

# FIREFOX OS

WebAPIs & Apps



Using HTML5, CSS and JavaScript together with a number of APIs to build apps and customize the UI.

Firefox OS is a new mobile operating system developed by Mozilla's Boot to Gecko (B2G) project. It uses a Linux kernel and boots into a Gecko-based runtime engine, which lets users run applications developed entirely using HTML, JavaScript, and other open web application APIs.

Firefox OS is currently under heavy development; we are constantly working on ways to make it easier for you to use and hack on Gaia and create apps. However, you need knowledge about systems in order to do things like build the entire Firefox OS stack, or flash a phone with a build of Firefox OS. Linked below are guides meant for Web developers interested in running and making changes to Gaia or developing apps to run on Firefox OS devices.



#### Introduction to Firefox OS

Introductory information about what Firefox OS is and how it works.

#### Writing apps for Firefox OS

A tutorial guide to developing applications to run on Firefox OS devices.

#### **Building and installing Firefox OS**

A guide to building Firefox OS and installing it on your compatible device. This guide also covers building the Firefox OS emulator, for running Firefox OS on a computer.

#### Gaia

Documentation about Gaia, the user interface application for Firefox OS devices; this is a Web application running atop the Firefox OS software stack.

#### Gonk

Documentation about Gonk, the operating system layer underneath Gaia. This consists of a Linux kernel and a hardware abstraction layer to which Gecko communicates.

#### Gecko

Gecko is the layer of Firefox OS that provides the same open web standards implementation used by Firefox and Thunderbird, as well as many other applications.

#### Security

Documentation about security in Firefox OS; this includes topics about security devices from every perspective: for app developers, device integrators, and so forth.

#### Performance

Articles about optimizing Firefox OS applications.

#### Firefox OS architecture overview

An overview of how Firefox OS is structured.



#### **GETTING HELP FROM THE COMMUNITY**

If you're working with Firefox OS, or developing applications you'd like to run on Firefox OS devices, there are community resources to help you!

- · Consult the Boot to Gecko project forum:
  - o as a mailing list @
  - o as a newsgroup
  - o as a Google Group @
  - o as a Web feed @
- Ask your question on Mozilla's Boot to Gecko IRC channel: #b2g

Don't forget about the netiquette ... @



### **RELATED TOPICS**

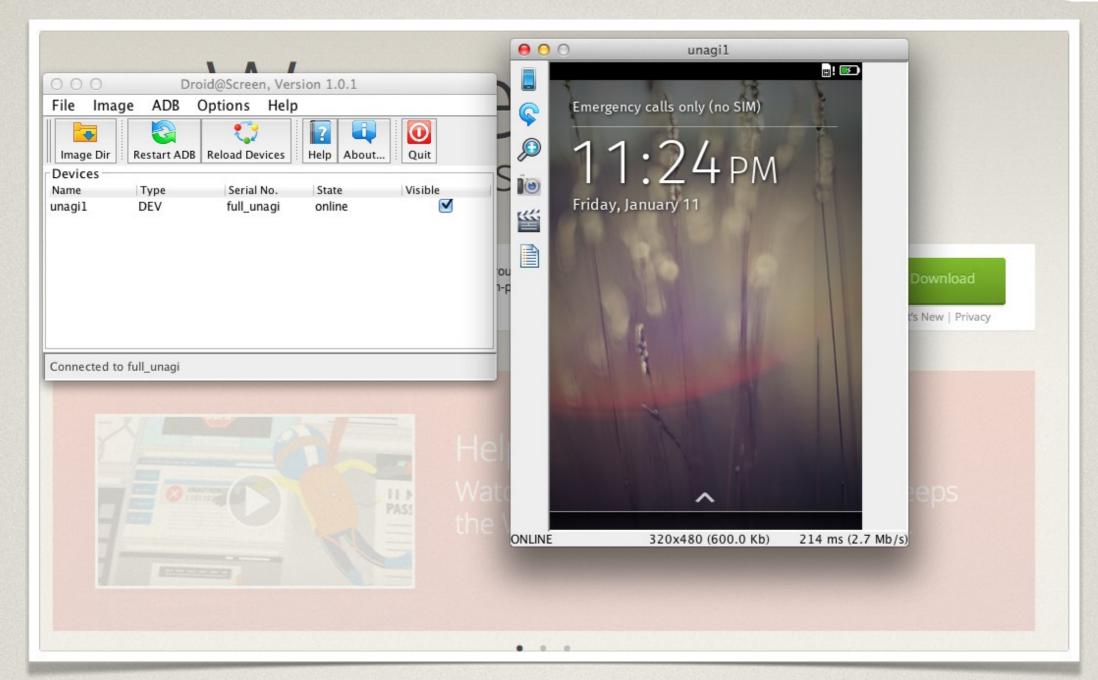
- Mobile
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- Mozilla wiki FAQ @
- Roadmap @
- · Feature support chart



