# *Build Your Own Extension for Firefox... and Beyond!*

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# *Agenda*

- Introduction
- Build your first extension
- Create an original add-on and share it on addons.mozilla.org
- Continue the conversation

Please tweet your attendance! Example:

***I'm customizing @Firefox by building my own @MozWebExt! #MozActivate #MozAMU @ErSanyamKhurana***

# *About Add-ons*

- Use add-ons to personalize your browsing experience
- Variety of uses:
  - Organizing tabs
  - Language support
  - Blocking ads
  - … and so much more!
- With WebExtensions APIs, add-ons are easier than ever to create
- Compatible with Firefox, Chrome, and Opera

# *Build Your First WebExtension Add-on*

**Mozilla Developer Network Tutorial:**

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/Add-ons/WebExtensions/Your_first_WebExtension

**Other Tutorials:**

- Let's Write a WebExtension by Blake Winton
- WebExtensions: An Example Add-on Repository with Test Harnesses by standard8
- Create a Simple WebExtension by David Walsh

**WebExtension Examples:**

https://developer.mozilla.org/en-US/Add-ons/WebExtensions/Examples

**Need help? Join IRC channels #extdev and #webextensions.**

# *A word about your co-instructor*

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# *Prerequisites*

- HTML
- CSS
- JS
- Web Browser
- Internet (optional)

# *Why Browser Extension?*

- Simplify development
- Increasing cross-browser compatibility
- Reducing development cost
- Abstracting functionalities

# *Setting up extension folder*

- Create a new folder named **borderify**
- Switch to **Borderify** directory
- Create a new file **manifest.json**

# *manifest.json*

- Most important file of your extension
- Must contain atleast 3 keys: manifest_version, name, version
- Everything else is optional, but it’ll not look cool at all with just 3 keys

# *More power to manifest.json*

- Descriptions
- Icons
- Content Scripts

# *Content Scripts*

- Must have a array as property
- Must have atleast 1 item in array
- Each item must have 2 keys, matches and js

# *Match Pattern - matches to Content Scripts*

- An array of patterns
- Should be in form **<scheme>://<host><path>**
- Can use wildcards
- Special wildcard include **<all_urls>**

# *JS to Content Scripts*

- An array of js scripts
- That’s it!
- Really!
- No kidding!

# *Adding content to you js*

- Create **browserify.js**
- Write and save below statement inside it

**document.body.style.border = "5px solid red";**

- Add **browserify.js** to **manifest.json**

# *Understanding what went down*

- Browser loads **manifest.json**
- With it the information about the extension is processed
- Extension loads resources accordingly

***Great Work!***

# *Create an Original WebExtension (Bonus!)*

**When You Are Done:**

- Publish link to addons.mozilla.org
- Once your add-on has been approved, tweet a link to your add-on!

**Example:**

**I made an add-on using @MozWebExt for @mozamo! Check it out here: <link to add-on> #MozActivate**

# *Continue the Conversation!*

- Tweet to **@MozWebExt**
- Join IRC channels **#addons**, **#webextensions** and **#extdev**
- Join the Telegram groups **@addonschat** and **@addons**
- Follow and post to the Add-ons Discourse forum at **https://discourse.mozilla-community.org/c/add-ons**

If you're interested in add-ons and want to learn more about ways you can get involved with addons.mozilla.org, please visit:

**https://wiki.mozilla.org/Add-ons/Contribute**

# *Head on to feedback*

mzl.la/howwasit

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