

**FUTUREPLATFORMS** 

**Mobile Apps and Travel**

# About us

We are an independent digital agency; a group of creative and established innovators in current and emerging digital platforms.

BBC Innovation Labs winners, 2-time OverTheAir winners, Online Retail best food & drink e-commerce site, BT Music Awards best app...

2 experienced digital teams to support cross-channel development:

- Vexed Digital was formed by the founders of top digital agency **Goodtechnology**
- Future Platforms have over **10 years** of experience in delivering mobile sites and apps

lastminute.com

MECCA  
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maggie's  
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# Let's start from them



# What are they doing?

“Mobile hotel queries have grown almost 3000% in three short years”

Google

Researched upcoming trip **61%**

Reserved or booked a hotel, flight, etc. **43%**

Checked into hotel, flight, etc. **53%**

Thinktravel 2011

**170M** App downloads per day (worldwide)

**79%** Games & social (US)

**8%** Travel & other

Flurry, Dec '11

**10M** Travel & other downloads per day

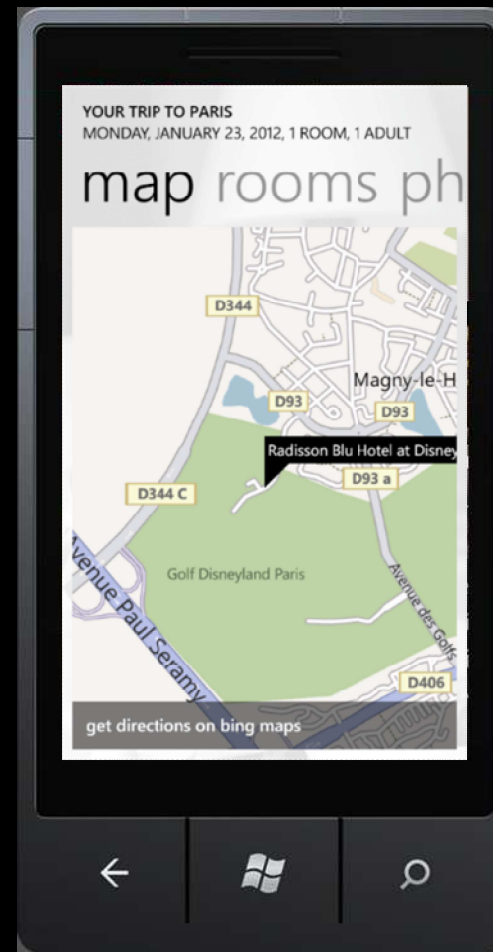
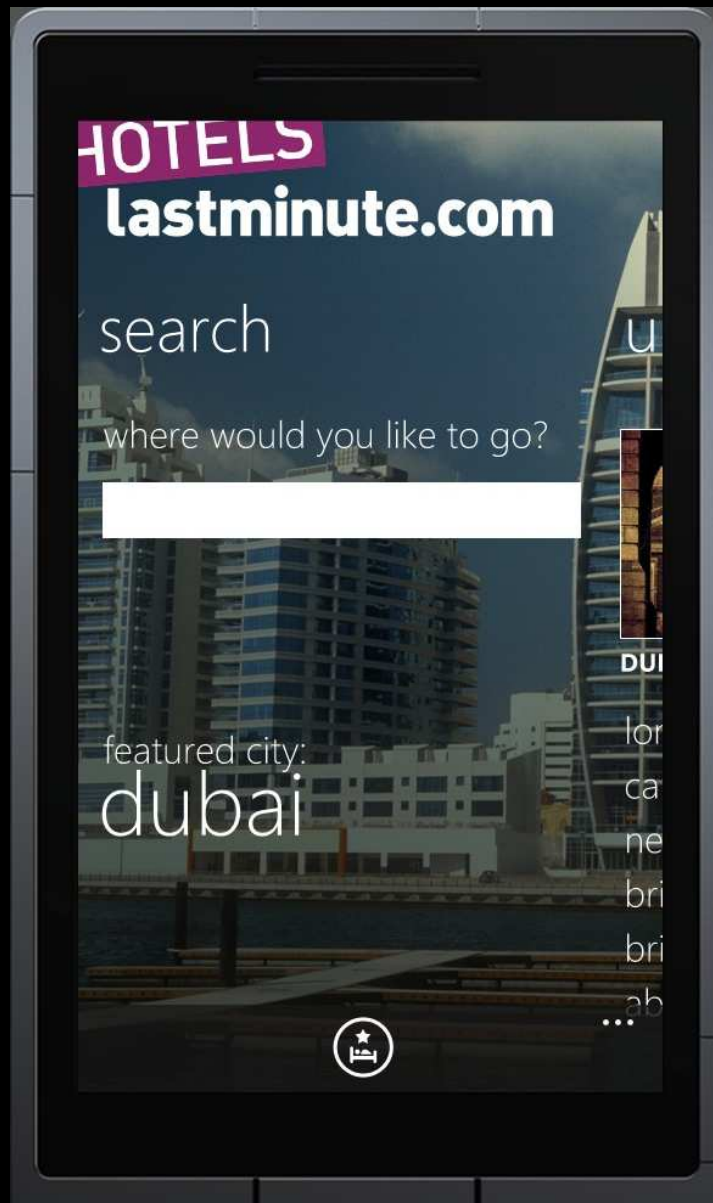
Downloaded a travel app  
Personal **38%** Business **54%**



