

First steps with Capacitor... in the real world

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Who am I?

Introducing myself and introducing OVH







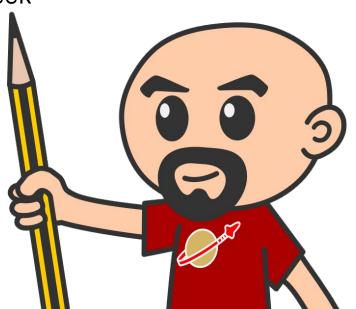
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OVH: Key Figures



1.3M Customers worldwide in 138 Countries

1.5 Billions euros investment over five years

30 Datacenters (growing)

350k Dedicated Servers

200k Private cloud VMs running

650k Public cloud Instances created in a month

15TB bandwidth capacity

35 Points of presence

4TB Anti DDoS capacity

Hosting capacity: 1.3M Physical Servers

+ 2 500 Employees in 19 countries 18 Years of Innovation



OVH: A Global Leader on Cloud



200k Private cloud VMs running



Dedicated IaaS Europe

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Hosting capacity: 1.3M Physical Servers

360k Servers already deployed



> 1.3M Customers in 138 Countries





OVH: Our solutions





VPS

Public Cloud

Private Cloud

Serveur dédié

Cloud Desktop

Hybrid Cloud



Containers

Compute

Database

Object Storage

Securities

Messaging



Domain names

Email

CDN

Web hosting

MS Office

MS solutions



VolP

SMS/Fax

Virtual desktop

Cloud HubiC

Over theBox









Capacitor

The Native Bridge for Cross-Platform Web Apps

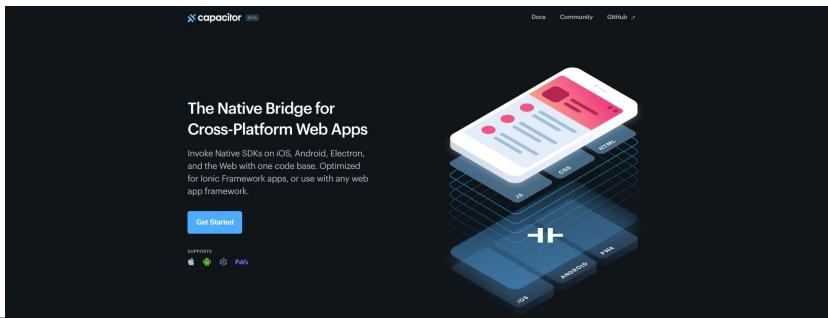




What's Capacitor?



Cross-platform app runtime making it easy to build web apps that run natively on iOS, Android and web







Spiritual heir to Apache Cordova





Evolution, not revolution





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Support for many Cordova plugins



Extensible and evolutif



- Close to web-standards
- Plugin API
 - Swift on iOS
 - Java on Android
 - JavaScript for the web





Developer Friendly





Easy to get started Works on any framework





You still need the platform tools







Android Studio and/or Xcode to build the native packages







Weren't you a PWA advocate?

And you are also championing Flutter! Where is the coherence, guy?







Well, I am a PWA advocate indeed



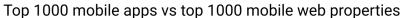


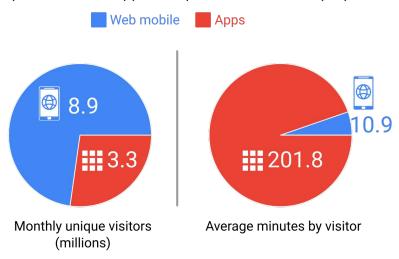
I rooted for PWA before it was fancy...



And I know the numbers...







Source: comScore Mobile Metrix 2015, U.S., Age 18

21.2%

Pandora Radio
YouTube
Instagram
Spotify
Facebook Messenger
Snapchat
SoundCloud
Netflix
Google Search
All Other

Millennials' Top Apps by Share of Total Mobile App Time Spent Source: comScore Mobile Metrix, U.S., Age 18+, June 2015

Apps drive engagement, web drive visitors...

20 biggest apps account for 80% of user time





An engineer role is to choose





The right tool for the right problem





If you need super fancy UX



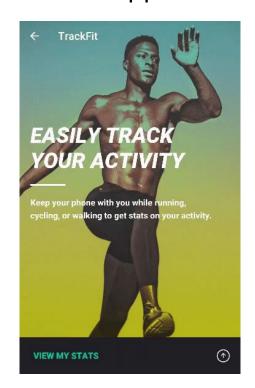
60 FPS, slick animations, an experience more than an app



Then go full **native**

And BTW, do it in Flutter

believe me, you will thank me!





