Teacher-Student Collaborative Activity Wrap-Up *Note: This class requires database configuration; Teacher to ask the student to live share VSC and perform the following activities to avoid writing the same code twice at both ends.	5 mins 35 mins 5 mins
WARM-UP SESSION - 5 mins		
CONTEXT		

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Discuss the flow of the app to integrate the database with other screens of the APP.		
 Teacher starts slideshow from slides 1 to 10 Refer to speaker notes and follow the instructions on each slide. 		
Activity details		
Hey <student name="">. How are you? It's great to see you! Are you excited to learn something new today?</student>	ESR: Good!	
Run the presentation from slide 1 to slide 3.	Lides	
The following are the warm-up session deliverables: • Connecting students to the previous class.	O got	
QnA Session	dir	
Question	Answer	
To which of the following screens have we added themes in our App? A. CreateStory screen B. StoryScreen screen C. FeedScreen screen D. All of the above	D	
The theme of the app is based on	Α	
 A. The user preference which is stored in the database. B. Selection of the theme based on the app itself. C. User can't select the theme, it is set by default. A. User has to click on the button to pick the theme. 		
Continue the warm-up session		

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Activity details	Solution/Guidelines
 Run the presentation from slide 4 to slide 10 to set the problem statement. The following are the warm-up session deliverables: Discuss the flow of the app to integrate the database with other screens of the APP. Discuss any possible bugs in the APP and ways to fix them. 	Narrate the slides by using hand gestures and voice modulation methods to bring in more interest in students.

Teacher ends slideshow



- Teacher-Student Collaborative Activity 35 mins
- Guide the student to start screen share.
- Guide Student to live share the code from VSC
- Teacher gets into fullscreen.

Class Steps	Teacher Action	Student Action
Step 2: Teacher-Student Collaborative Activity (35 min)	Today you will be driving the class while I am in the passenger seat. I will surely be guiding you, don't you worry! Are you ready? NOTE: The previous class code is provided at Teacher Activity 1; In case there is an issue with the student's code you can use this. Let's start by adding the stories to our	ESR: Yes!
	Database. We will handle the bug later.	

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We will work on your previous class code; Open the code in VSC and start live sharing.

We will start with creating new stories on our **CreateStory** screen.

Now, the first thing that we need is a button to submit our stories, right?

Let's start by adding the **Submit** button in the **CreateStory.js** file.

import <Button> & Alert at the top from react-native.

import {Button, Alert} from 'react-native'

Now, include the **<Button** /> component inside **<View>**.

```
View style={styles.fieldContainer}>
            <TextInput
                style={[this.state.light_theme ? styles.inputFontLight : styl
                onChangeText={(moral) => this.setState({ moral })}
                placeholder={"Moral of the story"}
                multiline={true}
                numberOfLines={4}
                placeholderTextColor={this.state.light_theme ? "black" : "whi
        View style={styles.submitButton}>
            Button
                onPress={() => this.addStory()}
                title="Submit"
                color="#841584"
        </View>
   </ScrollView>
</View>
```

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Now on this button, we have an **onPress()** event that calls a function **addStory()**.

As you might have guessed, we need to have this function save the story in the database.

Let's do that as shown in the following code snippet:

```
async addStory() {
   if (
     this.state.title &&
     this.state.description &&
     this.state.story &&
     this.state.moral
     var d = new Date();
     const auth = getAuth();
     const userId = auth.currentUser.uid;
     let storyData = {
       preview image: this.state.previewImage,
       title: this.state.title,
       description: this.state.description,
      story: this.state.story,
       moral: this.state.moral,
       author: auth.currentUser.displayName,
       created_on: d.toString(),
       author_uid: userId,
       likes: 0,
     };
     console.log(storyData);
```