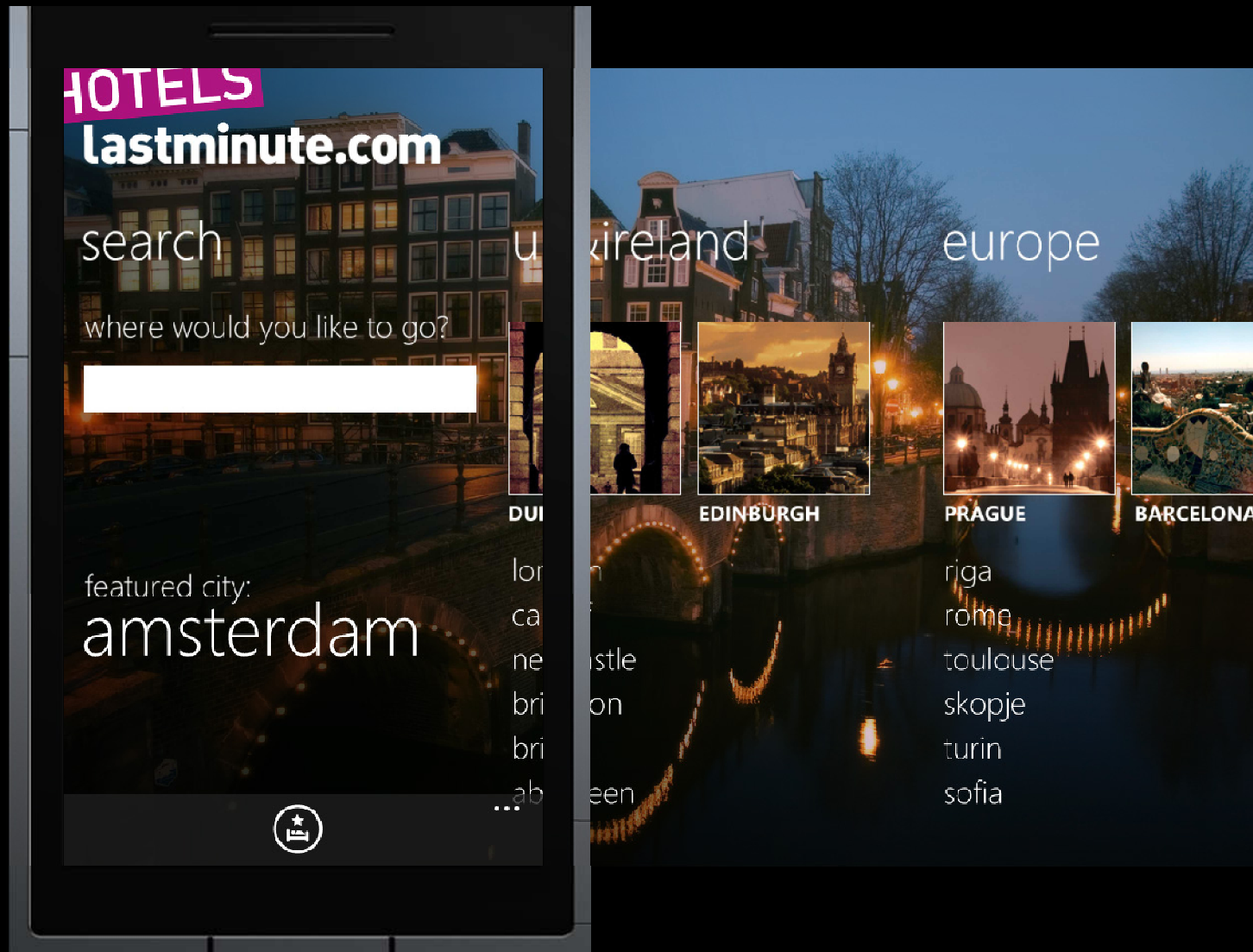
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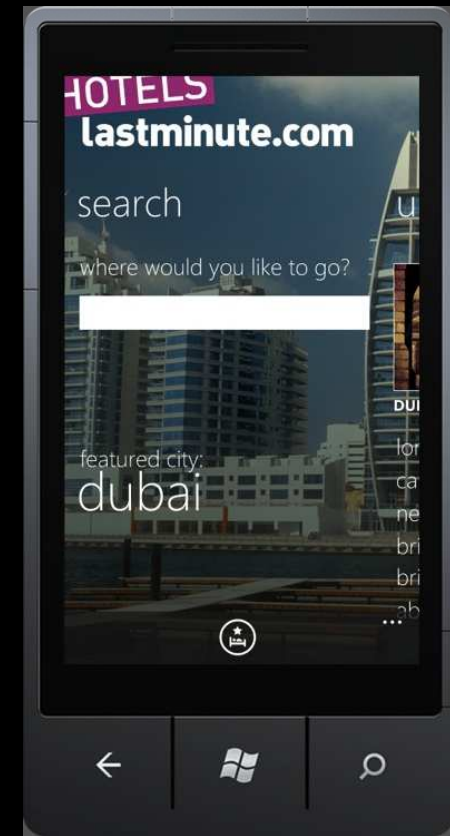
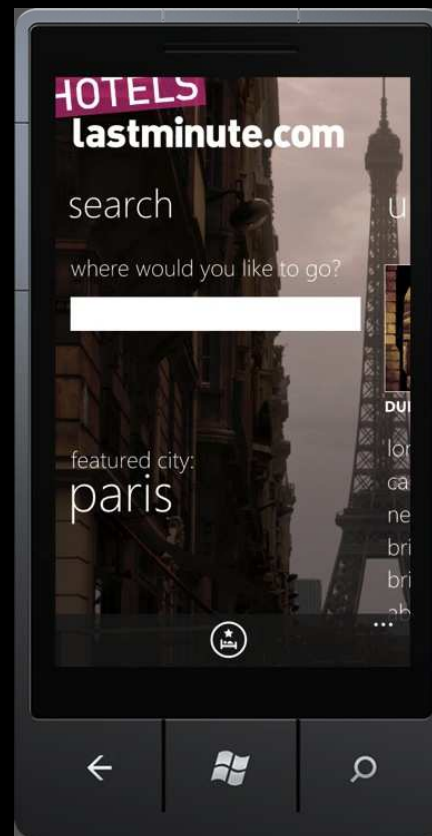
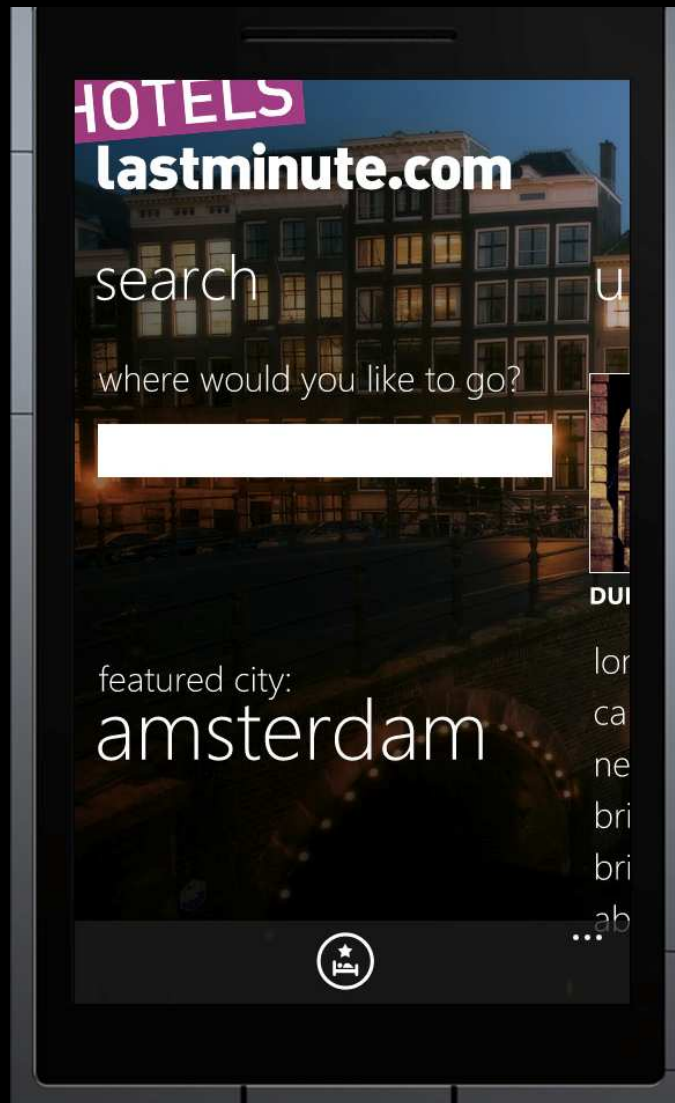
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# They like to play

