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Agenda

- Uniface 9.7.01, a Recap
- Web or Hybrid or Native, a Strategy
- Develop for mobile Devices, the Technology
- Build a Mobile App, a Service
- Design
- Demo
- Recap, steps to take

9.7.01 Recap

What did 9.7.01 brings us?



Uniface 9.7.01 features

- New IDF start page
- Modernization and GUI
 - New properties to 'bling' your C/S application Windows 10 style
 - See [GUI Modernization Lecture on YouTube](#)
- Standard deployment is now standard
 - See [Deployment Lecture on Youtube](#)
- Web & Mobile
 - HTML 5 controls instead of DoJo
 - Developing Mobile Apps for Android and iOS
 - Uniface's Mobile App Layout framework
 - Previewer app

Uniface 9.7.01 features continued

- Automated testing: MSAA API
- Database and Currency
 - PostgreSQL, SAP HANA, Apache Tomcat 8
- Other changes:
 - 'Uniface' reg keys instead of 'Compuware' reg keys.
 - Alternative GOLD key: Ctrl-Shift-F1

Strategy

Mobile Apps are Hybrid

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Uniface Mobile Strategy

Hybrid Apps – based on HTML/JavaScript

- Fits well with Uniface
 - Productivity
 - Technology independence
- Accepted in the market place
- Covers most mobile requirements
- Native vs Hybrid is an industry debate
 - Challenge on productivity to deliver and maintain.
 - Challenge on requirements and capability

95% of the functionality for 50% of the ***delivery*** cost.

Jeffery Hammond, Forrester Analyst.

Uniface Mobile Strategy

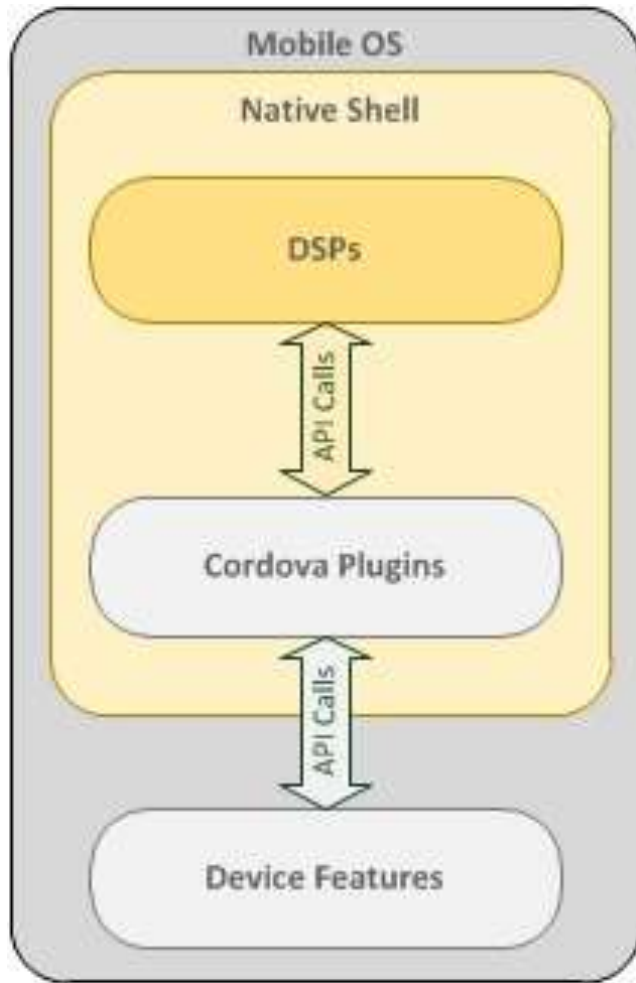
Why Hybrid Apps

- Same business logic
- Multiple client types
- Close connection to the Web
- Responsive

The Uniface approach

- Database connection
- Business Logic in services

A Uniface Mobile App is a Hybrid App

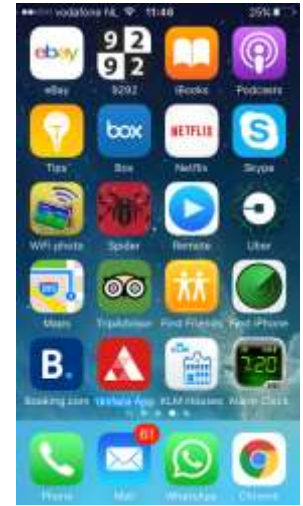


- Native shell that wraps a web-based user-interface provided by DSP components.
- App can access device functions like geolocation and camera.
- This architecture is commonly known as a *hybrid app*.

Uniface Mobile Roadmap

Continuing our 3-phase delivery approach

- Phase 1 - Responsive Web GUI
 - Delivered Uniface 9.6/9.7
 - Enables browser access from any device
- Phase 2 – Installable (Hybrid) Mobile Apps
 - Delivered in Uniface 9.7.02
 - Enables the installation in a mobile device
 - Enables distribution via app store
- Phase 3 – offline storage
 - Delivery TBD
 - Potentially a phased delivery
 - Enable offline execution of apps - FaceBook
 - Enable offline storage and synchronization of application data



Uniface 9.7.02 Installable (Hybrid) Mobile Apps

Our Solution

- Uniface generates the required output and uploads it to a 3rd party build service (Buildozer)
- Apps are uploaded to the app store(s) for distribution

