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# 3scale Hosts First API Meetup in Barcelona

At 3scale, we are API nerds, and we are surely not the only ones if you look at the number of API-related events around the world. During the year we participate in a lot of conferences and meetups with the API community, but nothing really existed in our local community of Barcelona besides the yearly APIdays Mediterannea.

We wanted to host a local group for hackers to exchange ideas about APIs and show the world that Barcelona has an active tech scene. This meetup would let local hackers present their work on APIs, as well as give them the opportunity to hear world-class international speakers. We plan to host this meetup regularly, every 3 months at 3scale HQ.

What better time than the week of Mobile World Congress to do the first meetup?

For the first edition, we had the pleasure of hosting the Twitter Advocates team as part of the international tour of the Twitter Flock. Having just arrived from Berlin, Romain and Gareth made an awesome presentation about the Fabric SDK.

Mobile developers in the audience were totally excited by this stack. They could use Crashlytics to get crash reports from their apps, Beta to distribute their app to beta users, Digits to authenticate users with phone numbers, and Mopub to generate revenue with ads. Twitter Evangelists also showcased how easy it is to display tweets natively in your app — way easier than all the custom integrations we tried before.

I was personally very excited by the Digits part, as it simplifies user onboarding. A phone number is used as username. Much easier to remember than email/password! Also, it's available as a JavaScript SDK, so you can have Digits everywhere.

After this great presentation of the new Twitter SDK, we took a small break to feed the geeks and then jumped right on in to the next presentation.

I wanted to present to mobile developers how they could use APItools to enhance their mobile development experience. Over the last year, we've seen great usage of APItools in the mobile community. Tools like Xcode or Android Studio don't really give good feedback to developers when it comes to calling HTTP APIs. When you use APItools proxy, you have full access to the requests made by your app and the responses coming back from the API. It's really useful to understand for debugging purposes.

I also showed how APItools could be used to reduce the payload of a request and do computation on the fly. In the example, we were calling Leafly API to find local marijuana stores in combination with the Google Maps API to get the walking distance to those stores. You can find the source of the project here and the slides here

In the end, we had over 80 people in the 3scale office. It was a great success!

We would not be able to host this meetup without the support of our lovely sponsors: Twitter, Context.io and CloudElements. Show them some love.

Our next meetup for #APImeetupBCN will most likely be before APIdays Barcelona on May 6th. Subscribe to our meetup group to stay up to date, and feel free to reach out to us if you want to sponsor or talk at the meetup.

Find photos of the event in our Meetup page.

Here are some nice tweets!

> The great @picsoung @3scale "How @apitools empower mobile developers&save time" http://t.co/vwr8gLS12N #APImeetupBCN pic.twitter.com/ZXsmHkmH2j
>
> — TwitterDev (@TwitterDev) March 2, 2015

> Nice present by @TwitterDev today at the #APImeetupBCN ;-) Thank you guys!
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> — Nacho Cougil (@icougil) March 2, 2015

> @gpj showing us how to take a selfie, crash an app and debug it with #fabric Awesome! #APImeetupBCN
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> — Etienne Pouget (@Etienne_3s) March 2, 2015

> Warming up with @TwitterDev & @3scale at #APImeetupBCN tonight! pic.twitter.com/Mcq9LxGIlF
>
> — Andy Piper (@andypiper) March 2, 2015

> Huge thanks to @3scale for hosting @fabric at #APImeetupBCNpic.twitter.com/QLwuy8Zvrx
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> — Michael Ducker (@miradu) March 2, 2015

