

Lab 3: React Native To-Do List Application

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Task 1: Set Up the Dev Environment

In this task, you will set up your development environment to build React Native applications.

1.4 Step 1: Install Node.js and Watchman

1. Install Node.js:

```
[moulinaidulukalapu@MacBookAir ~ % node --version  
v20.11.0
```

2. Install Watchman (Optional for macOS/Linux):

```
[moulinaidulukalapu@MacBookAir ~ % watchman --version  
2024.11.04.00
```

1.5 Step 2: Install React Native CLI

The React Native CLI (Command Line Interface) allows you to create new React Native projects and run them easily.

- Open your terminal and run:

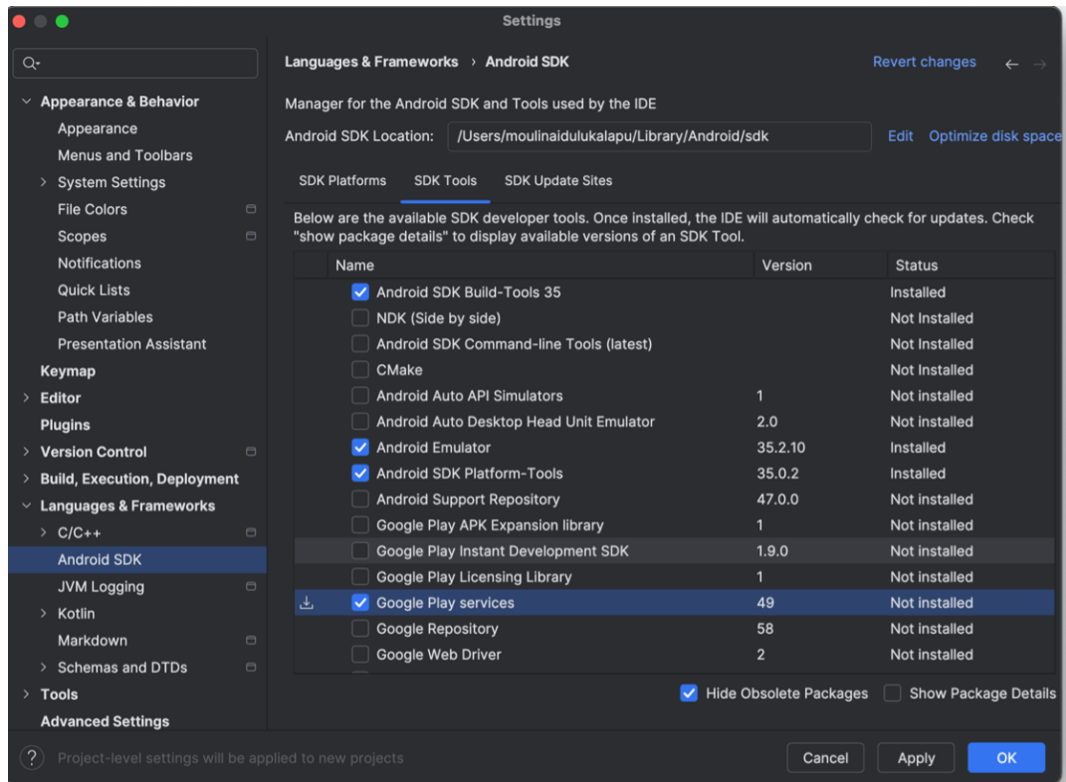
```
npm install -g react-native-cli
```

```
[moulinaidulukalapu@MacBookAir lab3 % sudo npm install -g react-native-cli  
Password:  
npm WARN deprecated inflight@1.0.6: This module is not supported, and leaks memory. Do not use it. Check out lru-cache  
if you want a good and tested way to coalesce async requests by a key value, which is much more comprehensive and power  
ful.  
npm WARN deprecated rimraf@2.7.1: Rimraf versions prior to v4 are no longer supported  
npm WARN deprecated glob@7.2.3: Glob versions prior to v9 are no longer supported  
  
added 89 packages in 3s  
  
41 packages are looking for funding  
run 'npm fund' for details  
moulinaidulukalapu@MacBookAir lab3 %
```

- Note: If the global 'react-native-cli' package has been deprecated, you can use the local version with 'npx':

```
npx react-native init YourProjectName
```

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For iOS Users:

