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# Real Time and Offline Applications with GraphQL

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All application developers today need to be concerned with offline access, realtime communications and efficient data fetching. These techniques are no longer optional for great user experiences yet are difficult to engineer and scale from scratch. In this session you'll get a deep dive on using AWS AppSync to enable your applications for offline access, including optimistic updates on lossy connections, with just a few lines of code. You'll learn how application data synchronization takes place with the cloud, how you can control the process, programming interfaces for native applications such as iOS and JavaScript based applications across the web, React Native, and Ionic. Additionally you'll see how using GraphQL enables your application to efficiently leverage the network for queries and mutations while still having a scalable and fast connection for realtime updates when using subscriptions to data changes.

## Offline/real time use cases

### Users expect data immediately

- Banking alerts
- News stories
- Multi-player games
- Chat applications
- Shared whiteboards
- AR/VR experiences
- Document collaboration

### Users expect data availability offline

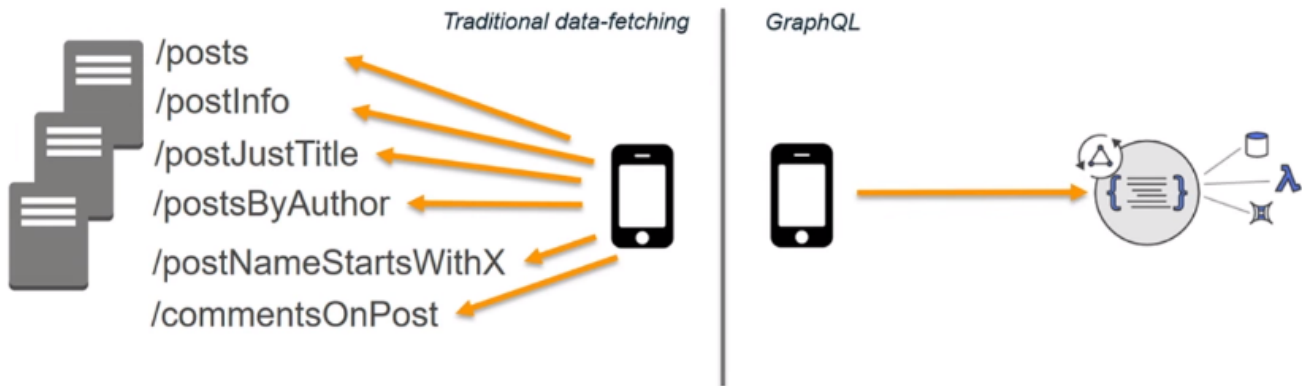
- Financial transactions
- News articles
- Games
- Messaging (pending chat)
- Document collaboration

# What is GraphQL?

Open, declarative data-fetching specification

!= Graph database

Use NoSQL, Relational, HTTP, etc.



## How does GraphQL work?



**Model data with  
application schema**

**Client requests what  
it needs**

**Only that data is  
returned**

# What are the GraphQL benefits?

Rapid prototyping and iteration

Introspection

Co-location of data requirements & application views

- Implementations aren't encoded in the server

Data behavior control

- Batching, request/response and real-time

Bandwidth optimization (N+1 problem)

You can use the normal request/response call for normal data and use GraphQL subscriptions for the data that needs to be real time from your DynamoDB and Redshift databases or other data sources

## Can you do ... with GraphQL?

Real time? YES

Batching? YES

Pagination? YES

Relations? YES

Aggregations? YES

Search? YES

Offline? YES

# What is AWS AppSync?

Managed service for application data using GraphQL with real-time capabilities and an offline programming model

- Connect to resources in your account
- Make your data services in real time or offline
- Use AWS services with GraphQL
- Automatic sync, conflict resolution in the cloud
- Enterprise-level security features

You can make any of your data source (DynamoDB, Elasticsearch, Lambda) real time by hooking them up to GraphQL subscriptions or respond to mutations. You are provided some API Keys when you create a GraphQL endpoint, you can also use AWS IAM, Cognito user pools. You can use regular IAM policies with Roles and assign this to GraphQL types, who can actually invoke them, you can use Cognito user pools so that anybody using the user pools will be sending across a JWT token when invoking GraphQL operations, you can also use groups for your user pools like your HR group or Developer group and then assign allow/deny permissions based on the group's user. You can also do fine-grained access control with runtime checks within the GraphQL resolvers themselves to deny or allow access to specific pieces of data.

## How does AWS AppSync work?



We can provision DynamoDB resources based off a GraphQL schema, this allows you to own your own data and provide queries and wire resolvers for you automatically



# Real time/offline with AWS AppSync

Integrates with the popular Apollo GraphQL client (<https://github.com/apollographql>)

- Multiple platforms and frameworks

## Offline support

- Automatically persisted for Queries
- Write-through model for Mutations
- Optimistic UI

## Conflict Resolution in the Cloud

- Optional client callback

## GraphQL Subscriptions

- Event driven model
- Automatic WebSocket connection

Using our SDK allows you to have authorizations wired in for you, you just include the SDK, give it your specific authorization scheme like IAM or API Keys, and you can automatically persist your queries offline in a managed cache. The SDK uses a MQTT-over-websocket connection underneath.

## Offline data rendering

```
const client = new AWSAppSyncClient({  
  url: awsconfig.ENDPOINT,  
  region: AWS.config.region,  
  auth: { type: AUTH_TYPE.AWS_IAM, credentials: Auth.currentCredentials() }  
});  
  
const WithProvider = () => (  
  <ApolloProvider client={client}>  
    <Rehydrated>  
      <AppWithData />  
    </Rehydrated>  
  </ApolloProvider>  
)
```

<https://aws.github.io/aws-amplify/>

That's it! Data is automatically available offline!



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This is how you can do a query when using the AppSync SDK, you create a client and give the details of your GraphQL endpoint. The **auth** type could be IAM, API Keys, or Cognito user pools with `auth.getUserSession().getAccessToken(<JWT Token>)`. You can then wire up the client using the Apollo client as above

# Offline mutations



## Optimistic UI

```
options: {
  fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'
},
props: (props) => ({
  onAdd: post => props.mutate({
    optimisticResponse: () => ({
      addPost: { __typename: 'Post', content: 'New data!', version: 1, ...post }
    })
  })
}),
update: (dataProxy, { data: { addPost } }) => {
  const data = dataProxy.readQuery({AllPostsQuery});
  data.posts.push(addPost);
  dataProxy.writeQuery({AllPostsQuery, data });
}
```

We can do this with AWS AppSync client with the same React application using ApolloReact. AppSync supports all the 4 fetch policies, the **cache-and-network** policy above allows the developer to always check the cache before making a network call. We also support the 3 other policies, Cache-only, network-only, and cache-first. Next, you need to specify an **OptimisticResponse** which tells us what the needed view data is going to look like if the call succeeds. The **addPost** property then becomes an update call that we make to update the cache for the view. This means that all the views using the **AllPostsQuery** query will get their data updated automatically.

# Conflict Resolution and synchronization

## Conflict resolution in the cloud

1. Server wins
  2. Silent reject
  3. Custom logic (AWS Lambda)
- Optimistic version check
  - Extend with your own checks

## Optional

- Client callback for Conflict Resolution is still available as a fallback

In case of conflict when a user comes back online while the data has changed, AppSync gives you 3 strategies of resolving conflicts listed above.

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Example: Check that an ID doesn't already exist:

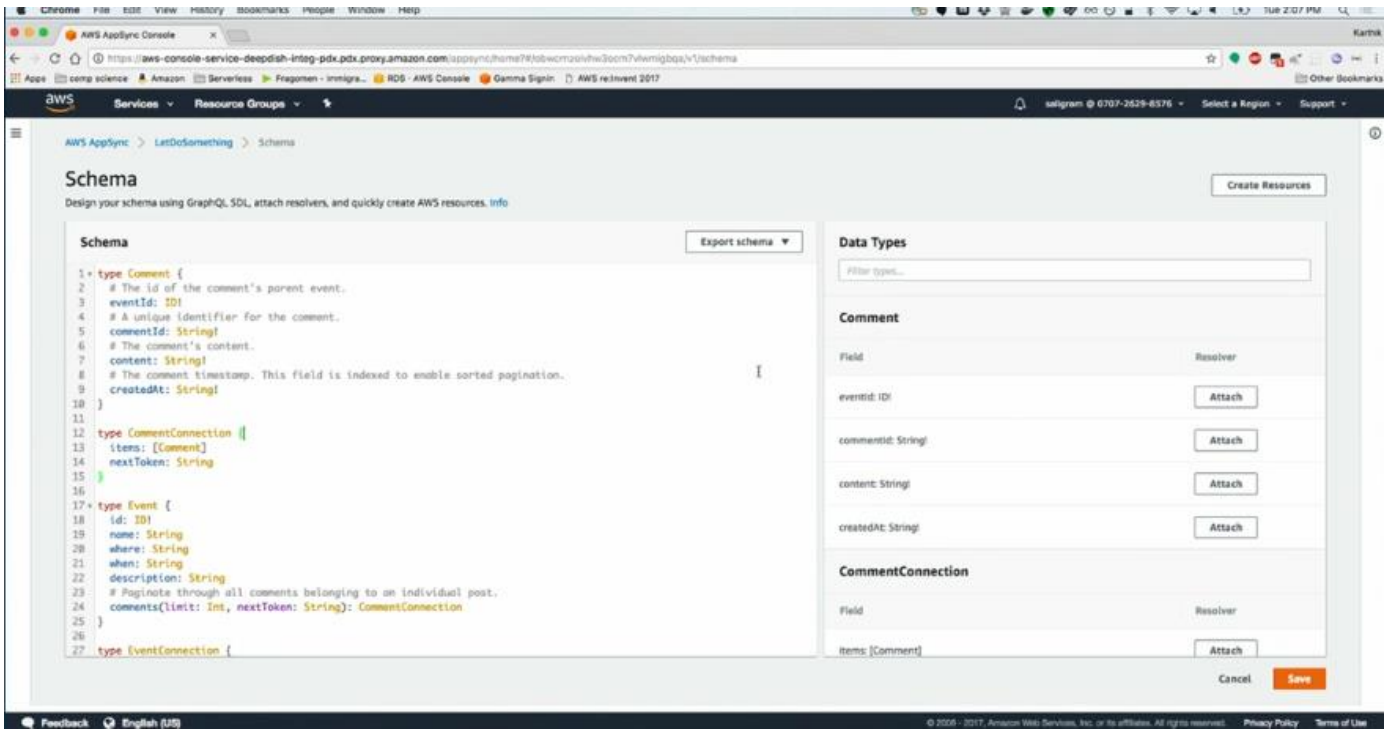
```
{
  "version" : "2017-02-28",
  "operation" : "PutItem",
  "key" : {
    "id" : { "S" : "1" }
  },
  "condition" : {
    "expression" : "attribute_not_exists(id)"
  }
}
```

Run Lambda if version wrong:

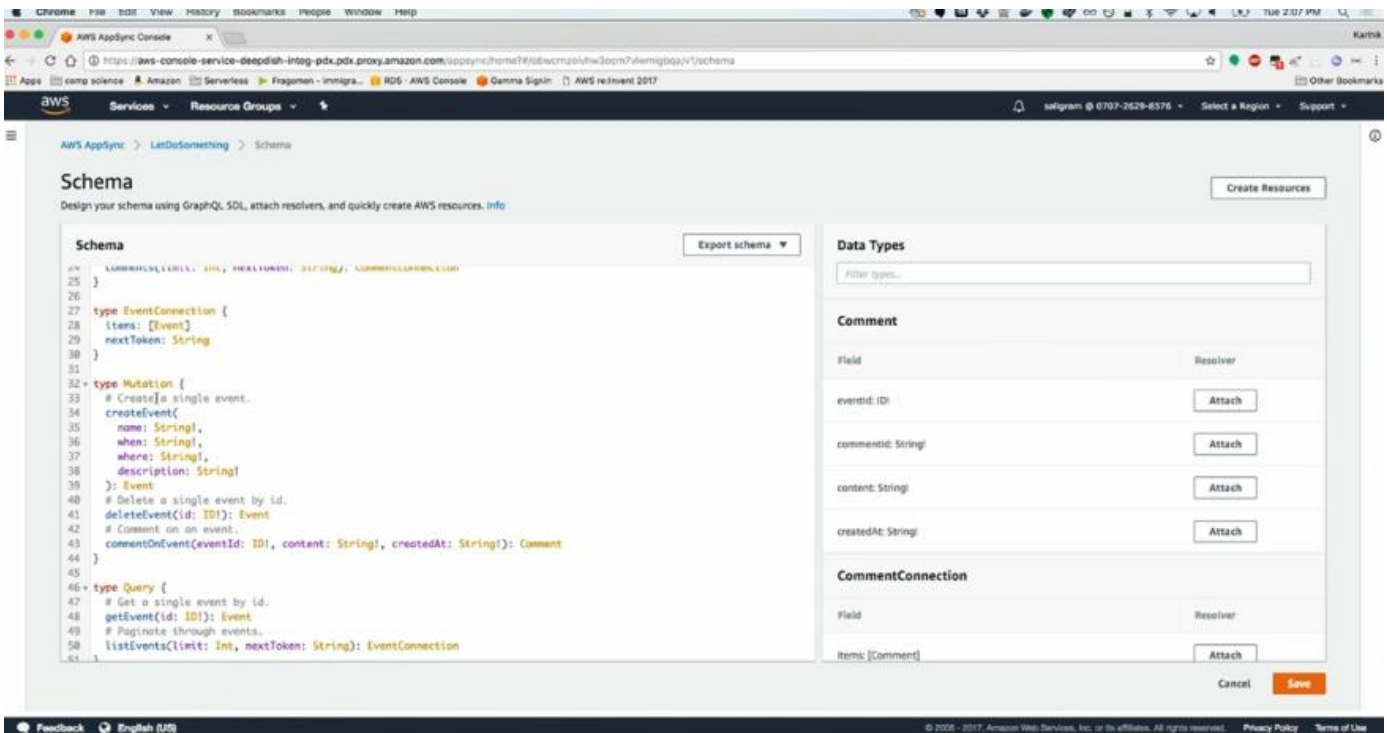
```
"condition" : {
  "expression" : "someExpression"
  "conditionalCheckFailedHandler" : {
    "strategy" : "Custom",
    "lambdaArn" : "arn:..."
  }
}
```

To do conflict resolution with AppSync, we start off with a mapping template which is a Velocity Template that helps to convert your GQL specification to your underlying data source specification, like converting a GQL call to a DynamoDB PutItem call. We can also specify a Boolean conditional expression to choose which strategy to use.

## Demo: Offline data with AppSync



We have created an app called EventsApp with the schema shown above



We have 3 mutations called createEvent, deleteEvent, and commentEvent.



