Comp 322/422 - Software Development for Wireless and Mobile Devices

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plugins - geolocation

- add and use Cordova's Geolocation plugin
- helps us provide information about current location of user's device
- plugin returns data on device's location
 - including latitude and longitude
- plugin can use the following to help determine location
 - GPS, network signals, phone network IDs...
- API has been developed around the W3C's Geolocation API Specification
- **n.b.** may not always be able to return a reliable location due to
 - location restrictions
 - lack of access to a network
 - a user may reject location tracking and awareness...
- need to be aware of potential privacy and security concerns
 - application's privacy policy important
 - how we collect and whether we store data or not
 - how and when we share such data with 3rd-party services
- consider offering user a simple opt-in/out option for location services
 - app needs fallback options to cover lack of location services

plugins - geolocation

now create our test application for the geolocation plugin

```
cordova create plugintestgeo com.example.plugintest PluginTestGeo
```

add our required platforms for support and development,

```
cordova platform add android --save
```

update the www directory, modify initial settings in config.xml,
 and run initial test

```
//test in the Android emulator
cordova emulate android
//test on a connected Android device
cordova run android
```

add geolocation plugin to our new project using the Cordova
 CLI

```
//cordova version 5.0+
cordova plugin add cordova-plugin-geolocation
//install directly via repo url
cordova plugin add https://github.com/apache/cordova-plugin-geolocation.git
```

Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation



plugins - geolocation - test plugin

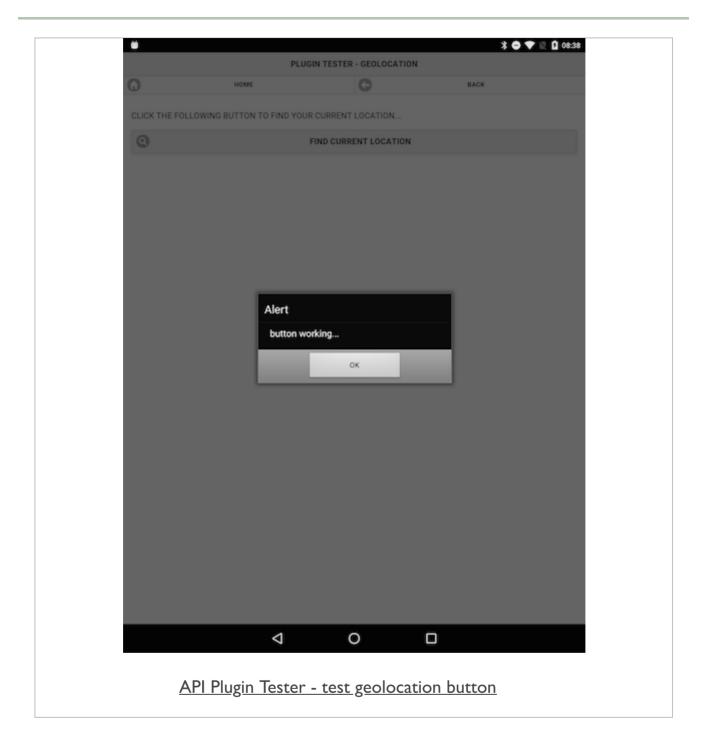
- add option to check and return current location of the user's device
- add a button to allow the user to request their current location
 - then get the location's latitude and longitude
 - then output the location results to the user

e.g.

```
<div id="content">
  Click the following button to find your current location...
  <button type="button" id="getLocation">Find Current Location</button>
  </div>
```

- then update the plugin.js file to handle the touch event for this button
 - get element from DOM
 - add event listener & test execution...
- output test alert &c. for handler

Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation



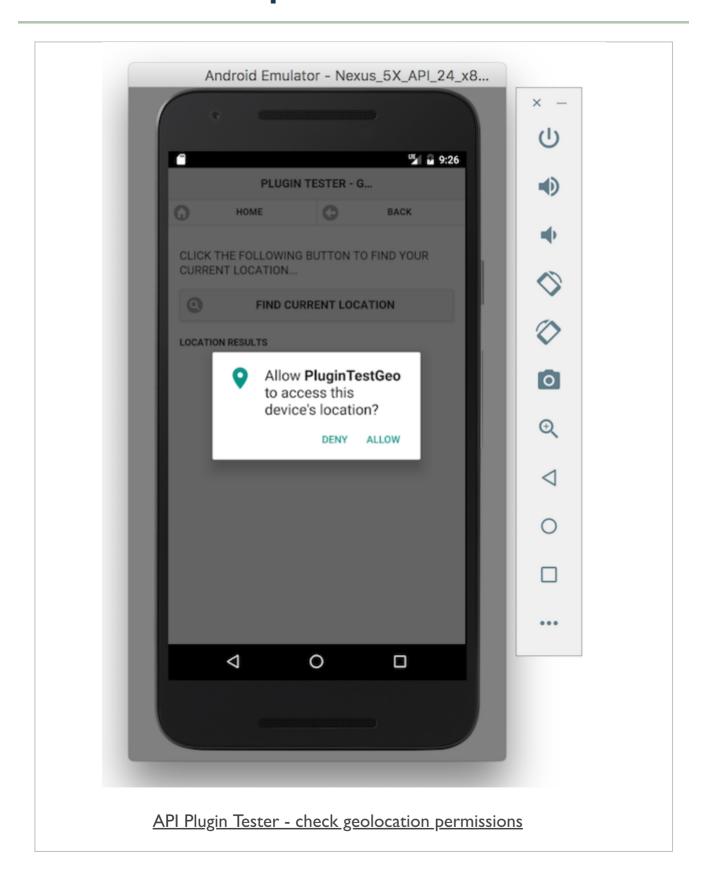
plugins - geolocation - test plugin

- add our logic for working with the navigator object and the geolocation plugin
- first function we need to add is getLocation()
 - use navigator object to get current position of user's device
- add our standard success and fail callbacks
 - initially add a timeout for poor signal or reception
 - enable high accuracy for this check
 - asking plugin to use most accurate source available, e.g. GPS
- getLocation() function is as follows,

```
function getLocation() {
  navigator.geolocation.getCurrentPosition(onSuccess,
    onFail, {
     timeout: 15000,
     enableHighAccuracy: true
  });
}
```