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```
const dbRef = ref(db, '/posts/' + Math.random().toString(36).slice(2));

set(dbRef, storyData);

this.props.setUpdateToTrue();
this.props.navigation.navigate('Feed');
} else {
  Alert.alert(
    'Error',
    'All fields are required!',
    [{ text: 'OK', onPress: () => console.log('OK Pressed') }],
    { cancelable: false }
    );
}
```

Let's go through this function.

We are first checking if all the fields were filled or not - title, description, story, and moral. We are doing this using the **and** operator (&&). If there are not, we are giving out an Alert saying that **All fields are required!** (Import Alert at the top from "react-native")

The teacher can ask the student to run the code to make sure it shows an alert when any of the above fields is not filled.

Next, we create an object storyData in which we are saving the data for the story.

This data contains -

- 1. Image (image_1, image_2, etc.) [Sourced from Assets]
- 2. Title [To enter by users]
- 3. Description [To enter by users]
- 4. Story [To enter by users]
- 5. Moral [To enter by users]
- 6. Author [from {getAuth} firebase/auth]
- 7. Created On [the current date]
- 8. Author's Unique ID [random user id generated by app uid]
- 9. Likes [since a new story has 0 likes]

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Note: As shown above only 4 fields are to be entered by users; the other 5 fields will be generated /provided by APP.

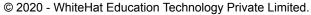
We are then saving this data into firebase by creating a **random unique id** for records/stories that will be added to our app. We are saving the story inside a reference object called **posts**.

Then we are finally navigating the User to the Feed Screen.

Awesome! Now our stories are getting saved to the firebase. We can test it out too!

The teacher and student test the code. Make sure to check the database to see how the story is being saved.









Now for the Feed Screen's part, we want to make sure we are fetching the stories from our Firebase Database.

For that, let's go back to our Feed Screen and create a new function to fetchStories() and call it in our componentDidMount().

We will first add a new state for our stories, which will be an empty array.

Our constructor would be like -

```
constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = {
        fontsLoaded: false,
```

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```
light_theme: true,
    stories: []
};
```

Next, we will create a function **fetchStories()** and call it in the **componentDidMount()** function -

```
componentDidMount() {
      this. loadFontsAsync();
      this.fetchStories();
      this.fetchUser();
fetchStories = () => {
  onValue(ref(db, '/posts/'), (snapshot) =>
     let stories = [];
     if (snapshot.val()) {
       Object.keys(snapshot.val()).forEach(function (key)
         stories.push({
           key: key,
           value: snapshot.val()[key]
     this.setState({ stories: stories });
     this.props.setUpdateToFalse();
   });
 };
```

In this function, we are checking all values on the **posts** object reference and whatever we get, we are iterating over all the key value pairs using the **map()** function and storing them inside another array called **stories**. We are then updating **this.state** property to render the data.

Now, we need to use this new story from the state, but there might be a case that there

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are no stories in the database.

Let's now handle them both together in our render() function -

```
return (
               <View style={this.state.light theme ? styles.containerLight :</pre>
styles.container}>
                    <SafeAreaView style={styles.droidSafeArea} />
                    <View style={styles.appTitle}>
                        <View style={styles.appIcon}>
                            <Image source={require("../assets/logo.png")} style={{ width:</pre>
60, height: 60, resizeMode: 'contain', marginLeft: 10 }}></Image>
                        </View>
                        <View style={styles.appTitleTextContainer}>
                            <Text style={this.state.light theme</pre>
styles.appTitleTextLight : styles.appTitleText}>
                                Storytelling App
                        </View>
                    </View>
                        !this.state.stories[0] ?
                            <View style={styles.noStories}>
                                <Text style={this.state.light theme ?</pre>
styles.noStoriesTextLight : styles.noStoriesText}>No Stories Available</Text>
                            </View>
                            : <View style={styles.cardContainer}>
                                <FlatList
                                     keyExtractor={this.keyExtractor}
                                    data={this.state.stories}
                                     renderItem={ this.renderItem}
                                />
                            </View>
               </View>
```

Here, near the FlatList() function, we have added a condition inside a pair of curly

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brackets {}.

In React Native, we can add JavaScript code inside the return statement of a render() function using curly brackets.

We are checking if the first item/data/story from the database is present in the stories or not?

This code would have not worked since we initially had an empty array in our state by default, but since we are trying to fetch stories, if there are no stories available, it will push a **null** value in this array.

Therefore, we are checking if the first value is a valid value or not? If it's an object, it's a valid value else it will be **null** which is not a valid value.

If it's not a valid value, we are displaying a text that says that there are **No Stories Available**. Otherwise, we are using our **<FlatList>** component.

Inside the Flatlist, we have changed our data attribute's value to the state.

