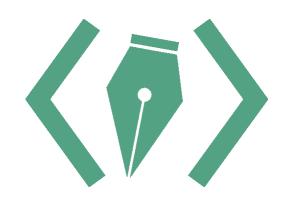
Week 07

## Responsive Design



#### **Announcements**

#### Midterm Project

Submit by tonight @ 11:59pm: wdd.io/go/project-submit

#### This week

No HW or lab!

#### Thursday Lab [+2 Extra Credit for coming!]

Join main lecture Zoom call! Top project selections will present in lab! Support your classmates!

Come to office hours via Piazza or wdd.io/go/OH

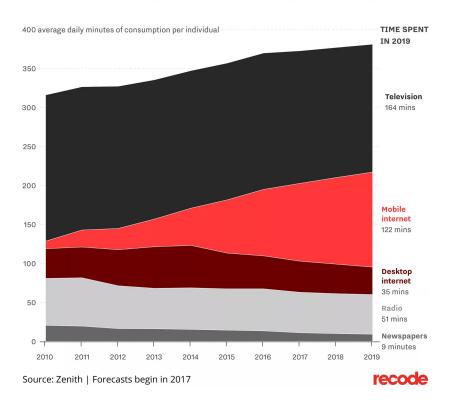
Give us anonymous feedback at wdd.io/go/feedback

#### State of the Internet

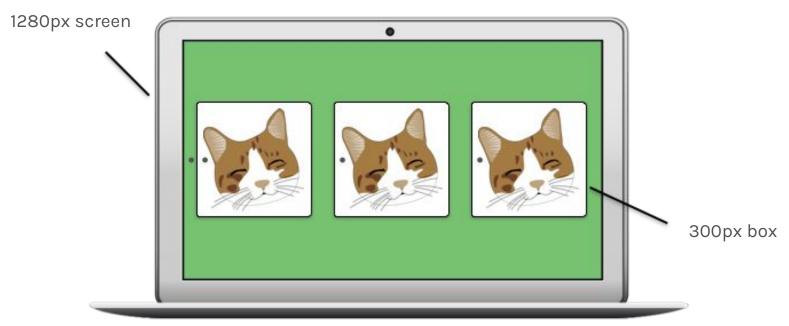
- Nearly 4.4 billion people have access to the internet today
- Internet is accessible from all kinds of devices including:
  - Laptops and Desktops
  - Tablets
  - Smartphones
  - Game consoles
  - Smartwatches
  - Fridges
  - Microwaves

We are in the post-PC era!

