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notes арр - intro

Some initial considerations for IndexedDB

- connecting
- event listeners
- creating a new DB
- adding object stores
- transactions
- adding data, reading data...
- index and querying...

notes app - basic requirements

Start building initial **Trip Notes** app,

- Cordova base app created
- add support for required platforms
 - Android & Browser (for testing...)
- add any initial plugins
- set icon and splashscreens in config.xml

Then build out initial app,

- add home screen
 - initial design and layout
 - initial widgets and elements
 - add some basic styling
- add IndexedDB support
 - create base object stores
 - load some notes
- add some more UI options
 - change view of notes grid, list...
 - sort and filter notes
- view single note

Then, move on to v2...

notes app - icon and splashscreen

add the splashscreen plugin,

cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-splashscreen

- then update config.xml file
 - add support for required splashscreens and icons
- set a value for the splashscreen timeout
- controls default AutoHide for splashscreen

```
cpreference name="SplashScreenDelay" value="3000" />
```

- option can be overridden
- either programmatically in [S
- or in the config.xml file, e.g.

```
erence name="AutoHideSplashScreen" value="false" />
```

- default value set to value="true"
- hides splashscreen at specified value for delay
- if AutoHideSplashScreen set to false
- needs to be hidden programmatically in the app's JS

notes app - config.xml - splashscreens and icons

Add splashscreens and icons to the config.xml file

```
<platform name="android">
   <icon density="ldpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-ldpi-icon.png" />
   <icon density="mdpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-mdpi-icon.png" />
   <icon density="hdpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-hdpi-icon.png" />
   <icon density="xhdpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-xhdpi-icon.png" />
   <icon density="xxhdpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-xxhdpi-icon.png" />
   <icon density="xxxhdpi" src="resources/android/icon/drawable-xxxhdpi-icon.png" />
   <splash density="land-ldpi" src="resources/android/splash/drawable-land-ldpi-screen.png" />
   <splash density="land-mdpi" src="resources/android/splash/drawable-land-mdpi-screen.png" />
   <splash density="land-hdpi" src="resources/android/splash/drawable-land-hdpi-screen.png" />
   <splash density="land-xhdpi" src="resources/android/splash/drawable-land-xhdpi-screen.png" />
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   <splash density="port-xxxhdpi" src="resources/android/splash/drawable-port-xxxhdpi-screen.png" />
ference name="SplashScreenDelay" value="3000" />
```

n.b. we'll initially set SplashScreenDelay in the config.xml file...

notes app - initial home screen

Initial requirements for app's home screen

Places

- header & navbar
- title
- icons for *create note*, *menu...*
- main content
- heading
- grid for notes
- footer

Functionality

- view all notes
- single note with title, snippet, &c.
- no. of notes
- switch layout of notes
- grid, list, &c.
- filter and sort notes
- **...**

Cordova app - NoteTaker - vI - jQuery Mobile

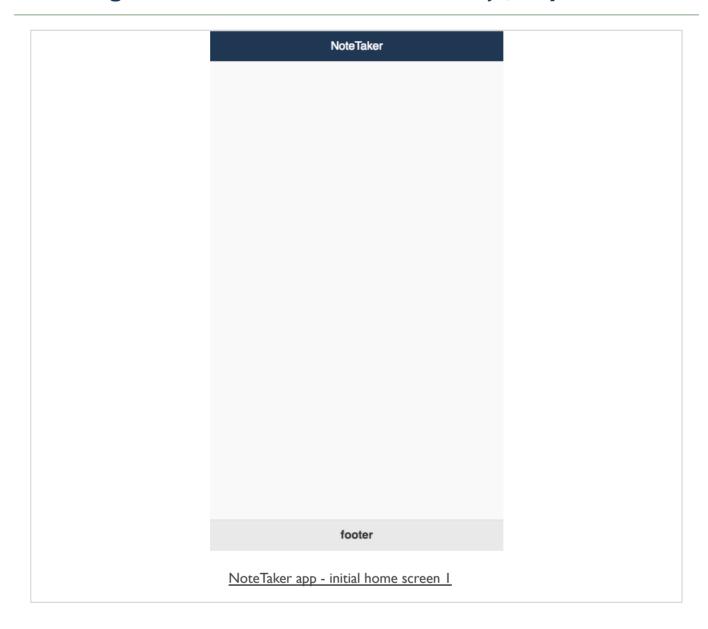
notes app - index.html - part I

update app's index.html page using jQuery Mobile structure

modify the initial CSS for the app, and add specifics for jQuery Mobile

```
/* remove default all uppercase...*/
body {
    text-transform: none;
}
/* customise page header */
.ui-page .ui-header {
    background-color: #la3852;
}
/* customise header title */
.ui-header .ui-title {
    font-weight: normal;
    text-shadow: none;
    color: #fff;
}
```

Image - NoteTaker - Home Screen I - jQuery Mobile



- now start to introduce alternative UI frameworks for developing cross-platform apps
 - first option is OnsenUI
- supports development with
- JavaScript
- Angular I & 2
- React
- setup initial Cordova project, add platforms, plugins &c.
- then add OnsenUI to newly created project
- use either NPM or Bower
- install Bower using the following terminal command

```
npm install -g bower
```

use Bower to install UI components and dependencies for building our OnsenUI projects

cd www bower install onsenui

bower_components directory created in the project's www directory

add OnsenUI files to project

- we need to add OnsenUI to our project
 - add framework's CSS and JS

```
...
<head>
...
<!-- setup css -->
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/index.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="bower_components/onsenui/css/onsenui.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="bower_components/onsenui/css/onsen-css-components.css">
<link rel="stylesheet" type="text/css" href="css/style.css">
<!-- setup js -->
<script type="text/javascript" src="cordova.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="bower_components/onsenui/js/onsenui.js"></script>
<script type="text/javascript" src="js/app.js"></script>
<title>NoteTaker</title>
</head>
...
```

- adding required OnsenUI framework CSS and JavaScript
 - allow us to use specific OnsenUI elements, structures, methods...
- update these files to support custom themes and styles
 - create using the **OnsenUI Theme Roller**
 - add app specific styles to css/style.css

OnsenUI concepts - ons object, elements, page content...

