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THE MOBILE BROWSER AS A PLATFORM

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where?



where?

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where?

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patagonia

football

meat & wine

tango

MOBILE HTML



beta, of course



Do not program conditionals per platform or version. Always use feature detection.

This list is in progress. New tests, new features, more specificity of each feature and more mobile browsers soon!

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Trying to understand HTML5 compatibility on mobile and tablet browsers

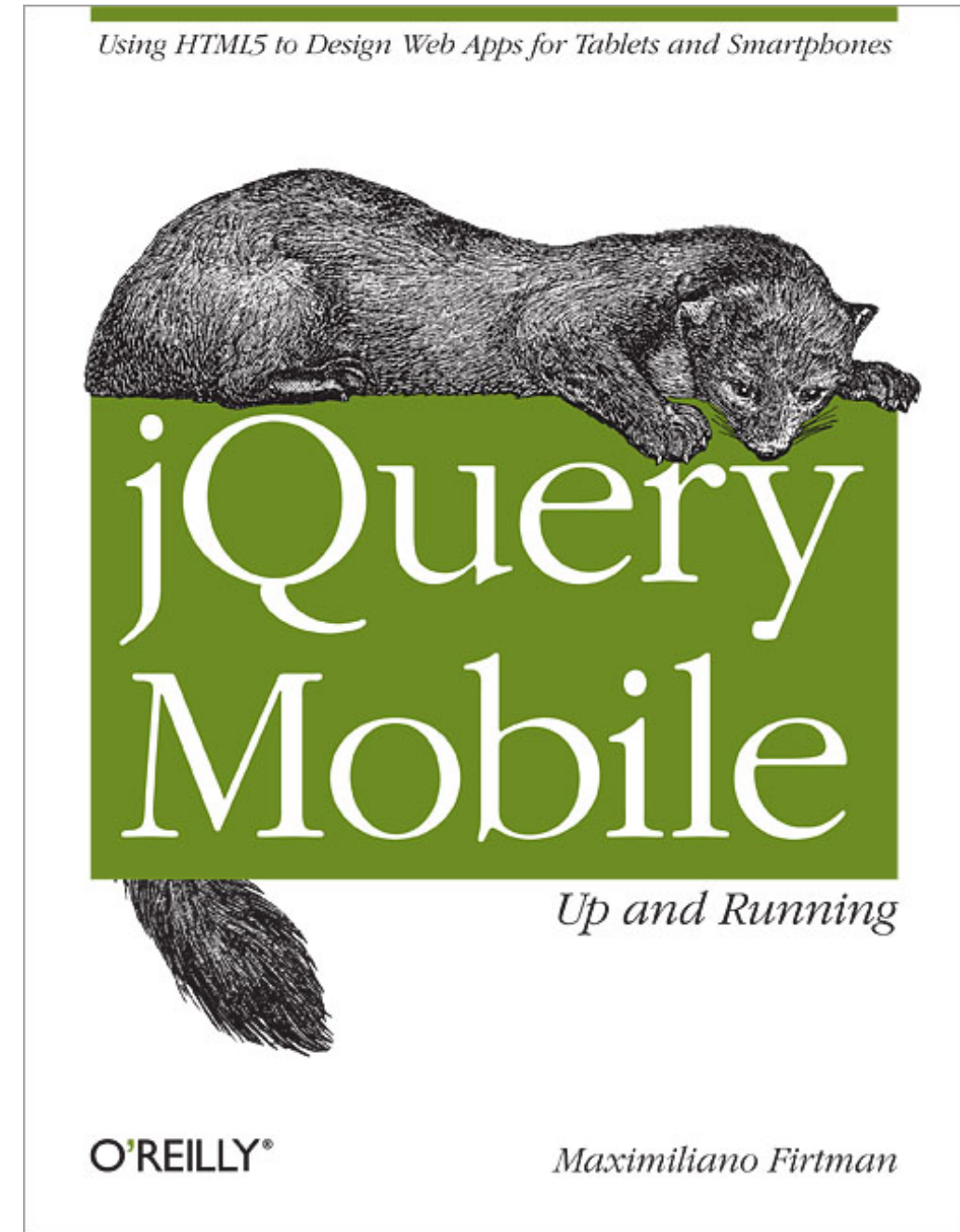
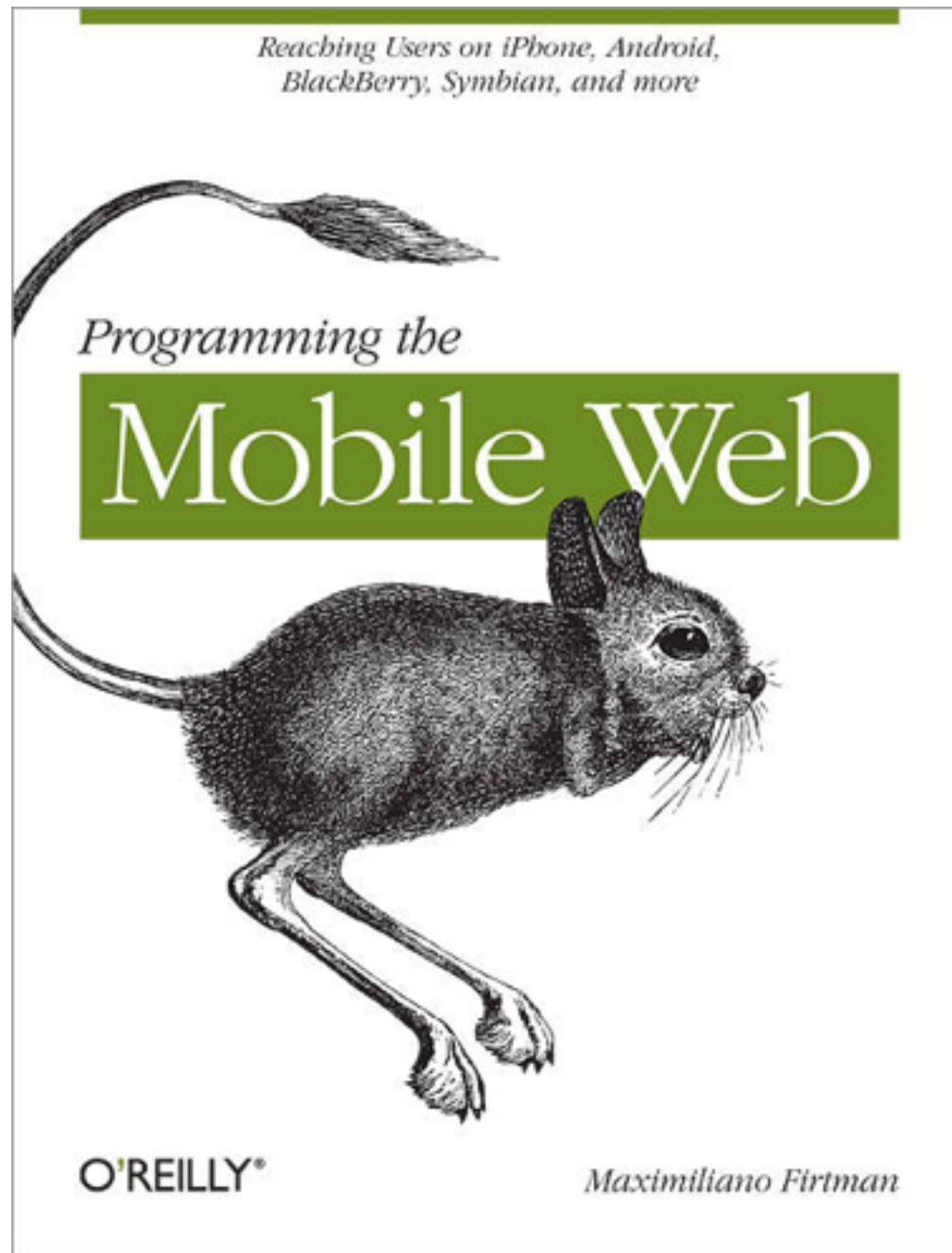
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Version tested	iPhone, iPad	Phones (1.0-2.3)	Tablets (3.0+)	Phones	Tablet	Windows Phone	Mobile	Mini	Android		Nokia phones
Minimum version tested	3.2	1.5	3.0	5.0	1.0	9	11	5	6	1.4	^3
Application Cache <u>W3C API</u> Offline package installation.	✓	✓ 2.1+	✓	✓ 6.0+	✓		✓		✓	✓	
Web storage <u>W3C API</u> Persistent and session storage.	✓	✓ 2.0+	✓	✓ 6.0+	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Web SQL storage <u>W3C API (no active)</u> Persistent SQLite storage.	✓	✓ 2.0+	✓	✓ 6.0+	✓		✓			✓	
Geolocation <u>W3C API</u> Geolocation & tracking using GPS, cells or Wi-Fi.	✓	✓ 2.0+	✓	✓ 6.0+	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Multimedia <u>W3C API</u> Video & Audio Players	✓	✓ 2.3+	✓	✓ 7.0+	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	
Server-Sent Events <u>W3C API</u> EventSource pattern to maintain the connection to the server open	✓ 4.1+						✓		✓		
Web Sockets <u>W3C API</u> Newbidirectional protocol over HTTP	✓ 4.2+			✓ 6.1+	✓		✓		✓		

