

Topic	React Philosophy	
Class Description	Students will compare the two languages - HTML and Javascript. Students will be introduced to the React Philosophy and the new JSX language, which they will be using to code mobile apps in React Native. Students will create a simple React Native component for their application.	
Class	C53	
Class time	45 mins	
Goal	 Compare HTML (declarative language) and Javascript (Imperative language). Introduction to React philosophy. Creating a simple React Native component for their React Native app in expo. 	
Resources Required	 Teacher Resources Laptop with internet connectivity Earphones with mic Notebook and pen Android/iOS Smartphone with Expo App Expo Account Login Student Resources Laptop with internet connectivity Earphones with mic Notebook and pen Android/iOS Smartphone with Expo App Expo Account Login 	
Class structure	Warm Up Teacher-led Activity Student-led Activity Wrap up	5 mins 15 min 15 min 5 min

CONTEXT

- Differentiate between HTML and Javascript.
- Introduce JSX for coding apps using React Native.

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Class Steps	Teacher Action	Student Action
Step 1: Warm Up (5 mins)	Hi <student name=""> So, we have covered two very different languages in the course so far. Can you name them?</student>	ESR: HTML/CSS and Javascript.
	Great! These two languages are quite different in their style. How do you think they are different? Which one do you find easier to code in?	ESR: varied
	Javascript is a language where you tell the computer HOW to perform each and every task. All our javascript code contains instructions on how to do something. For example: How to detect two objects have collided. Such languages where you tell the computer HOW to perform tasks are called imperative languages. HTML on the other hand, is a declarative language. It uses tags to just tell the computer WHAT you want. For example: You just tell the computer that you want an image from a certain source of particular width and height in a certain position.	ESR: The student shares his/her thoughts and questions.



Similarly, to create an entire HTML document, you just tell what you want. Javascript or other imperative languages are of course more powerful since they allow you to do much more since you can tell the computer HOW to do anything. However, HTML or other declarative languages make it easy to think about complex applications. Since complex applications are made up of smaller components, it becomes more organized to think about WHAT are the different components we want in our application. How to make the different components perform the functions they perform becomes a minor detail then. What are your thoughts? Engineers at Facebook, while working on designing the different complex Facebook apps, realized that declarative style of coding would make their app organization easy. They developed a new programming language called JSX and a new mobile development framework called React Native to help build powerful and complex apps in an easy way.

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JSX combines both HTML and Javascript style of coding. JSX is declarative - we tell what are the different components we want in the application.

We will be learning how to develop React Native apps using JSX and React Native starting from this class.

In the next 30 or so classes, you will create some powerful apps which will solve some of the common problems faced by many people around you.

How are you feeling? Ready to start?

ESR Yes!

Teacher Initiates Screen Share

CHALLENGE

Create a simple React Native Component.

Step 2: Teacher-led Activity (15 min)

We will be writing JSX and React Native code in an online editor called 'snack'.

'Snack' is an online editor written by Expo, which allows us to write and compile React Native code in an online environment. We can also preview the output of the code using Snack.

Note: Teacher is already logged in at Snack Expo.

Teacher clicks on **Teacher Activity 1**

Student observes.

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The code you see might look intimidating but when we look into it, we will realize how simple and how powerful it is.

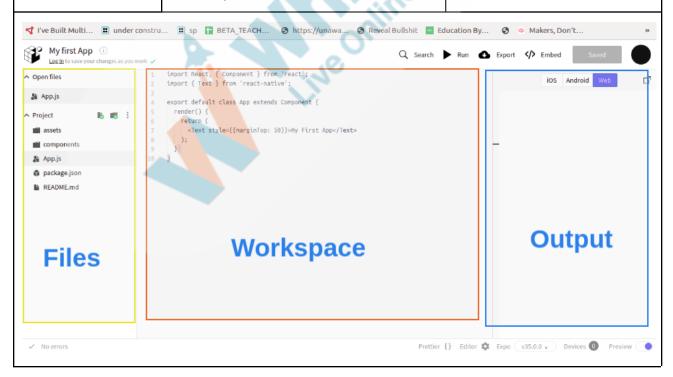
Before we look into the code however, let us familiarize ourselves with the coding environment.

