

W3C's Mobile Web Initiative: Towards the Web of Things

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W₃C



- Consortium, 420 members
- Founded and directed by Tim Berners-Lee
- Standards: XML, HTML, Semantic Web, VoiceXML, Web Services ...
- Cooperation between MIT, ERCIM, Keio
- Strong European presence (~44% of staff Euro-based)

Internet of Things





- Sekai Camera
- Get weather information from straight from sensor, not Web server
- Project slides from mobile phone

Development



- Native Applications?
- Java?
- Web Technology!

Mobile Web Applications



- Desktop: Yahoo Mail, Google maps, ...
- Written using HTML, CSS, Javascript, ...
- Advantages over native, Java, ...
 - Easy to deploy and update: Browser reload
 - Incremental updates simple ("perpetual beta")
 - Big developer base, quick and cheap to develop
- Ongoing: W3C Geolocation, camera API,

Web of Things



- Natural continuation of mobile Web
- Web brought Internet 1.0 to "average citizen"
- Web applications will play similar role for Internet of Things
- Needed: More Web standards
 - Device-to-device communication
 - Model-based UI design

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Barcodes and Web



Semapedia



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- Follow W3C work towards "Web of Things" http://tinyurl.com/2x72ke
- Join W3C Mobile Web Initiative
- W3C API Security Workshop: 10 Dec, London
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