

# HTML5 Web Storage, IndexedDB and File System

File System

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## File API: Directories and System

W3C Working Draft 17 April 2012



### **File System Specification**

<http://bit.ly/1dhEL2b>



Capacity

localhost:1505/demos/filesystem/08-capacity.html

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Capacity

57 MB Attempt


```
var lfs = localFileSystem;

var getCounter = function () {
  counter++;
  return counter;
};

var save = function () {

  var filePathAndName = 'Capacity-Test/' + getCounter();
  $$result.log('Creating ' + filePathAndName);
  lfs.createFile(filePathAndName, function (fileError) {
    $$result.log('Attempting to save ' + filePathAndName);
    lfs.prependFile(filePathAndName, largeDataFile);
  });
};
```

ClearRun

HTML5 Client-Side Persistent Apps by  craigshoemaker

Peephole

Remaining space: 2GB

☒ Temporary ☐ Persistent

Delete All

Capacity-Test

1.txt	58MB
10.txt	58MB
2.txt	58MB
3.txt	58MB
4.txt	58MB
5.txt	58MB
6.txt	58MB
7.txt	58MB
8.txt	58MB
9.txt	58MB

RESULT

- Creating system
- Attempting to save
- Capacity-Test

## Cookies and site data



## Site

## Locally stored data

Remove all

local



localhost

Local storage, File system

562 MB

File system

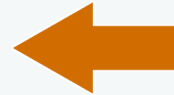
Local storage

Origin: http://localhost:1505/

Persistent storage: None

Temporary storage: 562 MB

Remove



Done



# Browser Support



# Filesystem & FileWriter API - **Working Draft**

Method of reading and writing files to a sandboxed file system.

Resources: [WebPlatform Docs](#) [HTML5 Rocks tutorial](#)

Global user stats\*:

Support:	34.87%
Partial support:	0.28%
Total:	35.15%

	IE	Firefox	Chrome	Safari	Opera	iOS Safari	Opera Mini	Android Browser	Blackberry Browser	Opera Mobile	Chrome for Android	Firefox for Android	IE Mobile
26 versions back			4.0										
25 versions back		2.0	5.0										
24 versions back		3.0	6.0										
23 versions back		3.5	7.0										
22 versions back		3.6	8.0										
21 versions back		4.0	9.0										
20 versions back		5.0	10.0										
19 versions back		6.0	11.0										
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15 versions back		10.0	15.0										
14 versions back		11.0	16.0										
13 versions back		12.0	17.0		9.0								
12 versions back		13.0	18.0		9.5-9.6								
11 versions back		14.0	19.0		10.0-10.1								
10 versions back		15.0	20.0		10.5								
9 versions back		16.0	21.0		10.6								
8 versions back		17.0	22.0		11.0								
7 versions back		18.0	23.0		11.1								
6 versions back	5.5	19.0	24.0	3.1	11.5			2.1		10.0			
5 versions back	6.0	20.0	25.0	3.2	11.6	3.2		2.2		11.0			
4 versions back	7.0	21.0	26.0	4.0	12.0	4.0-4.1		2.3		11.1			
3 versions back	8.0	22.0	27.0	5.0	12.1	4.2-4.3		3.0		11.5			
2 versions back	9.0	23.0	28.0	5.1	12.1	4.2-4.3		3.0		11.5			
Previous version	10.0	24.0	29.0	6.0	13.0	5.0-5.1		4.0		12.0			
Current	11.0	25.0	30.0	7.0	15.0			4.0		12.0	30.0	25.0	10.0
Near future		26.0	31.0	8.0	16.0			5.0		13.0	31.0	26.0	11.0
Farther future		27.0	32.0	9.0	17.0			6.0		14.0	32.0	27.0	12.0

