# **REDCAP MOBILE (301)**





# Learning objectives

REDCap Mobile AppUses

Setup

Management

**Best Practices** 

☐ MyCap

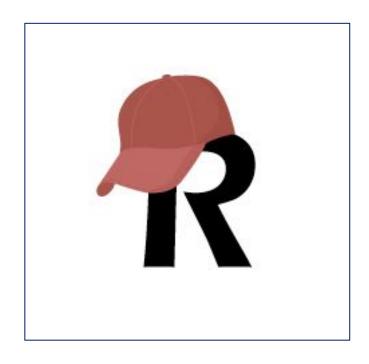
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**Features** 

**Best Practices** 





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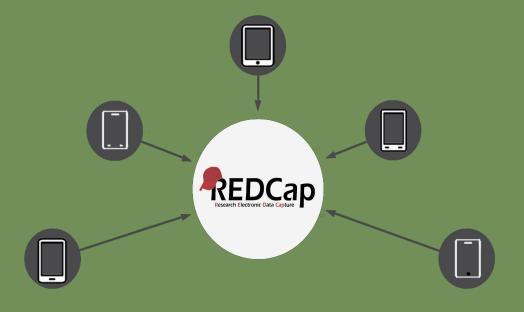
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### **REDCap Mobile App**

- Offline data collection
- Study devices used by study staff

### **MyCap**

- Offline and internet connected data collection
- Participants device used directly by participants

# Mobile App Uses

- Tablets used by study staff to collect participant data
- Offline data collection option
  - Community outreach events
  - Participant home visits
  - International studies with unreliable internet
- Sync data back to REDCap servers once internet is established



### Mobile App setup

### Setup your project

- Longitudinal or classic
- Be careful with internet dependent features

### Request or generate an API token

- Make sure you have the appropriate user rights
- Takes 1 business day (Request) or is instantaneous (Generate)
- API token can be reused

### Load the project into the app

- Download the app onto a mobile device
- Setup an admin user
- Give camera permissions to the app
- Make sure the tablet is connected to the web
- Scan the QR code in the Mobile App menu



# Mobile App Online Management

#### **Dashboard**

- Disable connected devices
- Assign "nicknames"
- Overview of upload and downloads

### **All App Activity**

Overview of all the activity of all the connected devices

### **Data dumps**

- Repository of emergency data dumps
- Upload the data dump direct
- Download CSV
  - In case of a manual merge

### **App Logs**

Repository of device specific log files



# Running a Mobile App

### Refresh your data model

- Get the latest version of the project
- Optional download of existing records
- Needed for successful sync later

#### **Data collection**

- Navigation takes a bit getting used to
- No real search function
- Secure the instrument
- Collect data and save

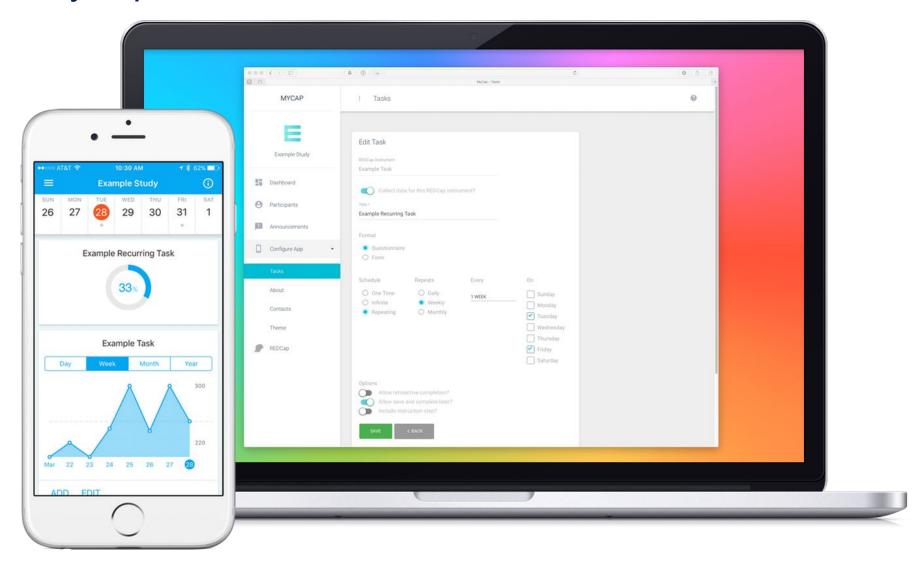
### Syncing your data

- Data models between app and web have to match
- Requires a stable internet connection
  - Can take a while when uploading files
- Do an emergency data dump in case of failure



# Mobile App – Best Practices

- Keep instruments small
  - Under 500 variables
- Use the same devices if possible
  - Makes for easier troubleshooting
- Recommended tablets:
  - iPads
  - Samsung tablets
  - Google nexus
- To be avoided tablets:
  - Kindle Fire
  - Older tablets with limited resources
- Establish a sync schedule and a "refresh" schedule
  - To prevent manual merge
- Be prepared for troubleshooting
- Disable/uncouple unused tablets to prevent change management delays



#### Uses / Reasons why?

Security

Charts and Graphs

Communication



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### **Uses / Reasons why?**

- Mobile App downloaded to participant's device
- Collect data that seamlessly syncs back to your REDCap database
  - Flexible scheduling
    - One-time tasks
    - Repeating tasks
    - Permanent tasks
    - Create active tasks
      - IOS only right now
      - Range of Motion, Tapping Speed, Fitness, etc.
      - http://researchkit.org/docs/docs/ActiveTasks/ActiveTasks.html

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### **Security**

- App requires separate passcode
- Face ID and Fingerprint passcode available on IOS
- Data encrypted on device
  - HIPAA compliant
  - Securely transmitted to REDCap



Enter passcode

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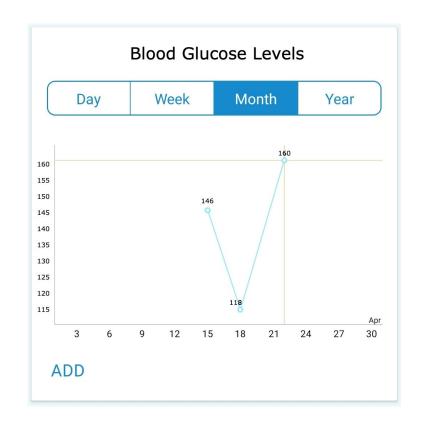
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### **Charts and Graphs**

Participants can track progress



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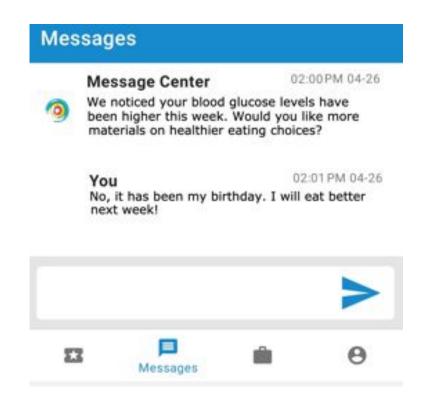
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### Communication

- Send secure messages to individual participants
  - Send announcements to all participants



# MyCap—Best Practices

- In-person enrollment to assist users in download of app and project
- Use short and uncomplicated instruments
  - No use of piping, smart variables, and some other more advanced REDCap functionality
- Single statement branching logic
  - i.e. [gender]='0'
- Avoid changes to instruments while in production

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