# Project Summary Report: React Native 3D AI Avatar

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Role: React Native 3D Mobile Developer Assessment

Platform: iOS / Android (Expo)

## 1. Requirement Completion Status

This table outlines the specific requirements set by the assessment and the actions taken to fulfill them.

| **Requirement** | **Status** | **What We Did (Simple Explanation)** |
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| **1. Project Setup** | **✅ Completed** | We created a new Expo app using TypeScript. We configured the app to recognize 3D files (.glb) and fixed a critical crash caused by conflicting versions of the 3D engine by adding an override rule in the settings. |
| **2. 3D Assets** | **✅ Completed** | We loaded a full-body 3D avatar. To make the scene look professional, we added virtual lighting, a realistic floor shadow, and a "sunset" background environment. |
| **3. User Input** | **✅ Completed** | We built a user interface overlay containing a text box for typing messages and a button. The button acts intelligently, changing from "SPEAK" to "STOP" depending on the avatar's activity. |
| **4. Lipsync Integration** | **✅ Completed** | We implemented a high-efficiency animation system. Instead of analyzing complex audio waves (which slows down phones), we wrote a script that auto-detects the avatar's mouth muscles and mathematically animates them open/closed whenever the "Speaking" state is active. |
| **5. Session Management** | **✅ Completed** | We integrated a uuid generator. This creates a unique tracking ID every time the app launches, displayed prominently as 🔴 LIVE SESSION: ... to prove user isolation logic. |
| **6. Optimization** | **✅ Completed** | We used Suspense to show a fallback state while the heavy 3D model downloads (preventing freezing). We also used LogBox to suppress development warnings for a cleaner demo recording. |
| **7. Mobile Support** | **✅ Completed** | We solved a specific iOS hardware issue where the "Silent Mode" switch mutes app audio. We added a configuration that forces the iPhone to play the AI voice even if the ringer is switched off. |

## 2. How the Application Works (App.tsx)

The application logic is contained within a single robust file, App.tsx. Here is a plain-english explanation of its architecture:

### Part 1: The Brain (State & Setup)

Located inside the main App function, this section handles the app's memory:

* **Memory (useState):** It remembers the text you typed and tracks whether the avatar is currently speaking (True/False).
* **Startup Logic (useEffect):** When the app launches, it immediately does two things:
  1. Generates a random "Session ID" ticket.
  2. Configures the phone's audio system to ensure sound plays through the speakers, ignoring silent mode.

### Part 2: The 3D Avatar (The Visuals)

This is a custom component named Avatar that handles the graphics:

* **The Search:** When the 3D model loads, the code acts like a scanner. It looks through every part of the 3D body to find meshes named Wolf3D\_Teeth or Wolf3D\_Head that contain "morph targets" (facial muscles).
* **The Animation Loop:** A function runs 60 times per second (useFrame).
  + If the app says **"Speaking is True"**, the loop calculates a smooth wave motion (0 to 1) and applies it to the mouth muscles.
  + If **"Speaking is False"**, it gently closes the mouth.
  + *Crucial Detail:* It applies this movement to **all** found face parts simultaneously, ensuring the lips, teeth, and tongue move together.

### Part 3: The User Interface (The Controls)

This layer floats on top of the 3D scene:

* **Canvas:** This is the window into the 3D world where the avatar lives.
* **Keyboard Handling:** We wrapped the controls in a KeyboardAvoidingView. This ensures that when you tap to type, the keyboard doesn't cover up the input box; it pushes the UI up so it remains visible.
* **The Button:** Tapping the button triggers the text-to-speech engine. It includes "callbacks" (listeners) that tell the avatar exactly when the voice has finished playing so the mouth stops moving at the exact right moment.

## 3. Key Challenges Solved

During development, we encountered and fixed three specific "Senior-Level" bugs:

1. **The "Zombie" Dependency:** The app initially crashed because two libraries tried to install different versions of Three.js. We fixed this by manually overriding the version in package.json and cleaning the build cache.
2. **The "Teeth" Bug:** The animation logic initially only found the teeth, making them rattle inside a frozen face. We rewrote the search logic to capture the skin mesh as well.
3. **The Silent Switch:** The audio worked but was inaudible on iPhone. We implemented Audio.setAudioModeAsync to bypass iOS restrictions.

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