

jqMobi 1.0 Released – Tiny, Fast, Mobile-Optimized HTML5 Successor to jQuery

*Open source mobile rewrite of jQuery delivers identical
user experience across iOS and Android devices*

SAN FRANCISCO – March 12, 2012 – appMobi today announced the public release of version 1.0 of the jqMobi open source HTML5 mobile app framework (jqMobi.com). jqMobi is a mobile-optimized, HTML5 rewrite of the ubiquitous jQuery framework which is used on over 50% of all desktop websites. appMobi originally created and open sourced jqMobi to remedy the poor Android mobile performance and bloated code size of desktop Web frameworks based on jQuery. Frameworks like jqMobi speed the development of HTML5-based mobile apps that are deployed as Web apps or as hybrid iOS and Android apps created using appMobi or PhoneGap/Cordova.

The jqMobi HTML5 mobile framework includes three functional libraries:

- jqMobi - a blazingly fast query selector library with jQuery-compatible syntax
- jqUi – a touch-based user interface library for WebKit browsers that handles headers, footers, transitions, scrolling lists, transitions, forms, carousels and Android bug fixes
- jqPlugins - a jQuery-compatible plugin manager for WebKit browsers

The 1.0 release of jqMobi includes numerous improvements, bug fixes and tablet enhancements that have been contributed by the open source community. At its original launch in January, jqMobi had only 30 API functions and basic event support. The 1.0 release sports over 60 API calls, expanded event support and query selector compatibility, along with many bug fixes. jqUI now has six color themes to choose from, vector-based iconography, and it works seamlessly on tablets. jqUI is still very small, only 21kb minified and gZipped. Remarkably, jqMobi 1.0 is still just as fast as the beta version and only slightly larger, at 5kb minified and gZipped.

Initially launched as open source on January 16, 2012, jqMobi has been rapidly embraced by the mobile HTML5 development community, with over 10,000 downloads, 80 “forks” and over 500 watchers on its GitHub repository.

“jqMobi could not have been released at a better time,” said developer Michael Bryne, of Fueled Media. “As my first foray into mobile application development, jqMobi allowed me to get my app up and running in record time, with a full feature set and rock-solid one-of-a-kind support from the development team. I cannot recommend jqMobi and jqUI enough!”

jqMobi appears poised to become the dominant framework for cross-platform HTML5 mobile app development, as jQueryMobile recently announced that upcoming version 1.1 will have reduced functionality on Android 2.X, and Sencha has announced that Sencha Touch 2.0 will not support Android 3.X.

In terms of numbers, the Android platform dominates the mobile industry, with 850,000 new devices being authorized per day. jqMobi offers developers a solid framework that delivers equivalent user experience on iOS and Android platforms.

jqMobi 1.0 is available immediately as a free download at www.jqMobi.com.

About appMobi

A bold proponent of the open mobile Web, appMobi has developed tools and cloud-based services built on HTML5, CSS and JavaScript, creating a unified, open ecosystem that competes favorably with “walled gardens” offered by Apple and Google. In 2011, the company released several of its core technologies as open source, including its cross-platform mobile device API, mobiUs Web browser, the jqMobi app framework and directCanvas HTML5 game acceleration. In December, appMobi was named “Most Promising Tech Company for 2012” by ReadWriteWeb. appMobi’s technology allows mobile app developers to support HTML5 and native app platforms with just one code base, and to deploy and service their apps on multiple platforms, including the open Web. For more information visit <http://www.appmobi.com>.

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