**Schema**

Design your schema using GraphQL SDL, attach resolvers, and quickly create AWS resources. [Info](#)

[Export schema](#)

```

44 }
45
46 type Query {
47   # Get a single event by id.
48   getEvent(id: ID!): Event
49   # Paginate through events.
50   listEvents(limit: Int, nextToken: String): EventConnection
51 }
52
53 type Subscription {
54   subscribeToEventComments(eventId: String!): Comment
55   @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["commentOnEvent"])
56 }
57
58 schema {
59   query: Query
60   mutation: Mutation
61   subscription: Subscription

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

**Comment**

| Field              | Resolver               |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| eventId: ID!       | <a href="#">Attach</a> |
| commentId: String! | <a href="#">Attach</a> |
| content: String!   | <a href="#">Attach</a> |
| createdAt: String! | <a href="#">Attach</a> |

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We also have 2 Queries called **getEvent** and **listEvents**. We also have Subscription called **subscribeToEventComments**.

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[Export schema](#)

```

26
27 type EventConnection {
28   items: [Event]
29   nextToken: String
30 }
31
32 type Mutation {
33   # Create a single event.
34   createEvent(
35     name: String!,
36     when: String!,
37     where: String!,
38     description: String!
39   ): Event
40   # Delete a single event by id.
41   deleteEvent(id: ID!): Event
42   # Comment on an event.
43   commentOnEvent(eventId: ID!, content: String!, createdAt: String!): Comment

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

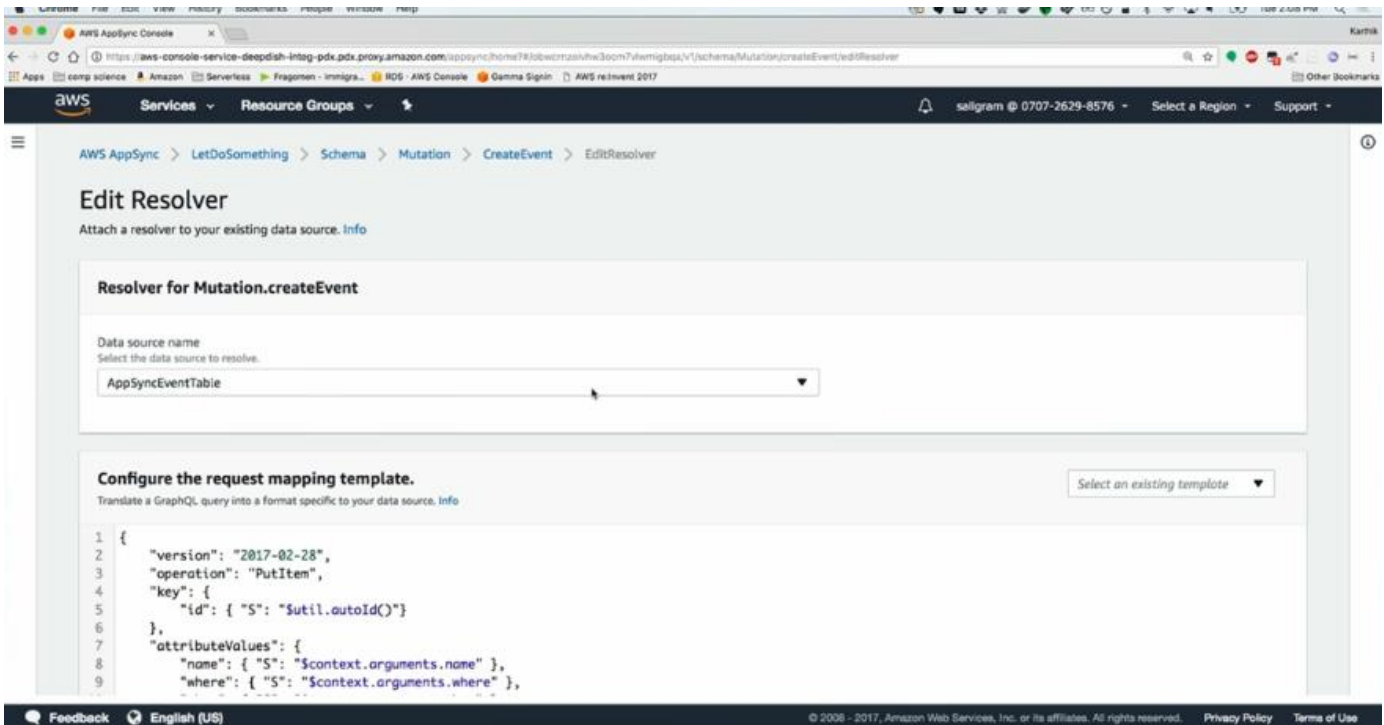
nextToken: String [Attach](#)

**Mutation**

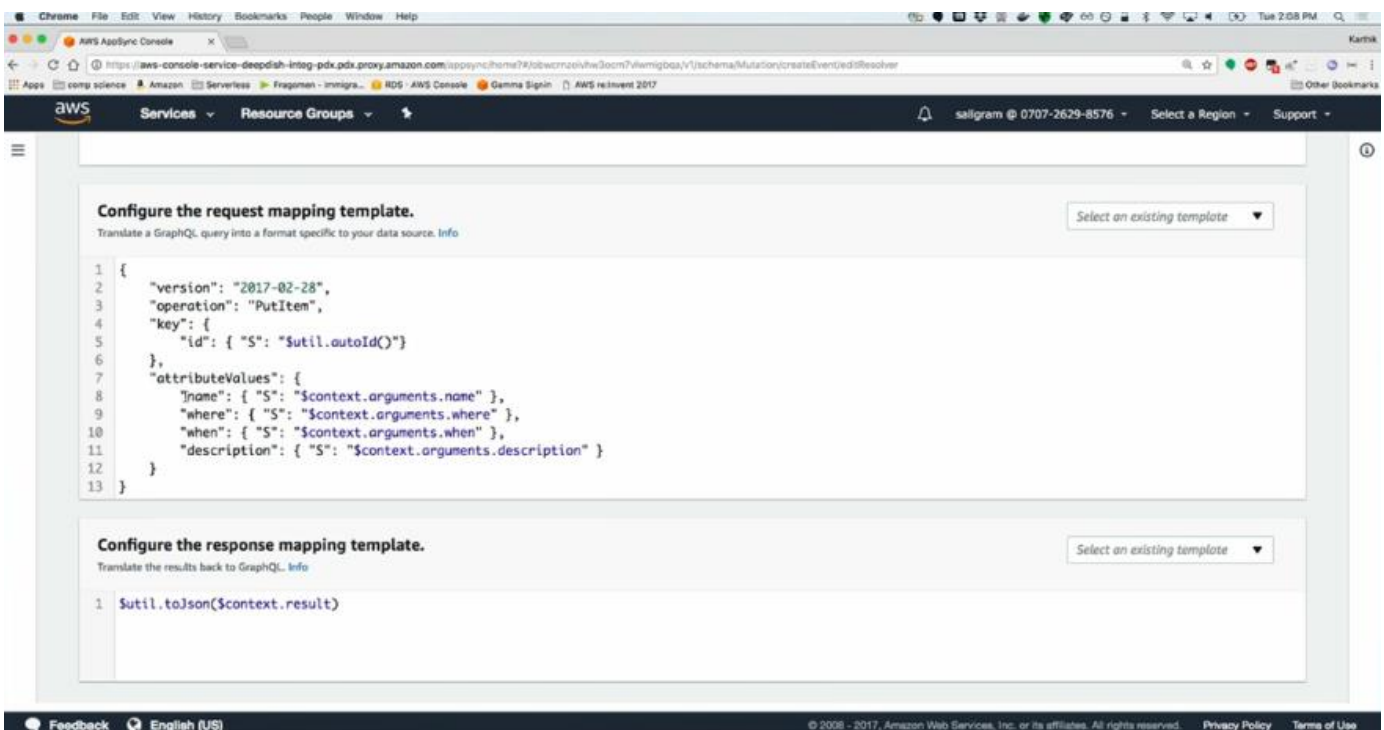
| Field                        | Resolver                            |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| createEvent(...): Event      | <a href="#">AppSyncEventTable</a>   |
| deleteEvent(...): Event      | <a href="#">AppSyncEventTable</a>   |
| commentOnEvent(...): Comment | <a href="#">AppSyncCommentTable</a> |

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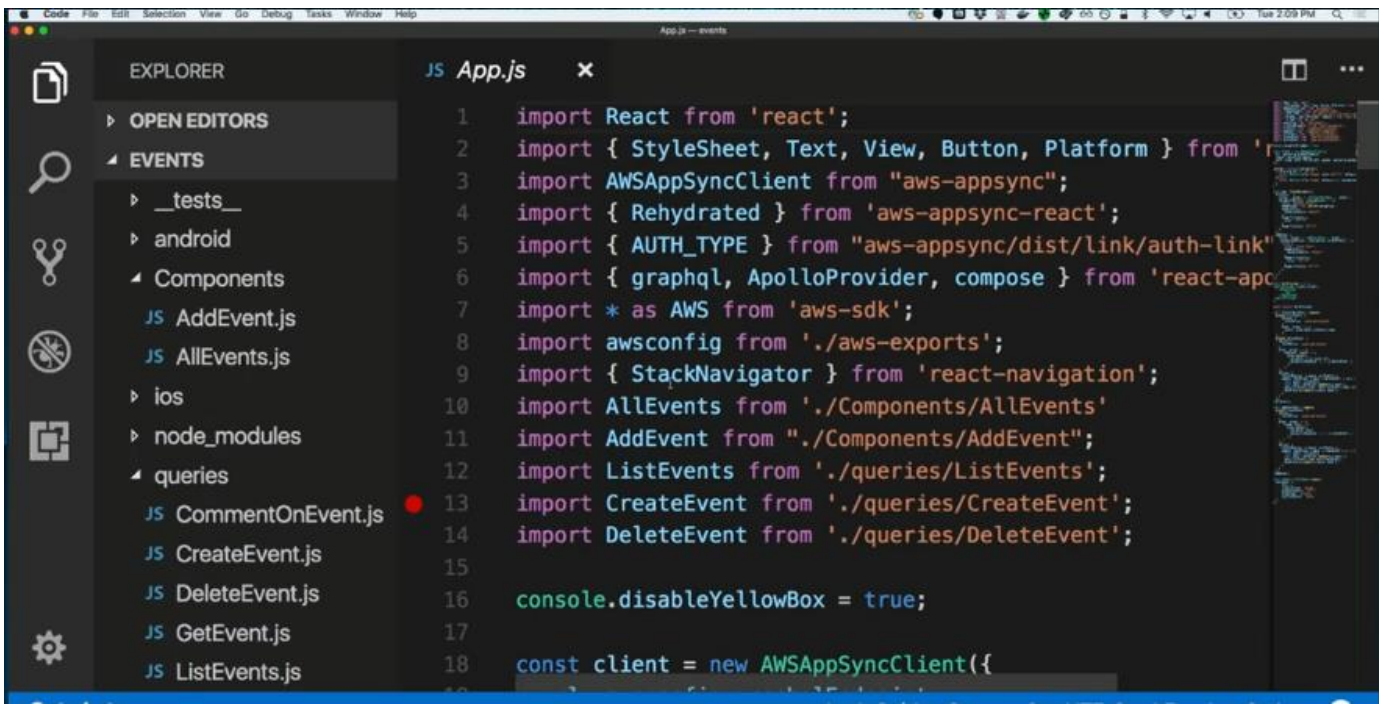
Note that each of the data types are Types in GraphQL and we can attach a resolver to them as we can see on the createEvent above



Above is what our mapping templates look like for Mutations. We have a DynamoDB table created for this that acts as the data source

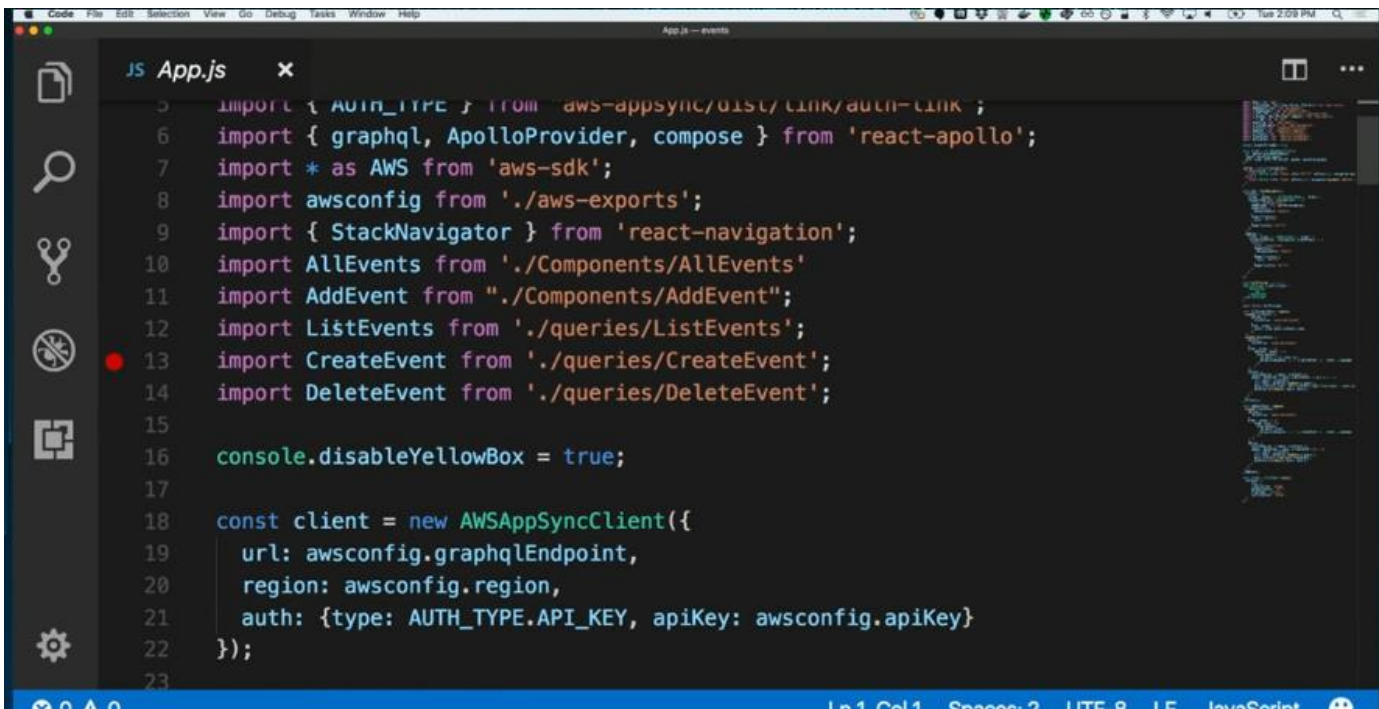


We also have **2 mapping templates**, a **request mapping template** and a **response mapping template**. The request mapping template is basically a **PutItem** call to the DynamoDB table with a **hashKey** called **id**. We are using a utility function that allows us to **generate a UUID** as the value of the id. The extra attributes are mapped to **arguments** that come as part of our **createEvent mutation**. Then in our response mapping template, we are taking the response we got back from **DynamoDB** and converting it to **JSON** before returning it back to the client.