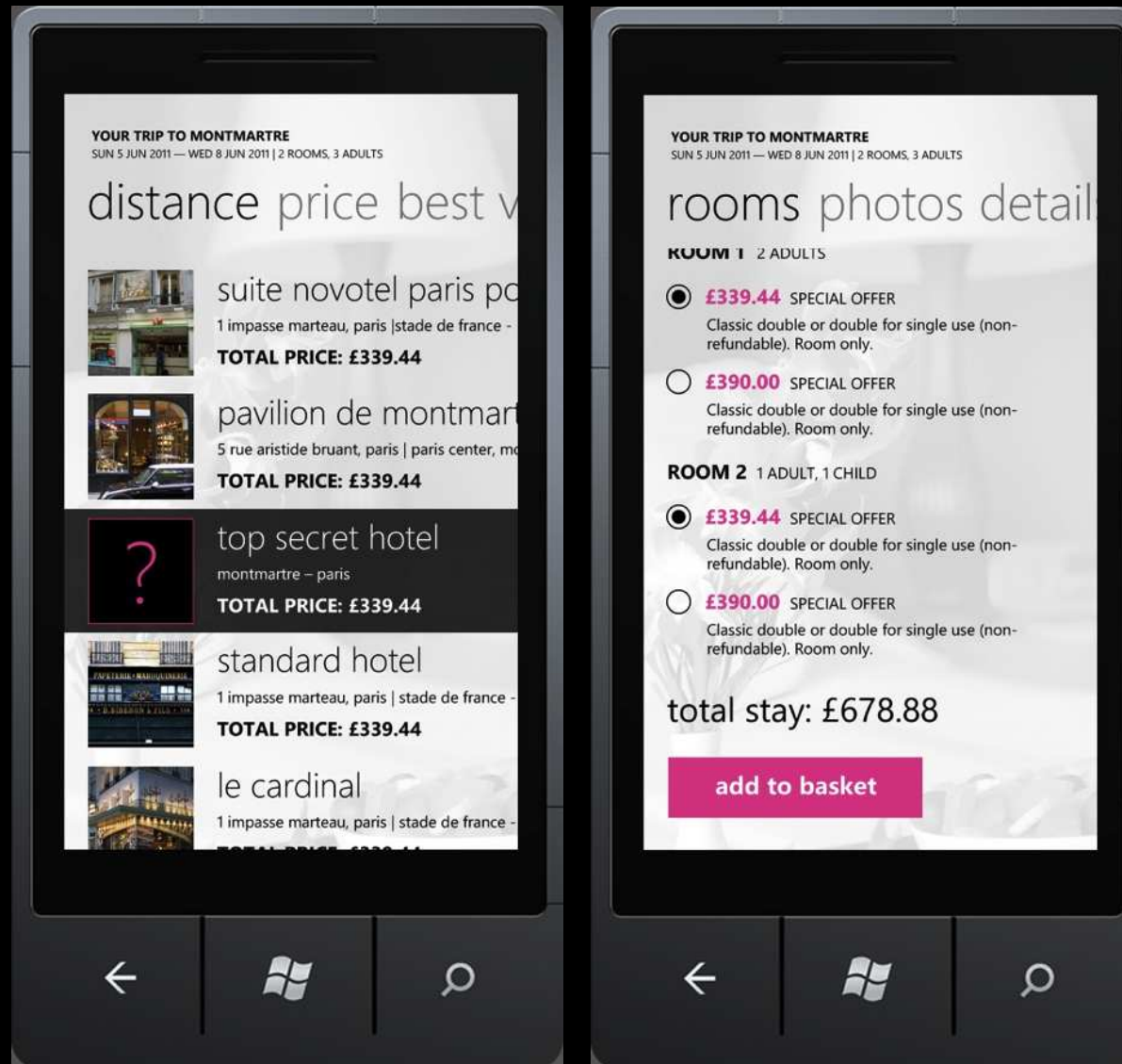


# They like to play





# They value fast & easy



# What are they telling us?

They are increasingly using mobile