standard callbacks for onSuccess and onFail

Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation permissions



plugins - geolocation - test plugin

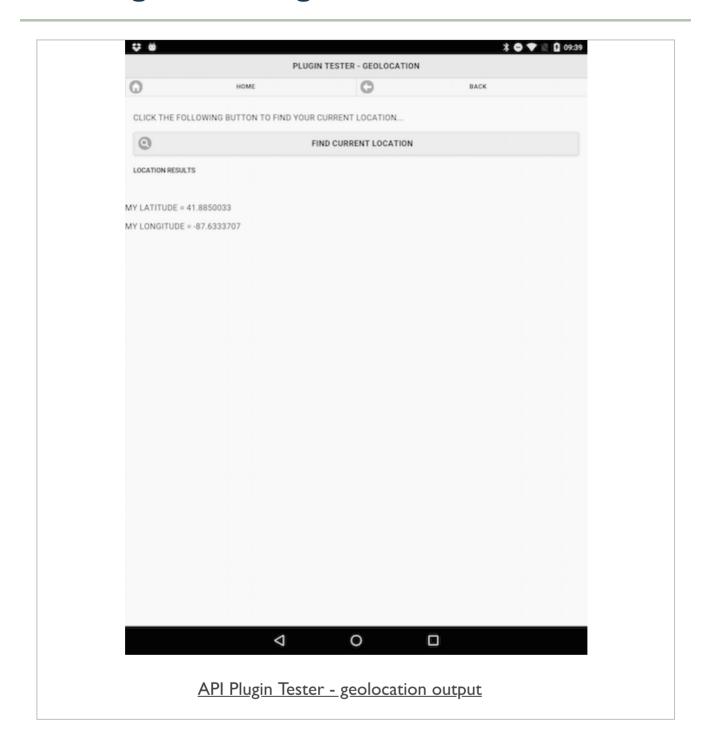
- successful return of location data
 - use the latitude and longitude coordinates within our application

```
function onSuccess(location) {
  var myLatitude = location.coords.latitude;
  var myLongitude = location.coords.longitude;
  //output result to #location div...
  // e.g. "my latitude = "+myLatitude+"my longitude = "+myLongitude+"
}
```

- now store coordinates of user's location as latitude and longitude values
- various options for usage per application
 - render to page, use with maps, add metadata to photos, track navigation...
- also need to allow for the possibility of errors
 - set our onFail callback as follows

```
function onFail(error) {
   // or output error to #location div...
   // e.g. "location error code = "+error.code+" message = "+error.message
}
```

Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation



plugins - geolocation - plugin options

- additional options and properties available to us in the callbacks
 - navigator object and properties for returned location object
- add options to navigator object for geolocation
 - maximumAge cached position as long as it is not older than the specified age
 - age is specified as a number in milliseconds, e.g. maximumAge: 3000
- returned location object properties
 - **altitude** location.coords.altitude
 - **heading** location.coords.heading
 - **speed** location.coords.speed
 - **timestamp** location.timestamp
- fine-tune results for our users

plugins - geolocation - monitor location

set plugin to monitor a device's location for changes

```
navigator.geolocation.watchPosition
```

- checking user's device for changes in their current location
 - then returns device's location if a change is detected

```
var watchID = navigator.geolocation.watchPosition(onSuccess, onFail,
{option...}
);
```

- error callback and options are both optional
- also use returned ID with a clearWatch() function to stop ongoing location check and monitoring

plugins - geolocation - manual toggle

- add a toggle option to allow a user to choose
 - auto or manual refresh of their location
- toggle set to on app will watch a user's position
- toggle set to off explicit location request required
- option to disable watchPosition() helps save battery life, reduces privacy issues...
- toggle switch initially set to default off position
 - location position requires explicit request
- toggle switch set to on
 - app calls watchPosition() method against global navigator.geolocation object

plugins - geolocation - manual toggle

add a toggle switch to our UI

```
<form>
    <label for="flip-select">watch location:</label>
    <select id="setWatch" name="flipWatch">
        <option>off</option>
        <option>on</option>
        </select>
</form>
```

- then update our JS logic to handle a UI event on this UI grouping
- add a check for the current value of the toggle switch
 - add to a property, e.g. watchState
 - simply checking set value of option for the switch

plugins - geolocation - manual toggle

- as a user changes the state of the toggle switch to on
 - need to call watchPosition() method against geoLocation
 - start constant polling of geolocation object
- add a new function getWatchID()
 - allows us to set a value for a watchID property
 - property set against onDeviceReady() function

```
function getWatchID() {
    watchID = navigator.geolocation.watchPosition(onSuccess,
    onFail, {
        enableHighAccuracy: true
    });
}
```

plugins - geolocation - manual toggle

- call getWatchID() using standard callback, onSuccess
 - get required location details
 - then set value for watchID property

```
//check state of toggle
if (watchState === "on") {
    //call function to start watching...
    getWatchID();
    //output check of watchID
    console.log("watchID = "+watchID);
} else {
    //clear the location watching - stops location tracking...
    navigator.geolocation.clearWatch(watchID);
    //output check of watchID - check match against on watchID...
    console.log("clear watch..."+watchID);
}
...
```