On the left side, you see all the files in the project. We will look into these files later.

At the centre, you see the workspace where we will write our code.
On the right side, you can see the output of your code.

You can see the output for either Android, iOS or Web.

The student looks at the environment to familiarize him/herself..



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For Android/iOS, you can see the output either on your phone or on the android emulator in the browser. (By clicking Run on your device.)

For Android/iOS, you can install Expo Client, sign in with the same account and open the project from under Projects Tab.

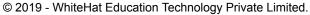
For Android, you can also scan the QR Code.

(Encourage the student to scan the QR code from their Expo App and check the output.)

For seeing the output on the device emulator in the browser, you have to press "Tap to play". You might have to wait in a queue as there are many systems online using a common emulator.

Note: Teacher practically shows the different ways of seeing the output.

The student checks the output of the code.











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Let's look at the code now.

What are the different parts of the code that you can see and understand?

Do not worry we will get deeper into each part of the code.

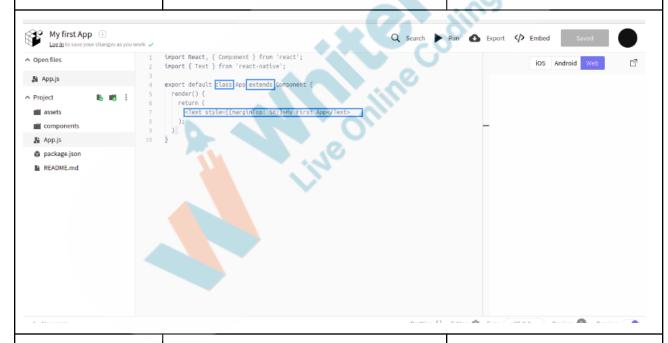
ESR:

The student makes an attempt to understand some parts of the code.

For example: He/She can recognize the 'class' and 'extends' declaration.

The student can also recognize HTML tag like feature in <Text></Text>

He/She can recognize the marginTop style property from CSS.



Great! Now let's look at each part of the code which we see.

We have talked earlier about how complex apps are made up of smaller and simpler components. In React

The student observes the change in output and asks questions.

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Native, every app is made up of simpler components.

<Text></Text> tag which you see is such a React component. This component allows you to write text on the screen.

I can modify what is inside it to change the text written on the screen.

Teacher modifies the text written on the screen.



Text is a component which is already defined in a library called React Native.

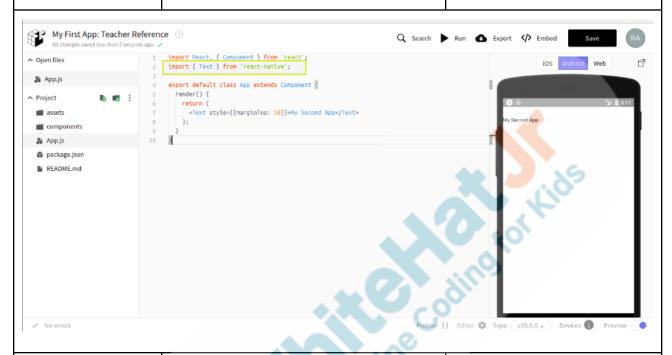
In line 2, you can see how we are importing the component Text from React Native Library.

The student observes, listens and asks questions.

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Note: When compared to HTML tags which start with lowercase letters, React native components start with uppercase.



Component is a Base class (Parent class) from which all components are inherited from.

Remember, Baseclass in Angry
Birds? and how each of the classes Bird, Pig, Box - extended the Base
Class and inherited all its properties
and functions?

Component is a baseclass and all React components are inherited from this baseclass Component.

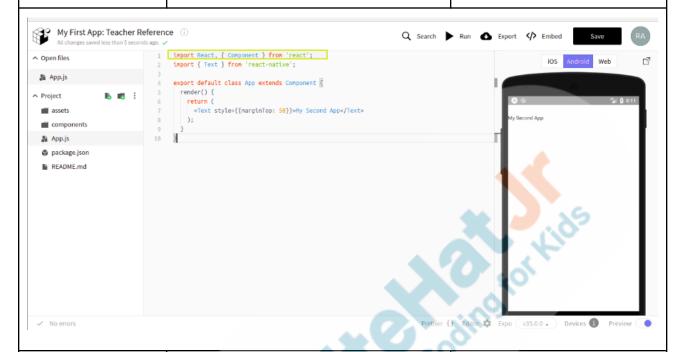
Component class is defined in React library. You can see how React and

The student observes, listens and asks questions.