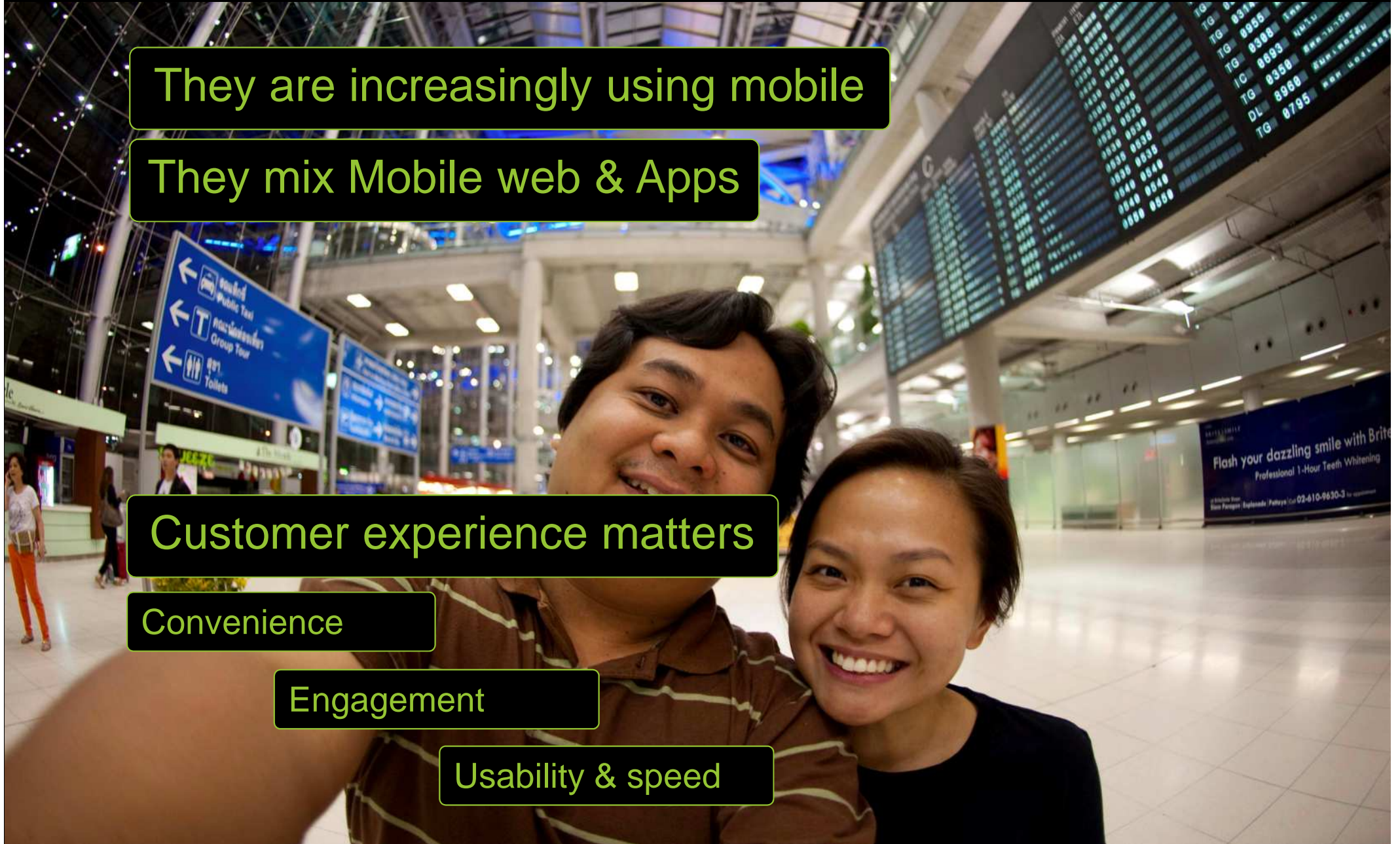
They mix Mobile web & Apps

Customer experience matters

Convenience

Engagement

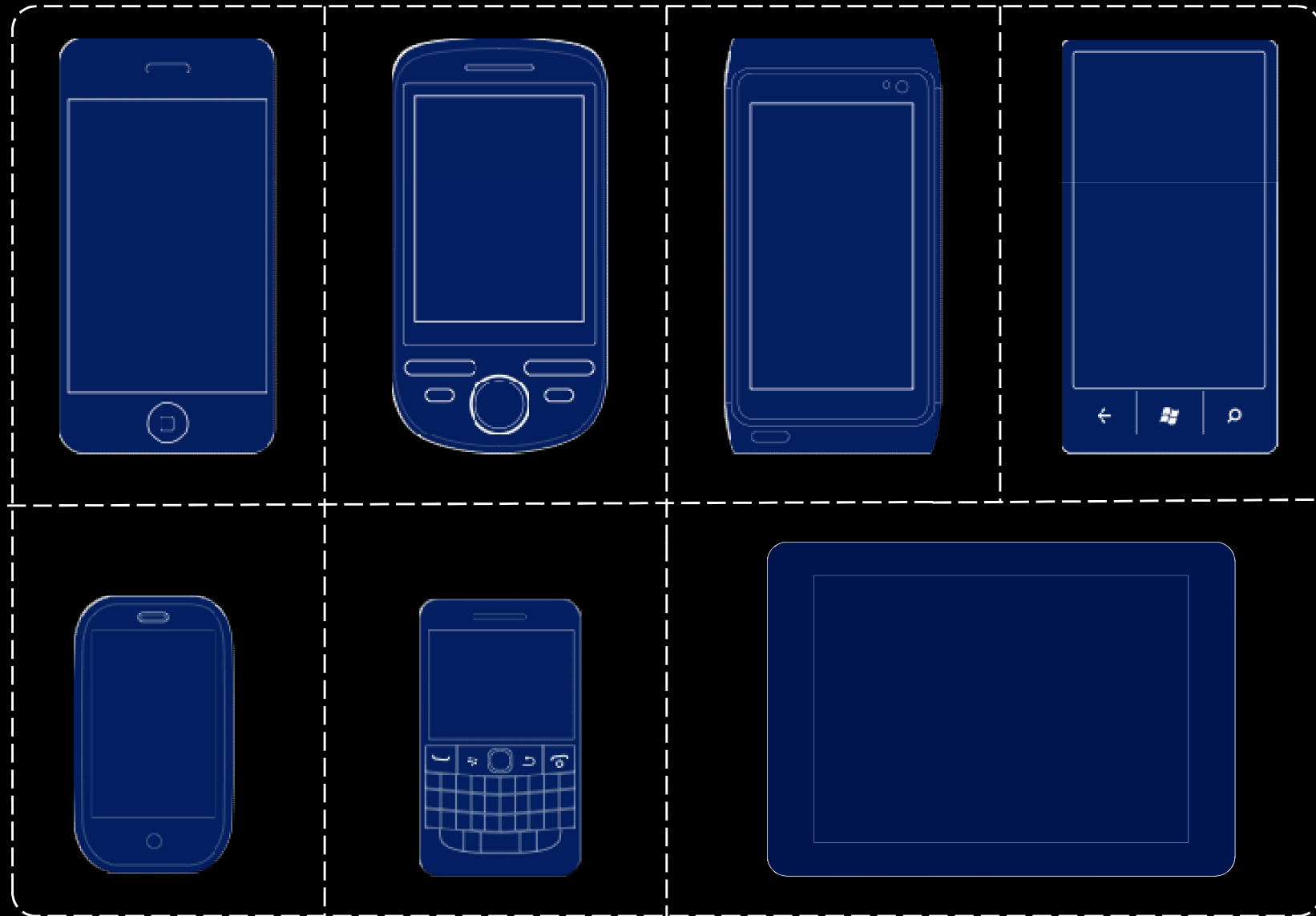
