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DevTalk - Enterprise Browser 2.5

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INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

Please find the Enterprise Browser compatibility devices in the release notes.

VERSIONS

+ 2.5.0.2 For Android	Release Date: February 2020
+ 2.0 For Windows	Release Date: December 2018
+ 2.0 For Android	Release Date: December 2018
+ 1.8.0.0 For Windows	Release Date: May 2018
+ 1.8.0.0 For Android	Release Date: May 2018
+ 1.7.1.0	Release Date: October 2017
+ 1.7.0.0	Release Date: June 2017
+ 1.6.0.0	Release Date: January 2017
+ 1.5	Release Date: October 2016
+ 1.4.0.0	Release Date: January 2016
+ 1.3.17.0	Release Date: November 2015
+ 1.2.9.0	Release Date: July 2015
+ 1.1	Release Date: February 2015
+ 1	Release Date: October 2014

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The screenshot shows the Google Play Store interface. At the top, the Google Play logo and a search bar are visible. Below the logo, a green bar contains the word "Apps". To the left of the main content, a sidebar menu lists various options: "My apps", "Shop", "Games", "Family", "Editors' Choice", "Account", "Payment methods", "My subscriptions", "Redeem", "Buy gift card", "My wishlist", "My Play activity", and "Parent guide". The main content area displays the app "Enterprise Browser for SAP" by Zebra Technologies, categorized under "Business". The app icon is a blue square with a white browser window and code symbols. The app's rating is "3 PEGI 3". A green "Install" button is present. Below the app title, there are three feature highlights: "Open source", "Barcode scanning, signature capture, printing, RFID and more...", and "Supports virtually all Zebra enterprise devices and different operating systems". A large blue banner at the bottom of the app page features a white Zebra logo and the text "Easily create engaging consumer-style web applications for business".

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Barcode scanning, signature capture, printing, RFID and more...

Supports virtually all Zebra enterprise devices and different operating systems

Easily create engaging consumer-style web applications for business

Enterprise Browser is a powerful, industrial browser that provides everything needed to quickly build Android apps for barcode scanning, signature capture, printing and most other enterprise applications for supported Zebra devices using HTML5 and CSS3 for presentation and JavaScript to access APIs for scanners, cameras and other device peripherals. The environment leverages the standard Android Webkit and includes a device runtime that's configured by a human-readable XML file that allows

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Agenda

- Newly supported devices
- Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+
- Multi-session
- New configuration tags
- <META> Tag filtering
- Changes to SAP behaviour
 - Custom CSS file support
 - New keyboard type
- New API: SerialComm
- Update API: Barcode

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Newly supported devices

- Android Pie:

- PS20
- TC52
- TC72



- Android Oreo:

- EC30
- ET51
- ET56
- L10
- VC83



- Full list at <https://www.zebra.com/us/en/support-downloads/software/developer-tools/enterprise-browser.html>

- Note: Android 6.x (Marshmallow), 5.x (Lollipop) and 4.x (KitKat) not supported in EB 2.5

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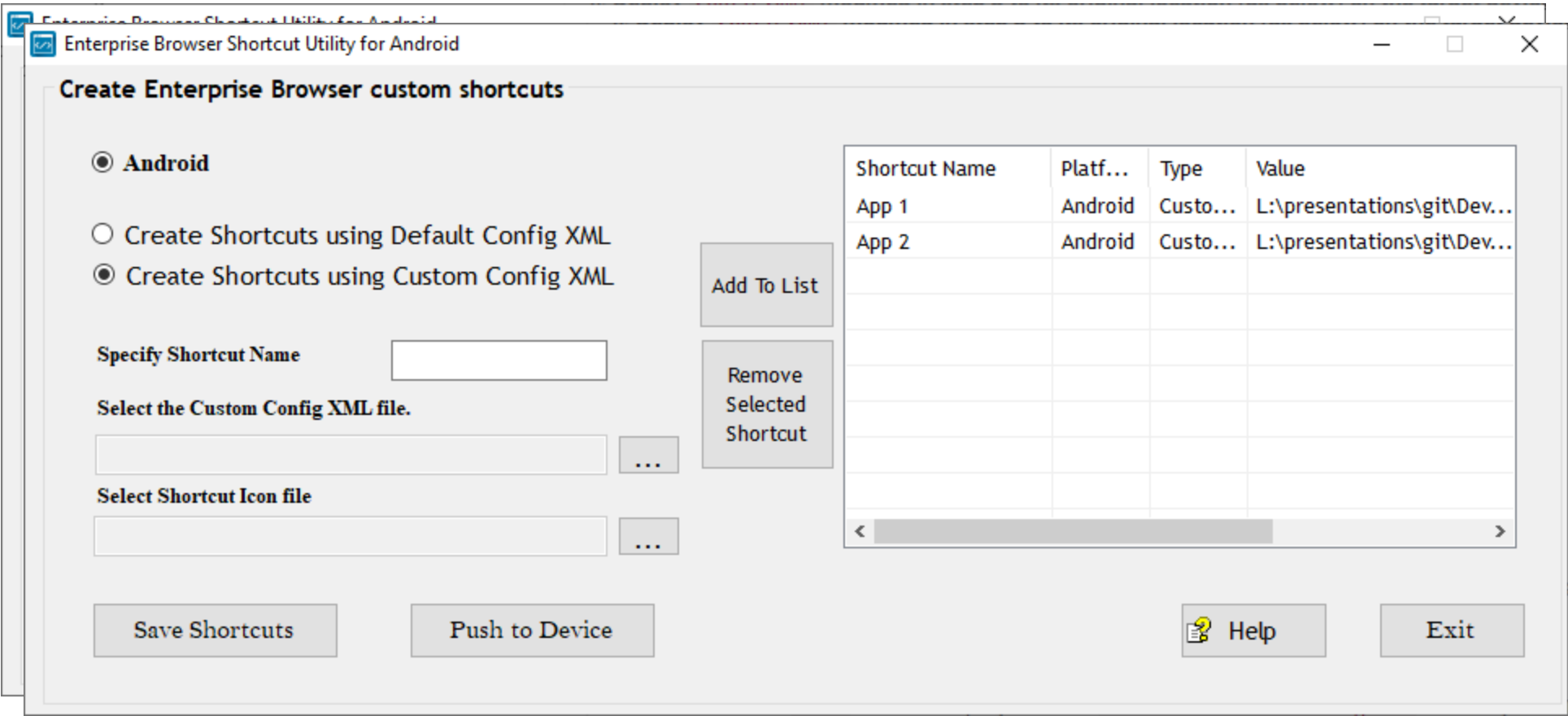
Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+