- Ensure Xcode is installed from the App Store.
- Install Xcode Command Line Tools:

```
xcode-select --install
```

```
moulinaidulukalapu@MacBookAir Desktop % xcode-select --install
xcode-select: note: Command line tools are already installed. Use "Software Update" in
System Settings or the softwareupdate command line interface to install updates
```

1.7 Step 4: Create a New React Native Project

1. Open your terminal and run:

```
npx react-native init YourProjectName
cd YourProjectName
```



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

export default function App() {
  return (
    <View style={styles.container}>
      <Text>My First React Native Application</Text>
    </View>
  );
}

const styles = StyleSheet.create({
  container: {
    flex: 1,
    backgroundColor: '#fff',
    alignItems: 'center',
    justifyContent: 'center',
  },
});
```

Figure 3: Modifying App.js

1.9 Step 6: Start the Metro Bundler

The Metro Bundler is a JavaScript bundler specifically for React Native. It watches your files and serves the appropriate JavaScript code.

- In your terminal, run:

```
npx react-native start
```

```
o moulinadulakalapu@Mouli-MacBook-Air todoApp % sudo npx react-native start
info Welcome to React Native v0.76
info Starting dev server on port 8081...



Welcome to Metro v0.81.0
Fast - Scalable - Integrated

info Dev server ready

i - run on iOS
a - run on Android
r - reload app
d - open Dev Menu
j - open DevTools

info Opening app on iOS...
info A dev server is already running for this project on port 8081.
info Found Xcode project "todoApp.xcodeproj"
info Found booted iPhone SE (3rd generation)
info Building (using "xcodebuild -project todoApp.xcodeproj -configuration Debug -scheme todoApp -destination id=227ED28A-11CF-4A08-88E6-0F8CD91E30B8")

info . Tip: Make sure that you have set up your development environment correctly, by running npx react-native doctor. To read more about doctor.com and visit: https://github.com/react-native-community/cli/blob/main/packages/cli-doctor/README.md#doctor
info Run CLI with --verbose flag for more details.
```

Figure 4: Starting the Metro Bundler

1.10 Step 7: Run Your App on an Emulator or Device

For Android:

1. Ensure an emulator is running (you can create one in Android Studio's AVD Manager) or connect a physical device with USB debugging enabled.
2. Run:

```
npx react-native run-android
```

3. This compiles your app and installs it on the connected Android device or emulator.

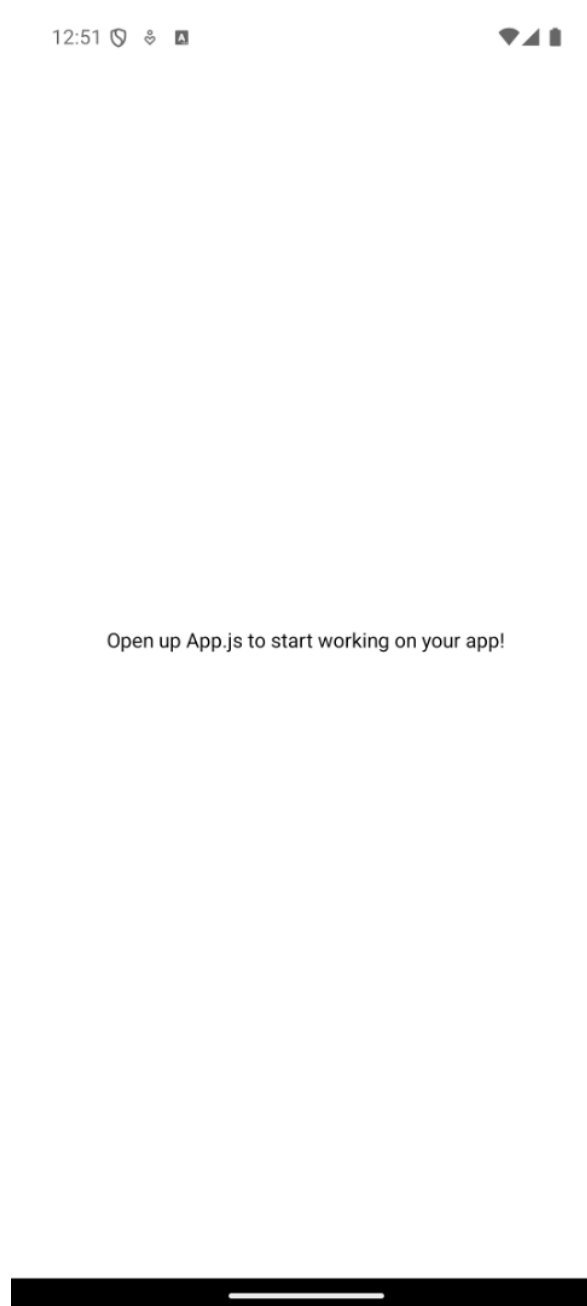


Figure 5: Running the app on an Android device

1.11 Step 8: Run Your App on a Mobile Device Using Expo

1. Install and create a new Expo project:

