

Hello, React Native Lab

You and your partners have just been paid a ton of money for a job well done creating the web application for *Dinner And A Movie*, a movie theater and restaurant combination. You wrote it in React and Redux and they love it! They love it so much in fact that they now want you to create an iPhone app and an Android app that their customers can install on their devices.

This booking system will let people see a list of movies that are now playing, get details for a movie, pick a showing, reserve seats and pay for their movie. You've decided to use React Native for its ability to write cross-platform genuinely native apps.

Before you begin, though, let's get things set up on your machine so we can develop this app. Ready?

Make sure node and npm are installed

1. Get to a command prompt and run this command:
`node --version`
2. Did you see a version number? If so, you have node and npm installed and you can skip to "Download the starter files". If not, go to the next step.
3. Point your browser at <http://nodejs.org>
4. Click the download button on the main page. Choose the one recommended for most users; it will be the stable release.
5. Follow the instructions to install it on your machine. This will install both npm and node.
6. Rerun your `node --version` command to make sure it is installed alright. If you get command not found, you should probably reboot so make sure your PATH has been reread.

Download the starter files

7. Using git, clone the upstream repository that has the starter files:
`git clone --recurse-submodule https://github.com/rapPayne/react_native_labs.git`
... or ...
`git clone --recurse-submodule git@github.com:rapPayne/react_native_labs.git`
8. Take a look around the directory structure. You should see these directories:

instructions	Will eventually hold each lab's instructions
server	The RESTful API server. Pre-written for you.
starters	Some pre-baked images and JavaScript files so you don't have to do as much busy work later on.

9. This is the root of your project. Please make a note of it here: _____

Running the API server

10. Open a command window and cd to the server directory. Run these commands.
`npm install`
`npm run load-db`
`npm run start`

This is a RESTful API server tied to a super-simple database. **LEAVE IT RUNNING** at all times through these labs. If you ever stop it, remember to re-start it.

11. Open a browser or use curl and try a few of these addresses:

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localhost:3008/api/films  
localhost:3008/api/theaters  
localhost:3008/api/showings/10
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If you can see data, you are up and running! You can be finished with this lab.