For more normal needs





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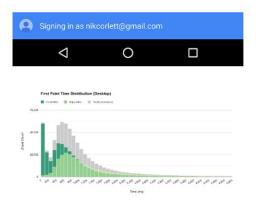
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"Smarter shopping, better living!" is the motto of AliExpress, a website where shoppers can buy everything from baby clothes to refrigerators directly from China. Part of the Alibaba Group, the global online retail marketplace is now a popular e-commerce site in America, Russia, and Brazil.

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Measuring the Real-world Performance Impact of Service Workers

One of the most significant benefits of service workers (from a performance perspective, at least) is their ability to proactively control the caching of assets. A web application that can cache all of its necessary resources should load substantially faster for returning visitors. But what do these gains actually look like to real users? And how do you even measure this?

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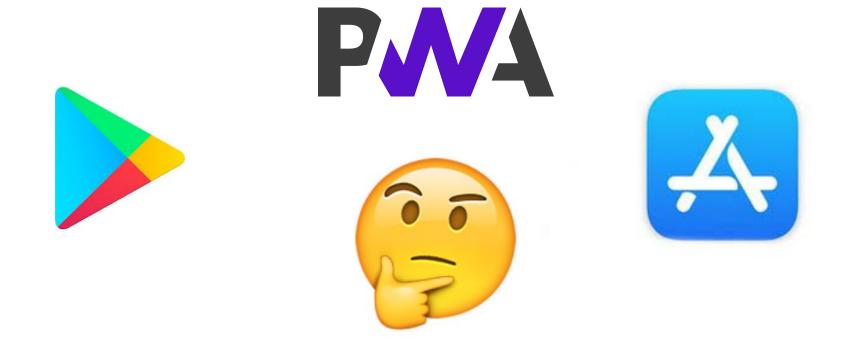
A well done PWA is simply enough





But if you need to be in the store?





For many reasons, not all objective...





Hybrid PWA apps





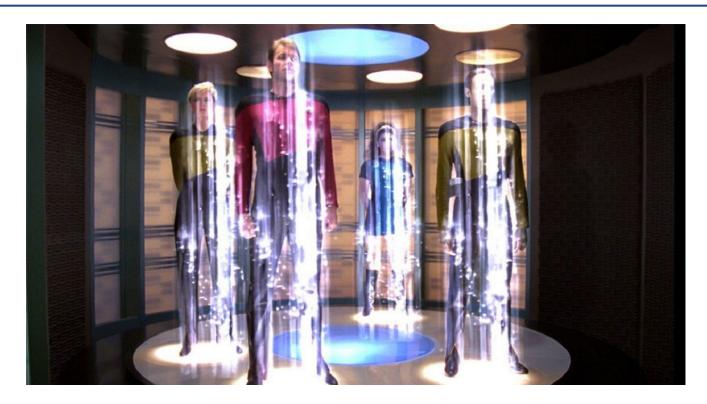
The best of two worlds





Capacitor take your PWA to the store





In a simple, quick and painless way







First steps testing Capacitor

Adding Capacitor to an existing app





From web to native





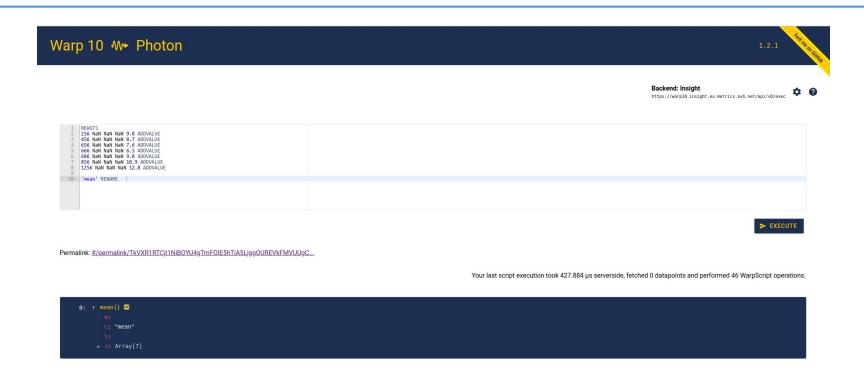
Giving superpowers to you webapp





Testing with a real webapp





Warp 10 Photon - IDE for Warp 10





Step 1 - Add Capacitor to the app



Install Capacitor

```
cd my-app
npm install --save @capacitor/core @capacitor/cli
```

