

Firefox Marketplace: Breaking the Stranglehold of App Stores

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1. Web Components



Brick

UI Components for Modern Web Apps

What is Brick?

Brick is a bundle of reusable UI components created to enable **rapid development** of cross-browser and mobile-friendly HTML5 web applications.

Neat. How?

Brick components are **custom HTML tags** created using X-Tag — a library that makes developing Web Components easier.

Um, Web Components?

Web Components is a series of emerging W3C standards that allow developers to define custom HTML elements, and interact with them using the native DOM.

I'm the front face.

Brick in Action

Toggle flip

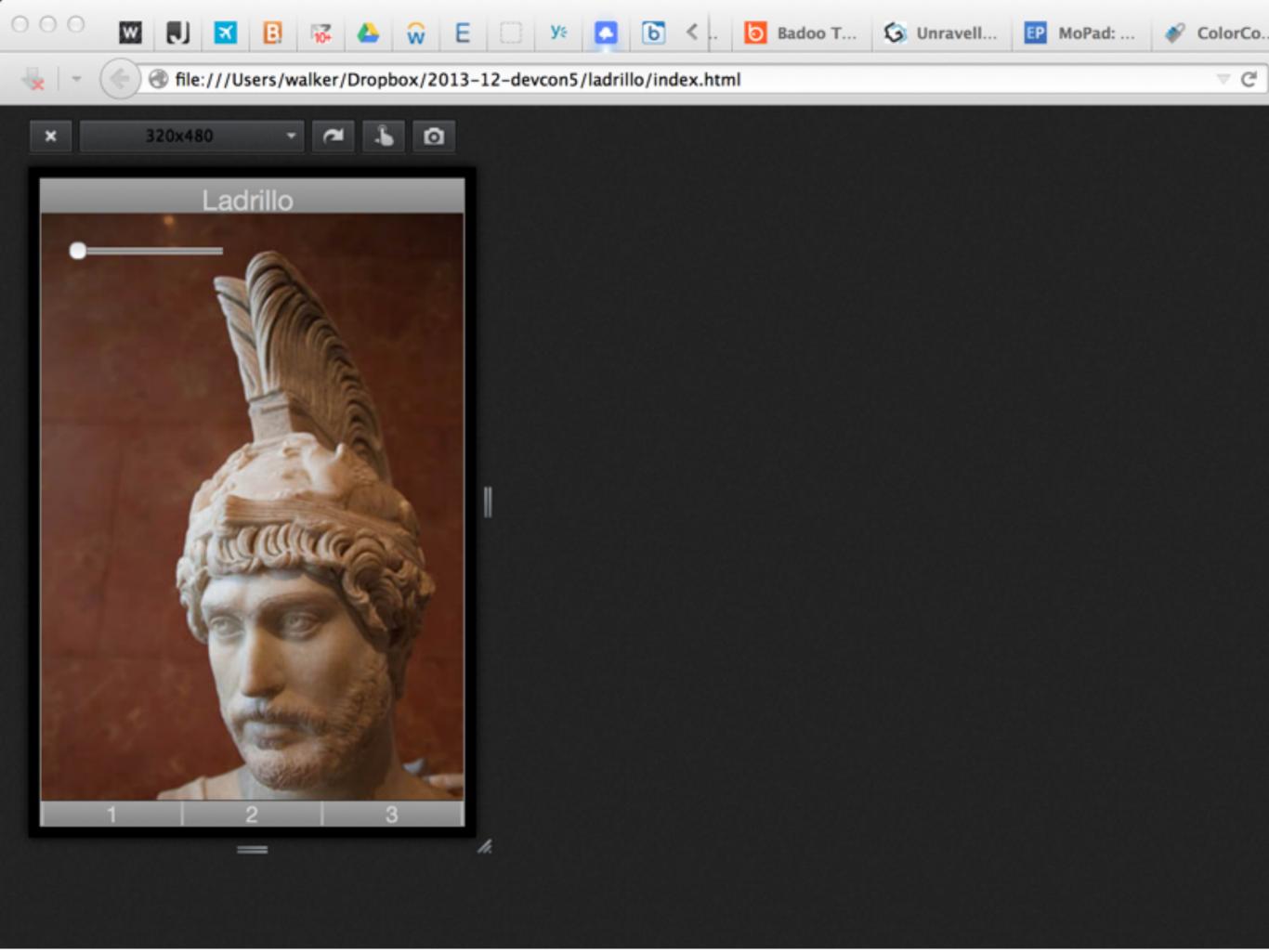
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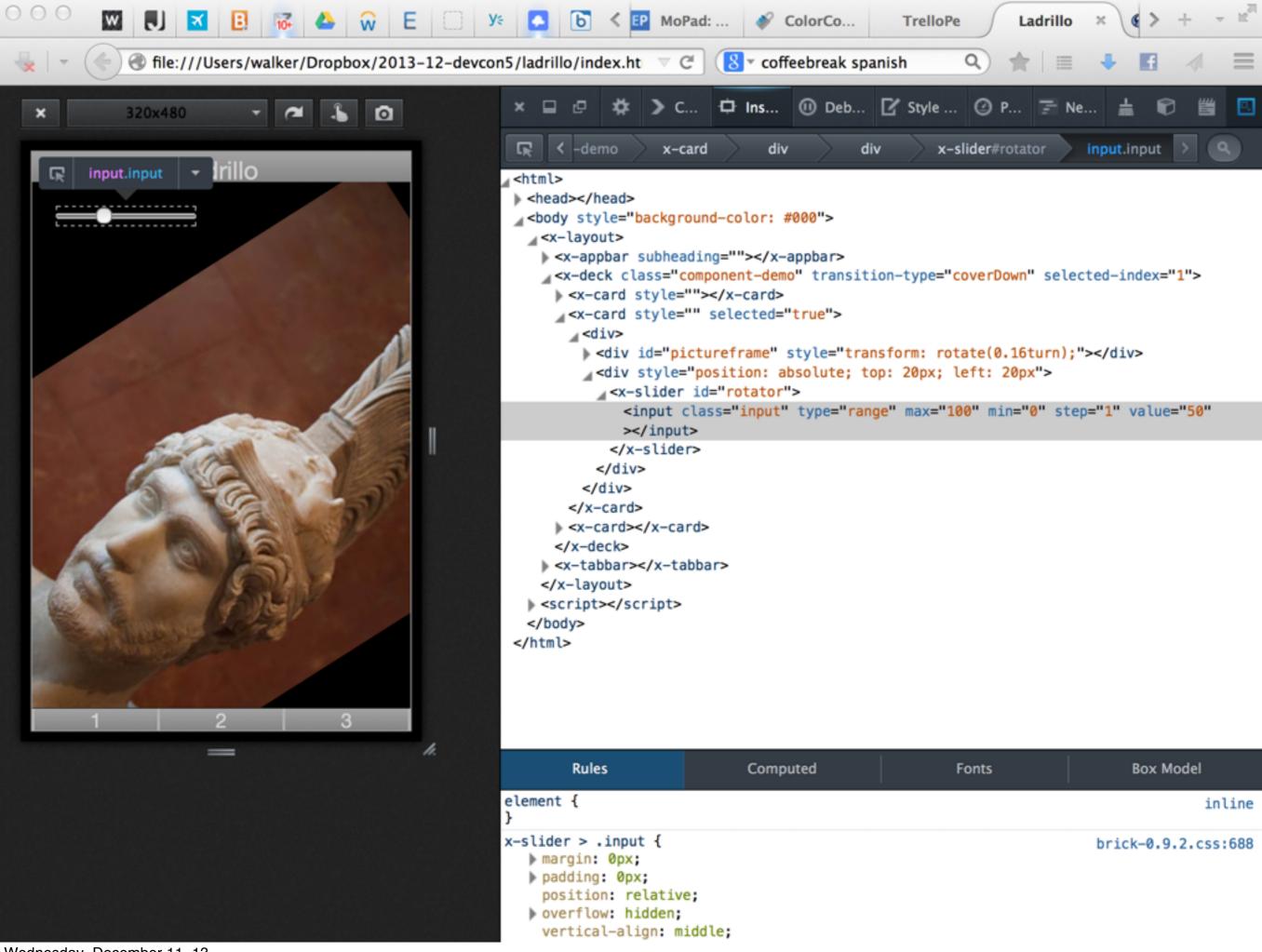
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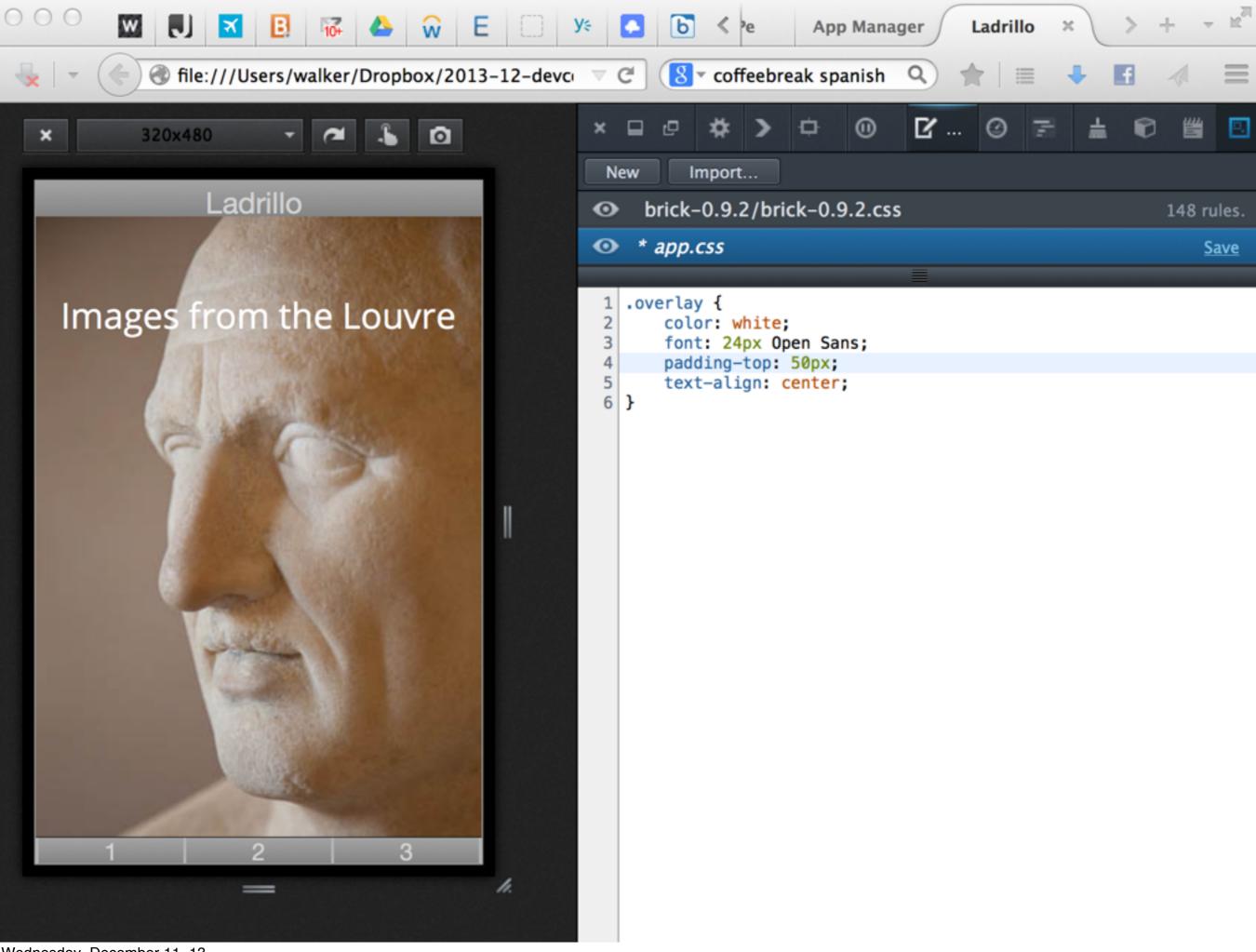
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                                                                                         Ladrillo
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         <head>
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             <script type="text/javascript" src="brick-0.9.2/brick-0.9.2.js"><</pre>
 6
         </head>
 8
         <body style='background-color: black'>
 9
             <x-layout>
10
11
                 <x-appbar>
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                  </x-appbar>
14
                 <x-deck class="component-demo" transition-type="coverDown">
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2. Develop in Browser





