Beyond WAP: Mobile AJAX, SVG and the Future of the Web



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What's Vodafone doing in the Web?

- Participant in W3C (2003)
 - Working in the Compound Document Formats (CDF), Device Independence working groups (now "Ubiquitous Web Activity")
- Investor in dotMobi (2004)
- Founding sponsor of the W3C Mobile Web Initiative (2005)
 - _Chairing W3C Mobile Web Best Practices wg
 - Participating in W3C MWI Device Descriptions wg
 - Participating in POWDER wg
 - Participating in Ubiquitous Web wg
- Active Member of Open Mobile Alliance (née the WAP Forum)
 Pushing forward xHTML Reunification (happening NOW)
- Convened "Mobile AJAX Summit" meeting at 3GSM World Congress in Barcelona (February 2007)
- Recently joined the Open AJAX Alliance (September 2007)
- Co-Chaired Mobile AJAX Workshop (September 28th, 2007)



In 5 years' time, will the majority of Web usage be from Mobile devices?

Why is Mobile Different?

- Limitations on Mobile
 - _Small memory footprint
 - _Lower CPU speeds
 - Small screen
 - Different input modes
 - _Slow / high latency network
 - _Not always connected
- Unique device features
 - Take a picture
 - Access to address book
 - _Send/receive an SMS, MMS
 - With you anywhere
 - _Uniquely personal

Mobile phones and other mobile connected devices are personal communication and information tools





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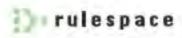
















Mobile Web Best Practices

- Design for One Web
- Rely on Web standards
- Stay away from known hazards
- Be cautious of device limitations
- Optimize navigation
- **Check** graphics & colors
- Keep it small
- Use the network sparingly
- Help & guide user input
 - Think of users on the go

Best Practice Detail

THEMATIC CONSISTENCY: Ensure that content provided by accessing a URI yields a thematically coherent experience when accessed from different devices.

VALID MARKUP: Create documents that validate to published formal grammars.

STYLE SHEETS USE: Use style sheets to control layout and presentation, unless the device is known not to support them.

COOKIES: Do not rely on cookies being available.

OBJECTS OR SCRIPT:

Do not rely on embedded objects or script.

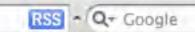














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MA, USA on 7
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groups will come

together to brainstorm about some of the most challenging technical issues facing the Web and W3C. W3C group participants may attend (see the meeting page for details). Press, please contact w3t-pr@w3.org if you are interested in attending; there will be a press conference with Tim Berners-Lee and Platinum Sponsors.

News

W3C MobileOK To Help Make Web Sites Mobile Friendly

2007-11-13: Today, W3C provides new means for people to create and find mobile friendly content. W3C invites Web authors to run the alpha release of the W3C mobileOK checker and make their content work on a broad range of mobile devices. The checker runs the tests defined in the W3C mobileOK Basic Tests 1.0 Candidate Recommendation. Read the press release and testimonials, and come see W3C at Mobile Internet World in Boston, Massachusetts (USA). (Permalink)

► W3C mobileOK Basic Tests 1.0 Advances to Candidate Recommendation

2007-11-13: The Mobile Web Best Practices Working Group has published the Candidate Recommendation of W3C mobileOK Basic Tests 1.0. This document defines the tests that provide the basis for making a claim of W3C mobileOK Basic conformance and are based on W3C Mobile Web Best Practices. You are invited to use the alpha version of the W3C mobileOK Checker to test your content. Read the press release and learn more about the Mobile Web Initiative Activity.

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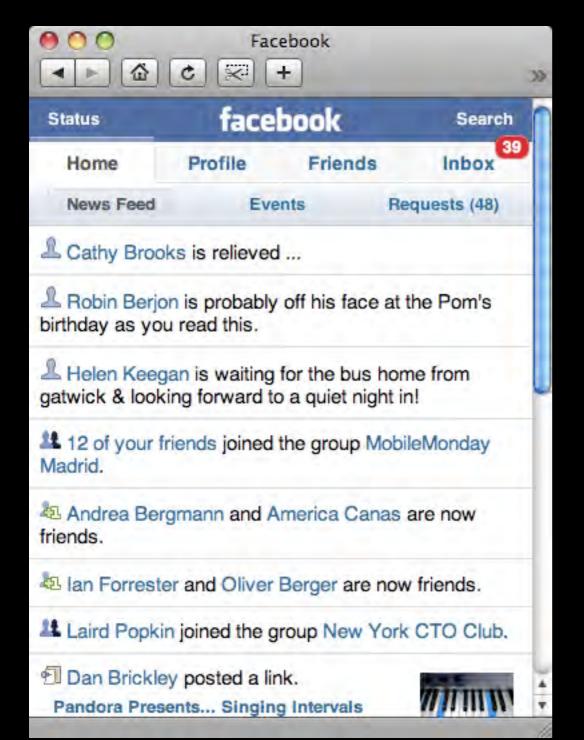
What about Mobile Web Applications?