- Android shortcuts were changed (by Google) in Oreo and the APK could no longer create shortcuts on installation or without manual user intervention
- Enterprise Browser 2.5 introduces compatibility for the new Android shortcut mechanism
 1. Define shortcuts using the Enterprise Browser shortcut utility
 2. Push the shortcuts to the connected device
 3. Launch Enterprise Browser and follow the prompt(s) to add the shortcuts
- Currently primarily a manual process, though can be bypassed when using Enterprise Home Screen (EHS)

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Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+

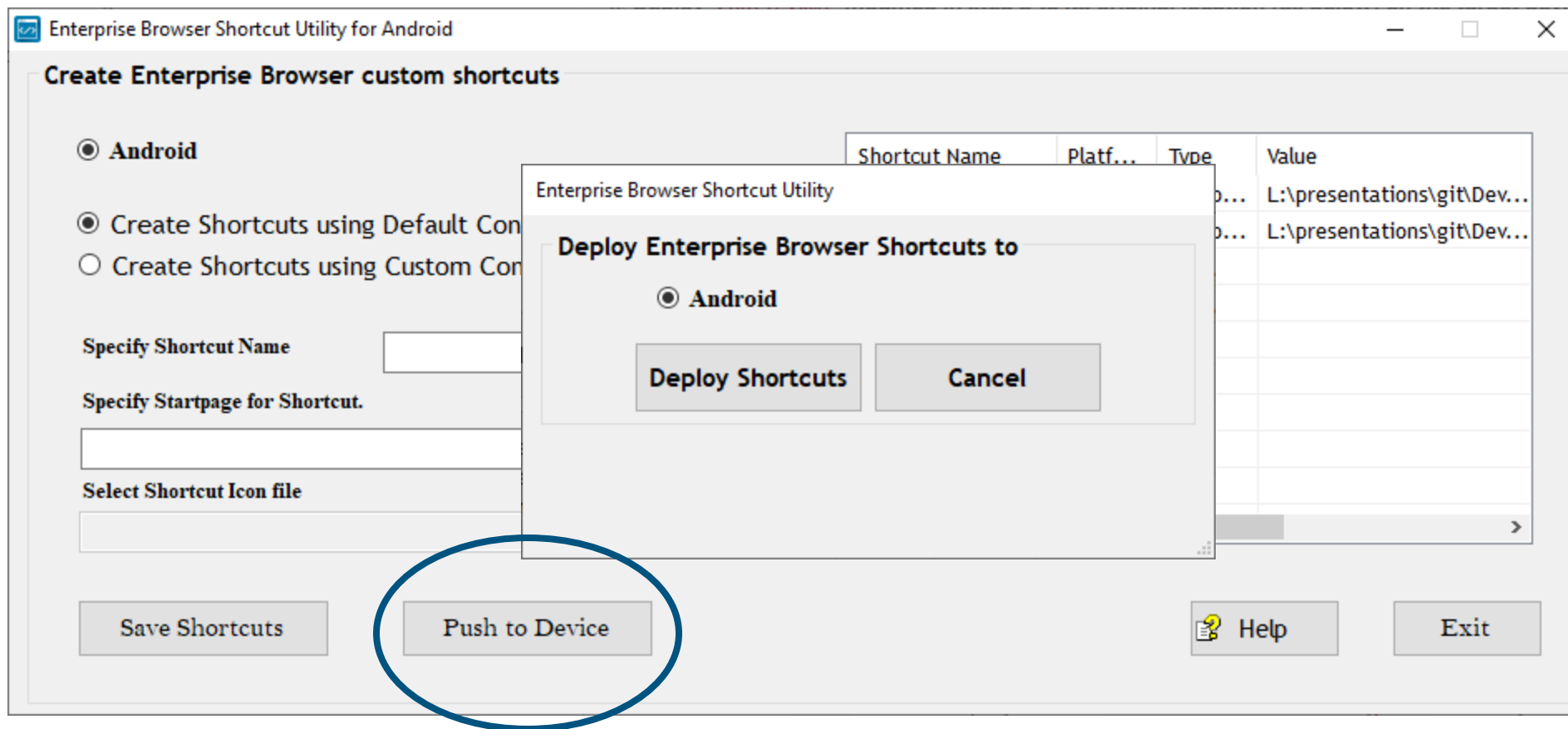
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Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+

