

Introducing NativeScript

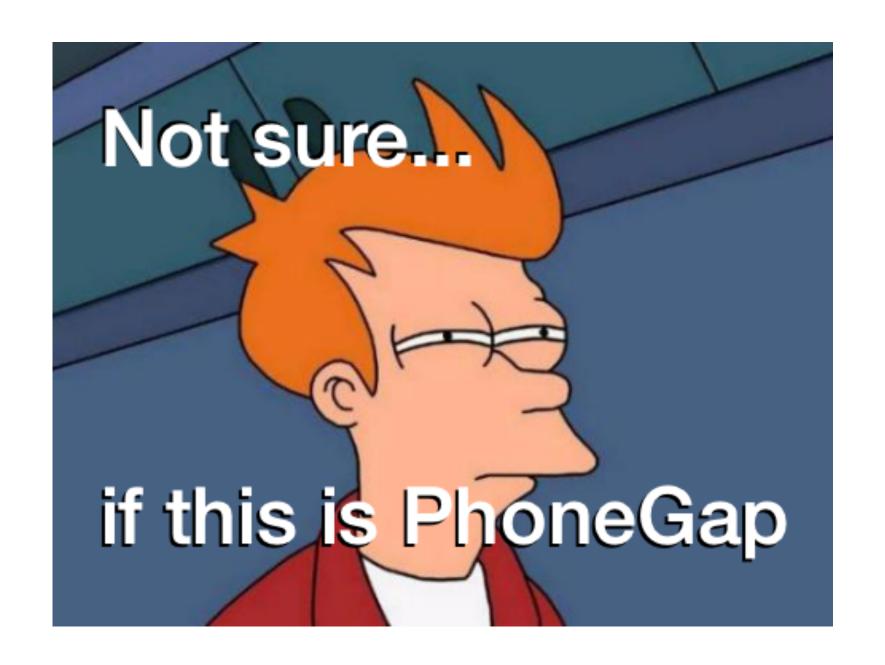
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What is NativeScript?

• A runtime for building and running *native* iOS, Android, and (soon) Windows Phone apps with a single, JavaScript code base





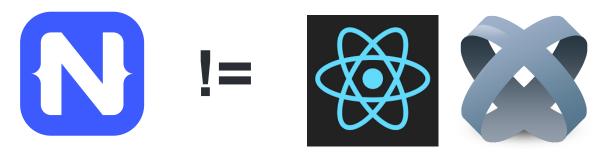








No cross compilation



 Direct access to native APIs in JS



Why NativeScript?

- Skills reuse
 - Standards-based JavaScript, CSS, optionally TypeScript
- Code reuse
 - npm modules, 3rd-party iOS and Android libraries
- Easily use native APIs
 - No wrappers to access native APIs
 - Use native UI elements
- Open source!



Contribute! (nativescript.org/contribute)

Contributing to NativeScript

Thank you for your interest in contributing to the NativeScript project!

Anyone wishing to contribute to the NativeScript project MUST read & sign the NativeScript Contribution License Agreement. The NativeScript team cannot accept pull requests from users who have not signed the CLA first.

NativeScript is a complex framework, involving cross-platform modules, a Command-Line Interface and platform-specific runtimes. Each of these follows a specific technology, therefore the contribution instructions are different for each.

Please, visit these repositories for detailed contribution guidelines: Cross-Platform modules

Cross-Platform modules
Command-Line Interface
Android-Runtime
iOS-Runtime





NativeScript Android example

```
var time = new android.text.format.Time();
time.set( 1, 0, 2015 );
console.log( time.format( "%D" ) );
```

Output: "01/01/15"

