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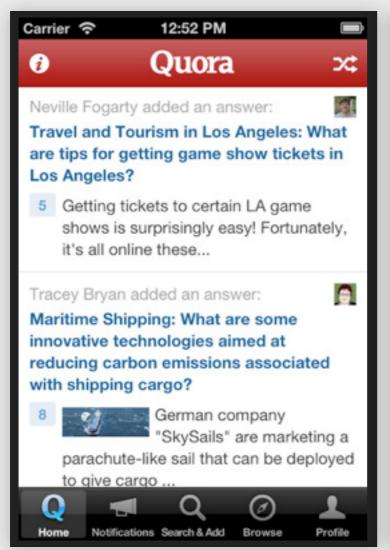


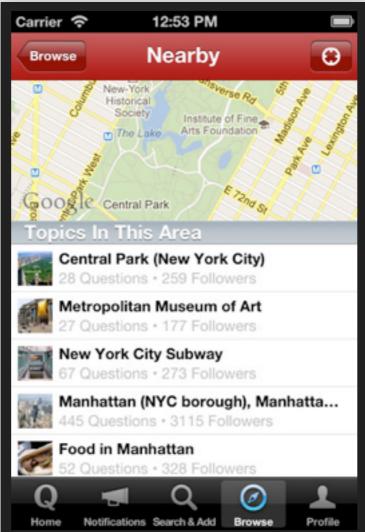
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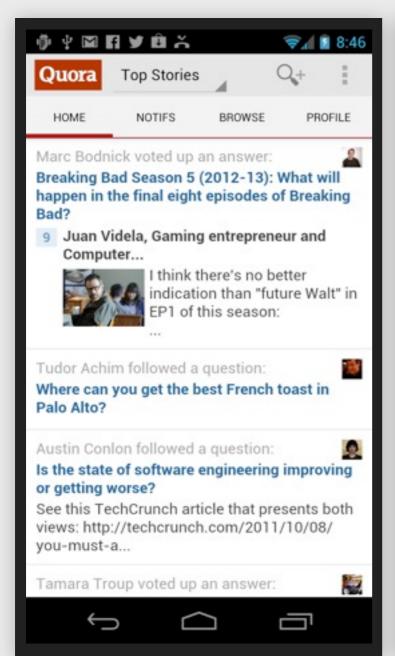


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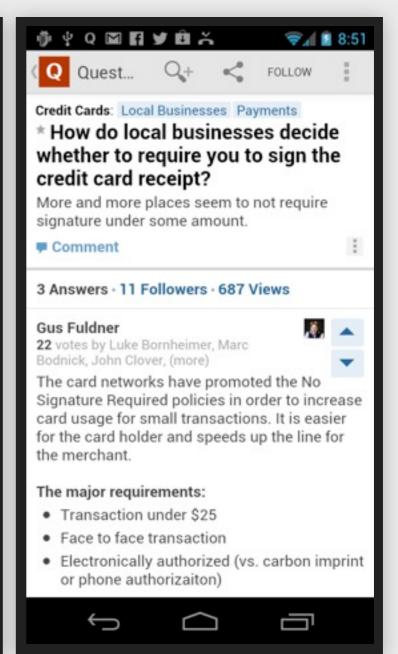










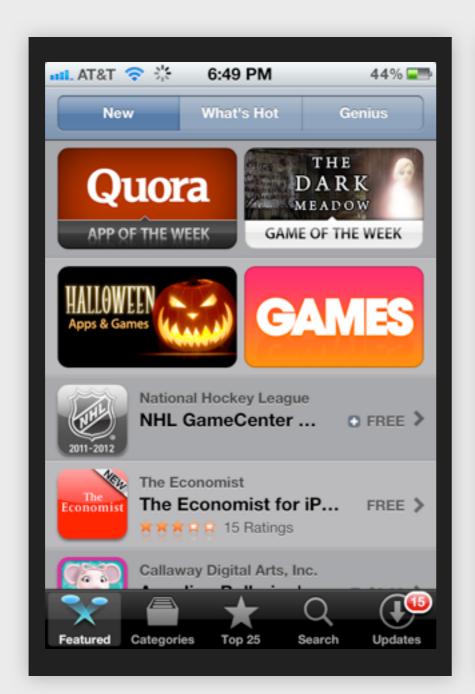








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First Steps



"What are we building?"

"How are we going to build it?"

"Who is going to build it?"

1/ Focus on the core of your product.



