ELECTRON

What is electron?

- Open Source Framework
- Cross Platform Desktop Apps
- HTML, CSS, JS

Popular Apps built with electron:







How it works







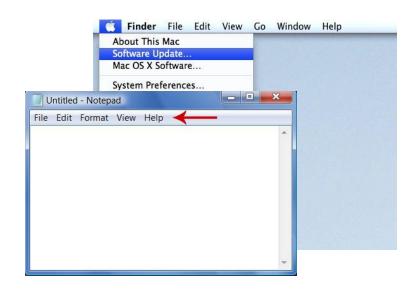
Problems without electron

- Different languages for websites and desktop apps
- Hard to access native platform features



How electron solves them

- Web Technologies (only the good)
- Platform-specific features



More pros:

- use of frameworks (angular.js, Bootstrap, Typescript, ...)
- easily port websites to desktop applications



Competitors







Code-Sample



Requirements

You have to have Node.js installed

Download it here: https://nodejs.org/en/download/



Install electron

In an empty project folder:

```
npm init
npm install electron --save-dev
```



./package.json

```
"name": "electron-demo",
"version": "1.0.0",
"description": "Electron demo app for a school presentation",
"main": "main.js",
"scripts": {
      "start": "electron ."
"author": "Simon Schiller",
"license": "MIT",
"devDependencies": {
      "electron": "^1.4.8"
```



./main.js

Copy the main.js file from this website:

http://electron.atom.io/docs/tutorial/quick-start/



Sample project

Copy these file from https://github.com/simonschiller/electron-demo

- index.html
- about.html
- main.js
- js/
- css/



Install NeDB

In the project folder:

npm install nedb --save



Package the application

In the project folder:

```
npm install electron-packager -g
electron-packager . --platform=win32 --arch=x64
```

For every platform:

```
electron-packager . --all
```



Thanks for your attention!