# https://addons.mozilla.org/firefox/addon/firefox-os-simulator/



# Droid@Screen

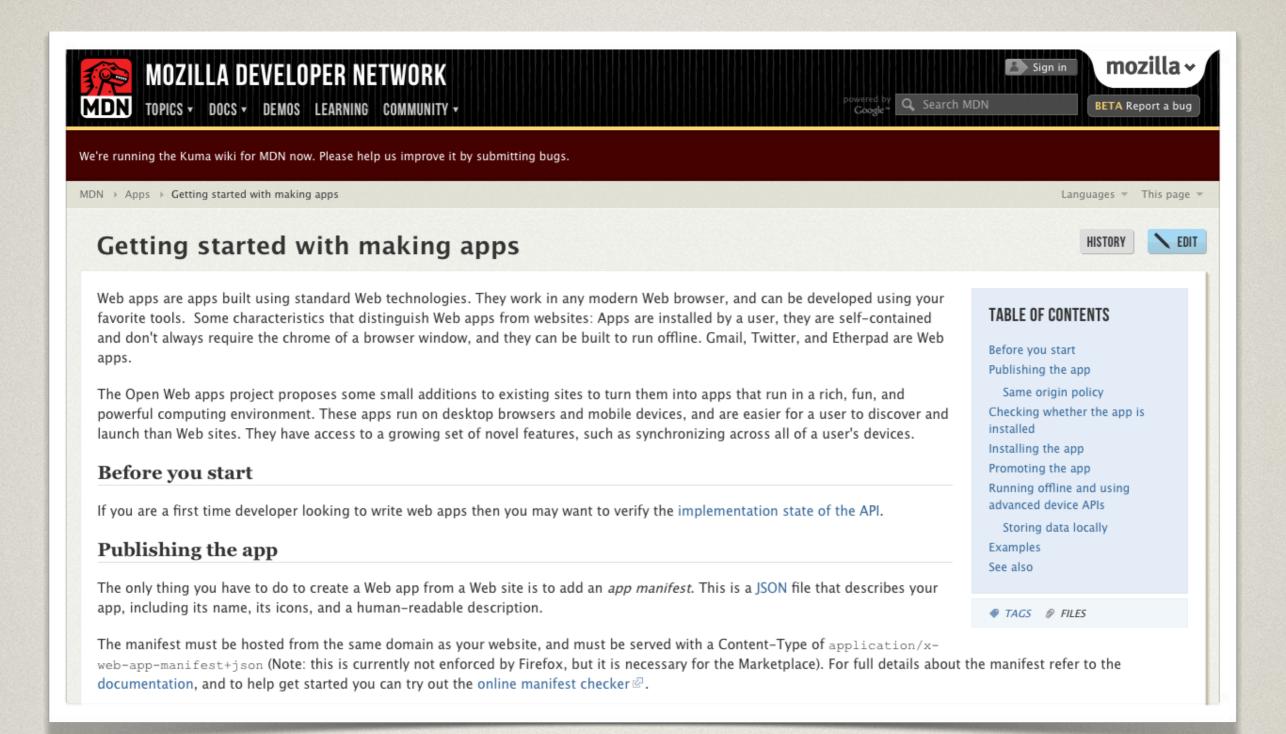
http://blog.ribomation.com/droid-at-screen/

# Open Web Apps

Web apps are apps built using standard Web technologies. They work in any modern Web browser.

The Open Web apps project proposes some small additions to existing sites to turn them into apps.

These apps run on desktop browsers and mobile devices.



## https://developer.mozilla.org/docs/Apps/ Getting\_Started

# Steps to Take

Develop Web App using HTML5, CSS, & Javascript

2. Create an app manifest file

3. Publish/install the app



Reuse any existing web site/app or develop from scratch with open web standards.

Utilize HTML5 features such as localStorage, offline manifest, IndexedDB and access Web APIs for more options.

Responsive web design for adapting to varying resolutions and screen orientation.



Guitar Hero. Now on Linux



# Getting a file with a . webapp extension

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curl -I <a href="http://mozillalabs.com/manifest.webapp">http://mozillalabs.com/manifest.webapp</a>



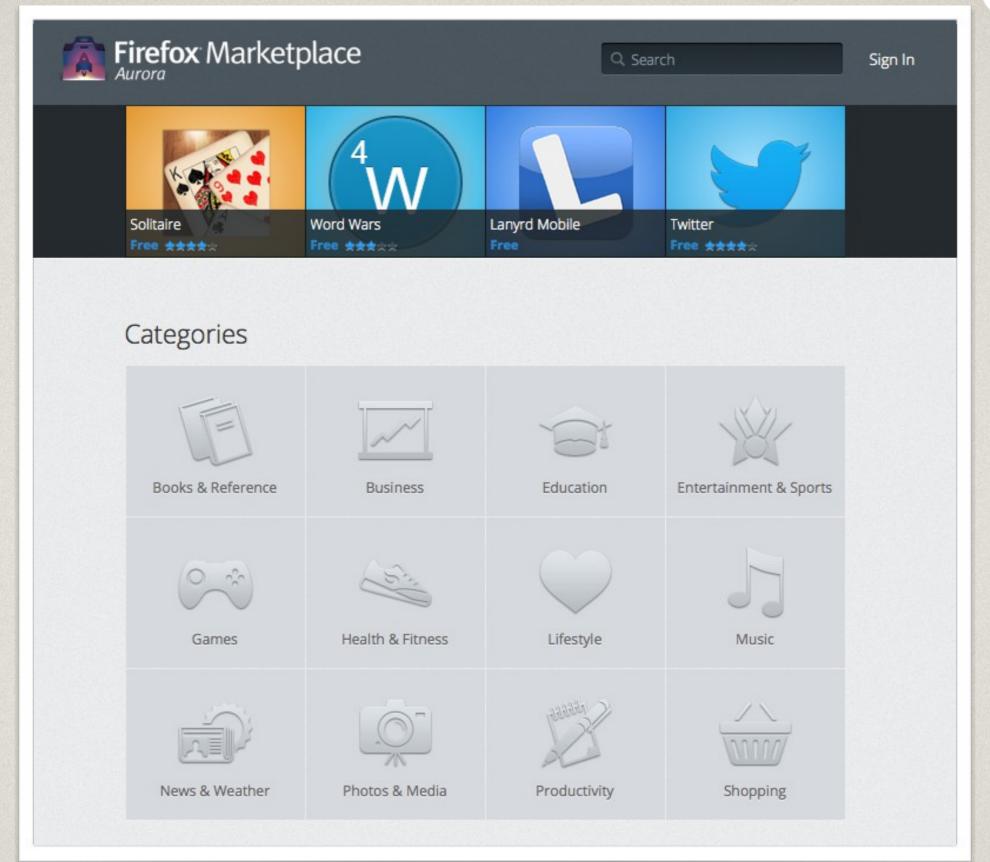
# MANIFEST CHECKEF

http://appmanifest.org/



## Firefox Marketplace

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https://marketplace.firefox.com/



### Developer Hub

Develop HTML5 Web Apps for an open marketplace.