- ons object is exposed as an integral part of working with OnsenUI
- part of the core library
- use with available exposed methods e.g. with tabbar, page, various utilities...
- OnsenUI specific elements are all custom
 - defined with tag prefix of <ons-
 - elements still include attribute and class patterns
 - provide properties and events as expected for standard HTML
- still traverse an OnsenUI created DOM as expected
- OnsenUI includes many UI components
 - e.g. <ons-navigator> component provides management of page stack and app navigation

<ons-navigator id="navigator" page="page1.html"></ons-navigator>

- also add many types of pre-built OnsenUI components, e.g.
- buttons, dialogs, notifications
- toolbars, pages, splitters, tabs
- forms, lists...
- helper properties and functions such as infinite scroll
 - provide pre-built ways to manage content, rendering, layout, and general development...

notes app - index.html - part I

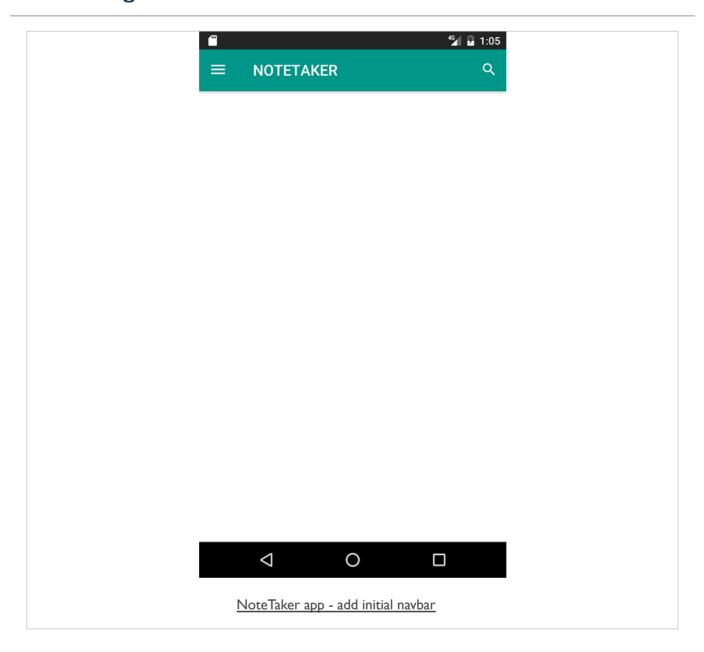
- add a page using the <ons-page> element
 - becomes initial container for a single page
 - root element for other page elements
- add a toolbar to the top or foot of a page
 - using the <ons-toolbar> element

```
<!-- page root -->
<ons-page>
<!-- page toolbar -->
<ons-toolbar>
...
</ons-toolbar>
</ons-page>
```

update our toolbar with a menu icon, title, and search icon

```
<!-- page toolbar -->
<ons-toolbar>
   <div class="left">
   <ons-toolbar-button>
     <!-- hamburger menu -->
     <ons-icon icon="md-menu"></ons-icon>
   </ons-toolbar-button>
 </div>
 <div class="center">NoteTaker</div>
 <div class="right">
   <ons-toolbar-button>
     <!-- search option -->
     <ons-icon icon="md-search"></ons-icon>
   </ons-toolbar-button>
 </div>
</ons-toolbar>
```

Image - NoteTaker - add initial navbar - OnsenUI

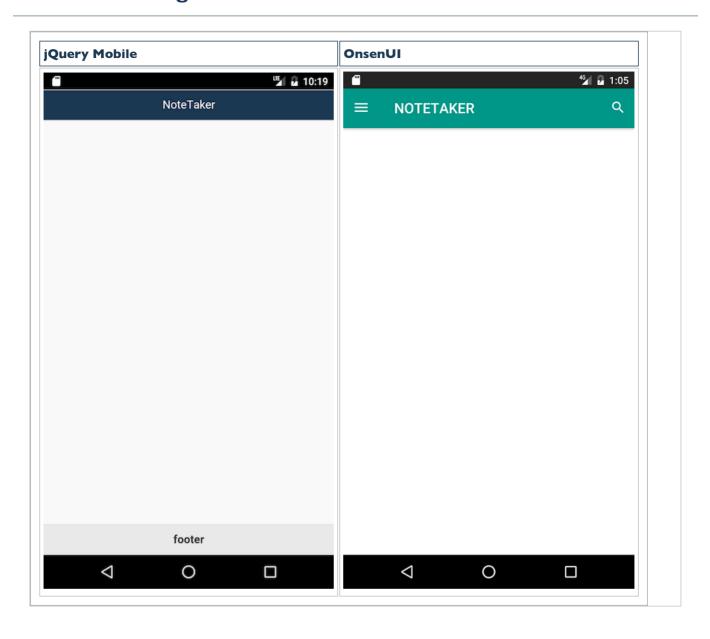


notes app - index.html - part 2

initial homepage,

```
<ons-page id="home">
 <!-- page toolbar -->
 <ons-toolbar>
   <div class="left">
     <ons-toolbar-button>
       <!-- hamburger menu -->
       <ons-icon icon="md-menu"></ons-icon>
     </ons-toolbar-button>
   </div>
   <div class="center">NoteTaker</div>
   <div class="right">
     <ons-toolbar-button>
       <!-- search option -->
       <ons-icon icon="md-search"></ons-icon>
     </ons-toolbar-button>
   </div>
 </ons-toolbar>
 <!-- home page content -->
 <h4>notes</h4>
 <ons-button id="push-button">Create</ons-button>
</ons-page>
```