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Component library are imported from react library in line 1.



In line 4 you can see how a new Class called App extends the Component class. (Ignore export default for now. We will come back to it sometime later.)

App itself is a React Native

Component. All React Native

components must live inside the App

Component.

Things will become clearer soon, when we practically start making an App.

Before we go further, can you explain what you have understood so far?

ESR:

A React Native App is made up of several components. All components are inherited from the baseclass call Component (defined in react library.)

App is the main component inside which all other components should live. Text is a component defined in React Native library which allows us to show text on screen.

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component is returned. So, the <Text> component gets rendered or displayed on the screen.

Notice that all the code in the file is Javascript except the code inside render. This is JSX. It contains tags which correspond to React Components.

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We can write Javascript inside JSX using { } 'curly brackets'

You can also see that the Text component has a style 'property' defined on it. Just like html tags have some properties defined on them (For example: tag has src, width, height etc.)

"style" property takes a json object {}.

When we are rendering components using JSX tags (<Text>), we can write/execute Javascript inside the {}.

You see two {{ }} because one {} says that we are going to write javascript code. The other {} is for the json object.

Also, we write css properties in React Native in camel case (marginTop instead of margin-top)

Again, things will become much clearer when we practically start doing things. But before we do that can you quickly recap what you can understand from the code?

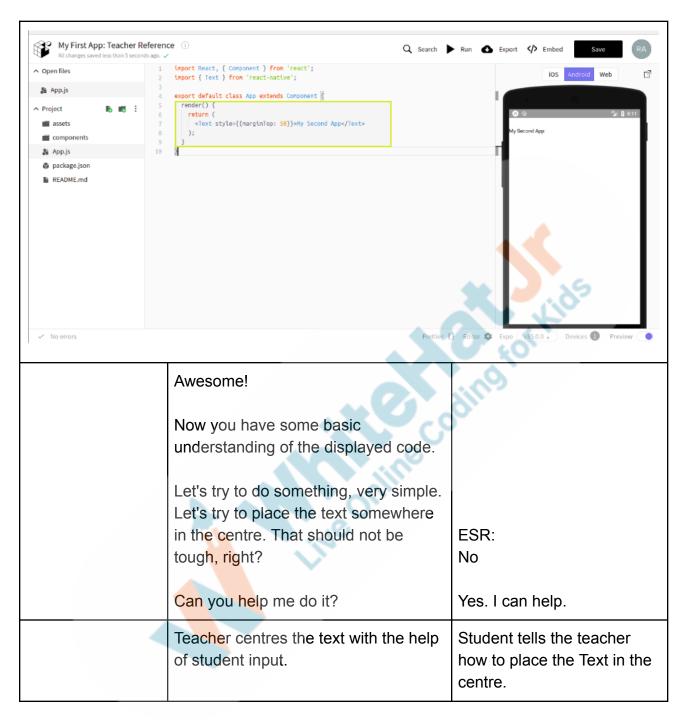
ESR:

render() function displays the returned components on the screen.

