building web apps that don't suck

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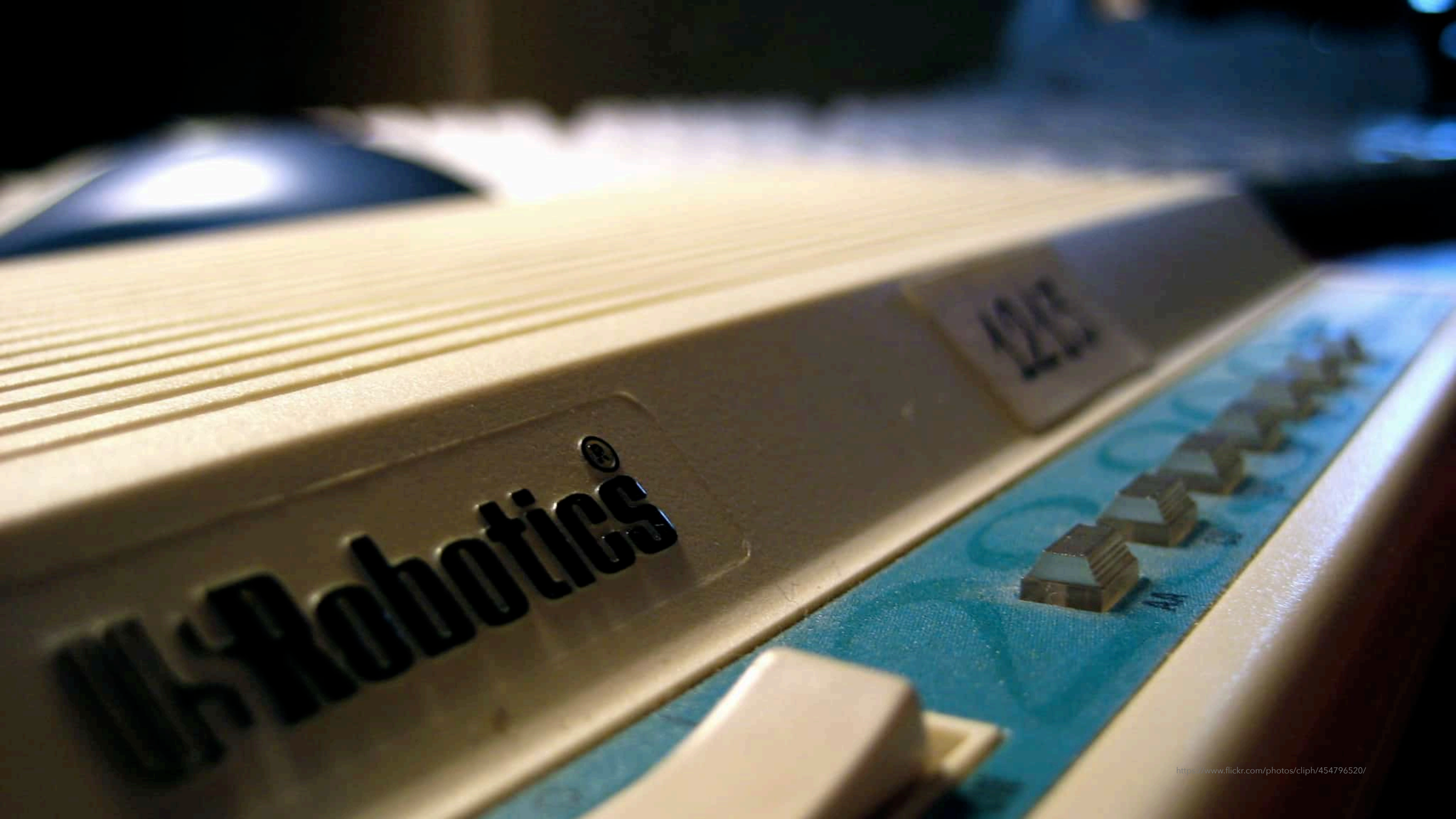
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