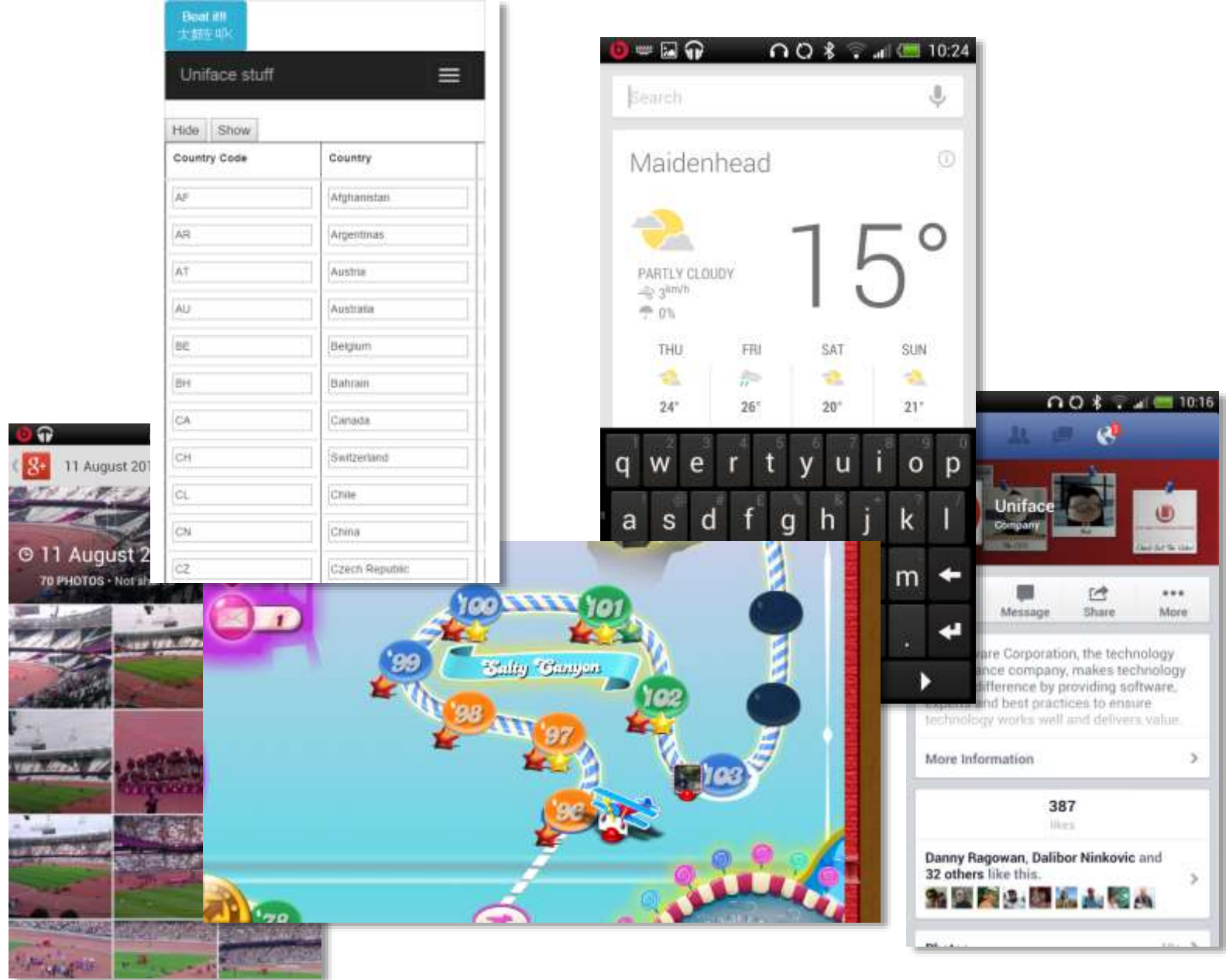
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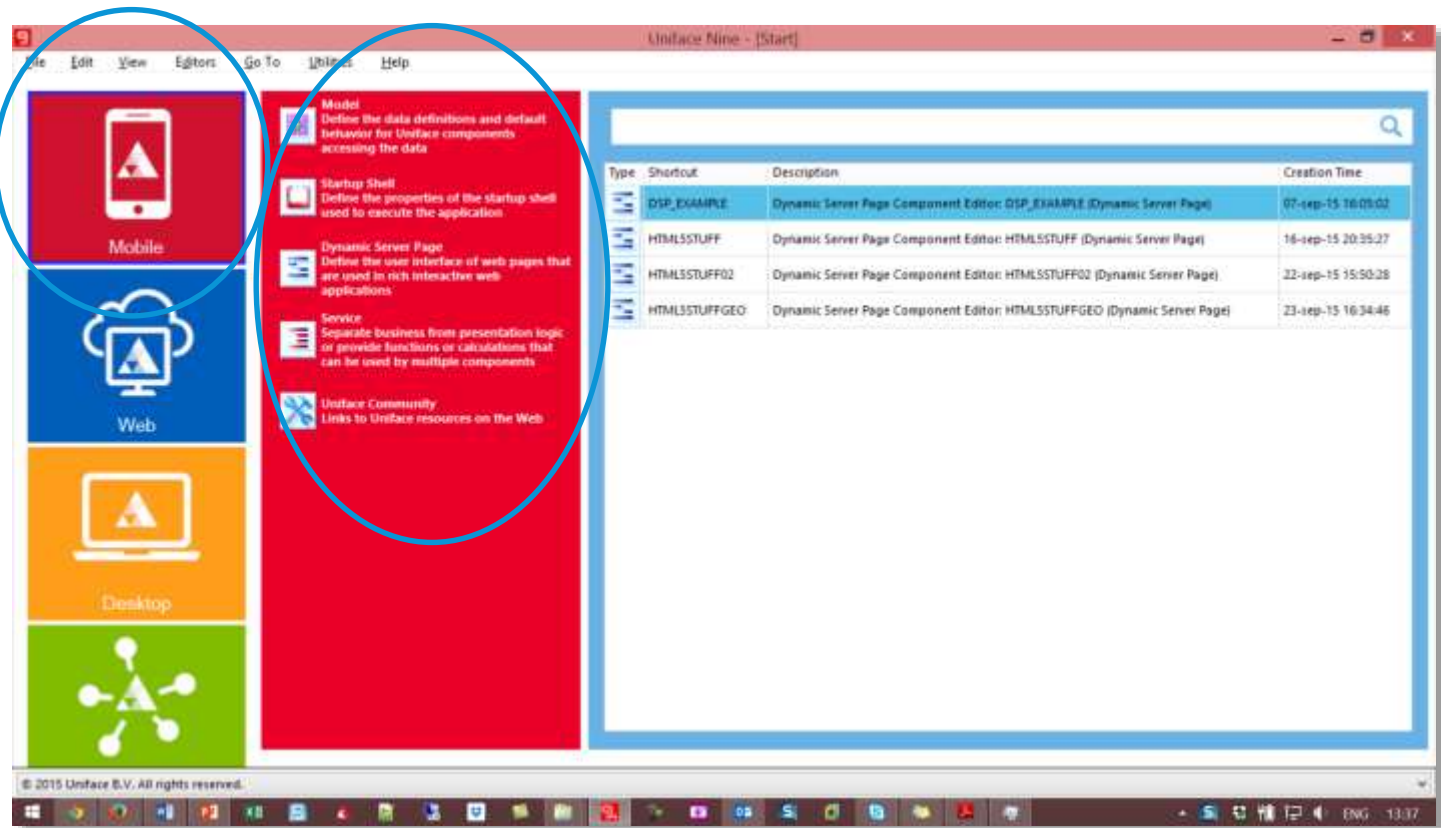
- Uniface 9.7.02
- An account with Buildozer
 - To build an installable app
- Developer accounts with Apple and Google
 - Certificates to build the apps
 - Approval to distribute via Google Play / Apple App Store

Development

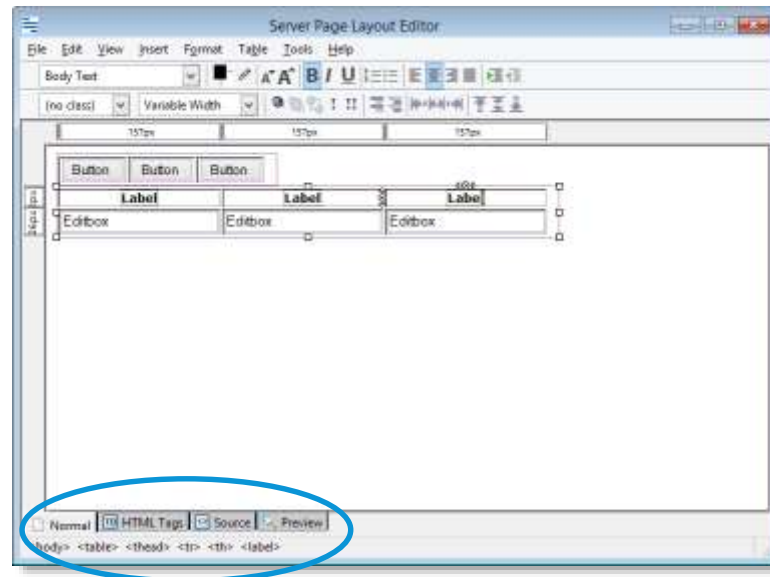
Mobile Apps are Based on DSPs

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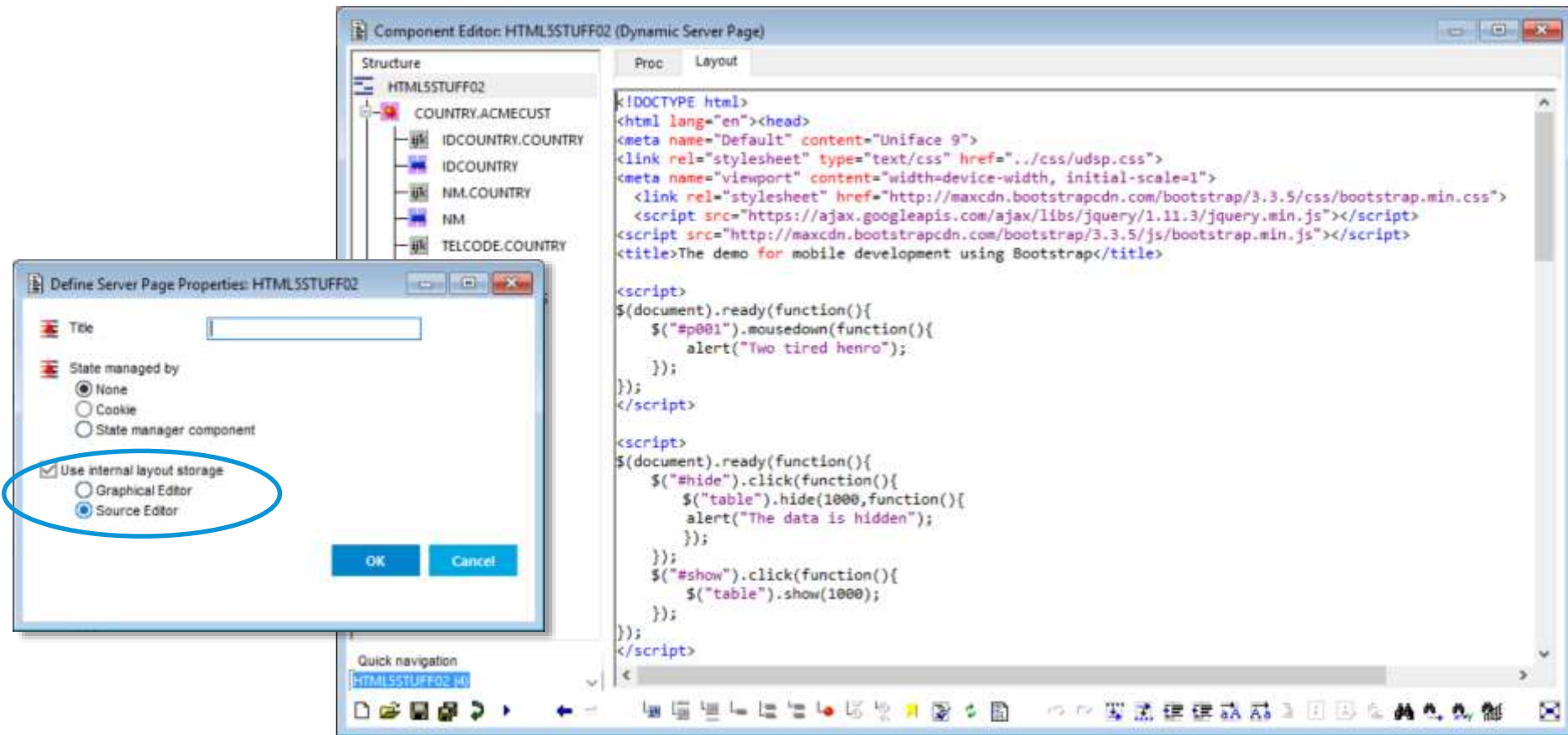




