

*uMobile*SM

A mobile campus project

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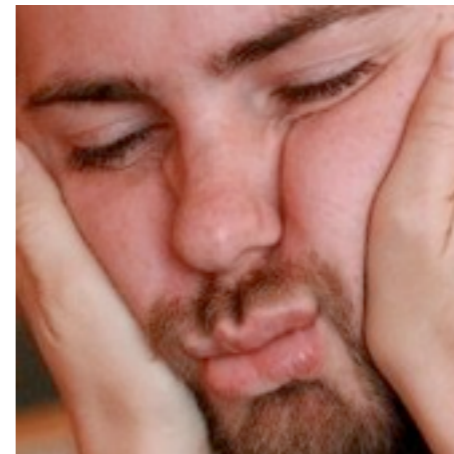
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Introduction

- uMobile Overview
- Why uPortal?
- uMobile Architecture
- Demo
- uMobile Project Plan

What is uMobile?

uMobile is open source

- An incubating Jasig open source project
- Developed directly in Jasig source control (sandbox) under Apache Software License 2.0
- Maintained by a community of developers under the guidance of the uPortal Steering Committee

uMobile is Native



iPhone



Android

uMobile is Web



Android 1.5+

palm webOS

webOS 1.4.1+



iOS 2.2.1+



Windows Mobile 6.5.1+
(via Opera)

bada

bada 1.0+

MeeGo

MeeGo 1.1

uMobile is uPortal

- uMobile is the mature, open source, high-performing uPortal, the enterprise higher education portal, with additional native integration
- Main uPortal codebase includes web-based support and services for native app
- Can be adopted stand-alone or as an extension of a “traditional” enterprise portal
- **Not a fork**, just a different usage of the same software and added native mobile device client

Why uPortal?

Framework Support

- Authentication and Authorization
- Groups and Permissions
- Layout Management / Personalization
- Administrative Tooling

Everyone

All Users

Created by system

Edit

View Permissions

Delete

Create Member Group

Members

- [Faculty](#)
- [Staff](#)
- [Portal System](#)
- [Students](#)
- [Guests](#)
- [PAGS Root](#)

Done

student

Edit

View Permissions

Delete

Impersonate

Reset User Layout

Attributes

Edit User

Net ID (uid)	student
Email Address (mail)	student.user@example.org
Net ID (username)	student
Last Name (sn)	User
First Name (given)	Student
Net ID (user.login.id)	student
Phone (telephoneNumber)	(555) 555-5555
Address (postalAddress)	1760 E. Pecos Road Suite 432 Gilbert AZ 85295
Display Name (displayName)	Student User

Back

Permissions by Category

Does have ?



Error Channel

Permissions controlling the rendering of the uPortal error channel

[View](#)



uPortal System

Permissions controlling the base uPortal system

[Superuser](#)



Fragments

Permissions controlling uPortal DLM fragments

[Fragment Subscription](#)



Portlet Publishing

Permissions controlling the publishing and editing of uPortal content

[Manage Expired](#), [Configure](#), [Manage Approved](#), [Manage Created](#), [Manage Published](#)



Groups

Permissions controlling uPortal group and management

[View a group](#), [Remove groups](#), [Create group](#), [Edit group](#)



uPortal Permissions

Permissions over the viewing and editing of owners, activities, and permission assignments

[View Permissions](#), [Edit Permissions](#)

Categories > Users > View user >

Edit Assignment for View user

With target [Faculty](#)

Everyone

▪ Faculty

▪ Students

Platform Maturity

- Long project history
- Performance
- Scalability
- Existing mobile support
- Already used as a dashboard

Development Standards

- JSR-168 / JSR-286 provides a familiar, well-defined development standard
- Assures modules will work across uMobile versions

uMobile Architecture

Native App Codebase



- Based on Titanium Appcelerator
 - JavaScript-based platform-independent development framework
 - Compile shared codebase to iPhone and Android applications with native controls
 - Open source under the Apache 2.0 License

Portal REST Services

- REST services provide JSON data for
 - User layout
 - Map data
 - Contacts information