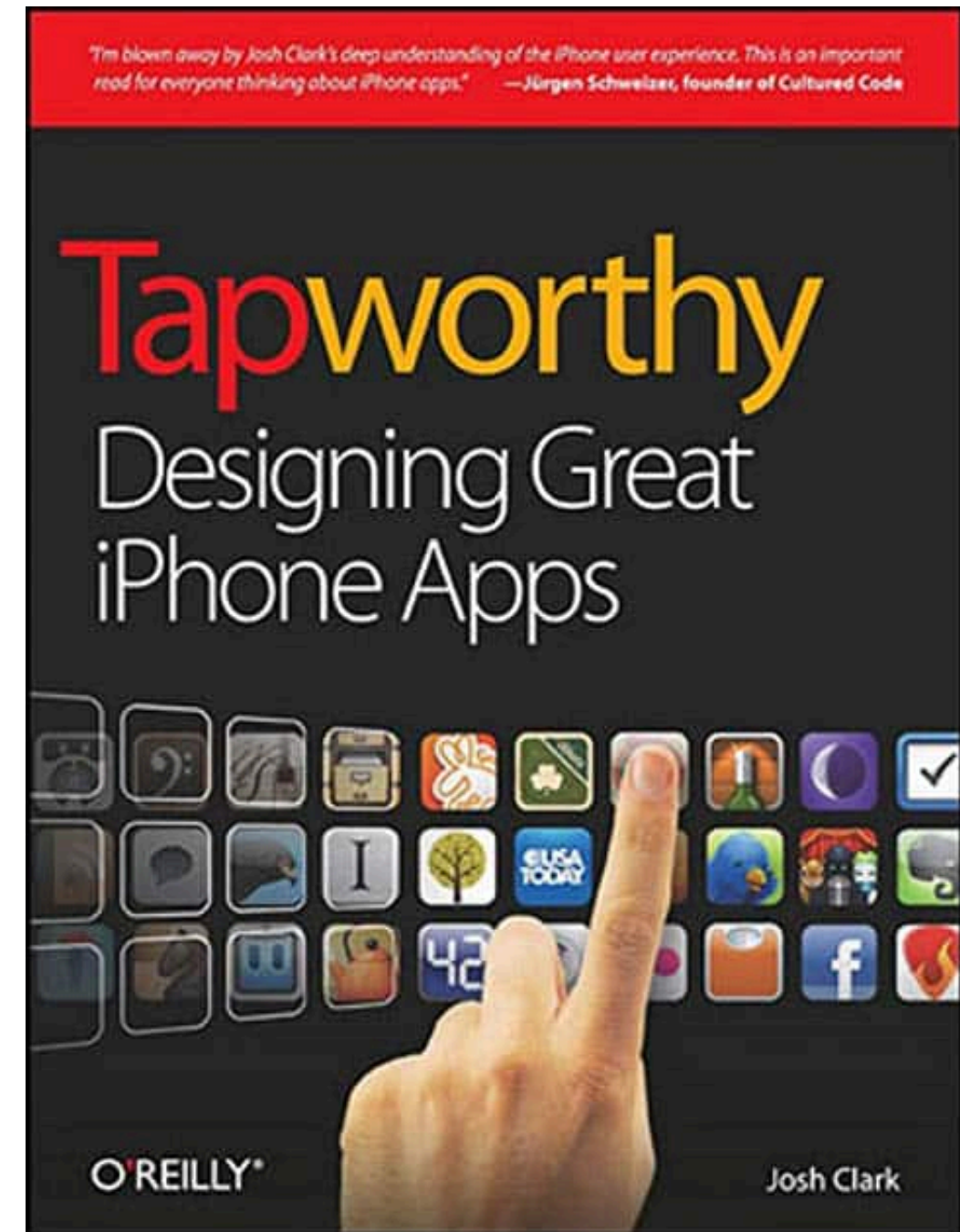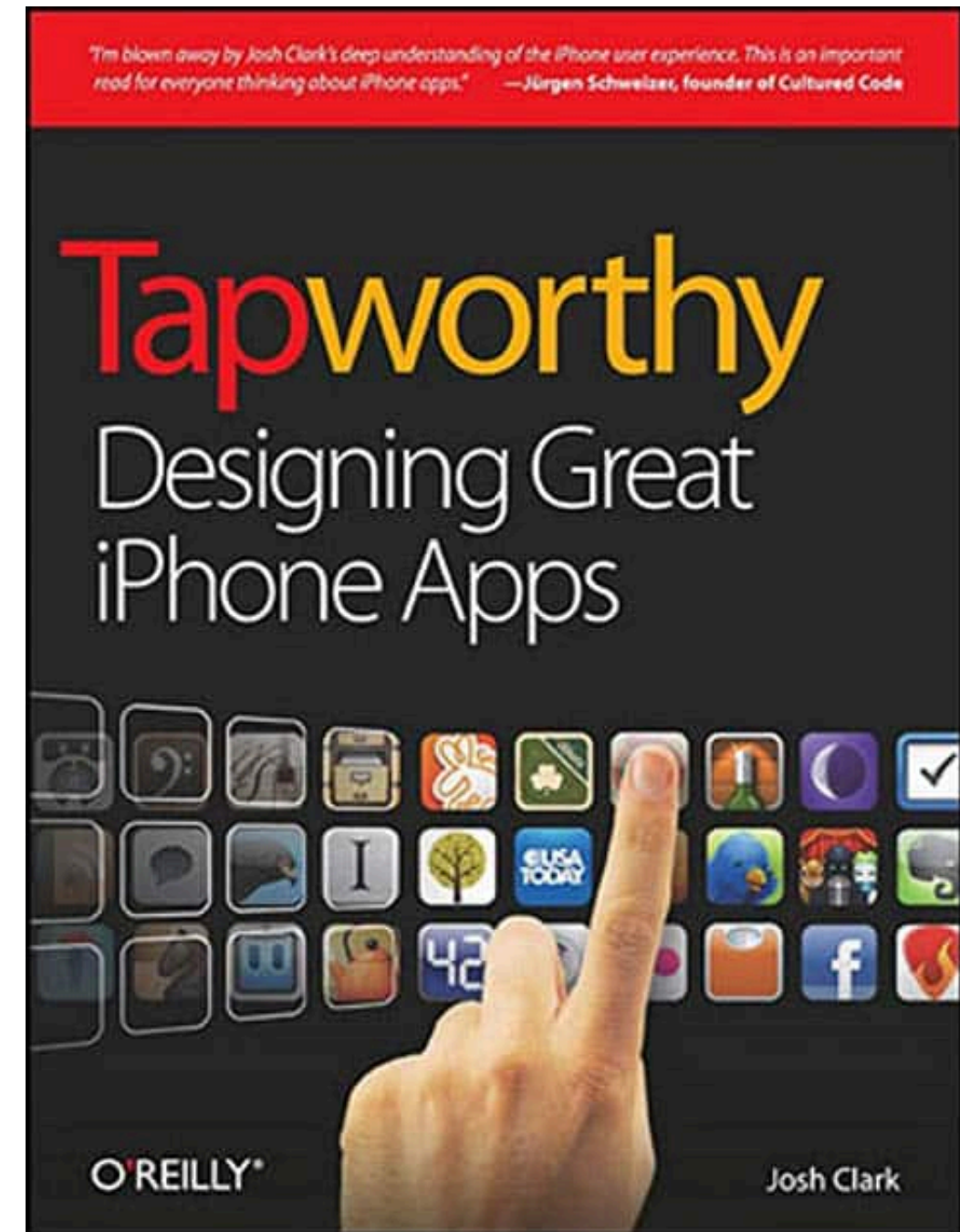