```
npm install -g expo-cli
npx expo init YourProjectName
cd YourProjectName
npx expo start
```

2. Connect Your Device:

- Ensure your mobile device is connected to the same Wi-Fi network as your development machine.

3. Open the Expo Go App:

- Install the Expo Go app from the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).

4. Scan the QR Code:

- In the Expo developer tools opened in your browser, you will see a QR code.
- Use the Expo Go app to scan the QR code.

5. Run the App:

- Once the QR code is scanned, your React Native app will start running on your mobile device.

```
mojibainidulakalug@Mouli's-MacBook-Air Desktop % sudo npm install -g expo-cli
Password:
npm WARN deprecated inflight@1.0.6: This module is not supported, and leaks memory. Do not use it. Check out lru-cache if you want a good and tested way to coalesce async requests by a key value, which is much more comprehensive and powerful.
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-nullish-coalescing-operator@7.18.6: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-nullish-coalescing-operator instead.
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-class-properties@7.18.6: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-class-properties instead.
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-optional-chaining@7.21.0: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-optional-chaining instead.
npm WARN deprecated rimraf@3.0.2: Rimraf versions prior to v4 are no longer supported
npm WARN deprecated abab@2.0.6: Use your platform's native atob() and btoa() methods instead
npm WARN deprecated stable@0.1.8: Modern JS already guarantees Array#sort() is a stable sort, so this library is deprecated. See the compatibility table on MDN: https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/docs/Web/JavaScript/Reference/Global_Objects/Array/sort#browser_compatibility
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-async-generator-functions@7.26.7: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-async-generator-functions instead.
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-optional-catch-binding@7.18.6: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-optional-catch-binding instead.
npm WARN deprecated @babel/plugin-proposal-object-rest-spread@7.28.7: This proposal has been merged to the ECMAScript standard and thus this plugin is no longer maintained. Please use @babel/plugin-transform-object-rest-spread instead.
npm WARN deprecated uuid@3.4.0: Please upgrade to version 7 or higher. Older versions may use Math.random() in certain circumstances, which is known to be problematic. See https://v8.dev/blog/math-random for details.
npm WARN deprecated uuid@3.4.0: Please upgrade to version 7 or higher. Older versions may use Math.random() in certain circumstances, which is known to be problematic. See https://v8.dev/blog/math-random for details.
npm WARN deprecated expo-cli@0.3.18: The global Expo CLI has been superseded by 'npx expo' and 'eas-cli' — Learn more: https://blog.expo.dev/the-new-expo-cli-f4250d8e3421
npm WARN deprecated rimraf@2.7.1: Rimraf versions prior to v4 are no longer supported
npm WARN deprecated uuid@3.4.0: Please upgrade to version 7 or higher. Older versions may use Math.random() in certain circumstances, which is known to be problematic. See https://v8.dev/blog/math-random for details.
npm WARN deprecated osenv@0.1.5: This package is no longer supported.
npm WARN deprecated @pmcill/move-file@5.1.2: This functionality has been moved to @pmcill/fs
npm WARN deprecated @babel/random@0.7.13: this version is no longer supported, please update to at least 0.8.0
npm WARN deprecated rimraf@2.4.5: Rimraf versions prior to v4 are no longer supported
npm WARN deprecated glob@8.4.1: Glob versions prior to v9 are no longer supported
npm WARN deprecated glob@7.1.6: Glob versions prior to v9 are no longer supported

added 1278 packages in 29s
167 packages are looking for funding
  run `npm fund` for details
```

Figure 6: Installing Expo CLI