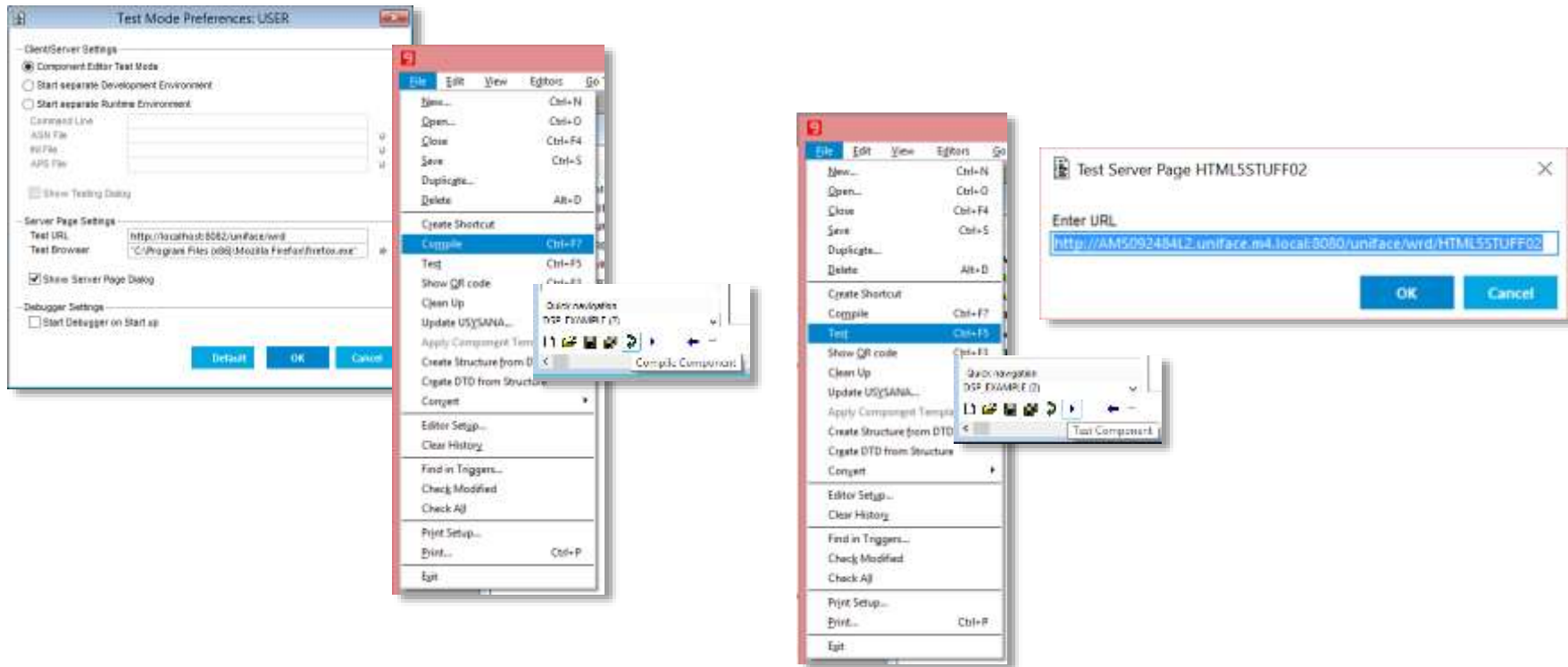
Layout Editor – Views



Source Editor



Compiling and Testing



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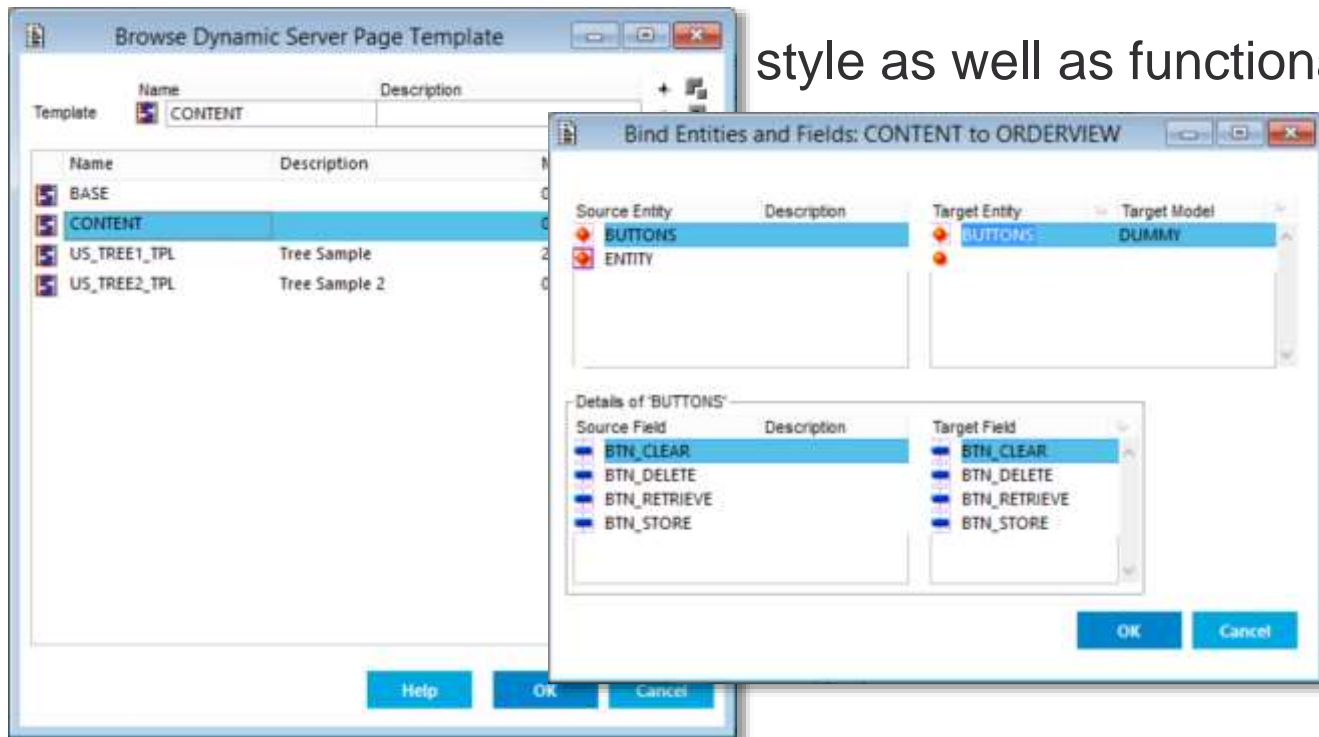
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Templates

Templates for DSPs can include style as well as functionality



JavaScript API

The API enables the addressing and manipulation of Uniface objects, data, and components to:

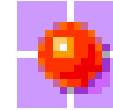
- implement a trigger or operation in JavaScript
- call a trigger or operation from JavaScript
- inspect and change a value, property, field syntax or valrep from JavaScript
- add occurrences or mark them for deletion
- create and delete instances of DSP components
- implement a new widget



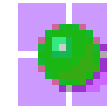
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`uniface.Instance`