#### Worldwide average media consumption by type

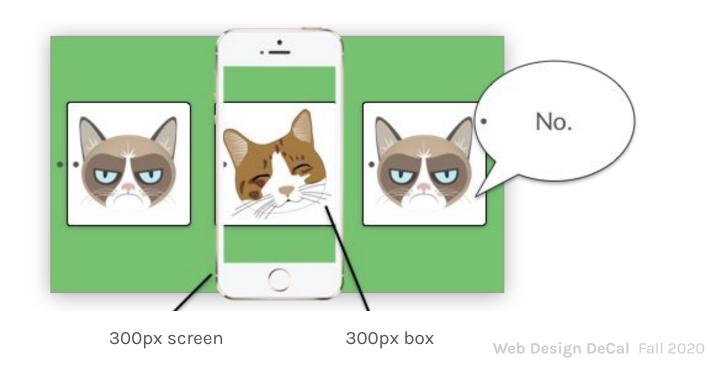


## Why won't my site work on all devices?



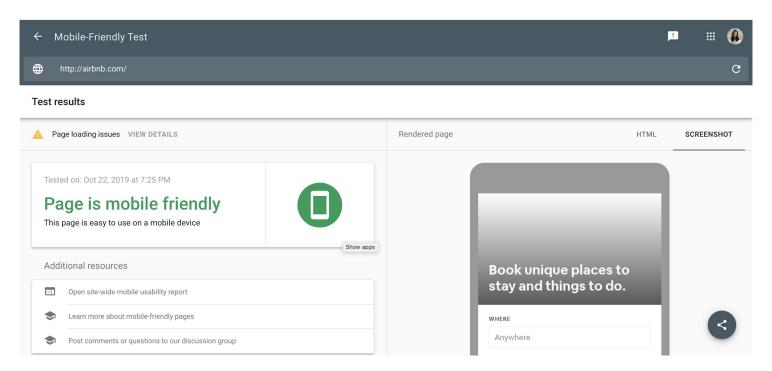
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## Why won't my site work on all devices?



# Inspector Demo — What does my site look like on mobile, anyway?

## Google Mobile Friendly Test





## Why won't my site work on all devices?

Different devices come with different screen sizes and rendering engines

 Content designed for a laptop with a much bigger screen won't look the same on a tablet/mobile with a much smaller screen

## What does this mean for designers?

## We need to make sure our websites work on all devices & browsers

### Responsive Web Design

- "Designing websites for multiple screen sizes and devices, so that there is an optimal experience for every user at every possible size."
- Responsive design deals with:
  - Browser compatibility
  - Screen resolutions
  - Mobile compatibility
- We will be exploring each of these aspects today

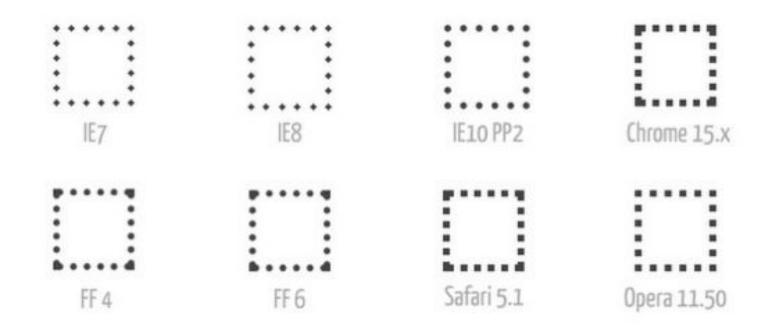
## **Issue 1: Browser Compatibility**

## **Browser Compatibility**

 The ability of a website to function "as expected" on any web browser

- Browsers have different rendering engines, which is the component that displays the HTML and CSS onto the screen
  - As a result, each browser interprets your code differently

#### **Dotted Border Differences**



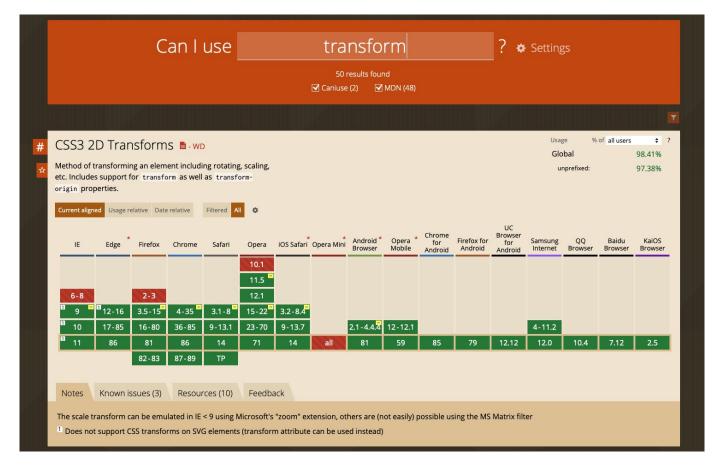
#### **Vendor Prefixes**

```
#container-3 {
display: none;
background-color: white;
width: 100%;
-webkit-transition: opacity 0.3s;
-moz-transition: opacity 0.3s;
-o-transition: opacity 0.3s;
transition: opacity 0.3s;
```

#### **Vendor Prefixes — Limitations**

 Commonly used vendor prefixes for simple things (linear gradients, transitions, etc.)