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Learn how to design Web Apps that provide a user experience optimized for Firefox OS & Mobile

All the tools, docs and references you'll need for development and testing of your App



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Design your App

**Build your App** 

**Publish your App** 

Join the community

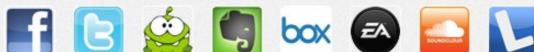
Look who's already here

















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Submit your App

https://marketplace.firefox.com/developers/

# Installing/hosting the app

```
var request = navigator.mozApps.install(
  "http://mozillalabs.com/MozillaBall.webapp",
     user_id:
);
request.onsuccess = function() {
 // Success! Notification, launch page etc
request.onerror = function() {
 // Failed. this.error.name has details
```

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```
var request = navigator.mozApps.installPackage(
    "http://mozillalabs.com/manifest.webapp"
);

request.onsuccess = function() {
    // Success!
}

request.onerror = function() {
    // Failed.
}
```

# Packaged vs. Hosted Apps

A packaged app is an Open Web App that has all of its resources (HTML, CSS, JavaScript, app manifest, and so on) contained in a zip file, instead of having its resources on a Web server.

A packaged app is simply a zip file with the app manifest in its root directory. The manifest must be named manifest.webapp.

Can be privileged apps with more API access than hosted apps

Special protocol internal to the zip file: app://<uuid>

Manifest file must be named manifest.webapp

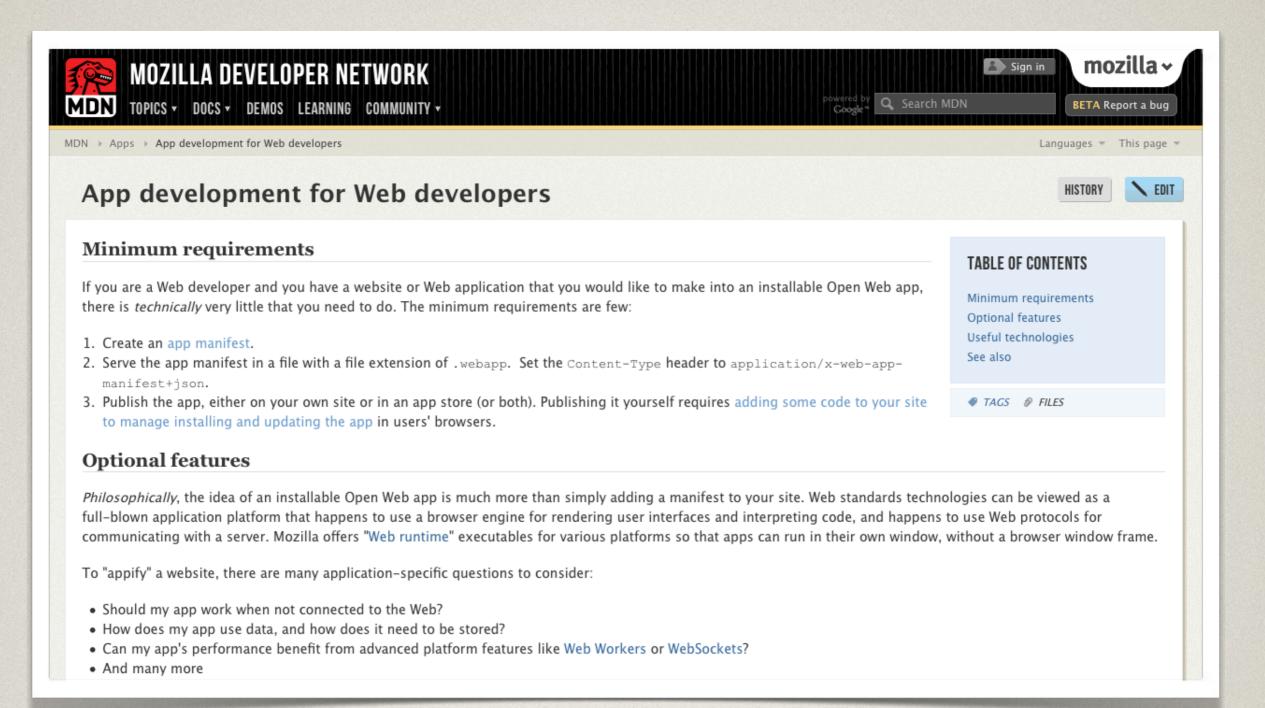
Resources are accessed from the zip file, which is stored on the device where the app is installed

Installed with a different mozApps API function: installPackage()

Enforce a specific Content Security Policy for all application content

Can embed remote content in iframes, but that content will not have access to privileged APIs nor will it have the default CSP applied to it

Have an update process for getting new versions of the app to users. Hosted apps do not need this process.

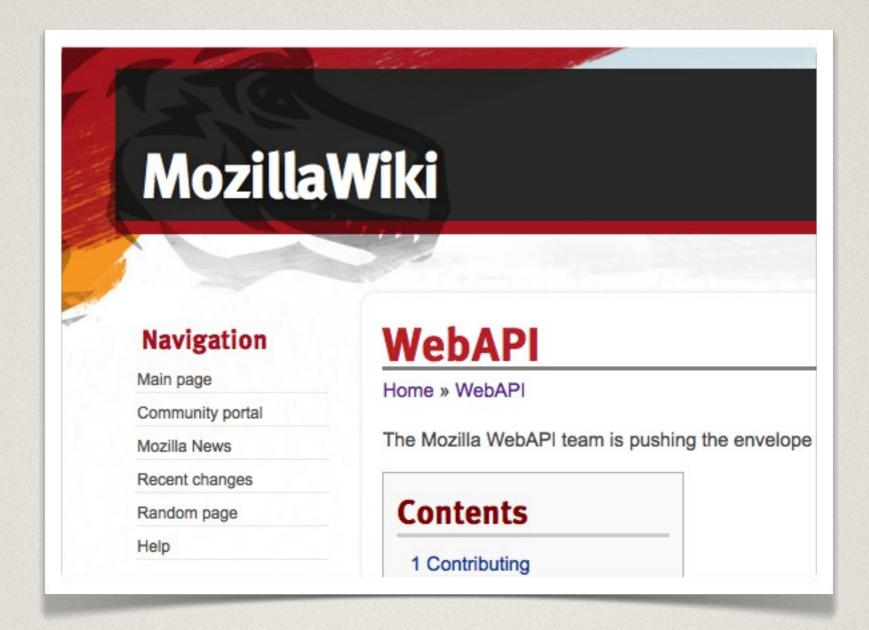


## https://developer.mozilla.org/docs/Apps/ For\_Web\_developers

### WebAPIs

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The Mozilla WebAPI team is pushing the envelope of the web to include --- and in places exceed --- the capabilities of competing stacks.



https://wiki.mozilla.org/WebAPI

# Security Levels

### **Granted by default**

Safe web APIs that don't expose privacy sensitive data. WebGL, fullscreen, audio, etc.

### **Granted by user**

location, camera, file system access

#### **Granted when installed**

No quota for localStorage, IndexedDB, offline cache

### **Granted by authorized store**

Privacy and security sensitive APIs such as Contacts API

### **Verified by signature**

Highly privileged APIs such as radio access (dialer)

### **Web Content**

Regular web content

### **Installed Web App**

A regular web app

### **Privileged Web App**

More access, more responsibility

### **Certified Web App**

Device-critical applications

### Planned for initial release of B2G (aka Basecamp)

API	Bugs	Description	Progress	Ava	Availability	
WebTelephony	bug 674726	Allow placing and answering phone calls as well as build in-call UI.	Security Design Complete	D	A	В
Vibration API (W3C)	bug 679966	Control device vibration for things like haptic feedback in games. Not intended to solve things like vibration for notification.	Done on B2G and Android. Standard in progress. Security Design Complete	D	A	В
WebSMS	bug 674725	Send/receive SMS messages as well as manage messages stored on device.	Done on Android though might not ship there for security reasons. Done for B2G. Security Design Complete	<u>D</u>	<u>A</u>	В
Idle API	bug 715041	Get notifications when user is idle.	Implemented. Security Design Complete	D	A	В
Screen Orientation	bug 720794 bug 740188 bug 673922	Get notification when screen orientation changes as well as control which screen orientation a page/app wants.	Implemented! Security Design Complete	D	A	В
Settings API	bug 678695	Set system-wide configurations that are saved permanently on the device.	Implementation done for content, chrome in progress. Security Design Complete	D	A	В
Power Management API	bug 708964	Turn on/off screen, cpu, device power, etc. Listen and inspect resource lock events.	API design and implementation in progress. Security Design Complete	D	A	В

https://wiki.mozilla.org/ WebAPI#Planned\_for\_initial\_release\_of\_B2G\_. 28aka Basecamp.29

