

Hybrid apps with HTML5 Android NDK

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- HTML5 currently under development
- New syntactical features. These include the <video>,
 <audio> and <canvas> elements
- Integration of Scalable Vector Graphics, SVG, content
- Drag-and-drop
- Full-scale application development for the browser possible
- Apps might be platform agnostic (unaware of host env.)
- Android comes with a HTML5 Webkit-based browser
- Dive into HTML5
 - http://diveintohtml5.info/

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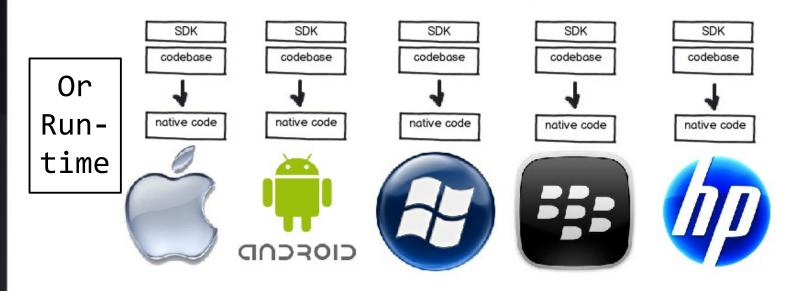
- Pamela Fox's talks many presentations about hybrid solutions
 - http://www.pamelafox.org/talks
 - PhoneGap: Why & How presentation from 2012-06
- Mobile Developers Guide To The Galaxy
 - The "Cross-Platform App Frameworks" chapter
- HTML5 could eventually become the platform that all apps, whether for mobiles or for PCs, are written on. "It's taken 20 years because the underlying standards had to evolve from the proprietary Mac and Windows platforms. But they have both adopted HTML5 as a future direction. So that means in future a lot of apps will be running in HTML5 in both mobile and

non-mobile form." - ES



Google CEO Eric Schmidt speaks at the Mobile World Conference in Barcelona.

Native app

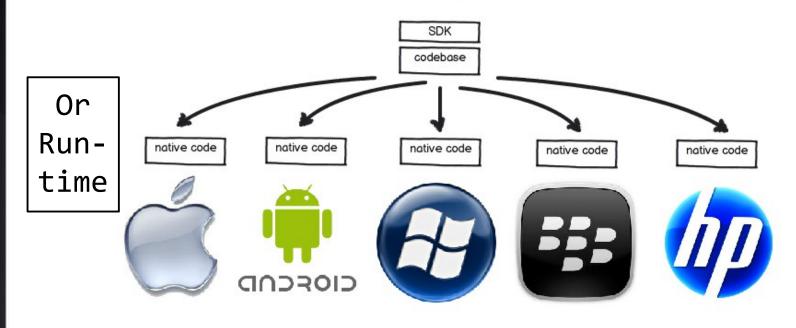


Platform	Language	IDE	
iOS	Objective C	XCode	
Android	Java	Eclipse	
Windows	.NET	Visual Studio	
Blackberry	Java	BB JDE	
hpWebOS	C/C++/HTML5	?	

Platforms: 1 Perf: Best UX: Best APIs: All



Cross-Compiled code



			iOS	Android	WP7	ВВ	WebOS
<u>Titanium</u>	JavaScript	0-\$500-\$\$/Apache					
<u>ParticleCode</u>	Java, AS3	Free					
XMLVM	Java, .NET	Free/LGPL					
Monotouch	C#, .NET	\$400-\$3000/OS					

Platforms: Multi Perf: Great UX: Great APIs: All

Swedish cross compiler tool

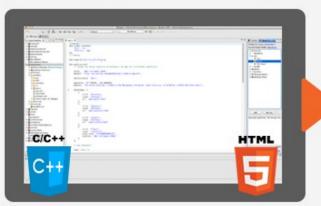
MoSync SDK

http://www.mosync.com

MoSync SDK - native mobile app development for multiple platforms using a single code base

The open-source MoSync Software Development Kit (SDK) is a rich cross-platform mobile application development environment that makes it easy to develop apps for all major mobile platforms from a single code base. The SDK enables mobile developers to build and compile apps for up to nine different

platforms at once, using C/C++ or HTML5/JavaScript, or a combination of both to create hybrid apps.



Develop in C/C++ or HTML5

The MoSync SDK is a rich cross-platform IDE with a C/C++ foundation and tight integration with MoSync Reload, which allows you to easily create hybrid apps using also HTML5/JavaScript.