www.mobilehtml5.org

books



Image from my house



Early Release

Using the Latest Today



Mobile HTML5

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*Estelle Weyl
& Maximiliano Firtman*

coming soon...
also by @estellevw

many of you have
two questions for me

the first answer is no

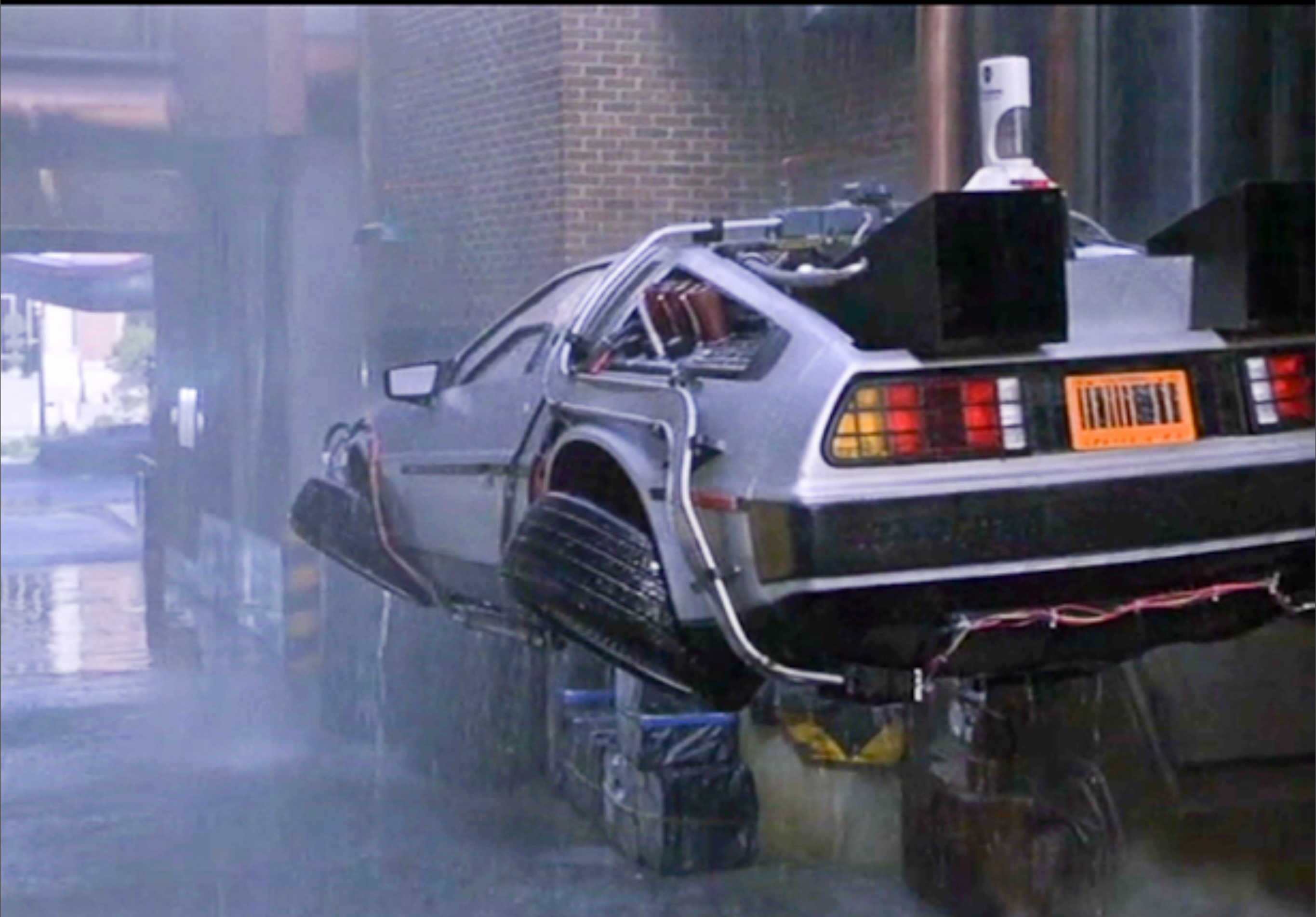
the second answer is
yes

but with a problem

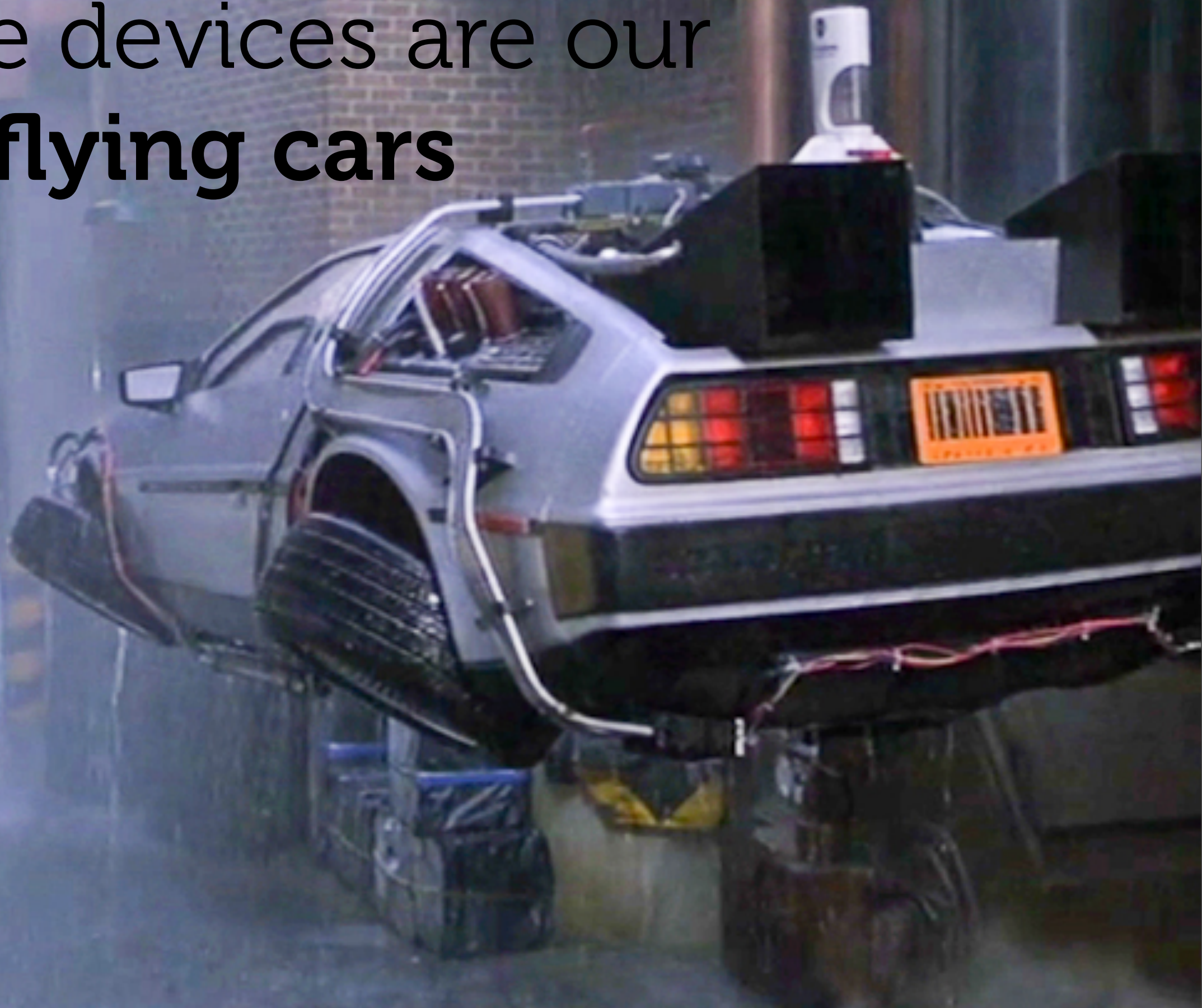


why mobile?

2015 is coming...



mobile devices are our
flying cars



mobile is more about
users

mobile

mobile

- ▶ absolutely personal

mobile

- ▶ absolutely personal
- ▶ +5 billions

mobile

- ▶ absolutely personal
- ▶ +5 billions
- ▶ make us focus

mobile

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- ▶ +5 billions
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- ▶ read our context...

mobile

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- ▶ make us focus
- ▶ read our context...
- ▶ ... always...

mobile

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- ▶ make us focus
- ▶ read our context...
- ▶ ... always...
- ▶ ... and everywhere.

**then... what is the
problem?**

mobile is a minefield



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Malvinas / Falklands Islands

A photograph of a parking garage entrance. The scene is illuminated by overhead lights. On the left, a series of signs for the exit: 'Exit Only' with a red circle with a white bar, 'Stay Right' with a red circle with a white bar, 'Exit Only' with a red circle with a white bar, 'Central Parking System' with a red circle with a white bar and a yellow circle, 'Exit Only' with a red circle with a white bar, 'Central Parking System' with a red circle with a white bar and a yellow circle, 'EXIT ONLY' with a red circle with a white bar, and 'Leave Ignition Key Only' with a red circle with a white bar and a yellow circle. On the right, a series of signs for the entrance: 'Enter