

Mobile testing



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Types of devices.

- Mobile phones.
- Tablets.
- Smart watches.
- Wearable fitness wristbands.
- Google glass.
- VR headsets.

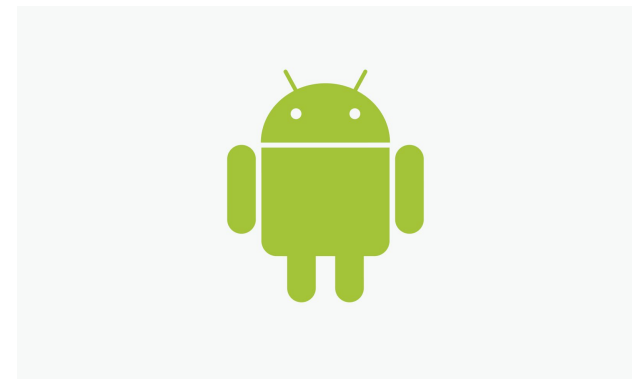


The two biggest vendors

- Apple - close source, paid, elite, different, closed ecosystem, secure.



- Android - open source, open for any platforms and apps. Open for adjustments



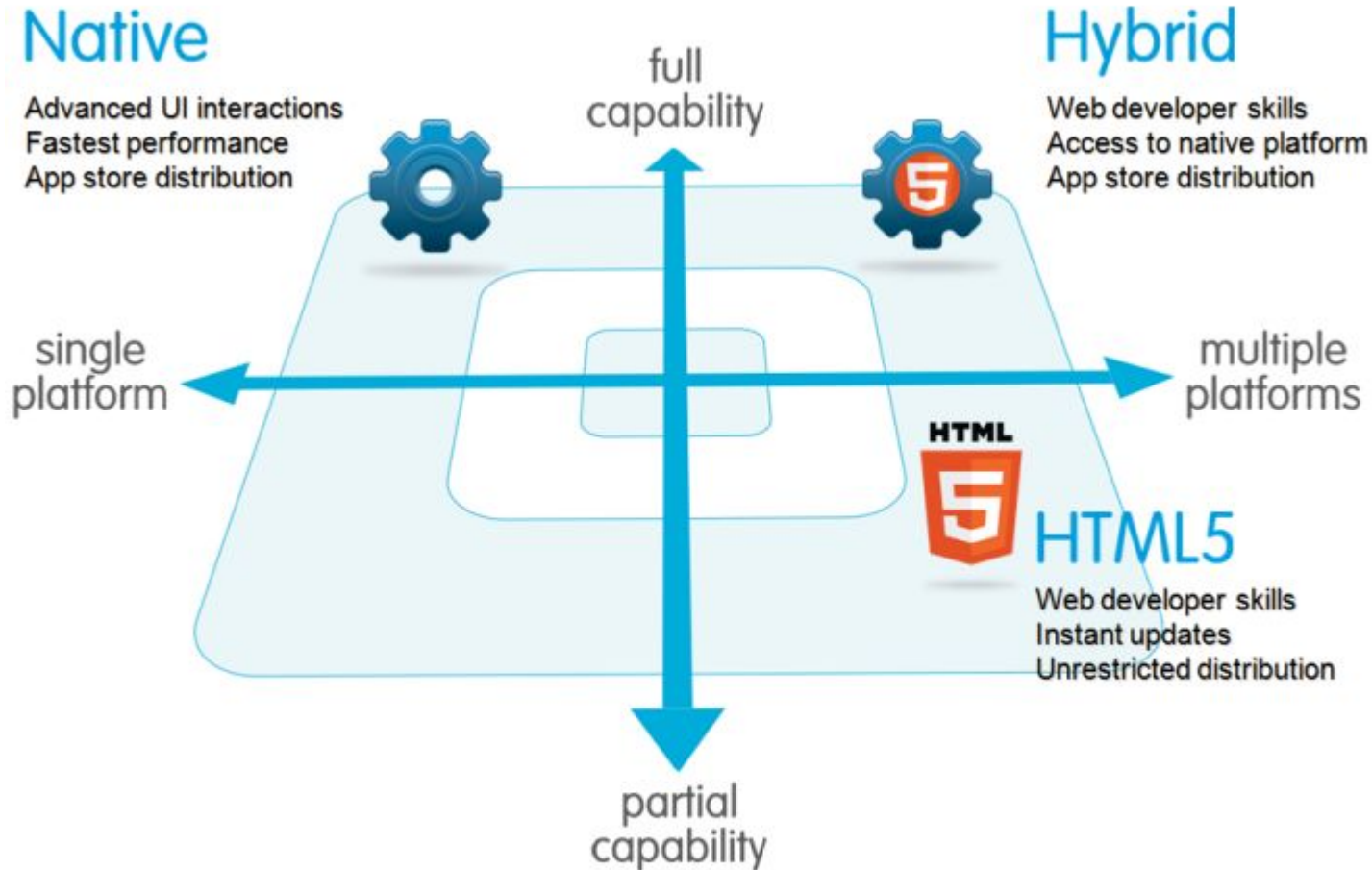


What's a mobile app?

1. Types of mobile apps:
 - a. **Native** - iOS, Android, Windows phone etc.
 - b. **Mobile web** applications.
 - c. **Hybrid** -use html5 components wrapped in native container, to gain advantage of both.
2. Technologies used in mobile app development:
 - a. Android - Java and Android SDK
 - b. iOS - Objective C, Swift
 - c. Other languages- Xamarin(C#), Phone gap, React Native, Native Script (HTML5)
3. [Native, HTML5, or Hybrid comparison article.](#)



Native/web/hybrid





Differences with web

1. Architecture of hardware. *System on chip.*
2. Connection to electricity. *Limited*
3. Connection to internet. *Wireless / mobile*
4. Data transfer. *Limited*
5. Screen size. *Small and varies*