Usability & speed





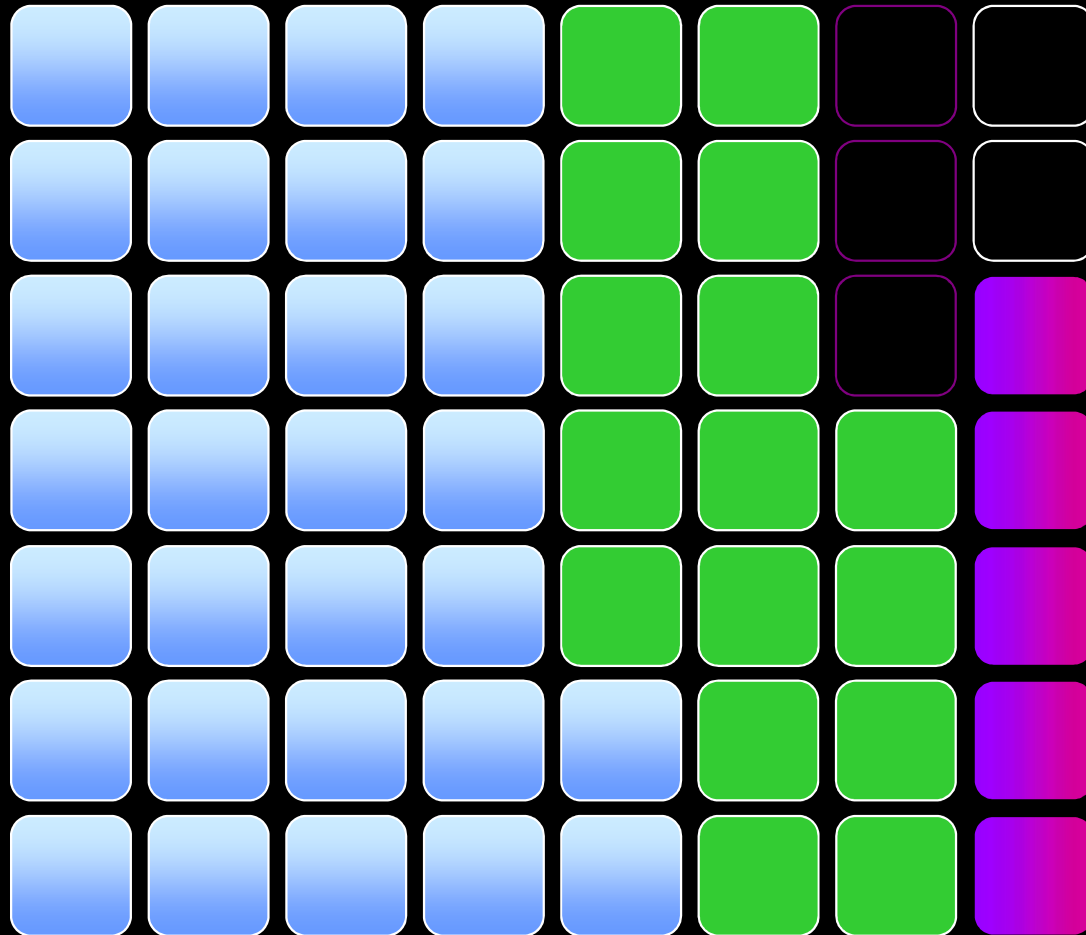
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# Consider target platforms



