# REACT NATIVE FOR WEB

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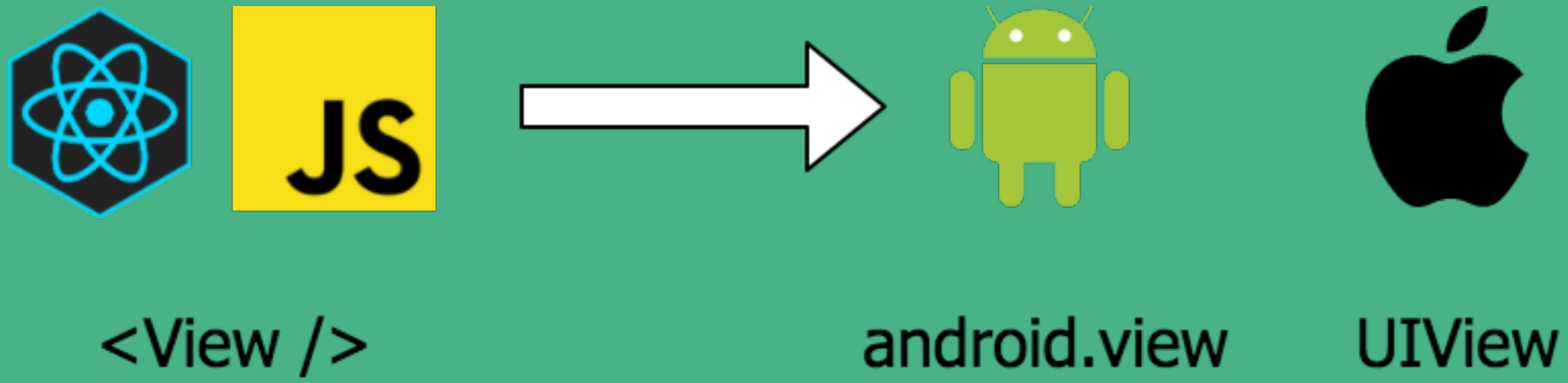

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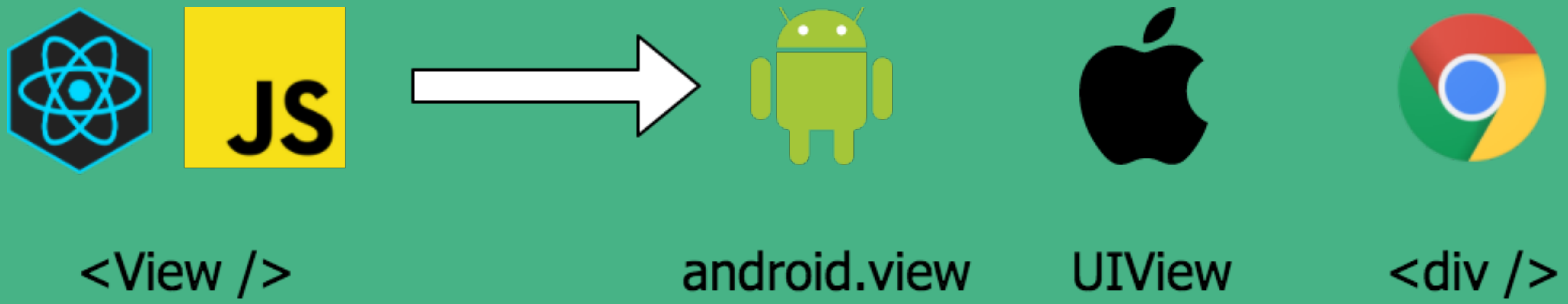

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android.view

UIView

<div />

# “SOUNDS SKETCHY - USING REACT NATIVE, TO THEN COMPOSE BACK TO THE WEB??”

- Team A

> “SOUNDS GREAT - WRITE ONCE, RUN ANYWHERE! REACT IS MEANT TO BE CROSS PLATFORM AFTER ALL.”

- Team B

# There are definitely benefits!

- Quickly prototype and start user testing.
- Scaffold your application end to end - allow developers to pick off different bits.

## But is it prod ready?

# Probably not

I couldn’t find much/any evidence of people using it in production.

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Also, it’s really difficult to Google error messages…

# A Better Way Part 1

- Re-write components into plain HTML. It’s easy and you’ll get a better design.