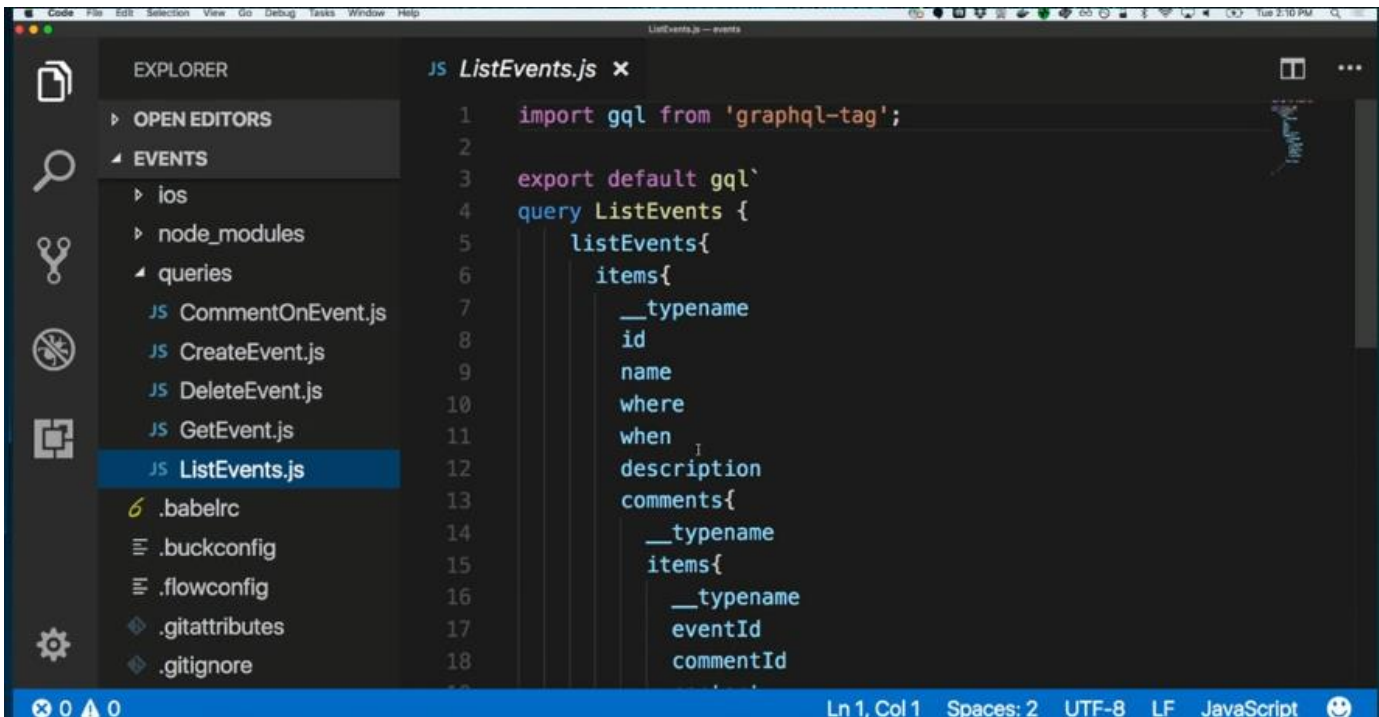


```
1 import React from 'react';
2 import { StyleSheet, Text, View, Button, Platform } from 'react-native';
3 import AWSAppSyncClient from 'aws-appsync';
4 import { Rehydrated } from 'aws-appsync-react';
5 import { AUTH_TYPE } from 'aws-appsync/dist/link/auth-link';
6 import { graphql, ApolloProvider, compose } from 'react-apollo';
7 import * as AWS from 'aws-sdk';
8 import awsconfig from './aws-exports';
9 import { StackNavigator } from 'react-navigation';
10 import AllEvents from './Components/AllEvents';
11 import AddEvent from './Components/AddEvent';
12 import ListEvents from './queries/ListEvents';
13 import CreateEvent from './queries/CreateEvent';
14 import DeleteEvent from './queries/DeleteEvent';
15
16 console.disableYellowBox = true;
17
18 const client = new AWSAppSyncClient({
```

On the client side, we can see what this process looks like using our React Native app with the AWS AppSync client. We also import the libraries needed like react-apollo on line 6. We have 2 screens in our app called AllEvents and AddEvent as seen from lines 10 and 11. We also have 3 queries that we are using in the application on lines 12, 13, and 14.



```
5 import { AUTH_TYPE } from 'aws-appsync/dist/link/auth-link';
6 import { graphql, ApolloProvider, compose } from 'react-apollo';
7 import * as AWS from 'aws-sdk';
8 import awsconfig from './aws-exports';
9 import { StackNavigator } from 'react-navigation';
10 import AllEvents from './Components/AllEvents';
11 import AddEvent from './Components/AddEvent';
12 import ListEvents from './queries/ListEvents';
13 import CreateEvent from './queries/CreateEvent';
14 import DeleteEvent from './queries/DeleteEvent';
15
16 console.disableYellowBox = true;
17
18 const client = new AWSAppSyncClient({
19   url: awsconfig.graphqlEndpoint,
20   region: awsconfig.region,
21   auth: {type: AUTH_TYPE.API_KEY, apiKey: awsconfig.apiKey}
22 });
23
```

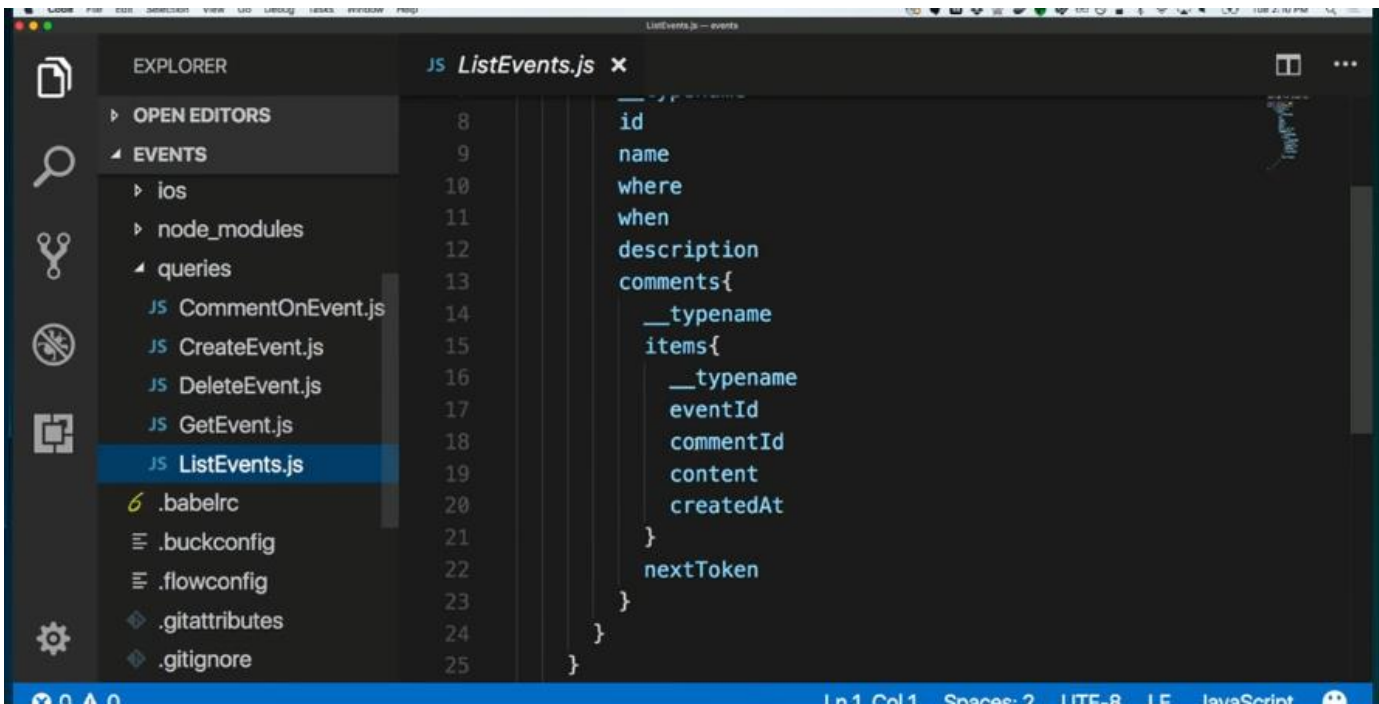


The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code editor with the Explorer sidebar on the left. The Explorer sidebar is expanded to show the 'EVENTS' folder, which contains a 'queries' subfolder. The 'ListEvents.js' file is selected and highlighted in blue. The main editor window displays the content of 'ListEvents.js', which is a JavaScript file containing a GraphQL query. The query is as follows:

```
1 import gql from 'graphql-tag';
2
3 export default gql`
4   query ListEvents {
5     listEvents{
6       items{
7         __typename
8         id
9         name
10        where
11        when
12        description
13        comments{
14          __typename
15          items{
16            __typename
17            eventId
18            commentId
```

The status bar at the bottom indicates the current position is Line 1, Column 1, with 2 spaces, UTF-8 encoding, LF line endings, and the file is a JavaScript file.

The ListEvents.js file contains a GQL query for listing all the available events, it asks for Items, comments, and items for the comments



This screenshot shows the continuation of the 'ListEvents.js' file from the previous image. The GraphQL query is completed as follows:

```
19          content
20          createdAt
21        }
22      }
23    }
24  }
25 }
```

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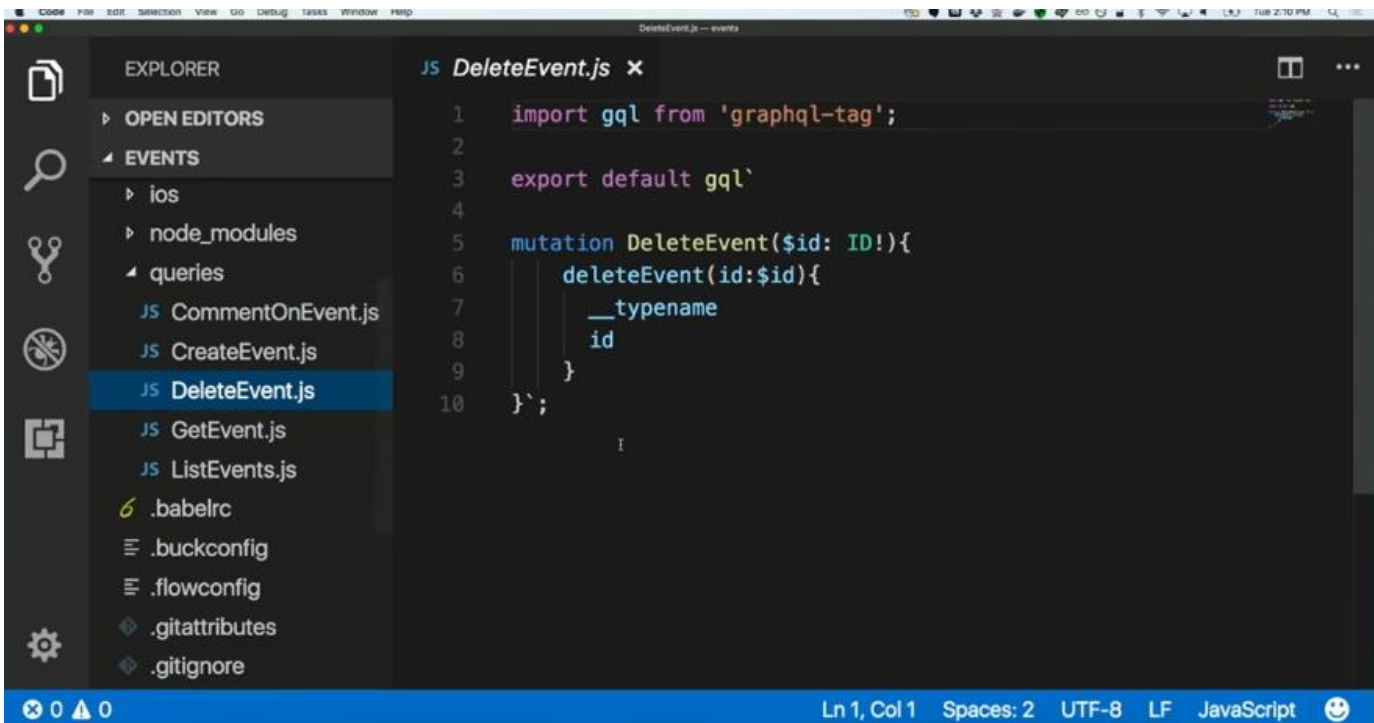


```
3 export default gql`
4
5 mutation CreateEvent(
6   $name: String!,
7   $when: String!,
8   $where: String!,
9   $description: String!
10 ){
11   createEvent(name:$name, when:$when, where:$where, descr
12     __typename
13     id
14     name
15     when
16     where
17     description
18 }
19 }`;
```

The CreateEvent.js file contains the CreateEvent mutation that maps to the mutation shown earlier