6. Interaction - specific, per device type and size.
7. Mobility. *Everywhere*
8. Multi purpose.



Sensors on mobile

- *Ambient light sensor* - able to determine how much light there is in the current location and adjust the light balance on your screen for example.
- *Proximity sensor* - detect close objects, like your face, so you don't dial a number while talking.
- *Acceleration sensor* - detects changes in device orientation, often between landscape and portrait.
- *Gyroscope sensor* - track the actual position of the device, being able to locate it on six axes.
- *Magnetic sensor* - able to detect magnetic fields, mainly used in compass apps.



Sensors on mobile

- *Pressure, Temp, humidity sensors* - able to provide information about altitude, atmosphere temperature and humidity.
- *Location sensor* - also known as GPS.
- *Touchless sensor* - swipe between photos with a gesture, for ex.
- And many more - heart rate sensor, fingerprint sensor, etc.



Mobile terminology.

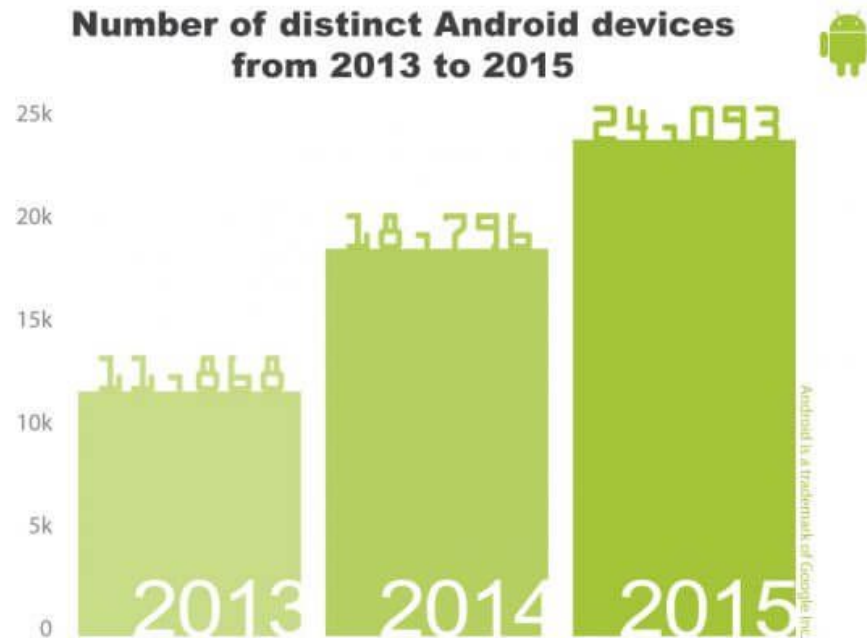
- Not scroll, but swipe.
- Not click, but tap.
- Zoom in, zoom out - pinch in, pinch out.
- Portrait and landscape orientation.
- Views.
- Push notification
- Unique Device Identifier (UDID)
- etc...