Image - NoteTaker - Statusbar - default



notes app - statusbar

- add Cordova's statusbar plugin
 - helps customise statusbar at the top of the UI

cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-statusbar

update app's config.xml file to modify background colour

```
cpreference name="StatusBarBackgroundColor" value="#1a3852" />
```

- status bar now matches aesthetics of app's colour scheme
- many other options detailed in the Cordova API

n.b. Cordova Plugin Statusbar

Image - NoteTaker - Statusbar - custom

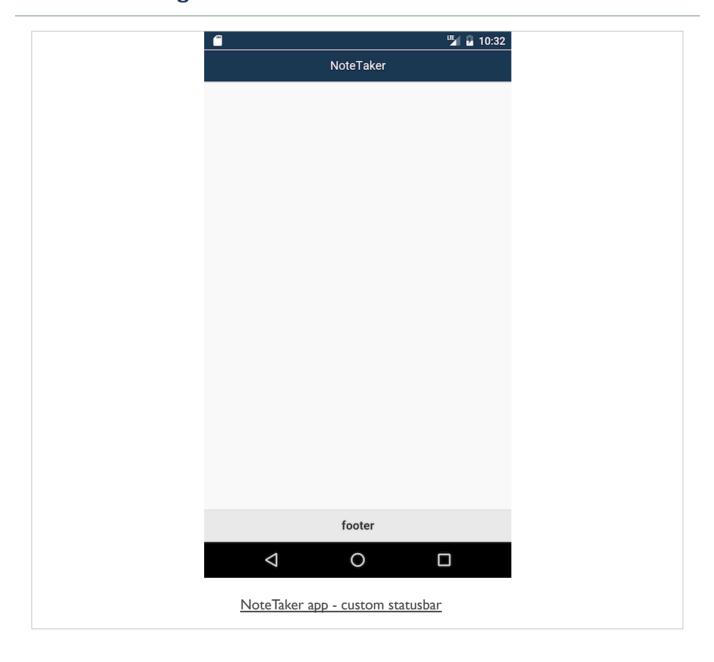
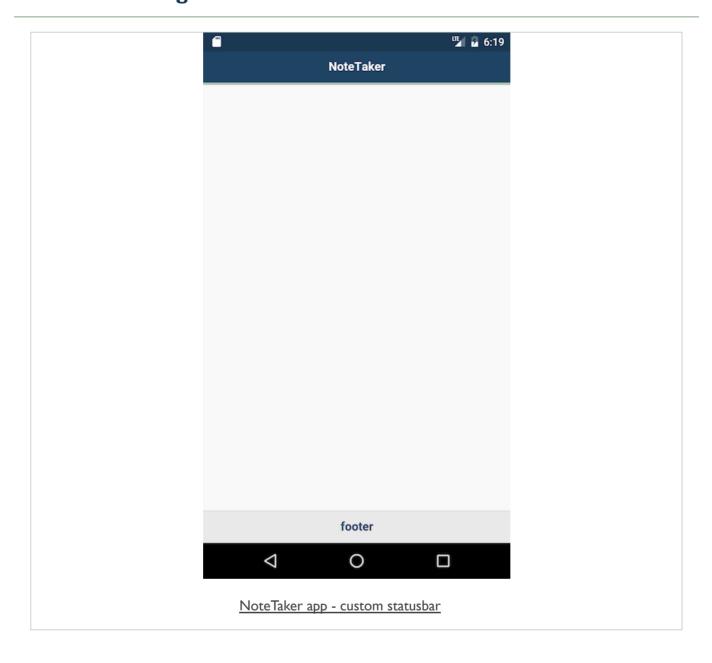


Image - NoteTaker - Statusbar - custom



Cordova app - NoteTaker - vI - jQuery Mobile

notes app - index.html - part 2

- start to add content to home screen
- including create button for new note, grid layout for notes, second page for create note form...

- updates header adds plus icon for create note option
- need to match app's aesthetics
- need to modify svg properties for underlying icon

```
/* custom svg for button - plus - custom fill colour = 1f4463*/
.ui-icon-plus:after {
   background-image: url("...polygon%20fill%3D%22%231f4463...");
}
```

modify polygon fill to fit our app's colour scheme

polygon%20fill%3D%22%231f4463

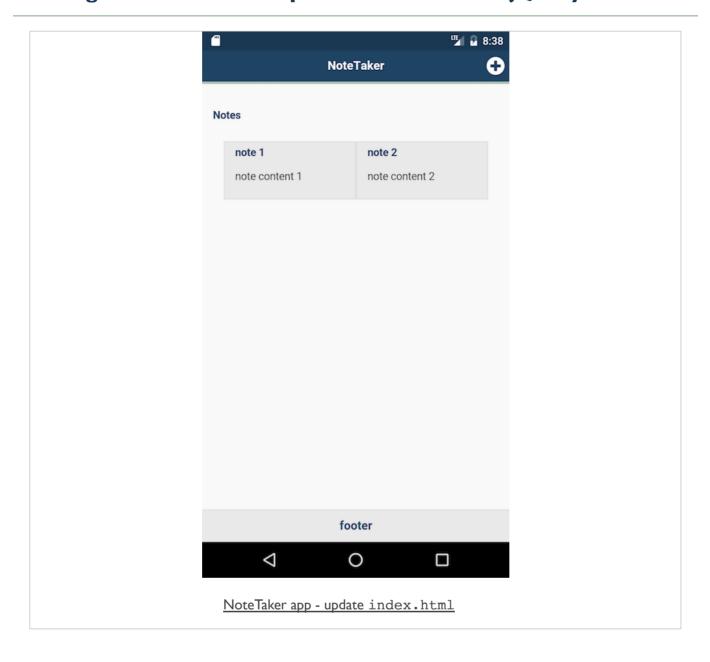
Cordova app - NoteTaker - vI - jQuery Mobile

