Chrome Extension

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Why Chrome

Nothing new but HTML, CSS, and JavaScript

Getting Started

An example form Google: One-click Kittens



Files

- manifest.json
- icon.png
- popup.html
- popup.js

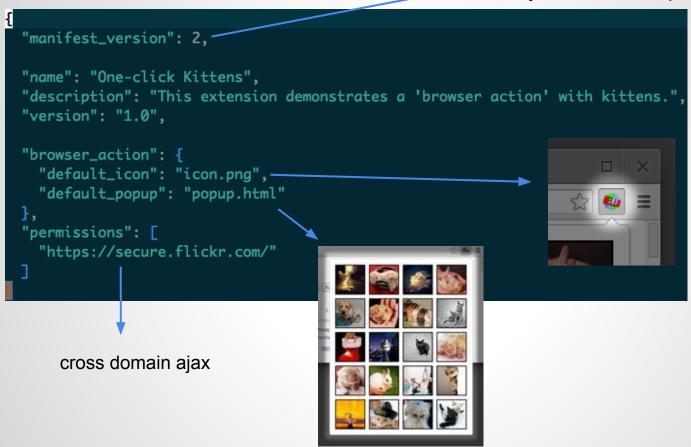
manifest.json

Where you declare:

- extension's name, description, version...
- permission
- resource
- programs for different conponents
- etc.

In conclusion, it tells what an extension consist of and what an extension going to do.

madatory, version 1 is deprecated



Load the extension

Extensions download from Internet are packed as .crx file, which is great for distribution, but not so great for development.

For development:

Go to chrome://extensions

擴充功能		■ 開發人員模式
載入未封裝擴充功能	封裝擴充功能	立即更新擴充功能

More Details

Architecture

Extension UIs

browser action: always exists

page action: show up when matches some condition



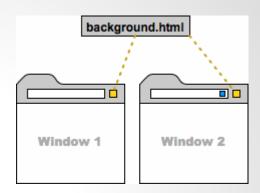
other UIs: option page, Chrome context menu...

The Background Page

Persistent background page or event page
Holds the main logic of the extension

persistent background page

```
"name": "My extension",
...
"background": {
    "scripts": ["background.js"]
},
...
```

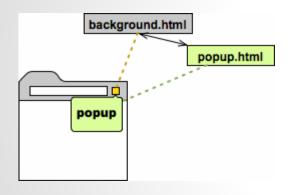


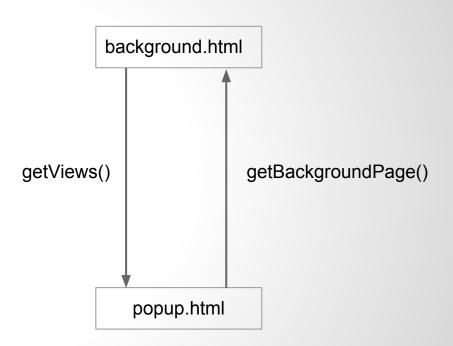
event page (recommanded)

```
"name": "My extension",
...
"background": {
    "scripts": ["eventPage.js"],
    "persistent": false
},
...
```