```
"permissions": {
    "contacts": {
        "description": "Required for autocompletion in the share screen",
        "access": "readcreate"
    },
    "alarms": {
        "description": "Required to schedule notifications"
    }
}
```

AlarmAPI

BrowserAPI

Contacts

device-storage:music/device-storage:videos/ device-storage:pictures/devicestorage:sdcard:

Add, read, or modify files stored at a central location on the device. access property required: one of readonly,

readwrite, readcreate, or createonly.

**FMRadio** 

geolocation

systemXHR

TCP Socket API

wake-lock-screen

#### NEED PERMISSION

Vibration API (W3C)	Web Activities
Screen Orientation	Push Notifications API
Geolocation API	WebFM API
Mouse Lock API (W3C)	WebPayment
Open WebApps	IndexedDB (W3C)
Network Information API (W3C)	Ambient light sensor
Battery Status API (W3C)	Proximity sensor
Alarm API	Notification

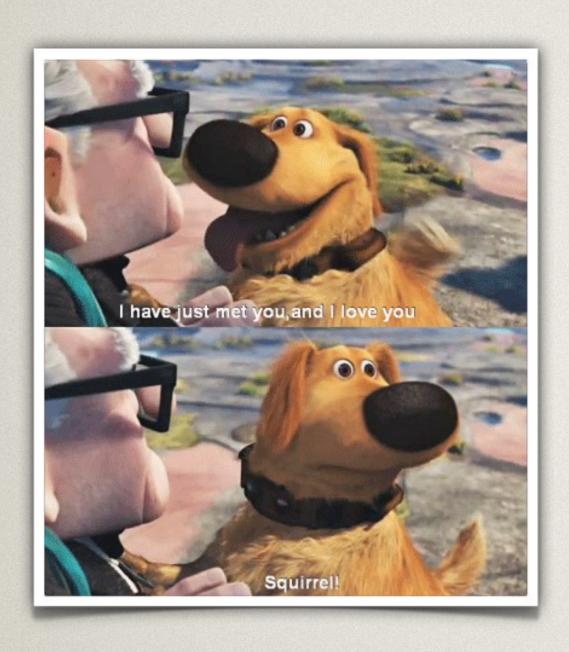
### REGULAR APIS



# BATTERY STATUS API

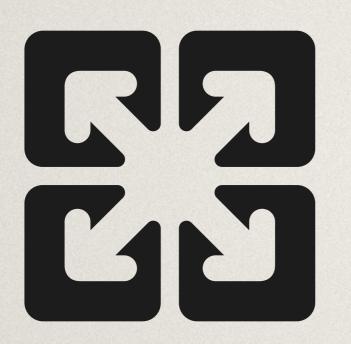
```
var battery = navigator.battery;
if (battery) {
    var batteryLevel = Math.round(battery.level * 100) + "%",
        charging = (battery.charging)? "" : "not ",
        chargingTime = parseInt(battery.chargingTime / 50, 10,
        dischargingTime = parseInt(battery.dischargingTime / 50, 10);

