

# **Developing Mobile Applications**

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### **IBM Mobile Technology Preview**

The IBM mobile technology preview will provide customers with early access to IBM's mobile capabilities and demonstrate our approach to mobile application design, distribution, and management



#### **Device and Server Infrastructure Capabilities**

#### Support for Android



#### **Client runtime**

- Provides a container for developing hybrid applications, written in HTML and JavaScript, that deliver a compelling touchbased user experience and have full access to native device functions
- Customers will be able to rapidly develop, package, and distribute mobile applications through internal and external app stores by leveraging existing skills and assets



#### Server runtime

- Acts as central point for integration to back-ends
- Hosts key capabilities such as user registry and notifications
- Runs on IBM's Liberty runtime
- Customers will be able to integrate and extend existing applications and services to maximize existing investments

#### **Notification capability**

- Delivers notifications to users through maintained connection between client and server
- Customers will be able to engage users with notifications of time sensitive information or actions to take

#### Demonstrations, Samples, & Documentation



#### **Demonstrations & Samples**

- Mysurance Provides a showcase hybrid application that demonstrates all capabilities in an end-to-end insurance scenario
- *Dojo Showcase* Highlights the full breadth of Dojo capabilities
- *Hybrid Showcase* Demonstrates integration with all available native device functions
- Simple Notifications Client Illustrates notification functionality and development techniques

# Management Concepts *To be demoed*



#### **Application Management**

- Centralizes control over your mobile apps including policy-based access, versioning, updating, tracking, and wipe/remove
- **Customers will be able to** distribute apps to employees and control access to those apps and their enterprise data

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### Agenda

- Evolution of Web Applications
- Mobile Landscape
- Mobile Programming Models
- Mobile Web Development using Dojox Mobile
- Summary
- WebSphere Perspective
- Next Steps

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### Continuing the Evolution of Web Applications





# Data Points



- 46m Android devices sold in 2Q2011 (43.4% share)
- 19m iOS devices sold in 2Q2011 (18.2% share)



http://www.macrumors.com/2011/08/11/gartner-nokia-held-offapple-in-smartphone-sales-in-2q-2011/<u>http://www.applemobizone.com/archives/64295</u>

• By 2013, mobile phones will overtake PCs as the most common Web access device worldwide

http://www.gartner.com/it/page.jsp?id=1278413

Jerry Cuomo's Blog - 2011 WebSphere Trends

https://www.ibm.com/developerworks/myd eveloperworks/blogs/gcuomo/entry/jerry\_s \_2011\_websphere\_trends1?lang=en\_us • During 2011, over 85 percent of new handsets will be able to access the mobile Web. In US and W. Europe, it is already surpassed that.

http://mobithinking.com/mobile-marketing-tools/latestmobile-stats

- Currently there is an estimated 5.3 billion mobile cellular subscriptions worldwide, including 940 million subscriptions to 3G services.
- Access to mobile networks is now available to 90% of the world population and 80% of the population living in rural areas.

International Telecommunications Facts/Figures 2010

### Why Is Mobile Different?



- Mobile users require efficient and timely access to information.
- Interactions are short and focused, interruptions are common.
- Devices are often exclusively **touchbased.**
- User interfaces must be **easy and obvious.**
- Screen real-estate is precious.
- Typing should be minimized.

- Applications must still be usable when **out of wireless coverage**.
- Timeliness of data must be communicated.
- Security is critical.
- Often used for monitoring as opposed to active consumption.
- Social interactions are important.
- Mobile hardware and user interfaces evolve much faster than the typical enterprise software cycle.

Mobile users today expect high-fidelity access to the same information they have on the desktop, presented in an easyto-learn, mobile-friendly (often touch-friendly) format.

### A New Frontier of Growth



#### Mobile B2C

- Increase customer satisfaction by enabling banking, insurance, and trading anywhere, anytime
- Reach customers in new ways through mobile applications, SMS, email

#### Mobile B2E & B2B

- Enable field employees for increased productivity
- Greater efficiency and accuracy in supply chain operations
- Exchange business information with partners securely

#### Mobile M2M

- Enable the exchange of data and events between businesses and machines
- Internet of Things sensor events feeding information and driving a smarter



### **Developing Mobile Enterprise Applications**

### Requirements

- Enterprise connectivity to existing services
- Enterprise scalability
- Enterprise Security (data integrity)
- Enterprise Support (Open Source and Purchased Software)
- Licensing agreements
- Tooling

### Characteristics

- Cross platform development of applications
- User Interface(UI) richness and performance
- Branding (product branding, custom web styling and themes)



# Mobile Programming Models

- Web Model
- Hybrid Model
- Native Model



### Web Model

#### Characteristics

- HTML/CSS/JavaScript
- HTML5 and Webkit bring greater functionality
- All content is loaded by web browser from URL
- No native look/feel (CSS can simulate to an extent)