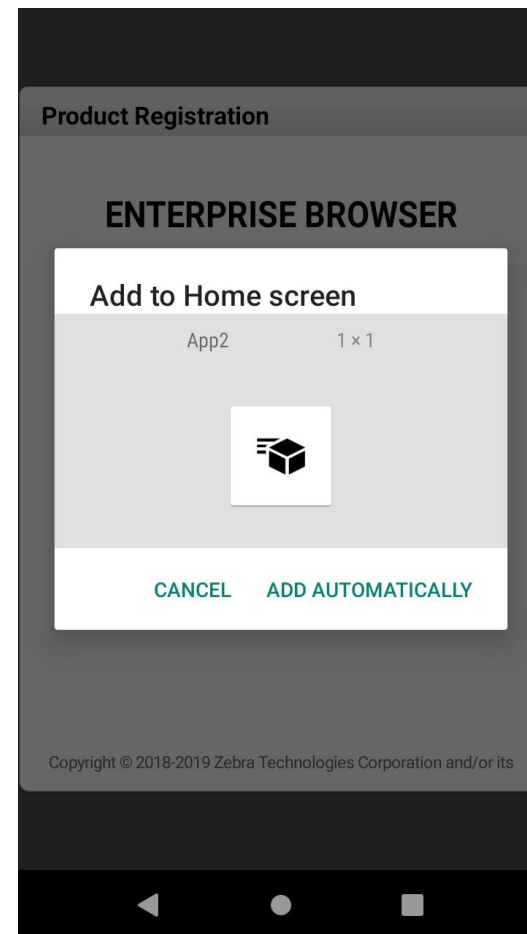
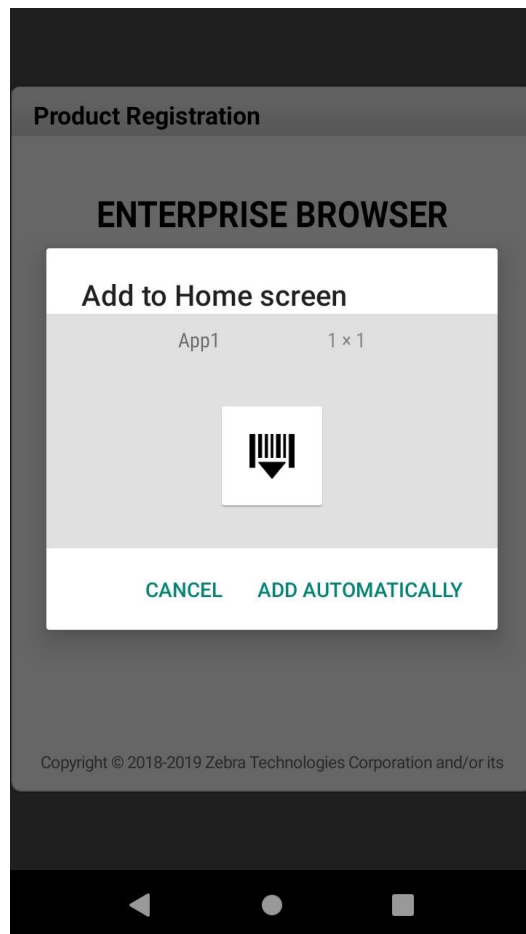
2. Push the shortcuts to the connected device



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Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+

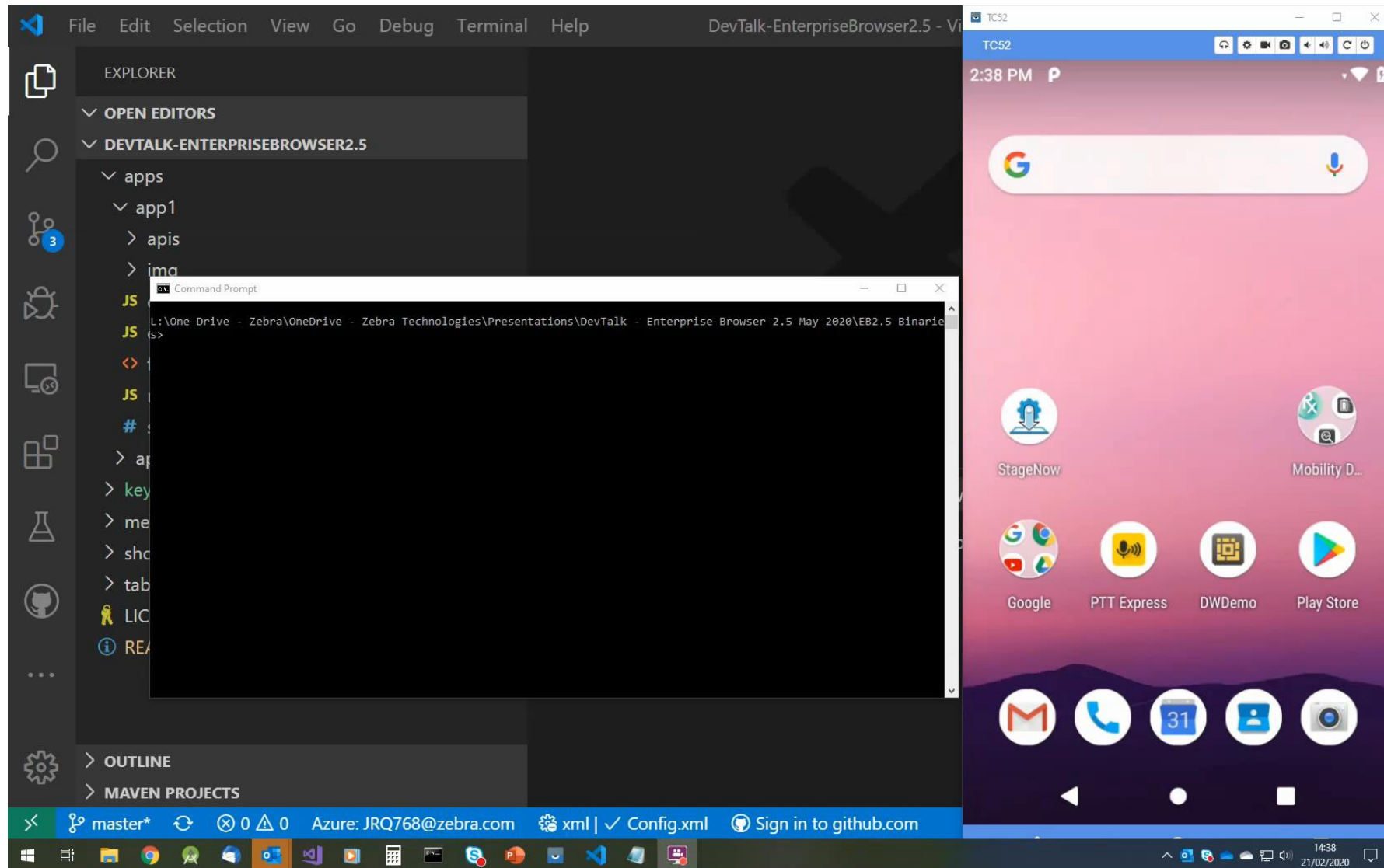
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Pinned shortcuts in Oreo+