notes app - index.html - part 3

- notes rendered by default using a grid pattern
- contains note's title and snippet of content
- grid uses the following pattern
- abstract in JS as we read notes from specified data store

```
<div role="main" class="ui-content">
   <h4>Notes</h4>
   <!-- output available notes -->
   <div id="notes" class="ui-body">
       <!-- grid layout for notes -->
       <div class="ui-grid-a">
           <!-- left column -->
           <div class="ui-block-a">
               <div class="ui-bar ui-bar-a">
                  <h5>note 1</h5>
                  note content 1
               </div>
           </div>
           <!-- right column -->
           <div class="ui-block-b">
              <div class="ui-bar ui-bar-a">
                  <h5>note 2</h5>
                  note content 2
               </div>
           </div>
       </div>
   </div>
</div><!-- /content -->
```

Image - NoteTaker - update index.html - jQuery Mobile



notes app - index.html - part 3

- add a second page to allow a user to create their notes
- follow the same pattern as the home page

update toolbar relative to page requirements

notes app - page lifecycle

<ons-page> element provides the following events at
different points during the lifecyle of a page

- init
- fired after page is added to DOM
- destroy
- fired prior to page being removed from the DOM, and just before the page is destroyed
- show
 - fired every time <ons-page> comes into the view
- hide
 - fired every time <ons-page> disappears from the view

notes app - JS and initial listeners

- using OnsenUI and Cordova we need to consider specific events as an app starts...
- DOM loads attach listener for Cordova's deviceready

```
//add listener to DOM - check deviceready event...continue with app logic
document.addEventListener('deviceready', onDeviceReady, false);
```

- IS checks require DOM has loaded
- otherwise we can't attach listeners for such events
- deviceready event crucial to app loading
- if deviceready event not completed successfully
- not able to attach other listeners to the DOM
- Cordova modifies the default event listener for an app's webview
 - modifications include handling of special events
 - e.g. attaching and removing listeners...
- as noted in the Cordova JS library,

Intercept calls to addEventListener + removeEventListener and handle deviceready, resume, and pause events.

- deviceready event returns successful
 - next listener needs to check that OnsenUI init event has fired

```
document.addEventListener('init', function(event) {
   //check defined initial page for app...
   if (event.target.matches('#home')) {
        ...
   }
}, false);
```

notes app - notetaker.js

- add the logic for our OnsenUI based app
- start by checking for Cordova's deviceready event
- then check the init event that OnsenUI provides
- use this to check for our home page

```
//cordova - add listener to DOM & check deviceready event
document.addEventListener('deviceready', function(event) {
   //prevent any bound defaults
   event.preventDefault();
   console.log("cordova checked...device ready");
   //call as ons-page added to DOM...
   function onsInit(event) {
        //properties - initial page load
        var page = event.target;
    //check IndexedDB
    //set navigation
        //check for home page
        if (page.matches("#home")) {
        //ons.notification.alert('init checked...homepage ready');
            console.log("home page is now attached to the DOM...");
     } else {
           console.log("away from home page...");
    //onsen - init event is fired after ons-page attached to DOM...
   document.addEventListener('init', onsInit, false);
}, false);
```

notes app - navigation structure - part I

- two initial pages for our NoteTaker app navigation from place to place
 - update our index.html page's structure
 - updare app's logic in the notetaker.js file
- provide support for multi-page navigation three available navigation patterns
 - add a navigator, tabbar, or splitter component
 - each component provides a **frame** for a defined place within our app
 - dynamically update the inner content of each frame
- a frame normally contains a <ons-page> component
 - we can also nest multiple navigation components

notes app - navigation structure - part 2

- add a navigator component
 - define each individual page within our single page app's index.html
- defined each page for navigation using <ons-template> component
- updated structure is as follows

- for a SPA
 - each <ons-page> component's ID attribute replaces a full URL to a separate page

notes app - navigation logic

- update our app's logic to listen for navigation events
- add a custom function onsNav()
 - sets required **stack-based** navigation
 - OnsenUI uses to keep track of page push and pop requests within an app

```
//onsen - set stack-based navigation
function onsNav(page) {
   if (page.id === 'home') {
      page.querySelector('#push-button').onclick = function() {
        document.querySelector('#navigator').pushPage('create.html', {data: {title: 'Create Note'}});
    };
   } else if (page.id === 'create') {
      page.querySelector('ons-toolbar .center').innerHTML = page.data.title;
      console.log("page title = "+ page.data.title);
   }
}
```