Here' with a yellow circle, 'Clearance 6'6"' with a yellow circle, 'Welcome to 99 Summer Street' with a yellow circle, 'Pull Ahead' with a yellow circle, 'Central Parking System' with a red circle with a white bar and a yellow circle, 'DRIVE SLOWLY' with a yellow circle, 'Leave Ignition Key Only' with a red circle with a white bar and a yellow circle, and 'Please stay for customers' with a yellow circle. The floor is paved with bricks. The walls are white with a yellow stripe at the bottom. The ceiling is dark with some pipes and lights.

lots of questions

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we need to learn



lots of platforms

mobile web appears





native
vs
web

WAIT!

Are you sure?



native code vs javascript



browser VS installed apps & stores

lack of definitions

when we say mobile web

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*from a developer's
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CSS and JavaScript to
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(browser or installed)

**what are the
problems with
mobile web?**

**we are second class
producers**

second class

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- ▶ new features discovered by third-parties

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- ▶ no developer tools

Testing & debugging

Standards!



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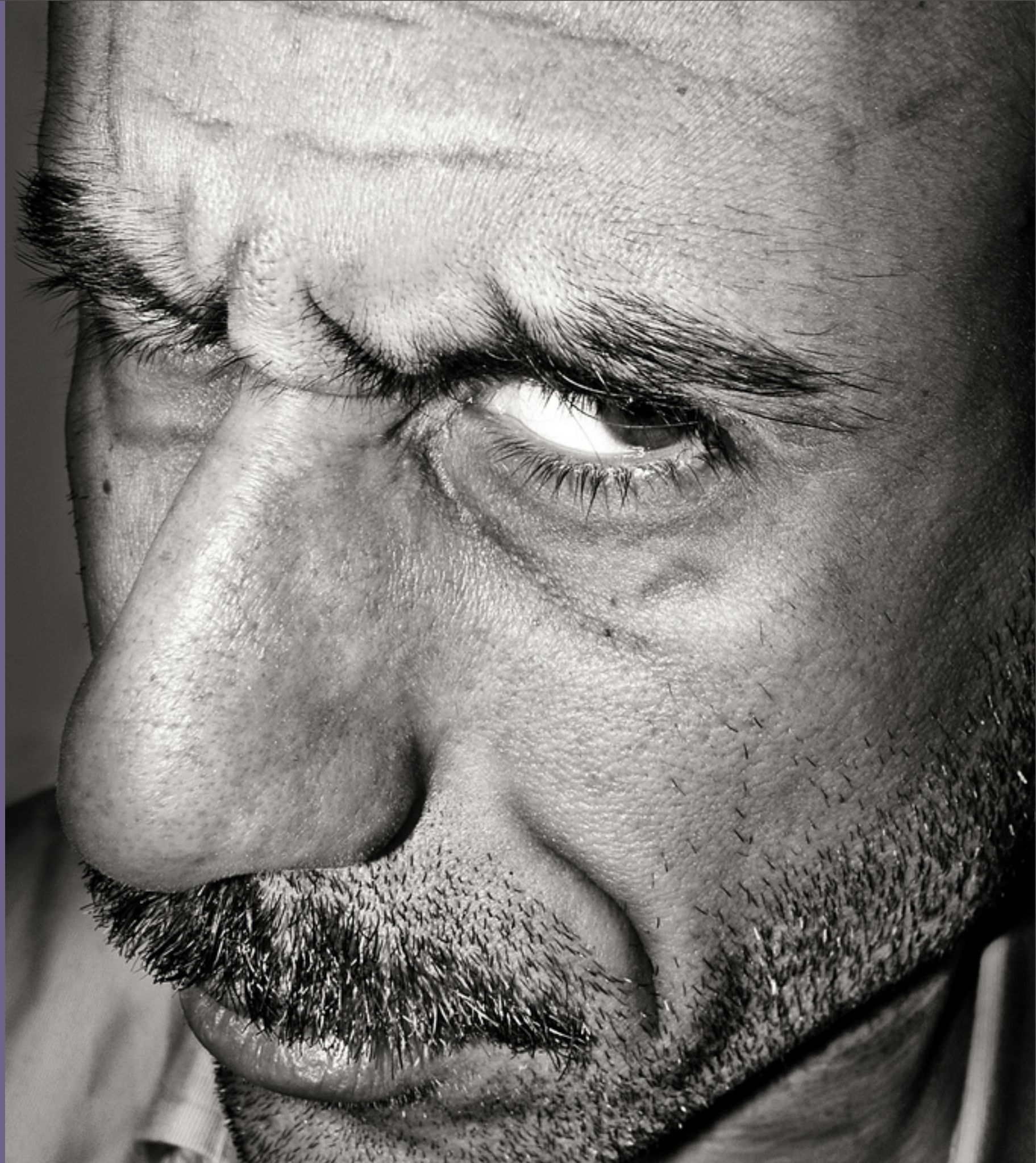
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HTML



**Are you
sure?**

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HTML

What is



?

html5

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- ▶ w3c standards (all in draft)

html5

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- ▶ some are other w3c standards

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- ▶ w3c ex-standards
- ▶ everything “new” on the web

do you want more?

do you want more?