`uniface.Entity`

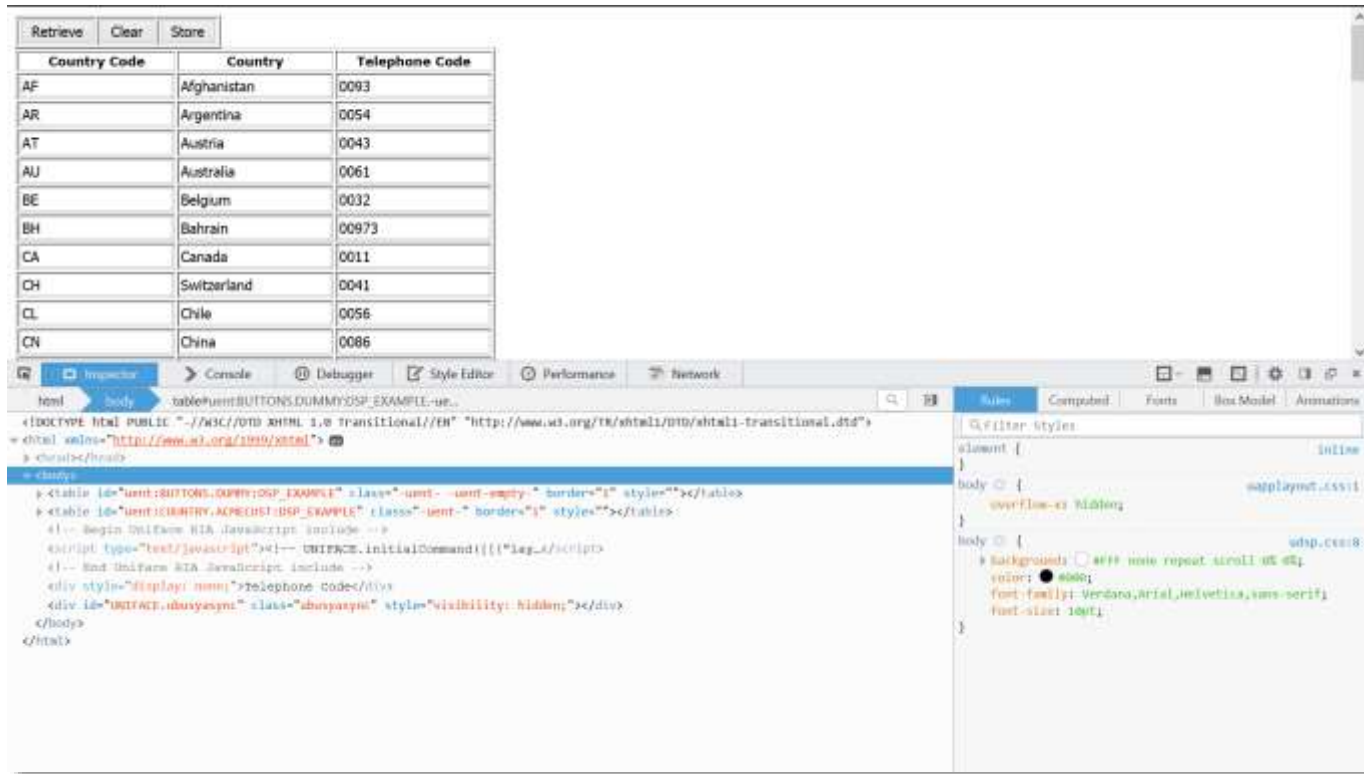


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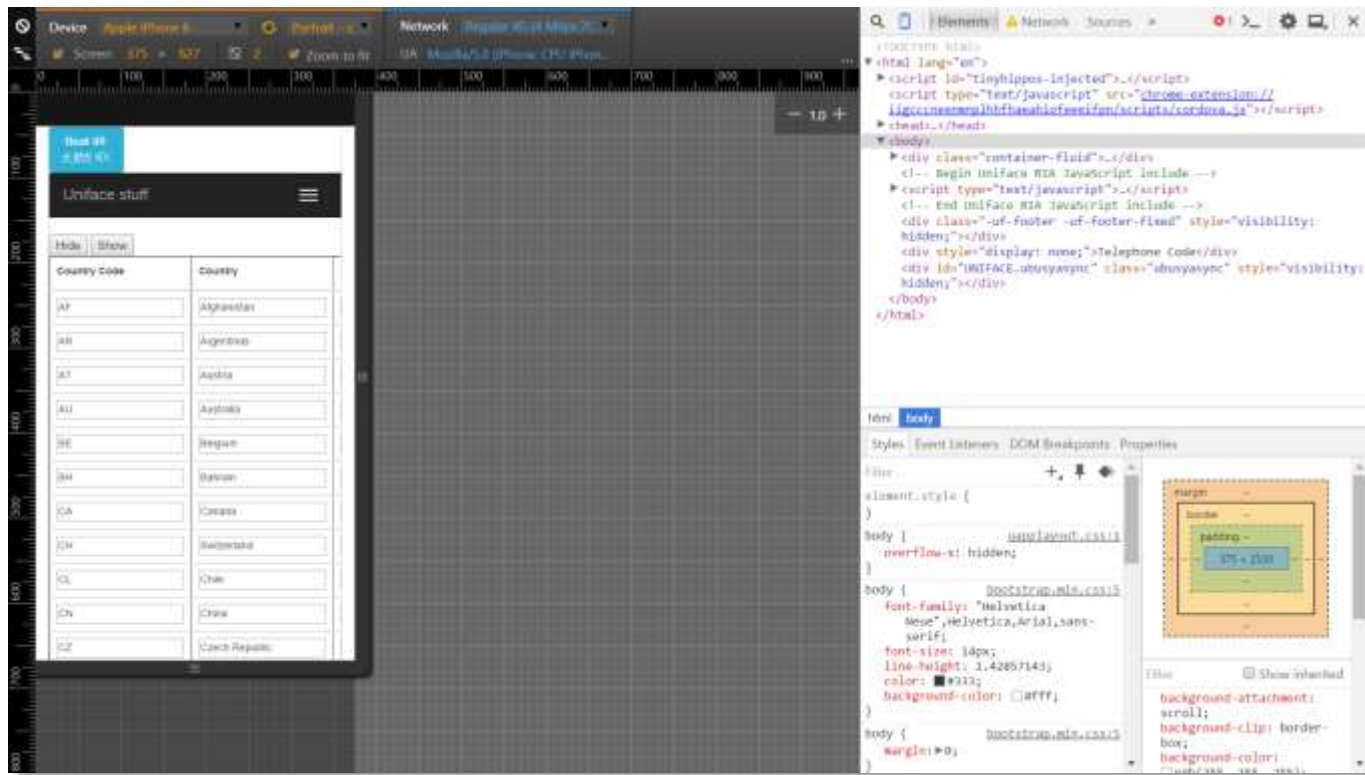


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Browser Based Debuggers



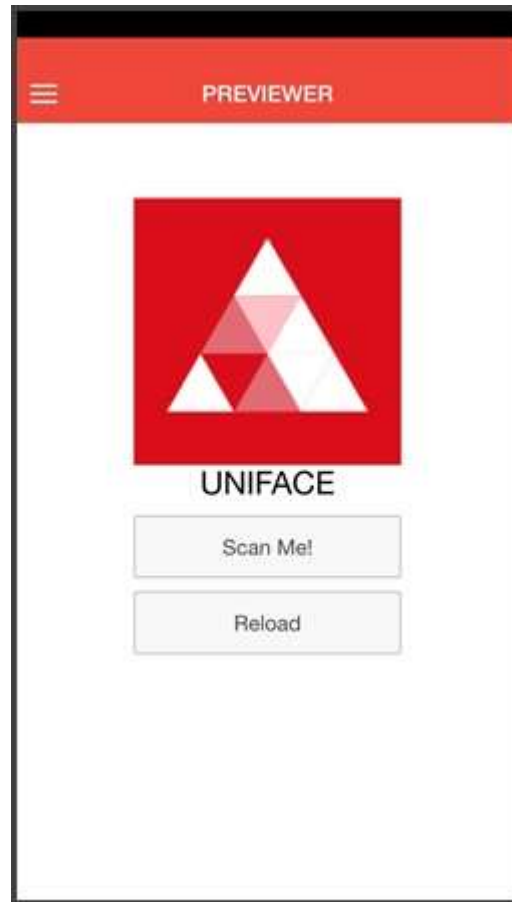
Emulations for Mobile applications



Test your mobile application in the device's browser



Test your mobile application in the Previewer app



Deployment

Deploy your Mobile App

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Generate a *mobile* application start-up shell

Define Start-up Shell Properties: TST

Start-up Shell: TST

Shell Type: Mobile

Description: Windows

Comments: Character Mode

Build App...