Image - NoteTaker - check init event - OnsenUI

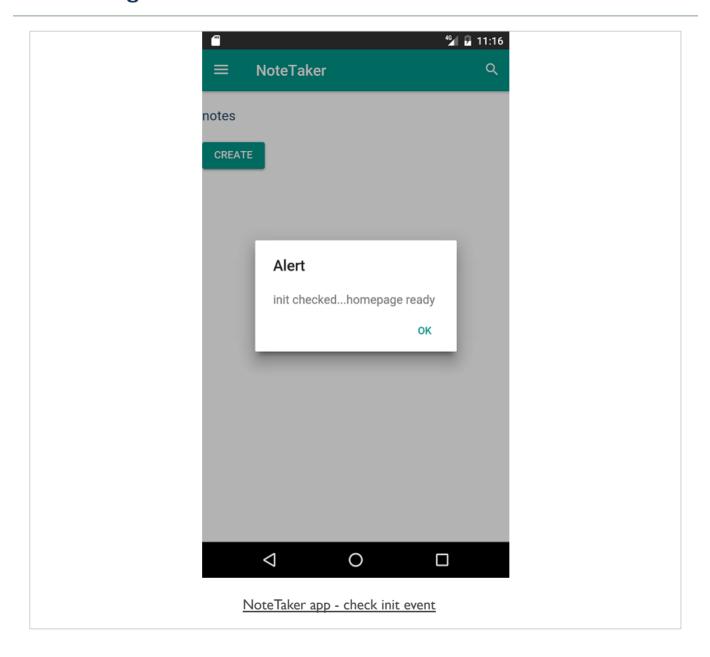


Image - NoteTaker - load home page - OnsenUI

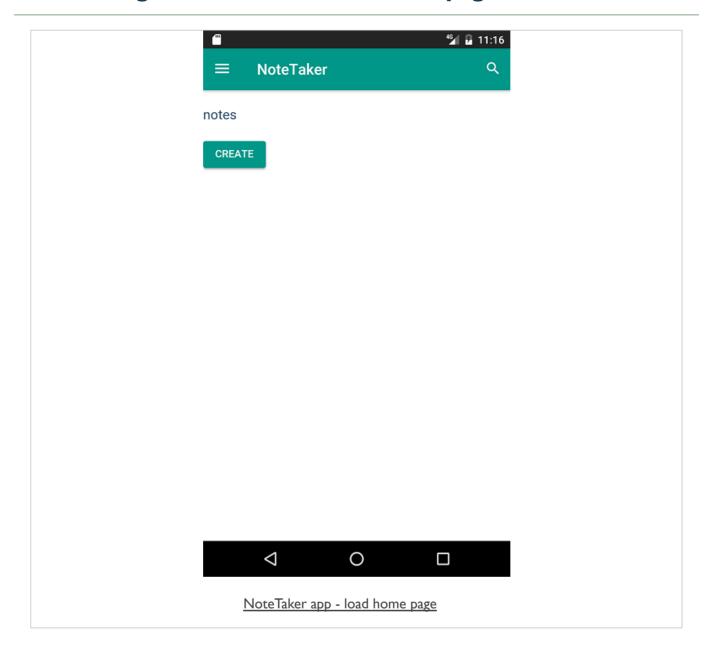
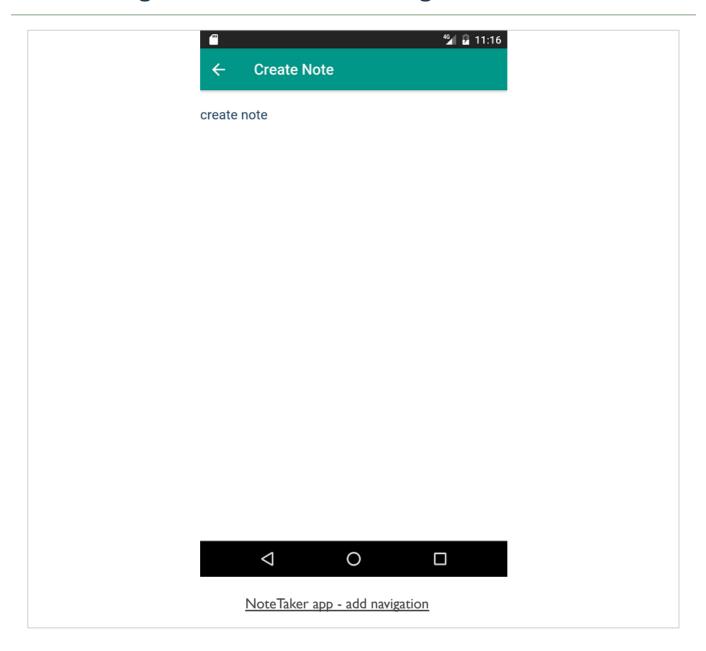


Image - NoteTaker - add navigation - OnsenUI



notes app - recap

Latest app features and updates,

- home page and create note page
- initial navigation stack
- statusbar customisation and titles
- splashscreens and icon
- initial page elements
- checked loading of
 - deviceready for Cordova
 - init for OnsenUI ons-page component

and a few updates to the general aesthetics...