- ▶ mobile html5

do you want more?

- ▶ mobile html5
- ▶ wednesday 15.50

do you want more?

- ▶ mobile html5
- ▶ wednesday 15.50
- ▶ mobile track

Let's clarify

mobile browsers

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- ▶ (most) without debugging tools

mobile browsers

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mobile browsers

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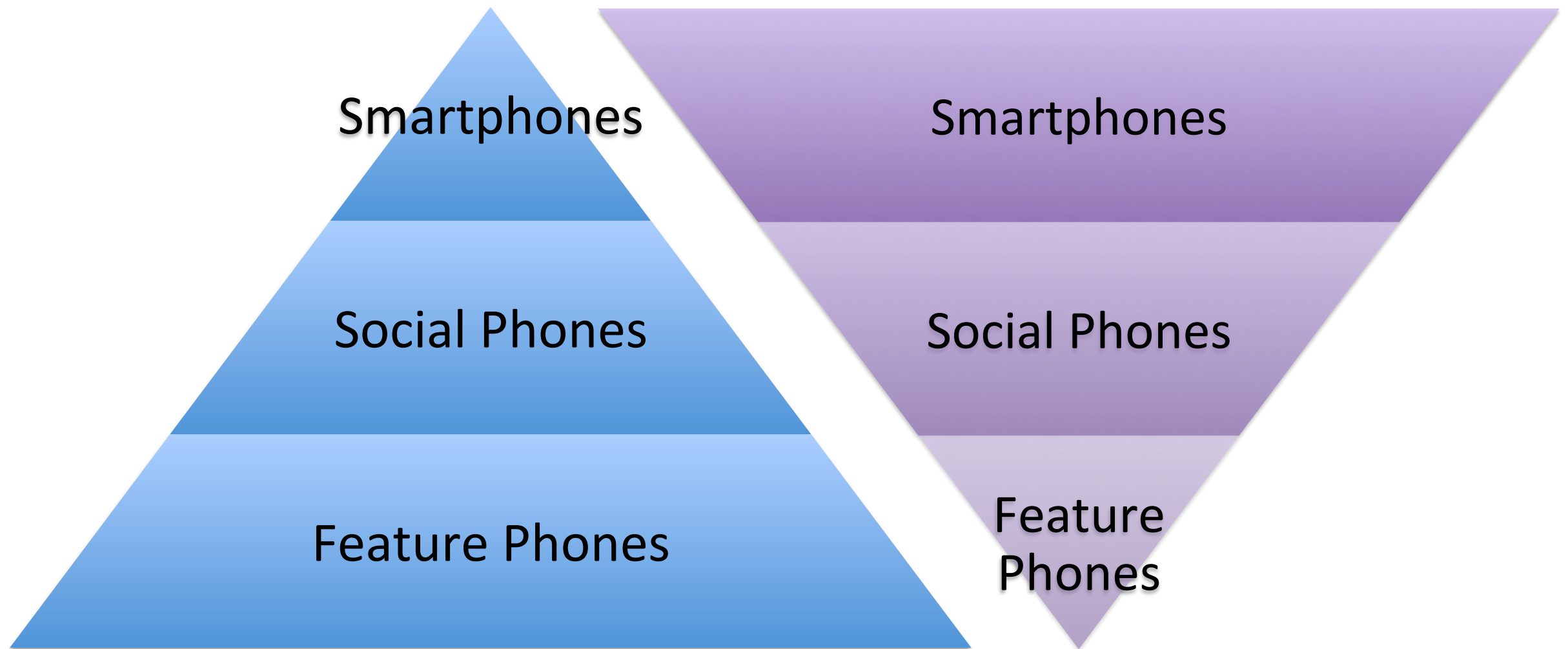
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- ▶ (some) multitouch-based
- ▶ (some) with zooming support

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- ▶ (some) multitouch-based
- ▶ (some) with zooming support
- ▶ (most) unknown for web devs

MOBILE WEB USAGE



MARKET SHARE

some are known

some are known

- ▶ Safari (on iOS)
- ▶ Opera Mobile (on Android & Symbian)
- ▶ Firefox (on Android)
- ▶ Internet Explorer (on Windows Phone)

some are unknown

some are unknown

- ▶ **Nokia Browser** (on Symbian, S40 & Meego 1.2)
- ▶ **BlackBerry Browser**
- ▶ **webOS Browser**
- ▶ **Bada Browser**
- ▶ **Opera Mini**
- ▶ **NetFront**
- ▶ **Myriad**
- ▶ **Phantom**
- ▶ **Skyfire**

and some are coming...

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- ▶ Google Chrome
- ▶ Amazon Silk

they are on tablets too!

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- ▶ Safari
- ▶ Android Browser
- ▶ webOS Browser
- ▶ BlackBerry Browser
- ▶ Opera Mini

**and with different
versions...**

and there's more!

pseudo-browsers

pseudobrowsers

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- ▶ uses the internal web control

pseudobrowsers

- ▶ mostly on iOS and Android
- ▶ uses the internal web control
- ▶ have different behavior than the native!





don't give up yet



webkit on mobile

mobile IE reborn

mobile IE reborn

- ▶ on Windows Phone 7.5, full Internet Explorer 9 with HTML5

mobile IE reborn

- ▶ on Windows Phone 7.5, full Internet Explorer 9 with HTML5
- ▶ but...

the webkit problem

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the webkit problem

- ▶ we are doing some things wrong
- ▶ mostly css3
- ▶ IE9, Firefox, Opera second-class citizens
- ▶ The history is repeating!

do responsible web

do responsible web

- ▶ do WebKit development for mobile

do responsible web

- ▶ do WebKit development for mobile
- ▶ but do not discriminate your users

do responsible web

- ▶ do WebKit development for mobile
- ▶ but do not discriminate your users
- ▶ please?

**we need to forget
and learn**

forget about

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- ▶ pixels

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- ▶ emulate native ui exactly
- ▶ device conditionals

forget about

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- ▶ device conditionals
- ▶ suppose

learn about

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- ▶ best experience for each context
- ▶ the “top model” approach, aka WPO
- ▶ gain user loyalty

responsive design

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Tiny grants keep 'awesome' ideas coming

The Awesome Foundation, started by a group of tech-savvy twentysomethings, offers small grants for ideas that are, well, awesome.



Potatoes, pride at risk in Maine

The Aroostook County potato harvest in Maine,

Early educator union sought

Massachusetts teacher unions are attempting to enroll more than 10,000 early childhood education workers in the private and nonprofit sectors.



Mass. redistricting plans pit east vs. west

The congressional seats of William Keating and Stephen Lynch could be combined in one plan. Another reportedly merges the seats of Richard E. Neal and John W. Olver.