Learn More



Deploy to Multiple Platforms

The SDK enables you to compile your app for up to nine different platforms, using one single code base. You can then focus on your next app idea.

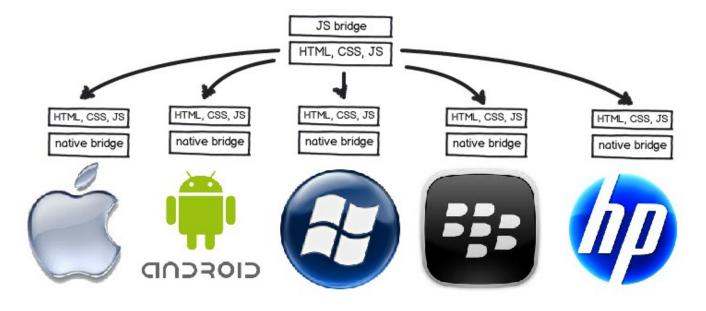


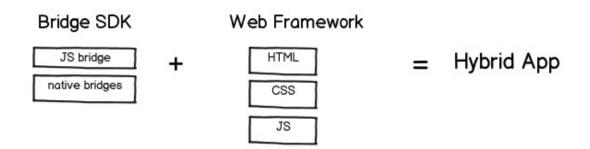
Watch Mosync SDK Video

MoSync beginner's tutorial of how to start the SDK, import examples, run the MoSync emulator and Bluetooth export to a mobile phone.



Hybrid app





Platforms: Multi Perf: Subpar UX: Subpar APIs: Many

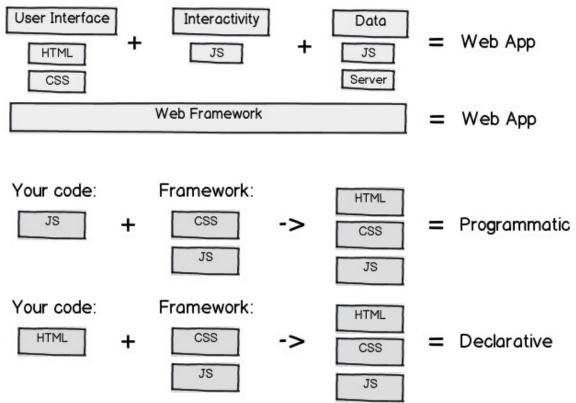
Bridge SDK

CORDOVATE CORDOVATE		iOS	Android	WP7	ВВ	WebOS
(Adobe) PhoneGap	Free/Apache					
<u>appMobi</u>	Free/MIT					
trigger.io	\$600-\$3000					

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<ht.ml>
 <head>
    <script type="text/javascript" charset="utf-8" src="phonegap.js"></script>
    <script type="text/javascript" charset="utf-8">
    function capturePhoto() {
      navigator.camera.getPicture(onPhotoDataSuccess);
    function onPhotoDataSuccess(imageData) {
      var smallImage = document.getElementById('smallImage');
      smallImage.src = "data:image/jpeg;base64," + imageData;
    </script>
 </head>
 <body>
   <button onclick="capturePhoto();">Capture Photo</button> <br>
 </body>
</html>
```



Web Frameworks



Declarative programming is

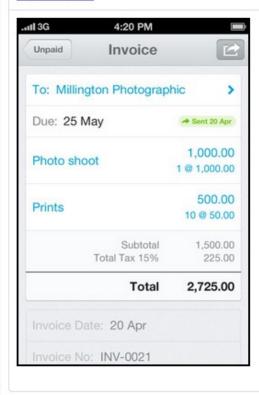
- A program that describes what computation should be performed and not how to compute it
- Any programming language that lacks side effects (or more specifically, is referentially transparent)
- A language with a clear correspondence to mathematical logic as SQL, regular expressions, logic programming, functional programming, etc.





Programmatic Frameworks

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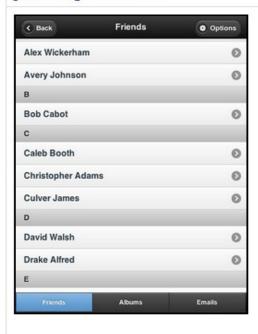






Declarative Frameworks

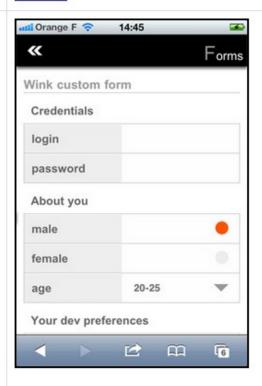
<u>jQueryMobile</u>



Kendo UI



Wink

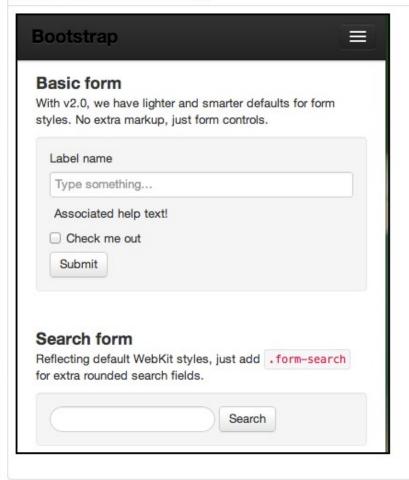




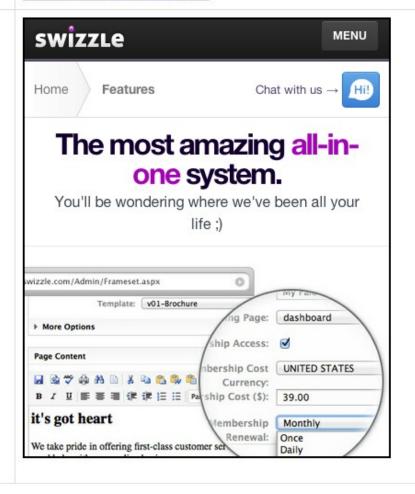


CSS Frameworks

Twitter Bootstrap



ZURB Foundation



JS Libraries

	DOM	Data	AJAX	Touch	Scroll	Animation
<u>Zepto</u>						
jQTouch						
iScroll						
<u>Backbone</u>						

microjs

I need ...✓

a base framework.

a DOM utility.

templating.

CSS animation.

JavaScript animation.

a CSS selector engine.

data manipulation.

Zepto Example

