

# A Lap Around NativeScript

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# What is NativeScript?

A runtime for building and running native iOS,
 Android, and Windows Phone apps with a single,
 JavaScript code base









 Direct access to native APIs in JS



No cross compilation





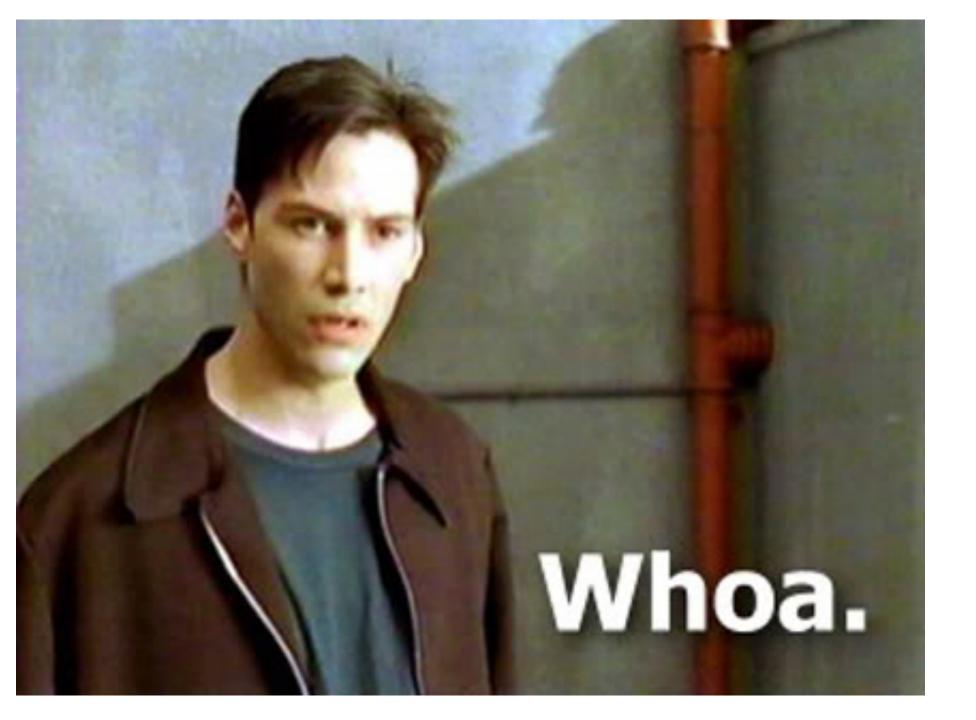
## NativeScript Android example

```
var time = new android.text.format.Time();
time.set( 1, 0, 2015 );
console.log( time.format( "%D" ) );
```

Output: "01/01/15"





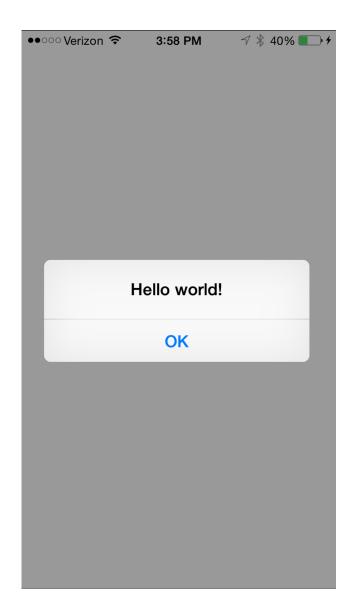




# NativeScript iOS example

```
var alert = new UIAlertView();
alert.message = "Hello world!";
alert.addButtonWithTitle( "OK" );
alert.show();
```









### How does this work?



## NativeScript and JS VMs

- NativeScript runs JavaScript on a JavaScript VM
  - JavaScriptCore on iOS
  - V8 on Android
  - JavaScriptCore on Windows



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Runs on V8

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Runs on JavaScriptCore



# **Gathering Native APIs**

- NativeScript uses reflection to build a list of available APIs for each platform.
- For optimal performance, this metadata is pregenerated, and injected into the app package at build time.



# Injecting native APIs

V8/JavaScript
 Core have APIs
 to inject global
 variables

#### v8 Namespace Reference

Debugger support for the V8 JavaScript engine. More...