Mobile interactions

- **Tap/Double tap** - the mobile alternative of a “click”
- **Press** - tap and hold for a couple of seconds. Press and drag
- **Swipe** - moving left/right or up/down with a sliding action on the screen.
- **Long swipe** - same as the above, but with a longer path.
- **Flick** - really short swipe used for highly interactive elements.
- **Multi-touch** - interaction with the display in more than one point of contact.
- **Tilt** - change device angle on the z axis

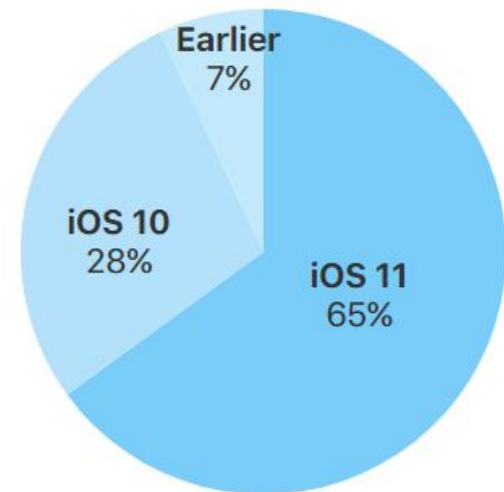
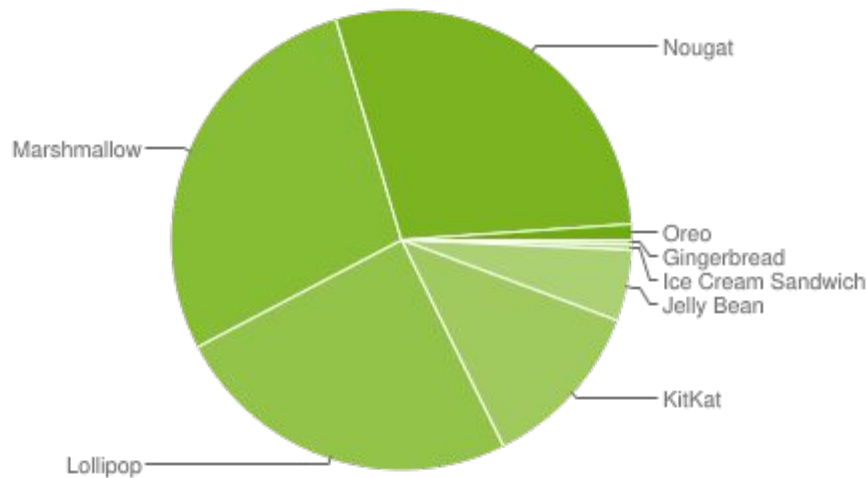
Android device fragmentation



Suggested by Google: 3 important criteria:

- Size of screen.
- Amount of memory.
- Version of SDK.

Fragmentation visualized



As measured by the App Store on
January 18, 2018.

Android device fragmentation



Fighting device fragmentation in testing:

- Using mobile device cloud:
 - [Google](#)
 - [Oracle](#)
 - [Telerik](#)
 - [Xamarin](#)
- Crowd testing:
 - Using volunteering testers with their personal devices to test your app:
 - <https://99tests.com/>
 - [uTest](#)



Device emulators.