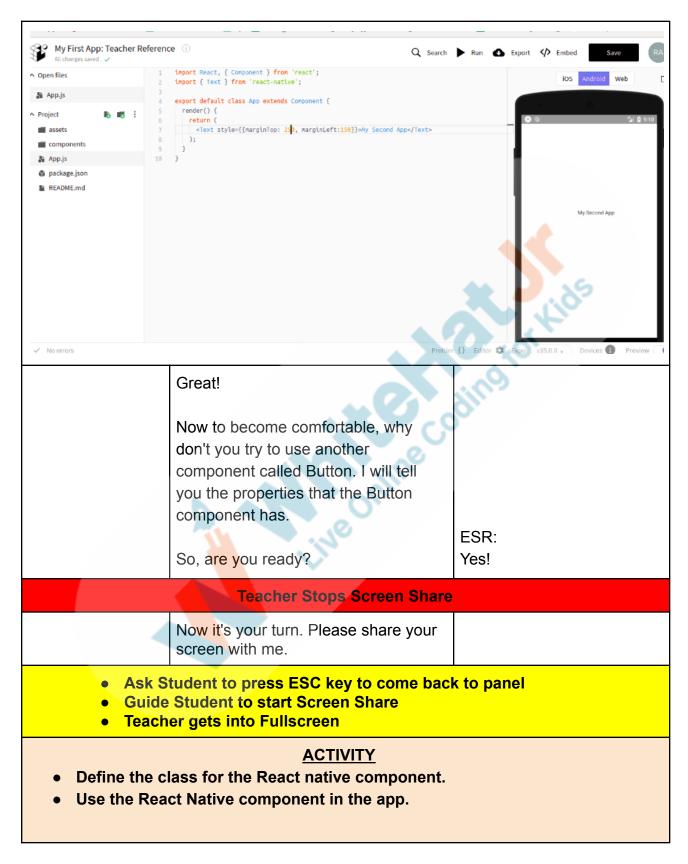
Components can have properties defined on them - like Text has a property called style.

We can write javascript inside JSX tags, inside { }.









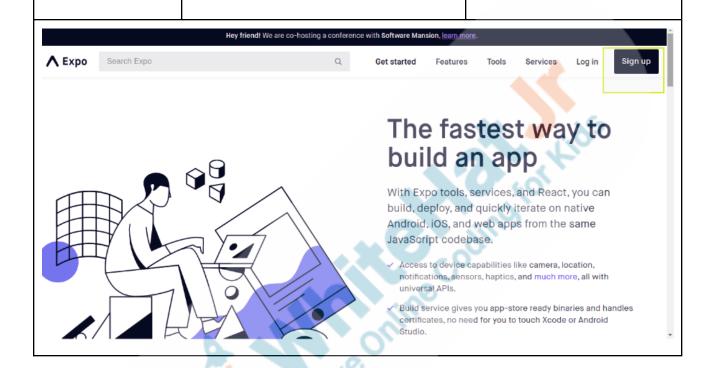
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Step 3: Student-Led Activity (15 min) Guide the student to create an Expo account and login.

Get the student to click on the **Student Activity Link 1**

Student creates an Expo Account and clicks on Student Activity Link 1





Create	e an account to discuss, publish, and manage all of your projects.	
E-mail you@	provider.com	
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	Let's import Button instead of Text from react native library. We can use the <button></button> JSX tag to get a button component.	The student uses the <button> component in place of <text> component in the code.</text></button>
	<button> has a property called 'title' which can be used to display text inside the button.</button>	The student runs the code to see the output.







Let's import 'View Component'.

Let's place the button inside the 'View Component' and add style to it so that the button is at the bottom.

The student imports the 'View Component' and places the 'Button' component inside it.
He/She adds styling to the 'View Component' to bring the Button to the bottom.



Very good. This is a great start!

Button has another property called 'color' defined on it.

You can use it to set a different color to the button.

You can also use Hexadecimal numbers.

Student changes the color of the Button component.





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	components about which we will keep learning in the coming classes.	
	Did we also say that you can create your own React Native component?	
	Let's quickly learn how to do that.	
	Let's create a simple React Native component called 'RedButton'.	The student creates a class called 'RedButton' which extends Component.
	This react native component will simply display a RedButton when rendered.	Kids
	We will need to create a class called RedButton which extends Component.	ding to
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^ Open files	<pre>import React, (Component) from 'react'; import (Button, View) from 'react-native'; class RedButton extends Component{</pre>	ios Android Web
15 16 17		
15 16 17	Now, we need to write a render function, which will return something. Let's quickly write a render function	The student creates a render function with an empty return function.