Image - NoteTaker - check init event - OnsenUI

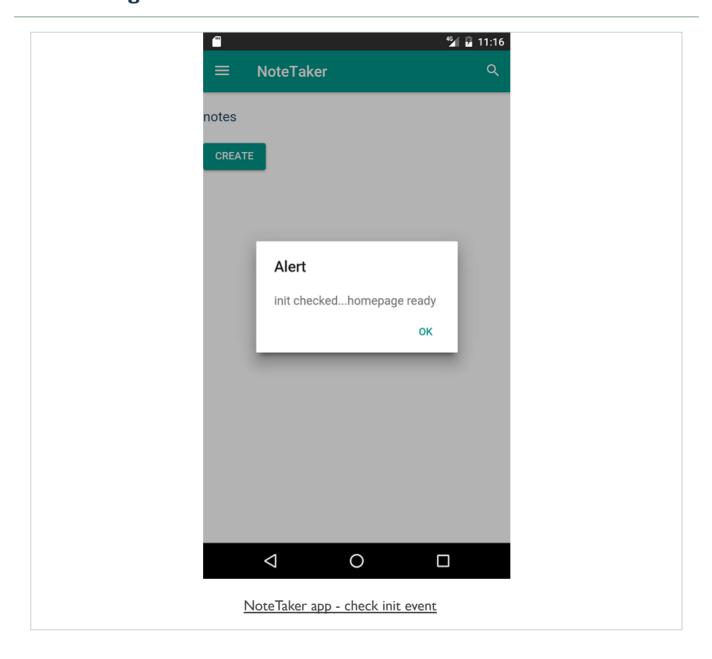


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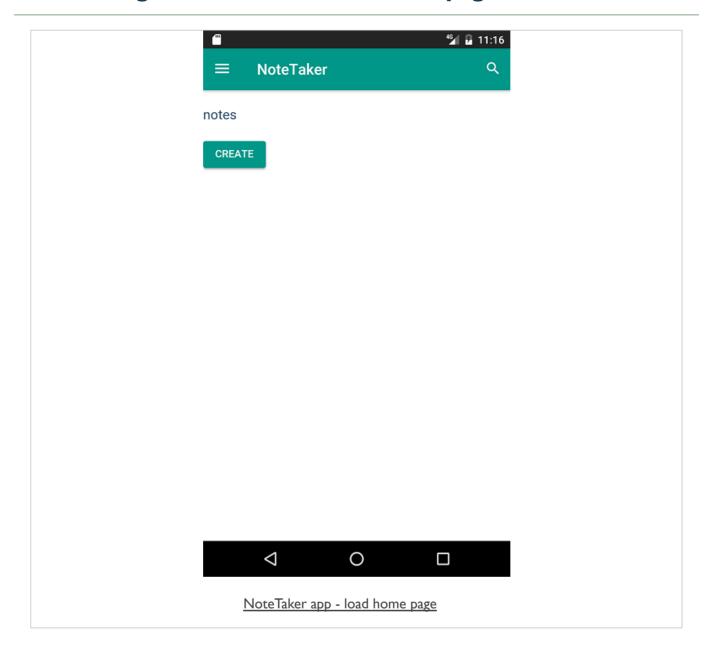
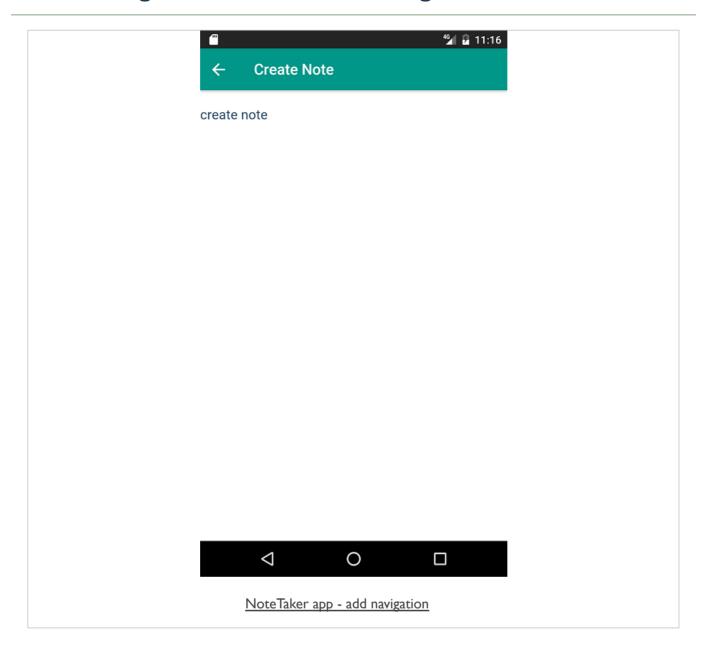


Image - NoteTaker - add navigation - OnsenUI



notes app - update UI

- start to modify our initial UI for our OnsenUI based app
- add a standard Material Design icon for creating a note
- use with our existing navigation stack
- standard floating action button pattern
- defined in the Material Design specification

```
<ons-fab position="bottom right">
  <ons-icon id="create-note" icon="md-plus"></ons-icon>
  </ons-fab>
```

Material Design specification - Floating Action Button

notes app - update UI - grid layout

- need to use a grid layout for our initial notes
- consult the Material Design guidelines for a grid list
- Material Design Guidelines grid list
- OnsenUI provides components for rows and columns, e.g.

also add a custom class to recreate some cards for our notes, e.g.

```
.note-card {
box-shadow: 0 lpx 4px #blc4bl;
background-color: #ffffff;
}
```

Image - NoteTaker - grid layout portrait - OnsenUI

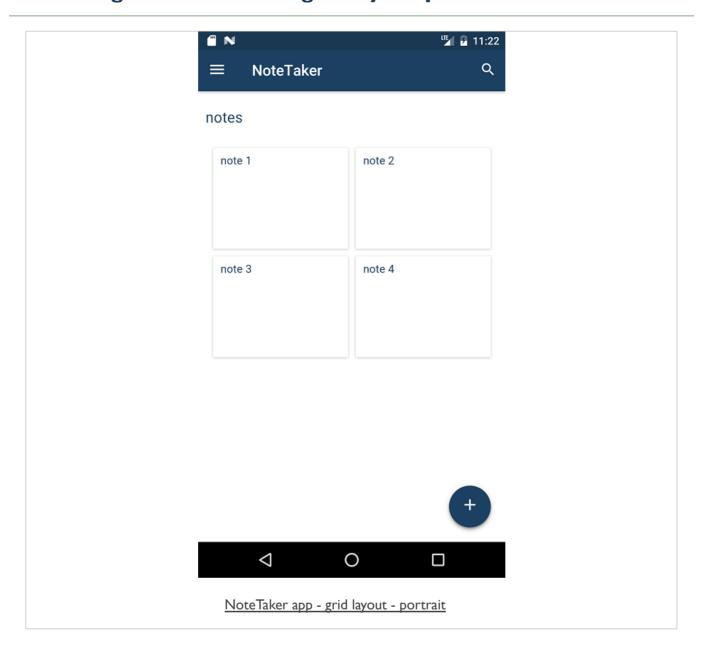
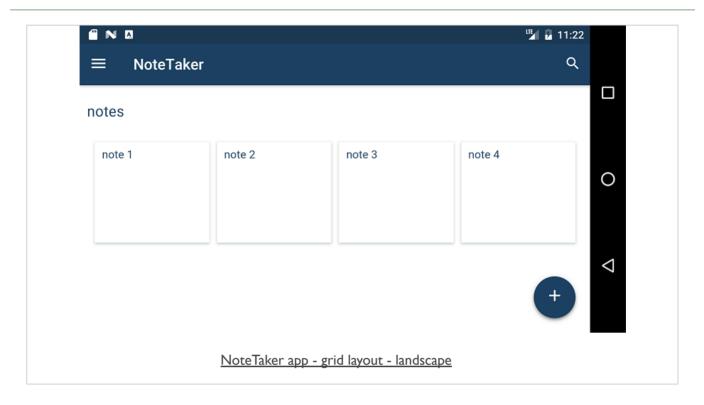