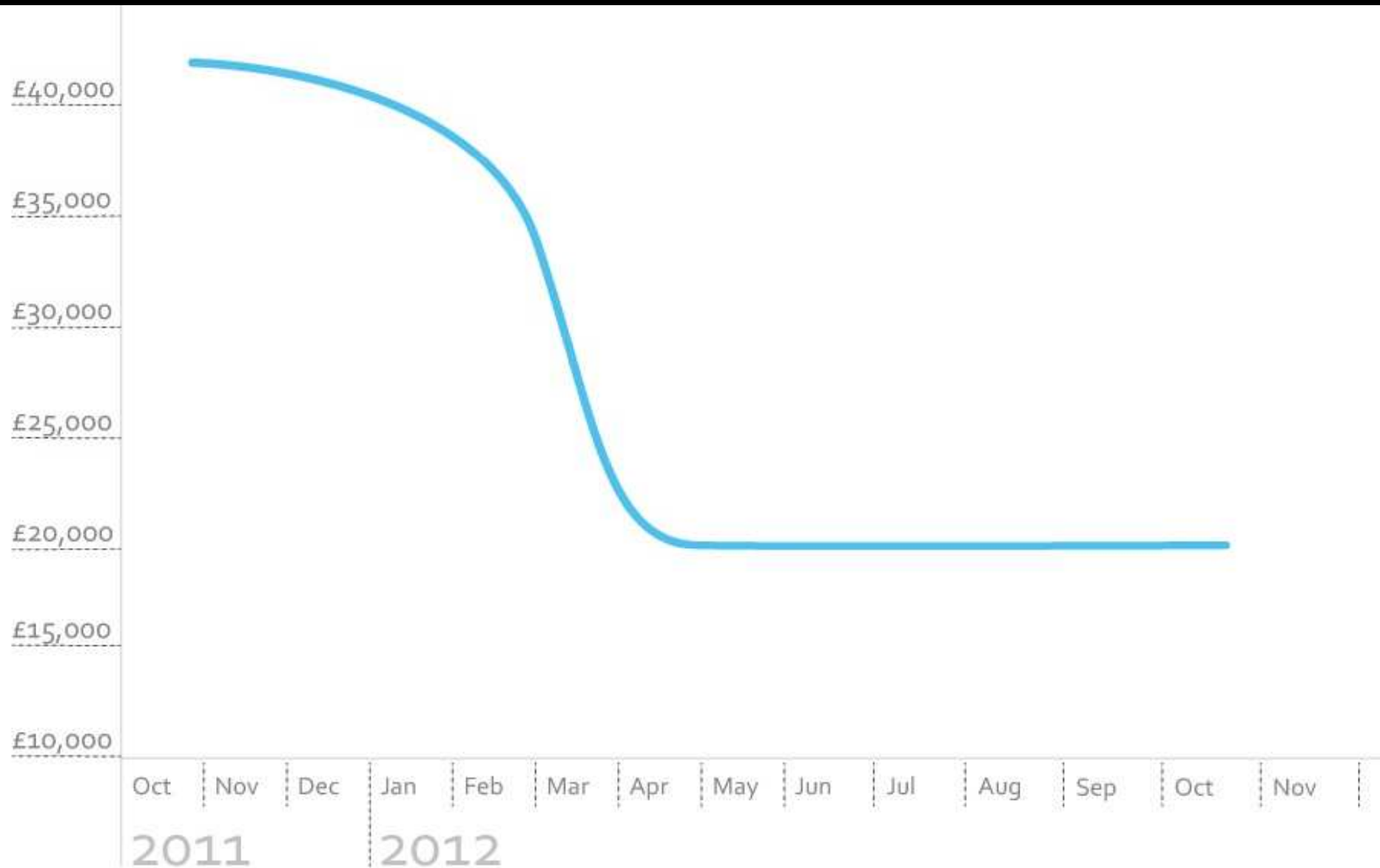


# (they are not all equal)



January 2011 app downloads

# Consider cost of ownership



# Consider your infrastructure

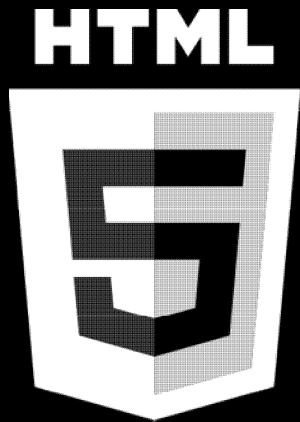


# Don't forget them

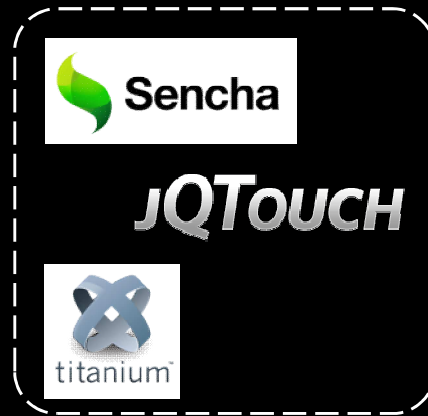




# Technical options



Mobile site

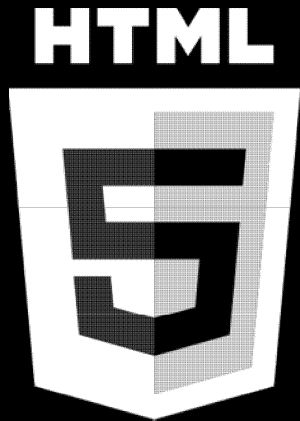


Hybrid



Native

# And the winner is...



## Mobile site

Cross-platform

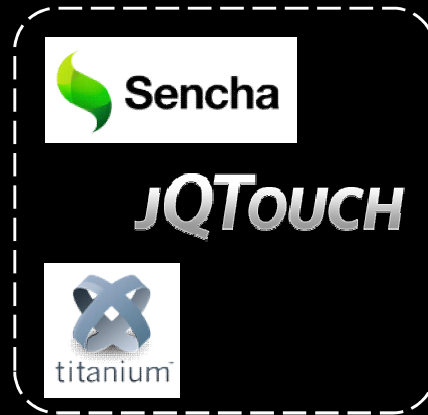
Existing skillset

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Native browser

No app store

No notifications



## Hybrid

App store distribution

Existing skillset