Optimism, candor boost Cain in polls

Herman Cain, a pizza magnate and conservative talk-radio host, has

Linde Family
Wing for
Contemporary
Art

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the new mfa

“

“Being funded by interested and interesting peers is a whole benefit in itself.”

Sara Hendren, who was awarded an Awesome Foundation grant

responsive design



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A photograph of three cupcakes in dark brown paper liners. The cupcake on the left has a white cream filling topped with a single red raspberry. The middle cupcake has a white cream filling topped with a swirl of white frosting and a walnut. The cupcake on the right has a white cream filling topped with a single red raspberry.

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learn about

learn about

- ▶ the viewport

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- ▶ target density (pixel ratio)

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- ▶ target density (pixel ratio)
- ▶ how and when to fix elements on screen

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- ▶ how background code works

learn about

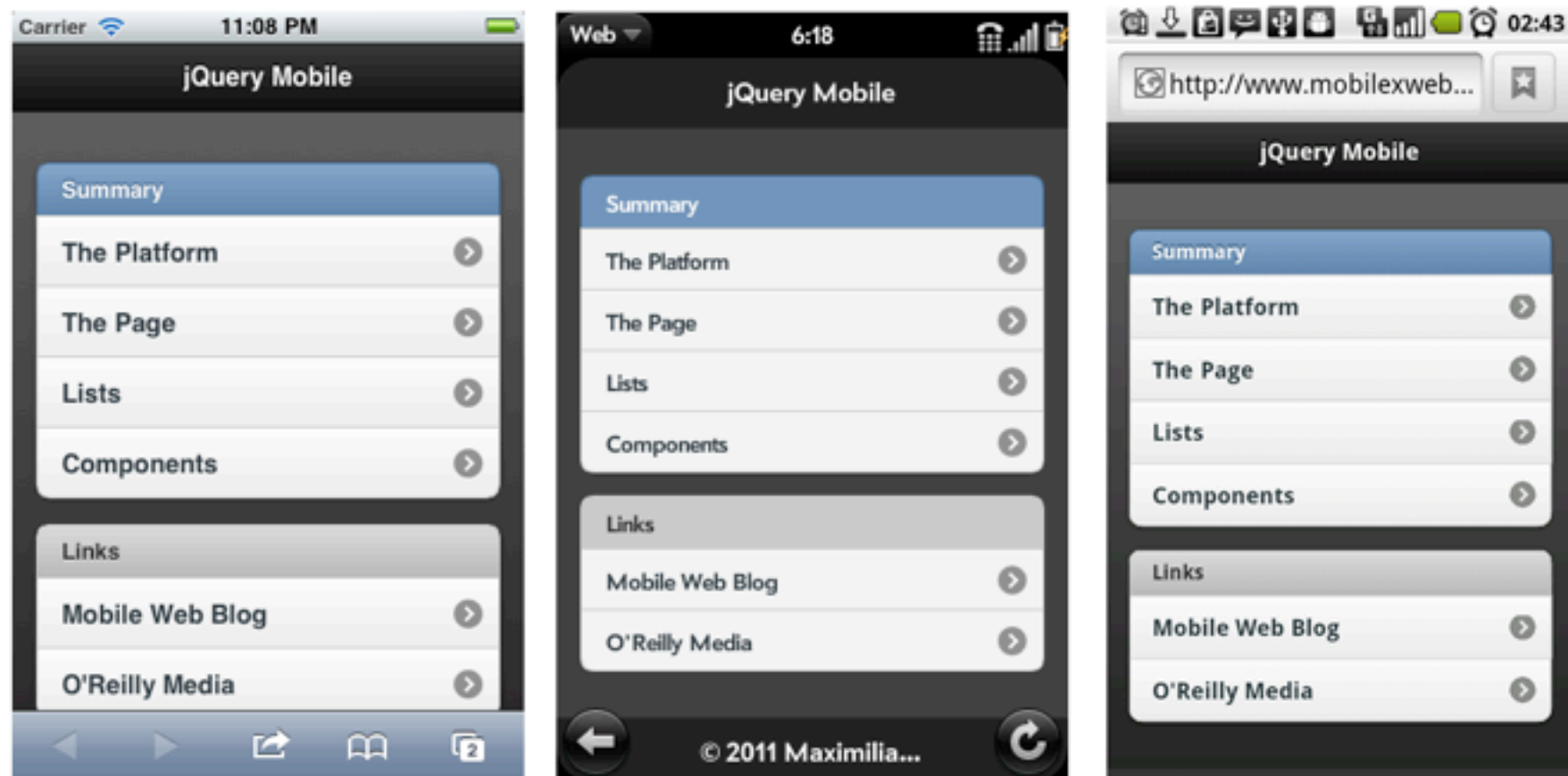
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- ▶ how and when to fix elements on screen
- ▶ how background code works
- ▶ data URI - inlining content



mobile web toolkit



emulators



www.mobilexweb.com/emulators



friends

lots of them



virtual labs

real devices on real networks



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www.deviceanywhere.com



device libraries

detect devices and abilities from server-side

manually tested

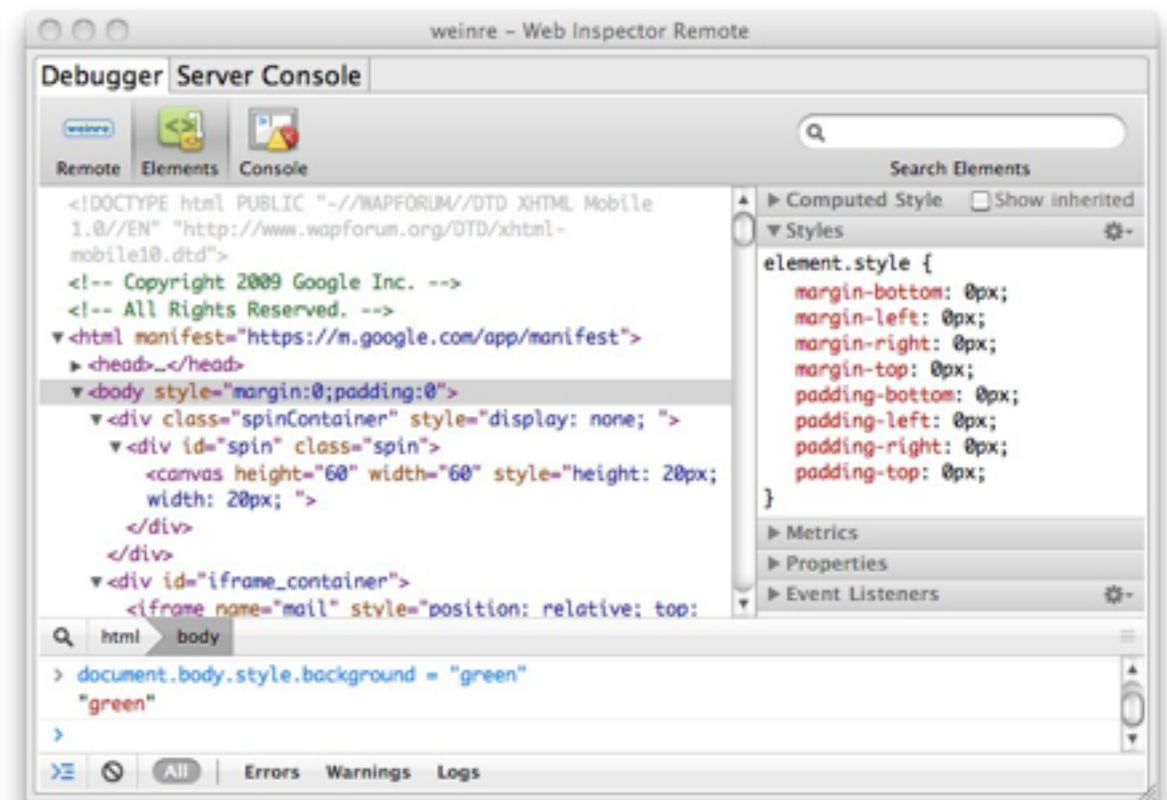
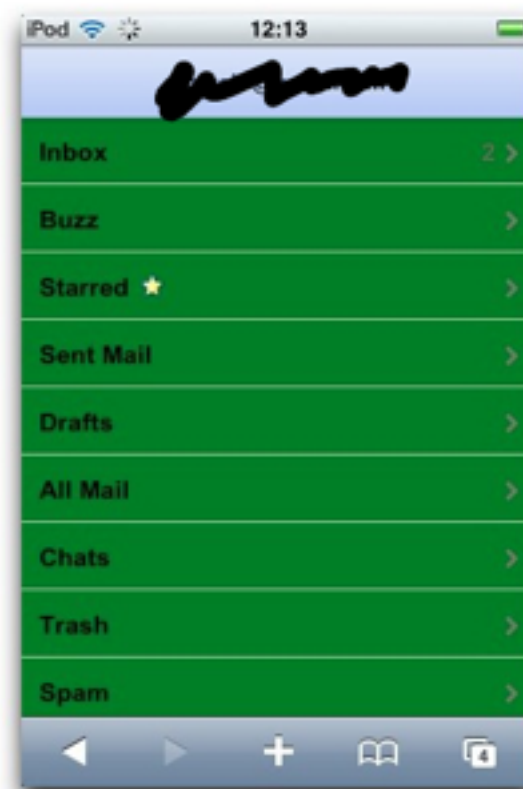
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www.deviceatlas.com