- update conditional statement
- clear output of coordinates, then clear watching of user's current location

Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation toggle

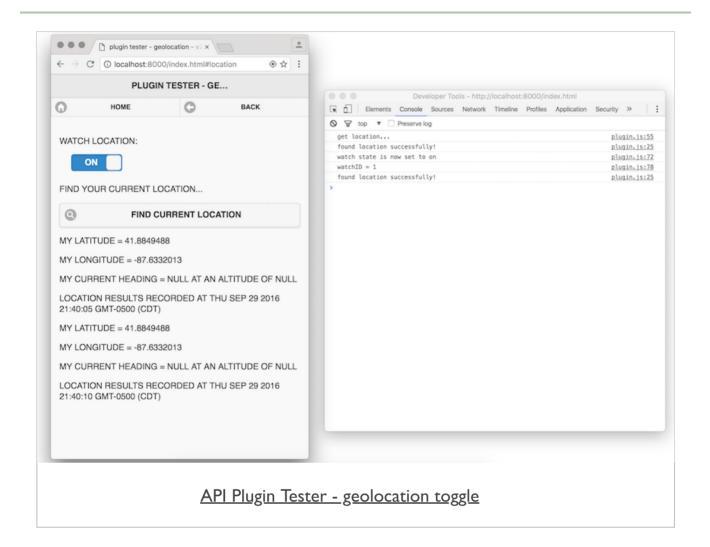


Image - API Plugin Tester - Geolocation toggle

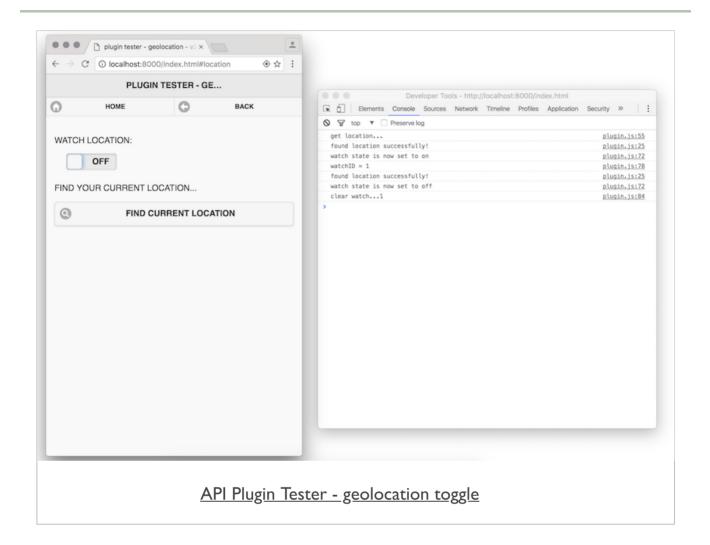
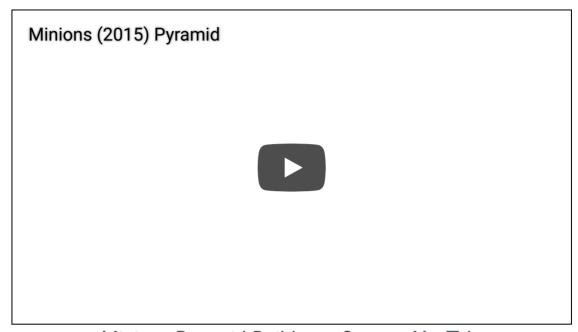


Image - Designing our app



Designing our app - fundamentals are important

Video - Pyramid builders



Minions Pyramid Builders - Source: YouTube

Extra notes - mobile considerations

Extra design notes will start to be added to the course website, GitHub...e.g.

- design mockups
- design and interface
- design and data
- **...**

& extra notes on JS &c.

Mobile Design & Development - Data Usage and Persistency

Fun Exercise

Four apps, one per group

- Books http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/videos/week4/books/
- Cinema http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/videos/week4/cinema/
- Plants http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/videos/week4/plants/
- Travel http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/videos/week4/travel/

For your assigned app, consider the following

- UI and UX in the app that requires data loading
 - local or remote
 - how to update this data?
- required data persistency in the app
 - local or remote
 - temporary or long-term
 - account or session

~ 10 minutes

plugins - add camera plugin

- now add the camera plugin to our test application
- two ways we can add camera functionality to our application
 - use the camera plugin
 - use the more generic Media Capture API
- main differences include
 - camera plugin focuses on camera capture and functionality
 - **media capture** includes additional options such as video and audio recording
- add the camera plugin using the following Cordova CLI command