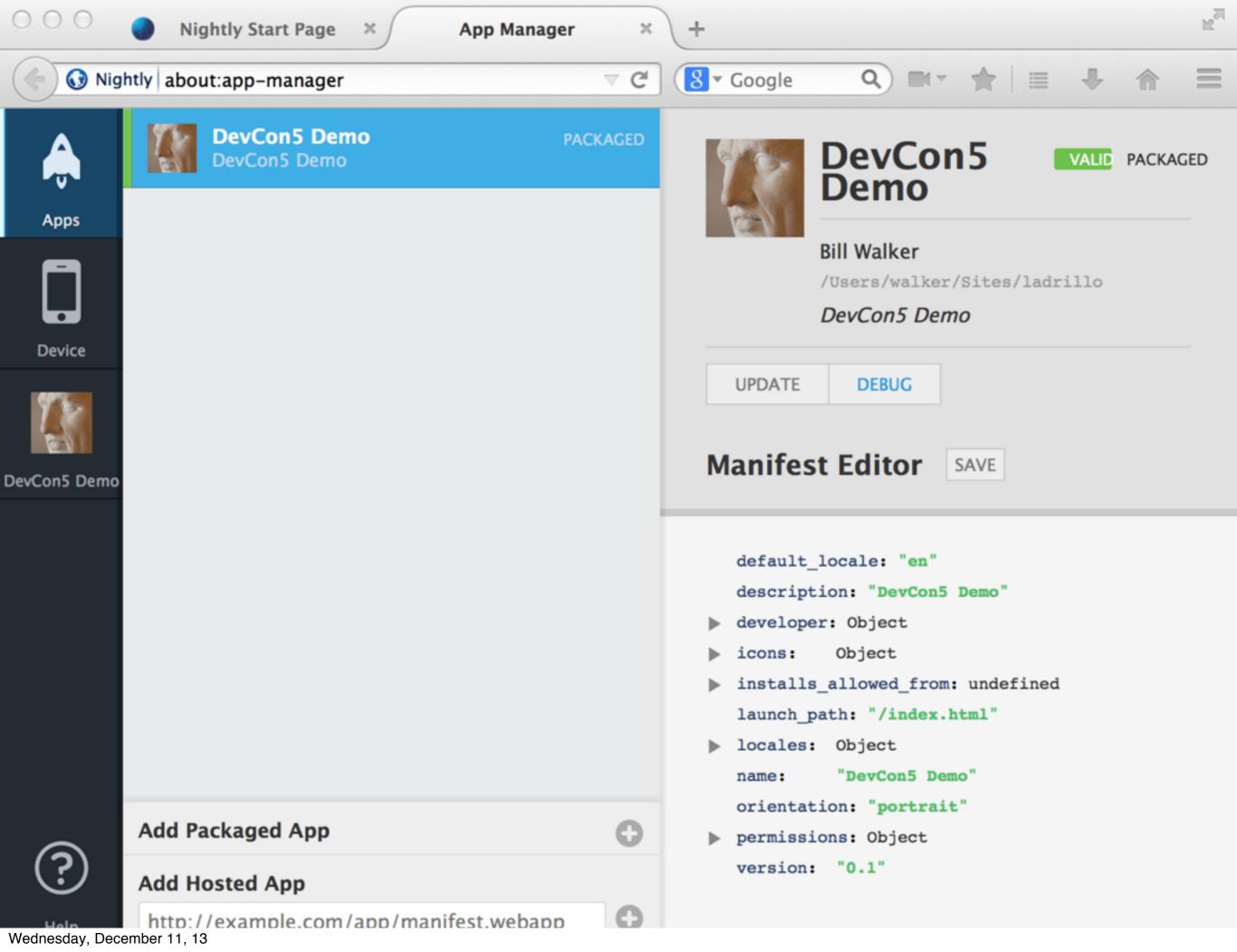


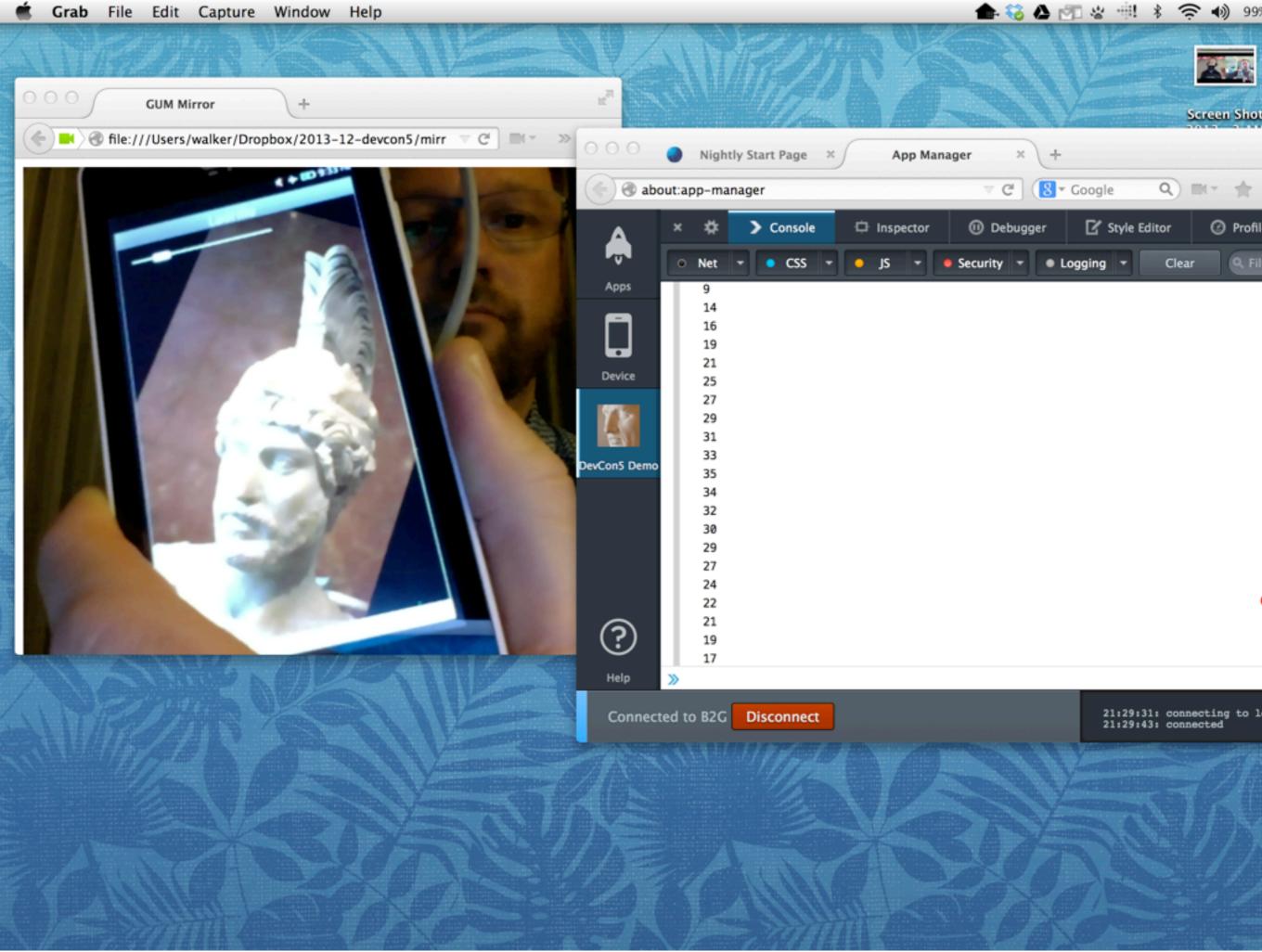
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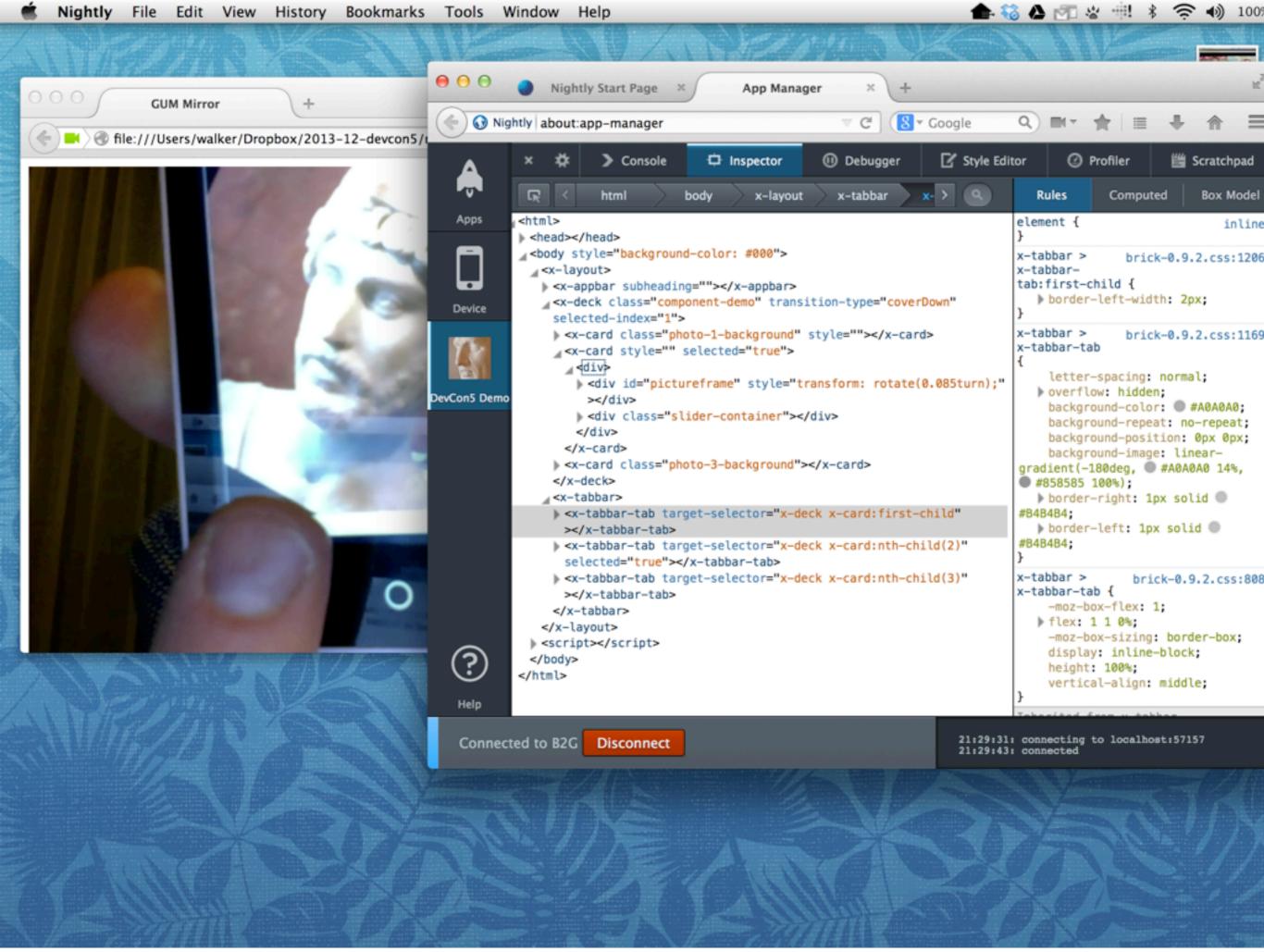
