User Experience Research Portfolio

Mobile based Research and Design Project

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User Experience Research of open.qq.com



Background

Tencent Open platform was a product that provided traffic and hosted third-party web games and applications.

Companies or clients who use this platform also wanted to deliver advertisements, check data and add credit on it.

Project Process

User research

User interview
Usability test

Design

Low-fi Wireframes
Design Strategy



Scenarios Journey Map



Mobile page

Challenges

Product team wanted to develop mobile pages for an existing website, but they did not know:

- Does the third party really need a mobile version?
- What pages of the website should be refactored on a phone, if they need?
- What form of the mobile UI pages should be? An app, mobile pages or others?

Role and Contribution

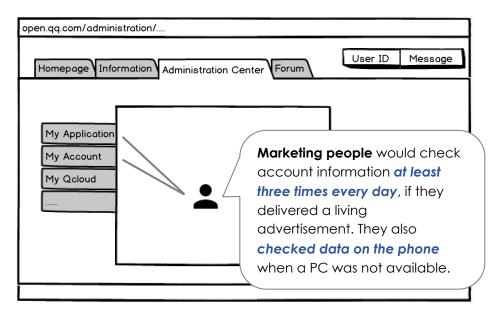
- Leaded and planed the research project
- Visited 8 third-party developing teams, and interviewed all roles who possible used Tencent open platform.
- Output research findings and provided design suggestions

User Research

User Interview

Talked with all people of the developer teams who were using open.qq.com, know

- Which positions had to use open.qq.com?
- Did they need mobile pages? Is that urge?
- Usage frequency, scenarios, how and why?
- Problems they met when they use it on phone?
- Did they use competitors?
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Some positions, marketing people, product managers and even bosses, checked data on open.qq.com frequently. *They needed mobile pages*.

Usability Test

Set up tasks and observed how people did it, including on open.gq.com and competitors.

Task Example:

Today you delivered a new advertisement. Now you are waiting for a bus and feel boring, so you want to check the advertisement data on the phone. How will you do?



Checked data on open.qq.com by phone

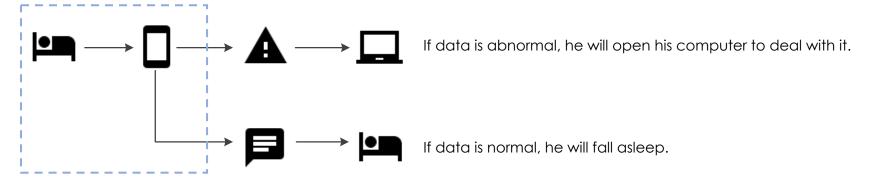


Checked data on competitor's website by phone

Ideation: Scenario

Scenario 1: Before Sleeping

This man has turn off his computer and went to bed. He was used to playing smartphone for a while before going to sleep. He would probably take a look at the latest data about the advertisements to ensure no emergency or abnormal data.



Other Scenarios







Waiting for bus

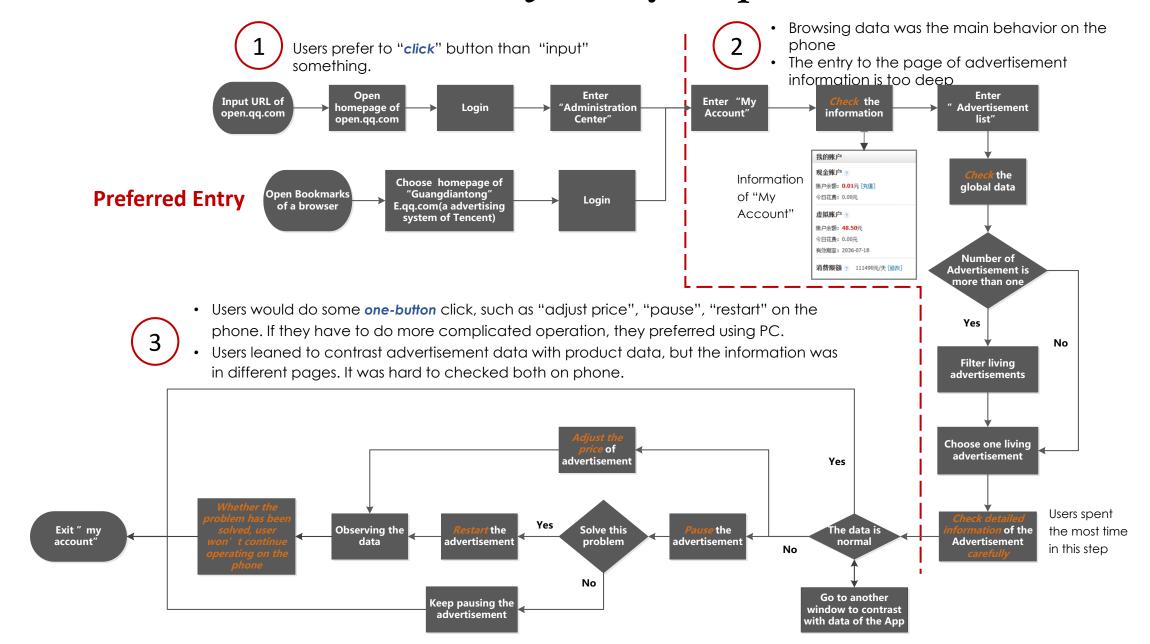
Waiting for friends

On a taxi

Scenario Feature

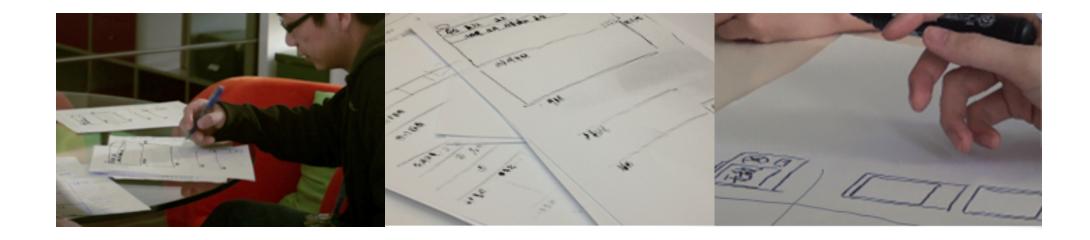
- All users want to know the latest data of their product, advertisements......
- They do not have a computer turned on around them.
- They have smart-phones: iPhone 4s, SAMSUNG 18558...
- Such kind behavior was happened in fragmented time, also with some other things.

Ideation: Journey Map



Design: Low-Fi Wireframes

After each interview, we also let **users drew wireframes** of layout, chose the information they expected to see on phones, which inspired designers create new design in short time.



Design: Design Strategy

Challenges

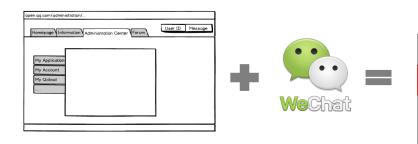
People prefered to "click" than "input" and would like to compared the data on different pages, so an app should be better than a WAP page. But the amount of users is very small, **developing an app was not worthy**.

So what kind of mobile UI pages should be?

Method

- Combing with Wechat: open a public account which can display data.
- Provided the information users expect to watch in fragmented time
- Provide simple but emergency functions, such as "pause", "restart"......
- Put the data of products and living advertisements on the same page.

(Wechat, the most popular social network app of China, pushes information to users by "Subscription" then.)





Prototyping: Mobile Page



Advertisement data and app data were put together in the same window.

The End