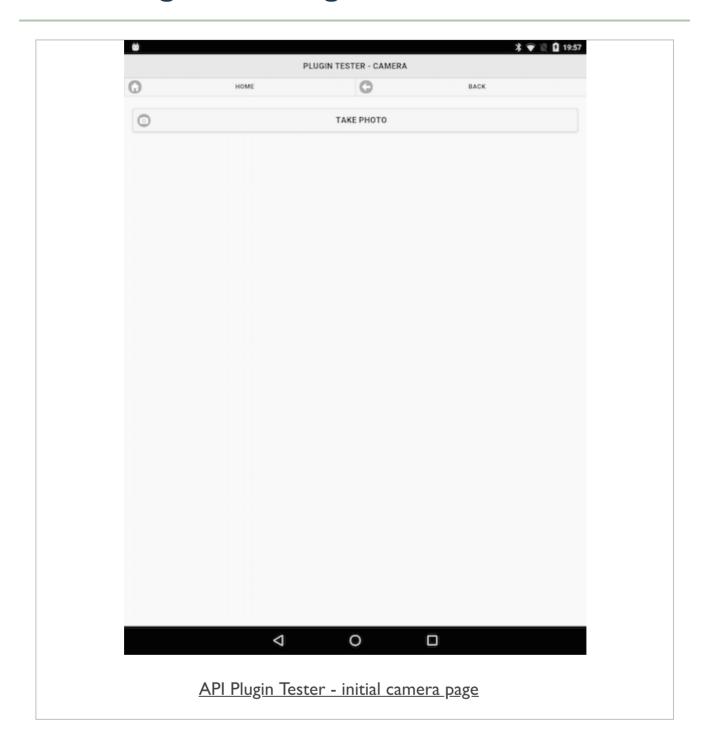
cordova pluqin add cordova-pluqin-camera

- provides standard navigator object
 - enables taking pictures, and choose images from local image library

Image - API Plugin Tester - Home



Image - API Plugin Tester - Camera



plugins - add camera logic

- basic UI is now in place
- start to add some logic for taking photos with the device's camera
- need to be able to get photos from the device's image gallery
- app's logic in initial plugin.js file
- handlers for the tap events
 - a user tapping on the **takePhoto** button
 - then the options in the **photoSelector**
 - take a photo with the camera
 - get an existing photo from the gallery
- use the onDeviceReady() function
 - add our handlers and processors for both requirements
 - add functionality for camera and gallery components

plugins - add camera logic

- add our handlers for the tap events
- initial handlers for takePhoto, cameraPhoto, and galleryPhoto

e.g.

```
let shutter = document.getElementById('takePhoto');
playButton.addEventListener('touchstart', takePhoto, false);

function takePhoto() {
    // show modal for camera options...
    // different call relative to chosen UI option...
}
```

Image - API Plugin Tester - Camera



plugins - add camera logic

- capture an image using this plugin with the native device's camera hardware
- use the provided navigator object for the camera
 - then call the getPicture function
- also specify required callback functions for the camera
 - and add some required options for quality...

```
//Use from Camera
navigator.camera.getPicture(onSuccess, onFail, {
   quality: 50,
   sourceType: Camera.PictureSourceType.CAMERA,
   destinationType: Camera.DestinationType.FILE_URI
});
```

- quality option has been reduced to 50 for testing
 - choose a value between 0 and 100 for our final application
 - 100 being original image file from the camera
- option for destinationType now defaults to FILE_URI could be changed to DATA URL
 - **NB:** DATA_URL option can crash an app due to low memory, system resources...
 - returns a base-64 encoded image
 - then render in a chosen format such as a JPEG

plugins - add camera logic

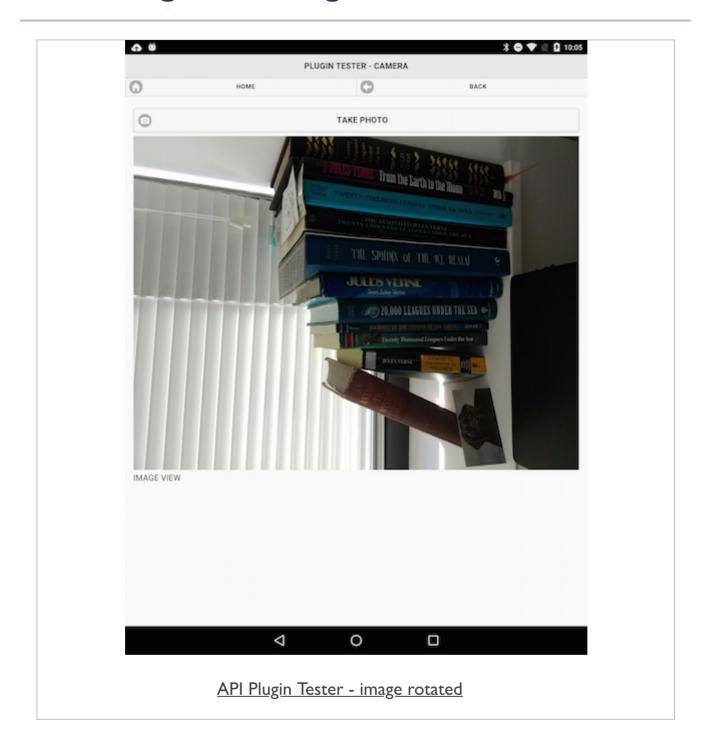
- two callback functions are onSuccess and onFail
 - set logic for returned camera image and any error message

```
function onSuccess(imageData) {
    //JS selector...
    var image = document.getElementById('imageView');
    image.src = imageData;
}

function onFail(message) {
    alert('Failed because: ' + message);
}
```

- onSuccess function accepts a parameter for the returned image data
- using returned image data to output and render our image in the test imageView
- onFail function simply outputting a returned error message
- we can use these two callback functions to perform many different tasks
 - we can pass the returned image data to a save function, or edit option...
 - they act like a bridge between our own logic and the native device's camera