Definitions

Logical Name	Value	
Name of App	Adrian Test App	
App ID	com.uniface.mikeTestApp	
App Description	Adrian's Test App	
URL of first DSP	http://showcase.uniface.com	>>
App Version	1.0	
SDK Version		
App Platforms	android;ios	>>
Phonegap Plugins	BARCODE;CONTACTS;STATUS;GLOBA	>>

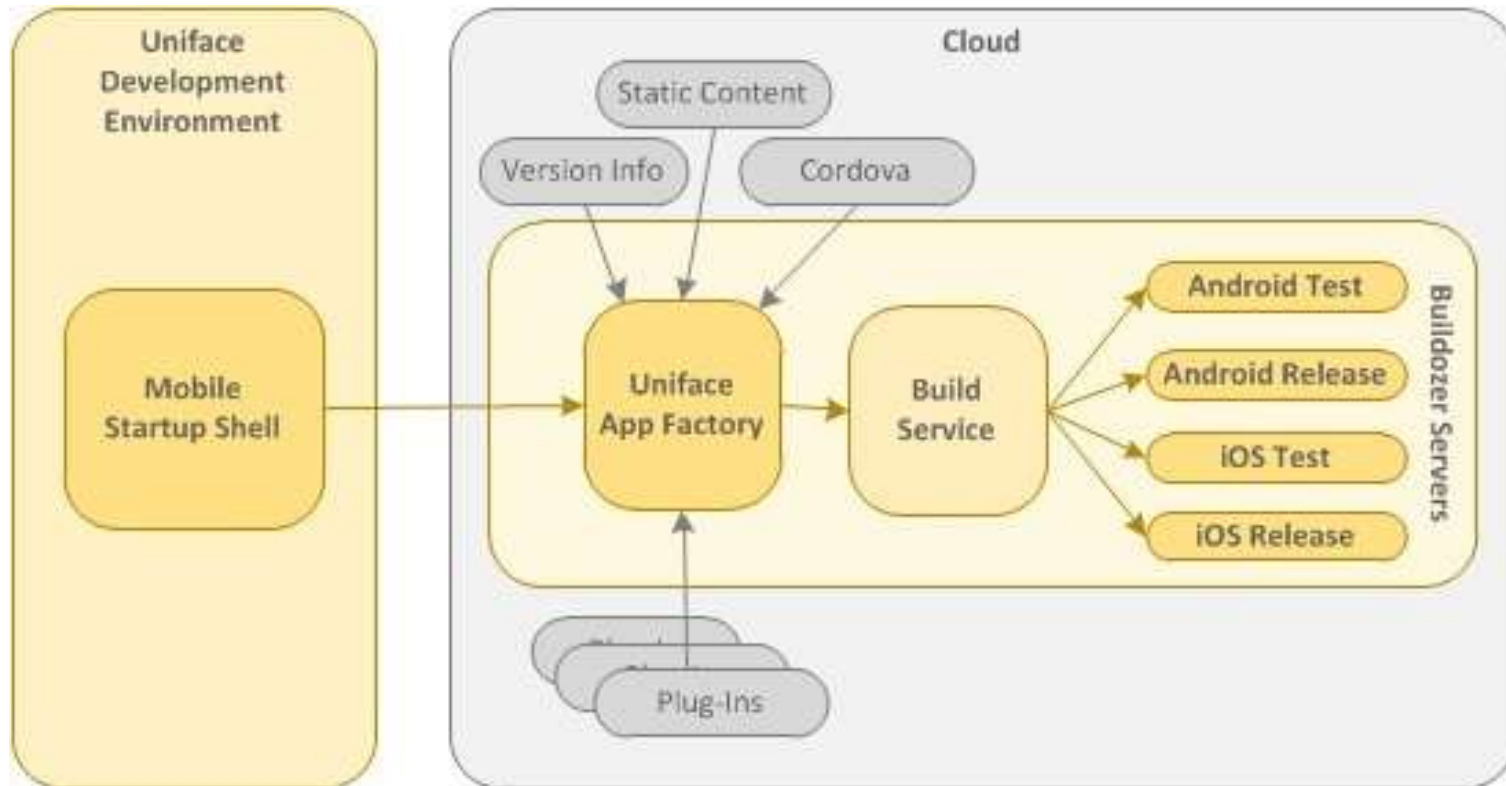
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The name of the App as will be visible to the users of the App.

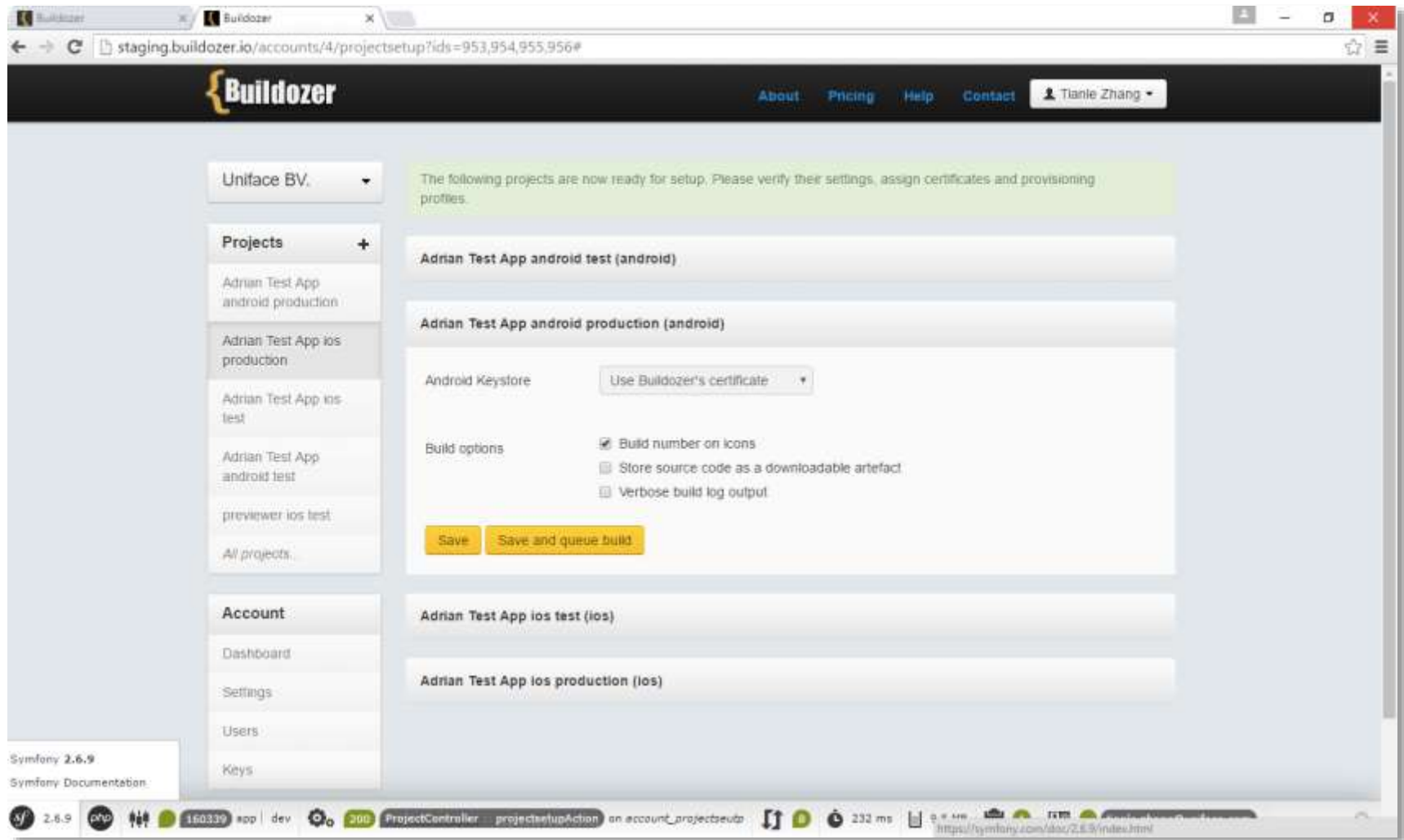
☐ Show technical names

OK Cancel

Mobile App build process



Send the mobile shell to Buildozer to be *built*



Monitor the build status (if needed)

The screenshot displays the Buildozer web interface in a browser window. The URL is `staging.buildozer.io/projects/955/builds`. The interface features a sidebar on the left with navigation links: 'Uniface BV.', 'Projects' (with a plus icon), 'Account', 'Dashboard', 'Settings', 'Users', and 'Keys'. The 'Projects' section lists several projects, including 'Adrian Test App ios test'. The main content area shows the build details for 'Adrian Test App ios test (tst_ios_test)'. It includes tabs for 'Builds', 'Releases', 'Issues', 'Checks & Trends', and 'Settings'. The 'Builds' tab is active, showing a table with columns 'Nr' and 'Progress'. Below the table, the 'Build details' section is visible, displaying the project name, build number (1), source version, and status (1%). A progress bar indicates the build progress. The 'Log output' section shows the build log, which includes various plugin checks and commands.