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```
import React, { Component } from 'react';
     import { Button, View } from 'react-native';
     class RedButton extends Component(
      render(){
       return();
8
10
    export default class App extends Component {
       return (
14
          <View style={{marginTop: 580}}>
           <Button color="#9000000" title="Click Me"></Button>
          </Vlew>
16
       );
17
18
    )
19 }
```

We want to render a Red Button. We can write that in the return statement.

Note: <Button/> is same as <Button></Button>
The former is a self-enclosing tag since there is nothing inside <Button></Button>

All tags in React native must be closed.

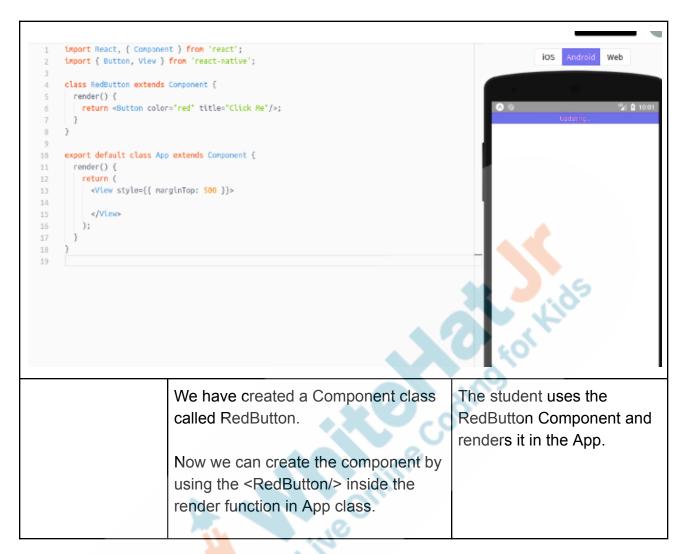
Can you write the return statement for the Red Button?

Guide the student where needed.

The student writes the return statement for rendering the RedButton.

He/She adds the properties of color and title to the Button.











```
import React, { Component } from 'react';
                                                                                                                iOS Android Web
     import { Button, View, Text } from 'react-native';
     class RedButton extends Component {
       render() {
        return <Button color="red" title="Click Me"/>;
10
    export default class App extends Component {
       render() {
       return (
          <View style={{ marginTop: 500 }}>
14
            <RedButton />
           <Text>My First React Component</Text>
16
          </Vlew>
        );
18
19
    - }
28
```

Teacher Guides Student to Stop Screen Share

FEEDBACK

- Encourage the student to play around with JSX.
- Encourage the student to make reflection notes in the markdown format.
- Complement the student for her/his effort in the class.

Step 4: Wrap-Up (5 min)	This was great! We have started on the path to creating an app by creating our first React native component. Remember, a complex App can be created by several such simpler components. How are you feeling?	ESR: Varied
	Right now, we have a button in our App which really does not do anything.	

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In the next class, we will learn how to Make sure you have given at least 2 Hats Off during add functions to a component. We will the class for: perform an action when a Button is pressed - like playing a sound. Creatively Solved Activities You get a "hats off". I hope you will look forward to the Question next class. Have a great day! Concentration **Project Overview** Do you know this? Students engage with the teacher over the project. Goal of the Project: Today, We have learnt two kinds of languages - imperative and declarative - and much more! We will test your skills today. Lets Go!! Story: A good coder should always be ready to answer any questions related to programming. As you are a gaming coder now, let's see how much you remember! I am very excited to see your project solution and I know you both will do really well. Bye Bye! × End Class Teacher Clicks

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Additional Activities	Encourage the student to write reflection notes in their reflection journal using markdown.	The student uses the markdown editor to write her/his reflection in a reflection journal.
	Use these as guiding questions:	-
	 What happened today? Describe what happened Code I wrote How did I feel after the class? What have I learned about programming and developing games? What aspects of the class helped me? What did I find difficult? 	a for Kids

Activity	Activity Name	Links
Teacher Activity 1	Snack: My First App	https://snack.expo.io/@vishalgadda m873/my-first-app
Teacher Activity 2	Reference code	https://snack.expo.io/@vishalgadda m873/my-first-app:-teacher-referenc e
Student Activity 1	Expo Sign Up	https://expo.io
Student Activity 2	Snack: My First App	https://snack.expo.io/@vishalgadda m873/my-first-app