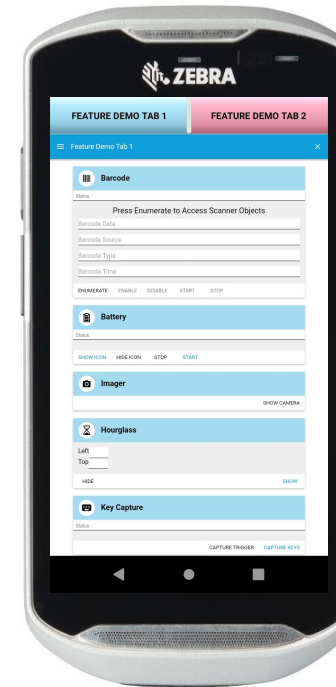
- Demo



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Multi-session

- More information on TechDocs: <https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/latest/guide/multisession/>
- Run multiple instances of Enterprise Browser applications simultaneously in different 'sessions'
- Tabs can be hidden and launched via Shortcut: • Tabs can behave visible, akin to normal Browser tabs

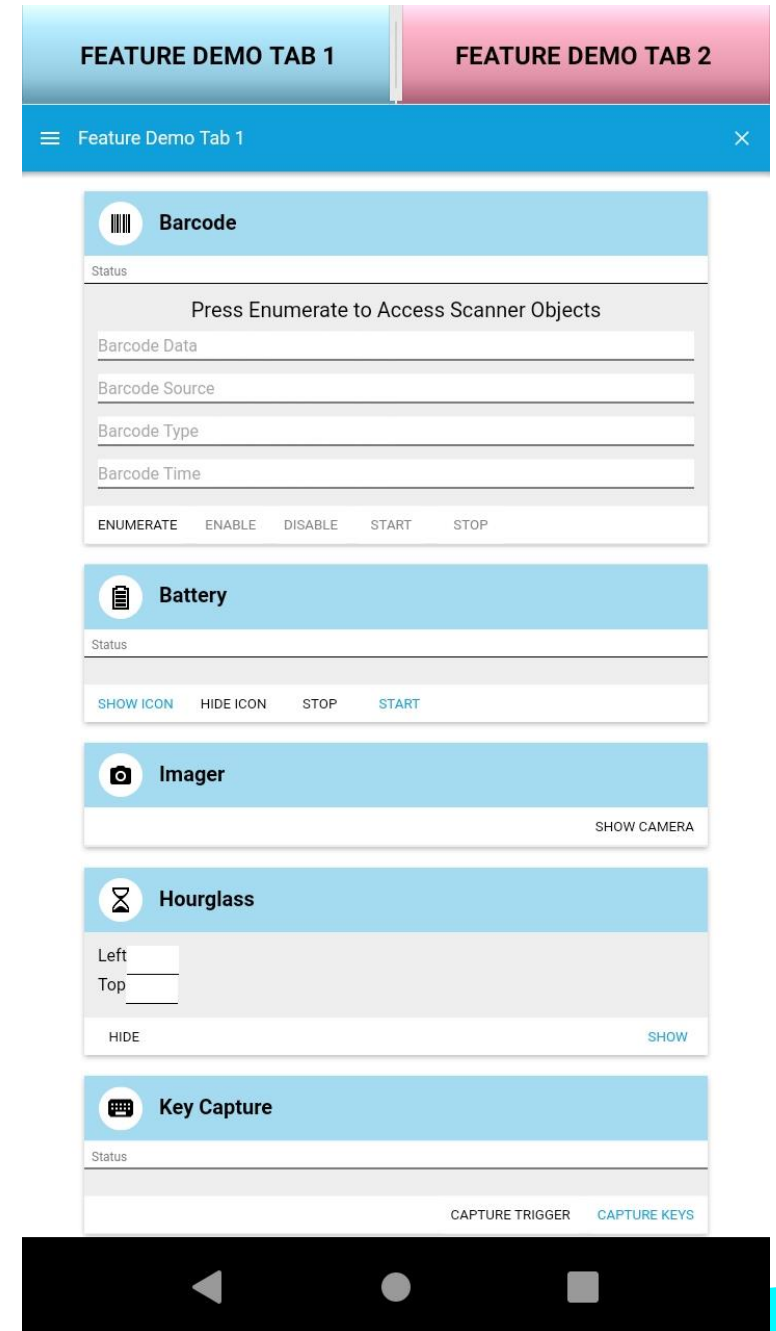


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Multi-session – Tab based

- Define a tabbar.xml file to describe how the tabs are displayed
- Modify your Config.xml to tell Enterprise Browser to use Tabs
- Note: *Optionally* each tab can have its own Config.xml