Image - API Plugin Tester - Camera



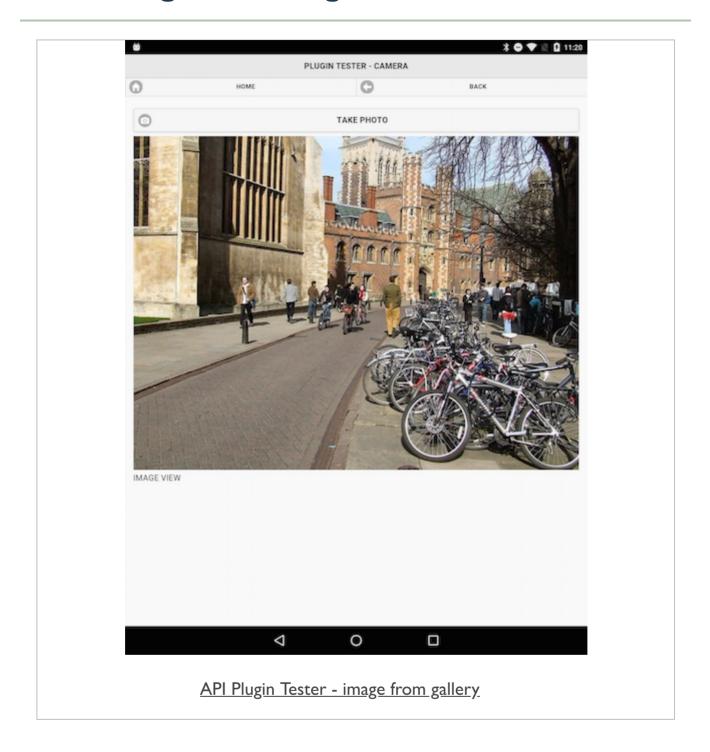
plugins - update camera logic

- returned an image from the camera
- update our application to select an image from gallery application
- add a conditional check to our getPhoto() function
 - allows us to differentiate between a camera or gallery request

```
navigator.camera.getPicture(onSuccess, onFail, {
   sourceType: Camera.PictureSourceType.PHOTOLIBRARY,
   destinationType: Camera.DestinationType.FILE_URI
});
```

- update in the sourceType from CAMERA to PHOTOLIBRARY
- returned image respects original orientation of gallery image

Image - API Plugin Tester - Camera



plugins - fix camera logic

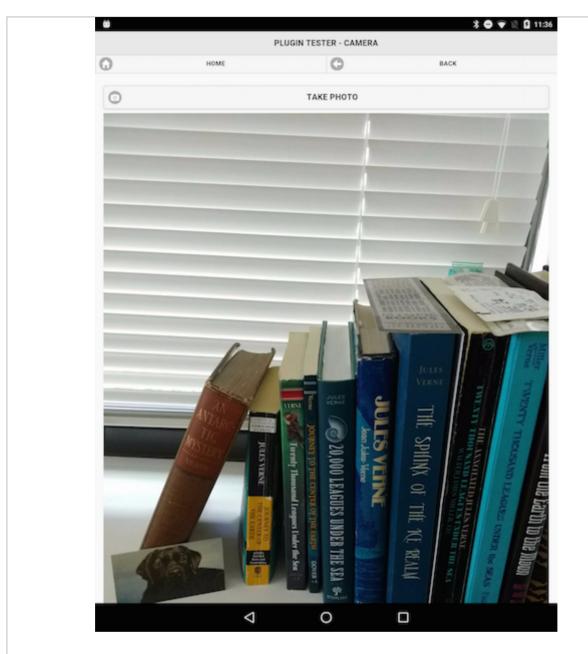
- need to fix the orientation issue with the returned image from the camera
- options for this plugin make it simple to update our logic for this requirement
 - add a new option for the camera

```
correctOrientation: true
```

- ensures that the original orientation of the camera is enforced
- updated logic is as follows

```
//Use from Camera
navigator.camera.getPicture(onSuccess, onFail, {
   quality: 50,
   correctOrientation: true,
   sourceType: Camera.PictureSourceType.CAMERA,
   destinationType: Camera.DestinationType.FILE_URI
});
```

Image - API Plugin Tester - Camera



API Plugin Tester - correct image orientation

plugins - camera updates

- continue to add many other useful options
 - specifying front or back cameras on a device
 - type of media to allow
 - scaling of returned images
 - edit options...
- in the app logic, also need to abstract the code further
 - too much repetition in calls to the navigator object for the camera
- then add more options and features
 - save, delete, edit options
 - organise our images into albums
 - add some metadata for titles etc
 - add location tags for coordinates...

Data considerations in mobile apps

- worked our way through Cordova's File plugin
- tested local and remote requests with JSON
- initial considerations for working with LocalStorage
- many other options for data storage in mobile applications
 - IndexedDB
 - hosted NoSQL options, such as Redis and MongoDB
 - Firebase
 - query hosted remote SQL databases
 - and so on...

