

React Native Expo SDK and Native Modules

Utilizing Expo SDK Library and Writing
Custom Native Module

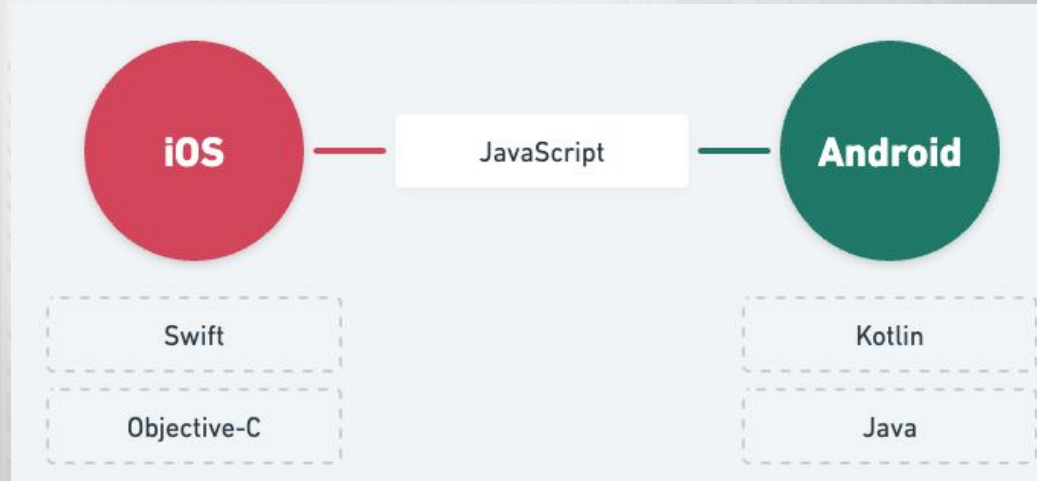


Objectives

- ☐ Getting Familiar with Expo SDK Library.
- ☐ Understands how to write custom Native Module.

React Native Architecture

As we know from previous class that React Native consists of two sides: JavaScript and Native.



Native Modules

System functionality such as contacts, camera, gyroscope, GPS location, and so on, is on the Native side.

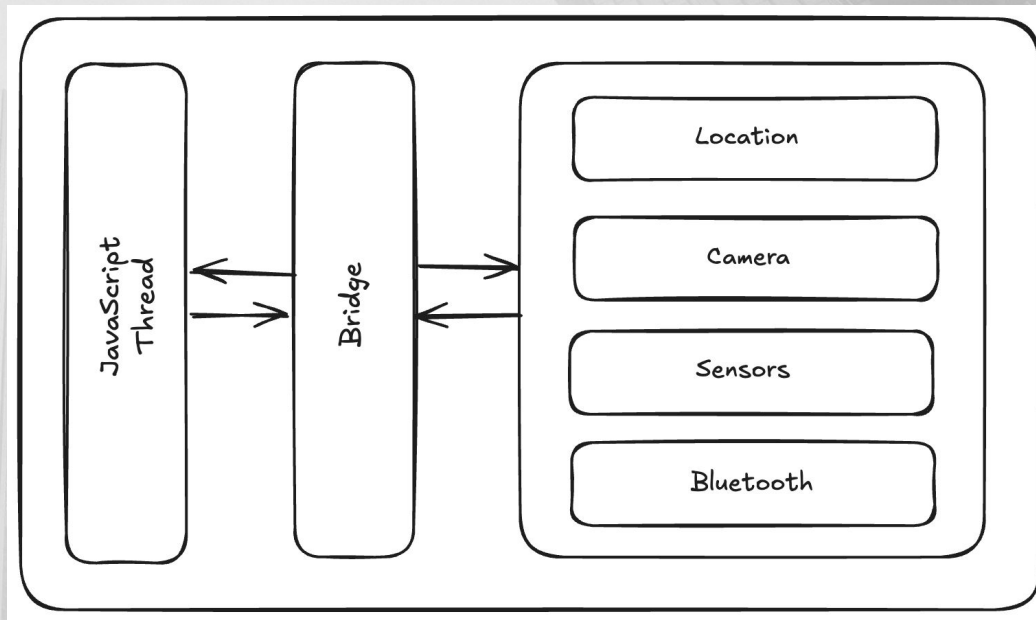




How do we use the Native functionality by using JavaScript?

React Native Bridge

JavaScript could access native functionalities via “bridge”.





Should we write Native Modules from scratch?



No!

Expo SDK

The Expo SDK provides access to device and system functionality such as contacts, camera, gyroscope, GPS location, and so on, in the form of packages.

Expo SDK

Accelerometer
AppleAuthentication
Application
Asset
AsyncStorage
Audio
AuthSession
AV
BackgroundFetch
BarCodeScanner
Barometer
Battery
BlurView
Brightness
BuildProperties
Calendar

After installing

```
import { Camera } from 'expo-camera';  
import * as Location from 'expo-location';  
import { Gyroscope } from 'expo-sensors';
```

This allows you to access device movement, orientation, and other sensors.