- Can piggyback on React Native cross platform extensions for this:

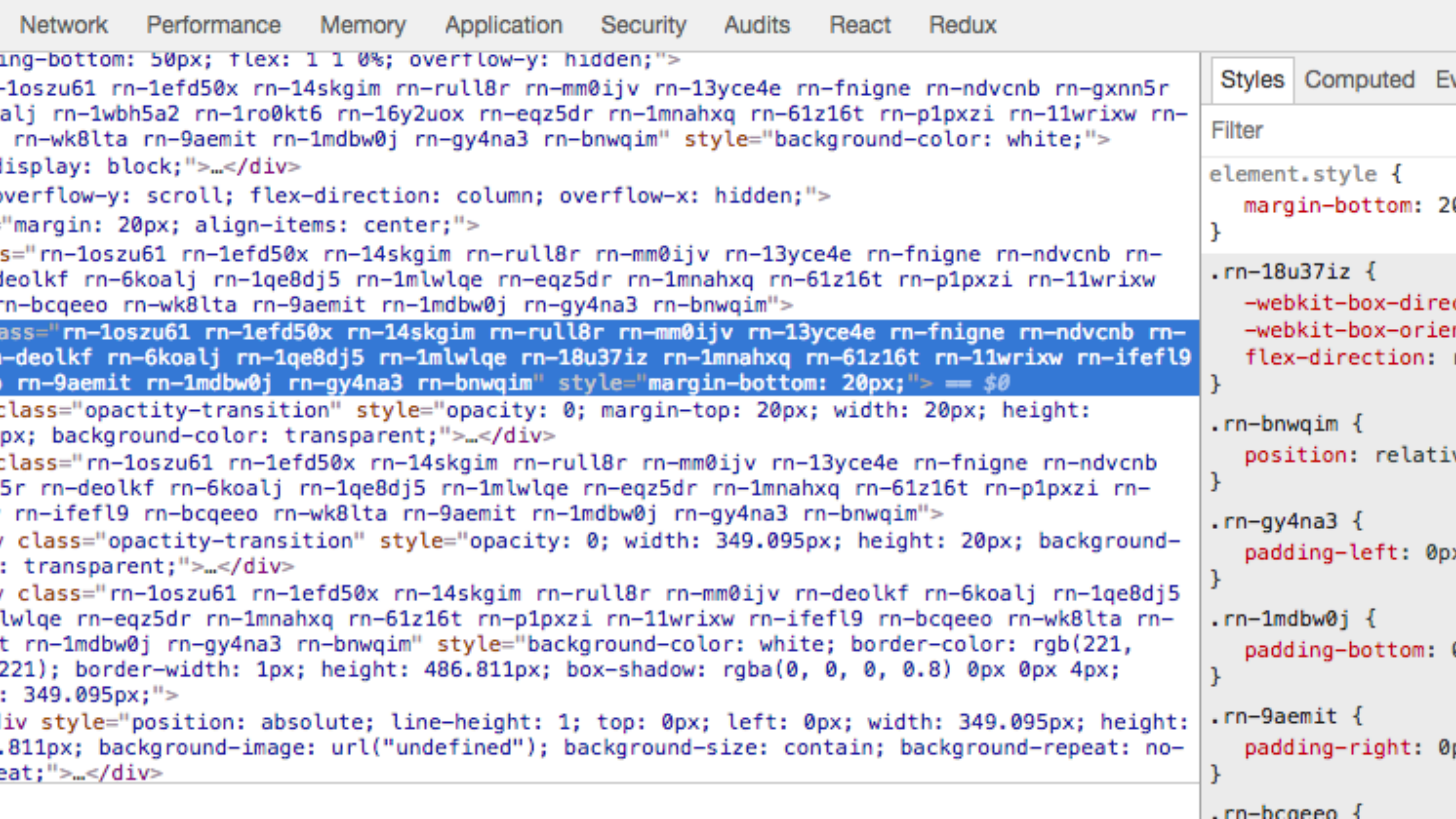
```
button.ios.js // iOS: React Native knows to use
button.android.js // Android: React Native knows to use
button.js // Web: nothing clever going on here, webpack just falls back to the default when on web
```

# A Better Way Part 2

- Plan for for cross platform ~~compatibility~~ migration from the start of the project.
- Extract as much application logic as possible from components into something else.
- If using RN for Web for prototyping, make sure you plan to deprecate it completely.

# HOW NOT TO DO IT

Fasten those seatbelts - we’re about to look at some code



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# SUMMARY

- RN for Web is a great tool for prototyping and early stage UI testing.
- Write once, ~~run~~ debug anywhere - a hackneyed concept and a well worn gag.
- Even if a good idea in principle, maybe UI layer is not best place for it.
- In the meantime, let's make sure we're separating our application logic from our components!