



1. Mobile Ecosystem consists of different operators, network & devices. How the knowledge of this will help in improving mobile based application design.

Ans

- Mobile Ecosystem is a group of devices, platforms software, companies and the united set of services offered by a mobile device company.
- It also includes the device hardware, OS, app store & user account.
- A mobile device is a general term for any type of handheld computer.
- These devices are designed to be extremely portable & they can often fit in your hand.
- A mobile application platform is a group of software tools used for designing, creating & maintaining mobile applications.
- It provides mobile application tools for development.
- It supports mobile application development using various tools for different programming languages.
- It also offers an application programming interface (API) to allow interactivity between software packages.
- It can be used to share or transfer data from one device to another.
- The base layer in the mobile ecosystem is the operator.
- It can be referred to as Mobile Network Operators, mobile service provider, wireless or simply carriers, mobile phone operators or cellular companies.
- A mobile network is a communication network.

where the last link is wireless.

Operators sell devices at a severely discounted price, often 1/3 or less of the actual cost of device.

This enables the operators to lock the devices to their networks.



2. Mobiles are considered 7th Mass media. How is it entering remaining 6 mass media.

Ans.

- Mobile is the 7th mass media is as much superior to the internet, as TV is to radio.
- It is first personal mass media.
- It is permanently carried.
- It is always on.
- It has built in payment mechanism.
- It is available at the point of creative inspiration.
- It has the most accurate audience measurement.
- It captures the social context of media consumption.
- It is also referred as the fourth screen.
- It is a diverse array of media technologies that reach a larger audience via mass communication.
- ~~It is~~ The technologies through which this communication takes place includes a variety of outlets.
- It is growing & heavily capturing business revenue & content from its earlier mass media.
- The consumption of news, music, watching TV, radio, movies are all possible on a mobile device.
- It is also referred as 2nd interactive media.

4. How the usability will improve using status, information & warning message words, images & icons.

Ans.

i> Status message

- It is used to provide information relating to the progress of a lengthy operation.
- It provides the progress of a function using an indicator & a short message describing the type of operation being performed.

ii> Information message.

- It provides information about the state of system when it is not immediately obvious to use.
- It is used to provide feedback when normal feedback is delayed.

iii> Warning message.

- It calls for action for a particular situation or state of activity being processed.
- It also drives the user's immediate attention for an undesired situation.

iv> Words.

- Minimal use of words should be done that calls the attention of user.
- We should avoid usage of words in general and use to web.

v> Images.

- Standard images can be used but image internationalization should be possible.
- Distinguishing of navigational images from decorative images is required.
- We should minimize no. of presented images & size of image & animation used in image.



vi) Icons.

- They are images used to reflect the idea about object icons are used.
- They are often used to represent objects & actions with which users can interact or manipulate.
- They may separate on a desktop or in a window or be clubbed together in a toolbar.