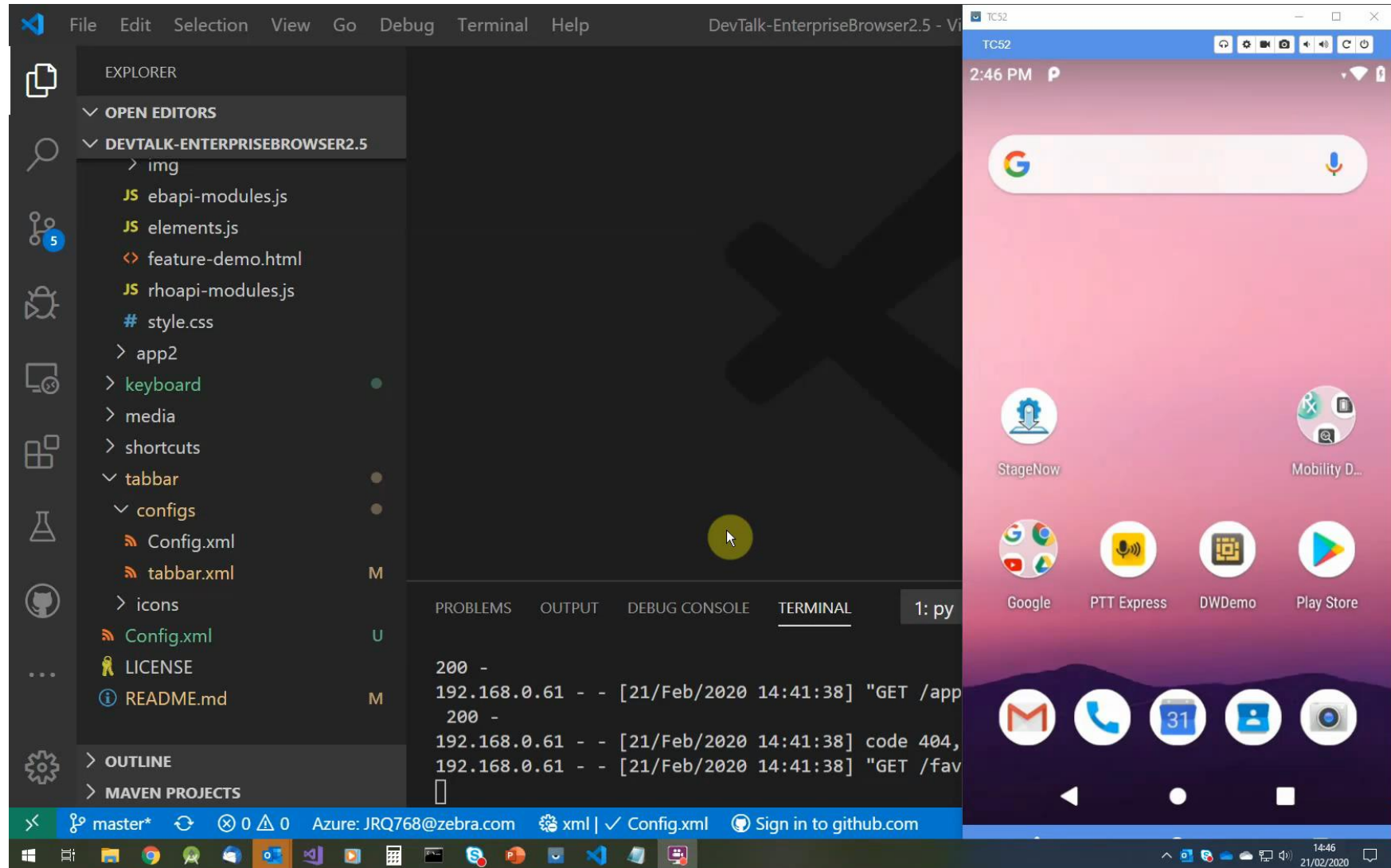
```
<TabGroup>
  <placeTabsBottom>false</placeTabsBottom>
  <hiddenTabs>false</hiddenTabs>
  <backgroundColor>false</backgroundColor>
  <Tab>
    <action>http://192.168.0.2:8081/apps/app1/feature-demo.html</action>
    <label>Feature Demo Tab 1</label>
    <disabled></disabled>
    <reload>false</reload>
    <selectedColor>#A4DBF1</selectedColor>
  </Tab>
  <Tab>
    <action>http://192.168.0.2:8081/apps/app2/feature-demo.html</action>
    <label>Feature Demo Tab 2</label>
    <disabled></disabled>
    <reload>false</reload>
    <selectedColor>#f1a4b9</selectedColor>
  </Tab>
</TabGroup>
```