```
var activate = ('createTouch' in document) ? 'touchstart' : 'click';

$("body > section").first().addClass("current")

$("a.back").live(activate, function(event) {
    var current = $(this).attr("href");
    $(".current").removeClass("current").addClass("reverse");
    $(current).addClass("current");

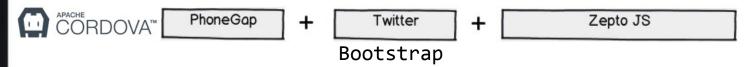
});

$(".menu a[href]").live(activate, function(event) {
    var link = $(this), section = link.closest('section'),
        prev element = "#"+(section.removeClass("current").addClass("reverse").attr
    $(link.attr("href")).addClass("current");
    $(".current .back").remove();
    $(".current .toolbar").prepend("Back");
});
```

http://jqtjs.com/preview/demos/todo/



My app stack

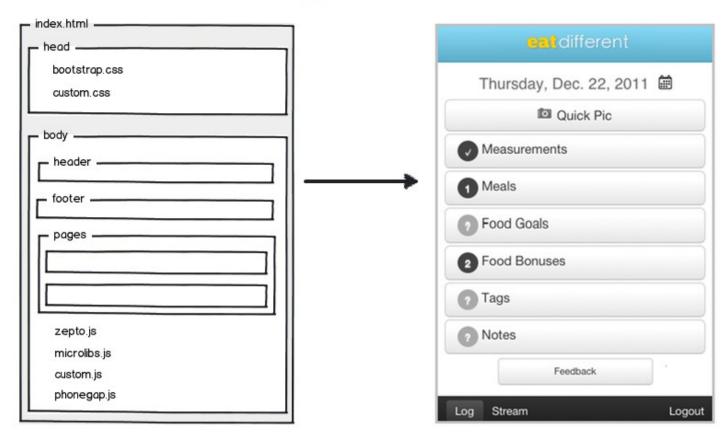


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http://www.eatdifferent.com/



PhoneGap: Architecture



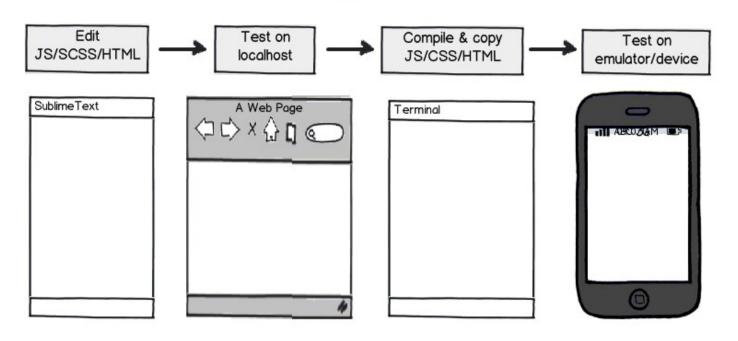


PhoneGap: index.html