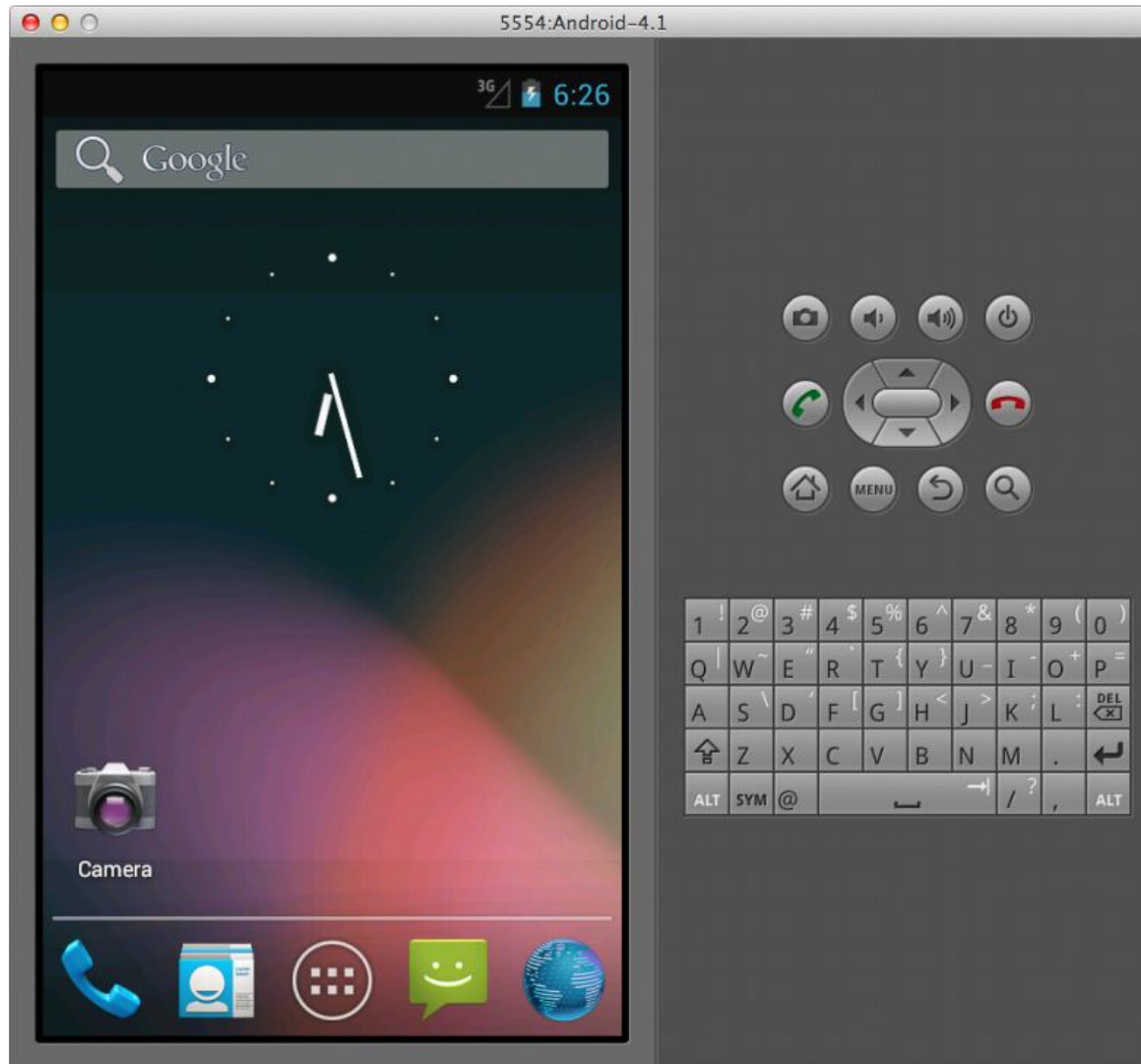
- For Android - every IDE has some implementation of device emulator. Ex: [Device emulator Android Studio](#)
- For iOS - XCode also has device simulator.
- Might use virtual machine image: [Virtualbox Image Android 4.4](#)
- Emulators are useful only for quick tests, they have limited abilities and are sometimes sloooooow.

Emulator on Android

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Emulator vs. simulator

- **Emulator** - aims to emulate not only the software, but also the hardware and the native OS. Programmed using low level programming approaches.
 - **Simulator** - mainly focuses on simulating the software, not the hardware. Not so reliable when it comes to debugging.
 - In general, both have huge drawbacks.
- Comparison: [Mobile Testing - Emulator Vs Simulator](#)



Installation of apps.

- For Android:
 - From Google play store.
 - By building directly from the IDE to the device.
 - By custom .apk file. (developer settings enabled)
- For iOS:
 - Via Apple app store.
 - By building directly from the IDE to the device.
 - Via iTunes. Supports custom .ipa files, also.
 - Via Test Flight. UDID needed.

How to log a mobile defect.



- Summary
- Severity/Priority
- Description.
- Step by step, actual, expected.
- **Device type, OS version, app version**
- Logs if any.
- Screenshots, screencasts if any.
- Additional info.
- Found in build.



Debugging tools.

