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Mozilla announced Shumway this week, a new research project that seeks to create an open SWF (Adobe Flash) runtime environment to make Flash more open and for exposing SWF capabilities to platforms where the Adobe file-format wasn't backed by an official Flash Player.

Shumway is still very experimental and not working for all SWF content, but it's moving along and evolving rapidly. Shumway should be especially interesting for mobile devices where Flash Player support tends to be lacking.

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