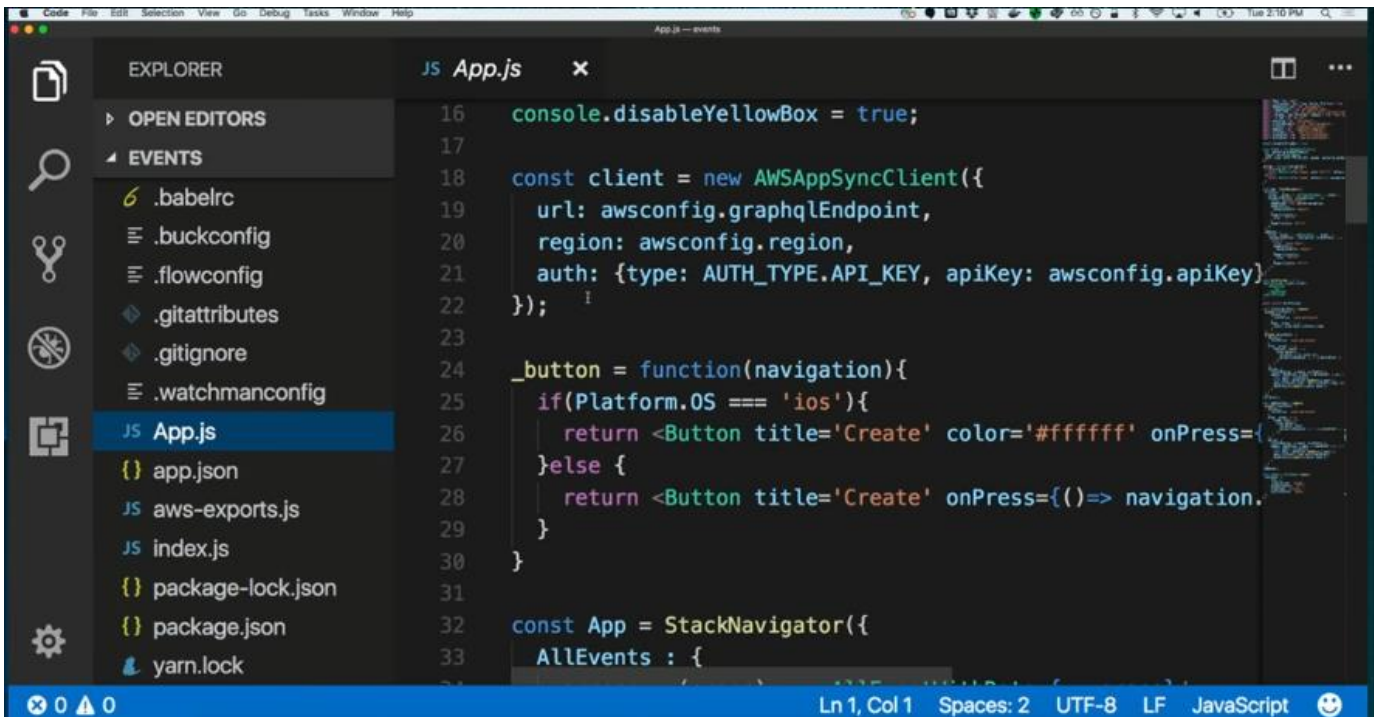
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6   $name: String!,
7   $when: String!,
8   $where: String!,
9   $description: String!
10 ){
11   createEvent(name:$name, when:$when, where:$where, descr
12     __typename
13     id
14     name
15     when
16     where
17     description
18 }
19 }`;
```



A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows a project structure with folders 'ios' and 'node\_modules', and a 'queries' folder containing several JavaScript files. 'DeleteEvent.js' is selected and highlighted. The main editor area shows the content of 'DeleteEvent.js', which is a GraphQL mutation. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ln 1, Col 1', 'Spaces: 2', 'UTF-8', 'LF', and 'JavaScript'.

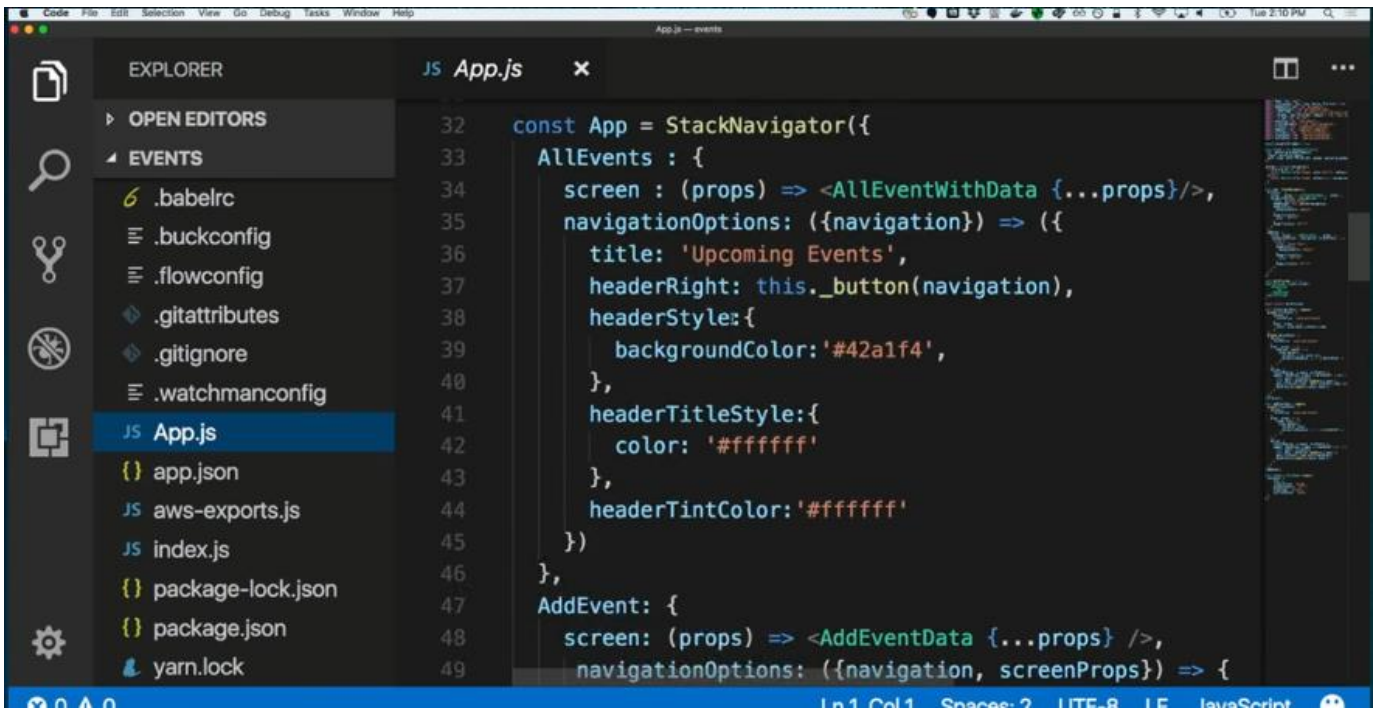
```
1 import gql from 'graphql-tag';
2
3 export default gql`
4
5 mutation DeleteEvent($id: ID!){
6   deleteEvent(id:$id){
7     __typename
8     id
9   }
10 }`;
```

The DeleteEvent.js file contains a mutation

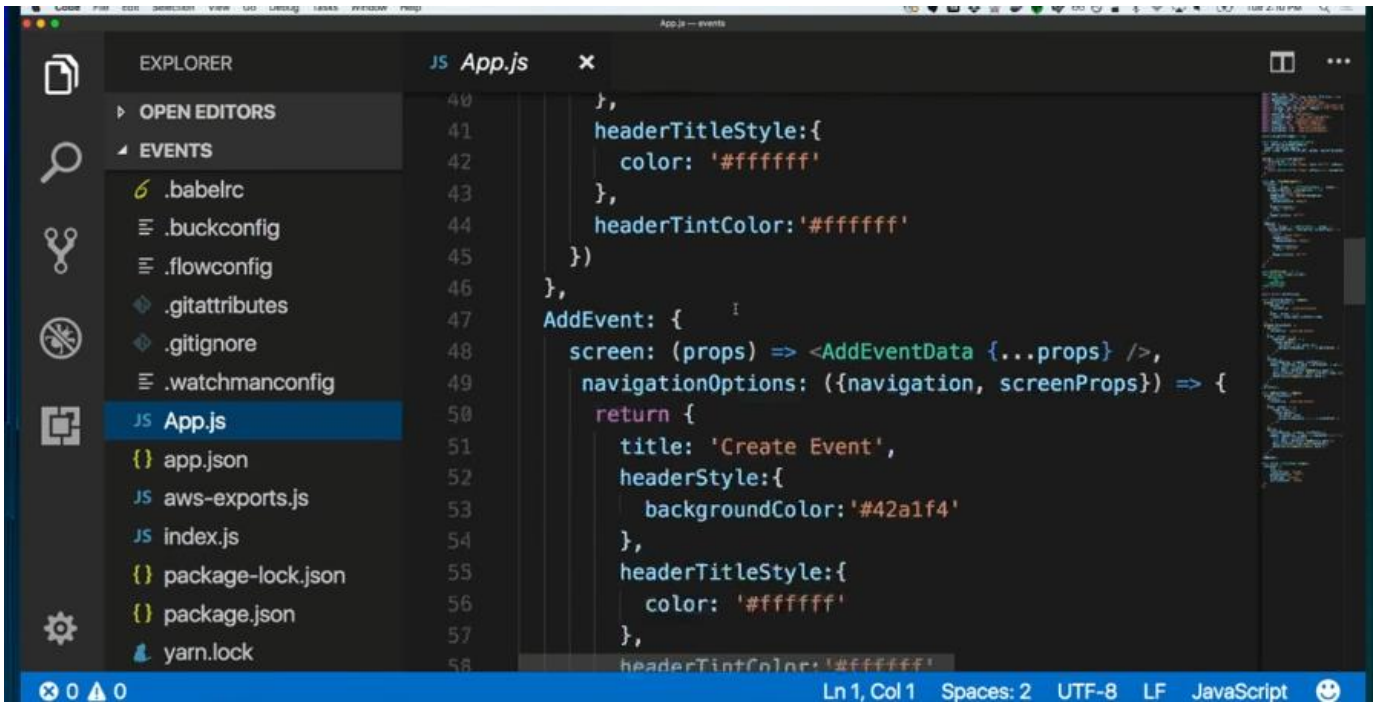
A screenshot of the Visual Studio Code editor. The Explorer sidebar on the left shows the same project structure, but 'App.js' is now selected and highlighted. The main editor area shows the content of 'App.js', which includes client configuration and UI logic. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Ln 1, Col 1', 'Spaces: 2', 'UTF-8', 'LF', and 'JavaScript'.

```
16 console.disableYellowBox = true;
17
18 const client = new AWSAppSyncClient({
19   url: awsconfig.graphqlEndpoint,
20   region: awsconfig.region,
21   auth: {type: AUTH_TYPE.API_KEY, apiKey: awsconfig.apiKey}
22 });
23
24 _button = function(navigation){
25   if(Platform.OS === 'ios'){
26     return <Button title='Create' color='#ffffff' onPress={
27   }else {
28     return <Button title='Create' onPress={()=> navigation.
29   }
30 }
31
32 const App = StackNavigator({
33   AllEvents : {
```

In our App.js file, we are using the API Key authorization mechanism for our client as in line 21. We created a new client and provided the needed details for it to connect to AppSync like the GQL endpoint and the AWS region.



```
32 const App = StackNavigator({
33   AllEvents : {
34     screen : (props) => <AllEventWithData {...props}/>,
35     navigationOptions: ({navigation}) => ({
36       title: 'Upcoming Events',
37       headerRight: this._button(navigation),
38       headerStyle:{
39         backgroundColor: '#42a1f4',
40       },
41       headerTitleStyle:{
42         color: '#ffffff'
43       },
44       headerTintColor: '#ffffff'
45     })
46   },
47   AddEvent: {
48     screen: (props) => <AddEventData {...props} />,
49     navigationOptions: ({navigation, screenProps}) => {
```



```
40 },
41 headerTitleStyle:{
42   color: '#ffffff'
43 },
44 headerTintColor: '#ffffff'
45 })
46 },
47 AddEvent: {
48   screen: (props) => <AddEventData {...props} />,
49   navigationOptions: ({navigation, screenProps}) => {
50     return {
51       title: 'Create Event',
52       headerStyle:{
53         backgroundColor: '#42a1f4'
54       },
55       headerTitleStyle:{
56         color: '#ffffff'
57       },
58       headerTintColor: '#ffffff'
```

This screenshot shows the VS Code editor with the file `App.js` open. The Explorer sidebar on the left lists project files, including `App.js`, `app.json`, `aws-exports.js`, `index.js`, `package-lock.json`, `package.json`, and `yarn.lock`. The main editor area displays the following code:

```
53      backgroundColor: '#42a1f4'
54    },
55    headerTitleStyle: {
56      color: 'ffffff'
57    },
58    headerTintColor: 'ffffff'
59  };
60  }
61  }
62  });
63
64  const WithProvider = () => (
65    <ApolloProvider client={client}>
66      <Rehydrated>
67        <App />
68      </Rehydrated>
69    </ApolloProvider>
70  );
71
```

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This screenshot shows the VS Code editor with the file `App.js` open, displaying the continuation of the code from the previous image:

```
67    <App />
68    </Rehydrated>
69  </ApolloProvider>
70  );
71
72  export default WithProvider;
73
74  const AllEventWithData = compose(
75    graphql(ListEvents, {
76      options: {
77        fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'
78      },
79      props: (props) => ({
80        events: props.data.listEvents.items,
81      })
82    }),
83    graphql(DeleteEvent, {
84      options: {
85        fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'
86      }
87    })
88  );
89
```

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```
79     props: (props) => ({
80       events: props.data.listEvents.items,
81     })
82   }),
83   graphql(DeleteEvent, {
84     options: {
85       fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'
86     },
87     props: (props) => ({
88       onDelete: (event) => {
89         props.mutate({
90           variables: { id: event.id },
91           optimisticResponse: () => ({ deleteEvent: { ...
92         })
93       }
94     }),
95     options: {
96       refetchQueries: [{ query: ListEvents }],
97       update: (dataProxy, { data: { deleteEvent: { id } } })
```

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This screenshot shows the same VS Code editor with `App.js` open, displaying a different section of the code. The Explorer sidebar remains the same. The main editor area displays the following JavaScript code:

```
96     refetchQueries: [{ query: ListEvents }],
97     update: (dataProxy, { data: { deleteEvent: { id } } })
98   },
99   const query = ListEvents;
100   const data = dataProxy.readQuery({ query });
101   data.listEvents.items = data.listEvents.items.filter(
102     event => event.id !== deleteEvent.id
103   );
104   dataProxy.writeQuery({ query, data });
105   }
106   )(AllEvents);
107
108   const AddEventData = compose(
109     graphql(CreateEvent, {
110       options: {
111         fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'
112       },
113       props: (props) => ({
114         onAdd: event => {
```

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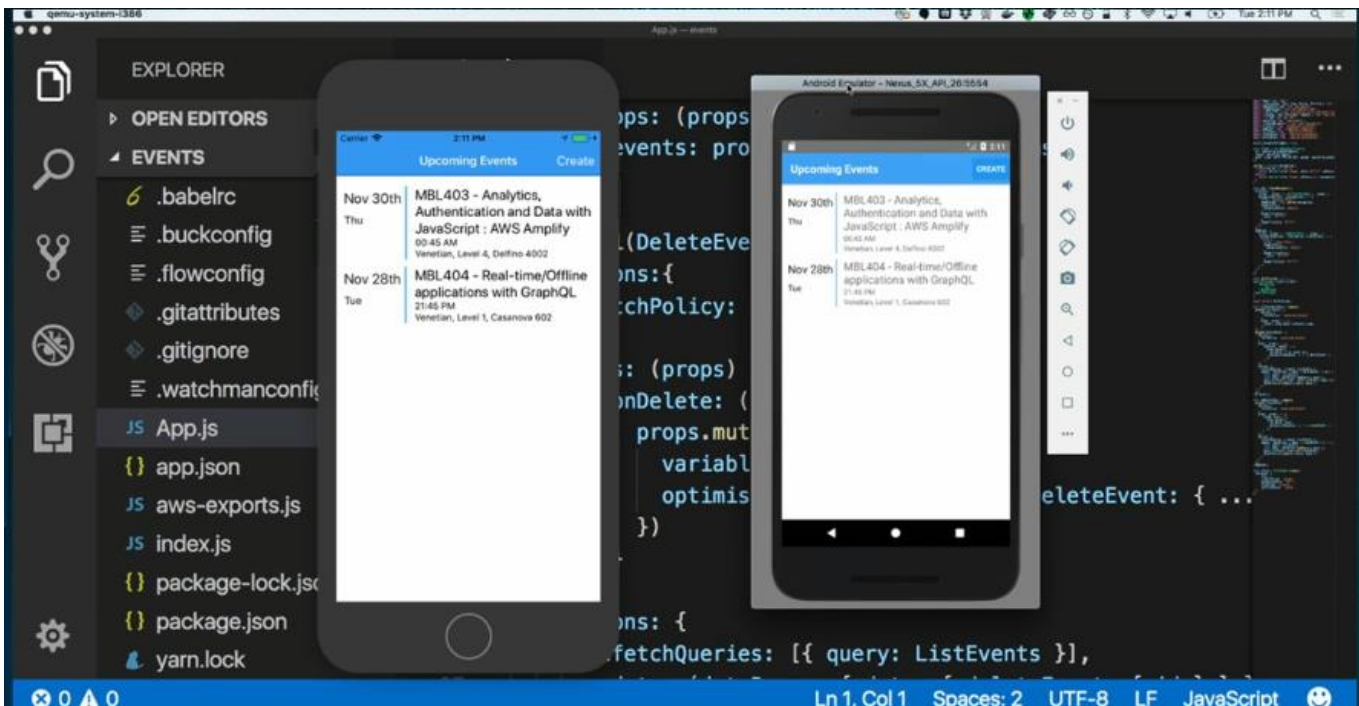
This screenshot shows the VS Code editor with the file explorer on the left. The 'EVENTS' folder is expanded, showing files like .babelrc, .buckconfig, .flowconfig, .gitattributes, .gitignore, .watchmanconfig, App.js, app.json, aws-exports.js, index.js, package-lock.json, package.json, and yarn.lock. The main editor displays the App.js file, which contains a GraphQL mutation function. The code defines a 'const AddEventData' function using 'compose' from 'graphql'. It sets 'fetchPolicy' to 'cache-and-network' and defines a 'props' function that calls 'props.mutate' with 'variables' and 'optimisticResponse'. The 'optimisticResponse' is a function that returns an object with 'createEvent'. The 'options' object includes 'refetchQueries' and an 'update' function that calls 'dataProxy.readQuery' and 'dataProxy.writeQuery'. The 'const query' is set to 'ListEvents'.

```
105 } (AddEvents);  
106  
107 const AddEventData = compose(  
108   graphql(CreateEvent, {  
109     options: {  
110       fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network'  
111     },  
112     props: (props) => ({  
113       onAdd: event => {  
114         props.mutate({  
115           variables: event,  
116           optimisticResponse: () => ({ createEvent: { ...  
117         });  
118       }  
119     }  
120   }  
121   options: {  
122     refetchQueries: [{ query: ListEvents }],  
123     update: (dataProxy, { data: { createEvent } }) => {  
124       const query = ListEvents;
```