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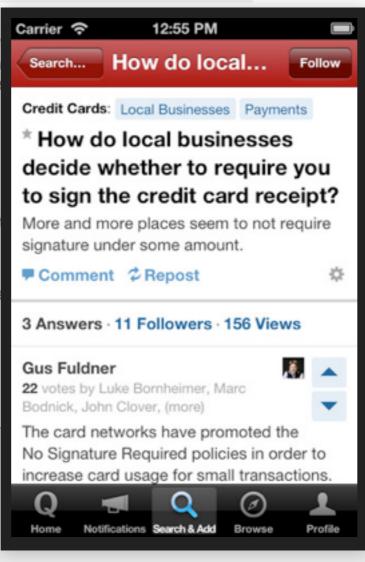
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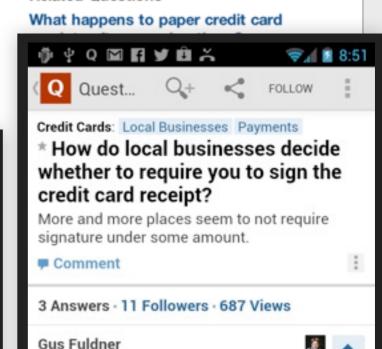
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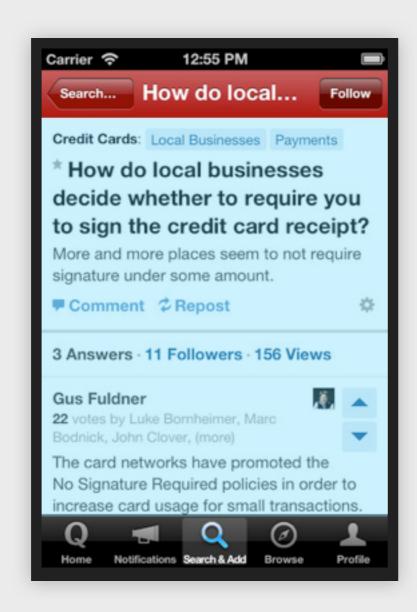
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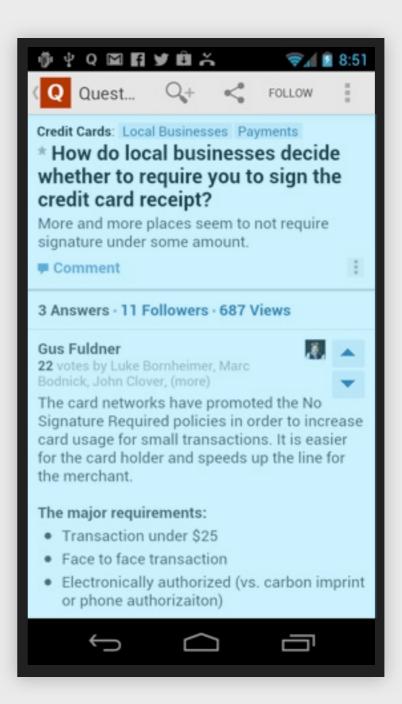
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2/Start with requirements, not technologies.





3/Play to the strengths of your team.

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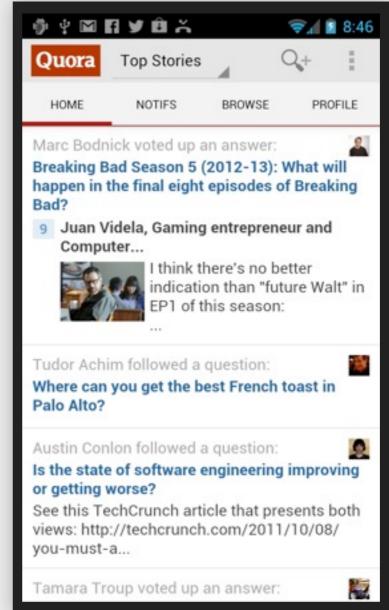
"Do we understand what Android users need?"

"What's the best product for each platform?"

"How do we keep the products in sync?"

1/Really understand the platform you're building for.





2/Tailoring the product for a new platform is worth it.

3/"Build once, deploy anywhere" is a myth.

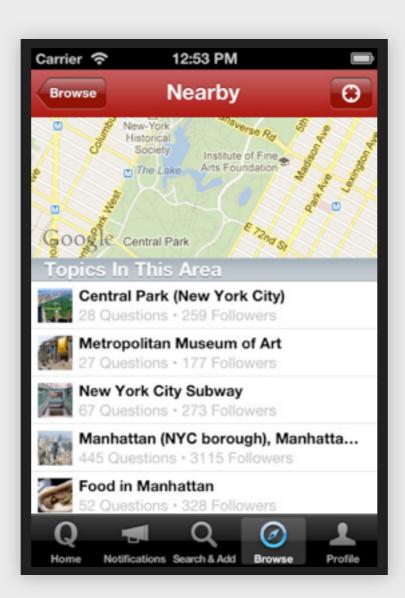
Above and Beyond

"What unique opportunities does mobile offer?"

"How can our product grow in these directions?"

"How do we get more people using mobile?"

1/Think beyond location.



2/Design new products for mobile first.

3/Make sure you have the data you need to make your apps better.



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