Cordova app - IndexedDB

intro

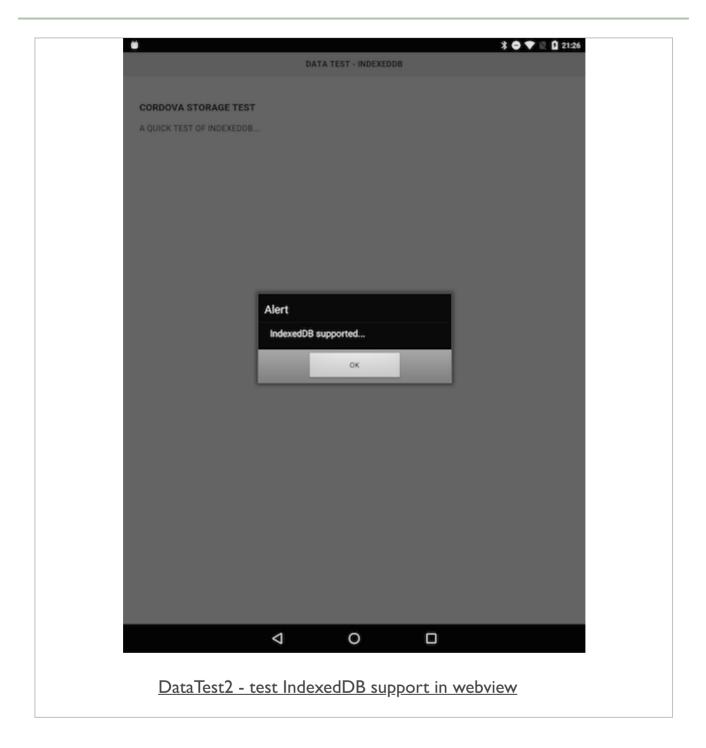
- browser storage wars of recent years
 - IndexedDB was crowned the winner over WebSQL
- what do we gain with IndexedDB?
 - useful option for developers to store relatively large amounts of client-side data
 - effectively stores data within the user's webview/browser
 - useful storage option for network apps
 - a powerful, and particularly useful, indexed based search API
- IndexedDB differs from other local browser-based storage options
- localStorage is generally well supported
 - limited in terms of the total amount of storage
 - no native search API
- different solutions for different problems
 - no universal best fit for storage...
- browser support for mobile and desktop
 - Can I use___?
- Cordova plugin to help with IndexedDB support
 - MSOpenTech cordova-plugin-indexeddb

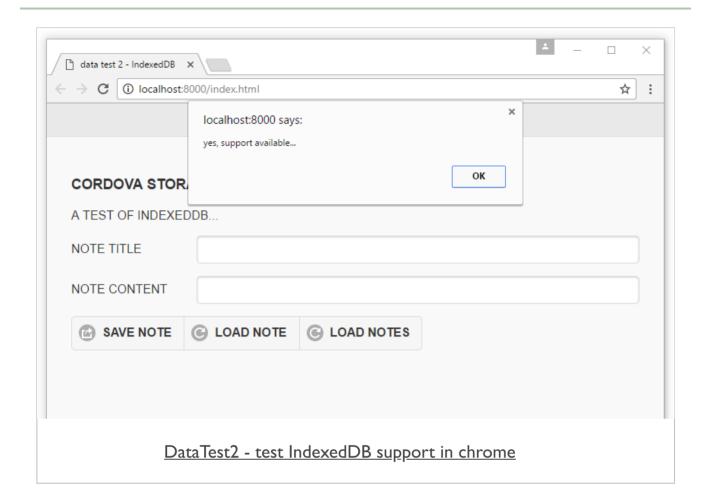
setup and test - part I

- testing our IndexedDB example with Cordova and Android
- perform our standard test for the deviceready event
 - going to add a check for IndexedDB support and usage
- in onDeviceReady() function
 - add a quick check for IndexedDB support in the application's webview

```
if("indexedDB" in window) {
   console.log("IndexedDB supported...");
} else {
   console.log("No support...");
}
```

Android support is available...





setup and test - part 2

update this check to ensure we have a quick reference later

```
//set variable for IndexedDB support
var indexedDBSupport = false;
//check IndexedDB support
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 - part I - getting started

- start to build our IndexedDB database
- 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("422test", 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

database - part 2 - getting started

- open request to the DB is an asynchronous operation
 - add some useful event listeners to help with our application
 - success, error, upgradeneeded, `blocked
- upgradeneeded
 - event will fire when the DB is first opened within our application
 - also if and when we update the version number for the DB
- blocked
 - fires when a previous or defunct connection to the DB has not been closed

database - part 3 - create

- test creating a new DB
 - then checking persistence during application loading and usage

```
if(indexedDBSupport) {
  var openDB = indexedDB.open("422test",1);
  openDB.onupgradeneeded = function(e) {
     console.log("DB upgrade...");
  }
  openDB.onsuccess = function(e) {
     console.log("DB success...");
     db = e.target.result;
  }
  openDB.onerror = function(e) {
     console.log("DB error...");
     console.log("DB error...");
  }
}
```

- console.log() outputs a string representation
- console.dir() prints a navigable tree

		., 5	plugin.js:25
DB success plugin.j	plugin.js:29	DB success	
			plugin.js:29

database - part 4 - success

- performed a check to ensure that IndexedDB is supported
 - if yes, open a connection to the DB
 - also added checks for three events, including upgrade, onsuccess, and errors
- now ready to test the success event
 - event is passed a handler via target.result

```
openDB.onsuccess = function(e) {
   console.log("DB success...");
   db = e.target.result;
}
...
```

- handler is being stored in our global variable db
- run this test and check log output
 - outputs initial connection and upgrade status
 - then the success output for subsequent loading of the application

IndexedDB supported... plugin.js:15
DB success... plugin.js:29

DataTest2 - test IndexedDB open - after first app load

database - part 5 - data stores

- now start building our data stores in IndexedDB
- IndexedDB has a general concept for storing data
 - known as Object Stores
 - conceptually at least, known as (very) loose database tables
- within our object stores
 - add some data, plus a **keypath**, and an optional set of indices (indexes)
- a keypath is a unique identifier for the data
- Indices help us index and retrieve the data
- object stores created during upgradeneeded event for the current version
 - created when the app first loads
 - create object stores as part of this upgradeneeded event
- if we want to upgrade our object stores
 - update version
 - upgrade the object store using the upgradeneeded event

database - part 6 - data stores

 update our upgrade event to include the creation of our required object stores

