Neon - A framework for building cross-platform Nextcloud clients

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Why do we need a cross-platform approach?

- Existing clients usually only run on a single platform or device type
- Some platforms completely lack a suitable client
- Every client has its own codebase with high maintenance cost
- User experience and implemented features differ a lot between platforms



The stack

- ▶ Dart and Flutter
- ▶ No dependence on non-FOSS libraries
- ► Generated Nextcloud Dart SDK
- ► Neon app framework



The Neon Framework

- The heavy lifting is already done for developers
- Many common UI components and utilities are ready to use
- Client developers only need to implement their own logic and UI

Implemented apps work cross-platform by default



What features are already implemented?

Cross-platform Android

- ► Linux
- ▶ Web (experimental)
- ▶ iOS, macOS and Windows will come in the future



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Offline mode that caches server responses
Multiple accounts
Single or multiple app clients
Reference implementations available



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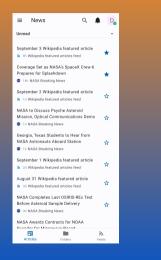
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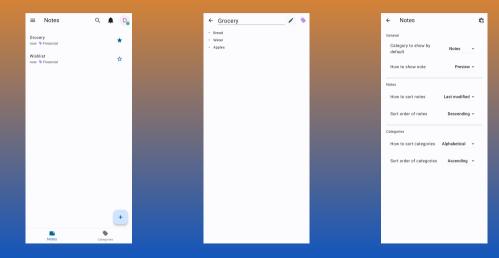




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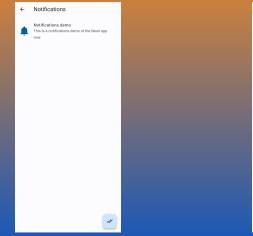


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What features are next?

- Offline mode that caches user actions
- Implement more apps like Dashboard, Contacts, Talk etc.
- Support more convenience features
- ▶ Tell us what you want to see!



How can you try out Neon?

- Checkout the source code: https://github.com/nextcloud/neon
- Attend the workshop about Neon
- Hack on it together with us during the contributor week
- It will be published soon on F-Droid, Google Play, Flathub