```
<!doctype html>
<ht.ml>
<head>
 <meta name="viewport" content="initial-scale=1.0, user-scalable=no, width=device-v</pre>
 <link rel="stylesheet" href="css/all-phonegap-min.css"/>
</head>
<body>
 <div id="mobile-header" class="actionsbar">
  <img src="img/logo mobile.png">
 </div>
 <div id="mobile-footer" class="navbar">
   <a href="#mobile-log-page">Log</a>
     <a href="#mobile-stream-page">Stream</a>
     <a id="logout-button">Logout</a>
   </div>
                    https://gist.github.com/pamelafox/1515763
 <!-- Pages -->
 <div id="mobile-pages" class="container-fluid">
   <div id="mobile-splash-page" class="mobile-page">
       Loading...
   </div>
   <div id="mobile-login-page" class="mobile-page">
     Welcome! Please login with either your Facebook account or email.
```



PhoneGap: Workflow



Tools: <u>SASS</u>, <u>Compass</u>, <u>Resolutionizer</u>, <u>YUI CSS Compressor</u>, <u>JSHint</u>, <u>Closure Compiler</u>, <u>Jinja2</u>, <u>Android SDK</u>, <u>XCode</u>





CORDOVATE PhoneGap: Debugging

Android: DDMS

iPhone: XCode Debug Log

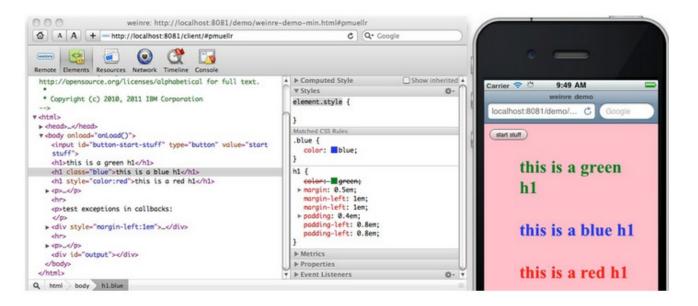


PhoneGap: Debugging DOM



In development:

<script src="http://debug.phonegap.com/target/target-script-min.js#eatdifferent">
</script>



Tools: Weinre, debug.phonegap.com, Adobe Shadow

Cordova platform support

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			blackberry10		wp7 (Windows Phone 7)	wpo -	Wino	firefoxos	tiz
cordova CLI	✓ Mac, Windows, Linux	✗ Mac, Windows	✓ Mac, Windows	✓ Mac	✓ Windows	✓ Windows	×	×	
Embedded WebView		×	×	(see details)	×	×	×	×	
Plug-in Interface	✓ (see details)	✓ (see details)	✓ (see details)	✓ (see details)	✓ (see details)	V	×	×	
				Plat	form APIs				
Accelerometer	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
Camera	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	V	
Capture	V	V	V	V	V	V	×	×	
Compass	V	×	V	✓ (3GS+)	V	1	1	V	
Connection	V	V	V	1	V	1	V	V	
Contacts	V	V	V	1	V	1	V	×	
Device	V	V	V	1	V	1	1	V	
Events	V	V	V	1	V	1	1	V	
File	~	~	V	V	no FileTransfer	no FileTransfer	V	×	
Geolocation	V	V	V	1	V	1	V	V	
Globalization	V	V	×	1	×	1	×	×	
InAppBrowser	V	V	V	1	V	1	×	×	
Media	V	×	✓	1	V	1	V	V	
Notification	V	V	✓	1	V	1	V	V	
Splashscreen	V	×	✓	1	V	1	V	×	
Storage	V	V	V	V	localStorage only	localStorage only	V	V	

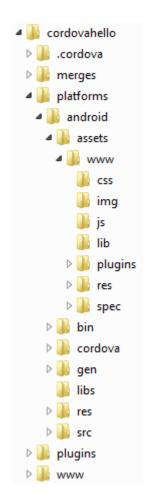
Cordova demo



- Demo: CordovaHello
- NODE.JS
- CLI driven
- Plugins
- Eclipse
 - assets/www/***
 - res/xml/config.xml
 - AndroidManifest.xml
- HTML
- CSS
- JavaScript
- Instructions in lab



http://cordova.apache.org/docs/en/3.1.0/guide_cli_index.md.html



Conclusion



- PROs
 - Code reuse
 - Knowledge reuse
 - Bright future
- CONs
 - Mobile browser bugginess/stability
 - Bugs take longer to debug
 - Hard to fake native UX
- Compatibility tables for support of HTML5, CSS3, SVG and more in desktop and mobile browsers
 - http://caniuse.com/
- Performance guidelines
 - http://developer.yahoo.com/performance/
 - https://developers.google.com/speed/

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- NetBeans IDE 7.4 Release Candidate 1 Information
 - NetBeans IDE 7.4 extends the advanced HTML5 development support introduced in NetBeans IDE 7.3 to Java EE and PHP application development, while offering new support for hybrid HTML5 application development (Cordova) on the Android and iOS platforms.
 - https://netbeans.org/community/releases/74/
- Webbtekniken räcker inte till på mobilen

http://computersweden.idg.se/2.2683/1.523834/webbtekniken-racker-inte-till-pa-mobilen

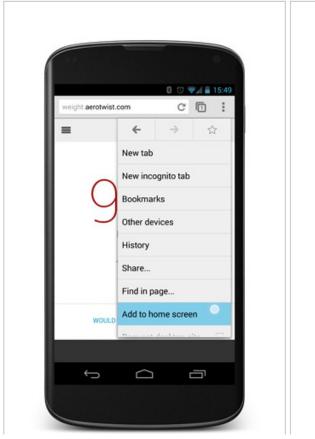


Web apps



 Google Chrome Beta 31 For Android Brings 'Install To Homescreen' For Web Apps With Support For Full-Screen Mode And Task-Switcher Integration

Starting with the upcoming version 31, Chrome for Android Beta will support adding web apps to the home screen via an option in the overflow menu. These apps will still run in a sandboxed Chrome environment, but they will also be integrated with the operating system in a few interesting ways.



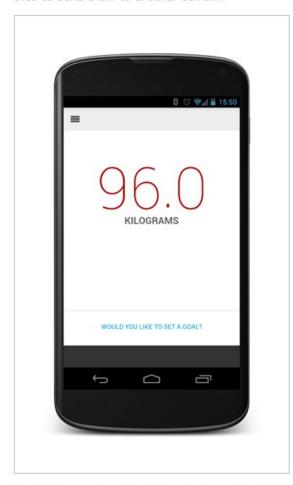


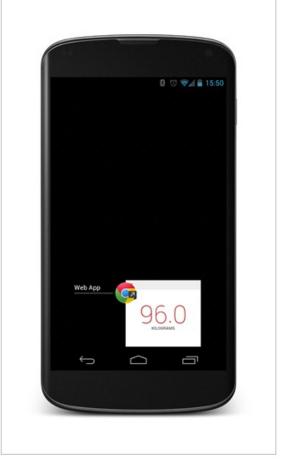
https://developers.google.com/chrome/mobile/docs/installtohomescreen

Web apps



Adding a supported web app to the homescreen will place a custom icon on the device, but this is more than a bookmark shortcut. The icon may look like a regular app icon, but tapping it brings up what is essentially a full-screen Chrome frame. You can also switch between web apps just like a native app (i.e. they are not lumped in with Chrome). The device will also alert users if the web app tries to send them to another domain.