We need to also add subsequent styling for the newly created text that displays that there are no stories -

```
noStories: {
    flex: 0.85,
    justifyContent: "center",
    alignItems: "center"
},
noStoriesTextLight: {
    fontSize: RFValue(40),
    fontFamily: "Bubblegum-Sans"
},
noStoriesText: {
    color: "white",
    fontSize: RFValue(40),
    fontFamily: "Bubblegum-Sans"
}
```



Great! Now we are done here, however, we still need to make changes to our **StoryCard**. That's because our **story** that we are passing to is not in the same structure as before.

This time, our story is an object which has a **key** as the unique ID of the story and **value** as the story's data. Let's make the changes to our **StoryCard**, to include the changes of the **key** and the **value**.



Let's first change the constructor in our **StoryCard.js** to store the keys and values separately -

```
export default class StoryCard extends Component {
    constructor(props) {
        super(props);
        this.state = {
            fontsLoaded: false,
            light_theme: true,
            story_id: this.props.story.key,
            story_data: this.props.story.value
        };
    }
```

Next, inside our **render()** function, let's create a variable called **story** that is equal to our state **story_data** -

```
render() {
    let story = this.state.story_data
    if (!this.state.fontsLoaded) {
        return <AppLoading />;
```

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Remember that when we saved our story, we saved it such that its value is **image_1**, **image_2** ... **image_5**.

Therefore, we need to create an object here which maps the value of these keys with the path of their respective image as shown below -

```
render() {
    let story = this.state.story_data
    if (!this.state.fontsLoaded) {
        return <AppLoading />;
    } else {
        let images = {
            "image_1": require("../assets/story_image_1.png"),
            "image_2": require("../assets/story_image_2.png"),
            "image_3": require("../assets/story_image_3.png"),
            "image_4": require("../assets/story_image_4.png"),
            "image_5": require("../assets/story_image_5.png")
    }
    return (
```

Now change the source of the < Image > component that displays the image of the story too -

```
<Image source={images[story.preview_image]}</pre>
```

And the styles however for it will remain the same.

Now, we were using **this.props.story** to fetch the story until now in this function, but this time, we will only use the **story** variable since we have our story data stored in it.

The final version of the render() function would look like -

```
render() {
   let story = this.state.story_data;
   if (!this.state.fontsLoaded) {
     return <AppLoading />;
```

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```
} else {
 let images = {
   image 1: require("../assets/story image 1.png"),
   image 2: require("../assets/story image 2.png"),
   image 3: require("../assets/story image 3.png"),
   image 4: require("../assets/story image 4.png"),
   image 5: require("../assets/story image 5.png")
 };
 return (
   <TouchableOpacity
      style={styles.container}
     onPress={ () =>
        this.props.navigation.navigate("StoryScreen"
          story: this.props.story
        })
      <SafeAreaView style={styles.droidSafeArea}</pre>
      <View
        style={
          this.state.light theme
            ? styles.cardContainerLight
            : styles.cardContainer
        <Image
          source={images[story.preview image]}
          style={styles.storyImage}
        ></Image>
        <View style={styles.titleContainer}>
          <View style={styles.titleTextContainer}>
            <Text
              style={
                this.state.light theme
                  ? styles.storyTitleTextLight
```



```
: styles.storyTitleText
      {story.title}
    </Text>
    <Text
      style={
        this.state.light_theme
          ? styles.storyAuthorTextLight
          : styles.storyAuthorText
      {story.author}
    </Text>
    <Text
      style={
        this.state.light theme
          ? styles.descriptionTextLight
          : styles.descriptionText
      {this.props.story.description}
    </Text>
  </View>
</View>
<View style={styles.actionContainer}>
  <View style={styles.likeButton}>
    <Ionicons
      name={"heart"}
      size={RFValue(30)}
      color={this.state.light theme ? "black" : "white"}
    />
    <Text
      style={
```