Init Capacitor

npx cap init

Add Android and/or iOS and/or Electron support npx cap add android





Step 2 - Copy to Android



Edit capacitor.config.json

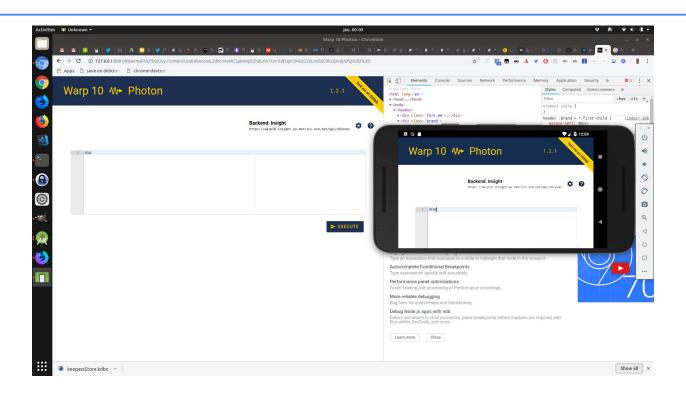
Copy the built resources to Android npx cap copy

Launch Android Studio and navigate to the project



Step 3 - Test





And our webapp is now a native app





First test: successful!





Capacitor 1 - Scepticism 0







The Capacitor example app

Nice to explore Capacitor



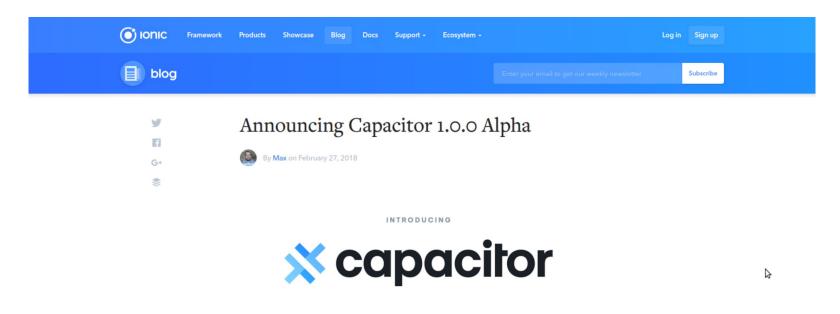




Made by the Ionic team



To replace Cordova in next Ionic



Today we are incredibly excited to announce the alpha release of a major new open source project: Capacitor.





Official example built on Ionic





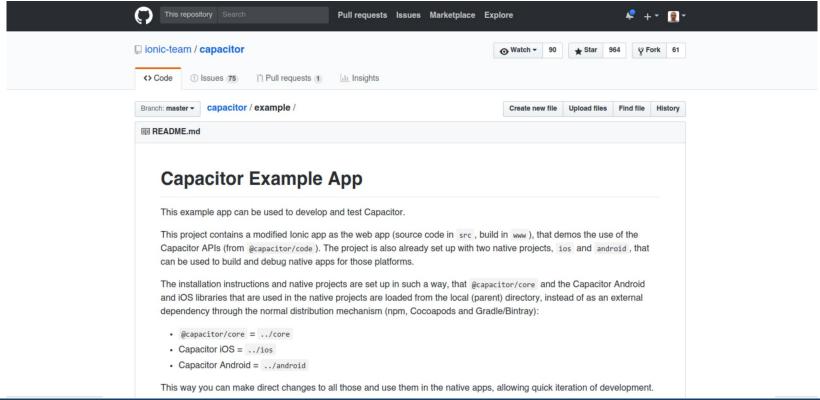
Showcasing the upcoming Ionic 4





Let's try the official example





Using directly the Capacitor repository





Custom built project, not a production app

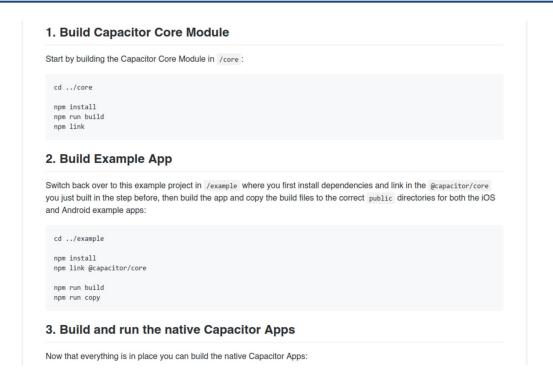
@capacitor/core and native libs loaded from local directory