// Set events
battery.addEventListener("levelchange", setStatus, false);
battery.addEventListener("chargingchange", setStatus, false);
battery.addEventListener("chargingtimechange", setStatus, false);
battery.addEventListener("dischargingtimechange", setStatus, false);
}
```



# NOTIFICATION

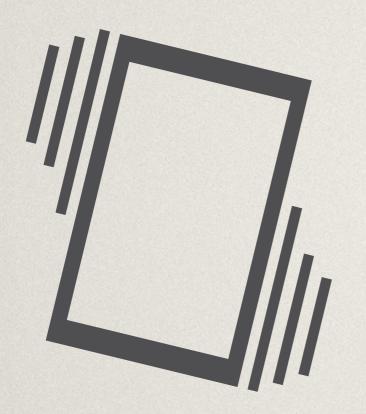
```
var notification = navigator.mozNotification;
notification.createNotification(
        "See this",
        "This is a notification",
        iconURL
);
```



# SCREEN ORIENTATION API

```
// Portrait mode:
screen.mozLockOrientation("portrait");

/*
    Possible values:
        "landscape"
        "portrait"
        "landscape-primary"
        "landscape-secondary"
        "portrait-primary"
        "portrait-secondary"
        "portrait-secondary"
```



# VIBRATION API

```
// Vibrate for one second
navigator.vibrate(1000);

// Vibration pattern [vibrationTime, pause,...]
navigator.vibrate([200, 100, 200, 100]);

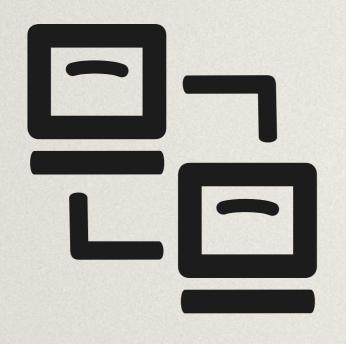
// Vibrate for 5 seconds
navigator.vibrate(5000);

// Turn off vibration
navigator.vibrate(0);
```



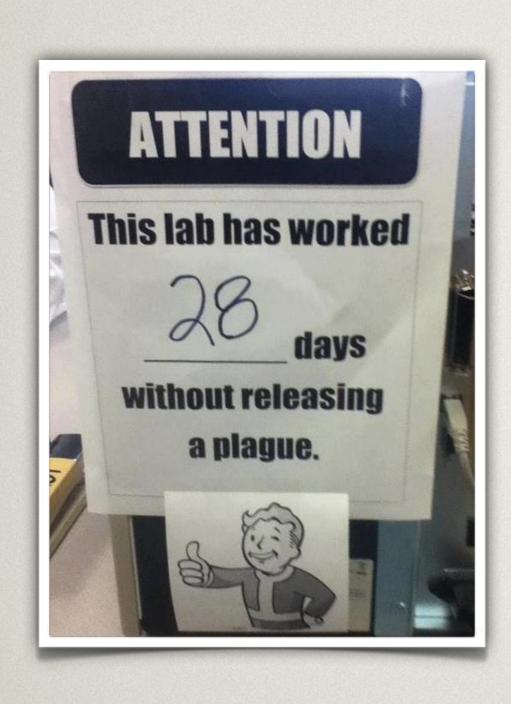
# WEB PAYMENTS

```
var pay = navigator.mozPay(paymentToken);
pay.onsuccess = function (event) {
    // Weee! Money!
};
```



# NETWORK INFORMATION API

```
var connection = window.navigator.mozConnection,
  online = connection.bandwidth > 0,
  metered = connection.metered;
```



#### **ALARM API**

```
var alarmId1,
    request = navigator.mozAlarms.add(
        new Date("May 15, 2012 16:20:00"),
        "honorTimezone",
            mydata: "my event"
    );
request.onsuccess = function (event) {
    alarmId1 = event.target.result;
};
request.onerror = function (event) {
    console.log(event.target.error.name);
};
```

```
var request = navigator.mozAlarms.getAll();

request.onsuccess = function (event) {
    console.log(JSON.stringify(event.target.result));
};

request.onerror = function (event) {
    console.log(event.target.error.name);
};
```

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navigator.mozAlarms.remove(alarmId1);

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```

```
{
    "messages": ["alarm"]
}
```

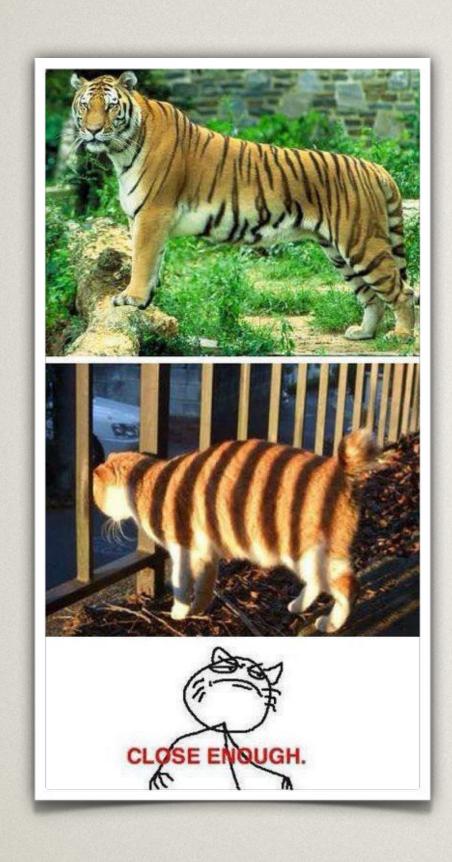


# DEVICEPROXIMITY

```
window.addEventListener("deviceproximity", function (event) {
    // Current device proximity, in centimeters
    console.log(event.value);