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As good as its libraries

Large app size



## Native

Can share code

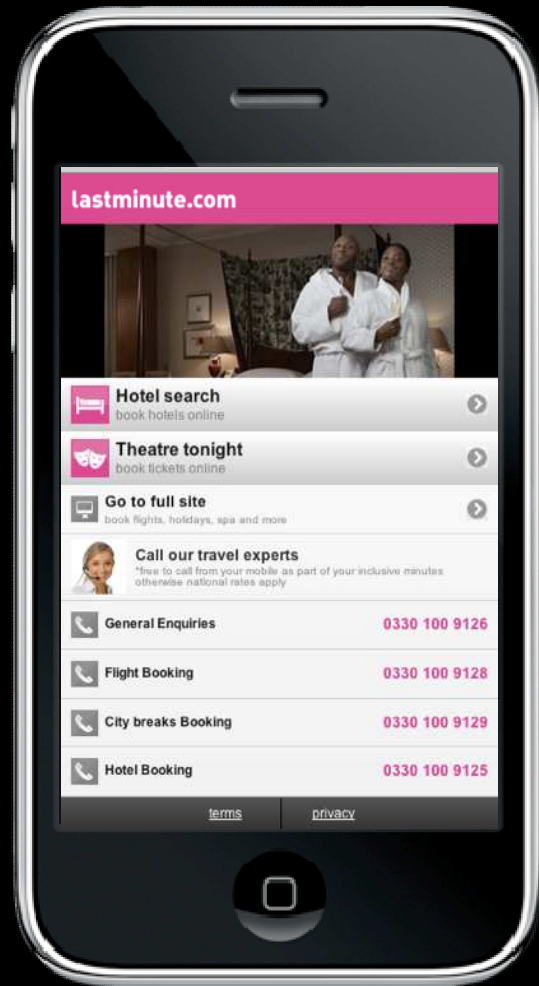
OS tooling

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Specialised skillset

Multiple versions

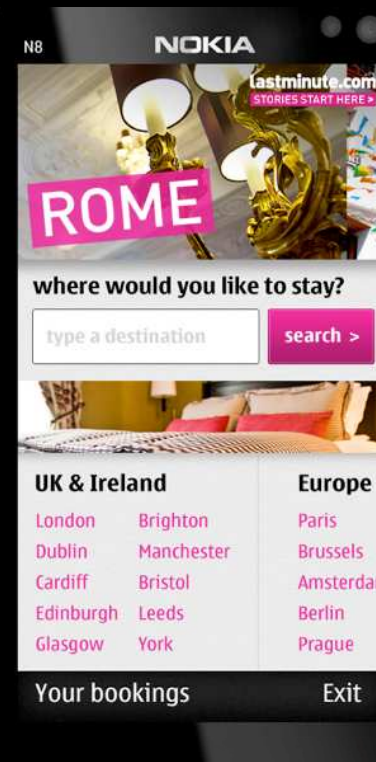
# Lastminute's approach



Mobile site

iOS/Android

Hotel & Tickets

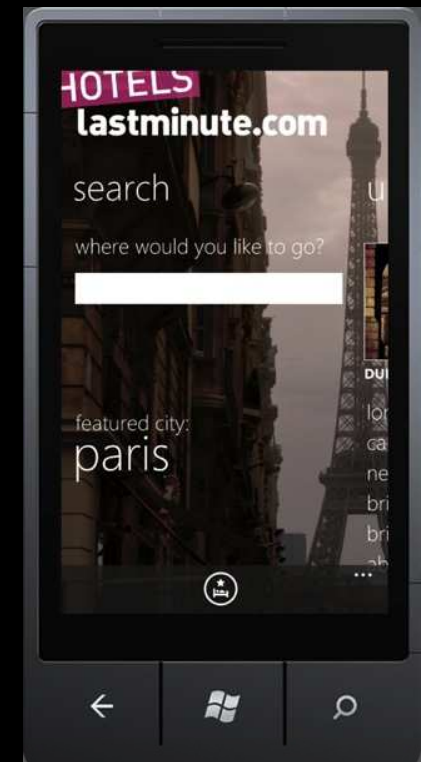


Hotels on Qt

Focus on Hotels

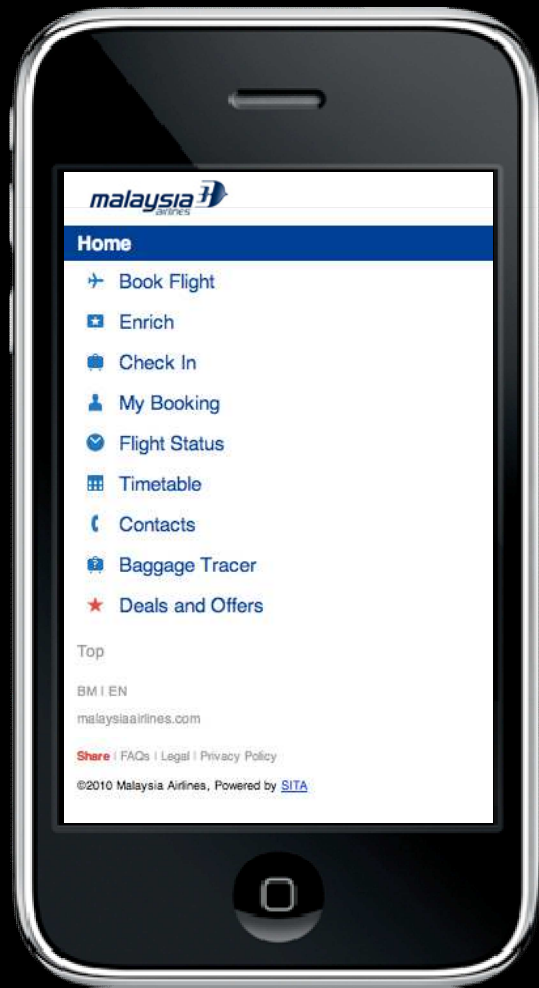
Branded experiences

Drive conversions



Hotels on WP7

# Sita for Malaysia Airlines

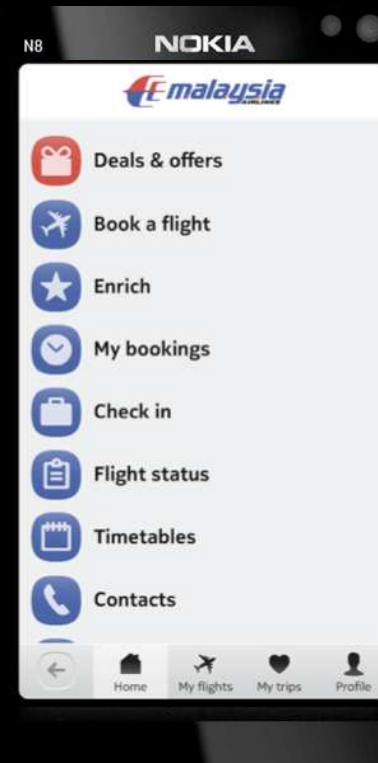


Mobile site