Let's build the Android version





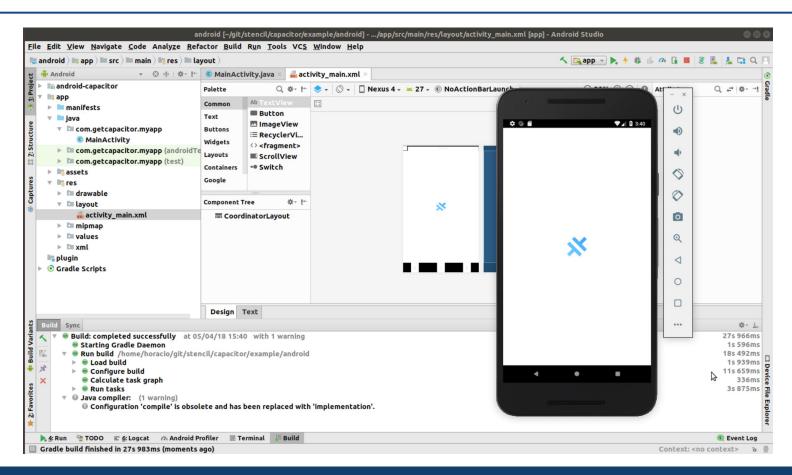
Some pre-building and building needed...





We now have an Android project



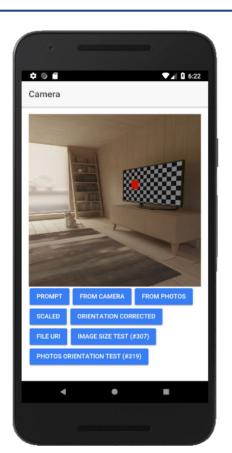




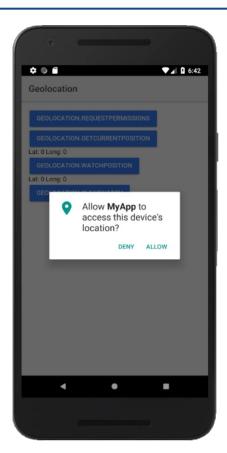
Easy and painless Android app







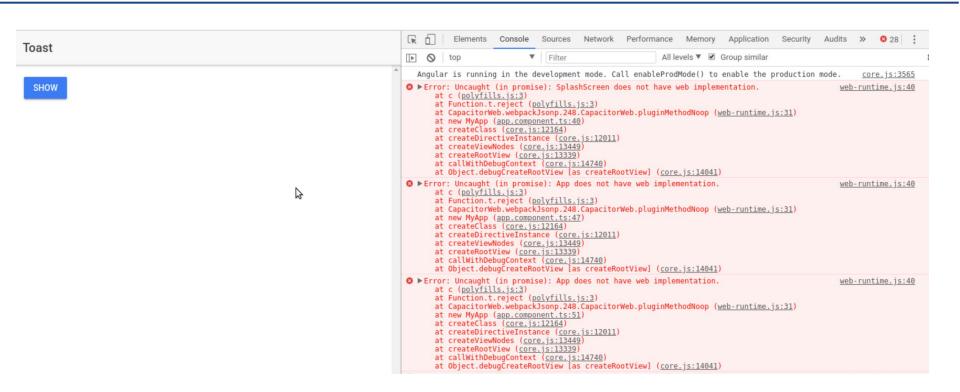






And in PWA mode?





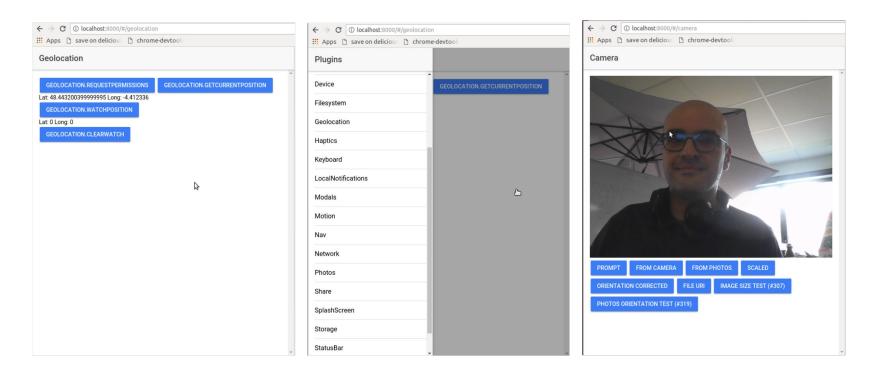
Some elements haven't web implementation (yet?)