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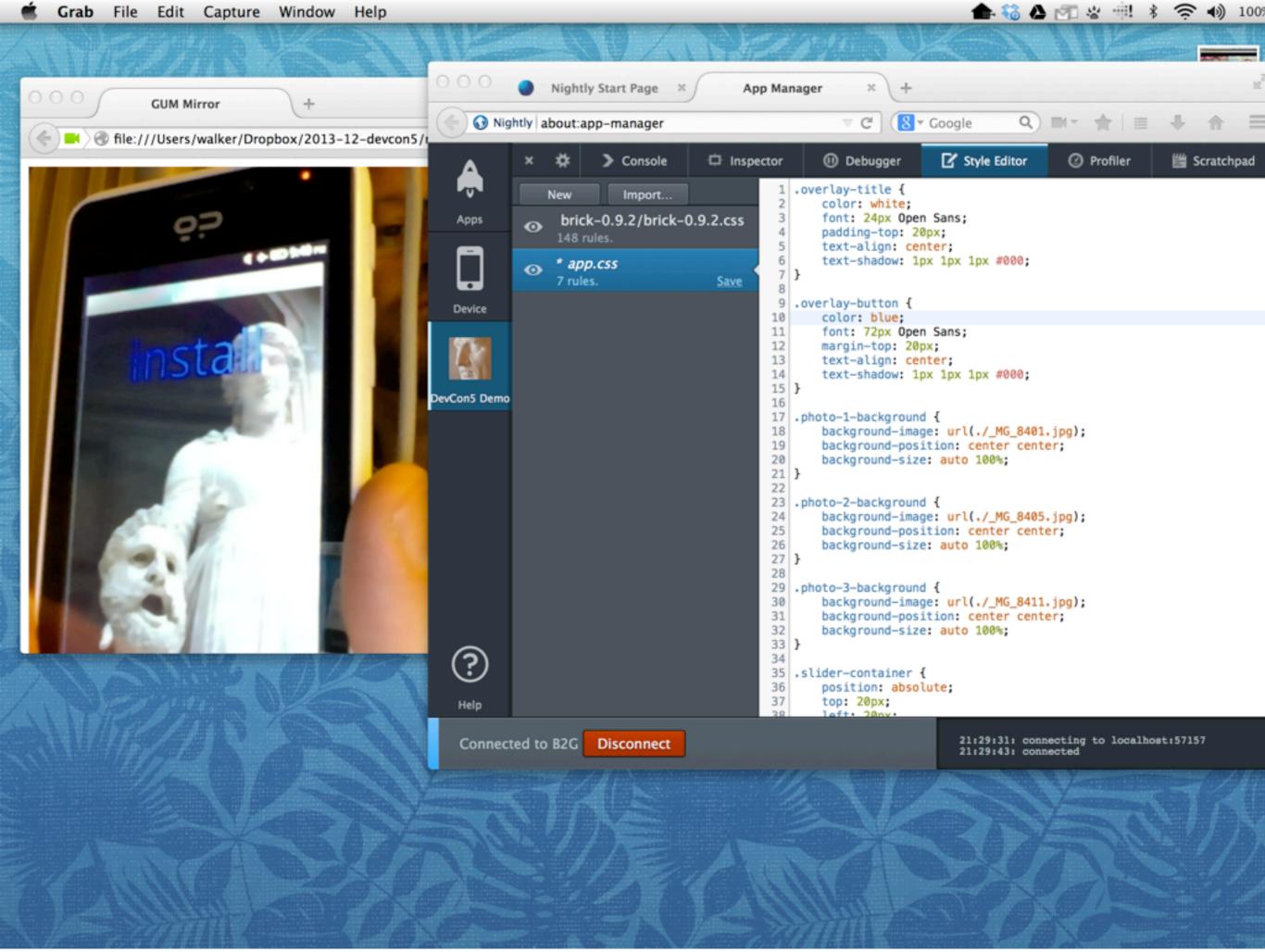
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10
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11
12
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18
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4. Develop on Device