- Important stuff to have when debugging Android:
 - Enable “Developer settings” (Tap on “about device” 7 times)
 - Enable USB debugging.
 - For Windows install OEM device drivers
 - For Linux create entry in /etc/udev/rules.d
 - For MacOS it just works!
 - More detailed info for the above here: <http://developer.android.com/tools/device.html>



Debugging tools.

- For Android: Android studio, Eclipse + ADB
[Android debugging Android studio](#)
- For iOS - Xcode, iTunes
- For hybrid and web apps - web proxies like Fiddler and Charles could be used.
- **Live demo!**



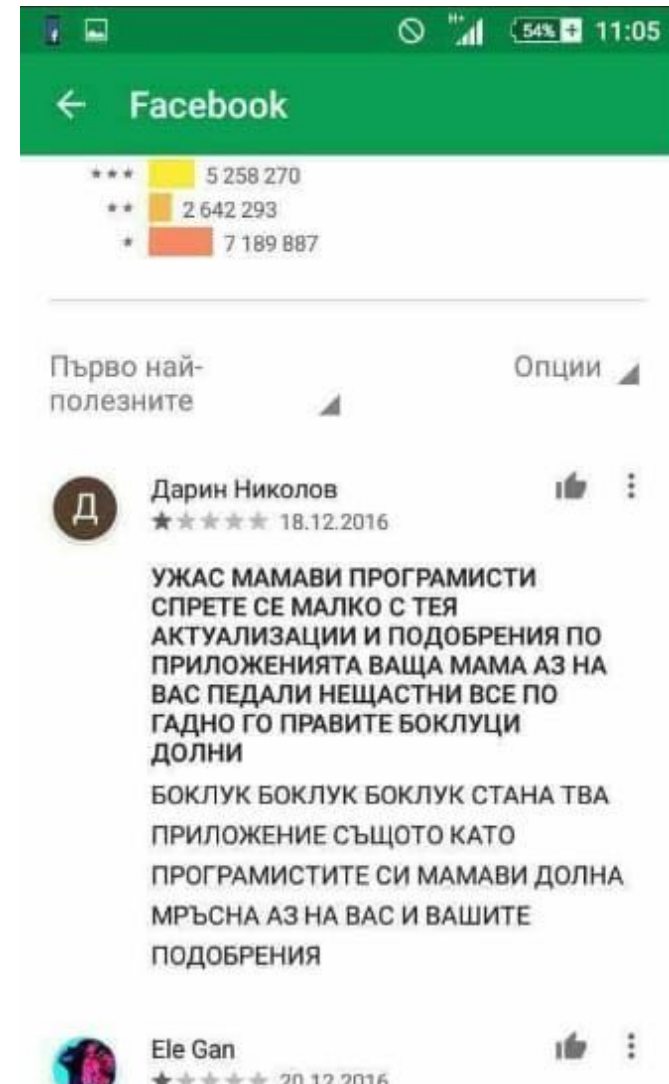
Risk areas

- **Deletable offensive** - any reason in the app that will make your users delete it. This might be, but not limited to:
 - App crashes at startup
 - App crashes somewhere along the flow
 - Poor performance - app hangs or is unresponsive for long time.
 - Poor usability - interface is non-intuitive, user feels lost using it or it simply takes too long to perform a trivial action.
 - App requires access to personal data.
 - It's a copycat - has no value for the user.



Risk areas

- **Rantable offensive** - A reason for the user not to delete the app, but instead give negative feedback or low rating.
- Might be:
 - Negative review in app store.
 - Low rating.
 - Write a public statement or blog.





Usability testing.

- Critical for mobile testing.
- Different approach for design on tablet, mobile and wearables.
- Consider landscape and portrait uses in tablet and mobile.
- Consider working with one hand on a mobile.
- Reuse user data when possible. Ex. login with facebook, google etc. (permission).

Some epic fails in mobile

Overdesigned

This screenshot shows a mobile app interface for 'Weight Entry' that is considered 'Overdesigned'. It features a date picker with a calendar view, a weight input field with a numeric keypad and a unit selector (kg), and a 'Record' button. The interface is cluttered with many elements, including a status bar at the top showing 'AT&T' and '10:38 PM', and a bottom navigation bar with icons for 'Exercises', 'My Workouts', 'Routines', 'Logs', and 'Extras'. Red arrows point to various elements, indicating their unnecessary complexity.