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Multi-session – Tab based

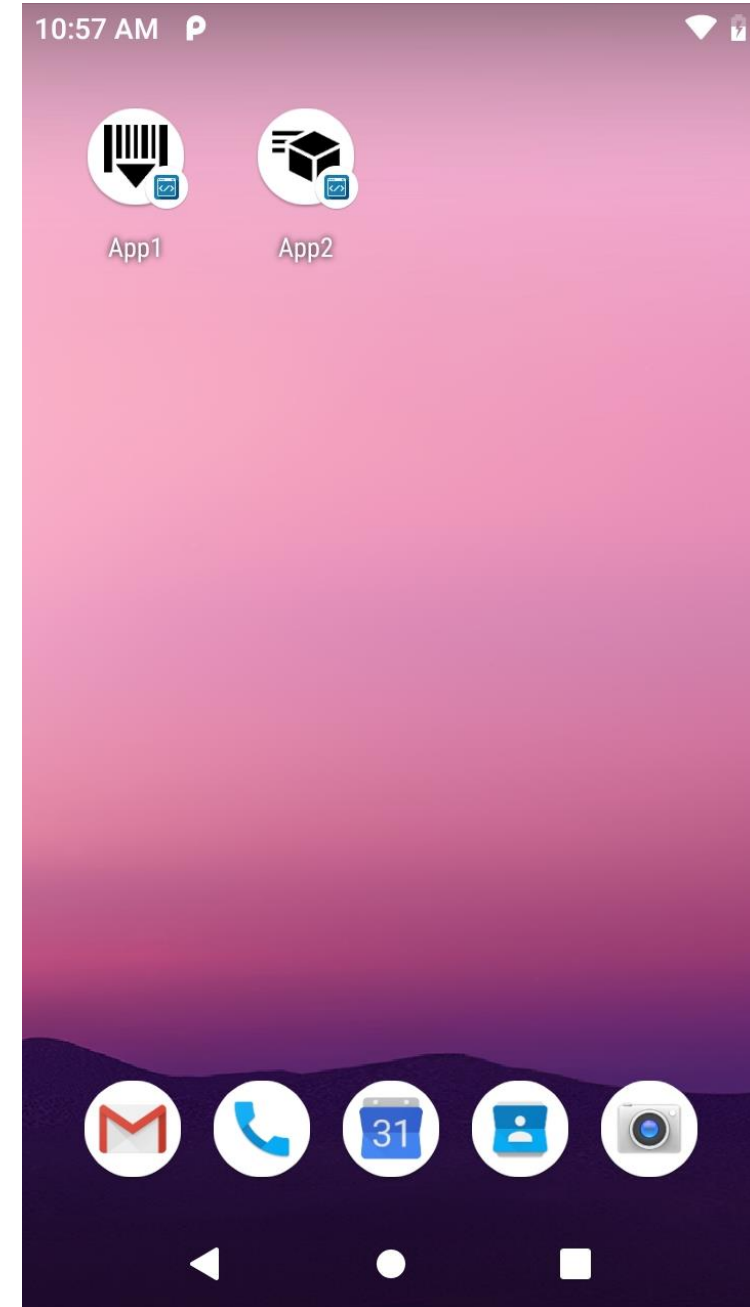
- Demo



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Multi-session – Shortcut based

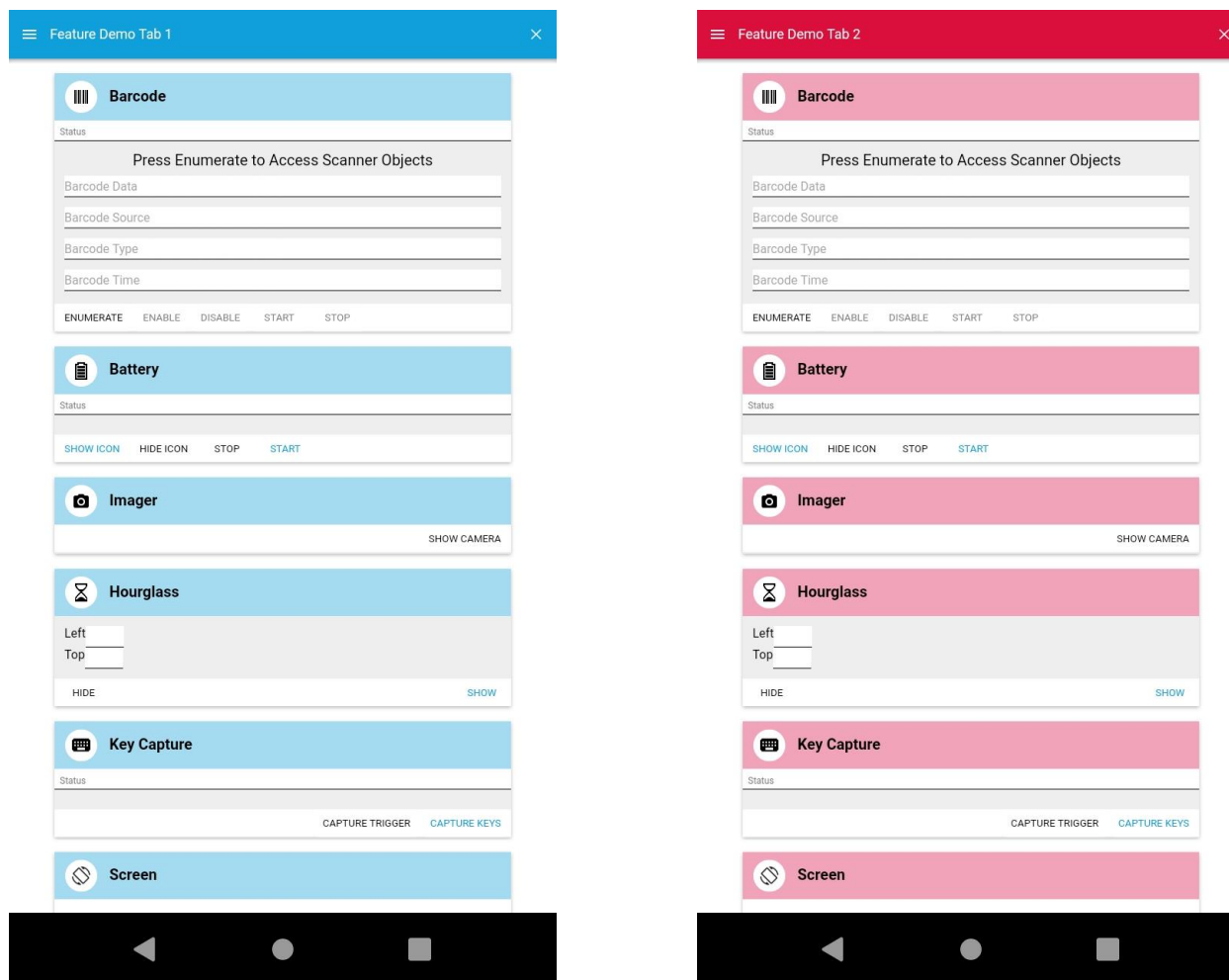
- (optional) Define a Config.xml for each tab
- Follow same process as previously to create multiple shortcuts
- Each shortcut has an associated start page
 - Or Config.xml that defines the start page
 - Some configuration settings are common for each session – see the documentation for more information:
<https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/latest/guide/multisession/>
- Not compatible with EB Kiosk mode as you need access to the home screen



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Multi-session – Shortcut based