But it still works!





It fails gracefully for unsupported plugins





Second test: successful!





Capacitor 2 - Scepticism 0







Let's try something harder

stencil & capacitor







Capacitor without Ionic





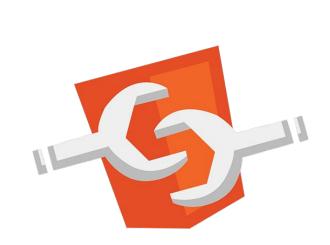
I want to use it Capacitor with my own toolset

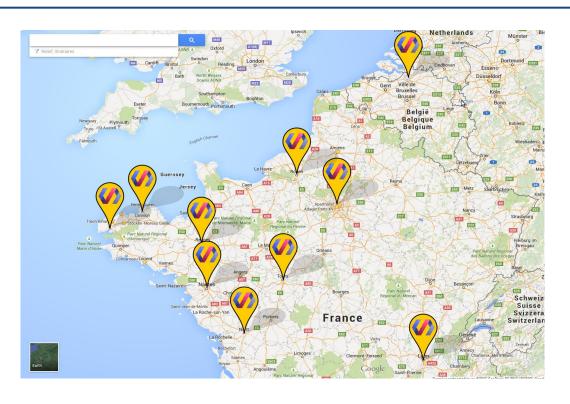




I'm a Web Components guy







And I speak a lot about Polymer





But Polymer is in a transition phase





Polymer 2.x: bower based

Polymer 3: npm based





So what to use?



Stencil

Stencil, of course!

The magical, reusable web component compiler





Let's begin with a simple example





Take a pic



A Camera app, working well on web mode

Using standard Media Capture and Streams API





Let's charge it with Capacitor





We want the same behavior

But now in Android, iOS, Electron AND web





And does it work?









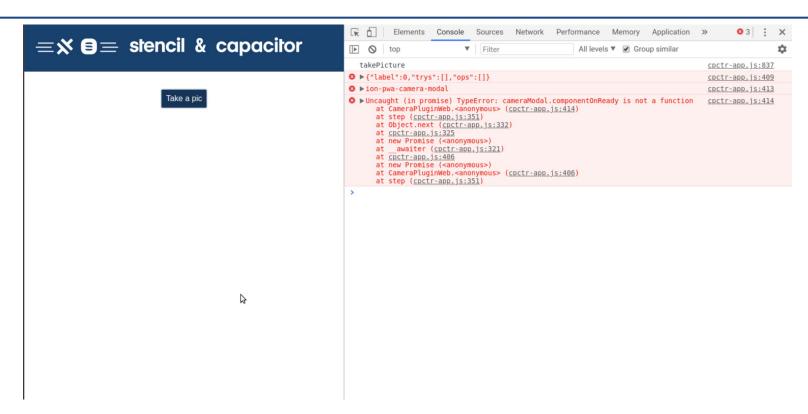
Yes it does... in native mode only!





But not in PWA mode :(





And a big question: why?





Well, let's spot the differences...



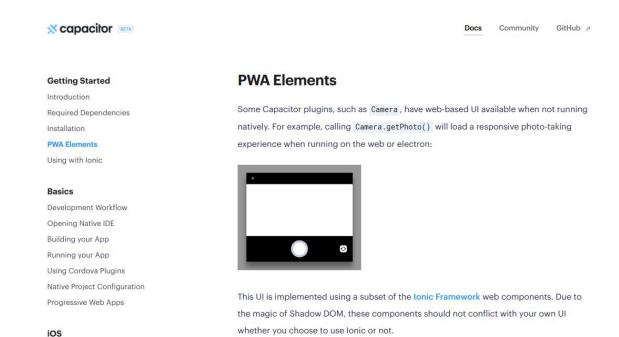
Searching on the example code

hmmmm, @ionic/pwa-elements, what's that?