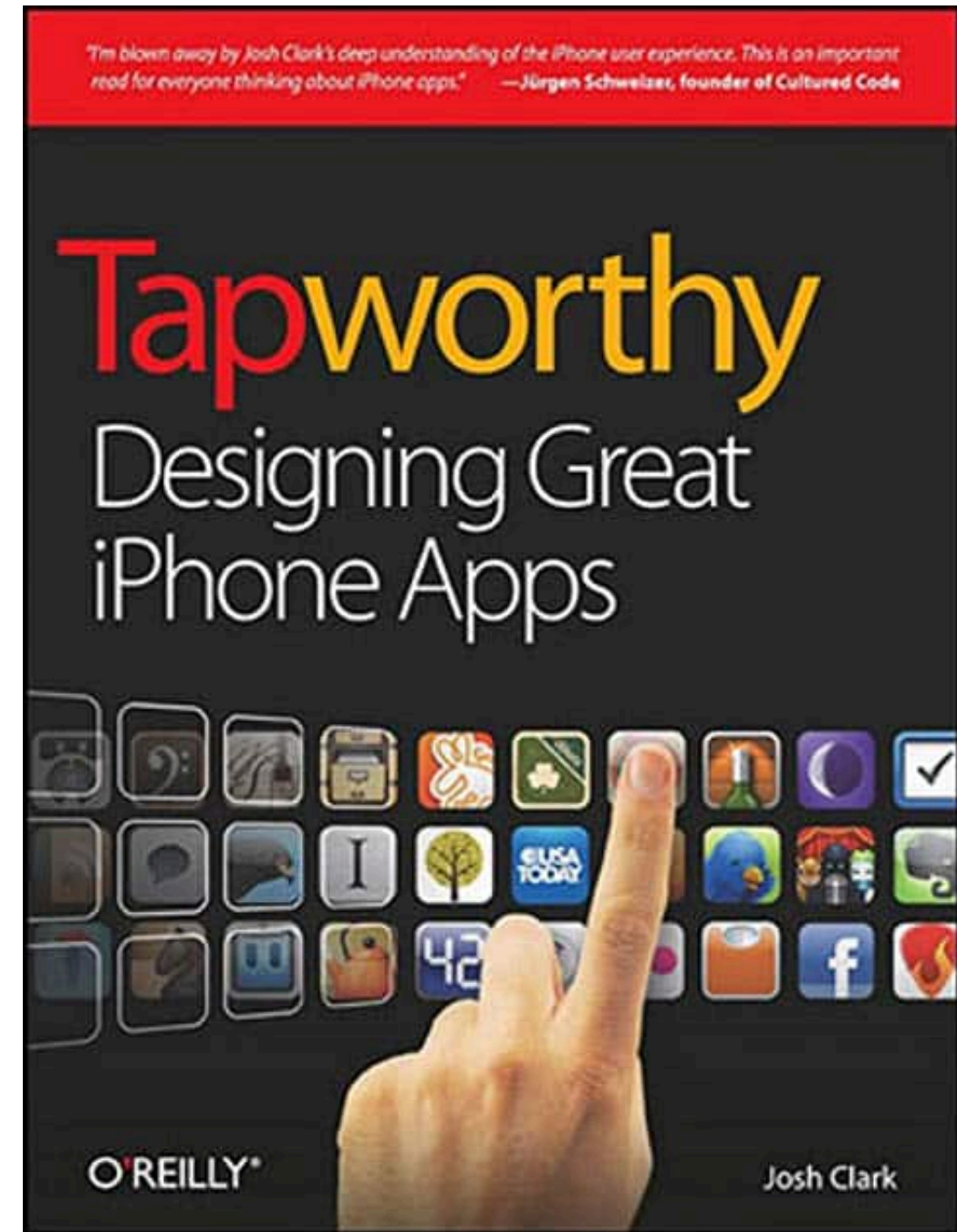
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architect