// The maximum sensing distance the sensor is
    // able to report, in centimeters
    console.log(event.max);

// The minimum sensing distance the sensor is
    // able to report, in centimeters
    console.log(event.min);
});
```



# AMBIENT LIGHT EVENTS

```
window.addEventListener("devicelight", function (event) {
    // The level of the ambient light in lux
    console.log(event.value);
});
```

```
window.addEventListener("lightlevel", function (event) {
    // Possible values: "normal", "bright", "dim"
    console.log(event.value);
});
```

```
window.addEventListener("devicelight", function (event) {
    // The lux values for "dim" typically begin below 50,
    // and the values for "bright" begin above 10000
    console.log(event.value);
});
```

Device Storage API

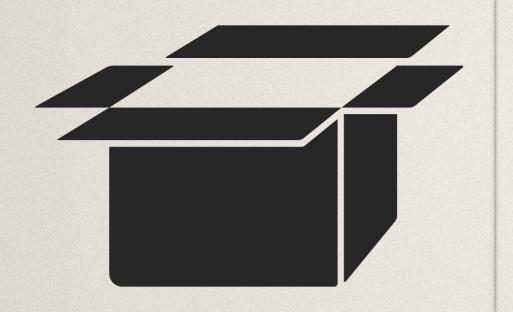
**Browser API** 

**TCP Socket API** 

**Contacts API** 

systemXHR

### PRIVILEGED APIS



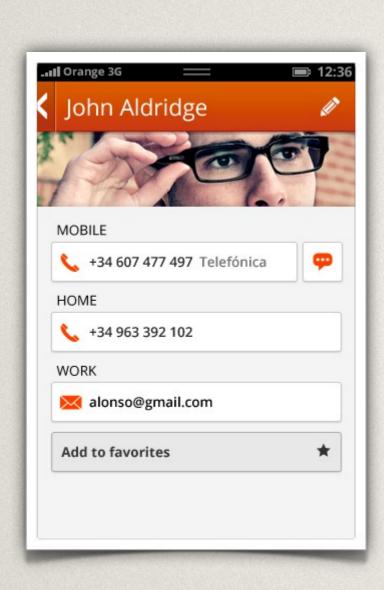
# DEVICE STORAGE API

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var deviceStorage = navigator.getDeviceStorage("videos");

```
// "external", "shared", or "default".
deviceStorage.type;
// Add a file - returns DOMRequest with file name
deviceStorage.add(blob);
// Same as .add, with provided name
deviceStorage.addNamed(blob, name);
// Returns DOMRequest/non-editable File object
deviceStorage.get(name);
// Returns editable FileHandle object
deviceStorage.getEditable(name);
// Returns DOMRequest with success or failure
deviceStorage.delete(name);
// Enumerates files
deviceStorage.enumerate([directory]);
// Enumerates files as FileHandles
deviceStorage.enumerateEditable([directory]);
```

```
var storage = navigator.getDeviceStorage("videos"),
    cursor = storage.enumerate();
cursor.onerror = function() {
  console.error("Error in DeviceStorage.enumerate()", cursor.error.name);
};
cursor.onsuccess = function() {
   if (!cursor.result)
   var file = cursor.result;
    // If this isn't a video, skip it
    if (file.type.substring(0, 6) !== "video/") {
        cursor.continue();
   // If it isn't playable, skip it
   var testplayer = document.createElement("video");
    if (!testplayer.canPlayType(file.type)) {
        cursor.continue();
       return;
};
```



### **CONTACTS API**

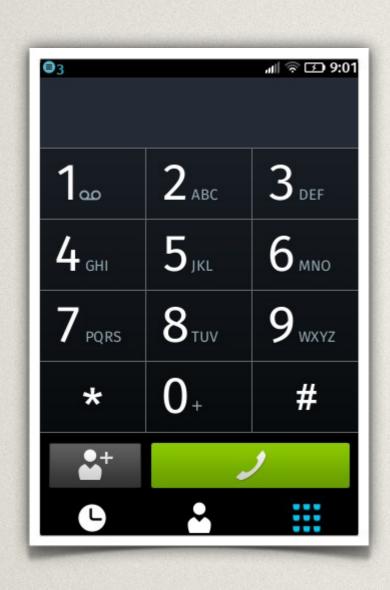
```
var contact = new mozContact();
contact.init({name: "Tom"});

var request = navigator.mozContacts.save(contact);
request.onsuccess = function() {
    console.log("Success");
};

request.onerror = function() {
    console.log("Error")
};
```

WebTelephony	WebBluetooth
WebSMS	Permissions API
Idle API	Network Stats API
Settings API	Camera API
Power Management API	Time/Clock API
Mobile Connection API	Attention screen
WiFi Information API	Voicemail

# CERTIFIED APIS



# WEBTELEPHONY

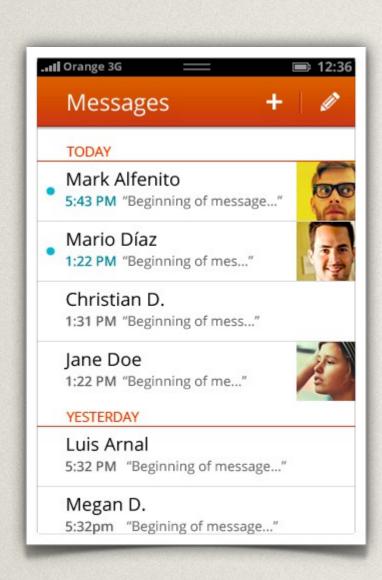
```
// Telephony object
var tel = navigator.mozTelephony;

// Check if the phone is muted (read/write property)
console.log(tel.muted);

// Check if the speaker is enabled (read/write property)
console.log(tel.speakerEnabled);
```

