

MiniApp Overview

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MiniApp Introduction

- A new format of mobile application, running on top of Native Apps or OS
- A hybrid solution which relies on Web technologies (especially CSS and Javascript)
- But also integrates with capabilities of Native Apps.

MiniApp Landscape

Alipay Mini Program



Baidu Smart Mini Program



Quick App



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4.5M₊

MiniApps

10₊

MiniApp Vendors

1.5M₊

Developers

400M₊

DAU

1.2T₊

GMV

MiniApp Use Cases

Buy train tickets

1. In Baidu app
2. Search “train ticket”
3. In search result, choose destination
4. Open “Ctrip miniapp”
5. Choose and buy a train ticket



Rent a bicycle

1. In Alipay app
2. Click “Scan”
3. Scan the QR code label attached on bicycle
4. Open “Hellobike miniapp”
5. Ask for Location permission
6. Ask for Bluetooth permission for unlocking
7. Unlock the bicycle



Call a cab

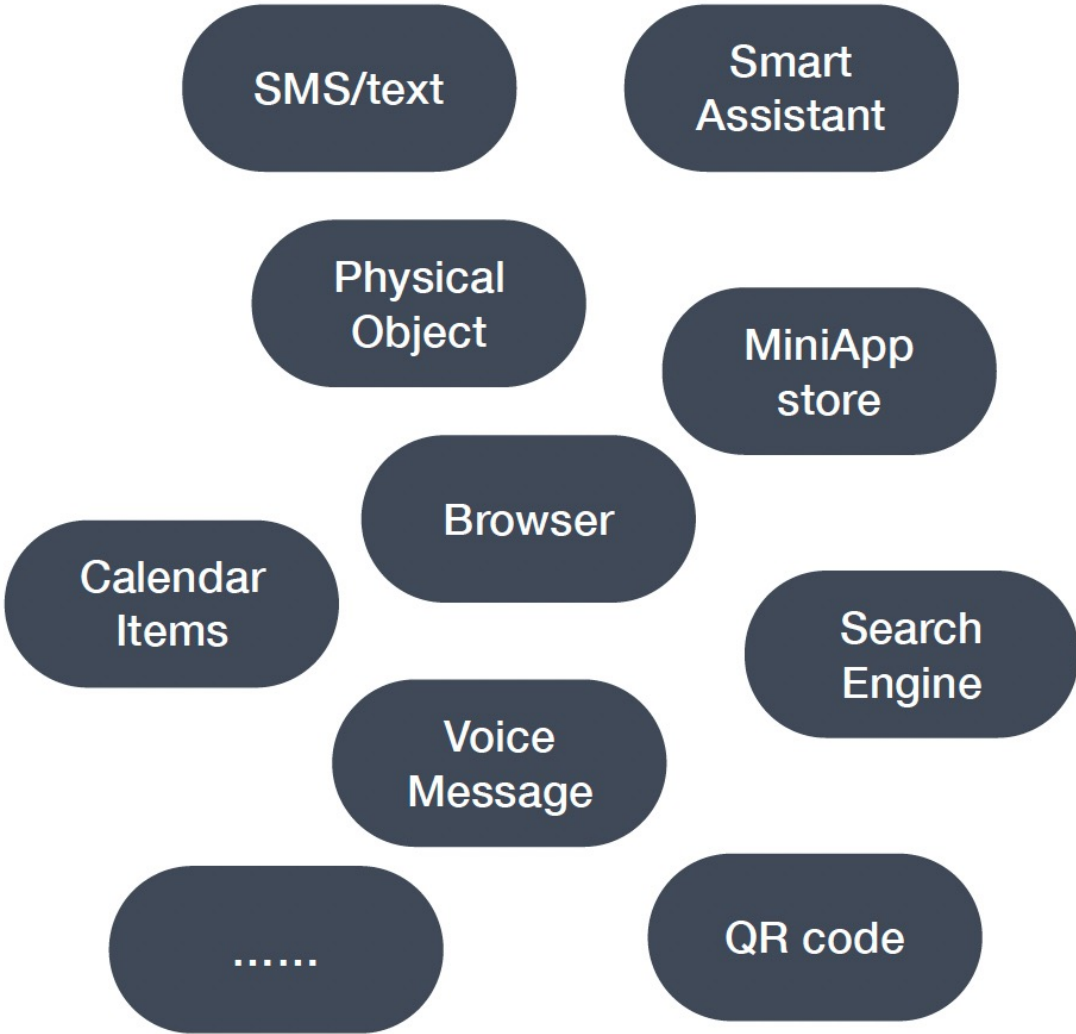
1. Time to go home
2. “Didi widget” shows on smart assistant
3. Choose type and confirm
4. Open “Didi miniapp”
5. Ask for Location permission
6. Use pre-set home address and start calling a cab