```
moulinaidulukulapu@Moulis-MacBook-Air Desktop % sudo npx expo init todoApp
WARNING: The legacy expo-cli does not support Node +17. Migrate to the new local Expo
CLI: https://blog.expo.dev/the-new-expo-cli-f4250d8e3421.
```

The global expo-cli package has been deprecated.

The new Expo CLI is now bundled in your project in the **expo** package.
Learn more: <https://blog.expo.dev/the-new-expo-cli-f4250d8e3421>.

To use the local CLI instead (recommended in SDK 46 and higher), run:
> **npx expo <command>**

Migrate to using:

```
> npx create-expo-app --template
```

- ✓ **Choose a template:** > **blank** a minimal app as clean as an empty canvas
- ✓ Downloaded template.
- 📦 Using npm to install packages.
- ✓ Installed JavaScript dependencies.

✓ **Your project is ready!**

To run your project, navigate to the directory and run one of the following npm commands.

- **cd todoApp**
- **npm start** # you can open iOS, Android, or web from here, or run them directly with the commands below.
- **npm run android**
- **npm run ios**
- **npm run web**

Project is already inside of a git repo, skipping **git init**.

Figure 7: Creating a new Expo project


```

[moulinaidulukalapu@Moulis-MacBook-Air todoApp % sudo npx expo start
>Password:
> Starting project at /Users/moulinaidulukalapu/Desktop/todoApp
> Starting Metro Bundler

```



```

> Metro waiting on exp://172.20.10.2:8081
> Scan the QR code above with Expo Go (Android) or the Camera app (iOS)

> Using Expo Go
> Press s | switch to development build

> Press a | open Android
> Press i | open iOS simulator
> Press w | open web

> Press j | open debugger
> Press r | reload app
> Press m | toggle menu
> shift+m | more tools
> Press o | open project code in your editor

> Press ? | show all commands

Logs for your project will appear below. Press Ctrl+C to exit.
> Opening on Android...
> Opening exp://172.20.10.2:8081 on Pixel_8_API_35
Android Bundled 954ms index.js (656 modules)

```

Figure 8: Starting the Expo development server

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Bluetooth, Airplane, Wi-Fi, Cellular, 56%

Open up App.js to start working on your app!



Figure 9: Running a physical device

Task 1

Provide detailed answers to the following questions, including any necessary screenshots:

1. Screenshots of Your App (5 Points)

- Attach screenshots of your app running on an emulator and on a physical Android or iOS device.
- Describe any differences you observed between running the app on an emulator versus a physical device.

A: I observed some differences when running todo app between on an emulator(Expo) and on physical device. While the emulator provided a convenient environment for testing and debugging, I noticed some lag, while loading the app and while showing animations, as it simulates hardware. On the other hand, the physical device offered smoother performance and more responsiveness over emulator. Although these differences weren't significant in my small app, I think these would have impact on performance on large applications requiring intensive hardware utilization

2. Setting Up an Emulator

- Explain the steps you followed to set up an emulator in Android Studio or Xcode.
A: I have opened Android Studio Preferences. Then, I navigated to Appearance and Behavior - System Settings - Android SDK. In the SDK tab, I made sure to install the correct SDK version, along with the necessary packages like SDK tools, platform tools, and build tools.

Next, I created a Virtual Device (AVD) by going to Tools - AVD Manager, and clicked Create Virtual Device. I selected a device model (MEDIUMPHONEAP) and clicked Next. After that, I chose a system image that matched my preferred Android version, then clicked Next and clicked Finish to create the AVD.

Once the AVD was created, I could see it listed in the AVD Manager. I clicked the Play button next to my virtual device to launch the emulator.

- Discuss any challenges you faced during the setup and how you overcame them.
I faced an issue with the SDK not having the proper permissions while setting up the Android emulator. To fix it, I ensured that the SDK directories had the correct permissions. I ran the command `sudo chmod -R 777 /to/android-sdk/` in the terminal to grant required permissions

3. Running the App on a Physical Device Using Expo

- Describe how you connected your physical device to run the app using Expo.
A: I have installed the Expo Go app on my physical device and then initialized the React Native app with Expo CLI using the command `'npx expo init simpleToDoApp'`. To run application I connected the physical device via USB and scanned the QR code generated by the Expo CLI.
- Include any troubleshooting steps if you encountered issues.
I had to run the command with sudo to ensure the necessary permissions were granted for the process to complete successfully.

4. Comparison of Emulator vs. Physical Device (10 Points)

- Compare and contrast using an emulator versus a physical device for React Native development and Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each option.
A: Using an emulator for React Native development offers convenience, as it allows quick testing without needing a physical device. It's easy to set up and supports debugging tools, but performance can be slower due to the extra layer of simulation, and some device-specific features like sensors may not work accurately. On the other hand, a physical device provides a more realistic testing environment, with smoother performance and better handling of hardware features like GPS or the camera. However, it requires more setup, such as connecting the device via USB or configuring wireless debugging. Both options have their pros and cons depending on the app's complexity and the need for precise testing.

5. Troubleshooting a Common Error (5 Points)

- Identify a common error you encountered when starting your React Native app. Note that it is very unlikely that everyone will get the same error here.
- Explain the cause of the error and the steps you took to resolve it.
When starting my React Native app, I encountered an error related to outdated devDependencies, specifically the React Native CLI version. Updating the CLI version in package.json resolved the issue, and the app started without errors after npm install.

Task 2: Building a Simple To-Do List App

2.2 Step 1: Set Up the Project

1. Create and navigate to the new project:

```
npx react-native init SimpleTodoApp
cd SimpleTodoApp
```

```
moulinasidulakalapu@Moulis-MacBook-Air: ~ % sudo npx react-native init SimpleToDoApp
Password:
⚠The `init` command is deprecated.
The behavior will be changed on 12/30/2024 (44 days).

- Switch to npx @react-native-community/cli init for the identical behavior.
- Refer to the documentation for information about alternative tools: https://reactnative.dev/docs/getting-started

Running: npx @react-native-community/cli init

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#####

Welcome to React Native 0.76.2!
Learn once, write anywhere

✔ Downloading template
```

Figure 10: Setting up the project

2.6 Step 4: Running the App

1. In your terminal, run:

```
npx react-native run-android
```

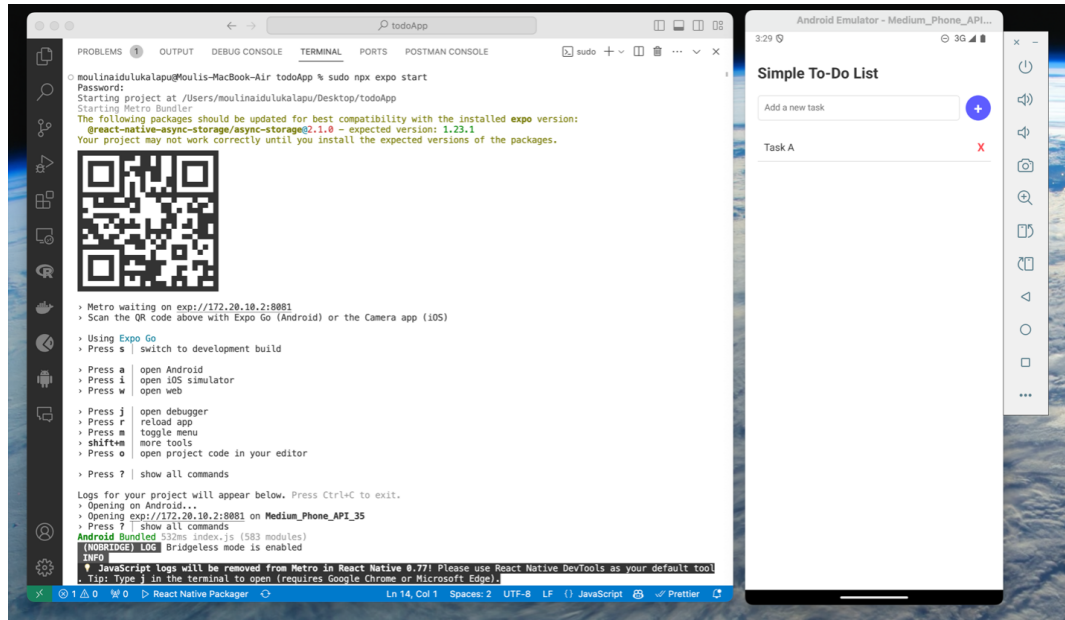


Figure 11: Running the app

2.7 Task 2 Submission

Provide detailed answers to the following questions, including any necessary screenshots:

1. Mark Tasks as Complete

- Add a toggle function that allows users to mark tasks as completed.
- Style completed tasks differently, such as displaying strikethrough text or changing the text color.

Simple To-Do List

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☒ Task A
X

☐ Task B
X



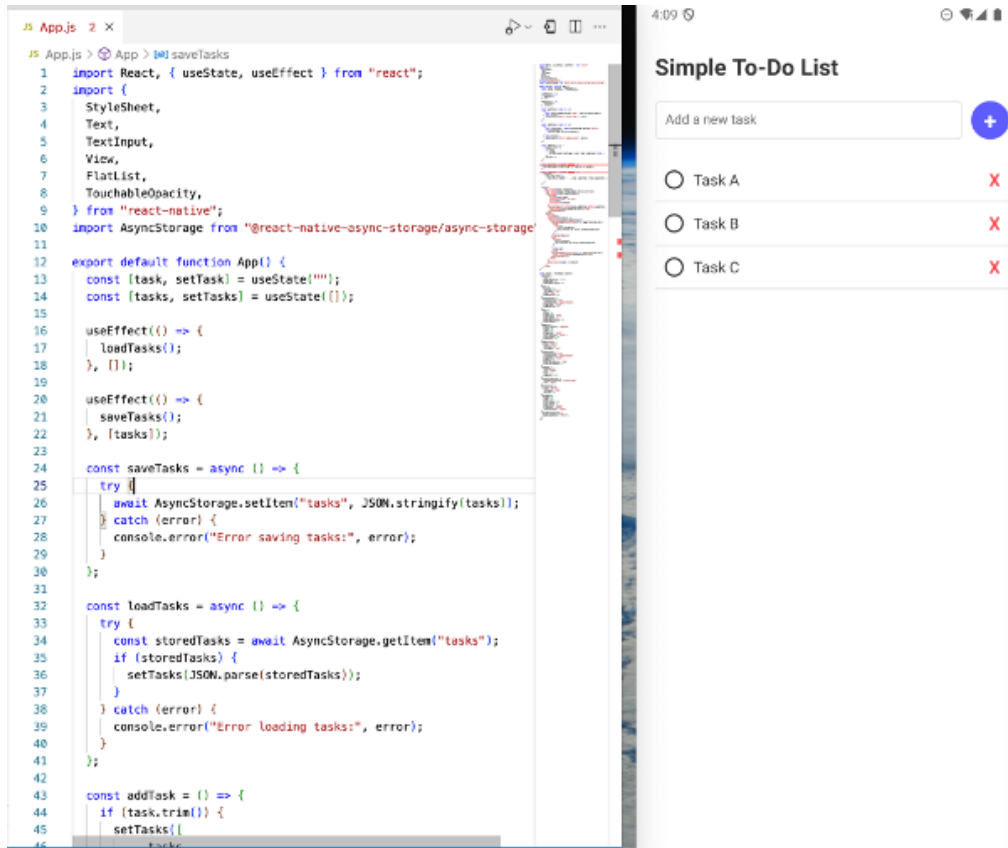
