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You can use the same forms as you use for your desktops applications for your mobile applications. Some of the features of object forms that you may find especially useful in mobile applications are listed below:

1. Specify label width as percentage rather than absolute value
2. Display Yes/No attributes as “switches”
3. Use native browser controls for dates and times – some mobile browsers have very rich and good looking mobile-specific in-built controls for entering dates and timestamps. You can use them in your forms instead of the more desktop oriented **AwareIM** in-built controls.
4. Mobile style tabs – if the form has several form sections the tabs are displayed. You can select the “mobile style tabs” option to display tabs using mobile-friendly style – with larger font and top icon alignment. The option is available under the Navigation category of the property list of the form
5. Mobile style of the form caption – most of the time you won’t display the default panel header for your mobile forms, because it uses too much real estate. You will either display no header at all or you will display a caption of the form in the middle of the screen. Selecting the “mobile style header” option in the Panel Header dialog will achieve that
6. Mobile style choices for dropdowns – in desktop applications combo-boxes include an icon that drop down a list of choices. You can still use this style in mobile application or you can use a more mobile-friendly variation that is similar to choices of the operation button displayed by a mobile template (see picture of the mobile data template above)

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for editing a contact. At the top, there is a status bar with a back arrow, a forward arrow, the IP address '192.168.0.15:80', a refresh icon, a tab icon with '1', and a star icon. Below this is a header bar with a menu icon, a back arrow, the name 'Jane Allison', and navigation icons for forward, back, and help. The main content area has a dark blue header with three tabs: 'MAIN' (selected), 'CORRESPONDENCE', and 'SIGNATURE'. The form fields are as follows:

Field	Value
Number:	000001
First Name:*	Jane
Last Name:*	Allison
Phone	(555) 555-5555 (tap to call)
DOB:*	10/12/1973
Email:	janec@hotmail.com
Address:	321 Ninth Street Gadsden AL 35903-1618

At the bottom, there are two buttons: a red 'SAVE' button with a checkmark icon and a grey 'CLOSE' button with a close icon.

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