Key features

- Web-like, free of installation
 - Small package (2M-4M)
 - Split packages
 - Streaming
- App-like experience
 - Native API/data access with permission
 - High-level components (e.g. map)
- Discoverable in multi-entries

Multi-Entries



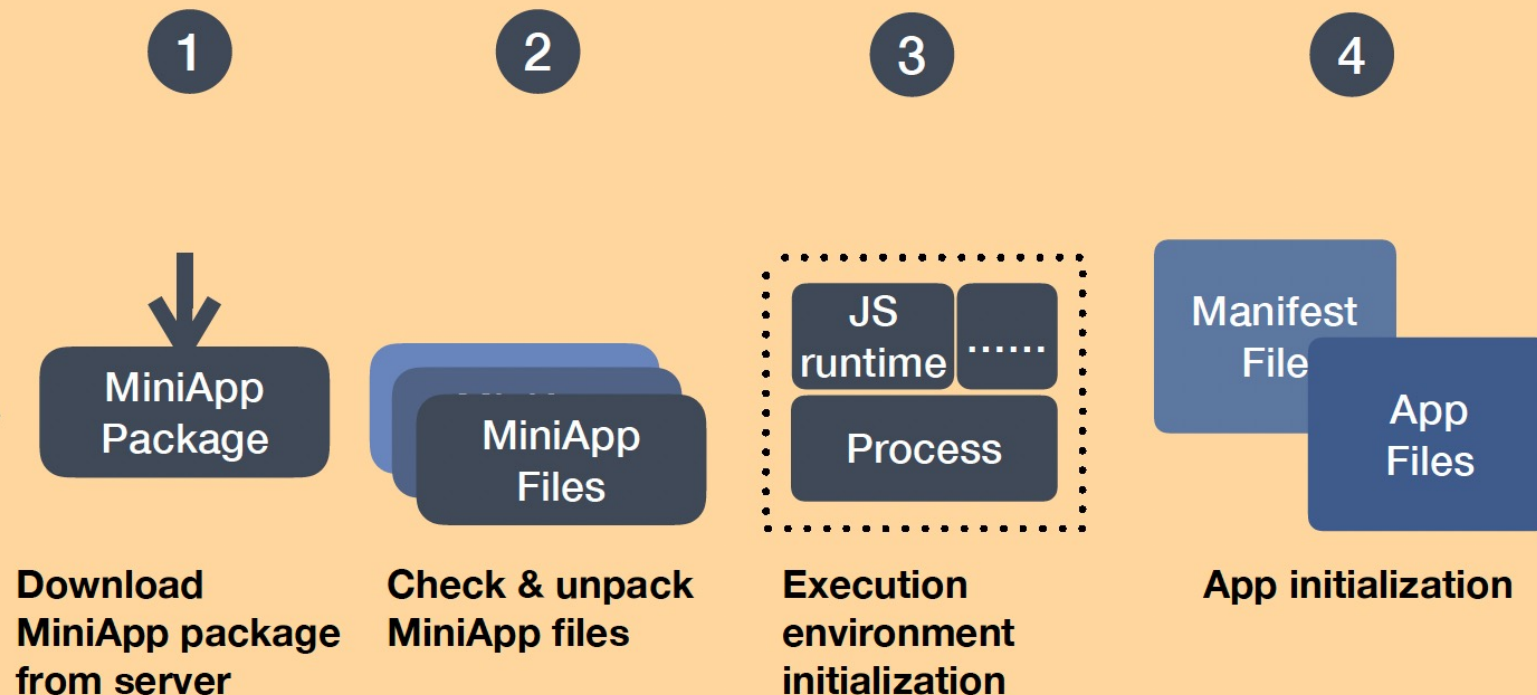
Single-Instance



MiniApp keeps its status and data in a consistent manner globally

Launching a MiniApp

Open With
MiniApp URI



MiniApp Engine



Open & render page

MiniApp specs in development

WG documents

- Normative specifications
 - Lifecycle, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-lifecycle/>
 - Manifest, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-manifest/>
 - Packaging, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-packaging/>
- Other deliverables
 - Addressing, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-addressing/>
 - Widget, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-widget/req/>

CG documents

- UI Components, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-components/>
- IoT, <https://w3c.github.io/miniapp-iot/>

Thanks