<http://caniuse.com/filesystem>

# Fallbacks & Polyfills

# File API

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- **dropfile.js** by Andrew Dodson
  - Creates the FileReader part of the **FileAPI** via silverlight for drag and drop files
- **FileSaver.js** by Eli Grey
  - Implements `saveAs()`
  - Includes BlobBuilder shim
- **mOxie** Polyfill pulled out from Plupload
  - FileReader, drag and drop
  - XHR2 shim for storing on IE<10, FormData
  - Flash fallback
  - File input 'overlay'
- **FileReader.js** by Jahdrien
  - Creates FileReader and FileAPI using Flash, jQuery and jQuery UI
  - No drag and drop support!
- **FileAPI** by Konstantin Lebedev (© Mail.ru Group)
  - Multiupload: all browsers that support HTML5 or Flash
  - Drag'n'Drop upload: files (HTML5) & directories (Chrome 21+)
  - Upload one file: all browsers
  - Working with Images: IE6+, FF 3.6+, Chrome 10+, Opera 11.1+, Safari 5.4+
- **idb.filesystem.js** by Eric Bidelman
  - HTML5 Filesystem API polyfill that uses IndexedDB as a storage layer.
- **window.saveAs** by Andrew Dodson
  - Simple shim (for IE10 current Chrome and FireFox)



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## The All-In-One Entirely-Not-Alphabetical Guide to HTML5 Fallbacks

<http://bit.ly/1fwyMI4>



# Caveats

# Browser Support

# Callback Heavy

**Not Transactional**

**No Search Support**

# **Case sensitivity**

# **Browser-Specific**








# Storage Types



**Temporary**

**Persistent**

# **Inspecting the File System**

- ▶  Frames
- ▶  Web SQL
- ▶  IndexedDB
- ▶  Local Storage
- ▶  Session Storage
- ▶  Cookies
- ▶  Application Cache



# HTML5 FileSystem Explorer

★★★★★ (13)

[Developer Tools](#)

[from filesystem-peephole@google.com](#)

5,882 users

ADDED TO CHROME



OVERVIEW

DETAILS

REVIEWS

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The screenshot shows a Chrome browser window with the URL [www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/file/FileSystem/#toc-dir-fullexample](http://www.html5rocks.com/en/tutorials/file/FileSystem/#toc-dir-fullexample). The page displays the "HTML5 Terminal" which shows a file listing:

```
$ ls
data      image.gif      test.txt
dir       image732.jpg
attachment.zip  image944.jpg
```

Below the terminal, the "Use Cases" section is visible, listing several storage options available in HTML5. A file explorer overlay is also shown, displaying a directory structure:

- data
- dir
  - images
    - main.pdf (441KB)
    - notice.pdf (200KB)
    - attachment.zip (145KB)
    - image.gif (2KB)
    - image732.jpg (189KB)
    - image944.jpg (747KB)
    - test.txt (9KB)