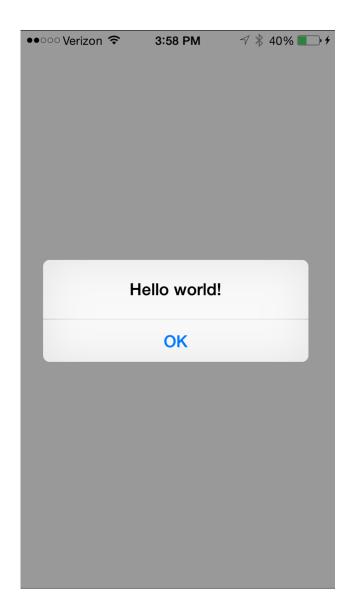




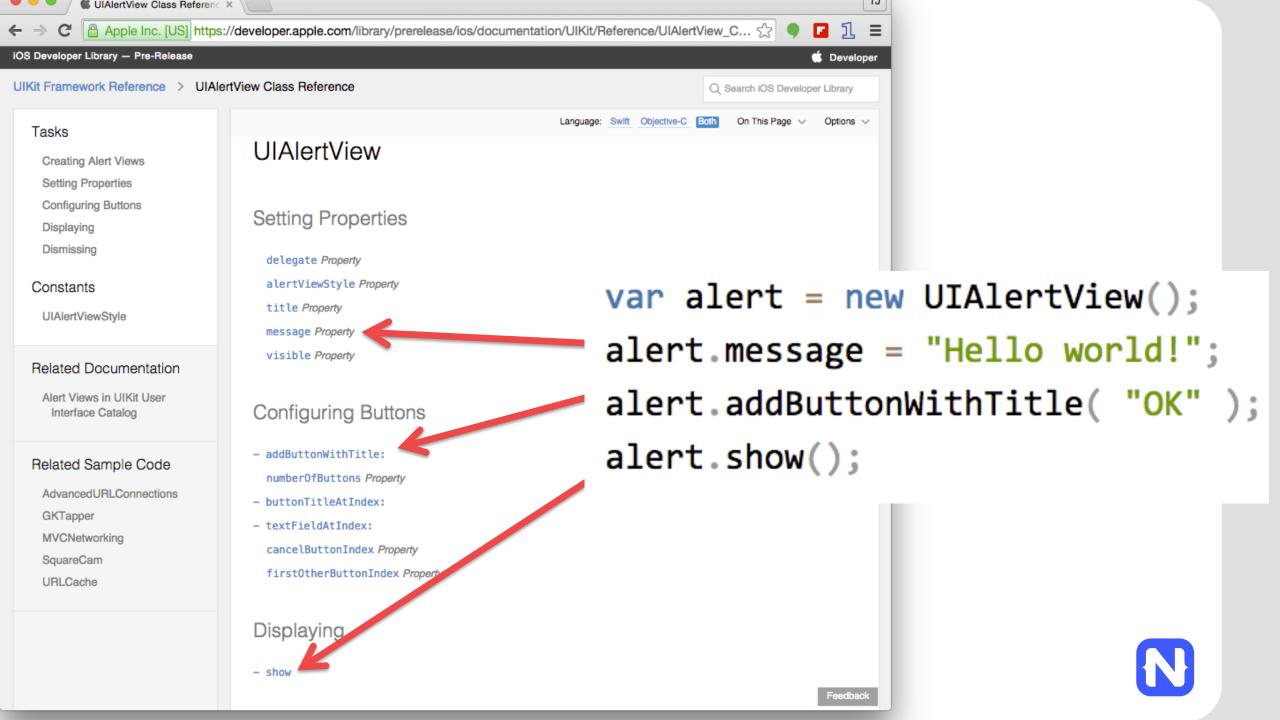
NativeScript iOS example

```
var alert = new UIAlertView();
alert.message = "Hello world!";
alert.addButtonWithTitle( "OK" );
alert.show();
```









How does this work?





NativeScript and JS VMs

- NativeScript runs JavaScript on a JavaScript VM
 - JavaScriptCore on iOS
 - V8 on Android