```
openDB.onupgradeneeded = function(e) {
   console.log("DB upgrade...");
   //local var for db upgrade
   var upgradeDB = e.target.result;
   if (!upgradeDB.objectStoreNames.contains("422os")) {
      upgradeDB.createObjectStore("422os");
      console.log("new object store created...");
   }
}
```

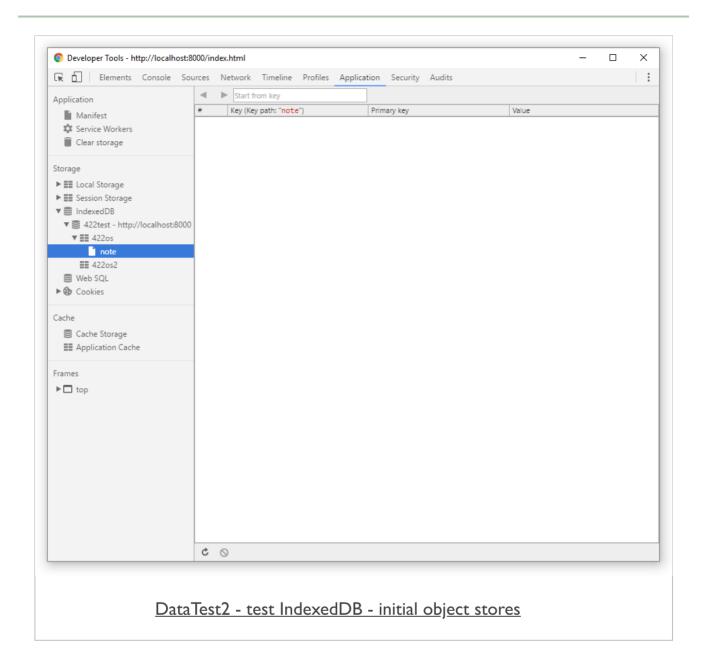
- check a list of existing object stores
 - list of existing object stores available in the property objectStoreNames
- check this property for our required object store using the contains method
- if required object store unavailable we can create our new object store
 - listen for result from this 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

ew object store created plugin.js:31	IndexedDB supported	plugin.js:17
	DB upgrade	plugin.js:26
B success plugin.js:35	new object store created	plugin.js:31
	DB success	plugin.js:35
	bb success	ptugin.js
	<u>DataTest2 - test IndexedDB - create object store</u>	

database - part 7 - extra data stores

- start to add further object stores
- can't simply create a new object store due to the upgradeneeded event
- increment the version number for the current database
 - thereby invoking the upgradeneeded event
- reate our new object store using the same pattern

```
var openDB = indexedDB.open("422test",2);
openDB.onupgradeneeded = function(e) {
  console.log("DB upgrade...");
  //local var for db upgrade
  var upgradeDB = e.target.result;
  if (!upgradeDB.objectStoreNames.contains("422os")) {
    upgradeDB.createObjectStore("422os");
    console.log("new object store created...");
  }
  if (!upgradeDB.objectStoreNames.contains("422os2")) {
    upgradeDB.createObjectStore("422os2");
    console.log("new object store 2 created...");
  }
}
```



database - part 8 - add data

- our database currently has two object stores
 - now start adding some data for our application
- IndexedDB allows us to simply store our objects in their default structure
 - simply store JavaScript objects directly in our IndexedDB database
- use transactions when working with data and IndexedDB
- transactions help us create a bridge between our app and the current database
 - allowing us to add our data to the specified object store
- a transaction includes two arguments
 - first for the object store
 - second is the type of transaction
 - choose either readonly or readwrite

```
var dbTransaction = db.transaction(["422os"], "readwrite");
```

database - part 9 - add data

- use transaction to retrieve object store for our data
 - requesting the 4220s in this example

```
var dataStore = dbTransaction.objectStore("422os");
```

add some data using the new datastore

```
// note
var note = {
   title:title,
   note:note
}
// add note
var addRequest = dataStore.add(note, key);
```

- for each object we can define the underlying naming schema
 - best fit our applications
- then add our object, with an associated key, to our dataStore

database - part 10 - add data

- now added an object to our object store
- request is asynchronous
 - attach additional handlers for returned result
 - add a success and error handler

```
// success handler
addRequest.onsuccess = function(e) {
  console.log("data stored...");
  // do something...
}
// error handler
addRequest.onerror = function(e) {
  console.log(e.target.error.name);
  // handle error...
}
```

database - part II - add data

- add a form for the note content and title
- set a save button to add the note date to the IndexedDB

- bind event handler to save button for click
 - submit add request to IndexedDB
 - store object data

database - part 12 - add data handlers

- now add our event handler for the save button
- handler gets note input from note form
- passes the data to the saveNote() function

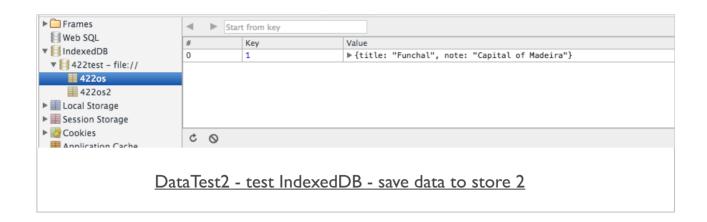
```
// handler for save button
$("#saveNote").on("tap", function(e) {
   e.preventDefault();
   var noteTitle = $("#noteName").val();
   var noteContent = $("#noteContent").val();
   saveNote(noteTitle, noteContent);
});
```

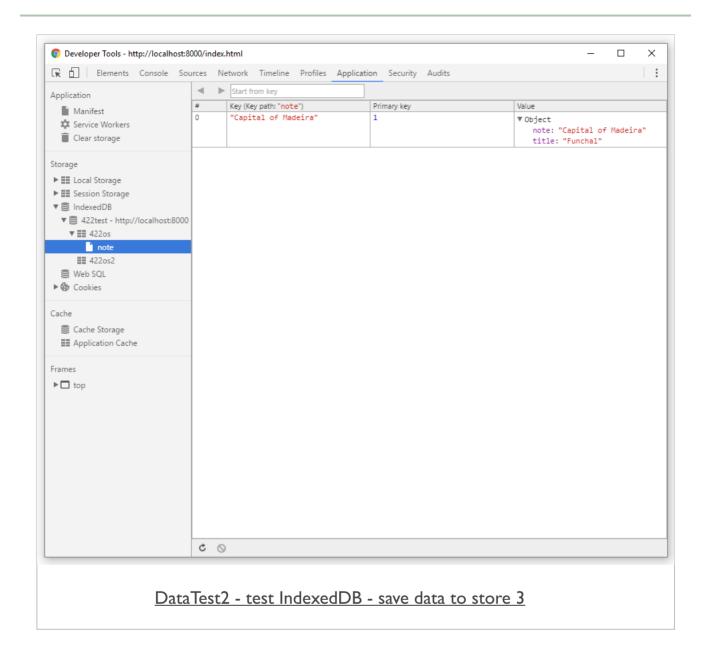
database - part 13 - add data handlers