Image - NoteTaker - grid layout landscape - OnsenUI

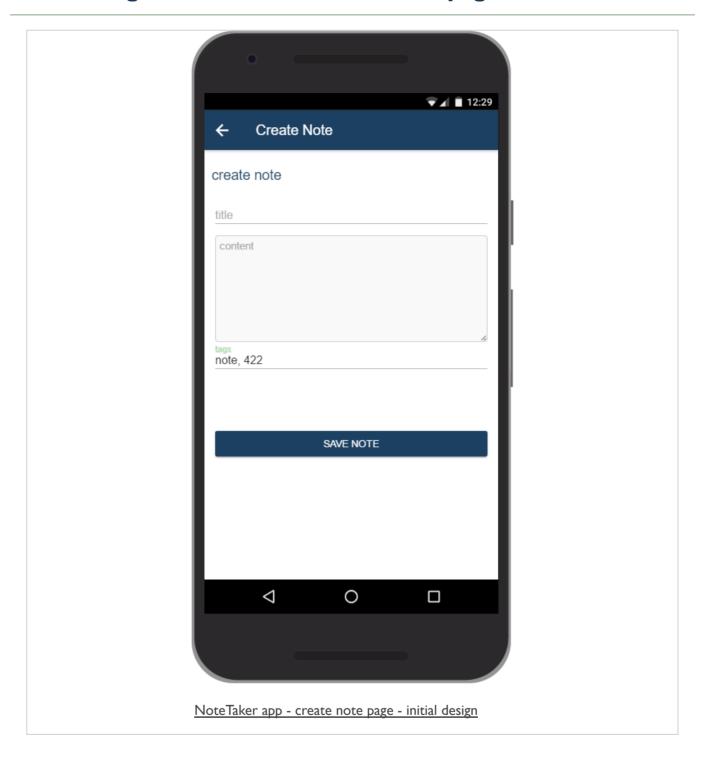


notes app - create note page

- next initial update
 - add options for a user to create their notes on the **create note** page
- need to add a form with various fields for a note
- <ons-input> component for input fields
- component supports many different common form elements
- checkbox, radio button, password field...
- need the following minimum elements and options for our create note page
 - title, content, tags

- mixture of standard HTML5 elements and OnsenUI components
- desired layout and rendering for our create note page

Image - NoteTaker - create note page - OnsenUI



notes app - update UI - navigation and splitter structure

- current navigation uses <ons-navigator> component
 - push **create note** page to navigation stack
- <ons-splitter> component
- use to create a main menu option
- component offers different frames that allow us to render varied content
 - e.g. add our menu with a left splitter contains menu links, title...
 - each link loads requested URL to <ons-splitter-content>
- frames normally contain a <ons-page> component
 - also nest multiple navigation components
 - e.g. <ons-navigator>
- basic usage, e.g.

notes app - update UI - navigation and splitter structure

- combine the navigator and splitter component
 - need to consider how they will complement each other
 - ensure navigation stack works correctly
- structure of our HTML needs to be updated

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notes app - update UI - navigation and splitter promises

- slightly different from the prescribed pattern in the OnsenUI docs
- after testing an initial pattern
 - navigator component as a parent container to the splitter component
- initially errors reported relative to blocked, existing promises
- splitter and its associated animation was in conflict
- with subsequent calls to the menu itself
- and the navigator component
- forum answer was an initial concern, not a satisfactory resolution
 - Onsen Community
- this issue led to the previous design and updated JS logic
- no longer blocks the required promises...

notes app - update UI - navigation and splitter logic

- relative to our menu option
- add this check to force the logic
- · checks target page before loading the menu itself
- if not, execution of JS logic will return 'null' for requested menu open selector. e.g.

```
if (event.target.id === 'home') {
   //get menu icon - query selector OK due to one per ons page
   var menuOpen = document.querySelector('.menu-open');
   //check menu open is stored...
   if (menuOpen) {
      console.log("menu open stored...");
   }
}
```

- checking that we can actually now use the menu open selector
- toggle state of the menu
- then add an event listener for the main menu
- allows us to open the menu on any applicable ons page

```
//add event listener for main menu
menuOpen.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
   event.preventDefault();
   //open main menu for current page
   menu.open();
}, false);
```

notes app - update UI - navigation and splitter logic

- need to handle multiple possible links in the menu itself
- ensure requested page is loaded in the splitter content

```
if (event.target.id === 'menu.html') {
  console.log("menu target...");
  //es6 Array.prototype.forEach iteration...
Array.from(menuLink).forEach(link => {
    link.addEventListener('click', function(event) {
        event.preventDefault();
        var url = this.getAttribute('url');
        console.log("menu link = "+ url);
        content.load(url)
        .then(menu.close.bind(menu));
    }, false);
});
}
```

