

## Build an APK Locally (Permanent Installation)

- If you want to **install the app permanently without needing Metro Bundler**, follow these steps:
  - **Build the APK Locally**
    - Navigate to your project:  
`cd android`
    - Run the Gradle build command:  
`./gradlew assembleDebug`
    - Once the build is complete, find the APK at:  
`android/app/build/outputs/apk/debug/app-debug.apk`
  - **Install the APK on Your Device**
    - Use ADB to install the APK via USB:  
`adb install`  
`android/app/build/outputs/apk/debug/app-debug.apk`
  - **Once the APK is installed on your device**, here's what you do next:
    1. Open the App
      - a. Find your app in the app drawer or home screen.
      - b. Tap it to launch and test it.
    2. Check for Issues
      - a. If the app crashes or doesn't open, check **logcat** for errors:  
`adb logcat *:E`
    3. Disconnect from USB (App Should Still Work)
      - a. If you installed the **debug APK**, it might still rely on the development server.
      - b. If you installed a **release APK**, it should work independently.
    4. Make Changes & Update the App:
      - a. If you need to update the app, follow these steps:
        - i. Make changes to your code.
        - ii. Rebuild the APK:  
`cd android && ./gradlew assembleDebug`
        - iii. Reinstall using:  
`adb install -r`  
`android/app/build/outputs/apk/debug/app-debug.apk`