AT&T 10:38 PM

Extras Weight Entry

Date

April May June

19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Weight

0 8 0 6 kg

Record

080.6 kg May 24, 2009

Exercises My Workouts Routines Logs Extras

Back to normal

This screenshot shows a mobile app interface for 'Weight Entry' that is considered 'Back to normal'. It features a simple text input field for weight, a unit selector (lb.), a 'Save' button, and a list of recent weight entries. The interface is clean and uncluttered, with a status bar at the top showing 'AT&T' and '10:38 PM', and a bottom navigation bar with icons for 'Exercises', 'My Workouts', 'Routines', 'Logs', and 'Extras'. Green arrows point to various elements, indicating their simplicity and effectiveness.

AT&T 10:38 PM

Extras Weight Entry

What is your weight today?

162.4 lb.

Save

May 25, Today 8.00 pm 162.4 lb

May 24, 2009 7.00 am 160.2 lb

May 23, 2009 7.00 am 160.4 lb

May 21, 2009 2.30 pm 163.2 lb

April May

Exercises My Workouts Routines Logs Extras



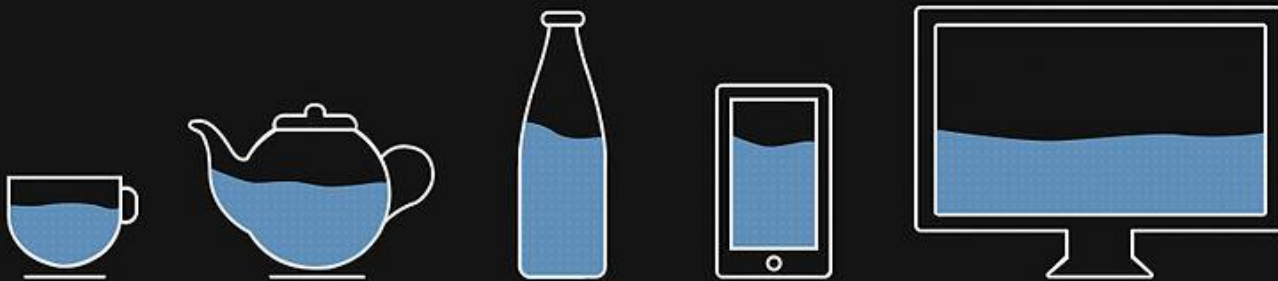
Usability testing.

- Consider interaction is totally different, mouse is more precise than a finger.
- Make sure the client **doesn't have to learn**, how to use the app.
- Emotional response is important for usability.
- For the good or bad, usability testing is part that slowly moves off the QA field to the design field - UX design.



Responsive design

CONTENT IS LIKE WATER



“ You put water into a cup it becomes the cup.
You put water into a bottle it becomes the bottle.
You put it in a teapot, it becomes the teapot. ”

Josh Clark (originally Bruce Lee) - Seven deadly mobile myths

Illustration by Stéphanie Walter

Epic fails in usability.