```
this.state.light theme
                      ? styles.likeTextLight
                      : styles.likeText
                 12k
               </Text>
             </View>
           </View>
         </View>
       </TouchableOpacity>
     );
Output:
   posts
       ■ 1xicra326z2
       - 5qq60v13xyh
             - author: "Apoorv Goyal"
              author_uid: "DxLkiH6NhHN71RX7f2cDDtXzEzs1"
              description: "Description 1"
             ... likes: 1
             -- moral: "Moral 1"
              preview_image: "image_4"
              story: "Story 1"
              title: "Title 1"
       844q3wp69v2
       8h157ehd7cg
       am5mg4jgwnn
       bnk3qzy7frm
       ig4bne02gl
```



Our DB is integrated successfully!	
Now let's talk about that bug.	
The problem is, our componentDidMount() on the Create Story Screen and the Feed Screen are not getting called every time we come to those screens because our Navigator is caching those screens.	16
Cached data are files, scripts, images, and other multimedia stored on your device after opening an app or visiting a website for the first time. This data is then used to quickly gather information about the app or website every time you revisit the website or app, reducing the load time. Our app stores previous stories in the RAM of the mobile phone, so here componentDidMount() is retrieving that pre-stored data instead of getting it from the DB. If we create a new story, we will not be able to see it on the Feed Screen until we close the app entirely and then open it.	dinginition
How do you think we should solve this?	ESR: Varied!
I have a solution! Both the screens are connected through the Tab Navigator, and we converted our Tab	



Navigator to a class component in the last class.

What if we maintain a state in our Tab Navigator and update those states from our screens?

That will force the tab navigator to update itself, and it will end up updating the screens as well.

Let's see how we can do that!

First, we will have to create a state in our Tab Navigator's constructor

```
constructor(props) {
    super(props);
    this.state = {
        light_theme: true,
        isUpdated: false
    };
}
```

This will be for, if our screen is Updated or not. We will set it by default to False.

Next, let's create two functions to update this state. One will update it to true while the other will update it to false -

```
changeUpdated = () => {
    this.setState({ isUpdated: true })
}

removeUpdated = () => {
    this.setState({ isUpdated: false })
}
```

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Now we need to pass these functions along with the components in our **<Tab.Screen> components**, but we can't do it directly. We will have to write a wrapper for it. The reason we can't do it directly is because we are just passing the names of the components there -

```
<Tab.Screen name="Feed" component={Feed} />
<Tab.Screen name="Create Story" component={CreateStory} />
```

Therefore, we can't add any **props** to it. Instead, we can create two functions that return these components with the **props** we need and then use those functions instead of the component in our **<Tab.Screen>**

```
renderFeed = (props) => {
    return <Feed setUpdateToFalse={this.removeUpdated} {...props} />
}

renderStory = (props) => {
    return <CreateStory setUpdateToTrue={this.changeUpdated} {...props} />
}
```

Here, we have created renderFeed() and renderStory().

In the **renderFeed()** function, we are sending a prop **setUpdateToFalse**, and it's our **removeUpdated()** function which sets the **isUpdated** state to **false**.

Whereas, in the renderStory(), we are sending the setUpdatedToTrue prop, and it's our changeUpdated() function which sets the isUpdated state to True

Now we are going to do this because when we create a story, we want to tell the Tab navigator that our screen **needs to be updated**. The feed screen, once updated, can tell the tab navigator that it has updated itself, and it can change its state back to false in case another story is added.

Now let's use these functions as well -

```
<Tab.Screen name="Feed" component={this.renderFeed} />
<Tab.Screen name="Create Story" component={this.renderStory} />
```



Great! Now the props that we are passing - setUpdatedToFalse & setUpdatedToTrue, we need to use them in our screens as well.

Let's do that -

In **CreateStory.js**, we will use the **setUpdatedToTrue** function right before we are navigating to the Feed screen after saving the story in the database -

```
this.props.setUpdateToTrue()
this.props.navigation.navigate("Feed")
```

In the **FeedScreen.js**, we will use the **setUpdatedToFalse** right after we have successfully fetched the stories -

There's one last thing that needs to be done!

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In our Tab Navigator and Drawer Navigator, we can specify that we want to **unmount** a component as soon as a user goes away from a screen.

That will again help with managing this issue with all the screens.

Let's do that -

In the TabNavigator.js -

```
<Tab.Screen name="Feed" component={this.renderFeed} options={{ unmountOnBlur: true }} />
<Tab.Screen name="Create Story" component={this.renderStory} options={{ unmountOnBlur: true }} />
```

And in the **DrawerNavigator.js** -

```
<Drawer.Screen name="Home" component={StackNavigator} options={{ unmountOnBlur: true }}

