# Experience in Developing Reference Applications with Qt/QML

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## Background and Motivation

- Many various sources of information
- Reference applications containing all required information



#### Reference Resources

Resources that do not need to be constantly updated

- ▶ Data can be stored locally (i.e XML)
- ► Examples:
  - $\star$  electronic encyclopedias
  - $\star$  reference books
  - $\star$  dictionaries
- Resources that need to be constantly updated
  - Interaction with web service via API
  - ► Examples:
    - $\star$  database of movies
    - $\star$  news feeds



## Reference Applications vs Web-sites

- Information is available at any time with mobile phone or smartphone
- Aggregation of information from several Internet resources
- More convenient user interface

# Mushrooms

- http://oss.fruct.org/projects/mushrooms/
- Information about particular species of mushrooms by its photo or name



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# Origami Zoo

- http://oss.fruct.org/projects/origami/
- Clearly illustrated steps and instructions



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# Kinoman

http://oss.fruct.org/projects/kinoman/

■ Mobile client for The Movie Database (TMDB) and MyShows.ru



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# Common Structure of Reference Applications



Main stages

- **1** Search of online resources with required information
- 2 Load structured data into a data model
- 3 Present information to the user by means of view



#### Implementation Details

- Mushrooms and Origami Zoo offline XML-based applications
- Kinoman interaction via API of web services



#### Implementation Details

■ Interaction with web services using XMLHttpRequest API

```
var xhr = new XMLHttpRequest();
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xhr.onreadystatechange = function() {
  if (xhr.readyState == XMLHttpRequest.DONE) {
    var response = JSON.parse(xhr.responseText);
    var films = response.results
    for (var i = 0; i < films.length; i++) {
      filmsModel.append({
        film id: films[i].id,
        title: films[i].title,...
      });
xhr.open("GET", "http://api.themoviedb.org/3/movie/top-rated");
xhr.send();
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#### Metrics

Application	QML files (LOC)	JavaScript files (LOC)	XML (LOC)
Mushrooms	15 (1111)	4 (266)	3 (4962)
Origami Zoo	13~(679)	2 (104)	17 (1420)
Kinoman	15 (1187)	7 (667)	_



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#### Future Plans

- Developing more reference applications based on this pattern
- Add new features to existing applications
  - ▶ search mushrooms by its individual features (stem, cap, etc.)
  - ▶ add new figures to Origami Zoo application
  - ▶ ...

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