motivations

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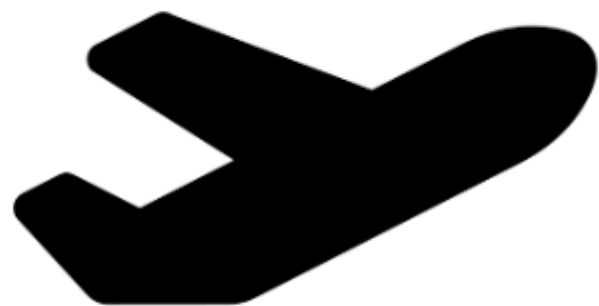
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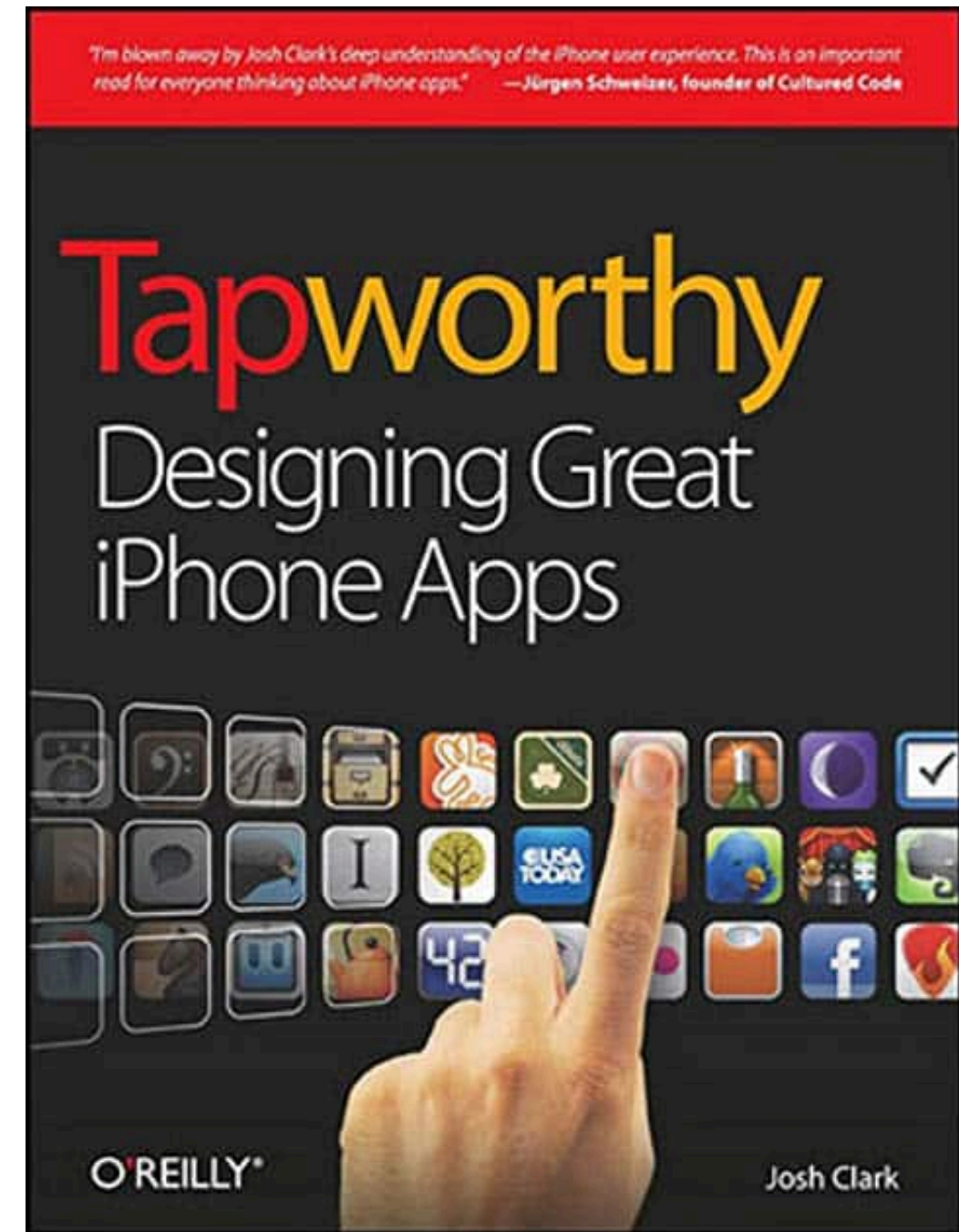
design

take off

land

Fitt's law

$$T = a + b \times log2(1 + D/W)$$

T: Average time taken to complete the movement

a: Start/stop time of the device

b: Inherent speed of the device

D: Distance from the starting point to target center

W: Width of target, measured along axis of motion

the **bigger** and **closer** a target is, the **easier** it is to hit.

optimize

lighthouse
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shortpixel

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the extra mile

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webhint
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in the end

the philosophy

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resources

slides

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