Popup Page

Main UI that interact with users

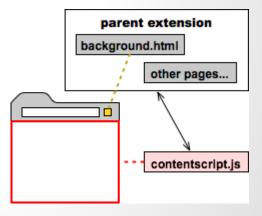


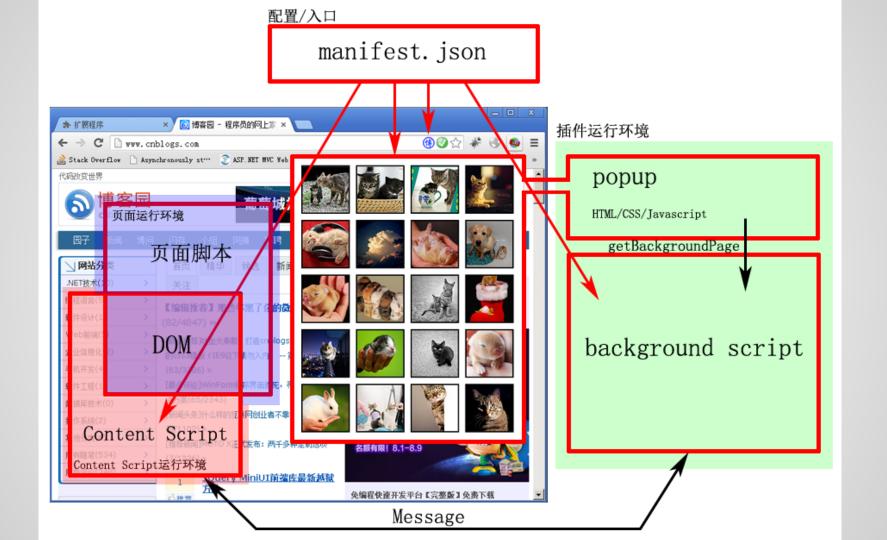


Content Scripts

Interact with webpage's DOM

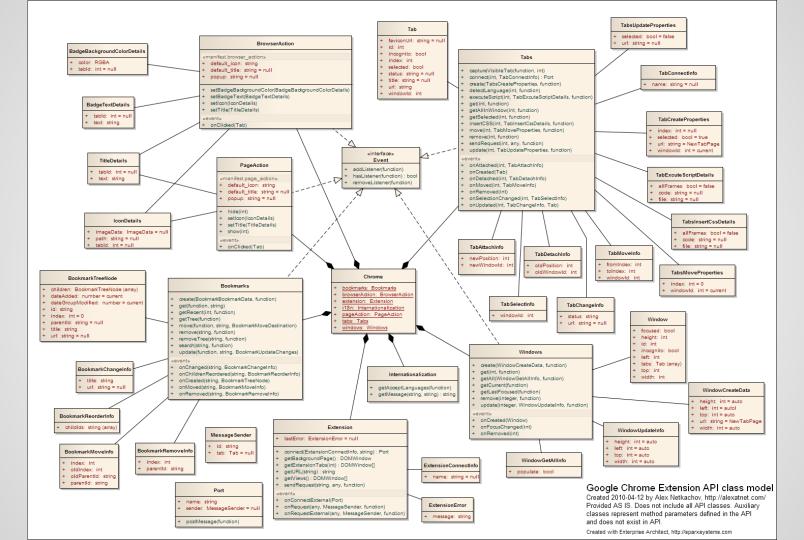
content script communicate with parent extension by message machanism





Chrome.* APIs

Tight integration with browser and more powerful than native APIs.



Asynchronous vs. synchronous

chrome.tabs.create(object *createProperties*, function *callback*)

```
//THIS CODE DOESN'T WORK
var tab = chrome.tabs.query({'active': true}); //WRONG!!!
chrome.tabs.update(tab.id, {url:newUrl});
```

```
//THIS CODE WORKS
chrome.tabs.query({'active': true}, function(tabs) {
  chrome.tabs.update(tabs[0].id, {url: newUrl});
});
```

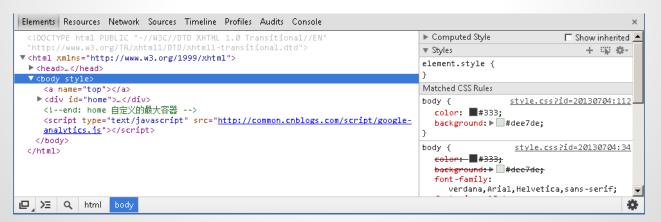
- chrome.tabs.create() vs. window.open()
- chrome.cookies vs. document.cookie
- chrome.alarms vs. window.setTimeout()
- chrome.storage vs. HTML5 Web storage

Debuging

In normal web page:

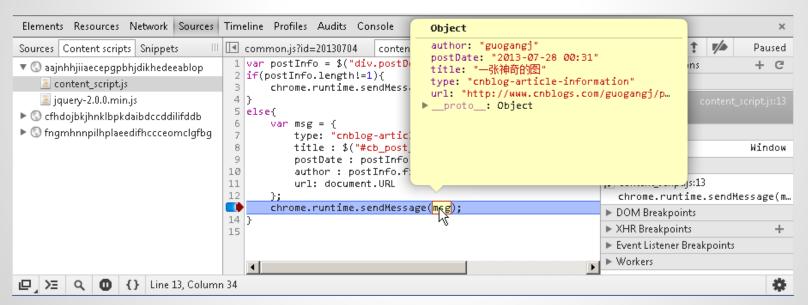
DOM structure, console log, network request, set breakpoint...