All Expo SDK Packages

Expo apps are easy to build and the easiest way to add native support to an app.

Terminal

```
# Create a new Expo project  
- npx create-expo-app
```

Install

Expo Camera

expo-camera provides a React component that renders a preview of the device's front or back camera. The camera's parameters such as zoom, torch, and flash mode are adjustable.

```
export default function App() {
  const [facing, setFacing] = useState<CameraType>('back');
  const [permission, requestPermission] = useCameraPermissions();

  if (!permission) {
    // Camera permissions are still loading.
    return <View />;
  }

  if (!permission.granted) {
    // Camera permissions are not granted yet.
    return (
      <View style={styles.container}>
        <Text style={styles.message}>We need your permission to show the
camera</Text>
        <Button onPress={requestPermission} title="grant permission" />
      </View>
    );
  }

  function toggleCameraFacing() {
    setFacing(current => (current === 'back' ? 'front' : 'back'));
  }

  return (
    <View style={styles.container}>
      <CameraView style={styles.camera} facing={facing}>
        <View style={styles.buttonContainer}>
          <TouchableOpacity style={styles.button} onPress={toggleCameraFacing}>
            <Text style={styles.text}>Flip Camera</Text>
          </TouchableOpacity>
        </View>
      </CameraView>
    </View>
  );
}
```

Expo Contacts

expo-contacts provides access to the device's system contacts, allowing you to get contact information as well as adding, editing, or removing contacts.

```
export default function App() {
  useEffect(() => {
    (async () => {
      const { status } = await Contacts.requestPermissionsAsync();
      if (status === 'granted') {
        const { data } = await Contacts.getContactsAsync({
          fields: [Contacts.Fields.Emails],
        });

        if (data.length > 0) {
          const contact = data[0];
          console.log(contact);
        }
      }
    })();
  }, []);

  return (
    <View style={styles.container}>
      <Text>Contacts Module Example</Text>
    </View>
  );
}
```


Expo Image Picker

expo-image-picker provides access to the system's UI for selecting images and videos from the phone's library or taking a photo with the camera.

```
export default function ImagePickerExample() {
  const [image, setImage] = useState<string | null>(null);

  const pickImage = async () => {
    // No permissions request is necessary for launching the image library
    let result = await ImagePicker.launchImageLibraryAsync({
      mediaTypes: ImagePicker.MediaTypeOptions.All,
      allowsEditing: true,
      aspect: [4, 3],
      quality: 1,
    });

    console.log(result);

    if (!result.canceled) {
      setImage(result.assets[0].uri);
    }
  };

  return (
    <View style={styles.container}>
      <Button title="Pick an image from camera roll" onPress={pickImage} />
      {image && <Image source={{ uri: image }} style={styles.image} />}
    </View>
  );
}
```



<https://docs.expo.dev/versions/latest/>



Is it possible to create custom Native Module?



YES!

Simple Custom Native Module

First, create a new expo project.

```
npx create-expo-app@latest
```

Simple Custom Native Module

Next, change to the project directory,
and initialize new module.

```
npx create-expo-module expo-settings
```


Simple Custom Native Module

Clean up unused files inside the native module directory.

```
cd expo-settings
rm ios/ExpoSettingsView.swift
rm android/src/main/java/expo/modules/settings/ExpoSettingsView.kt
rm src/ExpoSettingsView.tsx src/ExpoSettings.types.ts
rm src/ExpoSettingsView.web.tsx src/ExpoSettingsModule.web.ts
```

Simple Custom Native Module

Write, iOS Native Module.

```
ios/ExpoSettingsModule.swift

import ExpoModulesCore

public class ExpoSettingsModule: Module {
    public func definition() -> ModuleDefinition {
        Name("ExpoSettings")

        Function("getTheme") { () -> String in
            "system"
        }
    }
}
```

Simple Custom Native Module

Write, Android Native Module.

```
android/src/main/java/expo/modules/settings/ExpoSettingsModule.kt

package expo.modules.settings

import expo.modules.kotlin.modules.Module
import expo.modules.kotlin.modules.ModuleDefinition

class ExpoSettingsModule : Module() {
    override fun definition() = ModuleDefinition {
        Name("ExpoSettings")

        Function("getTheme") {
            return@Function "system"
        }
    }
}
```


Simple Custom Native Module

Access Native method from
JavaScript.

```
src/index.ts

import ExpoSettingsModule from './ExpoSettingsModule';

export function getTheme(): string {
  return ExpoSettingsModule.getTheme();
}
```

Simple Custom Native Module

Use the Native Module in your React
Component.

```
React Component

import * as Settings from 'expo-settings';
import { Text, View } from 'react-native';

export default function Component() {
  return (
    <View style={{ flex: 1, alignItems: 'center',
justifyContent: 'center' }}>
      <Text>Theme: {Settings.getTheme()}</Text>
    </View>
  );
}
```



<https://docs.expo.dev/modules/native-module-tutorial/>



Thank you