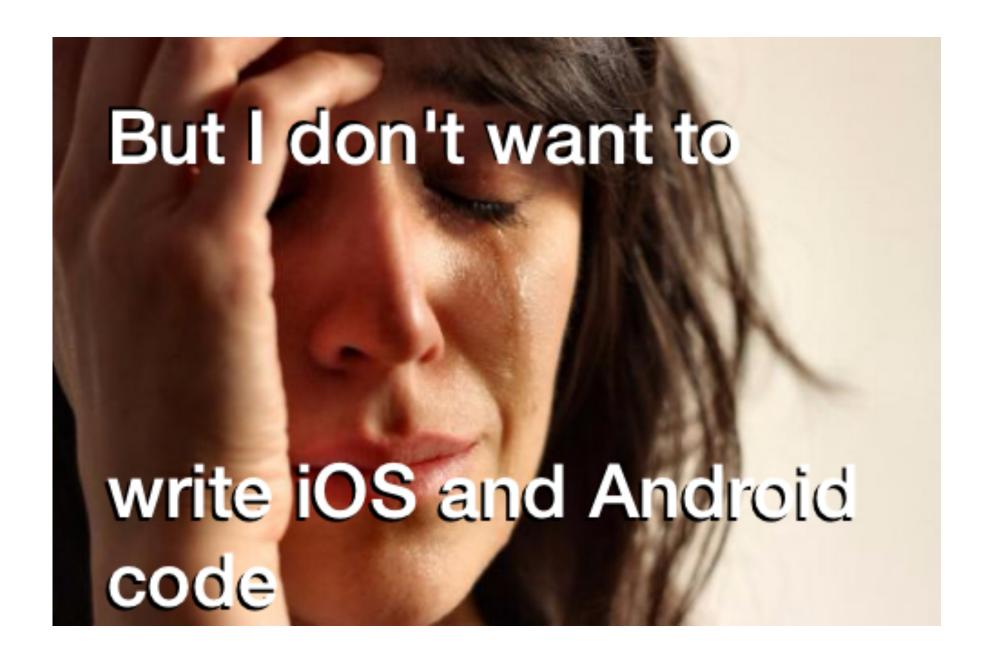
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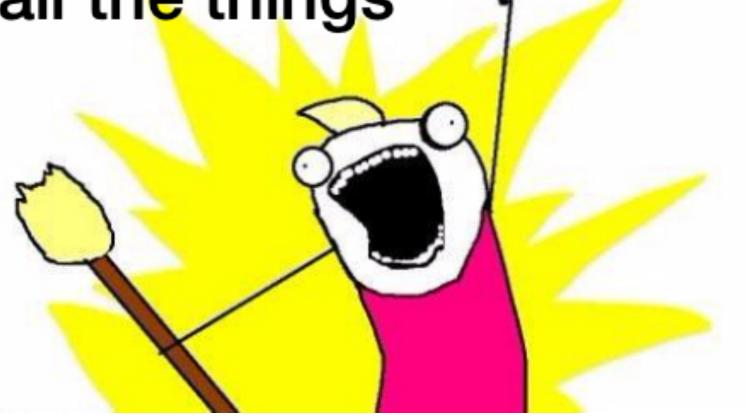
Runs on JavaScriptCore







NativeScript modules for all the things





NativeScript modules

- NativeScript-provided modules that provide crossplatform functionality.
- There are dozens of them and they're easy to write yourself.
- NativeScript modules follow Node module's conventions (CommonJS).



NativeScript file module

```
var fileSystemModule = require( "file-system" );
new fileSystemModule.File( path );
          new java.io.File( path );
       NSFileManager.defaultManager();
       fileManager.createFileAtPathContentsAttributes(path);
```

HTTP module example

```
var http = require( "http" );
http.getJSON( "https://api.myservice.com" )
   .then(function( result ) {
        // result is JSON Object
   });
```



Community modules

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A sqlite NativeScript module for Android and (soon) iOS version 0.0.2

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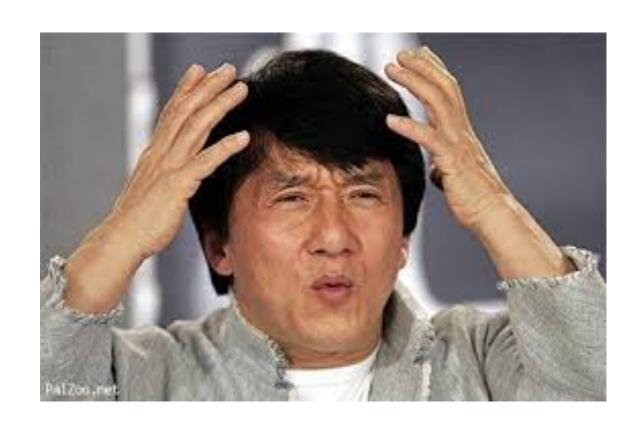
appbuilder

command line interface to Telerik AppBuilder version 2.8.3-331

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But how do I turn this into an app?





