ITW202: Mobile Application

Unit I: Overview of Mobile App Development

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Why Mobile Apps?

Mobile, Mobile, Mobile! Mobile technology is certainly receiving a lot of attention in the IT world as well as the general business world right now. It seems everyone is executing a mobile strategy, designing a mobile app, or worrying about managing mobile devices. But why all the buzz? What makes mobile so special that it garners this much attention?

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- Transformative Devices
- Reaching customers
- Changing business process
- Making money

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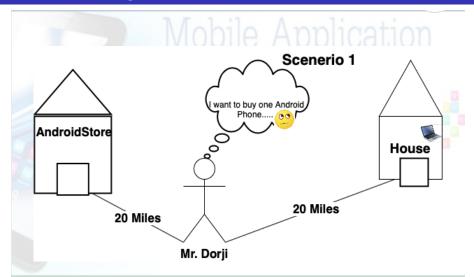
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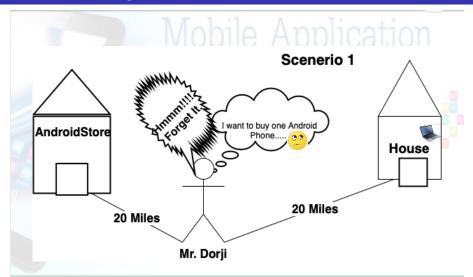
The range of communication using Bluetooth is measured in feet, whereas the range of NFC is measured in inches.

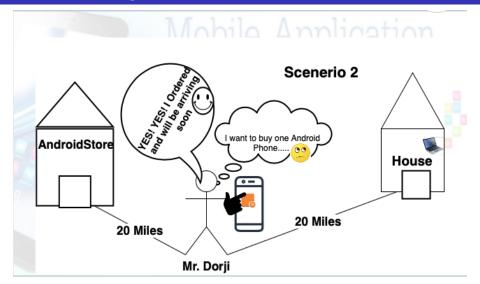
In addition to these capabilities not present in other computing platforms, mobile devices have most of the same features, such as being able to display and manipulate data.

Example: Camera: Usefullness in laptop is limited.

The smartphone and tablet are the most dramatic change in technological capability since the introduction of the PC.







• Smartphone users almost always have their device within reach.

Example: Organizations want to be ready when a potential customer is interested in a product or service. If customers have to wait until they get home to their computers, or worse yet, go to an actual store to get information about or purchase their product, it may be too late.

In many cases a website designed to be mobile friendly may be enough to hold or attract the customer. However, to truly tie your organization to the customer, an app is required.

Having the app always available on the device may lead to your organization being one of the first choices when the consumer is in the buying mood.



Payment industry.
 For instance: mBOB, mPay, etc provides customer for sending the money easily to other individuals.

3. Changing Business Process

 Business Processes are designed within the parameters of the available technology. When technology drastically changes, new forms are enabled.

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BOSSY APP

As the farmer attends his cows, with Bossy he has at his fingertips a complete display of the actions that need to be taken on different animals in his herd. This automates the process of tracking the animals on paper or on a desktop computer with written notes used while attending the herd.

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 Potential to start businesses and make money.
 The Google Play Store and the Apple App Store provide the app developer access to the market of app purchasers.





The developer does not have to worry about product distribution, returns, or payment collection. The store does all this and conveniently deposits the proceeds into the developer's bank account.



Apps can be sold for a one-time fee. The more apps the developers sell, the more money they make.

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Ad supported apps make money by including an advertisement on a small portion of the screen.

Example: Anytime a user clicks an ad, the developer makes money. Both Google and Apple provide developers access to the code to display ads and a service to provide the ads and track the clicks.

Developer gets paid if an ad is clicked Example: Apple's ad service also pays per view of the ad, but the amount is significantly less than a click.

A third approach to making money is to provide for in-app purchases.
 With this model, the user gets the app for free but needs to make a purchase to get additional features.

Example: A developer might provide a game for free but require a purchase for more advanced levels of the game.

Subscription based. The app provides functionality that requires access to the developer's data or other services. To use the service, users buy a monthly or annual subscription.

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Fortunately, the capabilities of the mobile computing platform enable the implementation of apps that can do things in a variety of domains that could never be done before.