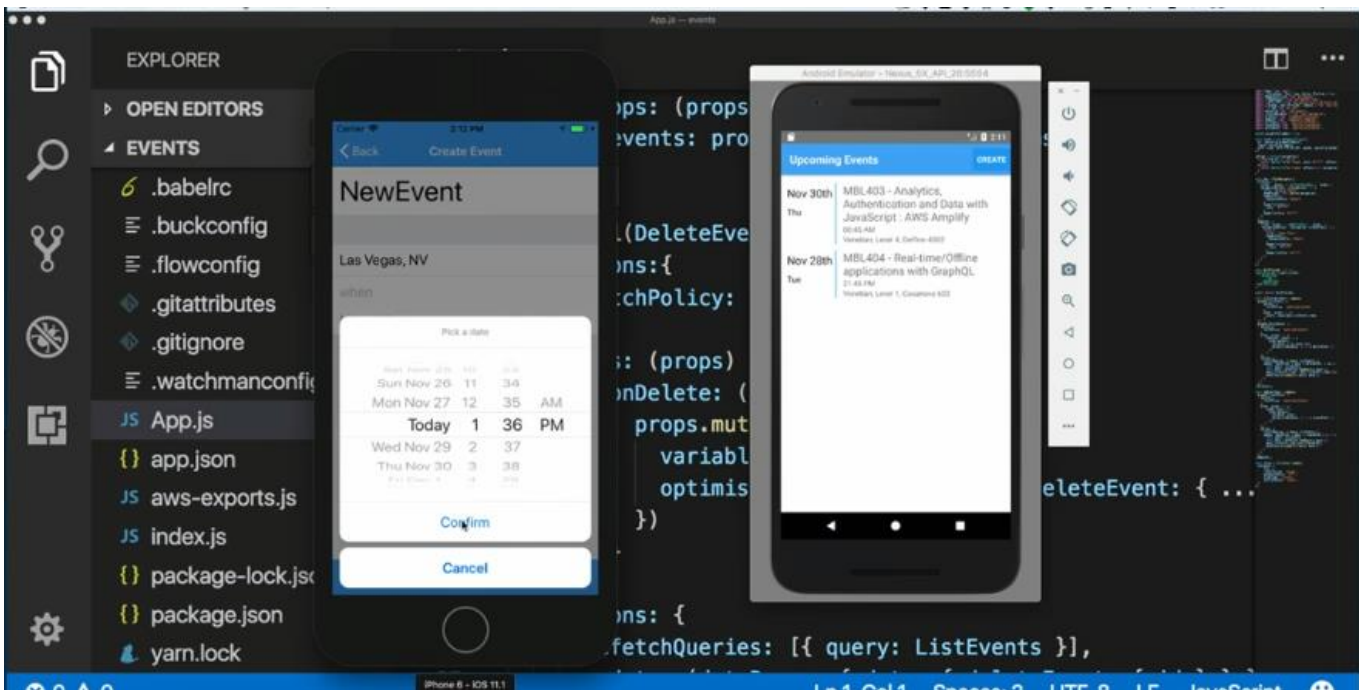
This screenshot shows the VS Code editor with the file explorer on the left. The 'EVENTS' folder is expanded, showing files like .babelrc, .buckconfig, .flowconfig, .gitattributes, .gitignore, .watchmanconfig, App.js, app.json, aws-exports.js, index.js, package-lock.json, package.json, and yarn.lock. The main editor displays the App.js file, which contains a GraphQL query function. The code defines a 'const query' variable set to 'ListEvents'. It then calls 'dataProxy.readQuery' with the query. The 'data' object is updated with 'listEvents.items.push(createEvent)'. The 'dataProxy.writeQuery' function is called with the query and data. The 'const query' is set to 'ListEvents'.

```
113   onAdd: event => {  
114     props.mutate({  
115       variables: event,  
116       optimisticResponse: () => ({ createEvent: { ...  
117     });  
118   }  
119 },  
120 options: {  
121   refetchQueries: [{ query: ListEvents }],  
122   update: (dataProxy, { data: { createEvent } }) => {  
123     const query = ListEvents;  
124     const data = dataProxy.readQuery({ query });  
125     data.listEvents.items.push(createEvent);  
126     dataProxy.writeQuery({ query, data });  
127   }  
128 }  
129 })  
130 } (AddEvent);
```

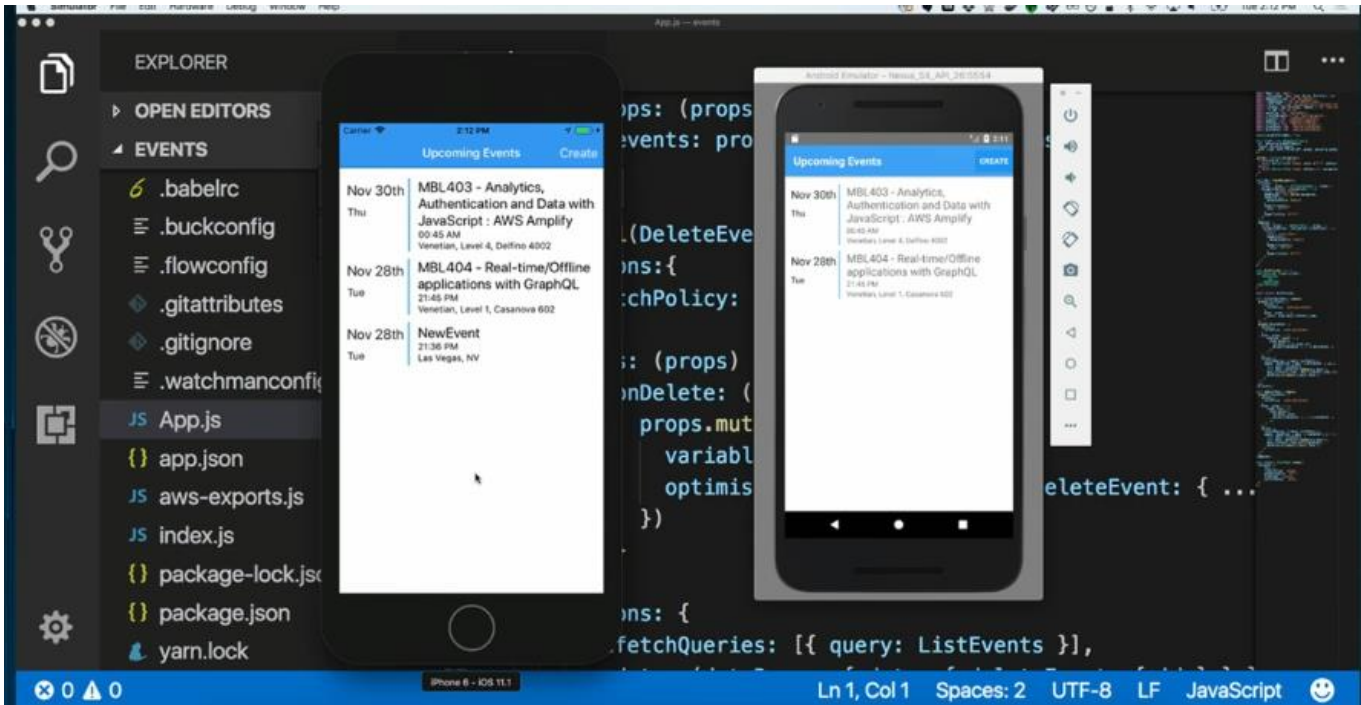
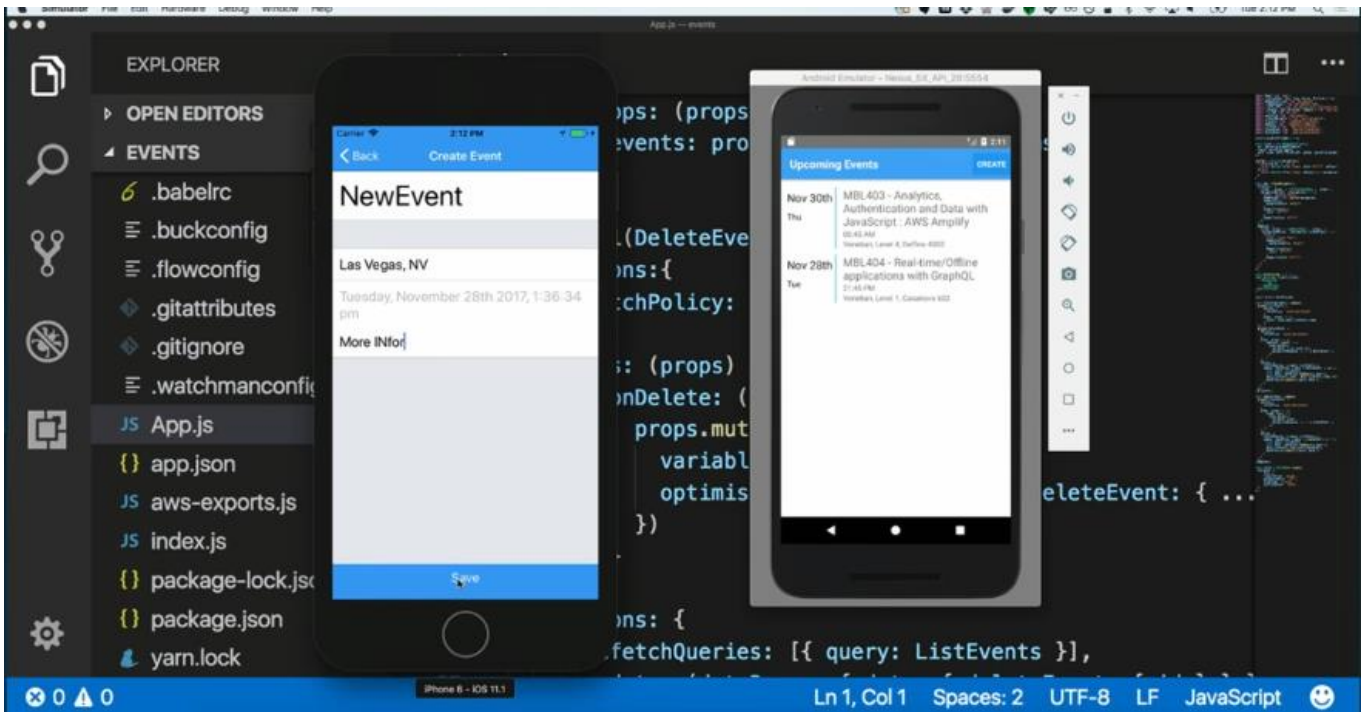




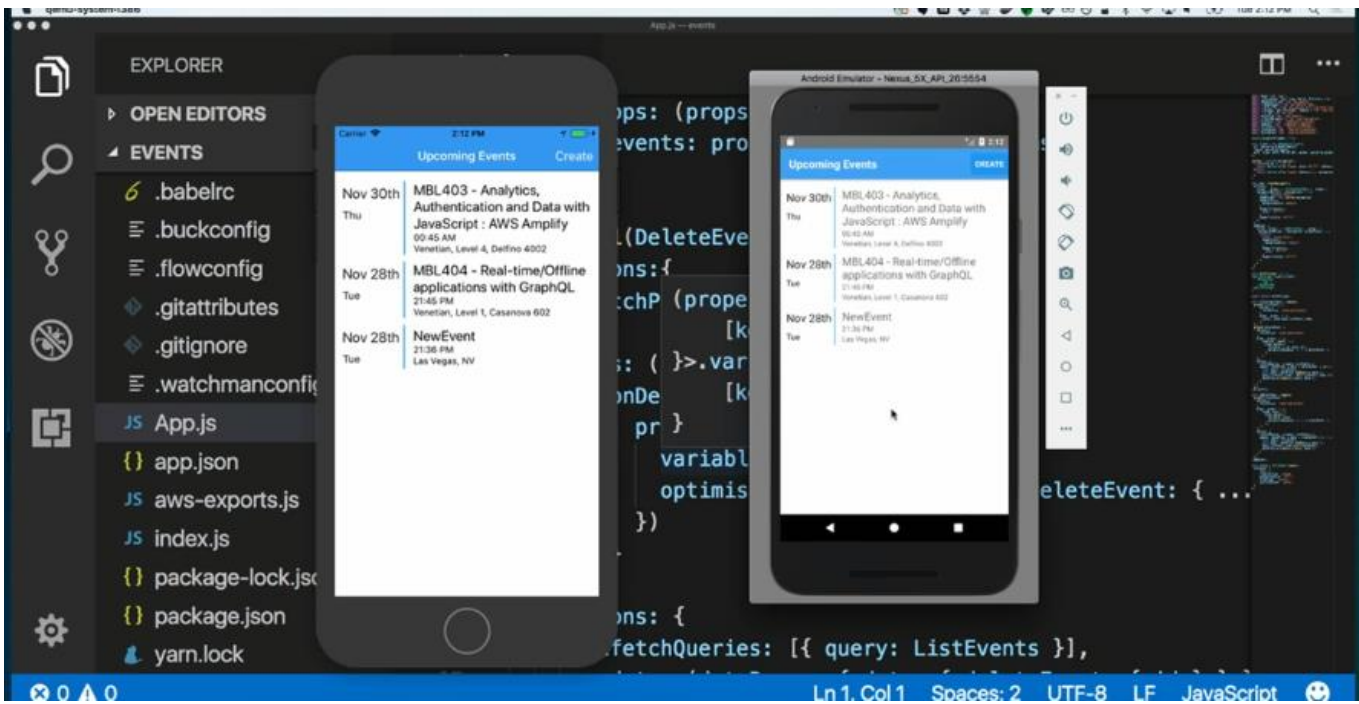
We have the app running in an emulator for both Android and IOS as above.



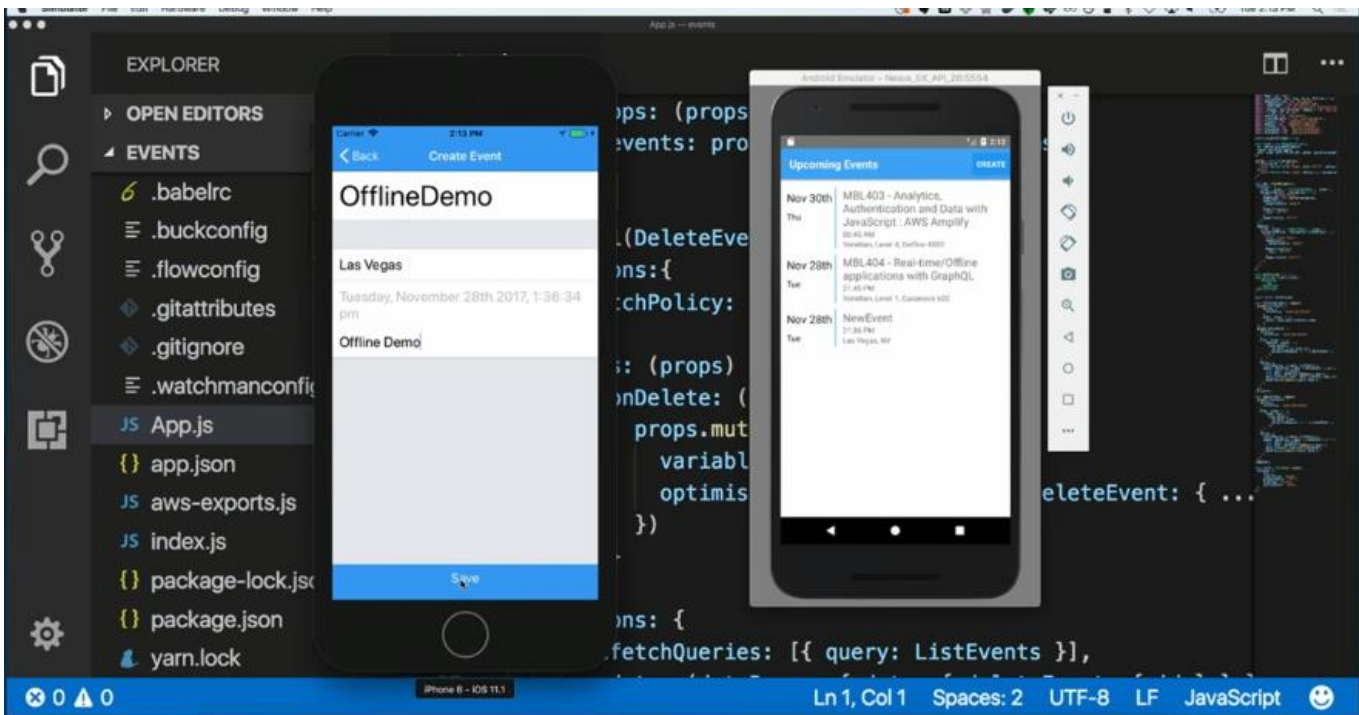
We click the Create Event button and start entering the event details