- Windows 8 and <http://wtfmobileweb.com/>

Start



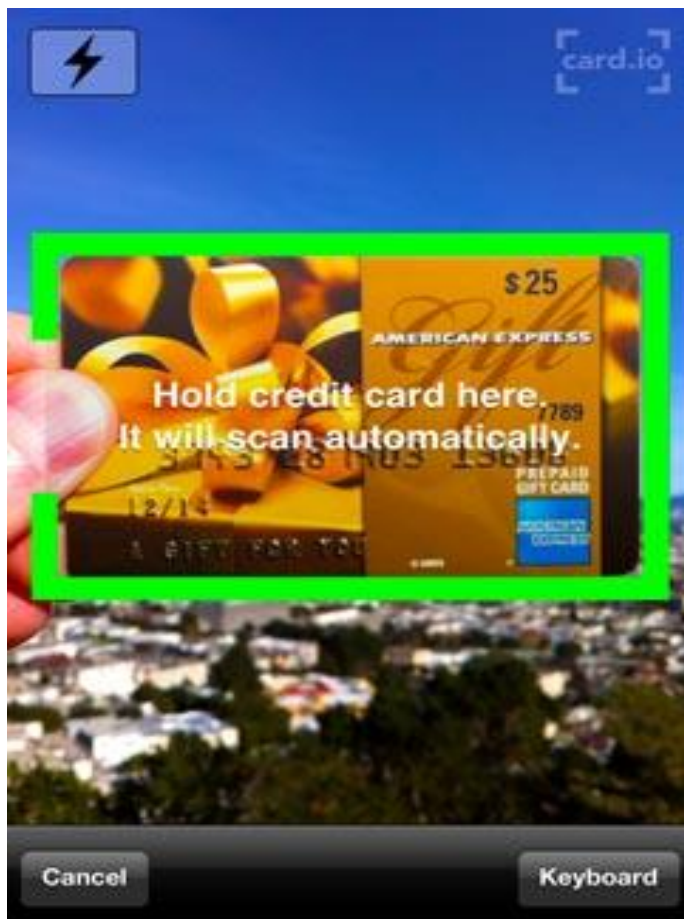
Some good usability decisions

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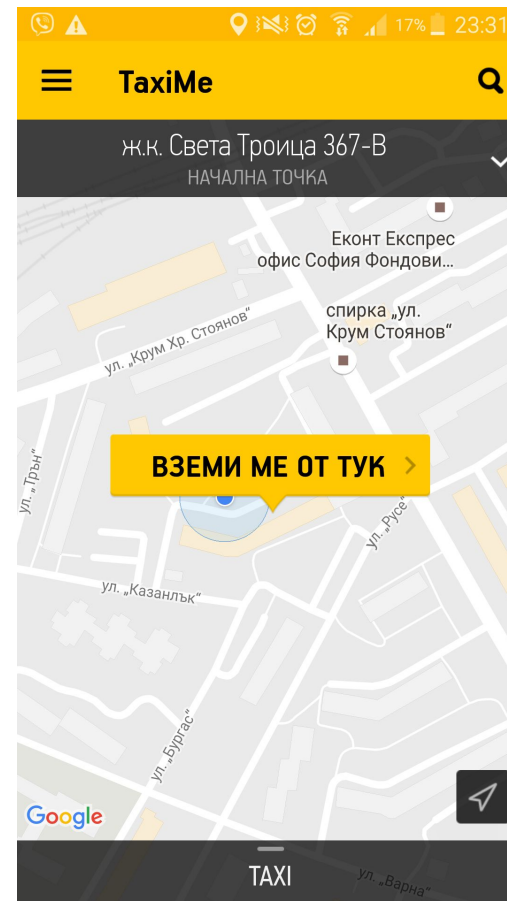




Some good usability decisions



Using GPS data to locate address for you -
TaxiMe and Dominos.



Provide the right keyboards



Number (number)

Range (range)



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Performance

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Performance

- Performance is normally an attribute of the back end
- In a normal client-server architecture we should have a “smart server” and a “dummy client” (smartphone)
- All expensive, memory and CPU consuming actions should be pulled at the back end.
- The app should deal only with user interactions and displaying information.
- We can assess performance by looking for slow loading components, operations with huge amounts of data, a lot of images, graphics, large lists.
- Fast interactions, a lot of applications running at the same time.



Use of resources

- Aims test if the application doesn't get too greedy on resources.
- Be careful for memory leaks - hard to reproduce and debug. With strong impact
- Battery consumption gets impact by:
 - Many calls to web service.
 - Use of the screen.
 - Use of the camera.
 - Use of GPS location tracker
 - Use of other data streams.



Testing interruptions.

- Mobile phone is not a single threaded device.
- We need to make sure our app acts nice, when interrupted by processes like:
 - Call, incoming message.
 - Alert from calendar.
 - Alarm.
 - Email.
 - Push notification from another app.
 - Text message from instant messenger.



Testing connectivity.

- The app needs to behave correctly under circumstances of low/no connectivity.
- Switching between different wifi networks.
- Switching between wifi and mobile network.
- Poor or no network - the elevator test.
- Apple devices have built-in functionality for that purpose:

[How To Simulate A Bad Network Connection On Your iOS Device and Simulator](#)

- In Android we can use emulator.

Mobile testing cheat sheet



- Look out for bugs.
- Think about the possible mobile interactions
- Think about the possible usages of the application.
- Think about the possible places and social situations where the application could be used in.
- Think about network usage
- Think about interruptions



Quest - Birlibam

Apple



Android



- What oracles can we use?
- What are mobile specific usages should we test?
- What situations/contexts will this be used at?
- What integrations do we have?
- If you find any bugs, take notes in additional file.

Questions