Developers can easily add the necessary tags to have their web apps supported by the new functionality. Chrome will also recognize iOS Safari's Add to Homescreen tag, but only for the time being – support for the "apple-mobile-web-app-capable" meta tag will be dropped in a later release.

Native, Web App or Hybrid? 🍖 🤻 🦅



Device features - Access to device-specific features as sensors, camera, gestures, notifications, etc.

Offline functioning - In-browser caching is available in HTML5, but it's limited.

Discoverability - Web apps win the prize on discoverability.

Speed - Native apps win the speed competition. In 2012 Mark Zuckerberg declared that Facebook's biggest mistake had been betting on the mobile web and not going native.

Installation - Installing a native or hybrid app is a hassle for users.

Maintenance - Maintaining a native (multi-platform) app can be complicated. While maintaining a web app or a hybrid appean be done as often or as frequently as needed.

Platform independence - You definitely have a better chance of achieving it with web apps and hybrid apps than with native apps.

Content restrictions - Approval process, and fees etc. in app stores.

Development cost - It's arguably cheaper to develop hybrid and web apps.

User Interface - Native apps are the way to go.

To summarize - Mobile apps cater to the needs of the mobile user. There is no unique best solution: each of these has their strengths and weaknesses. The choice of one versus the other depends on each company's unique needs.

HTML5 trades off native optimisation for portability & cost

Reasons for selecting HTML5

% of developers selecting each options among those who use or plan to adopt HTML5 (n=1974, weighted)

51%

What HTML5 needs to compete with native

% of developers selecting each options among those who use or plan to adopt HTML5 (n=2063, weighted)

Access to latest native APIs	35%
Better development environment	34%
Optimised HTML5 devices	30%
Better de-bugging support 22%	6
Faster standardisation 22%	6
HTML5 already competitive 9%	
HTML5 cannot compete with native	8%





JavaScript



- Jeff Atwood mainly known for the programming blog Coding Horror, and as the co-founder of the question-and-answer website Stack Overflow and the Stack Exchange Network.
- Atwood's Law: any application that can be written in JavaScript, will eventually be written in JavaScript. ... (whether or not it is suitable)
- Tim Berners-Lee

The Principle of Least Power July 17, 2007

Tim Berners-Lee on the Principle of Least Power:

Computer Science spent the last forty years making languages which were as powerful as possible. Nowadays we have to appreciate the reasons for picking not the most powerful solution but the least powerful. The less powerful the language, the more you can do with the data stored in that language. If you write it in a simple declarative from, anyone can write a program to analyze it. If, for example, a web page with weather data has RDF describing that data, a user can retrieve it as a table, perhaps average it, plot it, deduce things from it in combination with other information. At the other end of the scale is the weather information portrayed by the cunning Java applet. While this might allow a very cool user interface, it cannot be analyzed at all. The search engine finding the page will have no idea of what the data is or what it is about. The only way to find out what a Java applet means is to set it running in front of a person.

Android native components 👚 👚



- Android NDK, is not hard to install or to use (limited C++ support)
- It have a rather limited API and is intended for performance with
 - OpenGL, including support for some newer versions that the (Java) SDK supports
 - Math (some, but not all, calculation-intensive algorithms might benefit from being done on the native layer)
 - 2D graphics pixelbuffer support (only starting with 2.2)
 - libc it's there for compatibility and perhaps to allow you to port existing native code
- You need to install C/C++ support in Eclipse mainly for syntax coloring and checking
- In Windows you need Cygwin 1.7.x and all devel branch packages
- The Android NDK

http://developer.android.com/tools/sdk/ndk/index.html

Using the NDK with Java Native Interface



 The idea is to put your native pieces of code into libraries/modules that you can then consume from the Java code via JNI