```
// Place a call
var cal = tel.dial("123456789");
```

```
// Receiving a call
tel.onincoming = function (event) {
    var incomingCall = event.call;
    // Get the number of the incoming call
    console.log(incomingCall.number);
    // Answer the call
    incomingCall.answer();
};
// Disconnect a call
call.hangUp();
// Iterating over calls, and taking action depending on their
changed status
tel.oncallschanged = function (event) {
    tel.calls.forEach(function (call) {
        // Log the state of each call
        console.log(call.state);
    });
};
```



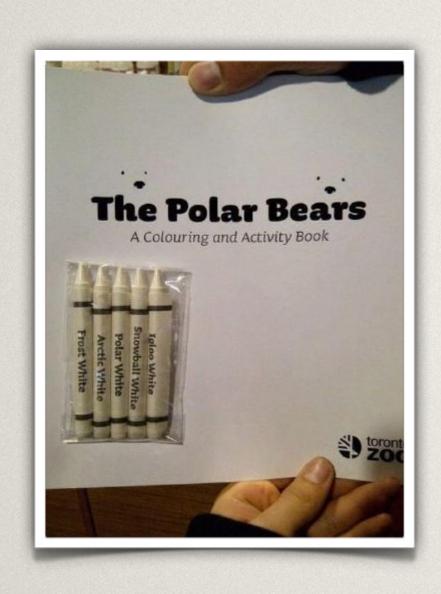
### WEBSMS

```
// SMS object
var sms = navigator.mozSMS;

// Send a message
sms.send("123456789", "Hello world!");
```

```
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```

```
// Recieve a message
sms.onreceived = function (event) {
    // Read message
    console.log(event.message);
};
```



## WEB ACTIVITIES

mozilla



```
"activities": {
    "share": {
        "filters": {
            type: ["image/png", "image/gif"],
        "href": "sharing.html",
        "disposition": "window"
```

```
var activity = new MozActivity({
    name: "view",
    data: {
        type: "image/png",
        url: ...
});
activity.onsuccess = function () {
    console.log("Showing the image!");
};
activity.onerror = function () {
    console.log("Can't view the image!");
};
```

```
var register = navigator.mozRegisterActivityHandler({
    name: "view",
    disposition: "inline",
    filters: {
       type: "image/png"
    }
});

register.onerror = function () {
    console.log("Failed to register activity");
}
```

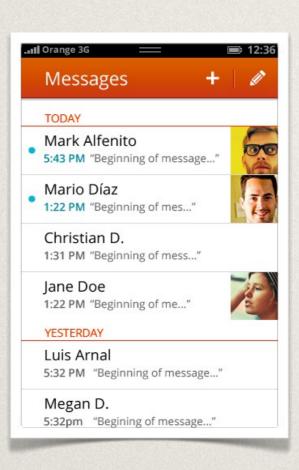
```
navigator.mozSetMessageHandler("activity", function (a) {
   var img = getImageObject();
   img.src = a.source.url;
   // Call a.postResult() or a.postError() if
   // the activity should return a value
});
```

## Future APIs

Resource lock API	Spellcheck API
UDP Datagram Socket API	LogAPI
Peer to Peer API	Keyboard/IME API
WebNFC	WebRTC
WebUSB	FileHandle API
HTTP-cache API	Sync API
Calendar API	