As soon as we add the event, we see the view update as above on the left

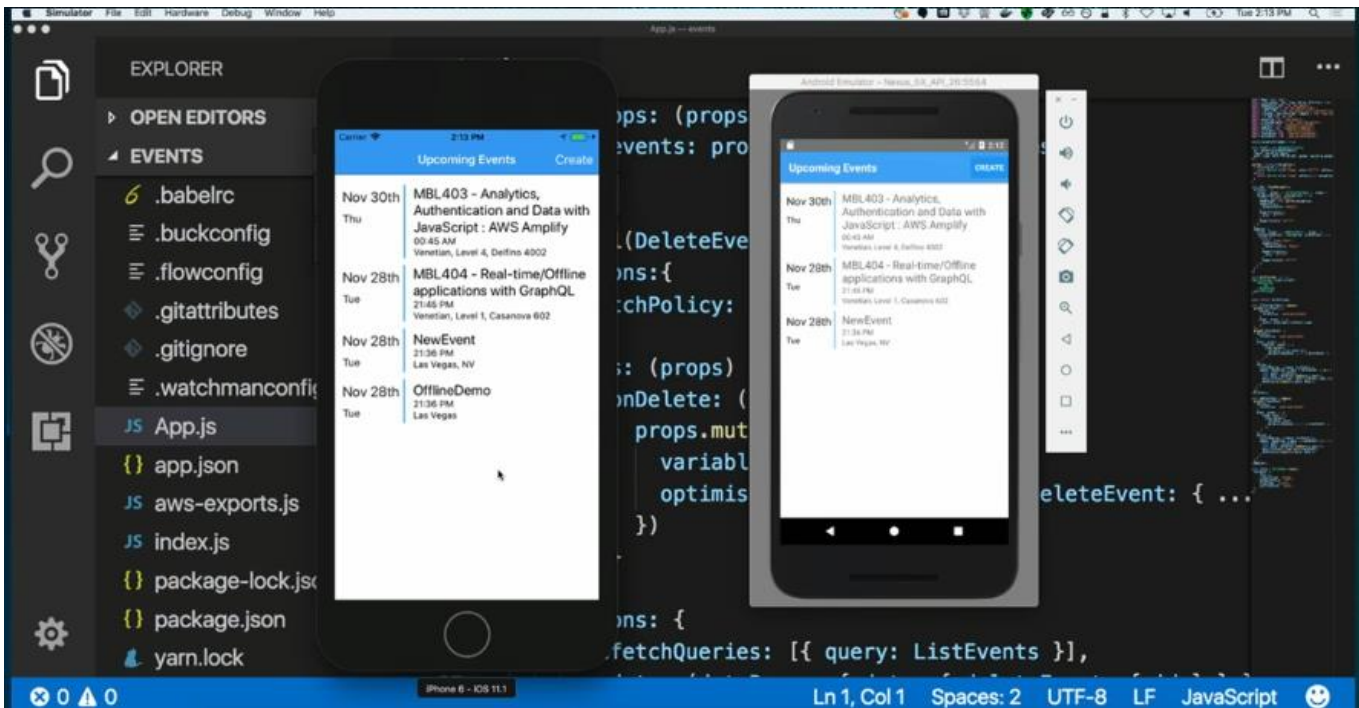


We can manually refresh the screen on the right to see the update as above. We can easily swap this out with a pull-to-refresh capability or wire up subscriptions for getting change events notification

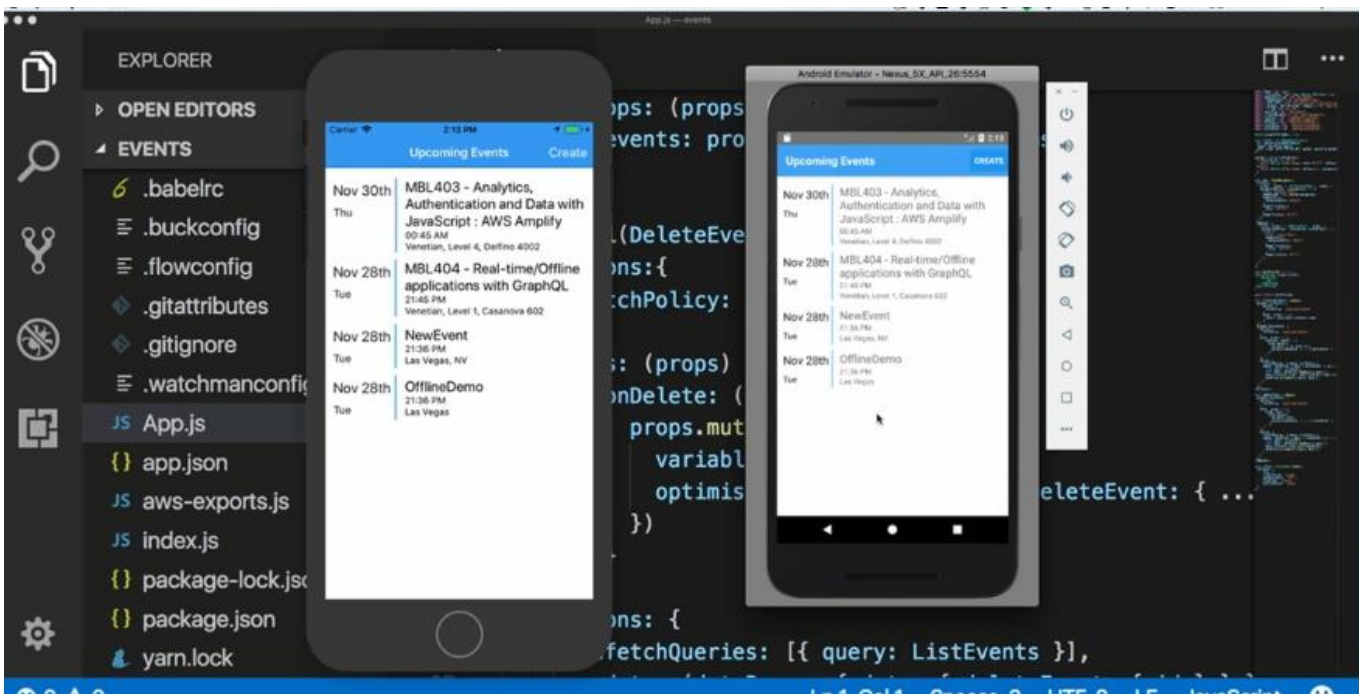


We go offline and create a new event





The view is now updated with the latest information on the left



We then go back online and refresh the right screen to see the entry that we made while offline show up too

## Demo: Offline data with AppSync

# Client experience and configuration

Offline is a write-through "Store"

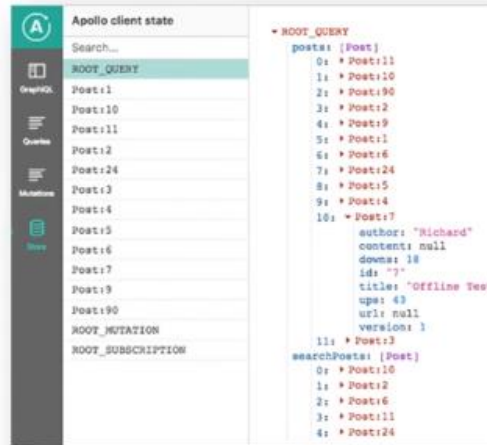
- Persistent storage mediums back the Apollo normalized cache
- Local Storage for web
- SQLite on hybrid/native platforms

SQLite database can be preloaded

- Hydrate after installing from AppStore

Offline client can be configured

- Wifi only vs. wifi & carrier



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## Images and rich content

```
type S3Object {  
  bucket: String!  
  key: String!  
  region: String!  
}
```

```
type Profile {  
  name: String!  
  profilePic: S3Object!  
}
```

```
input S3ObjectInput {  
  bucket: String!  
  key: String!  
  region: String!  
  localUri: String!  
}
```

```
type Mutation {  
  updatePhoto(name: String!,  
    profilePicInput: S3ObjectInput!): Profile  
}
```



# Images and rich content

```
type S3Object {  
  bucket: String!  
  key: String!  
  region: String!  
}  
  
type Profile {  
  name: String!  
  profilePic: S3Object!  
}  
  
input S3ObjectInput {  
  bucket: String!  
  key: String!  
  region: String!  
  localUri: String!  
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}
```

## GraphQL Subscriptions

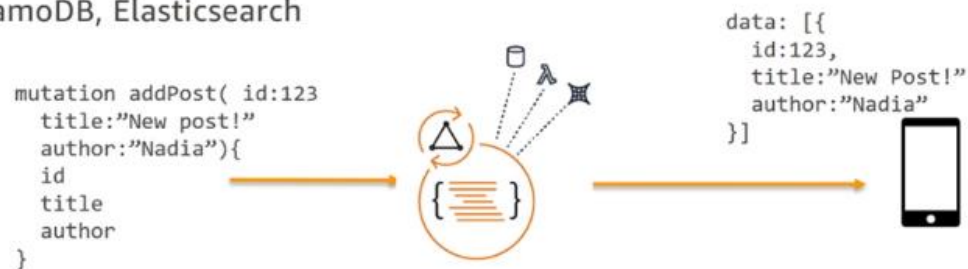
Near real time updates of data

Event based mode, triggered by Mutations

- Scalable model, designed as a platform for common use-cases

Can be used with **ANY** data source in AppSync

- Lambda, DynamoDB, Elasticsearch



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In our events-based model implementation, subscriptions are triggered in response to mutations on the system. This is for both scalability and use cases scenarios.

# Schema directives

```
type Subscription {
  addedPost: Post
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPost"])
  deletedPost: Post
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["deletePost"])
}
```

```
type Mutation {
  addPost(id: ID! author: String! title:
    String content: String): Post!
  deletePost(id: ID!): Post!
}
```

Let us see how the schema is configured for real time app updates in a demo. The data that comes down to your subscription channel is basically triggered off a mutation. Above we have a subscription type called **addedPost** which has a return type of Post, we also have a type called Mutation that has a return type of a nullable Post (Post!).

## Schema directives

```
type Subscription {
  addedPost: Post
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPost"])
  deletedPost: Post
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["deletePost"])
}

type Mutation {
  addPost(id: ID! author: String! title:
    String content: String): Post!
  deletePost(id: ID!): Post!
}
```



We can then use the **@aws\_subscribe directive** to add a list of mutations like addPost and deletePost above. We can also have N mutations that trigger a single subscription, or have a single mutation that triggers multiple subscriptions as long as the underlying return type is the same.

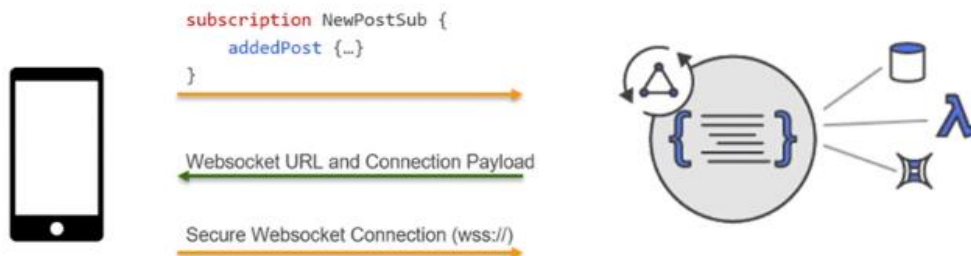
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  addedPost: Post  
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPost"])  
  deletedPost: Post  
  @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["deletePost"])  
}  
  
type Mutation {  
  addPost(id: ID! author: String! title:  
    String content: String): Post!  
  deletePost(id: ID!): Post!  
}  
  
subscription NewPostSub {  
  addedPost {  
    __typename  
    version  
    title  
    content  
    author  
    url  
  }  
}
```



When we make the subscription call like NewPostSub above, it is going to trigger the addedPost function and start opening up an MQTT channel and start getting new information using that topic/channel

## Handshake process

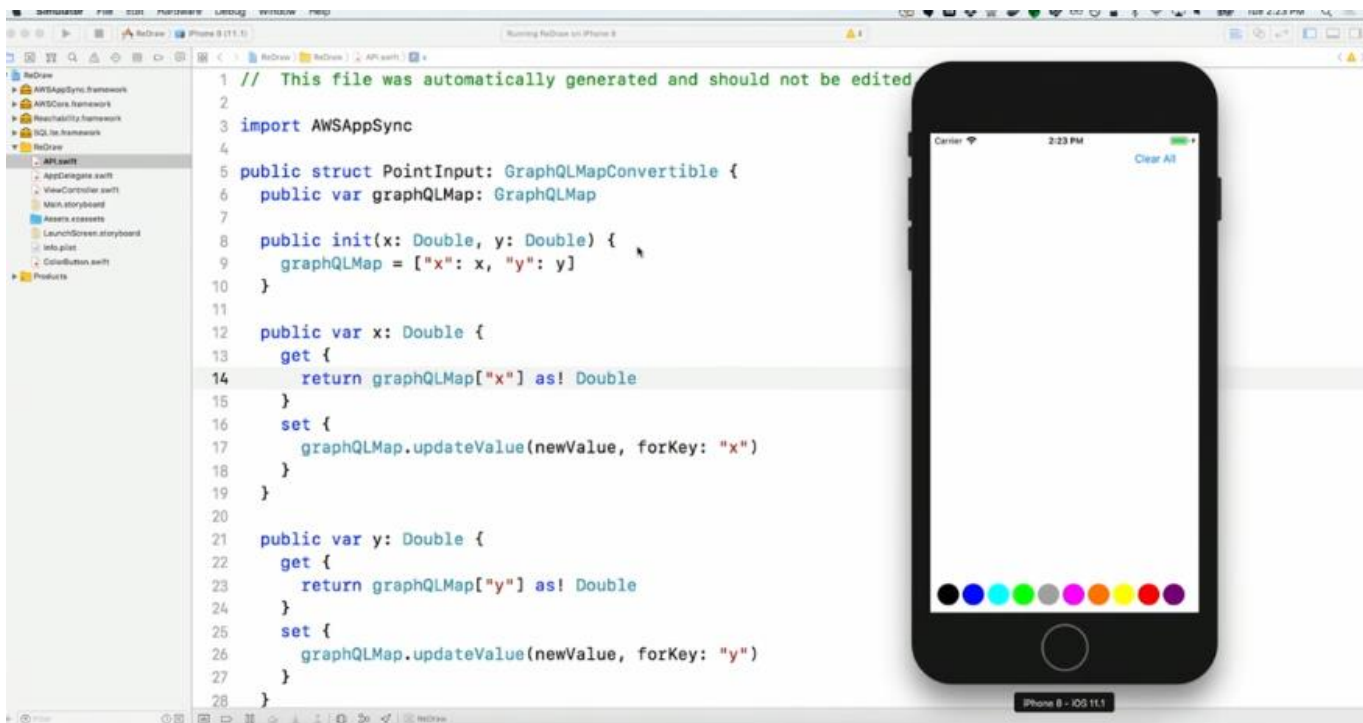


We have a handshake process behind the scenes that is a 3-step process when using a 3<sup>rd</sup> party client. Whenever a subscription is requested from the client, we return back a websocket URL connection and a list of topics that the client can subscribe to. The client then makes an MQTT connection call with the websocket URL and if this succeeds, the client can then subscribe to the list of topics that was returned back earlier as part of the subscribe call. When using the AppSync client SDK, this handshake process is automatically done in the background.

# Real time UI updates

```
const AllPostsWithData = compose(  
  graphql(AllPostsQuery, { options: { fetchPolicy: 'cache-and-network' } },  
  props: (props) => ({  
    posts: props.data.posts,  
    subscribeToNewPosts: params => {  
      props.data.subscribeToMore({  
        document: NewPostsSubscription,  
        updateQuery: (prev, { subscriptionData: { newPost } }) => ({  
          ...prev,  
          posts: [newPost, ...prev.posts.filter(post => post.id !== newPost.id)]  
        })  
      })  
    }  
  }  
));  
...//more code
```

## Demo: Real time data with AppSync



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### AWS AppSync

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**NewApi**

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Auth Mode  
API KEY

**LetDoSomething**

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Auth Mode  
API KEY

**DrawingApp**

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Auth Mode  
API KEY

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### AWS AppSync

AWS AppSync > DrawingApp

## DrawingApp

### API Details

API URL

https://dzwsx4xpqvdoinbw6f3j4jc7pu.ddpg-api.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/graphql

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Auth mode

API KEY

da1-XqCITWj9QuGTwrAkwx88fw

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### Getting Started

Welcome! AWS AppSync is a managed GraphQL service that allows web and mobile developers to create powerful data driven applications on top of AWS. Follow these steps to deploy a GraphQL API and integrate it into your application.

#### Design your schema

Navigate to the Schema page and design your schema using the GraphQL schema definition language (SDL). Use SDL to define the types, interfaces, and enums that define the shape of your API. [SDL Reference](#)

#### Add a data source

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```
1 type ListOfPoints {
2   deviceId: ID!
3   id: ID!
4   points: [Point!]!
5   color: Color!
6 }
7
8 input PointInput {
9   x: Float!
10  y: Float!
11 }
12
13 type Subscription {
14   NewPoints: ListOfPoints
15   @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPoints"])
16 }
17
18 type Color {
```

On the right, the 'Data Types' panel shows a table for 'ListOfPoints' with columns 'Field' and 'Resolver'. The fields listed are 'deviceId: ID!', 'id: ID!', 'points: [Point!]!', and 'color: Color!'. Each field has an 'Attach' button next to it. At the bottom right of the panel are 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons.