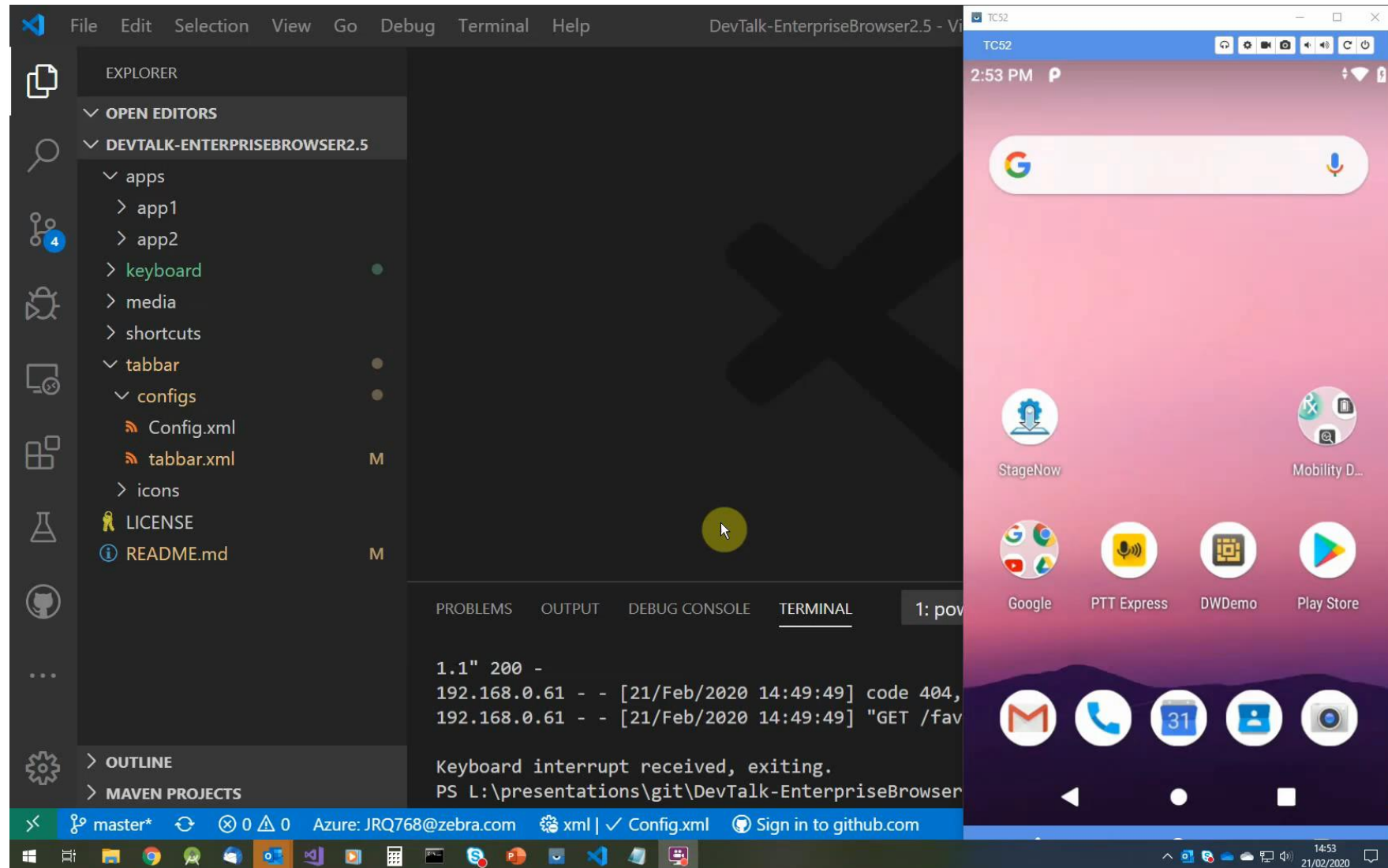
- Tabs are launched 'full screen', just like a standard EB app but switching does not reload the page.



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Multi-session – Shortcut based

- Demo



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New configuration tags

Show License Confirmation

`<ShowLicenseConformation value=[value] />`

Value	Behaviour
0	Do not show licensee confirmation
1	Show licensee confirmation

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New configuration tags – Disable TTS/ASR During Navigation

Control Text to Speech (TTS). Only applies to GMS devices.

Controls whether TTS / ASR is enabled when navigating between pages

```
<TTS>  
    <DisableTTSDuringNavigation value=[value] />  
    <DisableASRDuringNavigation value=[value] />  
</TTS>
```

Value	Behaviour
0	TTS / ASR remains enabled during navigation
1	TTS / ASR is disabled during navigation

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New configuration tags – Delay For TTS

Control Text to Speech (TTS). Only applies to GMS devices.
Forces a delay between ASR and TTS if invoked serially. Ensures the ASR engine is fully disabled

```
<TTS>  
    <DelayForTTS value=[value] />  
</TTS>
```

Value	Behaviour
0	No delay (default)
int	Delay, in milliseconds

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Meta Tag filtering – overview 1



The previous incarnations of Enterprise Browser, (i.e. PocketBrowser and RhoElements Shared Runtime) made extensive use of META-Tags:

e.g.

```
<META HTTP-Equiv="scanner" Content="enabled">  
<META HTTP-Equiv="scanner" Content="DecodeEvent:url('javascript:doScan('%s', '%s', %s, '%s', %s);')">
```

When migrating EB apps from Windows Mobile / CE to Android, the developer may wish to take advantage of new EB features without modifying the application, e.g.

- DOM Injection
- Use DataWedge for scanning
- Use Enterprise Keyboard
- Use Button Bar

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Meta Tag filtering – overview 2



Where these new features overlap with previously specified Meta tags, upgrading may be problematic:

e.g.

```
<META HTTP-Equiv="scanner" Content="enabled">  
<META HTTP-Equiv="scanner" Content="DecodeEvent:url('javascript:doScan('%s', '%s', %s, '%s', %s);')">
```

The above meta tags enable and take exclusive control of the scanner, preventing the use of DataWedge for scanning

e.g.

```
<META HTTP-Equiv="QuitButton" Content="Visibility:Visible">  
<META HTTP-Equiv="QuitButton" Content="Left:50">
```

The above meta tags display a quit button on the page, duplicating potential functionality of the button bar

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Meta Tag filtering - MetaTagFilteringEnabled



```
<MetaTagFiltering>  
    <MetaTagFilteringEnabled value=[value] />  
    <WhiteListingMetaTags value=[value] />  
    <BlackListingMetaTags value=[value] />  
</ MetaTagFiltering >
```