Two ways to use NativeScript

1) * Telerik Platform

npm install -g nativescript



Telerik Platform http://telerik.com/platform

- Backend-as-a-service
 - Push notifications, cloud data, file storage, etc.
- Analytics
- AppBuilder
 - Cloud builds (build iOS apps on Windows, Windows Phone apps on a Mac)
 - NativeScript debugging and tooling
- Screen Builder (app scaffolding)
- And more!



Telerik AppBuilder IDE Options

- In-Browser Client
- Visual Studio Extension
- Sublime Text Package
- Command-Line Interface





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NativeScript CLI

- Free and open source
- https://github.com/nativescript/nativescript-cli



NativeScript CLI requirements

 https://github.com/nativescript/nativescriptcli#system-requirements



JDK, Apache Ant, Android SDK



Xcode, Xcode CLI tools, iOS SDK



Starting a new project

```
$ npm install -g nativescript
$ tns create hello-world
$ cd hello-world
```



Running on iOS

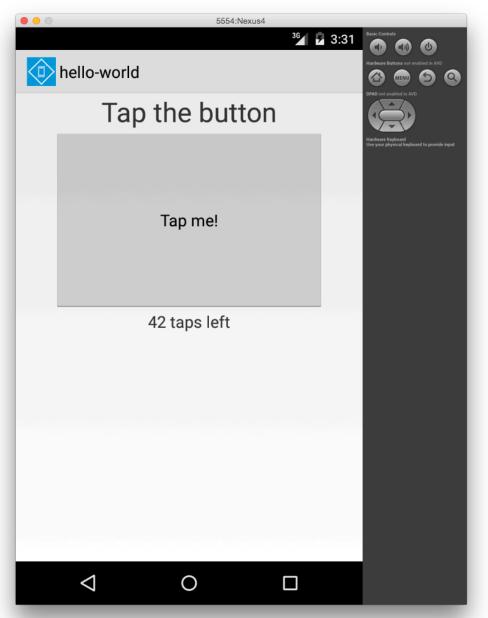
```
$ tns platform add ios
$ tns run ios --emulator
```





Running on Android

- \$ tns platform add android
- \$ tns run android --emulator





```
app
   App_Resources <-- icons, splash screens, config files
   app.css <-- App styling
   app.js <-- App starting point
   main-page.css
   main-page.js
   main-page.xml
   node_modules <-- npm modules</pre>
 - package.json
   tns_modules <-- NativeScript modules</pre>
platforms
   android
    ios
```

app.js

```
var application = require( "application" );
application.mainModule = "main-page";
application.start();
```



Pages

- XML markup structure
- Elements (e.g. <Page>, <Label>) are
 NativeScript modules

```
<Page>
     <Label text="hello world" />
</Page>
```



Custom XML Components

Example: Code-Only Custom Component

This sample main-page.xml uses two custom components defined in separate declarations in the xml-declaration directory. The custom controls are wrapped horizontally.

http://docs.nativescript.org/ui-with-xml#custom-components



Data binding

```
<Page loaded="load">
    <Label text="{{ message }}" />
</Page>
exports.load = function( args ) {
    args.object.bindingContext = { message: "hello world" };
```



Data binding improved

```
var observableModule = require( "data/observable" );
exports.load = function( args ) {
   var data = new observableModule.Observable();
   data.set( "message" , "hello world" );
   args.object.bindingContext = data;
}
```



CSS

```
Label {
    color: red;
    font-size: 20;
    width: 200;
    margin: 20;
}
```



http://docs.nativescript.org/styling#supportedproperties

Supported Properties

This is the list of the properties that can be set in CSS or through the style property of each View:

CSS Property	JavaScript Property	Description
color	color	Sets a solid-color value to the matched view's foreground.
background-color	backgroundColor	Sets a solid-color value to the matched view's background.
font-size	fontSize	Sets the font size of the matched view (only supports



Hands-on Lab

 https://github.com/tjvantoll/summer-of-nativescript/ blob/master/july/lab.md



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