## Web Apps from Mozilla



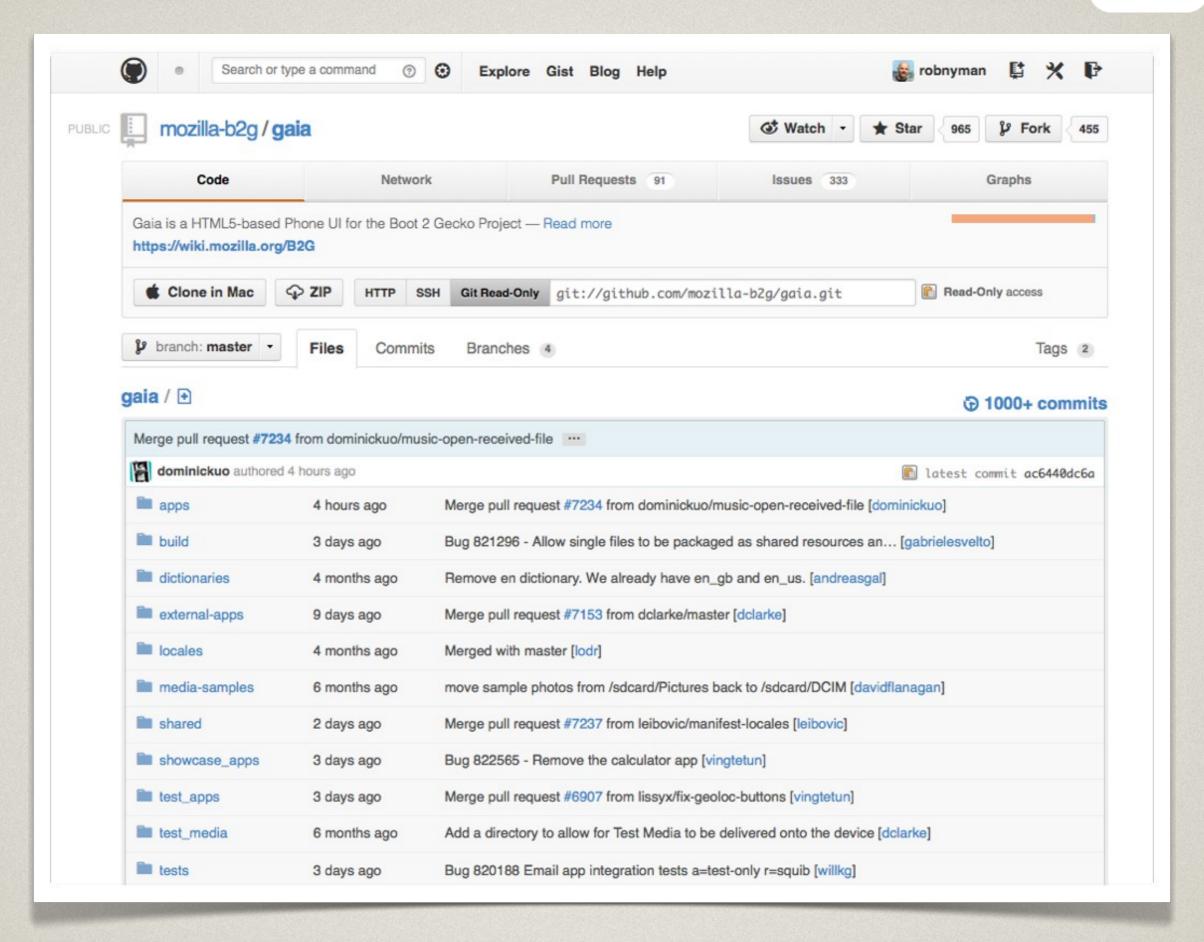


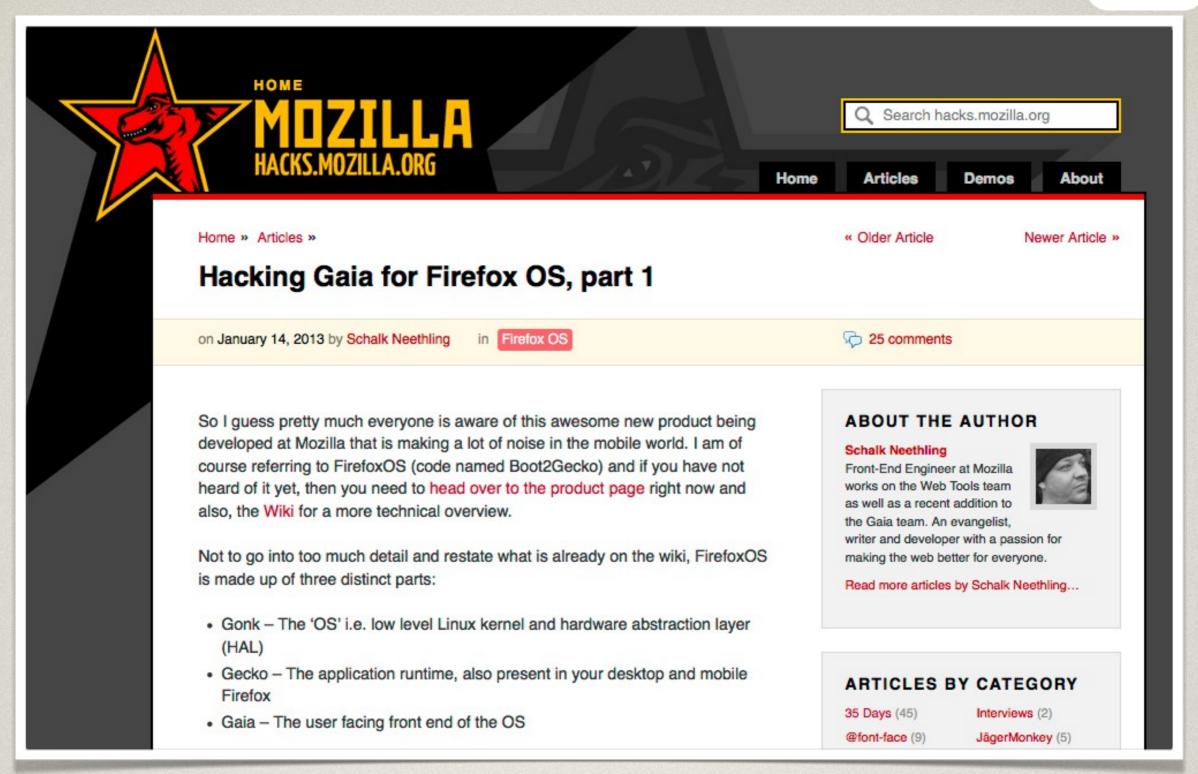




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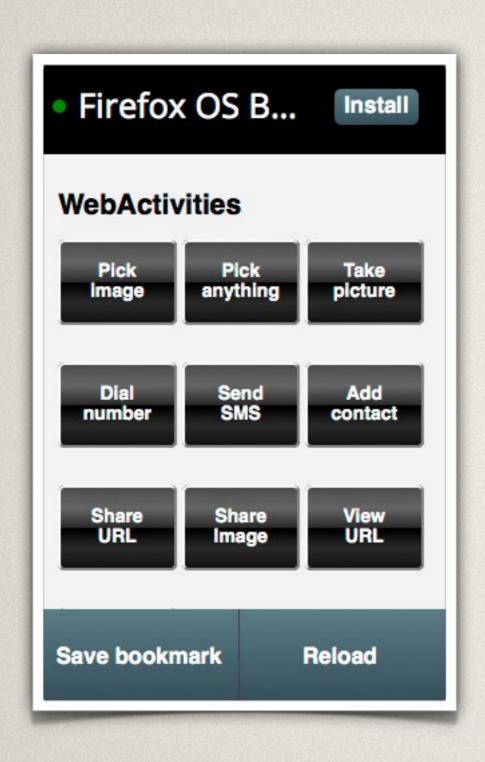




https://hacks.mozilla.org/2013/01/hacking-gaia-for-

firefox-os-part-1/

## Installing apps



# FIREFOX OS BOILERPLATE APP

https://github.com/robnyman/Firefox-OS-Boilerplate-App



#### **FXOSSTUB**

https://hacks.mozilla.org/2012/12/fxosstub-a-minimalists-working-example-of-the-design-guide-rules-for-firefox-os/



#### MORTAR

https://hacks.mozilla.org/2013/01/writing-web-apps-quickly-with-mortar/

# Getting help

# irc://irc.mozilla.org/ #openwebapps



https://lists.mozilla.org/listinfo/dev-webapps

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