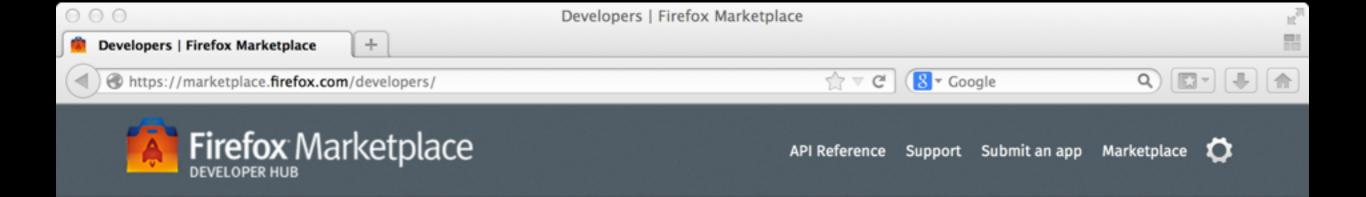








5. Publish



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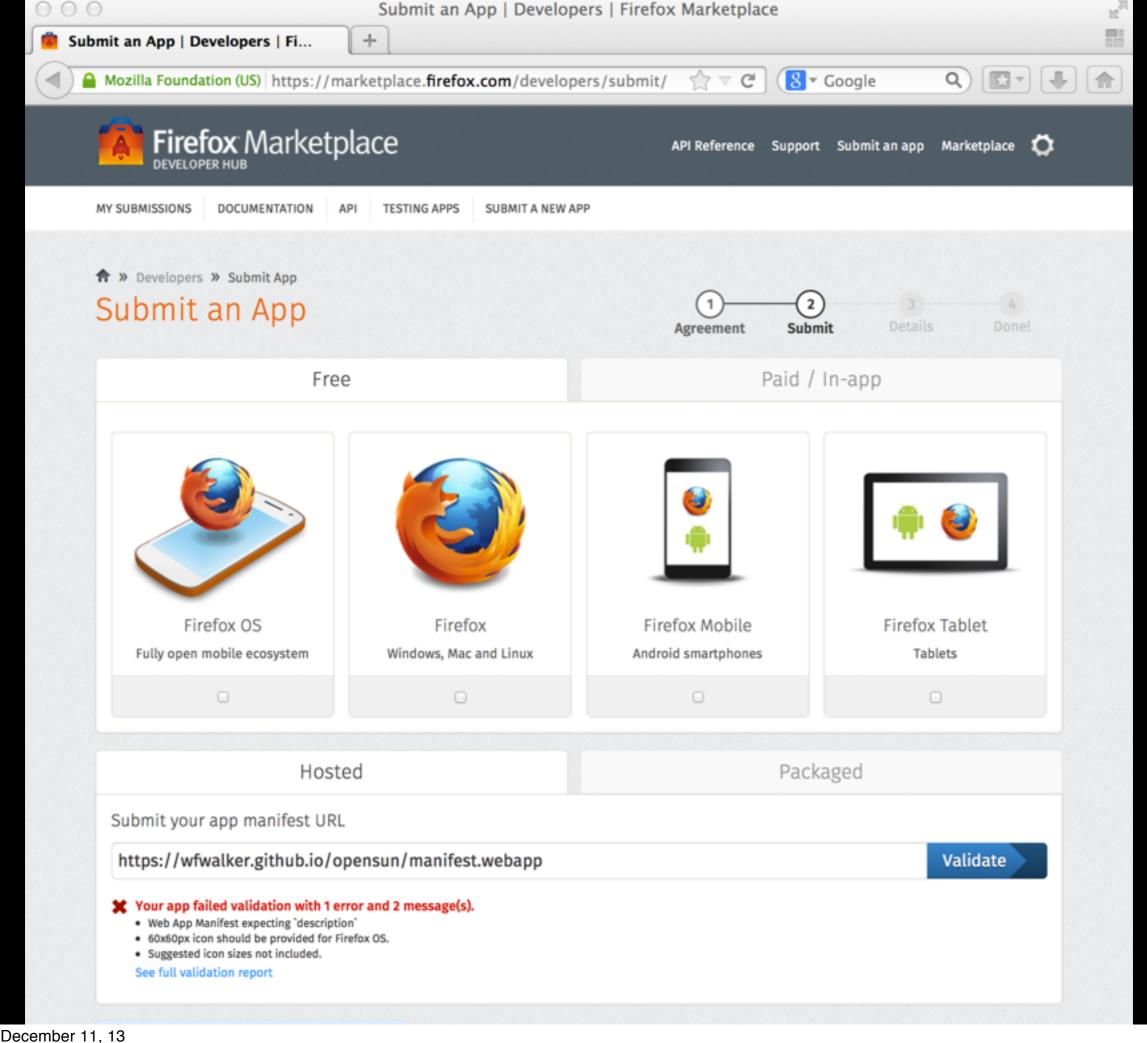