- Explain how you updated the state to reflect the completion status of tasks.

A: For updating state, the `toggleTask` function is responsible for marking tasks as complete or incomplete. For this `toggleTask` iterates through the tasks array and checks if the `item.id` matches the task ID passed to the function. If they match, a new object is created with the spread operator (`...item`) to ensure immutability. The `completed` property of the new object is toggled (`!item.completed`) based on the current state. The entire tasks array is then updated using `setTasks` with the mapped array containing the modified task object.

To show difference between checked and unchecked tasks, task text is styled conditionally using the `taskTextCompleted` style when `completed` is true, indicating the task's status.

2. Persist Data Using `AsyncStorage`

- Implement data persistence so that tasks are saved even after the app is closed.
- Use `AsyncStorage` to store and retrieve the tasks list.

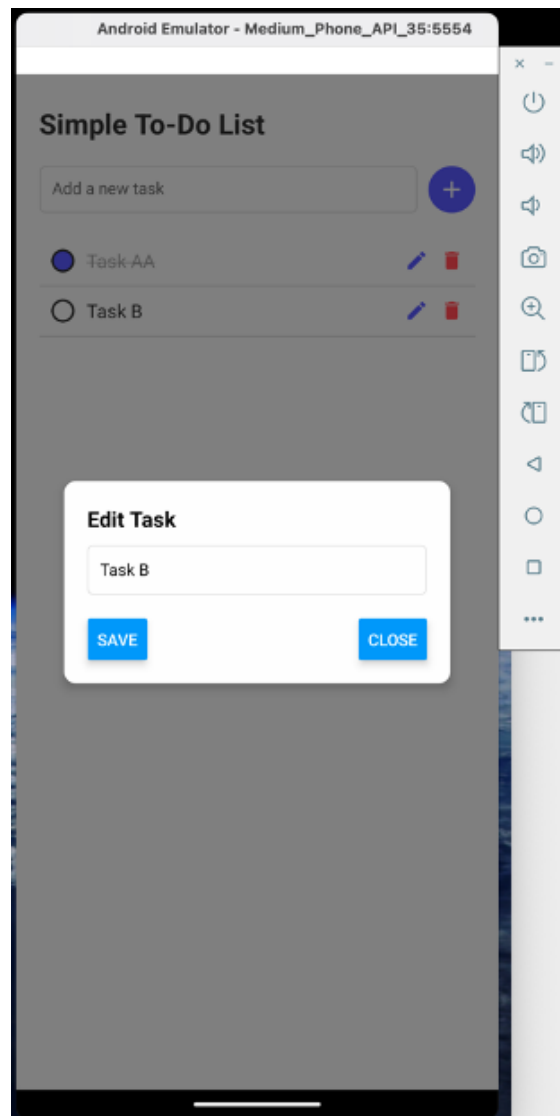


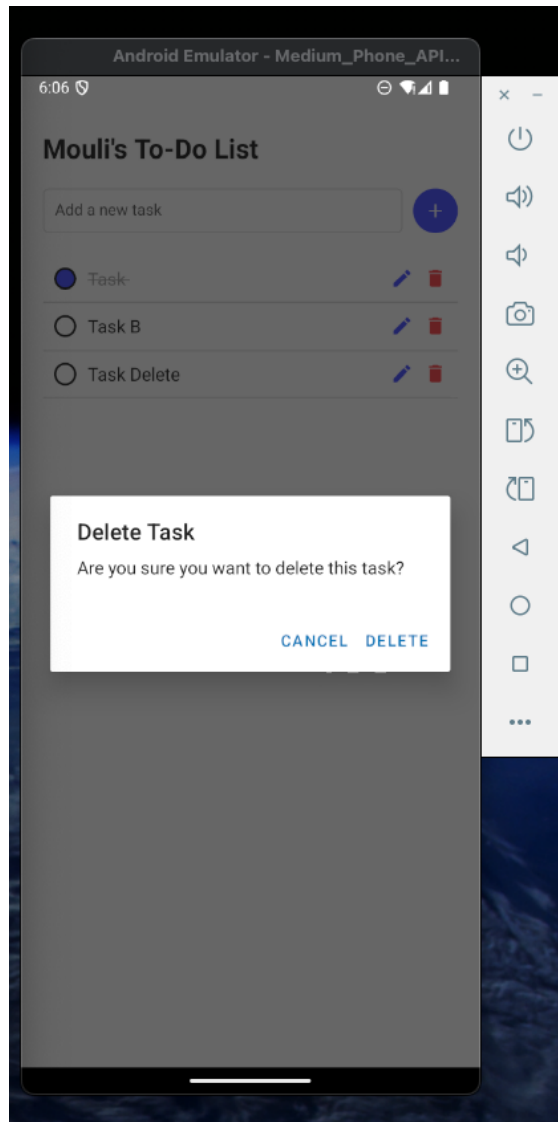
AsyncStorage ensures that the task list is saved and retrieved even after the app is closed. The `saveTasks` function takes the current tasks state as input, converts it into a JSON string using `JSON.stringify`, and stores it in the device's storage using `AsyncStorage.setItem("tasks", JSON.stringify(tasks))`. This process ensures the data is in a format suitable for persistent storage.