Buildozer

staging.buildozer.io/projects/955/builds

Uniface BV.

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Adrian Test App ios test (tst_ios_test)

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staging.buildozer.io/projects/955/builds/1488

Nr Progress

Uniface BV.

Projects

Adrian Test App ios production

Adrian Test App ios test

Adrian Test App android production

Adrian Test App android test

previewer ios test

All projects

Account

Dashboard

Settings

Users

Keys

Build details

Project: Adrian Test App ios test

Build number: 1

Source version:

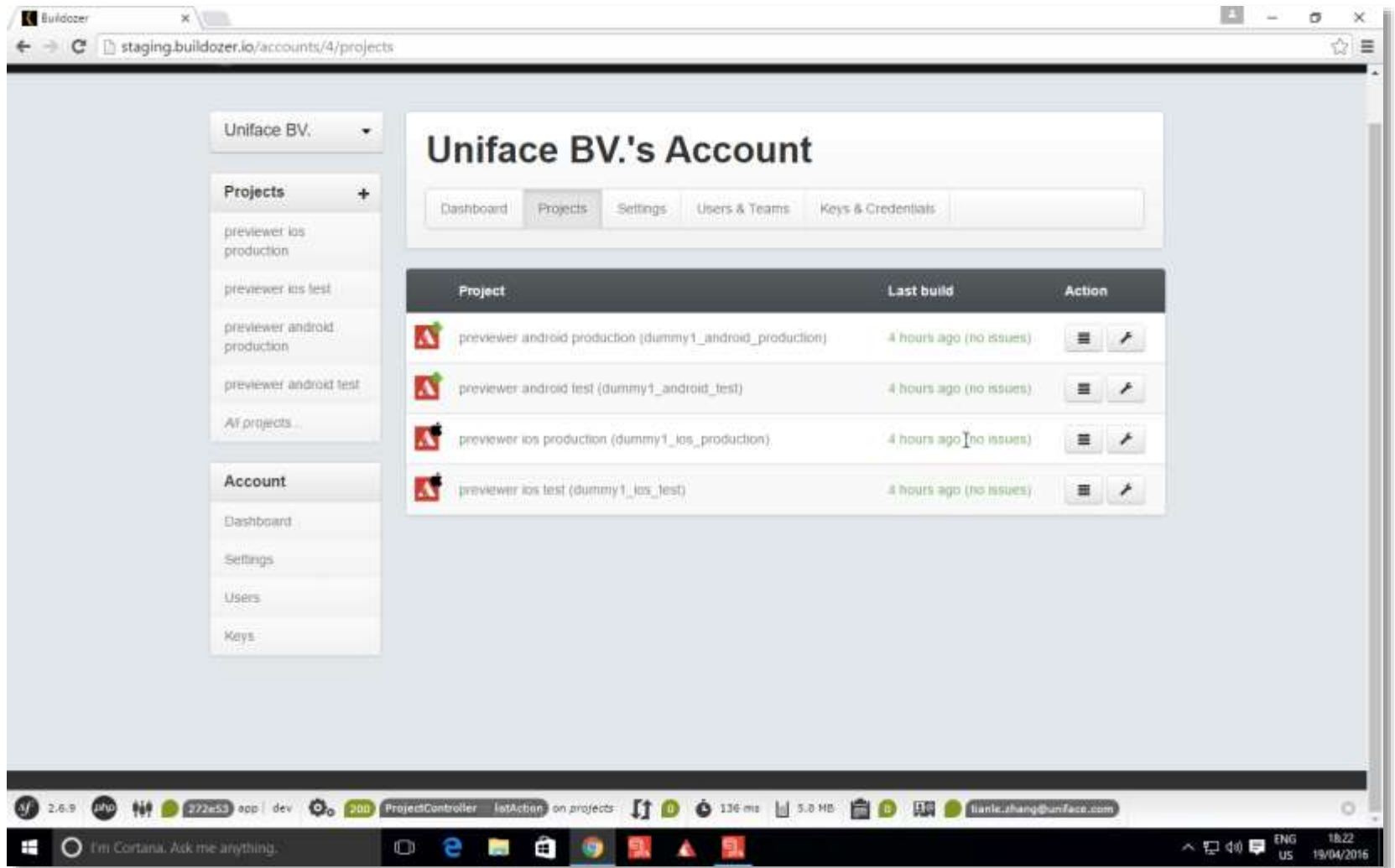
Status:

Estimated time left: 20m34s

Log output

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Build process gives 2 outputs per OS, test and production (to be sent to the app store)

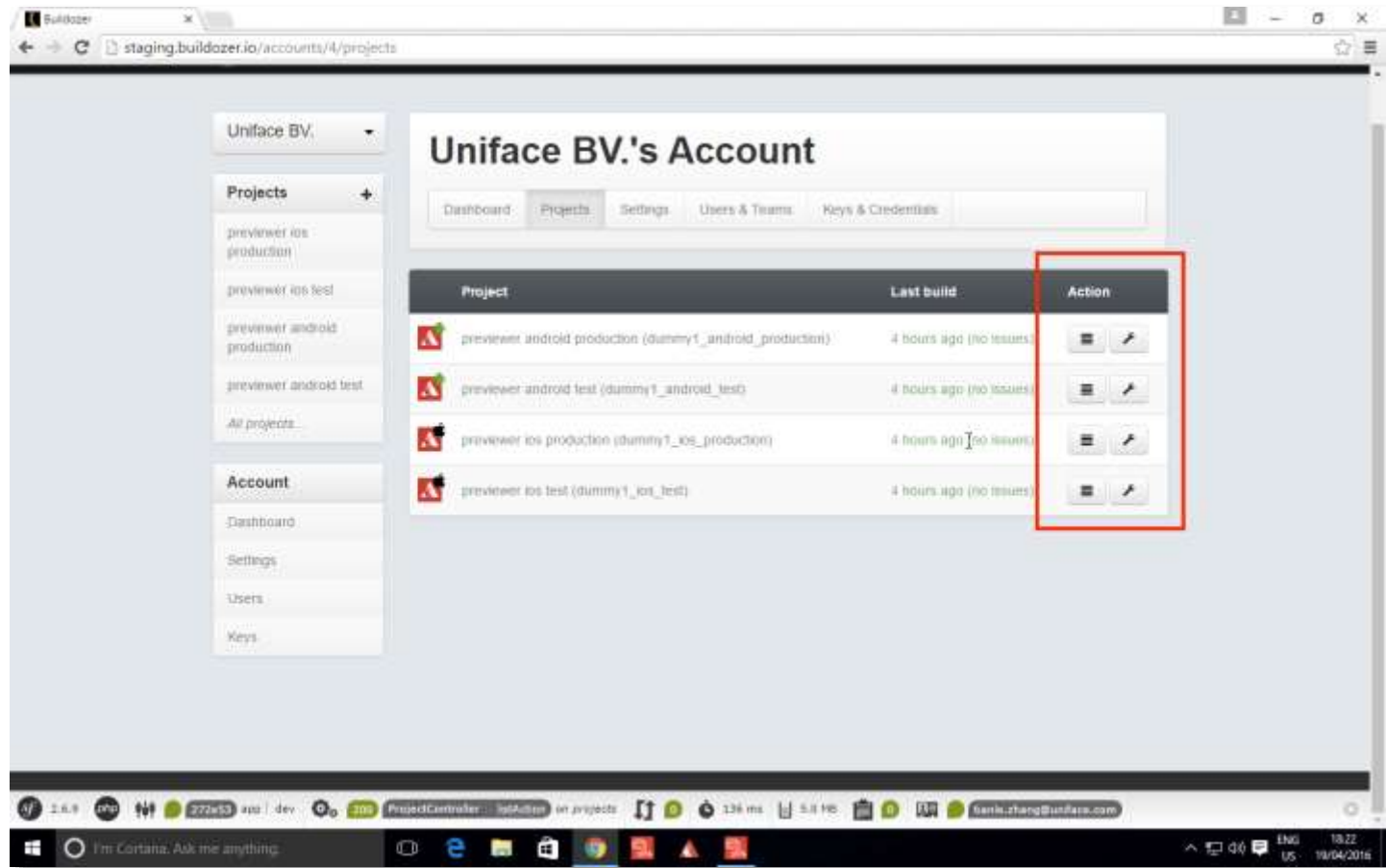


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Project	Last build	Action
previewer android production (dummy1_android_production)	4 hours ago (no issues)	[Menu] [Edit]
previewer android test (dummy1_android_test)	4 hours ago (no issues)	[Menu] [Edit]
previewer ios production (dummy1_ios_production)	4 hours ago (no issues)	[Menu] [Edit]
previewer ios test (dummy1_ios_test)	4 hours ago (no issues)	[Menu] [Edit]

The bottom of the image shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system tray displaying the date and time as 18:22 on 19/04/2016.