This is what our **schema** currently looks like, we have a **type** called **Point** with the x, y, z coordinates as attributes.

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```
10 y: Float!
11 }
12
13 type Subscription {
14   NewPoints: ListOfPoints
15   @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPoints"])
16 }
17
18 type Color {
19   r: Float!
20   g: Float!
21   b: Float!
22 }
23
24 schema {
25   query: Query
26   mutation: Mutation
27   subscription: Subscription
28 }
```

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We also have a **type** called **Color** with RGB values as above.

**Schema**

Design your schema using GraphQL SDL, attach resolvers, and quickly create AWS resources. [Info](#)

**Schema**

```

34 input ColorInput {
35   r: Float!
36   g: Float!
37   b: Float!
38 }
39
40 type Mutation {
41   addPoints(
42     deviceId: ID!,
43     id: ID!,
44     points: [PointInput!]!,
45     color: ColorInput!
46   ): ListOfPoints!
47 }
48
49 type Point {
50   x: Float!
51   y: Float!
52 }

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

**ListOfPoints**

| Field             | Resolver                |
|-------------------|-------------------------|
| deviceId: ID!     | <button>Attach</button> |
| id: ID!           | <button>Attach</button> |
| points: [Point!]! | <button>Attach</button> |
| color: Color!     | <button>Attach</button> |

Cancel Save

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**Schema**

```

35   r: Float!
36   g: Float!
37   b: Float!
38 }
39
40 type Mutation {
41   addPoints(
42     deviceId: ID!,
43     id: ID!,
44     points: [PointInput!]!,
45     color: ColorInput!
46   ): ListOfPoints!
47 }
48
49 type Point {
50   x: Float!
51   y: Float!
52 }

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

**ListOfPoints**

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| deviceId: ID!     | <button>Attach</button> |
| id: ID!           | <button>Attach</button> |
| points: [Point!]! | <button>Attach</button> |
| color: Color!     | <button>Attach</button> |

Cancel Save

We then have a **Mutation** called **addPoints** that takes in a **deviceId**, **id**, **points**, and **color**, it returns back a **nullable ListOfPoints** type.

**Schema**

```

1 input PointInput {
2   x: Float!
3   y: Float!
4 }
5
6 type Subscription {
7   newPoints: ListOfPoints!
8   @aws_subscribe(mutations: ["addPoints"])
9 }
10
11 type Color {
12   r: Float!
13   g: Float!
14   b: Float!
15 }
16
17 schema {
18   query: Query
19 }

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

**ListOfPoints**

| Field            | Resolver                |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| deviceId: ID!    | <button>Attach</button> |
| id: ID!          | <button>Attach</button> |
| points: [Point!] | <button>Attach</button> |
| color: Color!    | <button>Attach</button> |

Cancel Save

We also have a **Subscription** called **NewPoints** that returns a ListOfPoints type, where we have an @aws\_subscribe directive with mutation pointing to the **addPoints**, which is the name of a field in our **Mutation type** above on line 44

**Schema**

```

34 }
35
36 input ColorInput {
37   r: Float!
38   g: Float!
39   b: Float!
40 }
41
42 type Mutation {
43   addPoints(
44     deviceId: ID!
45     id: ID!
46     points: [PointInput!]!
47     color: ColorInput!
48   ): ListOfPoints!
49 }
50
51 type Point {
52   x: Float!
53   y: Float!
54 }

```

**Data Types**

Filter types...

**Mutation**

| Field                         | Resolver                        |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| addPoints(...): ListOfPoints! | <a href="#">Redraw DynamoDB</a> |

**Point**

| Field | Resolver |
|-------|----------|
|       |          |

Cancel Save

We also have this wired up to our DynamoDB table

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AWS AppSync > DrawingApp > Schema > Mutation > AddPoints > EditResolver

## Edit Resolver

Attach a resolver to your existing data source. [Info](#)

**Resolver for Mutation.addPoints**

Data source name  
Select the data source to resolve.

Redraw\_Dynamodb

**Configure the request mapping template.** [Select an existing template](#)

Translate a GraphQL query into a format specific to your data source. [Info](#)

```
1 {
2   "version" : "2017-02-28",
3   "operation" : "PutItem",
4   "key" : {
5     "deviceId": { "S" : "${context.arguments.deviceId}" },
6     "id" : { "S" : "${context.arguments.id}" }
7   },
8   "attributeValues" : {
9     #foreach( $entry in $context.arguments.entrySet() )
```

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3   "operation" : "PutItem",
4   "key" : {
5     "deviceId": { "S" : "${context.arguments.deviceId}" },
6     "id" : { "S" : "${context.arguments.id}" }
7   },
8   "attributeValues" : {
9     #foreach( $entry in $context.arguments.entrySet() )
10      #if( $entry.key == "points" )
11        "points" : {
12          "L" : [
13            #foreach ( $point in ${entry.value} )
14              {
15                "M" : {
16                  "x": {
17                    "N":${point.x}
18                  },
19                  "y": {
20                    "N":${point.y}
21                  }
22                }
23              }
24            #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
25            #end
26          ]
27        }
28      #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
29      #elseif( $entry.key == "color" )
30        "color": { "M": {
```

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```
10      #if( $entry.key == "points" )
11        "points" : {
12          "L" : [
13            #foreach ( $point in ${entry.value})
14              {
15                "M" : {
16                  "x": {
17                    "N":${point.x}
18                  },
19                  "y": {
20                    "N":${point.y}
21                  }
22                }
23              }
24            #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
25          #end
26        ]
27      }
28      #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
29      #elseif( $entry.key == "color" )
30        "color": { "M": {
31          #set($color = ${entry.value})
32          "r":{"N":${color.r}},
33          "g":{"N":${color.g}},
34          "b":{"N":${color.b}}
35        }
36      }
37      #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
38    #end
39  #end
40 }
41 }
```

```
21      }
22    }
23  }
24  #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
25  #end
26 }
27 }
28 #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
29 #elseif( $entry.key == "color" )
30 "color": { "M": {
31   #set($color = ${entry.value})
32   "r":{"N":${color.r}},
33   "g":{"N":${color.g}},
34   "b":{"N":${color.b}}
35 }
36 }
37 #if( $foreach.hasNext ), #end
38 #end
39 #end
40 }
41 }
```

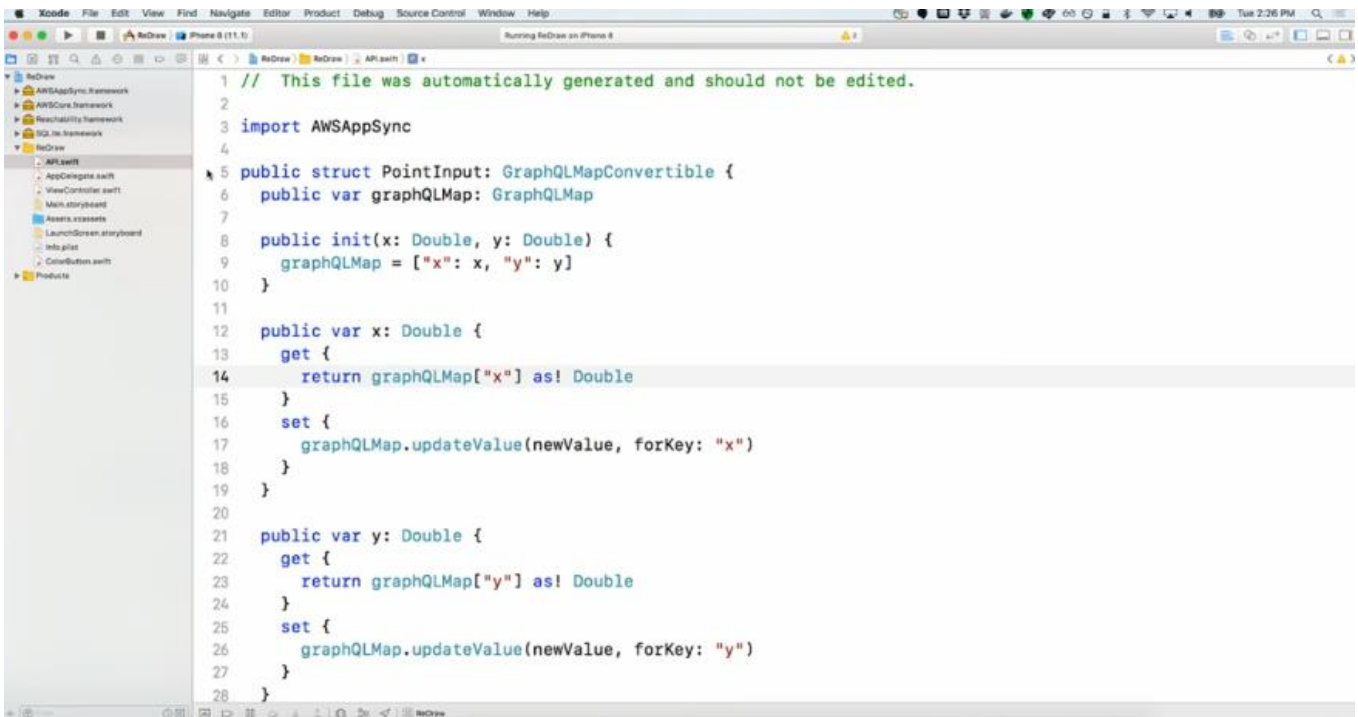
### Configure the response mapping template.

Translate the results back to GraphQL. [Info](#)

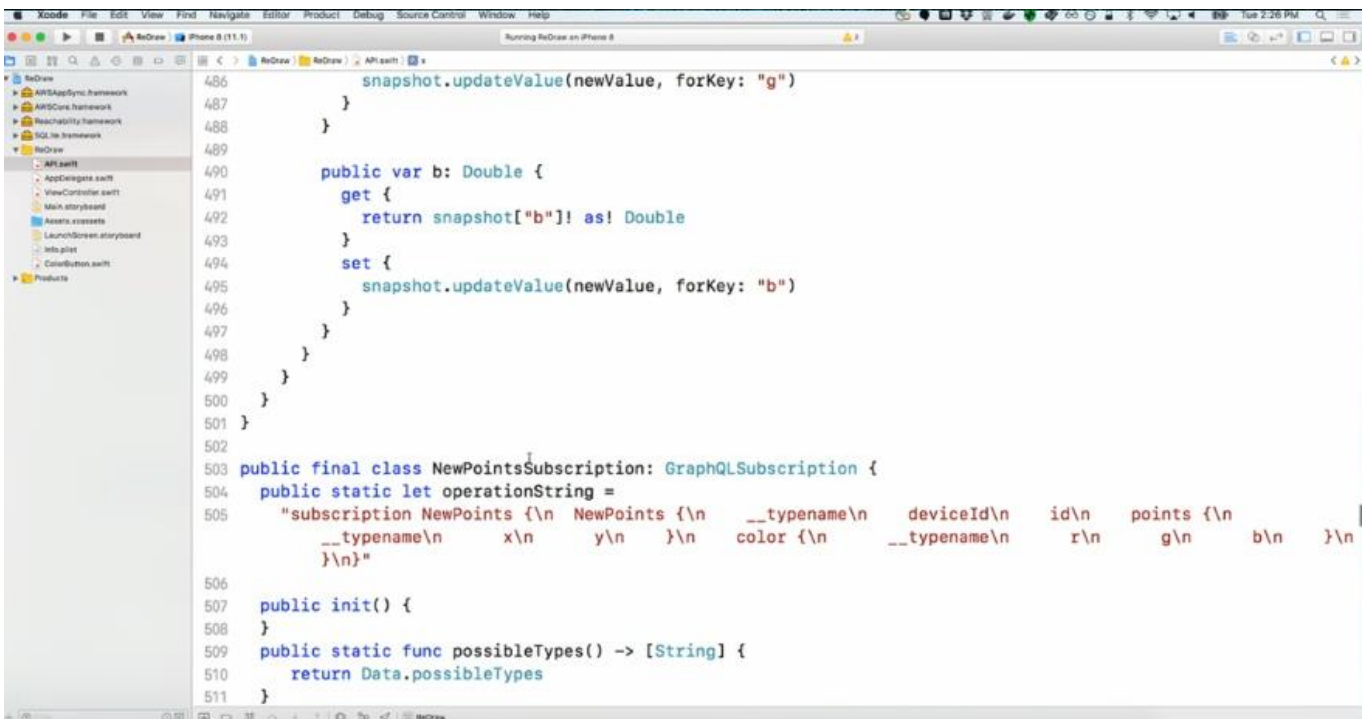
1

\$utils.toJson(\$context.result)