## Show HTML5 stored files through File System API.

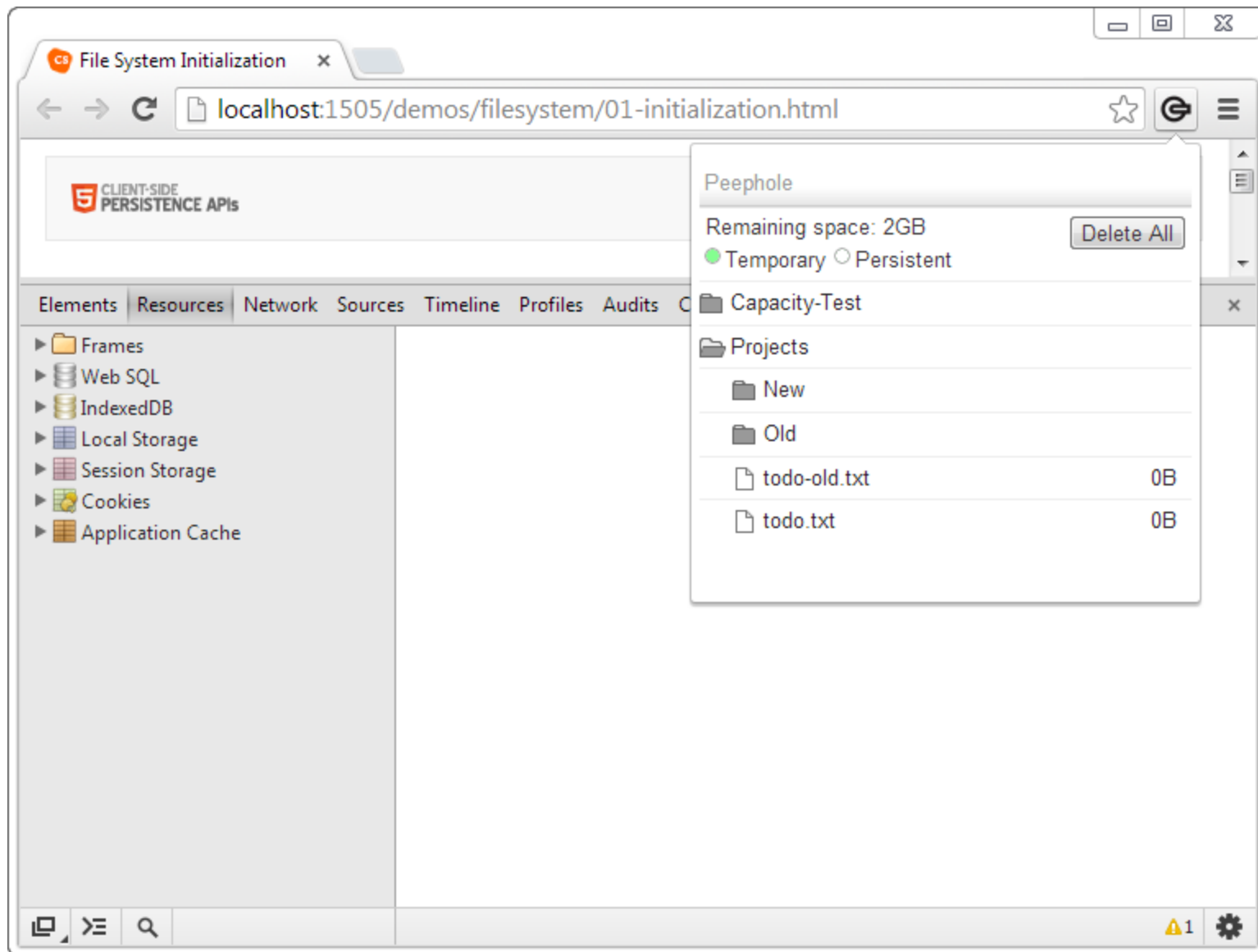
UPDATE: Renamed from "Peephole" to "HTML5 FileSystem Explorer". (May 11, 2012)

A must-have extension for every developer who considers using FileSystem API!

A helper extension which help developers browse into the contents of their local Web filesystem created by FileSystem API. After installing the extension, visit a Web site that uses FileSystem API (like HTML5Rocks' FileSystem tutorial page [http://playground.html5rocks.com/#filesystem\\_apis](http://playground.html5rocks.com/#filesystem_apis)) and click the browser action icon.

With the extension you can browse the contents of the Web FileSystem used by the site (like you do with explorer on your local disk), and also can see how much more your app can store in the FileSystem (see "Remaining space" on the top of the popup).

RELATED



# Summary

File System Initialization

localhost:1505/demos/filesystem/01-initialization.html

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## Initialization

Temporary Persistent localFileSystem Module

```
window.requestFileSystem =
  window.requestFileSystem ||
  window.webkitRequestFileSystem;

var calculateBytesByMegabytes = function (numberOfMe
  return numberOfMegabytes * 1048576;
};

var size = calculateBytesByMegabytes(2);

navigator.webkitTemporaryStorage.requestQuota(size,

  $$result.log('Attempting to request ' + grantedB

  if (grantedBytes === size) {
    window.requestFileSystem(
      window.TEMPORARY,
      grantedBytes
```

Peephole

Remaining space: 880MB Delete All

☒ Temporary ☐ Persistent

Capacity-Test

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Documents

Work

Drafts

RESULT

# Up Next...



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## Directories

Documents

Create

Read

Sub Directories

List Contents

Delete

Deep Delete

Move

Rename

Copy

```
var
  directoryName = $('#directory-names').val();
localFileSystem.request(function(fileSystem) {
  fileSystem.root.getDirectory(
    directoryName,
    { create: true },
    // { create: true, exclusive: true },
    function(directory) {
```

### RESULT

#### Documents created

```
{
  filesystem: "[object
DOMFileSystem]",
  fullPath: "/Documents",
  name: "Documents",
  isDirectory: "true",
  isFile: "false"
}
```