- Instead of vendor prefixes, major browsers are moving away from prefixes and toward **@supports** or **feature queries**.
  - Not really in the scope of this class, but feel free to research on your own!



#### **Issue 2: Screen Resolutions**

### Screen Res, y'all

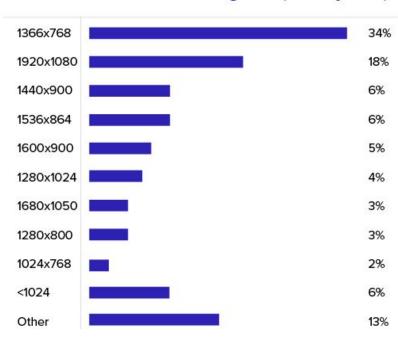
- Resolution: how many pixels your screen can display horizontally and vertically
  - whatismyscreenresolution.com

- Not all users will view your website on devices with the same screen resolution
  - 13" Macbook Pro vs 15" Macbook Pro

Changing the size of your browser window also affects how your website looks

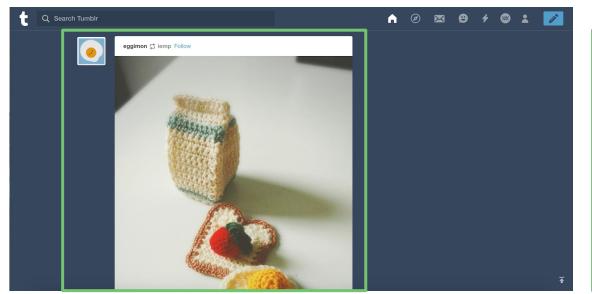
## Screen Res, y'all

#### Most common browser viewing sizes (January 2018)



### Screen Res, y'all

- Use containers to make your content fit a certain size
  - Using a container size of ~1024x768 is ideal:
  - All screen resolutions greater than or equal the size of the container will have a good viewing experience





## Lower Screen Resolutions: Use CSS Media Queries

## **Issue 3: Mobile Compatibility**

## **Designing for Mobile**

 User interfaces for mobile websites are quite different than those for desktop

- They differ in three main ways:
  - Screen size
  - Touchscreen capabilities
  - Performance

## **Mobile vs Desktop**

	Mobile	Desktop
Screen Size	4" - 6.1"	11" - 30"
Input Method	Touchscreen	Mouse/trackpad
Performance	Relatively slow	Relatively fast

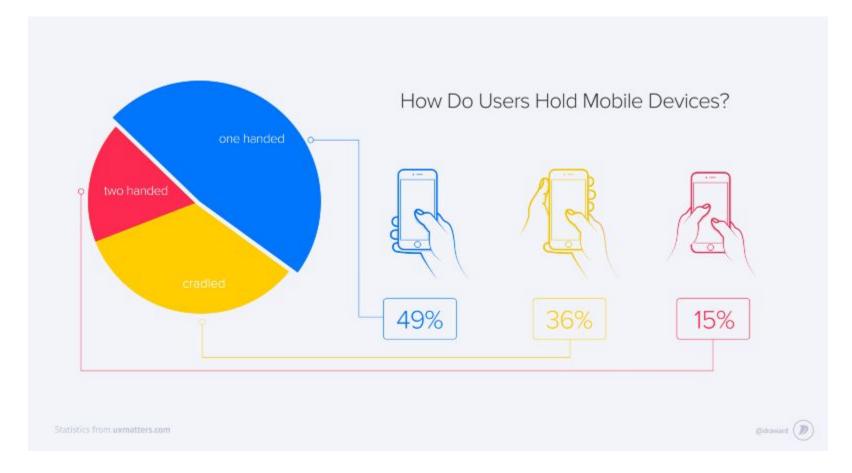
#### Screen Size

- Screen size is much, much smaller than on desktop:
  - Focus on the content and tuck everything else away