- updated navigator and splitter component structure helps with overall logic
- check and add a listener for each menu item
- as and when the menu is actually loaded in the app
- · resolves situation of locked promises for splitter component...
- allows us to correctly select our menu, and menu items
- also select create note option as well on a given page
- set navigation stack for the **create note** option by checking against given page event

```
if (event.target.id === 'home') {
    //set navigation
    onsNav(event.target);
}
```

notes app - update UI - splitter, navigation, and backbutton

- using the <ons-splitter> and <ons-navigator> components
 - helps create the correct structure for our app
- need to consider interaction with hardware backbutton on Android
- Android device default usage pattern
- default behaviour for hardware backbutton = close the app
- user may reopen app from recent items using the overview button
- Android behaviour pattern replicated by Cordova
 - fires event to handle hardware button within an app
 - part of the default cordova.js file
- OnsenUI also set handlers for this hardware button for given UI components
 - Dialogs close a cancelable dialog
 - Navigator if page stack not empty, pops a page from navigation stack
 - Splitter close the menu if currently open

notes app - update UI - splitter, navigation, and backbutton

- menu system based upon the splitter component
- careful how we handle this hardware back button
- default action is to simply exit an app
- can update or modify this behaviour to create explicit action
 - offer feedback to users before an **exit** is executed

```
// initially disable hardware backbutton on Android
ons.disableDeviceBackButtonHandler();

// set custom backbutton handler
ons.setDefaultDeviceBackButtonListener(function(event) {
   ons.notification.confirm('Exit app?') // check with user
   .then(function(index) {
    if (index === 1) { // 'ok' button
        navigator.app.exitApp(); // default behaviour - exit app
    }
   });
});
```

- another option might simply be to maintain an in-app tracker
- track pages pushed and popped relative to the splitter component
- still need to be aware of the default, expected behaviour for Android
- should not modify this behaviour too much from default

notes app - update UI - splitter options & structure

- working menu and navigation stack within our initial app
- many different ways to use this splitter option
- often informed by an app's page and navigation requirements
- initially identify the following page and link requirements for our NoteTaker app

Main Menu

* home
* media
* notes
* tags

navigation stack

- * create note
 * edit note
- * tag note
- * delete note

- now need to add our initial notes for the app
- load them as the app starts
- render them on the home screen
- using IndexedDB for app based storage
- check and support offline storage for app
- then save to a cloud based data store
- e.g. user requests saving a specific note, notes...
- add our initial check for IndexedDB support as part of the deviceready event

```
//set variable for IndexedDB support
var indexedDBSupport = false;
if("indexedDB" in window) {
   indexedDBSupport = true;
   console.log("IndexedDB supported...");
} else {
   console.log("No support...");
}
```

- create initial variable to store the boolean result
- check variable after deviceready event has fired and returned successfully

- database is local to the browser,
- only available to users of the local, native app
- IndexedDB databases follow familiar pattern of read and write privileges
 - eg: browser-based storage options, including localstorage
- create databases with the same name, and then deploy them to different apps
 - remain domain specific as well
- first thing we need to do is create an opening to our database

```
var openDB = indexedDB.open("notetaker", 1);
```

- creating a variable for our database connection
- specifying the name of the DB and a version
- open request to the DB is an asynchronous operation

- create our required DB
 - check it has persisted during subsequent application loading and usage
- open a connection to the DB
- checks for three events
- upgrade, onsuccess, and any returned errors
- ready to use the success event
- start to build out our database for our NoteTaker app
 - add the required initial **object stores**
- also add our required **keypaths**, and a useful index

- update the upgrade event
 - includes creation of app's required object store

```
console.log("DB upgrade...");
  //local var for db upgrade
  var upgradeDB = e.target.result;
  if (!upgradeDB.objectStoreNames.contains("ntos")) {
     upgradeDB.createObjectStore("ntos");
  }
}
```

- check a list of existing object stores
- if required object store unavailable we can create our new object store
 - listen for result from this synchronous method
- as a user opens our app for the first time
- the upgradeneeded event is run
- code checks for an existing object store
- if unavailable, create a new one
- then run the success handler

Image - check and load IndexedDB

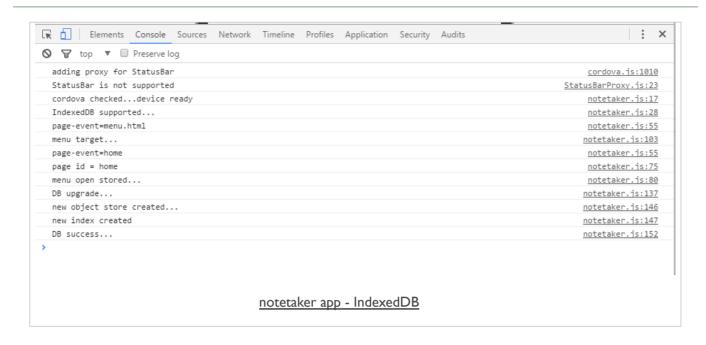
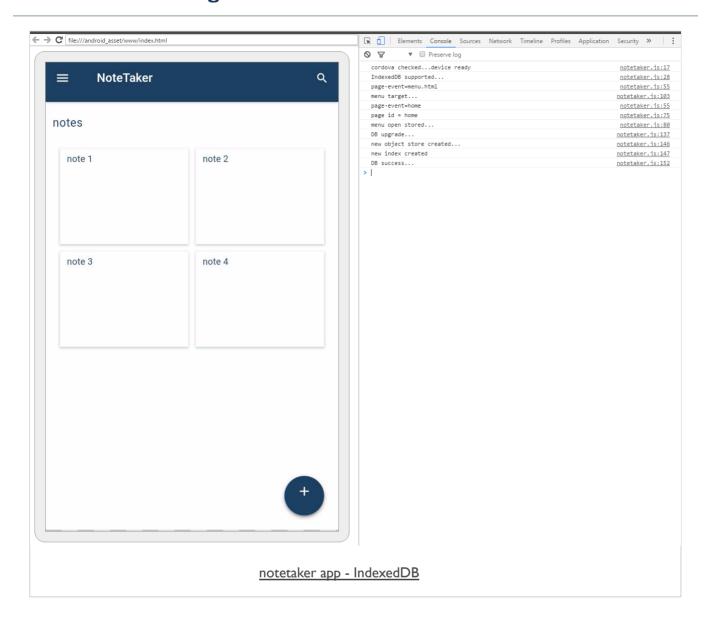


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