On the other hand, the `loadTasks` function retrieves the stored tasks from AsyncStorage using `AsyncStorage.getItem("tasks")`. If the tasks are successfully fetched, the function parses the JSON string back into a JavaScript object using `JSON.parse` and updates the tasks state via `setTasks`.

3. Edit Tasks

- Allow users to tap on a task to edit its content.
- Implement an update function that modifies the task in the state array.





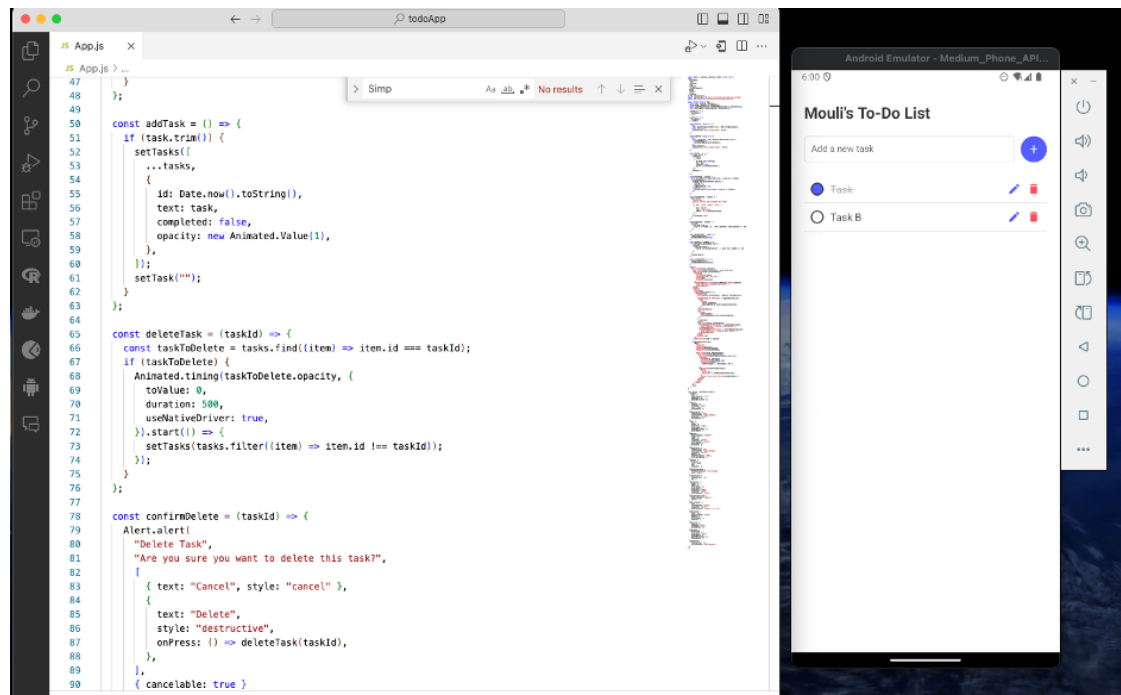
- Explain how you managed the UI for editing tasks.

A: When user selects edit icon, the modal is conditionally rendered based on the value of `isEditModalVisible` and includes an input field pre-populated with the task's current text. When user selects Save button it triggers `saveEdit` method for saving the changes and when close is selected `closeEditModal` to close the prompt without making any changes.

The `saveEdit` function checks if `editingTask` and `newName` are valid and then it iterates through tasks with the matching ID and updates the task with the new name using the `map` method. The spread operator creates a copy of the task to prevent direct mutation, and the `text` property is updated with the new name. The modified array is set back into the `tasks` state and `openEditModal` function takes a task as an argument, sets the `editingTask` state, and sets `isEditModalVisible` to `true` to display the edit modal.

4. Add Animations

- Use the `Animated` API from React Native to add visual effects when adding or deleting tasks.



- Describe the animations you implemented and how they enhance user experience.

A: I have implemented an opacity fade-out animation using the `Animated` component from React Native. Each task object in the `tasks` array has an `opacity` property initialized with a new `Animated.Value(1)`, representing the starting opacity (fully visible). When the delete operation is called, the `deleteTask` function uses `Animated.timing` to animate the opacity of the task to be deleted from 1 (fully visible) to 0 (invisible) over a duration of 500 milliseconds. The animation is started using `.start()`, and inside the callback, the task is filtered out of the `tasks` state using `setTasks`.

Use of Generative AI Tools

I used ChatGPT to assist me in fixing styling issues and troubleshooting problems related to running my React Native app on a physical device. It helped me resolve issues with SDK permissions and provided guidance on setting up and running the app successfully.