#### Namespaces

namesp	ace internal
Data Structures	
cl	AccessorInfo The information passed to an accessor callback about the context of the property access. More
cl	ActivityControl An interface for reporting progress and controlling long-running activities. More
cl	The argument information given to function call callbacks. More
cl	Array An instance of the built-in array constructor (ECMA-262, 15.4.2). More
cl	A primitive boolean value (ECMA-262, 4.3.14). More
cl	A Boolean Object (ECMA-262, 4.3.15). More
cl	A sandboxed execution context with its own set of built-in objects and functions. More
cl	CpuProfile CpuProfile contains a CPU profile in a form of two call trees:  top-down (from main() down to functions that do all the work); bottom-up call graph (in backward direction).



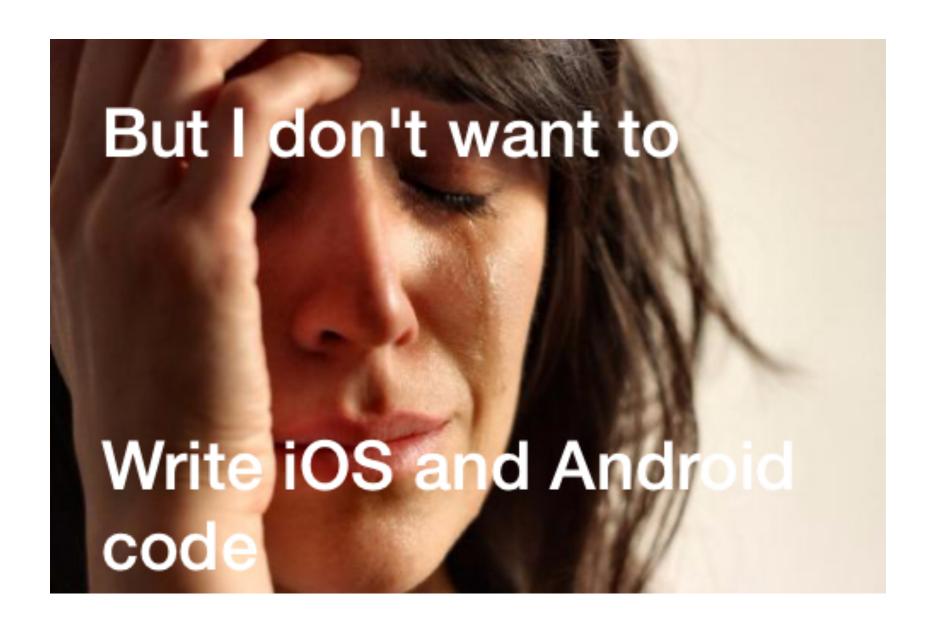
# **Invoking native APIs**

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- V8/JavaScriptCore have C++ callbacks for JS function calls and property accesses.
- The NativeScript runtime uses those callbacks to translate JS calls into native calls.
- On iOS, you can directly call Objective-C APIs from C+ + code.
- On Android, NativeScript uses Android's JNI (Java Native Interface) to make the bridge from C++ to Java.









# NativeScript modules for all the things





# NativeScript file module

```
var fileSystemModule = require( "file-system" );
new fileSystemModule.File( path );
          new java.io.File( path );
       NSFileManager.defaultManager();
       fileManager.createFileAtPathContentsAttributes(path);
```

## HTTP module example

```
var http = require( "http" );
http.getJSON( "https://api.myservice.com" )
   .then(function( result ) {
        // result is JSON Object
   });
```



# **Community modules**

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Command-line interface for building NativeScript pr... version 0.10.0

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# Two ways to use NativeScript

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# NativeScript CLI

- Free and open source
- https://github.com/nativescript/nativescript-cli



# NativeScript CLI requirements

 https://github.com/nativescript/nativescriptcli#system-requirements

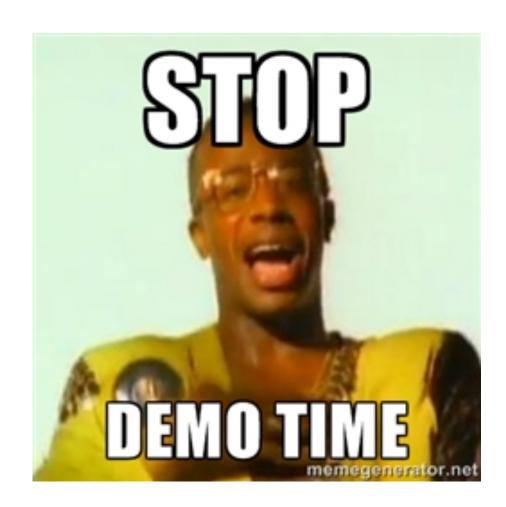


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