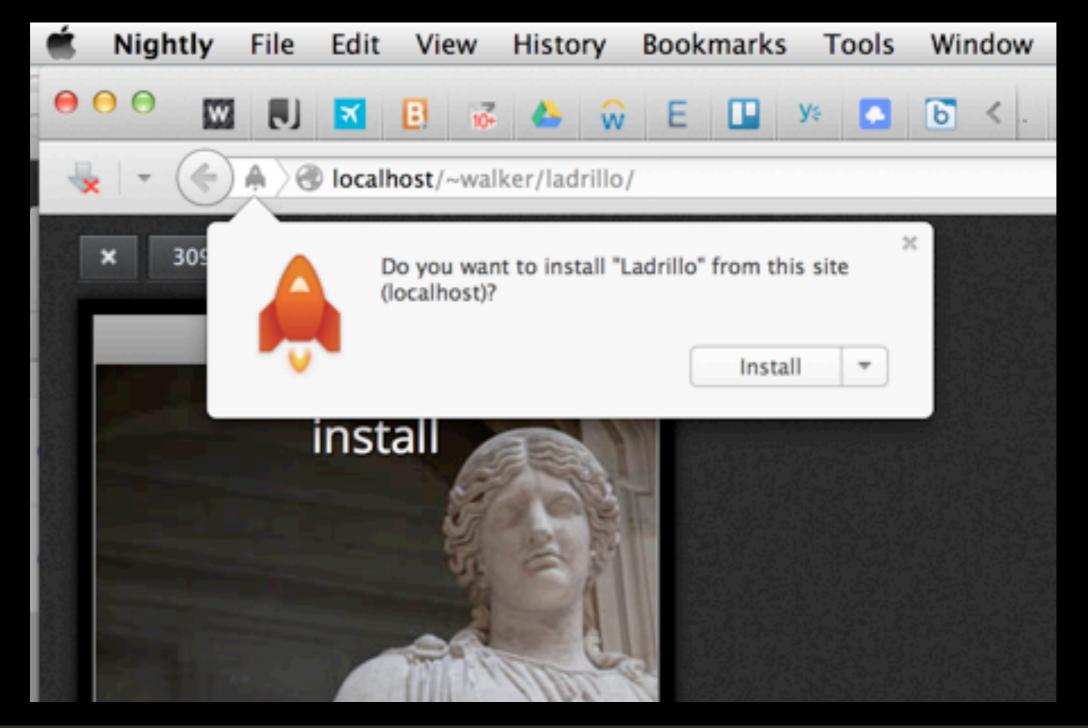


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installButton.addEventListener('click', function (e) {
    var installRequest = navigator.mozApps.install('http://localhost/~walker/ladrillo/online.webapp');
    installRequest.onsuccess = function (data) {
        console.log(data);
        };
        installRequest.onerror = function (err) {
        console.error(this.error);
        };
    }, false);
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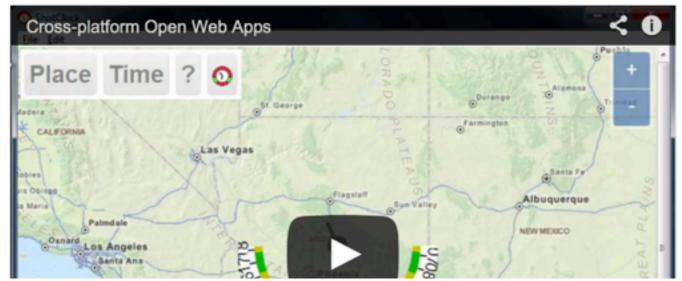


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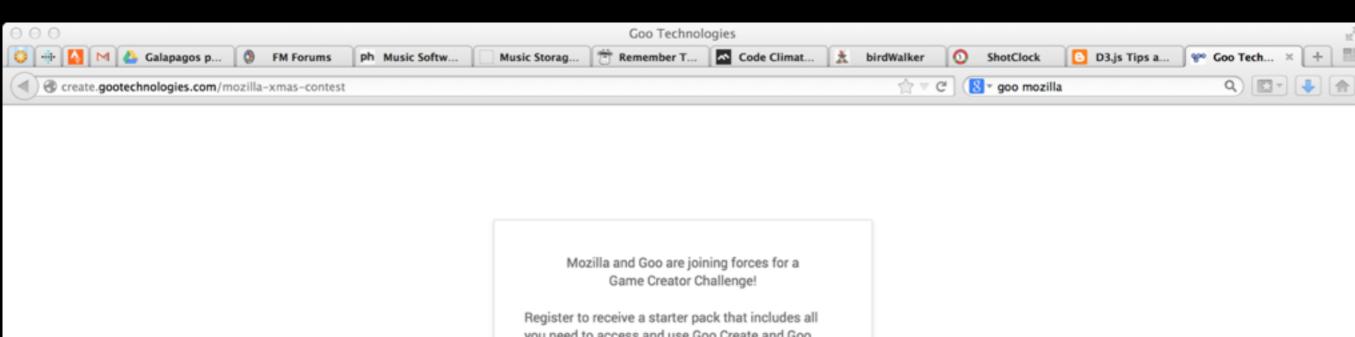


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