Retrospective 2012

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Just like in 2010[1] and 2011[2], here goes a small recapitulation of the main events that happened in akosma software during 2012; another great year with incredible achievements, and a bright future ahead.

I would like to start by thanking all of my partners, clients, friends and family, plus all of my followers in Twitter[3], Facebook[4], Github[5] and LinkedIn[6], who have been extremely supportive to help me achieve incredible milestones this year. I could have certainly not have done it without you guys! Thanks a lot to all of you (you know who you are!)

The Book

By far, the event that did myself the proudest last year was finally publishing

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[1]/blog/retrospective-2010/
[2]/blog/retrospective-2011/
[3]http://twitter.com/akosmasoftware
[4]https://www.facebook.com/akosmasoftware
[5]https://github.com/akosmasoftware
[6]http://www.linkedin.com/company/akosma-software

my first book, "Mobile JavaScript Application Development"[7] at O'Reilly. This book is an evolution of the booklet written for our students of the first mobile web training in Zürich in 2011[8].

The book had outstandingly positive reviews so far[9] and I'd like to thank my friends of immedia[10] in South Africa for hosting a very nice launch party[11] in July!

I also say "my first book" because, well, the second one is in production and will be hopefully published very soon!

Training

In 2012 I have given a total of 336 hours of training, to 88 students in Zürich, Paris, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Durban! I have taught iOS (both beginner and advanced levels) and mobile web development (a subject particularly interesting for enterprise developers).

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We have dramatically extended the collaboration with our friends of immedia[13], which yielded 4 sessions of mobile application training in South Africa[14] during February, July, October and December. I am proud and happy to have been able to empower so many developers to embrace the technologies required for this new post-PC world ahead of us!

There was also another edition of the successful Mobile Web Training in Zürich in March[15], and last but not least, I have also collaborated with Sencha[16] during the month of November, to give the official Sencha Touch training curriculum[17] in Paris.

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[7]http://shop.oreilly.com/product/0636920025252.do
[8]/blog/mobile-development-with-jquery-sencha-and-phonegap-15-17-november-2011/
[9]/blog/praise-for-mobile-javascript-application-development/
[10]http://www.immedia.co.za
[11]/blog/mobile-javascript-application-development-book-launch-event-in-south-africa/
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[13]http://www.immedia.co.za
[14]http://www.appdev.co.za
[15]/blog/mobile-web-training-in-zurich/
[16]http://www.sencha.com
[17]http://www.sencha.com/training

Conferences

Last year I had the privilege of organizing and hosting the mobile track at QCon London in March[18]; we had a great lineup of speakers including Maximiliano Firtman, Tobie Langel and Christophe Coenraets.
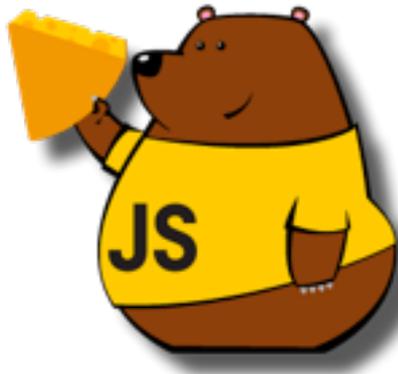
As a speaker I spoke about Sencha Touch twice, in JavaScript events in Switzerland; first in March, during the official JS Genève meetup[19], and then in June, during SwissJeese 2012 in Bern[20].

Finally, I had the opportunity to attend Mobilism in May[21] and WWDC in June[22].

Apps

This year I have helped my clients publish new apps:

- The Henri Dès application[23], and
- The iOS version of the EERV Lausanne Cathedral Applications[24] in English, French and German versions.

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[18] /blog/this-week-qcon-london-2012/
[19] /blog/tonight-in-geneva-introduction-to-sencha-touch-2/
[20] /blog/talking-at-swissjeese-2012/
[21] /blog/this-week-mobilism-2012-amsterdam/
[22] /blog/attending-wwdc-2012/
[23] /blog/introducing-the-henri-des-iphone-app-la-radio-hd/
[24] /blog/introducing-the-lausanne-cathedral-iphone-applications/

Talking about the Lausanne Cathedral apps, I would like to mention that the Android apps were developed by the incredible Android team of immedia[25], led by Duncan Scholtz[26]!

And more!

I have also had the privilege of being part of the Jury of the first edition of the Swiss App Awards[27], held in Zürich in March. Finally, I've also helped immedia[28] during the month of August as a technical advisor to the management and technical teams.

PS: by the way, the second edition of the Swiss App Awards has just announced the shortlist of candidates![29]

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[25]http://www.immedia.co.za
[26]https://twitter.com/duncandee2
[27]/blog/swiss-app-awards-2012-winners/
[28]http://www.immedia.co.za
[29]http://swissappawards.ch/swiss-app-awards-2013/shortlist/