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Introduction: Smartphone Market and the Need for Cross-Platform Support

- 1.1 Smartphone Landscape
- 1.2 HTML5
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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION: SMARTPHONE MARKET AND THE NEED FOR CROSS-F

- Use a Content Delivery Network
- Add an Expires Header
- Gzip Components
- Put Stylesheets at the Top
- Put Scripts at the Bottom
- Avoid CSS Expressions
- Make Javascript and CSS External
- Reduce DNS Lookups
- Minify JavaScript
- Avoid Redirects
- Remove Duplicate Scripts
- Configure ETags
- Make Ajax Cacheable
- Splitting the Initial Payload
- Loading Scripts Without Blocking
- Coupling Asynchronous Scripts
- Positioning Inline Scripts
- Writing Efficient JavaScript
- Scaling with Comet
- Going Beyond Gzipping
- Optimizing Images
- Sharding Dominant Domains
- Flushing the Document Early
- Using Iframes Sparingly
- Simplifying CSS Selectors

Research Question: HTML5 - Hype versus Realities?

Methods: Example Application and Library

3.1 Qt Developer Days 2011 Conference Schedule Application

3.2 JSONCache JavaScript Library

JSONCache is a lightweight JavaScript library for fetching JSON (!FIXME abbreviation definition FIXME!) data in flaky networks. The library was designed especially to handle flaky mobile networks with connection problems and short interruptions. The goal is to avoid networking as long as possible and failing gracefully if network connections are not stable.

JSONCache provides two main functionalities: data caching and attempting to fetch the data multiple times.

The caching layer uses the client side localStorage (!FIXME citation needed FIXME!) cache of HTML5 (!FIXME abbreviation definition FIXME!). Data requests can be done using the JSONCache API (!FIXME abbreviation definition FIXME!) which always checks the local cache first before opening any network connections. If the data is already in the cache, the cached data is checked for validity and if the data has not been expired, it is returned immediately. If the data is not in the cache or it has been expired, a new network request is made and the received data is cached and returned to the requestor. The expiration time of a data item can be configured in the library settings.

JSONCache also tries to fetch the data multiple times to handle small interruptions in network connection. !Fixme add example and explain

that it is very common Fixme! If a data fetch fails, a new fetch is issued after a timeout (defined in the configuration). On subsequent attempts the timeout is increased, and after a defined number of attempts the fetch error is issued to the requestor.

Figure 3.1 shows an interactive demo of the JSONCache library. The demo¹ simulates the caching and fetching functionality of the library by simulating a flaky network according to the configuration.

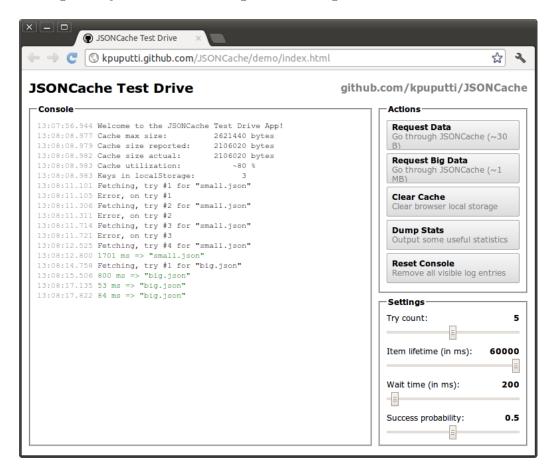


Figure 3.1: Interactive JSONCache demo.

http://kpuputti.github.com/JSONCache/demo/index.html

Results: What Was Good and Where Were the Compromises

- 4.1 Targeting Different Platforms
- 4.1.1 Device Detection
- 4.1.2 Feature Detection
- 4.2 Targeting Different Screens
- 4.3 Handling Mobile Networks
- 4.3.1 Minimizing Data Transfer
- 4.3.2 Caching
- 4.3.3 Preloading
- 4.3.4 Offline Support
- 4.3.5 Handling Interruptions
- 4.4 Graphics and Animations
- 4.5 Performance Analysis
- 4.5.1 YSlow
- 4.5.2 PageSpeed

Discussion: Bright Future Ahead for HTML5

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