debugging tools

remote web inspector (BB 7.0 y PlayBook)
opera mobile (DragonFly)
weinre



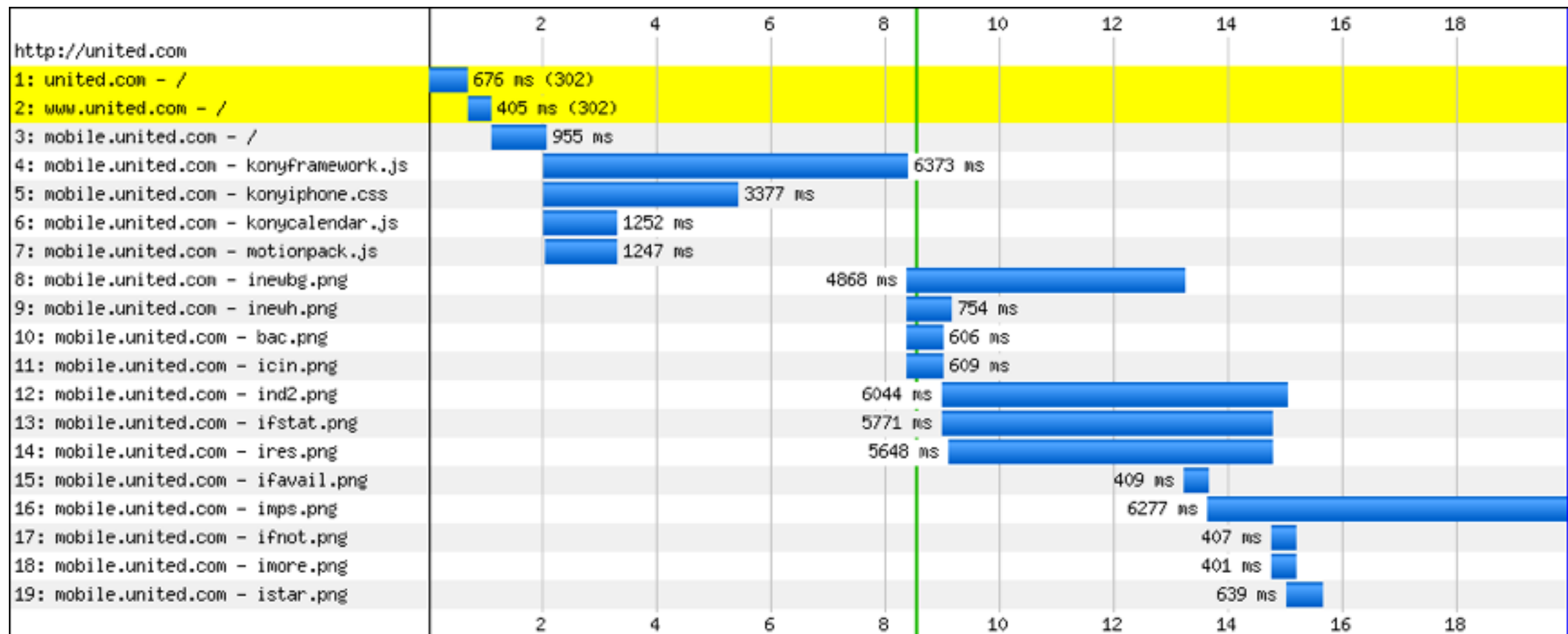
[phonegap.github.com/weinre](https://github.com/phonegap/weinre)

debug.phonegap.com



performance tools

just starting...



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what can we do
today?