#### Advantages

- Familiar, web-based programming model (web dev)
- Quick and easy development iteration (browser reload)
- Easy application update/rebranding (change web server content)
- Does not need to be packaged or distributable via app stores
- Widest range of device support

### Disadvantages

- Slower than native or hybrid app loaded over network and run in web container
- Can only do what the browser supports on that platform



### Hybrid Model

#### Characteristics

- HTML/CSS/JavaScript
- JavaScript wrapper for native functionality (location, network, media, local/offline, ...)
- Runs inside web container hosted on the device (Webkit, Fennec, Opera, etc.)
- Packaging can include all web assets or dynamic content loaded from url (like the web model)

### Advantages

- Easy migration from web model to hybrid model (superset of web model)
- Reuse of web programming skills
- Quick and easy development iteration (browser reload)
- Easy application update/rebranding (change web server content)
- Enables access to native functionality from browser
- Wrapper goes away as browser gains capabilities (hybrid becomes web)
- Revenue via purchase through app stores

#### Disadvantages

- Slower than native (app run in web container)
- SDKs
  - PhoneGap: iPhone/iPad, Android, Blackberry, Palm, Symbian
  - QuickConnect: iPhone, limited Android







### Native Model

### Characteristics

- Specific application for each device
- Write to device-specific SDK API

### Advantages

- Highest performance
- Native look/feel
- Can use any capabilities that the device supports

### Disadvantages

- Must write app for each device supported
- Most costly development model (dev + maintenance)
- Specific skills needed for development

### SDKs

- iOS: Objective-C/Xcode
- Android: Java/Eclipse
- Blackberry: Java/Eclipse





### Model Summary



| Attribute                         | Web   | Hybrid   | Native |
|-----------------------------------|-------|----------|--------|
| Easy to Learn                     | Easy  | Easy     | Hard   |
| Performance                       | Slow  | Moderate | Fast   |
| Device Knowledge required         | None  | Some     | Lots   |
| Time to create app                | Short | Short    | Long   |
| App compile/deploy/run cycle time | Short | Short    | Long   |
| App portability                   | High  | High     | None   |
| Support native functionality      | No    | Most     | All    |
| Installable packaging             | No    | Yes      | Yes    |
| Extensible                        | No    | Yes      | Yes    |

### **Technology Choices for Mobile**



Phone Gap

# Mobile browsers leading the HTML5/CSS movement

| ł | Category | Web Browser               | Time period              | Status            | Alternatives       |
|---|----------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| L | IIA 📃    | All                       | <b>All</b>               | All               | Accept polyfills   |
| L | CSS      | 🔲 Desktop 📝 Mobile        | Three versions back      | Recommendation    | Sort               |
| l | ✓ HTML5  | 🔲 IE 🛛 📝 iOS Safari       | Two versions back        | Proposed Rec.     | Most users first 🔹 |
| L | JS API   | 🥅 Firefox 🛛 📝 Opera Mini  | Previous version         | Candidate Rec.    | Other options      |
| L | Other    | 🔲 Safari 🛛 🔽 Opera Mobile | Current                  | Vorking Draft     | Detailed tables    |
| L | SVG      | Chrome 🔽 Android Browser  | Near Future (early 2011) | ✓ Other           | Accessible colors  |
| L |          | Opera                     | Future (mid/late 2011)   | Unofficial / Note | Show conclusions   |
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#### Summary

Calculation of support for currently selected criteria

|                  | iOS<br>Safari       | Opera<br>Mini       | Opera<br>Mobile | Android Browser |          |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------|
| 3 versions back  |                     |                     |                 |                 |          |
| 2 versions back  | 3.2:<br>54%         |                     | 10.0:<br>46%    | 2.1: 53%        |          |
| Previous version | 4.0-<br>4.1:<br>62% |                     | 11.0:<br>65%    | 2.2: 62%        |          |
| Current          | 4.2-<br>4.3:<br>65% | 5.0-<br>6.0:<br>32% | 11.1:<br>72%    | 2.3: 64%        | 3.0: 77% |
| Near future      |                     |                     |                 |                 |          |
| Farther future   |                     |                     |                 |                 |          |

Further details can be obtained from

http://caniuse.com/#agents=mobile&cats=CSS,HTML5&show\_conc=1 as of September 27, 2011



### What is dojox.mobile?

- A dojo-based widget set for creating mobile web applications
  - Available since dojo-1.5
- Aims to provide lightweight UI widgets
  - Native device access is not in the scope of dojox.mobile
- Aims to allow you to develop device-specific or device-neutral look & feel applications
  - Currently, iPhone, Android and BlackBerry themes are available
- Server technology agnostic



### Features of dojox.mobile

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- Widgets
  - Edge-to-edge List
  - Round Rectangle List
  - Switch
  - Icon Container
  - Tab Container
  - Buttons
- Extensive use of CSS3 features to optimize for webkit-based mobile browsers.
  - Animation, gradient colors, rounded rectangles