```
Type mapping Java <-> Native
// C/C++ files are placed in the ct>/jni/ folder
#include <string.h>
                                                          Java Type in C/C++
                                                                                      Native Type
                                                                                                                 Description
#include <jni.h>
                                                                                                                 unsigned 8 bits
                                                           iboolean
                                                                                      unsigned char
jint factorial(jint n){
                                                                                                                 signed 8 bits
                                                           jbyte
                                                                                      signed char
      if(n == 1){
             return 1;
                                                                                                                 unsigned 16 bits
                                                                                      unsigned short
                                                           jchar
                                                                                                                 signed 16 bits
      return factorial(n-1) * n;
                                                           ishort
                                                                                      short.
                                                                                                                 signed 32 bits
                                                          jint
                                                                                      long
// Java + package name + activity + function
jint Java com cookbook advance ndk ndkact factorial(
                                                                                                                 32 bits
                                                          jfloat
                                                                                      float
             JNIEnv* env, jobject javaThis, jint n ) {
                                                                                                                 signed 64 bits
                                                                                      long long int64
                                                           jlong
      return factorial(n);
                                                                                                                 64 bits
                                                           jdouble
                                                                                      double
```

```
# the <project>/jni/Android.mk file
# a make file needed to build the lib
#
LOCAL_PATH := $(call my-dir)
include $(CLEAR_VARS)
LOCAL_MODULE := ndkcookbook
LOCAL_SRC_FILES := cookbook.c
include $(BUILD_SHARED_LIBRARY)
```

Lab 6 review and next lecture 🔁 🌊 🛫

- Lab 6 got two tasks
 - XML/JSON parsing and view in a nice GUI
 - http://apikatalogen.se/
 - Hybrid application
- You must be able or know how to
 - understand all the previous points from former labs
 - use Loaders
 - use the Apache HTTP classes
 - use JSON and XML
 - know how hybrid applications work
 - know how SQLite databases and content providers work
- Next last lecture?
 - Graphics, security, repetition or sleep?