

CubiMobileSupport

Cubi mobile web app support Phase-Implementation

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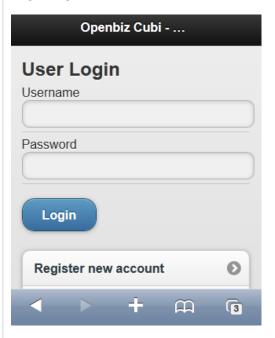
Introduction

Openbiz Cubi fully supports mobile smarty phone browsers. On a mobile browser, Cubi application will adapt the UI to mobile theme on top of jQueryMobile! Cubi mobile is tested with iPhone and Android browsers.

Mobile Touch Theme

After install Cubi on your web server, you can hit the server from your iPhone or Android browser. The Cubi application will give you mobile touch screen experience.

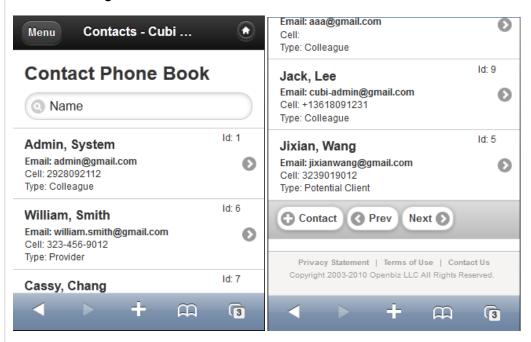
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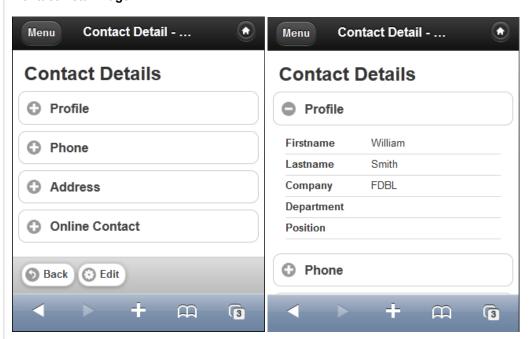
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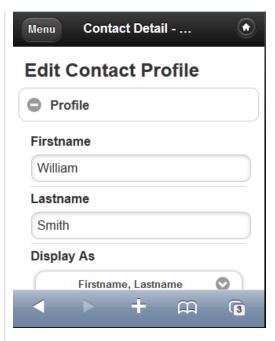
Contact List Page



Contact Detail Page



Contact Edit Page



Enable Mobile Support for a Module

In order to support mobile browser per a module, we suggest create a separate module with a post-fix as "mob". For example "contact_mob" is the mobile version of "contact" module. Usually a mobile version module has only UI related directories including

- form
- template
- view
- widaet

Its forms can use the data objects defined in original module. That means "contact_mob" form's DataObject is contact.do.ContactDO that defined in "contact" module.

Touch Theme

If you hit the cubi application with mobile browser, the server will use touch theme by default to render the page back to browser.

The touch theme is added under /cubi/themes/. The code to pick touch theme can be found in cubi/bin/app_init.php

```
if (DeviceUtil::\$PHONE_TOUCH) define('DEFAULT_THEME_NAME','touch'); // default theme for touch screen phone else define('DEFAULT_THEME_NAME', 'default'); // name of the theme. theme files are under themes/theme_name
```

Limit the Functions in Mobile Module

Practically, users only use read and search data from the mobile devices. So the mobile module should have much less features than the full version module.

On a list form, the mobile version would make the following changes

- Have less fields in the Data Panel
- Empty buttons in Action Panel
- · Have "Add", "Prev" and "Next" buttons in Nav Panel
- Leave only search input in Search Panel

List Form Changes

List Form in mobile module changes to a real list view instead of a data grid.

A mobile list row typically includes

- a heading line
- several description lines
- · an arrow at the right-most of a row
- · an optinal text at the right side of a row
- an optional icon or thumbnail at the left side of a row

From the above sample xml, we can see

- it uses CssClass "ui-li-heading" and "ui-li-desc" to indicate heading or description line.
- a special element "fld_listlink" defines the target link when a list item is selected.
- "ui-li-aside" is used to position a text to the right side.

http://jquerymobile.com/test/docs/lists/docs-lists.html provides more details of mobile list view

Button Element Changes

A mobile enabled button usualy needs to

- · add DataRole="button"
- add HTMLAttr="data-inline='true' data-icon='icon_name' data-iconpos='pos_name'".

Back/Cancel button

Save button

Add button

Paging buttons

Search Element change

To save space, a mobile page prefer single search box. Considering a normal search panel of a form has search input box and a search button, the mobile version will combine them into one search box.

Add Device Support

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Currently Cubi recognizes iOS and Android devices by checking the user-agent http header. In order to add a device for mobile support, you can modify get_device_info() function in /cubi/bin/device_util.php.

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