Booking

Post-purchase

Check-in



Hybrid apps on Nokia, iOS, Android

Offline itinerary

Offline boarding  
pass





# Rough Guides



Native apps on iOS, Android & Windows Phone 7

Stand-alone apps

Travelling scenario

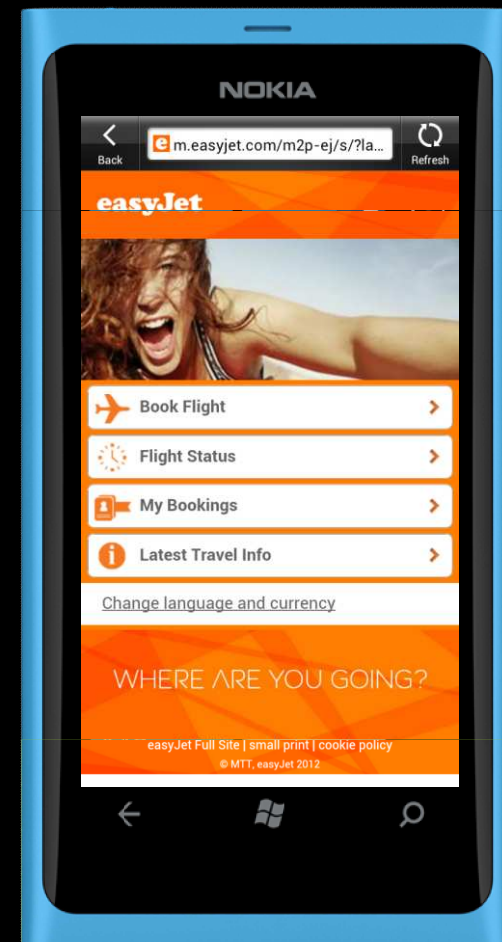
# Easyjet



Native apps on iOS & Android

Booking

Post-purchase



Touch site



# Commercial success



Considerations

User experience

Target platforms

Cost of ownership

Backend infrastructure & roadmap

It's not Html5 vs. Native

Start with one

Measure and adapt

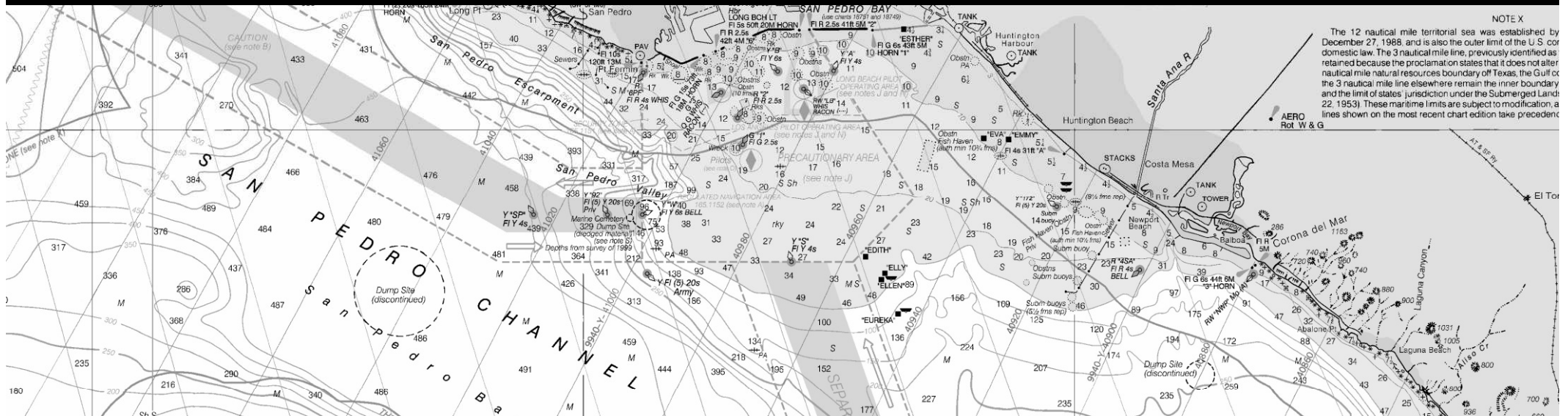








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