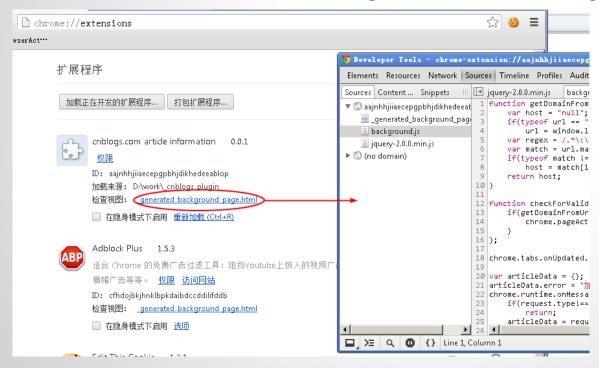
Content script

In source->Content Scripts



Background page

In chrome://extensions->generated background page.html



Popup

Right click the icon -> inspect the popup



Use console.log() instead of alert() !!

What's next?

- Chrome.* APIs document:
 https://developer.chrome.com/extensions/api_index
- Developer's guide:
 https://developer.chrome.com/extensions/devguide
- Lots of samples:
 https://developer.chrome.com/extensions/samples

Example: Comic Helper



- Background: cheek update every 30 mins
- **Popup**: show most recent comic with direct link
- Viewer.html: clean, no ads comic viewer which also preload the image
- Content script: redirect comic link from original site to our viewer