- Non-CSS3 PC browser support
  - Compatibility module
- Animations
- Themes
- Progress Indicator
- Browser's back/forward button support
- Keeping the scroll position between view transitions

# Lightweight nature of mobile widgets

- Performance is extremely important because:
  - Mobile devices are not as powerful as desktop PCs
  - Mobile users interaction patterns are not the same as desktop users.
- Removed dependencies on the dojo modules as much as possible.
  - No dependencies even on some of the essential core modules like Templated, Container, Contained, dojo.query, or dojo.parser.
- No images are used.
  - UI parts consist of DOM and CSS3.
  - Only application icons are images.
- Support for CSS sprite
  - Application icon images can be aggregated into a single file to reduce the number of http requests.

- Possible to use the webkitMobile build option (when PC browser support is unnecessary)
  - Drops IE and Firefox-specific code at build time, and thus reduces the dojo core size

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- Minimal parser is provided
  - dojox.mobile.parser consists of only 80 lines of code (including comments)
  - Small but enough capability to bootstrap simple dojo applications (not limited to mobile)
  - Can be used in place of dojo.parser





### Dojo Showcase – device themes

| Showcase                    |   | Forms Source                |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Controls                    |   | Personal Data               |
| Buttons <sup>1.6</sup>      | > | Full name                   |
| Forms <sup>1.6</sup>        | > | Hide birthdate              |
| Switches <sup>1.7</sup>     | > | Goals                       |
| Flippable <sup>1.6</sup>    | > |                             |
| Icons <sup>1.6</sup>        | > | Login                       |
| Tab Bar <sup>1.6</sup>      | > | User name*                  |
| Headings <sup>1.6</sup>     | > |                             |
| Map (Google) <sup>1.6</sup> | > | Alerts                      |
| E Lists <sup>1.6</sup>      | > | All messages                |
| E List Data <sup>1.7</sup>  | > | Urgent messages values only |
| Gauge <sup>1.7</sup>        | > | Audible alerts: OFF         |
| Chart <sup>1.7</sup>        | > | Alert volume                |
| Geo Chart <sup>1.7</sup>    | > | Poset Form                  |

# Android tablet







### Animations



- Supported view transition animations:
  - Slide, Flip, and Fade
- For webkit-based browsers:
  - Animations are handled with CSS3 features
  - Animations run smoothly compared with JavaScript-based animations such as dojo.fx.
- For non-CSS3 browsers:
  - Animations are handled with dojo.fx (dojox.mobile.compat)

# Dojo Visualization for Mobile

- Mobile enablement of Dojo Charts and Gauges
- Optimization for mobile (download only what is needed)
- Provide themes adapted to small screen size
- Several new predefined gauge styles
- Support of iOS, Android, BlackBerry phones
- Touch support for scrolling & panning



### Summary

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- Enterprise Mobile Ramp Up
- Application Development Model Choices (Native, Hybrid and Web)
- Technology Choices and Frameworks
  - Coding in native JavaScript (Dojo, Sencha, JQuery)
  - Java models (Dojo JSF / GWT)
- WebKit Browsers
- Dojo Mobile

### **Current WebSphere Perspective**

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- Open Standards (HTML, JavaScript, CSS, REST) Development
  - Hybrid when needed using Open Source solutions such as PhoneGap
- Write Once, Run Anywhere
- Web 2.0 and SOA Design Patterns
- Dojo consistent development model (desktop & mobile)
- End to end development using Eclipsed-Based Tools such as Rational Application Developer (RAD)

"If you can build your app with HTML, CSS and JavaScript, then you probably should."

- Johnathan Stark

### WAS Feature Pack for Web 2.0 & Mobile

- Extend the reach of WAS applications from the Desktop to Mobile devices
- Enabling Mobile Ul's:
  - Dojo Core & Widget Infrastructure
  - Dojo Visualization
  - New Mobile Widget Library
    - Dojo Web Builder (Build optimization service)
    - Desktop & Mobile Demo Showcase
- Accelerating Rich Internet Applications:
  - Touch-enabled desktop widgets
  - Maps components (tiled and vectors)
  - New Visualization widgets
  - Updates to Existing Components (Dojo 1.7-alpha, JAX-RS, etc)
- Common Mobile & RIA Application Building Blocks:
  - Directory Listing Service
  - File Upload Service (multipart)
  - Graphics Conversion Service (SVG to PNG, JPG, PDF)
  - Logging/Debug/Analytics Capture Service







- Dojo Toolkit site: <u>dojotoolkit.org</u>
- IBM Web 2.0 and Mobile Develoment Community:
  - Home (Blog, Wiki, Bookmarks, etc.): http://ibm.co/Web20MobileDevComm
  - Forum: www.ibm.com/developerworks/forums/forum.jspa?forumID=2421
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