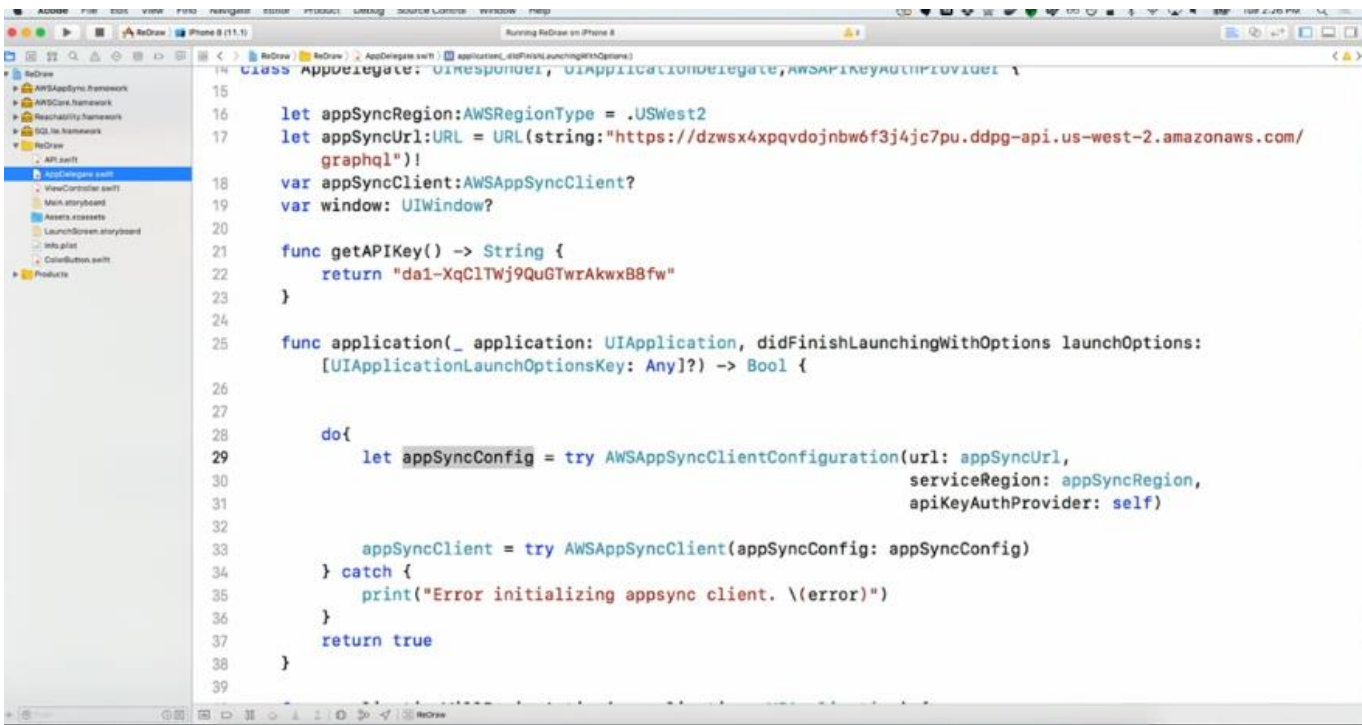
Return single item



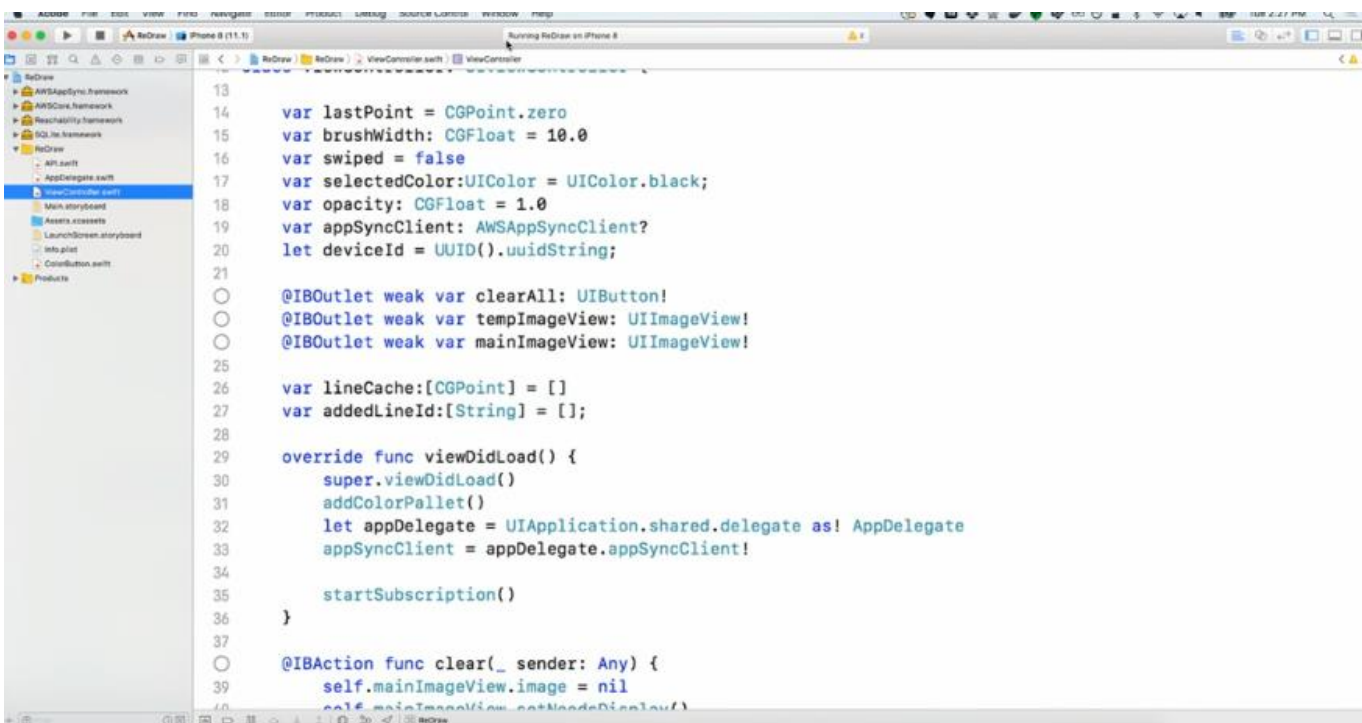
We have an iOS app and used the Apollo client's codegen capabilities to generate strongly typed objects already

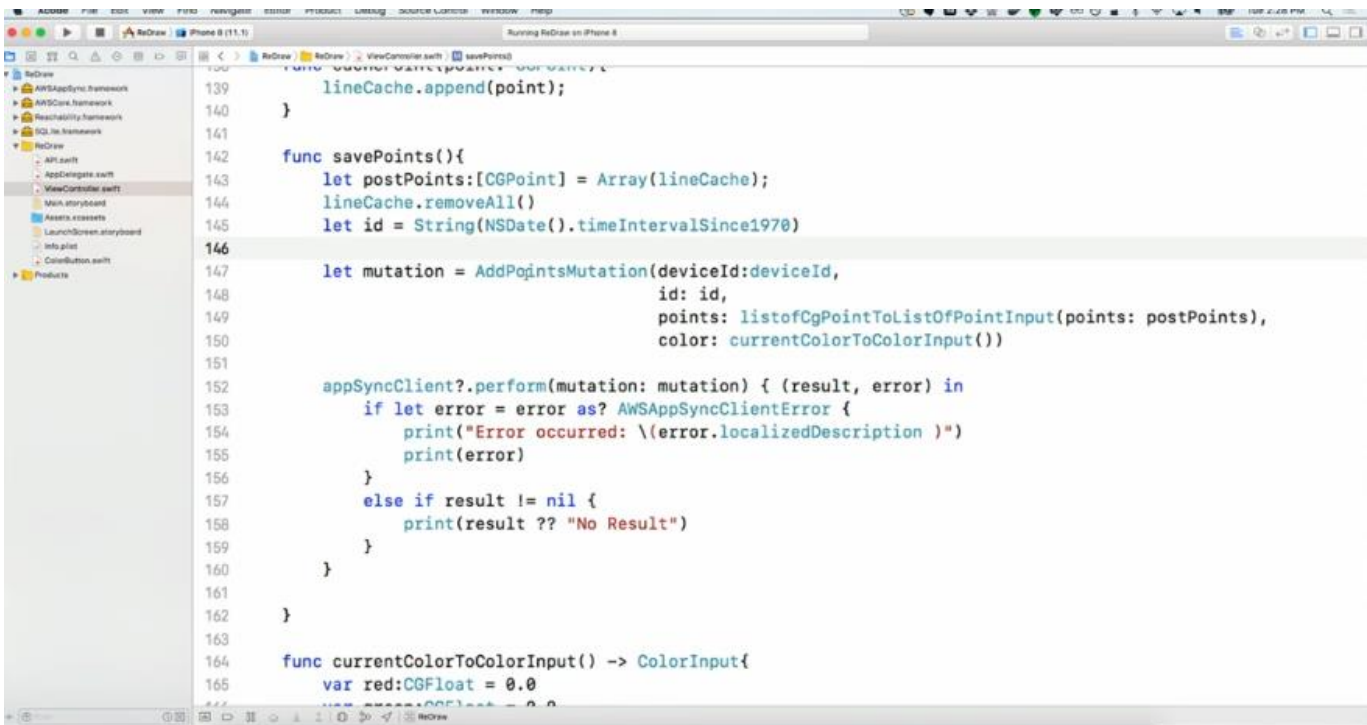


It created a NewPointSubscription that we can use to listen for changes

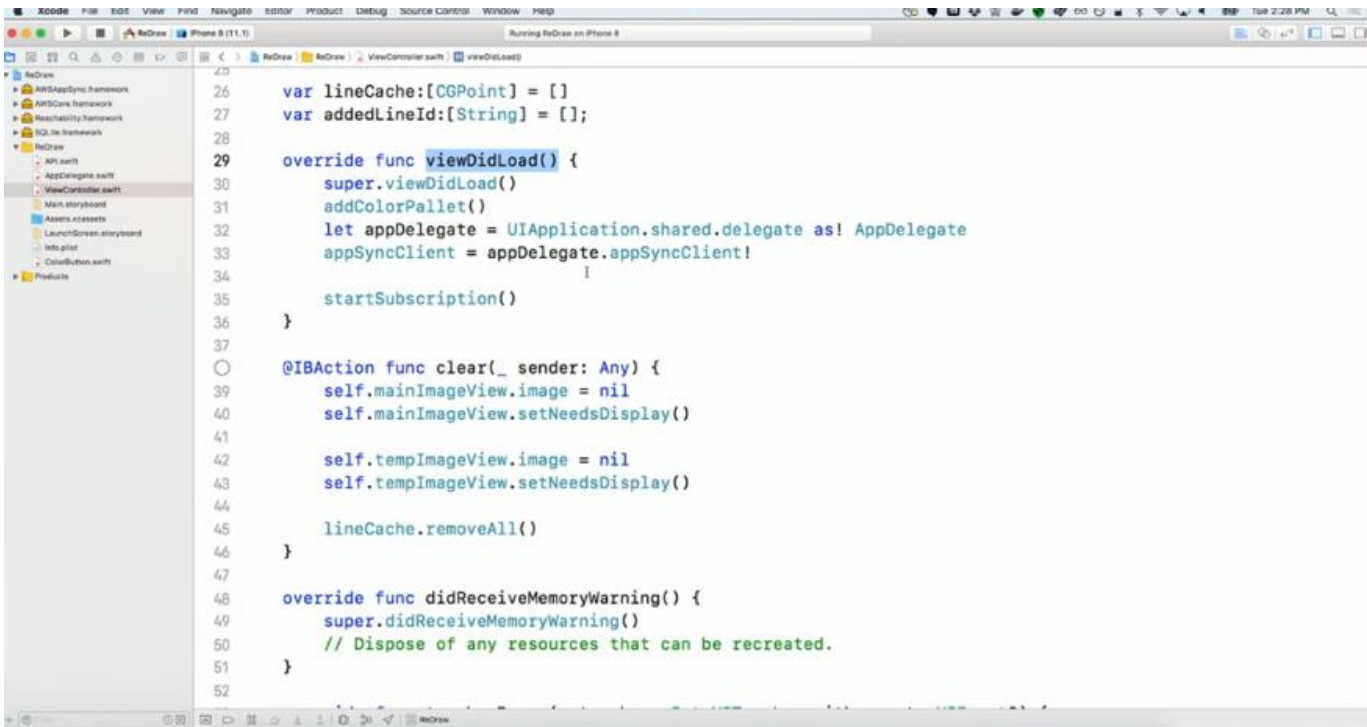


We have also created an appSyncConfig to use with our AppSync client as above. We are going to use this AppSync client in our View controllers to make calls to GQL endpoint.





We create a mutations object on line 147 and using the client on line 152

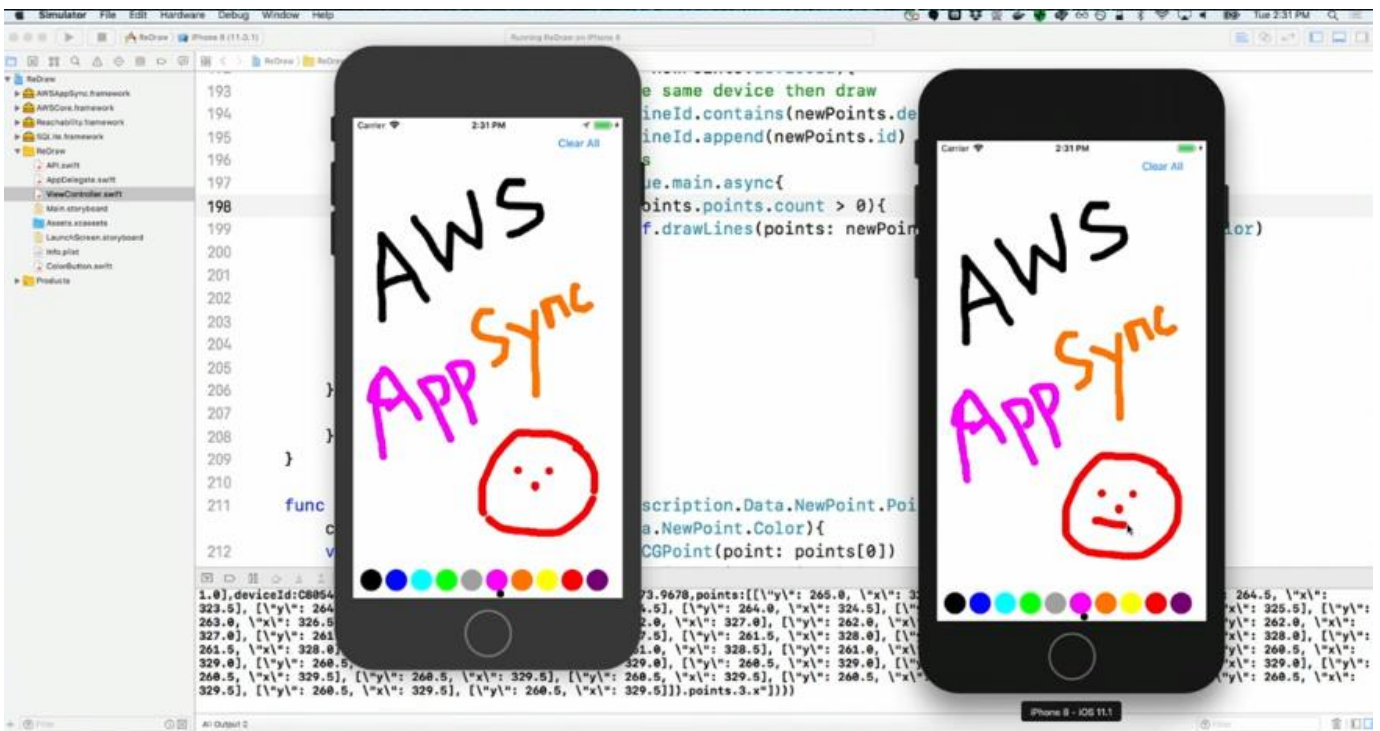


As soon as the view loads, we will start a subscription channel that keeps listening for changes



```
185 func startSubscription(){
186
187     do{
188         let subscription = NewPointsSubscription();
189         try _ = appSyncClient?.subscribe(subscription: subscription, resultHandler: { (result, transaction,
190             error) in
191             if let points = result{
192                 let newPoints = points.data!.newPoints!
193                 if(self.deviceId != newPoints.deviceId){
194                     //if its not the same device then draw
195                     if !self.addedLineId.contains(newPoints.deviceId){
196                         self.addedLineId.append(newPoints.id)
197                         //draw lines
198                         DispatchQueue.main.async{
199                             if(newPoints.points.count > 0){
200                                 self.drawLines(points: newPoints.points, color: newPoints.color)
201                             }
202                         }
203                     }
204                 }
205             }
206         }catch{
207
208         }
209     }
210
211     func drawLines(points:[NewPointsSubscription.Data.NewPoint.Point],
```

The resultHandler on line 189 is a callback for whenever a new event comes into the client



Both the devices are now connected via the subscription topic and the information is available in near real time for updates using Subscriptions.

# Best practices

Don't boil the ocean – start with offline for Queries

Mutations offline – what UIs actually need to be optimistic?

Use Subscriptions appropriately

- Large payloads/paginated data: Queries
- Frequent updating deltas: Subscriptions
- Be kind to your customer's battery & CPU!

Don't overcomplicate Conflict Resolution

- Data model appropriately, many app actions simply append to a list
- For custom cases, use a AWS Lambda and keep client logic light (race conditions)

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