mobile webapps

capabilities

offline storage

geolocation

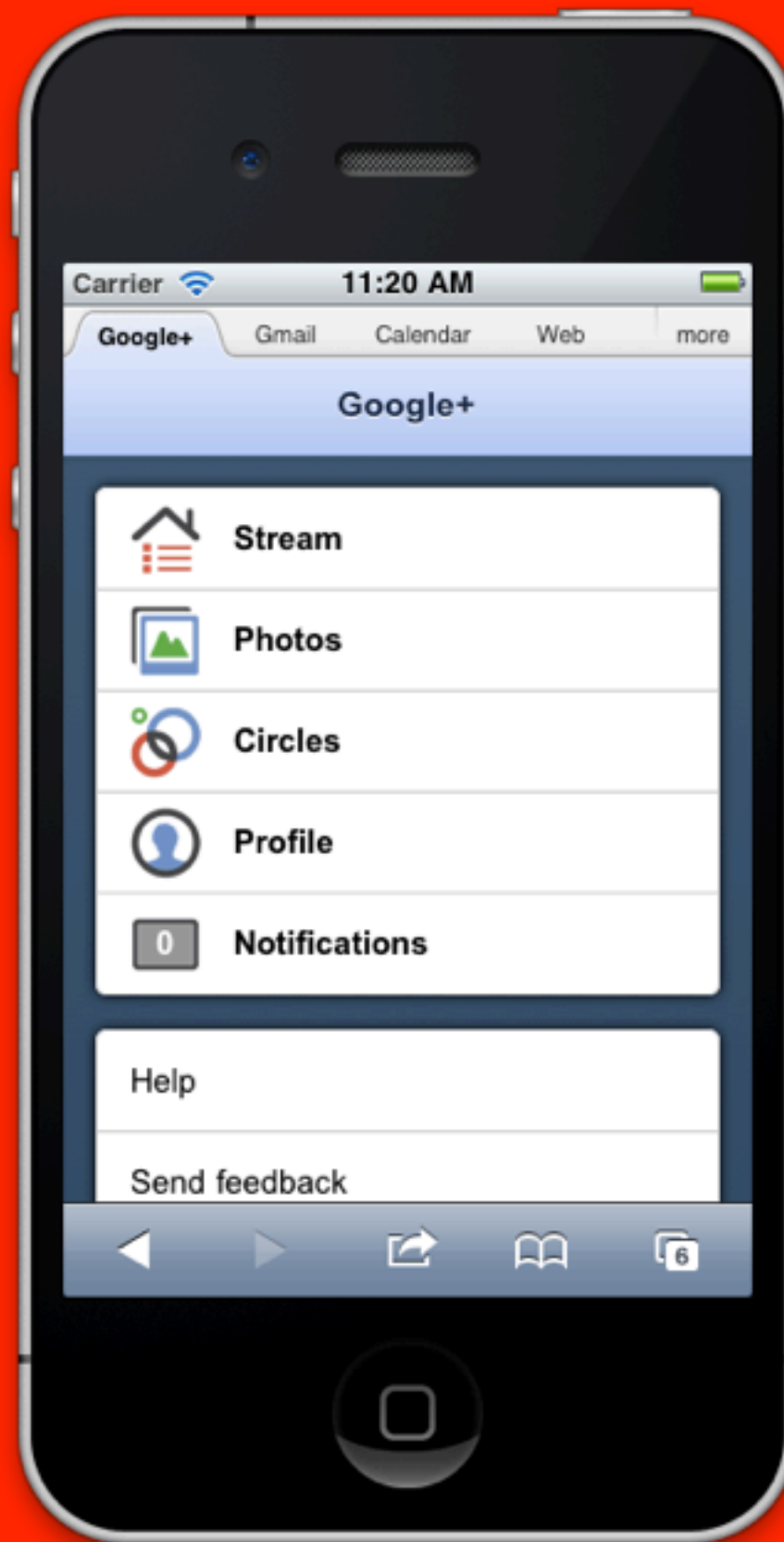
device motion

drawing

animations / transitions / transformations

chrome-less experience

touch and gesture events



google services

what about
packagers?

html5 offline

Application cache

Web Storage API

Full-screen homepage installation iOS

Add Bookmark

Add to Home Screen

Mail Link to this Page

To get full offline access to the FT Web App straight from your home screen, tap the button above and click 'Add to Home Screen'

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case

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8:12 PM Sunday

'Time short' for eurozone, says Cameron



UK prime minister wants France and Germany to bury differences and to adopt by end of year what he claims would be a decisive five-point plan

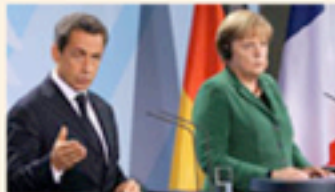
8:39 PM Sunday

Save Europe's unity now

If Europe fails the euro will fail, and uncountable strands in the fabric of European integration will unravel

7:54 PM Sunday

Merkel and Sarkozy set euro deadline



Leaders aim for end of October to reach agreement on measures to stabilise eurozone, including recapitalisation of banks if needed

8:53 AM Monday

Dexia set for €90bn of state guarantees

Last updated: 10:54am

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BTW

you are guilty!

users hate you

The image shows a close-up of several white rectangular cards stacked on top of each other. Each card features a large, bold, black question mark. The cards are slightly offset, creating a sense of depth. In the center of the stack, the word "why?" is written in a bright yellow, sans-serif font. The background is a light gray, and the overall lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the paper and the sharpness of the question marks.

why?







mobile
web
is slow



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mobile web is **slow**
because...

mobile web is slow
because...

we are doing it wrong

on mobile

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks
- ▶ higher latency

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks
- ▶ higher latency
- ▶ slower hardware

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks
- ▶ higher latency
- ▶ slower hardware
- ▶ different browsing experience

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks
- ▶ higher latency
- ▶ slower hardware
- ▶ different browsing experience
- ▶ different context

on mobile

- ▶ slower networks
- ▶ higher latency
- ▶ slower hardware
- ▶ different browsing experience
- ▶ different context
- ▶ different possible networks

web performance optimization

wpo mobile

wpo mobile

- ▶ do mobile semantic html5

wpo mobile

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- ▶ do not redirect

wpo mobile

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- ▶ do not redirect
- ▶ apply known wpo techniques

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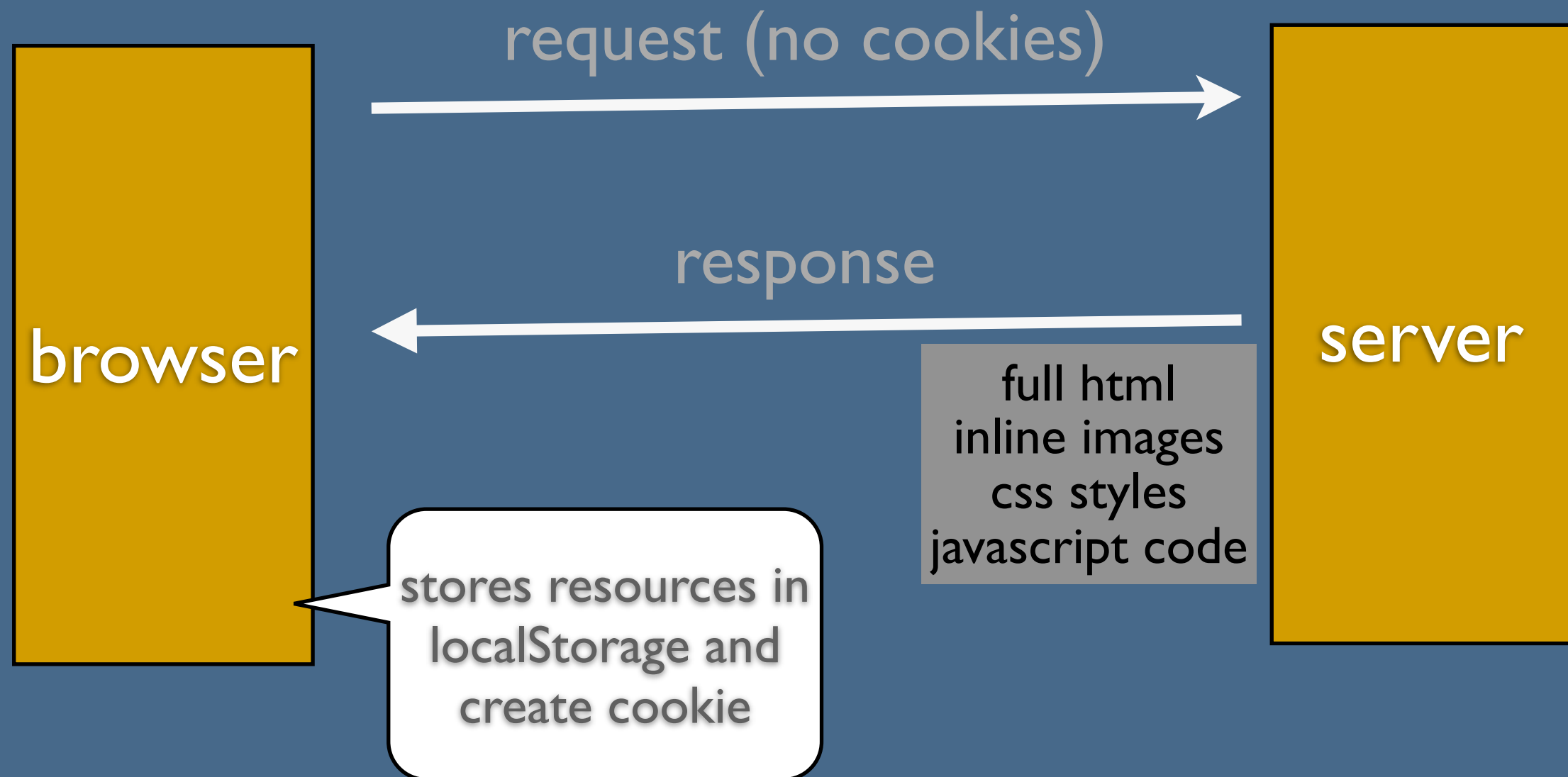
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wpo mobile

