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# First Steps for Building SAP®UI5 Mobile Apps

- ▶ Introduction to mobile and SAP UI5 development
- ▶ How to deploy apps to multiple devices
- ▶ Steps for building mobile apps in Eclipse, SAP Cloud Platform, and Microsoft Visual Studio
- ▶ Advantages and disadvantages of using different environments

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## 2 SAPUI5 Development

SAP has been around since the 1970s, so there is value and demand for building mobile apps with a focus on SAP transactional data. SAPUI5 uses an SAP library and HTML5 for application and mobile application development. SAPUI5 can support XML, JSON and ODATA. You will find in the development that the views are created with XML.

The examples below show the initial index page when creating an HTML5 or SAPUI5 project. The content in this chapter covers each section in more detail, but it is good to compare the structure of an index.html page with just HTML5 code versus an index.html page with SAPUI5. Notice the additional <script> tag, JavaScript variable and CSS needed to develop the project using SAPUI5. Obviously, an HTML5 example would have <script> tags, CSS and JavaScript embedded in the code, but the intent here is to show the basic foundation needed to develop an app with SAPUI5. You can see the similarities with the DOCTYPE, html, head and body.

### HTML5 example

```
<!DOCTYPE html>
<html>
<head>
    <meta charset="utf-8" />
    <title></title>
</head>
<body>

</body>
</html>
```

## SAPUI5 Example

```
<!DOCTYPE HTML>
<html>
    <head>
        <meta http-equiv="X-UA-Compatible" content="IE=edge">
        <meta http-equiv='Content-Type' content='text/html; charset=UTF-8' />

        <script src="resources/sap-ui-core.js"
                id="sap-ui-bootstrap"
                data-sap-ui-libs="sap.m"
                data-sap-ui-theme="sap_bluecrystal">
        </script>
        <!-- only load the mobile lib "sap.m" and the "sap_bluecrystal" theme --
    >

        <script>
            sap.ui.localResources("starter_app");
            var app = new sap.m.App({initialPage:"idMain1"});
            var page = sap.ui.view({id:"idMain1",
viewName:"starter_app.Main", type:sap.ui.core.mvc.ViewType.XML});
            app.addPage(page);
            app.placeAt("content");
        </script>

    </head>
    <body class="sapUiBody" role="application">
        <div id="content"></div>
    </body>
</html>
```

## 2.1 Open UI5

SAPUI5 is the focus of app development, but there is also an option to use *OpenUI5*. This is available for everyone, whereas SAPUI5 is available to developers using platforms that support SAP customers. The majority of the controls are available in both environments, with the exception of new editions which are usually featured in the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit for HTML5 (see Chapter 10).

## OpenUI5



This is an open source JavaScript library for building enterprise applications. The open source environment provides a software development kit (SDK) for development needs.

SAPUI5 is very flexible because it can be used with *Eclipse*, *SAP Cloud Platform* and *Visual Studio*, along with many other development options. Table 2.1 lists the libraries supported for SAPUI5. The sap.m library is used in this book because it contains the necessary controls for mobile app development. Mobile apps also use sap.ui for user experience and standard controls.

sap.ui.comp	sap.m	sap.table
sap.ca	sap.me	sap.ushell
sap.uxap	sap.gantt	sap.ui.core
sap.ui.layout	sap.ui.unified	sap.ui.table
sap.viz		

Table 2.1: SAPUI5 libraries

The namespace sap.m is used for mobile devices and desktops. A list of all available controls is located under the API Reference tab in the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit.

## 2.2 SAPUI5 Development Toolkit

SAPUI5 offers a dynamic demo kit for SAP developers. Developers have the option to view code and examples for *Action*, *Chart*, *Container*, *Data Binding*, *Display*, *Layout*, *List*, *Map*, *Popup*, *Routing*, *Testing*, *Theme* or *Tile* using the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit. Samples of code snippets or solutions can be accessed through the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit. The Development Toolkit helps developers test examples and then use the code for their mobile app development. SAP's willingness to provide this demo kit increases the use and acceptance of the SAPUI5 framework. Table 2.2 outlines the tab options available with the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit.

Tab	Description
DEVELOPER GUIDE	Provides a list of supports such as Tutorials, Essentials, Developing Apps Documentation and Templates
EXPLORED	Offers control examples outlining properties, events and methods
API REFERENCE	Provides a list of controls with the namespace sap.ui, sap.m, sap.chart, sap.m.routing, along with many others
DEMO APPS	Provides over twelve sample apps that can be explored, with the option to download the source code to import into the development environment
ICONS	Offers options for common icons used in the SAPUI5 apps
CONTROLS	Provides a gallery of simple to advanced controls

Table 2.2: SAPUI5 Development Toolkit

As you can see, there are plenty of learning opportunities and code examples to build apps. This can sometimes be an issue when considering a new mobile development environment – for instance, there is an abundance of mobile development options, but few offer code examples, demonstrations, templates and libraries to this degree.

## 2.3 ListBox

List boxes and items allow us to organize content as sections to be displayed on the page. As seen in the example below, the SAPUI5 Development Toolkit provides the structure and example of the `ListBox` code. It is important to note that this is only the JavaScript, which can be nested in the `index.html` page or listed as a function in the `controller.js` page. We will discuss the controllers more in the Model View Controller (MVC) section.

## Exercise – ListBox review



1. Open the *SAP Demo Kit* (see Chapter 10)
2. Click on the CONTROLS tab
3. Click on the VALUEHOLDERS section, expand the selection
4. Click on **ListBox**
5. View the sample code snippets under the Examples section

The example of the **ListBox** below shows the items, function for the text summary and multi selection checkbox. We will not use this specific **ListBox** in any tutorials, but it is good know that this code snippet is available for future needs.

### **ListBox example**

```
// Create the ListBox
var oSimpleListBox = new sap.ui.commons.ListBox({
    items: [
        new sap.ui.core.ListItem({ text: 'Spring' }),
        new sap.ui.core.ListItem({ text: 'Summer' }),
        new sap.ui.core.ListItem({ text: 'Autumn' }),
        new sap.ui.core.ListItem({ text: 'Winter' })
    ],
    select: function (e) {
        var a = ["Your favorite season(s): "];
        jQuery.each(oSimpleListBox.getSelectedItems(),
            function (idx, item) { a.push(item.getText(), ","); });
        oTextSummary.setText(a.join(""));
    }
}).placeAt("sample1");
var oTextSummary = new
sap.ui.commons.TextView().placeAt("sample1");
var oMultiSelectionCheckBox = new sap.ui.commons.CheckBox({
    text: "MultiSelection",
    checked: false,
```

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