Value	Behaviour
0	MetaTag filtering is not in effect
1	MetaTag filtering WILL have an effect

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Meta Tag filtering - WhiteListingMetaTags



```
<MetaTagFiltering>  
    <MetaTagFilteringEnabled value=[value] />  
    <WhiteListingMetaTags value=[value] />  
    <BlackListingMetaTags value=[value] />  
</ MetaTagFiltering >
```

Value

List of meta tags (*technically EMMML tags*) that are **allowed**. Any tag not specified will be blocked.
META (EMML) tags are separated with '+'
Find your tags on your HTML pages or in your Config.xml under <DefaultMETATags>

```
<MetaTagFiltering>  
    <WhiteListingMetaTags value="scanner~enumerate;enabled:SCN2;enumscannerevent:enumscanners(%) +quitButton~Visibility:Visible;Width:50;" />  
</MetaTagFiltering>
```

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Meta Tag filtering - BlackListingMetaTags



```
<MetaTagFiltering>
    <MetaTagFilteringEnabled value=[value] />
    <WhiteListingMetaTags value=[value] />
    <BlackListingMetaTags value=[value] />
</ MetaTagFiltering >
```

Value

List of meta tags (*technically EMMML tags*) that are **blocked**. Any tag not specified will be allowed. META (EMML) tags are separated with '+'
Find your tags on your HTML pages or in your Config.xml under <DefaultMETATags>

```
<MetaTagFiltering>
    <BlackListingMetaTags value="scanner~enumerate;enabled:SCN2;enumsannerevent:enumsanners(%s)+quitButton~Visibility:Visible;Width:50;" />
</MetaTagFiltering>
```

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Changes to SAP behaviour

- Changes to SAP behaviour: Custom CSS support
 - By default, the SAP distribution of EB will ship with custom CSS that is loaded to style the SAP pages nicely on a modern mobile device
 - Default location of the custom CSS file is located in a **txt** file, as defined in your Config.xml

```
<customcssfile  
value="file:///INSTALLEDIR%/android_sap/sapstyle.txt"/>
```

- The sapstyle.txt file that ships as part of the EB installation can be modified

```
@import url("../ALV_GRID.CSS");  
  
.MobileUserArea, input {  
    font-family:arial;  
    font-size:100%;  
}  
  
.MobileUserArea, textarea {  
    font-family:arial;  
    font-size:100%;  
}  
.....
```

```
adb pull /storage/emulated/0/Android/data/com.symbol.enterprisebrowser/android_sap/sapstyle.txt sapstyle.txt
```

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Changes to SAP behaviour

- Changes to SAP behaviour: New keyboard type configuration – context:
 - A special JavaScript file will be injected for keyboard handling when EKB is in its SAP configuration
 - This JS file which handles keyboard behaviour (sapkeyboard.js) is injected through the DOM Injection mechanism
 - Sapkeyboard.js is responsible for intelligently showing / hiding the keyboard as well as changing the displayed keyboard layout (numeric, text, symbol)
 - When first introduced, EB used the “ButtonBar”, a somewhat mysterious name for what was essentially custom keyboard layouts
 - The “ButtonBar” functionality evolved into Enterprise Keyboard but prior to EB 2.0, the “ButtonBar” was still the default input mechanism used for SAP apps with custom keyboard layouts.
 - EB 2.5 changes this so Enterprise Keyboard is now used for SAP apps with “custom” keyboard layouts, e.g. numeric.
 - Administrator can choose to default to the old “ButtonBar” implementation or the default IME for input
 - You MUST have Enterprise Keyboard installed on your device for this to work (a separate apk)

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Changes to SAP behaviour

- Changes to SAP behaviour: New keyboard type configuration

```
<KeyboardConfiguration>  
    <KeyboardType value=[value] />  
</KeyboardConfiguration>
```

Value	Behaviour
ButtonBar	Uses the EB Button Bar layout (legacy behaviour, EB 1.7)
EnterpriseKeyboard	Enables custom layouts made for Zebra’s Enterprise Keyboard
Default	Uses the default IME (Gboard in most cases)

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New API: Serial Communications

- Many Zebra devices interface with legacy hardware over the serial port
- E.g. Scales, Industrial equipment
- Enterprise Browser 2.5 has introduced a new Serial API
- Fully documented at <https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/latest/api/serialcomm/>
- Methods:
 - Enable, Disable, Read, Write
- Properties:
 - Parity, baud rate, data bit, flow control, stop bit
- Replaces the previous PocketBrowser and RhoElements Shared Runtime Comm API
 - No new functionality but API now follows the more modern EB syntax



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Update API: Barcode

The following properties have been added to the Barcode API:

- barcodeCount
- instantReporting
- SceneDetectionQualifier
- dotCode
 - dotCodeInverse
 - dotCodeMirror
- gridmatrix
 - gridmatrixinverse
 - gridmatrixmirror
- i2of5febraban
- gs1qrbarcode
- gs1datamatrix
- decodeScreenNotification
- decodeScreenNotificationTime
- decodeScreenTranslucencyLevel
- zoom
- signatureImageBitsPerPixel
- signatureImageFormat
- illuminationBrightness
- aimType
 - PRESENTATION

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Resources

- Download: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.symbol.enterprisebrowser>
- Enterprise Browser 2.5 documentation is available on TechDocs:
 - <https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/2-5/guide/about/>
- Including guides for:
 - Shortcut creation: <https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/latest/guide/configreference/#shortcutcreation>
 - Multi session: <https://techdocs.zebra.com/enterprise-browser/latest/guide/multisession/>
- Demo files available from the associated Github repo:
 - <https://github.com/darryncampbell/EnterpriseBrowser-2.5-DevTalk/>
- Video demos:
 - Creating a shortcut: <https://youtu.be/roHgZgQ7RoM>
 - Multiple instances with the tabbar: <https://youtu.be/r1VRnn32vYY>
 - Multiple instances with shortcuts: <https://youtu.be/z6LHZnL8m-U>



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