```
//save note data to indexeddb
function saveNote(title, content){
  //define a note
 var note = {
   title:title,
   note:content
  // create transaction
 var dbTransaction = db.transaction(["422os"], "readwrite");
  // define data object store
  var dataStore = dbTransaction.objectStore("422os");
  // add data to store
 var addRequest = dataStore.add(note,1);
  // success handler
  addRequest.onsuccess = function(e) {
   console.log("data stored...");
    // do something...
  }
  // error handler
  addRequest.onerror = function(e) {
  console.log(e.target.error.name);
  // handle error...
```

IndexedDB supported	plugin.js:17
DB upgrade	plugin.js:26
new object store created	plugin.js:31
new object store 2 created	plugin.js:35
DB success	plugin.js:39
data stored	plugin.js:66

DataTest2 - test IndexedDB - save data to store





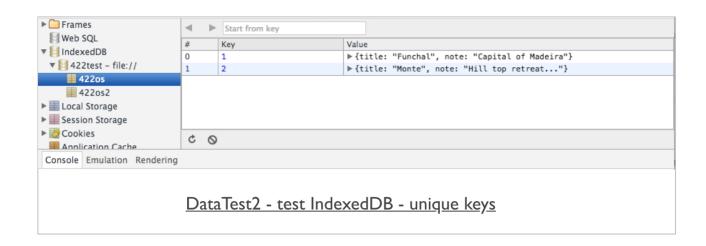
database - part 14 - multiple notes

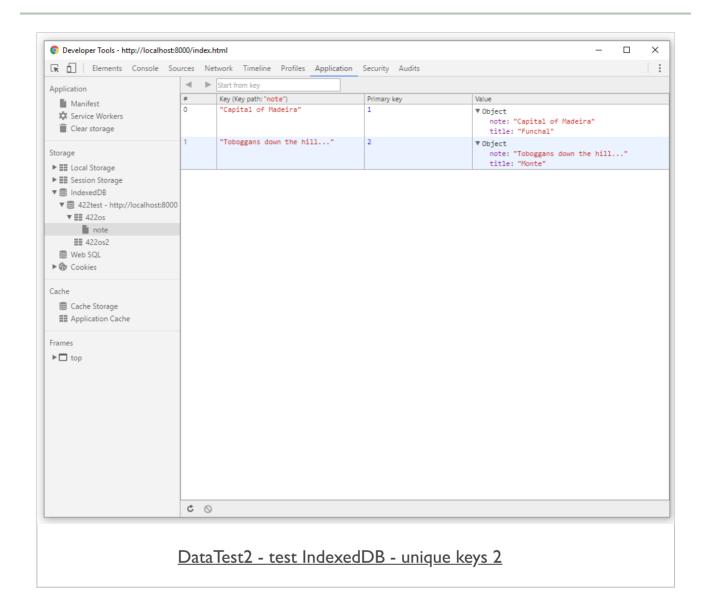
- now created our IndexedDB
- created the object store
- setup the app's HTML and form
- and saved some data to the database...
- update our application to allow a user to add multiple notes to the database
- currently setting our key for a note in the saveNote() function
 - add another note, we get a constraint error output to the console
 - we're trying to add a note to an existing key in the database
- need to update our logic for the app
 - to allow us to work more effectively with keys

database - part 15 - keys

- keys in IndexedDB often considered similar to primary keys in SQL...
 - a unique reference for our data objects
- traditional databases can include tables without such keys
 - **NB:** every object store in IndexedDB needs to have a **key**
 - able to use different types of keys for such stores
- first option for a key is simply to create and add a key ourselves
 - could programatically create and update these keys
 - helps maintain unique ID for keys
- could also provide a **keypath** for such keys
 - often based on a given property of the passed data...
 - still need to ensure our key is unique
- other option is to use a key generator within our code
 - similar concept to SQL auto-increment

```
db.createObjectStore("422os", { autoIncrement: true });
```





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Fun Exercise

Four apps, one per group

- Book Exchange Map http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/gifs/books/
- Chat Map http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/gifs/chat/
- Cycle Map http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/gifs/cycle/
- Physio Map http://linode4.cs.luc.edu/teaching/cs/demos/422/gifs/physio/

For your assigned app, consider the following

- relevant use of mapping and geolocation within the app
 - does the map &c. help the app?
 - what is the value of geolocation in the app?
- what type of data needs to stored in this app?
 - local options...
 - remote or cloud options...

~ 10 minutes

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