Download to test or send to the app store



Intention is that this will automatically be sent to the app store, currently the developer has to upload to Apple and/or Google

Final 'admin steps' for app publication

App stores require administration before an app is made available

- Pricing details
- Description
- Release notes to be displayed
- Etc

Apps have an approval process

- Relatively straightforward for a Hybrid app
- Release takes hours for Google and days for Apple
- Process is outlined on the Apple/Google websites.

Design

Intermezzo

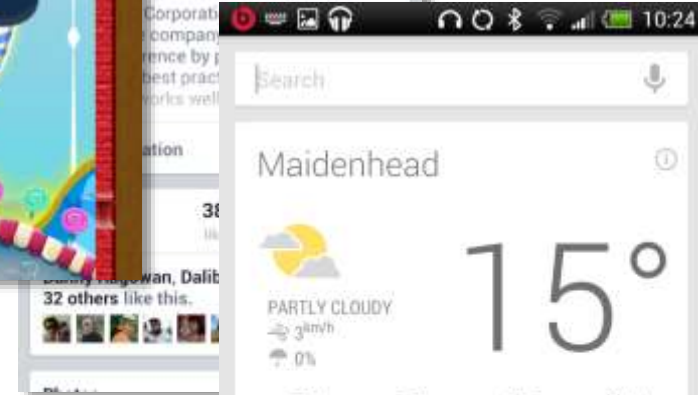
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Design

Uniface stuff

Hide Show

Country Code	Country
AF	Afghanistan
AR	Argentina
AT	Austria
AU	Australia
BE	Belgium
BH	Bahrain
CA	Canada
CH	Switzerland
CL	Chile
CN	China
CZ	Czech Republic



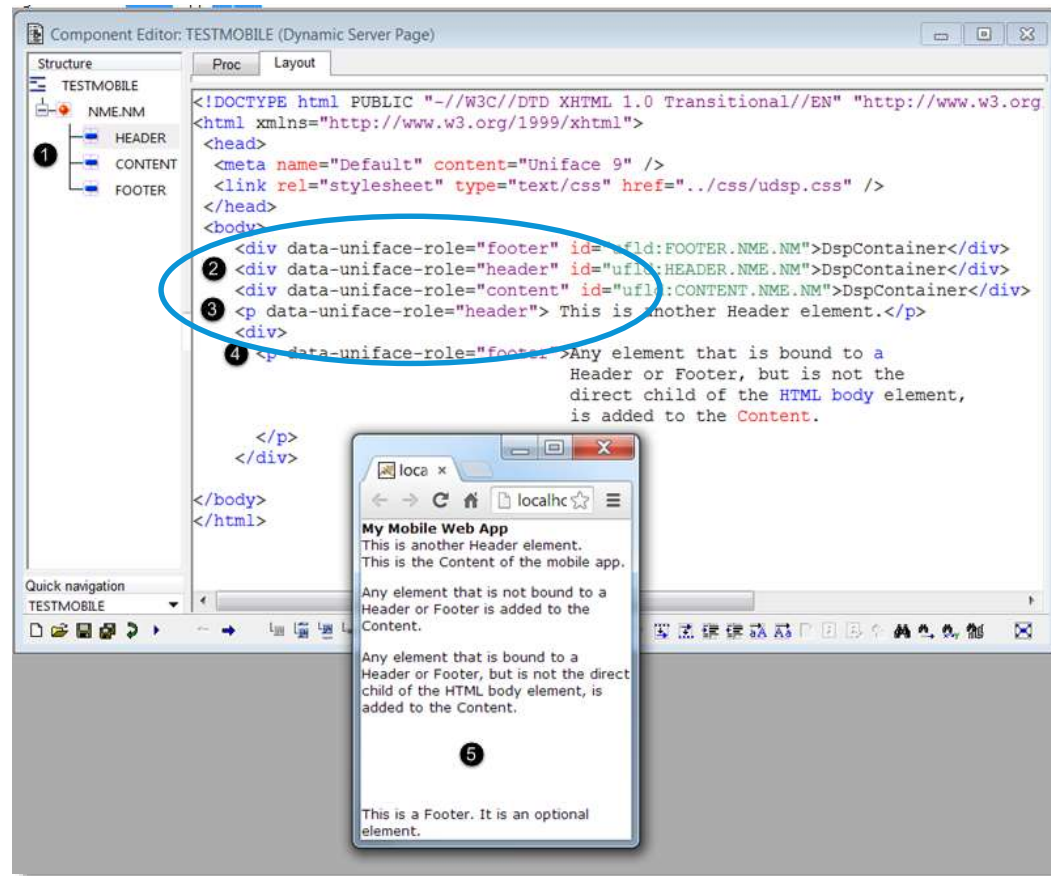
Design, what really matters

- More is not always better
 - Less information
 - Less time

Need a corkscrew ?



Mobile layout



Viewport



The viewport is the user's visible area of a web page.

Bootstrap

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Bootstrap is the most popular HTML, CSS, and JS framework for developing responsive, mobile first projects on the web.