Problem Encounter

- No rule for sequential image url ex: http://img18.8comic.com/2/7884/4/001_2rh.jpg http://img19.8comic.com/2/2317/153/001_q24.jpg
- Obfuscated javascript code

```
var ch=request('ch');var p=1;var f=50;if(ch.index0f('-')>0) {p=parseInt(ch.split('-')[1]);ch=ch.split('-')[0];}if(ch=='') ch=1;else ch=parseInt(ch);var pi='';var ni='';v
ar c='';var ci=0;var ps='';function ge(e){return document.getElementById(e);}function ss(a,b,c,d){var e=a.substring(b,b+c);return d==null?e.replace(/[a-z]*/gi,""):e;}fun
ction si(c){ge('TheImg').src='http://img'+ss(c,4,2)+'.8comic.com/'+ss(c,6,1)+'/'+ti+'/'+ss(c,0,4)+'/'+nn(p)+'_'+ss(c,mm(p)+10,3,f)+'.jpg';}function nn(n){return n<10?'00
 '+n:n<100?'0'+n:n;}function mm(p){return (parseInt((p-1)/10)%10)+(((p-1)%10)*3)};function sp(){var cc=cs.length;for(var i=0;i<cc/f;i++){if(ss(cs,i*f,4)==ch) {c=ss(cs,i*f,4)=ch) {c=ss(cs,
,f,f);ci=i;break;}}if(c==''){c=ss(cs,cc-f,f);ch=chs;}si(c);pi=ci>0?ss(cs,ci*f-f,4):ch;var pt='[ '+pi+' ]';ni=ci<cc-1?ss(cs,ci*f+f,4):ch;var nt='[ '+ni+' ]';ps=ss(c,7,3);
initpage(ps,p,"pageindex");ge("lastchapter").innerHTML=ch;if(p>ps) {ge('next').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none;';}if(p<=1) {ge('prev').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('prev').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('prev').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('prev').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('prev').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display='none';ge('next2').style.display
='none;';ge('prev2').style.display='none;';}if(ch>=chs) ge('nextvol').style.display="none";ge('nextname').innerHTML=nt;ge('prevname').innerHTML=pt;ge('pagenum').innerHTM
L='\u7b2c'+p+'\'+ps+'\u9801';}function jn(){if(p<ps) j(p+1);else alert('\u5df2\u7d93\u662f\u6700\u5f8c\u4e00\u9801\u4e86');}function jp(){if(p>1) j(p-1);}function nv(){i
 f(ch<chs) jv(ni);}function pv(){if(ch>1) jv(pi);}function lv(){jv(chs);}function j(n){document.location.href=replaceurl("ch",ch+"-"+n);}function jv(n){document.location.
 href=replaceurl("ch",n);}
 function showpic(itemid,allcodes,chs){if(ch=="") ch=1;else ch=parseInt(ch);var codes=allcodes.split('!');var code="";var cid=0;for(i=0;i<codes.length;i++){if(codes[i].in
dexOf(ch+" ")==0){cid=i;code=codes[i];break;};}if(code=="") for(i=0;i<codes.length;i++){if(parseInt(codes[i].split(' ')[0])>ch) {cid=i;code=codes[i];ch=parseInt(codes[i]
.split(' ')[0]);break;}}if(code=="") {cid=codes.length-1;code=codes[cid];ch=chs;};previd=cid>0?parseInt(codes[cid-1].split(' ')[0]);ch;nextid=cid<codes.length-1?parseInt
(codes[cid+1].split(' ')[0]):ch;var num=code.split(' ')[0];var sid=code.split(' ')[1];var did=code.split(' ')[2];page=code.split(' ')[3];var code=code.split(' ')[4];if(p
=="") p=1;else p=parseInt(p);document.getElementBvId("lastchapter").innerHTML=ch;if(p>=page) document.getElementBvId("next").style.display="none";if(p<=1) document.getEl
ementById("prev").style.display="none";if(ch>=chs) document.getElementById("nextvol").style.display="none";if(ch<=1) document.getElementById("prevvol").style.display="no
ne";var ima="";if(p<10) ima="00"+p;else if(p<100) ima="0"+p;else ima=p;var m=(parseInt((p-1)/10)%10)+(((p-1)/10)*3);ima+="_"+code.substrina(m.m+3);document.aetElementByI
d("TheImg").src="http://img"+sid+".8comic.com/"+did+"/"+itemid+"/"+num+"/"+img+".jpg";initpage(page,p,"pageindex");}
```

Print this page

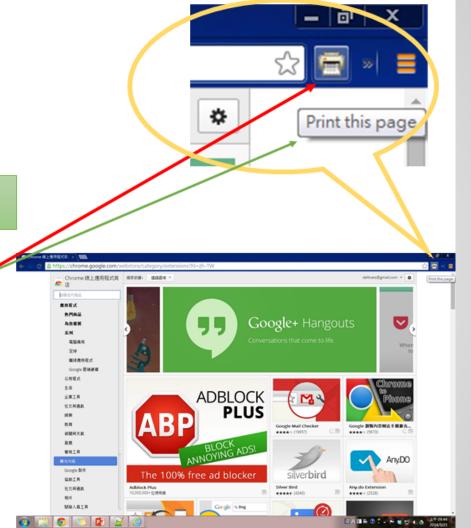
Manifest.json

Background.js

print_16x16.png

manifest.json

```
"name": "Print this page",
"description": "Adds a print button to the browser.",
"version": "1.1",
                                                  連結要執行的
"background": {
                                                  javascript檔案
 "scripts": ["background.js"]
 permissions": [
 "tabs", "http://*/*", "https://*/*"
"browser action": {
  "default_title": "Print this page",
  "default_icon": "print_16x16.png"
"manifest version": 2
```



Background.js

```
chrome.browserAction.onClicked.addListener(function(tab) {
  var action_url = "javascript:window.print();";
  chrome.tabs.update(tab.id, {url: action_url});
});
```

- chrome.browserAction.onClicked.addListener(function callback) : 如果使用者點下按鍵,將觸發的事件
- javascript:window.print(); ": 處發事件為列印
- Tab: 此extensio的獨特ID

Example: embed-url

- Content script: extract resources, send message, and add an ad.
- Background script: create new tab.
- Popup tab: display links

Reference

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Q&A