@ionic/pwa-elements





Web-based alternatives for some Capacitor plugins





Adding @ionic/pwa-elements



Simply install them:

```
npm install @ionic/pwa-elements
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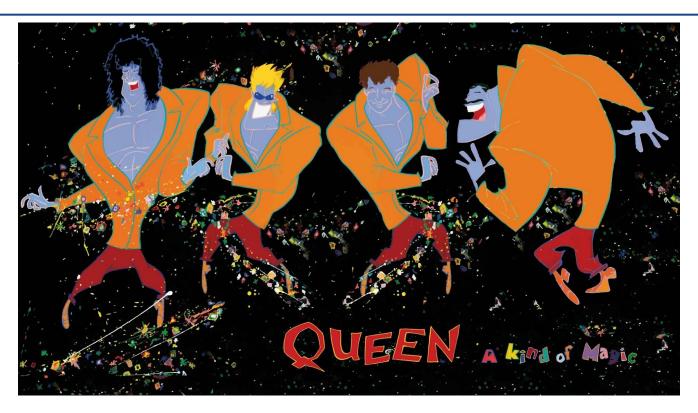
And then import them:

```
import '@ionic/pwa-elements';
```



And then...





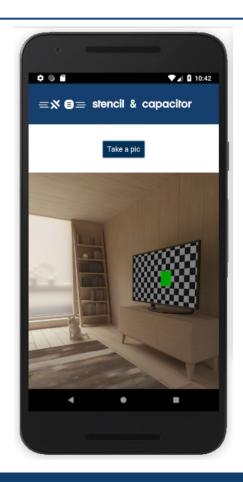
It's a kind of magic!





On Android and Web







Take a pic







Second test: successful!





Capacitor 3 - Scepticism 0







And in Real Life?

Because examples are examples...





Use case 1: Putting PWA into store





It simply works, easy and painless!





Use case 2: Progressive enhancing





Giving your PWA an extra P when going native





And Capacitor already works





A true winner







Conclusions

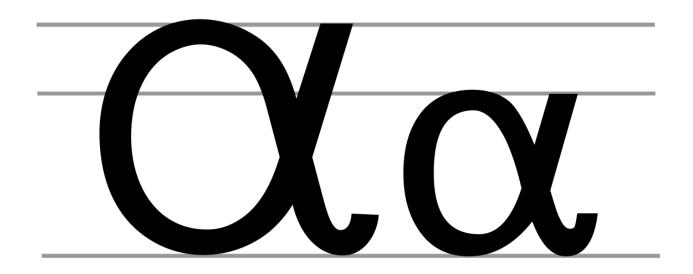
Capacitor or not?





Paint is still wet





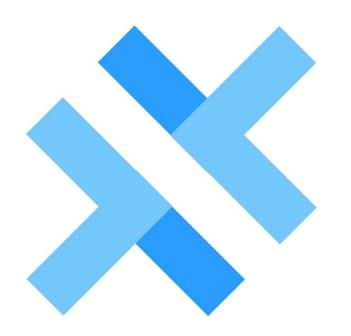
Some things are broken Some things will change





Easy to use





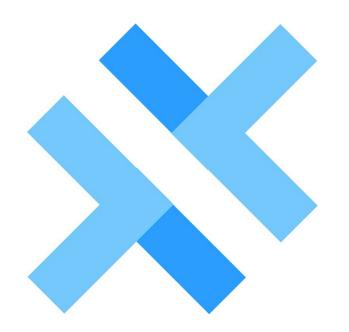


Friendlier than Cordova



Yet extensible





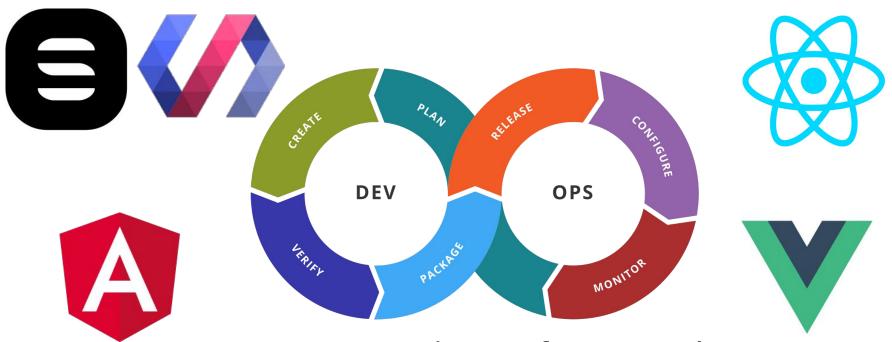


You can use existing Cordova plugins



Not opinionated





Easy to use in any framework
Easy to integrate in any dev toolchain





Thank you!