Components

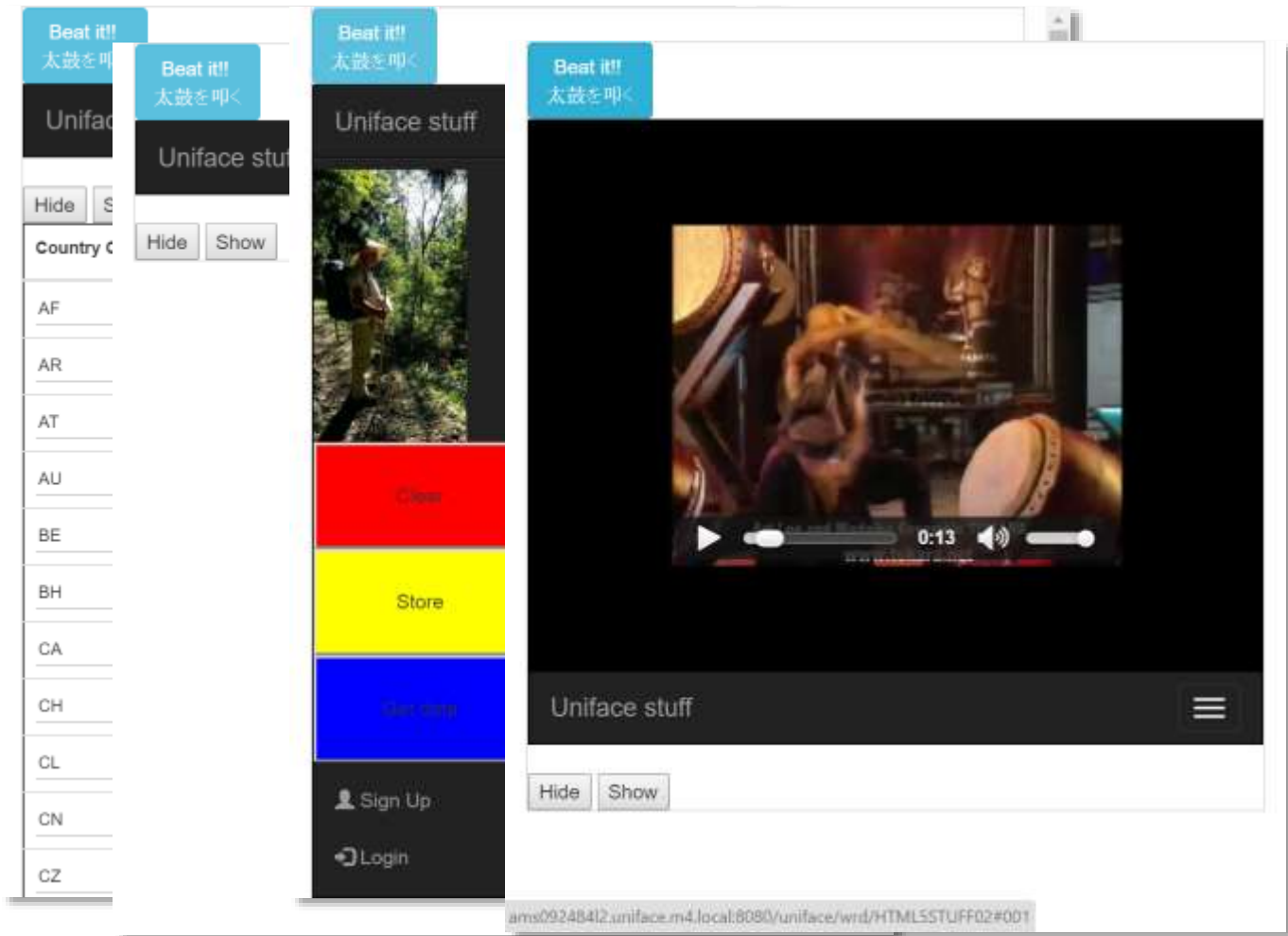
Glyphicons



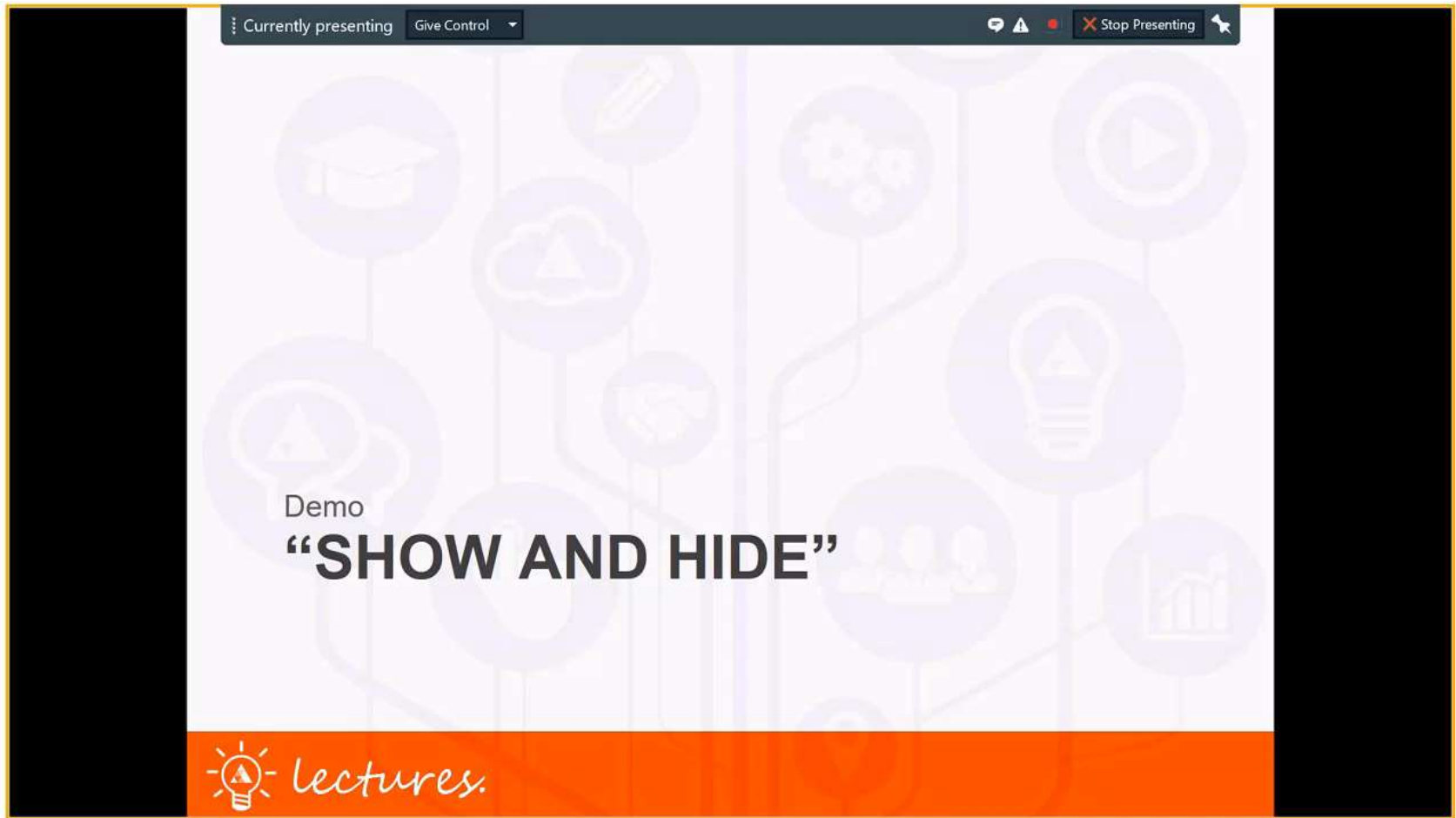
Demo

“Show and Hide”

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Demo pt. 1



Demo pt. 2

Gosbell, Adrian [8:36:19]

Uli yes

Uli Merkel [8:36:44]

Thank you, Adrian

As there is no GOLD key on a mobile device, I assume entering "A*" will give you all Codes starting with an A?

The screenshot shows a presentation slide titled "Resume" with a list of tasks. The slide has a light purple background with a faint network diagram. A large, stylized "Design" watermark is visible. The tasks are listed in a bulleted format. At the bottom of the slide, there is an orange bar with a lightbulb icon and the word "lectures".

Currently presenting Give Control Stop Presenting

Resume

- Develop DSP
 - Data
 - Business rules
 - ...
- Make responsive
 - Bootstrap
 - ...
- Create Startup Shell
- Build App

Design

lectures

Developing a Mobile App

1. Model the application data and default behavior.
2. Construct one or more DSPs that use the mobile app framework to define headers, footers, menus and navigation tools.
 - One DSP to serve as the main user interface of the app...
 - ...containing two DSP container fields that are bound to the header and content of the Mobile App Layout.
 - Define other DSPs that contain the content to be displayed in the main DSP

Developing a Mobile App

3. Program the application behavior

- use Proc for server-side code.
- use JavaScript for client-side code.
- use the Uniface JavaScript API to address Uniface object.
- use selected Apache Cordova APIs to address mobile device functionality.

4. Create a mobile startup shell to define the mobile app properties

5. Create a resource bundle

- icons and splash screens that are required on your target platform

Developing a Mobile App

6. Build the mobile app by submitting the startup shell to the Buildozer service.
7. Download the generated apps for testing and publishing.

Detailed How-To in documentation

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Developing Mobile Apps

Uniface enables you to develop a mobile app using dynamic server pages and a startup shell, and then build it into deployable apps for Android and iOS devices.

Using Dynamic Server Page components, you can create a browser-based user interface that can be used on multiple platforms, so you don't have to create native interfaces for each operating system. You can access native device functionality such as the camera, geolocation, or contacts via JavaScript APIs provided by Cordova Plug-ins.

To build apps for one or more target platforms, Uniface integrates with a cloud-based build service called Buildozer. During development, you create a Uniface startup shell that defines the properties, URLs, images, and plug-ins required by the app. This information is then submitted to the build service, which assembles the correct versions of all the operating systems, plug-ins, code, resources, and certificates it needs to build the app for the target platforms.

You can then download the apps for submission to a public app store such as the Apple App Store for iOS apps or Google Play Store for Android apps, or to an enterprise app store.

Figure 1. Mobile App Build Process

Note: For the supported versions of Android, iOS, Cordova, and plug-ins, see the [Mobile Availability Matrix](#).

Subtopics

Uniface Mobile Apps

A Uniface mobile app consists of a native shell that wraps a web-based user interface provided by dynamic server page (DSP) components. The app can access the device functions it needs (such as camera and geolocation) via JavaScript APIs provided by Cordova plug-ins.

Mobile App Development Facilities

As with all Uniface applications, mobile app development starts with modeling the application data, and then creating components to display and manipulate the data and implement other application behavior.

Thank You!

Q&A

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