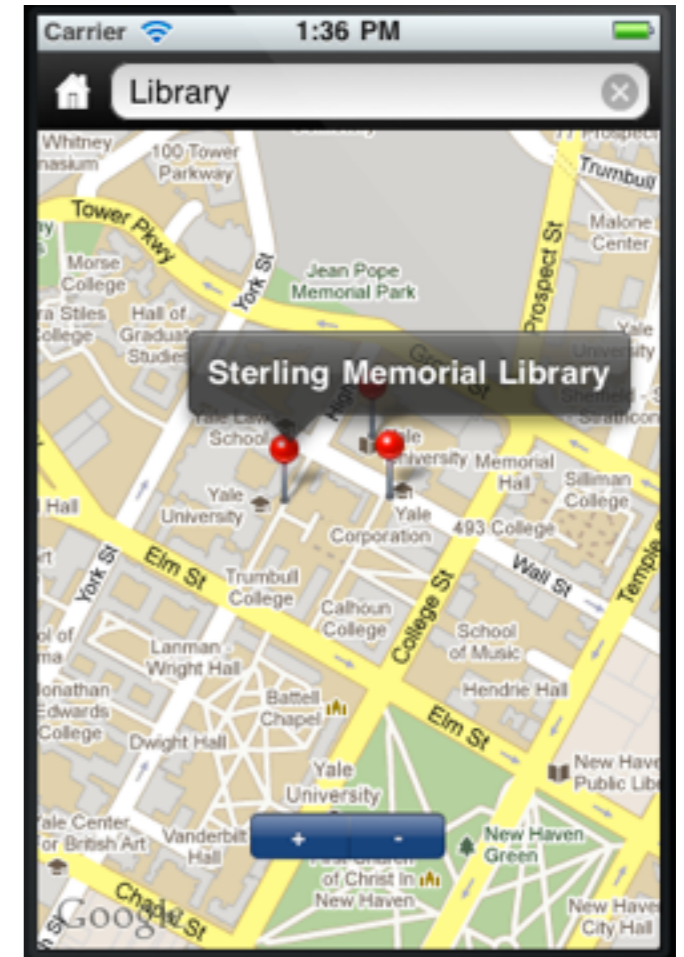
uPortal Server

Request data from
uPortal map service

Return location
data as JSON

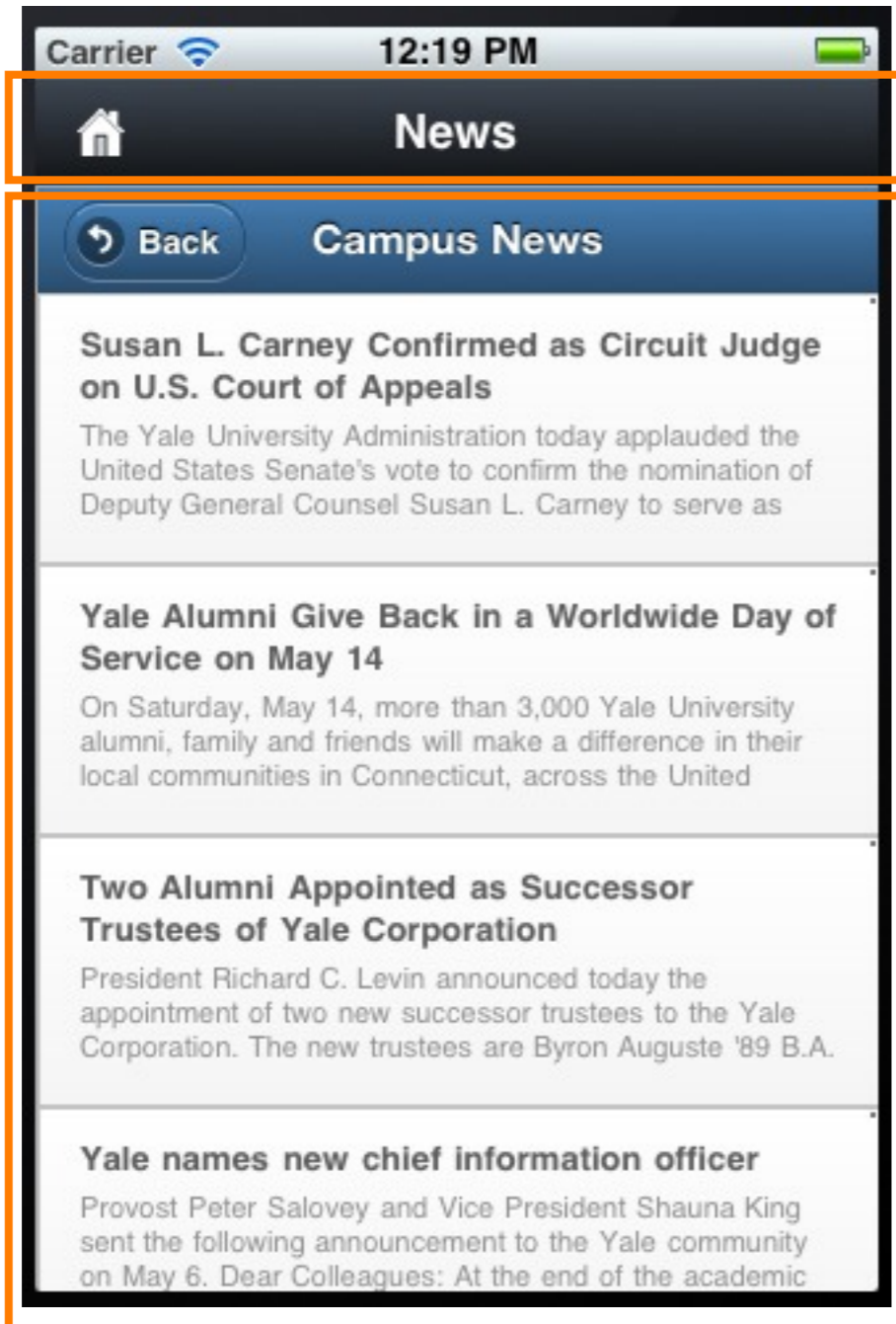
uMobile App

Present native components
based on portal data



Web Views

- Portlets may be included as modules using a web view
- Portal omits portlet chrome for native app views
- jQuery Mobile provides
 - Skinning framework with support for multiple mobile browsers (not just WebKit)
 - Event listeners for mobile interactions such as tap, swipe, and pinch



Native components provide navigation

WebView presents markup from portal

Advantage of web views

- Single codebase produces all mobile views
 - Multiple native applications
 - Multiple mobile web browsers
- No update to the mobile client app required
- Familiar development environment

Including Existing Sites

config.js

```
UPM.LOCAL_MODULES.twitter = {  
  title: 'Twitter',  
  fname: 'twitter',  
  url: 'http://mobile.twitter.com/searches?q=jasig11',  
  externalModule: true  
};
```

Configuring uMobile

- Simple configuration file controls
 - Base portal URL
 - Authentication method
 - Person directory information
 - Emergency contact numbers

Additional Configuration

- Skinning / Branding
 - Simple skin file defines colors and styles for native app
 - Uses CSS-like attributes
- Localization
 - Messages file defines strings for message keys
 - Default language defined in configuration file

uMobile Roadmap

Initial Priorities

- Develop a reliable platform for delivering web-based and native content
- Provide high-quality, easily customizable browser and native skins
- Develop portlets that exercise and demonstrate the framework
- Create documentation

Mobile Portlets

- Create jQM-based views for portlets with existing mobile support
- Add mobile support to additional portlets
- Improve performance on mobile devices
- Create brand new portlets

Native Integration

- Persistent Authentication
- Appropriate Caching
- Maps
- Contacts

Available Today

- Browser-based theme included in uPortal 4.0 RC1 quickstart
- uMobile Native App codebase in SVN
- Jasig '11 Conference App

Near-term Priorities

- Release Management
 - Official SVN tag
 - uMobile Quickstart
 - Documentation
- uMobile Improvements
 - Performance
 - Map module updates

Long-term Future

- More native integration
 - File upload / download, video
- Broader native support
 - Blackberry, tablets
- Custom layouts

Invitation to Contribute

- Opportunity to be a contributing stakeholder
- Request for resources to accelerate the project
- Influence the direction of uMobile
- Participate in regular, interactive status calls
- Take a leadership role in the communications

Questions?

