Building Mobile Apps by Example



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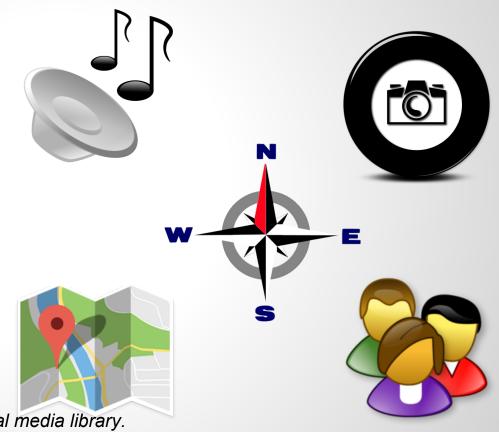


"I already have a responsive, mobile friendly Drupal website..."

"...why would I want a mobile application?"

Mobile Application Device Features

- Accelerometer
- Audio Capture
- Camera*
- Contact List
- GPS
- Notifications
- Offline Storage



^{*} Take a photo, record video, and browse local media library.

Build 2 Example Mobile Apps

1. GeoTag a Photo and Upload it







2. GeoLocate Nearby Content and Display on Map







Tools Involved





Why Drupal?



Drupal let's us easily manage our...



Users



Content



Files

Why PhoneGap?

Phone Gap

It let's us utilize familiar web technologies like...



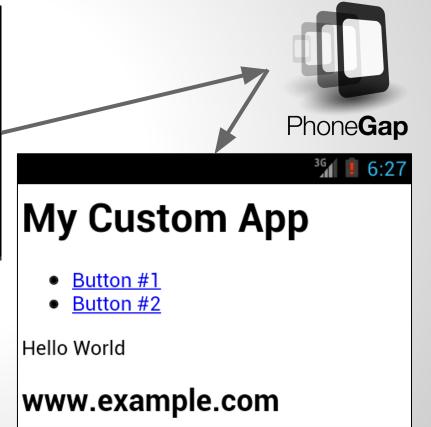
and then ...

Compiles them into Mobile Apps



If we know HTML, CSS and JavaScript, then...

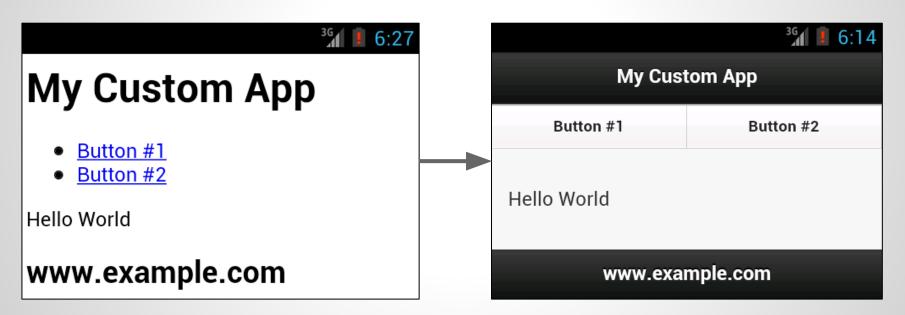
... we can build mobile apps.



Why jQuery Mobile?



jQuery Mobile takes simple HTML and...

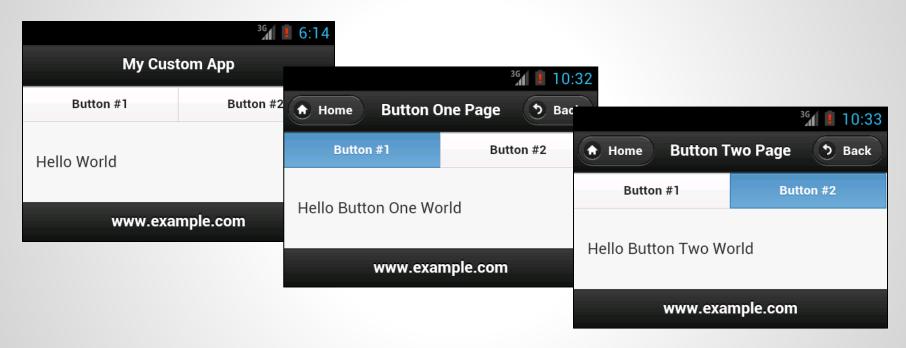


... makes it pretty, and mobile friendly.

jQuery Mobile's HTML Markup

```
<html>
<head><!-- jQuery Mobile includes go here --></head>
<body>
  <div data-role="page">
    <div data-role="header"><h1>My Custom App</h1></div>
    <div data-role="navbar">
      <a href="#">Button #1</a>
      <a href="#">Button #2</a>
    </div>
    <div data-role="content">Hello World</div>
    <div data-role="footer"><h2>www.example.com</h2></div>
  </div><!-- page -->
</body>
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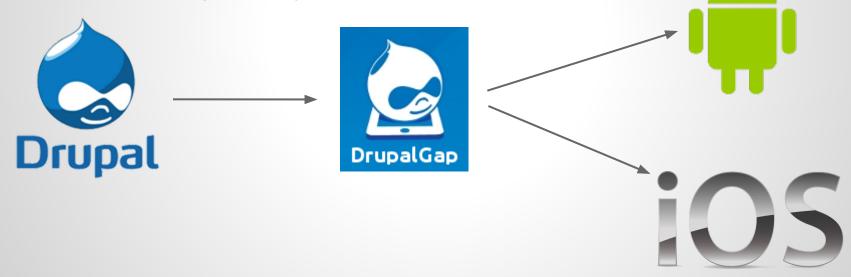
That's great, but...



... how do we handle multiple pages?

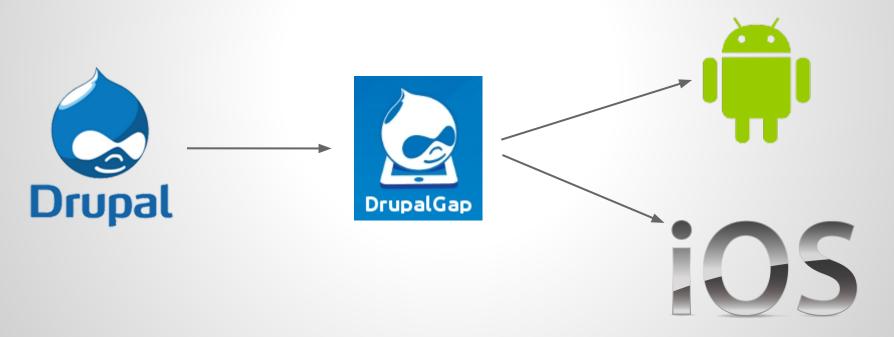
Say "Hello World" to DrupalGap

"DrupalGap is an *open source* mobile application development kit for Drupal websites. It is powered by PhoneGap, jQuery Mobile and Drupal."



We use Drupal to easily build our websites...

... so let's use DrupalGap to easily build our apps.



Easily build mobile apps, you say?

Let's see it to believe it...

Example #1: GeoTag a Photo and Upload it







http://tylerfrankenstein.com/code/build-mobile-app-geo-tag-photo

Not too bad, how about one more...

Example #2: GeoLocate Nearby Content and Display on Map







http://www.tylerfrankenstein.com/code/build-mobile-app-geo-locate-content-drupal

Neat-o! How do I get started?

DrupalGap Module

https://drupal.org/project/drupalgap

DrupalGap SDK

https://github.com/signalpoint/DrupalGap

Hello World

http://drupalgap.org/hello-world

Questions / Comments ?

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"Thank you!"