/>
<Drawer.Screen name="Profile" component={Profile} options={{ unmountOnBlur: true }} />
<Drawer.Screen name="Logout" component={Logout} options={{ unmountOnBlur: true }} />
```

We have added an **options** attribute to the **<Tab.Screen>** and **<Drawer.Screen>** components.

This **options** attribute is available for all navigation type screen components. In it, we have used a specific attribute **unmountOnBlue**, and we have set it to **true** for all the screens. This is the most used type of screen option which unmounts the screen as soon as a user leaves it.

Now, we are done with fixing bugs, and we also integrated our stories with the database.

Our App is almost complete now.

The teacher will ask the student to run
and check the App. Enter a story to

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	check if it is getting updated in the DB. All that is needed is that we make our Drawer look a bit better and also, that our Like functionality works.		
	We'll tackle these in the next class and complete this app.		
	Teacher Guides Student to Stops Scre	een Share	
WRAP-UP SESSION - 5 Mins			
Teacher starts slideshow from slide 11 to slide 20			
	Activity details	Solution/Guidelines	
Run the presentation from slide 11 to slide 20. Following are the wrap-up session deliverables: • Explain the facts and trivias • Next class challenge • Project for the day • Additional Activity		Guide the student to develop the project and share it with us.	
Quiz time - Click on the in-class quiz			
Question		Answer	
What does the following piece of code do?		A	



```
async addStory() {
 if (
    this.state.title &&
    this.state.description &&
    this.state.story &&
    this.state.moral
    var d = new Date();
    const auth = getAuth();
    const userId = auth.currentUser.uid;
    let storyData = {
     preview_image: this.state.previewImage,
     title: this.state.title,
     description: this.state.description,
      story: this.state.story,
     moral: this.state.moral,
     author: auth.currentUser.displayName,
      created_on: d.toString(),
     author_uid: userId,
      likes: 0,
```

- A. The function addStory() is adding the story in the database.
- B. The function addStory() is adding the story only in the application.
- C. The function addStory() allows the user to write the story.
- D. The function addStory() add the story in the array called as storyData.

What does the following snippet of code do?

 $barStyle=\{this.state.light_theme~?~styles.bottomTabStyleLight~:~styles.bottomTabStyle\}$

A.Adds styles to the barStyle attribute based on the theme.

- B.It toggles between the themes.
- C.Changes the themes based on the user preference.
- D.None of the above.

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В In React Native, if we want to add JavaScript code inside the return statement of a render() function what do we use? A. [] B. {} C. () D. <> End the quiz panel **FEEDBACK** Appreciate the student for their class Get them to play around with different ideas Make sure you have given Amazing work today! You get a at least 2 Hats Off during "hats-off". the class for: Alright. See you in the next class. Creatively Solved Activities Question Concentration **Project Overview** The students engage with the teacher over the project. Spectagram Stage - 8 Goal of the Project: In Class 88, we resolved the bug from the previous class and integrated firebase to save stories and read the stories from the database. In this project, you will practice the concepts learned in the class to integrate

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firebase with the Spectagram app to add posts to the database.

*This is a continuation project of 81 to 87, please make sure to finish that before attempting this one.

Story:

Jenny is a photographer. She wants to share pictures taken by her with others, at the same time she wants to create a space for others to share their talent too. She decided to create a social media app for her and all upcoming talents. She has asked for your help to create an App.

Guide Jenny to resolve the bug and integrate the firebase to add posts to the database.



Teacher ends slideshow

Teacher Clicks

× End Class

Additional Activities Encourage the student to write reflection notes in their reflection journal using Markdown. Use these as guiding questions: What happened today? Describe what happened. The student uses the Markdown editor to write their reflections in a reflection journal.

How did I feel after the class?

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITY

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•	What have I learned about	
	programming and developing	
	games?	
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•	What aspects of the class
	helped me? What did I find
	difficult?

Activity	Activity Name	Links
Teacher Activity 1	Previous Class Code	https://github.com/React-Native-Frontier/PRO-C87-Story-Teller-TA-Solution
Teacher Activity 2	Reference Code	https://github.com/React-Native-Frontier/PRO-C88-Story-Teller-TA-Solution
Teacher Activity 3	Teacher Aid	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WA1 BQff4dmgv5BInU3f_imk4vlpvAyMa/ view?usp=sharing
Teacher Reference visual aid link	Visual aid link	https://curriculum.whitehatjr.com/Vis ual+Project+Asset/PRO_VD/slides-p ro-c88_withcues.html
Teacher Reference In-class quiz	In-class quiz	https://s3-whjr-curriculum-uploads.w hjr.online/40b6ae39-9de7-47a2-bb0 8-7307aee00bb5.pdf