

WEB EXTENSIONS

LOGISTICS

TODAY

- Anatomy of a web extension
- Chrome APIs
- Demo: Developing extensions in Chrome
- Break!
- Intro MP1 and brainstorming
- Work time

ANATOMY OF A WEB EXTENSION

WEB EXTENSION COMPONENTS

- `manifest.json` - *required*
- Content script - inject logic into the page
- Options page - enables customization of the extension
- Toolbar icon - displayed in the browser toolbar
- UI elements - such as a popup
- Service worker - the extension's event handler

manifest.json

Required file that provides important information about the extension

```
{
  // Required
  "manifest_version": 3,
  "name": "My Extension",
  "version": "1.0.1",

  // Recommended
  "action": {...},
  "default_locale": "en",
  "description": "A plain text description",
  "icons": {...},

  // everything else optional
}
```

UI ELEMENTS

- An action click event.
- A popup.
- A context menu.
- An omnibox.
- A keyboard shortcut.
- Desktop notifications.
- Text-to-speech.
- A custom UI injected into a page.

CONTENT SCRIPTS

- read and modify the content of a page
- live in an isolated world
- can be injected only on certain urls

OPTIONS PAGE

- enables customization of the extension

CHROME APIS

**THERE ARE MANY APIS
AVAILABLE TO YOU!**

Read the docs

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DEMO: RUNNING EXTENSIONS IN CHROME

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silly ideas encouraged!

SHARE BACK

SIMPLIFY!

WORK TIME!