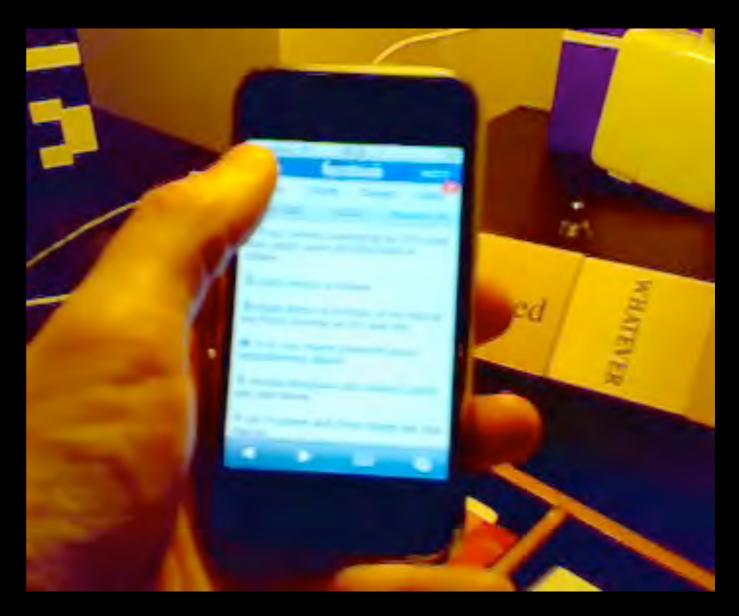
- Applications written using Web technologies
 - _The AJAX platform
 - Key "Web 2.0" plank
 - _Desktop-bound
- What is different about AJAX on Mobile?
 - _(See: device limitations, capabilities)
- AJAX applications will replace a class of application currently written in Java or natively
 - Reduce time to market and complexity
 - _Allow more apps to get into the hands of more users
 - _Allow more developers to write mobile apps
- Mobile AJAX Workshop run September 2007
 http://www.w3.org/2007/06/mobile-ajax/report.html





ACCESS, VIEW, OR SHARE PC OR MAC BASED DOCUMENTS.





More Work Needed

- Current AJAX toolkits don't lend themselves to use in current mobile browsers
 - _Getting apps to work across browsers is a porting exercise
- Access to device features (camera, etc...)
 New APIs? The DOM?
- Privacy / security issuesCode signing?
- CPU / BatteryJavaScript Optimization?
- NetworkOffline storage?
- Developer guidelines



SVG (scalable vector graphics)

SVG Advances

- SVG 1.1 is deployed in Firefox, Opera and Safari browsers
- SVGt 1.1 deployed on more than 500 million devices world wide
 - _wide adoption and support from industry
 - _primary use cases
 - _personalization screen savers, caller ID, etc
 - UI graphics definition
 - _advanced messaging content
 - standardized renderer
- SVG integrated into Safari and Firefox and used in major Web Applications
- SVGt 1.2 brings the other three AJAX components standardized data model and access
 - scripting environment
 - communication methods



Advanced Interactivity Features in SVG Tiny 1.2

- SVG Tiny 1.2 expands the features of Mobile SVG with key Interactivity features
- The introduction of the UDOM provides a concise, interoperable, open interface to the graphical data model.
- Communication interfaces open the capabilities to communicate directly with a server.
- AJAX is a leading paradigm that the SVG Tiny 1.2 UDOM leverages



Keys to AJAX in SVG Tiny 1.2

- SVGGlobal provides AJAX methods
 - _getURL requesting data or processing from server
 - _postURL sending data
 - _parseXML preparing data for your processing
- AsyncURLStatus the interface to the server response
- AsyncStatusCallback the interface to the code to processing the response.



Liox 3. Spieltag 12:48 6 Bundesliga 2.Bundesliga 4 0:1 1:0 1:1 Beenden Optionen

The Future

- SVG based application experiences like Bundesliga become fully integrated into the browser context
- Rich media experiences become as common on the mobile Web as they are on the "fixed" Web
- Mobile Web Initiative to create guidelines on how to build rich, interactive mobile apps
- Mobile widgets (Web-based) begin to take the place of downloaded applications; mobile Web is a vector for these widgets



WICD (say "Wicked")

- Web Integration Compound Document
- Integration between SVG, xHTML, CSS, DOM
- Mandates XHR
- Specifies user agent behavior
 - __"right-sizing"
 - _Focus navigation
- Baseline for rich media Web Application development on the mobile platform
- Coming to handsets in 2008
- http://www.w3.org/2004/CDF/



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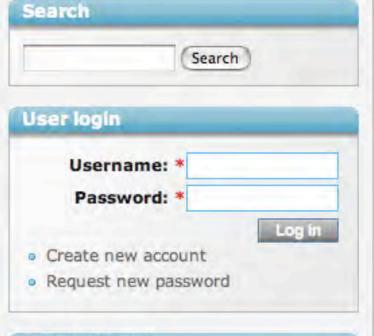
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SVGWalkthrough

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A short introduction of how to make a simple video-zapper in SVGT 1.2 DanHe

Student Competitions close soon!



Vodafone Betavine team...

Students wishing to enter the Vodafone Betavine competitions should get their entries in quick. The last date for an entry is on the 30th of September 2007.

So if you are a student with a budding application get your entry in now!

Tue, 04 Sep 2007 10:29:59

Good luck from the

Triggering Applications by SMS in Windows Mobile

Following on from our tutorial on Application Trigger messages that focused on the J2ME platform, we



thought it would be great to try and extend this functionality beyond mobile Java.

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Planet Mobile Web: www.w3.org/Mobile/planet

WICD: www.w3.org/2004/CDF

Dev.mobi: dev.mobi

Vodafone Betavine: <u>betavine.net</u>

Mobile Ajax Workshop Report:

http://www.w3.org/2007/06/mobile-ajax/report.html