- Due to the restricted space, most UIs should stack elements vertically
  - Helps maximize the width and emphasis on each element



- Restrict your use of position: fixed elements
  - They reduce space for content
- Top bar and ad at the bottom are fixed, leaving less space for content

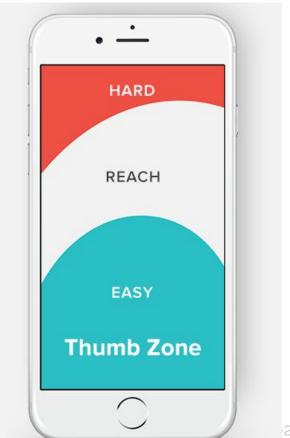


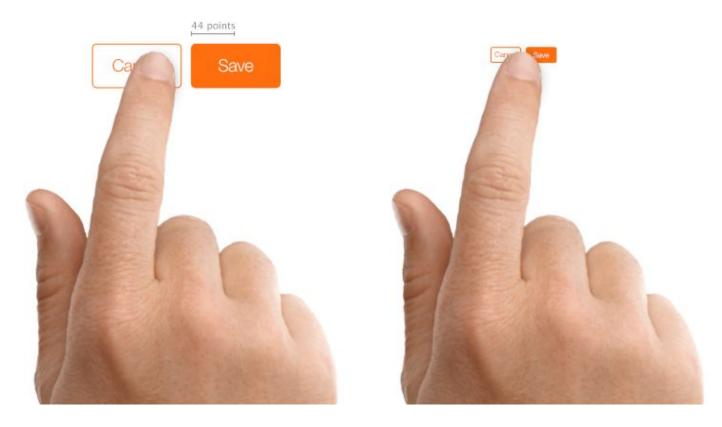


#### **Touch Screen**

- Thumbs are less precise than cursors
  - Add padding to accommodate for the size of people's thumbs

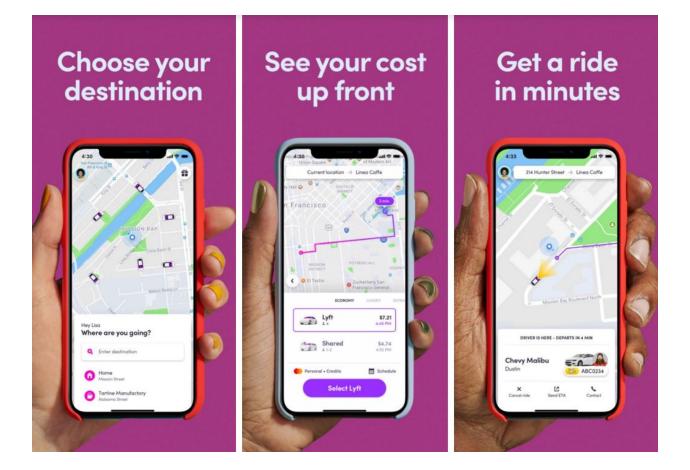
 Commonly used buttons should be placed at the bottom of the screen: Improves reachability





Mobile UI elements should have accessible dimensions

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#### **Performance**

- Rendering performance on mobile is roughly half that of desktop
  - This causes mobile websites to be slow

- Minimize heavy JavaScript front-end manipulation
- Minimize use of transitions, animations, hover effects, etc.
- Mobile UIs should be as simple as "click and scroll"

## Solution: Mobile-First Design

#### **Performance**

 It's harder to squash things down to fit more things in smaller space than opening things up and adding more things to fill a larger space

- Design for mobile first, then design for larger screens
  - forces you think about what is important (visual hierarchy!)
  - take accessibility to the next level

#### Review

- Designing for variation is important
- Make sure your websites work on all browsers
  - Add prefixes if necessary
- Make sure your websites work WELL on all devices
  - Mobile-first design



Questions?