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CHALLENGES IN FRONT OF MOBILE APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

OR

WHAT SHOULD WE HAVE IN MIND BEFORE WE RUSH INTO DEVELOPING A MOBILE APPLICATION

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WHAT IS MOBILE APP?

Working definition:

A program or web site designed and adapted for mobile devices

WHAT IS MOBILE APP? >> PLATFORMS

iOS

Android / AOSP

Windows Phone

Symbian, Blackberry

Web Apps

WHAT IS MOBILE APP? >> FEATURES

Graphics / animations / video

Sound

Hardware sensors

Services & Notifications

Connecting with other devices

DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES

Knowledge & Experience

Time limitations

Required Features

Target markets

Other

DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES >> NATIVE

- + Best performance
- + All available features
- + Best support

--- Separate code / programming language for each platform

DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES >> NATIVE

Android – Java, VMs, Activities, Services, Intents, Providers & Receivers

iOS – Objective C, Messages, Automatic Reference Counting

Windows Phone – .NET (C#, VB.NET), Metadata, Events, States

DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES >> PHONEGAP

- + Easier to code (HTML / JS / CSS / AJAX)
- + One code for all platforms (well... almost)
- + Decent features list

- Poor graphic / multimedia performance
- Lack of pre-built UI / Design differences
 between platforms

DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES >> MOBILE WEB

+ Easiest to code

- Lack of most native features
- Browser differences
- Poor performance
- It is not even an app

DESIGN

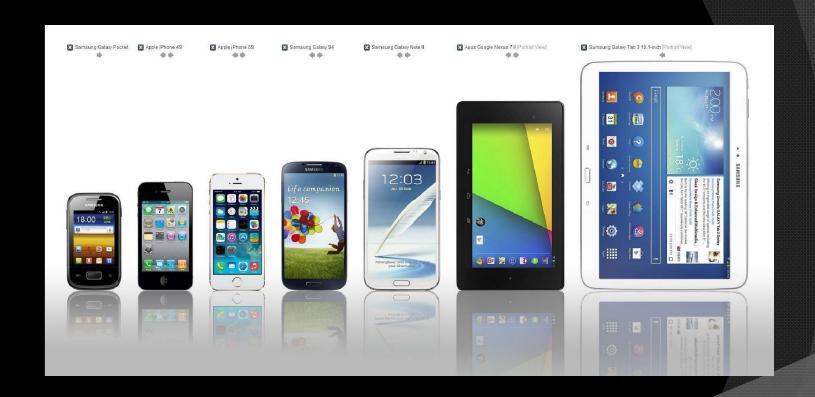
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DESIGN >> DEVICE TYPES & ORIENTATIONS



DESIGN >> RESOLUTIONS & DIMENSIONS

Resolution

Pixel density

Aspect ratio

DESIGN >> RESOLUTIONS & DIMENSIONS

| Aspect ratio | Resolutions | Example Devices |
|--------------|-------------|---|
| 4:3 | 320×240 | Android devices |
| | 1024×768 | iPad 1, iPad 2 |
| | 2048×1536 | iPad 3 |
| 3:2 | 480×320 | iPhone 3GS and lower, Android devices |
| | 960×640 | iPhone 4, iPhone 4S |
| 16:10 | 800×480 | Android devices, WindowsPhone7 |
| | 1280×800 | Android tablets like Google Nexus 7, Samsung Galaxy Tab 10.1, Motorola Xoom, Asus Eee Pad Transformer |
| 17:10 | 1024×600 | Android tablets like Samsung Galaxy Tab 7 |
| 16:9 | 640×360 | Symbian3 devices like Nokia C7 |
| | 854×480 | Android devices, MeeGo N9 |
| | 1136×640 | iPhone 5 |

DESIGN >> UI LIMITATIONS

Limited space

No hovers

Slow typingResponsiveness

Usage situation

DESIGN >> UI COMPONENTS

Custom UI Frameworks jQuery Mobile

Sencha

KendoUI

Q&A