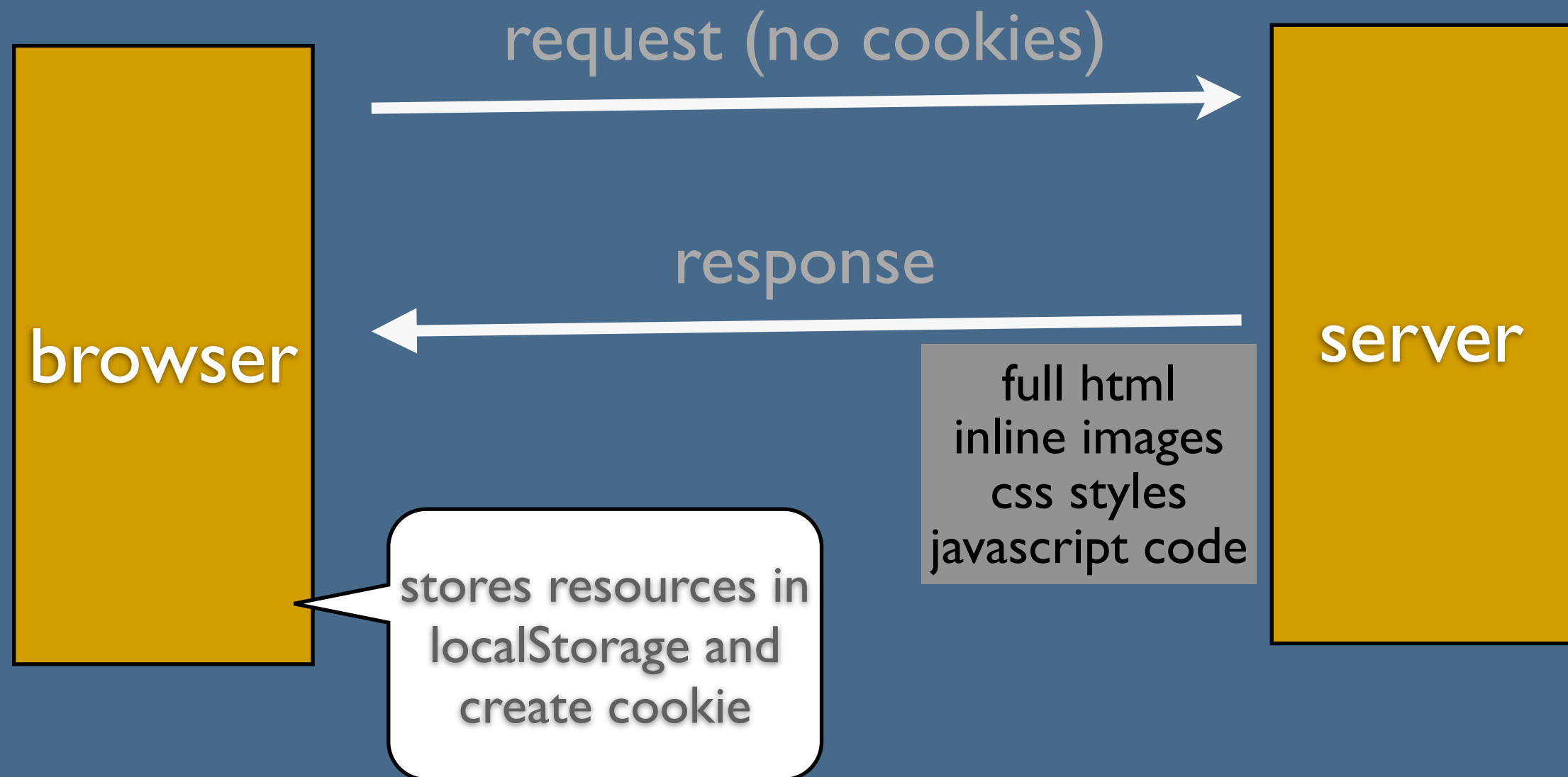
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- ▶ internal is better?
- ▶ touch instead of click

offline storage

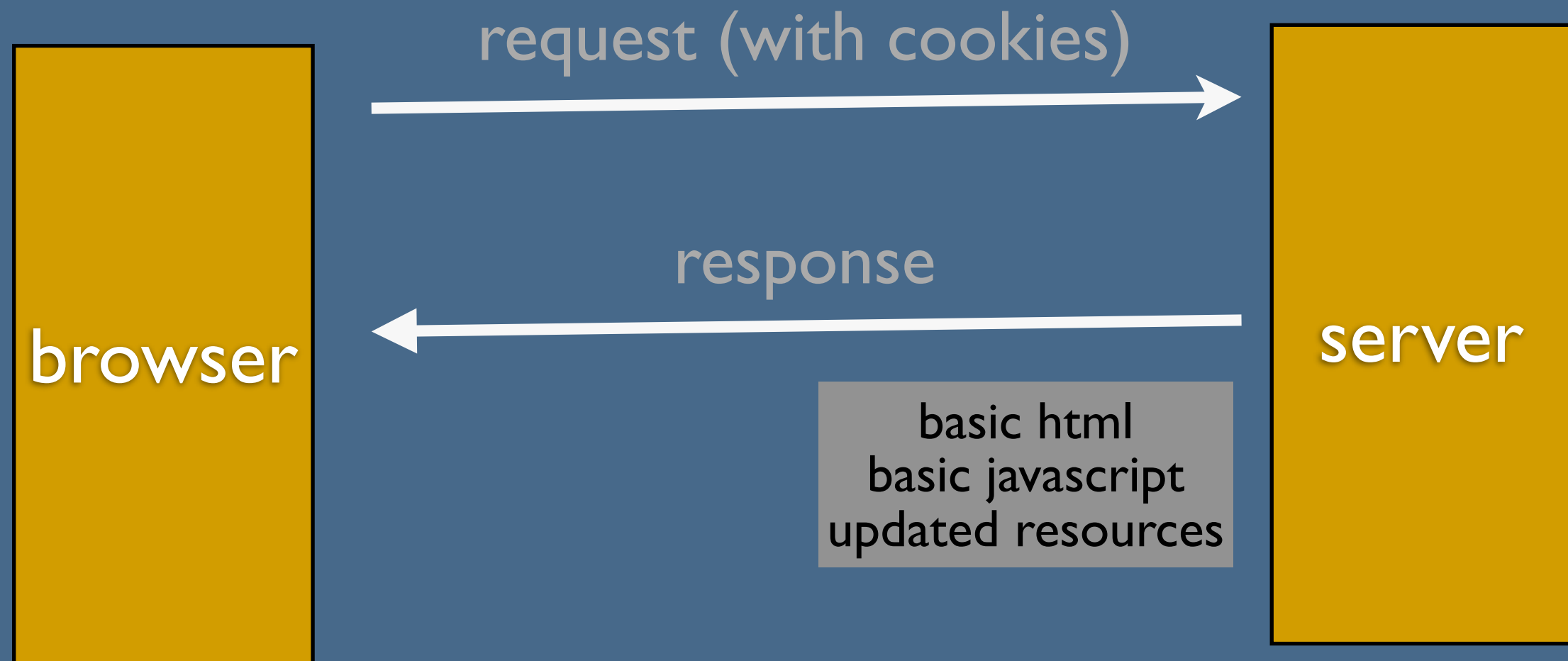


offline storage

first load

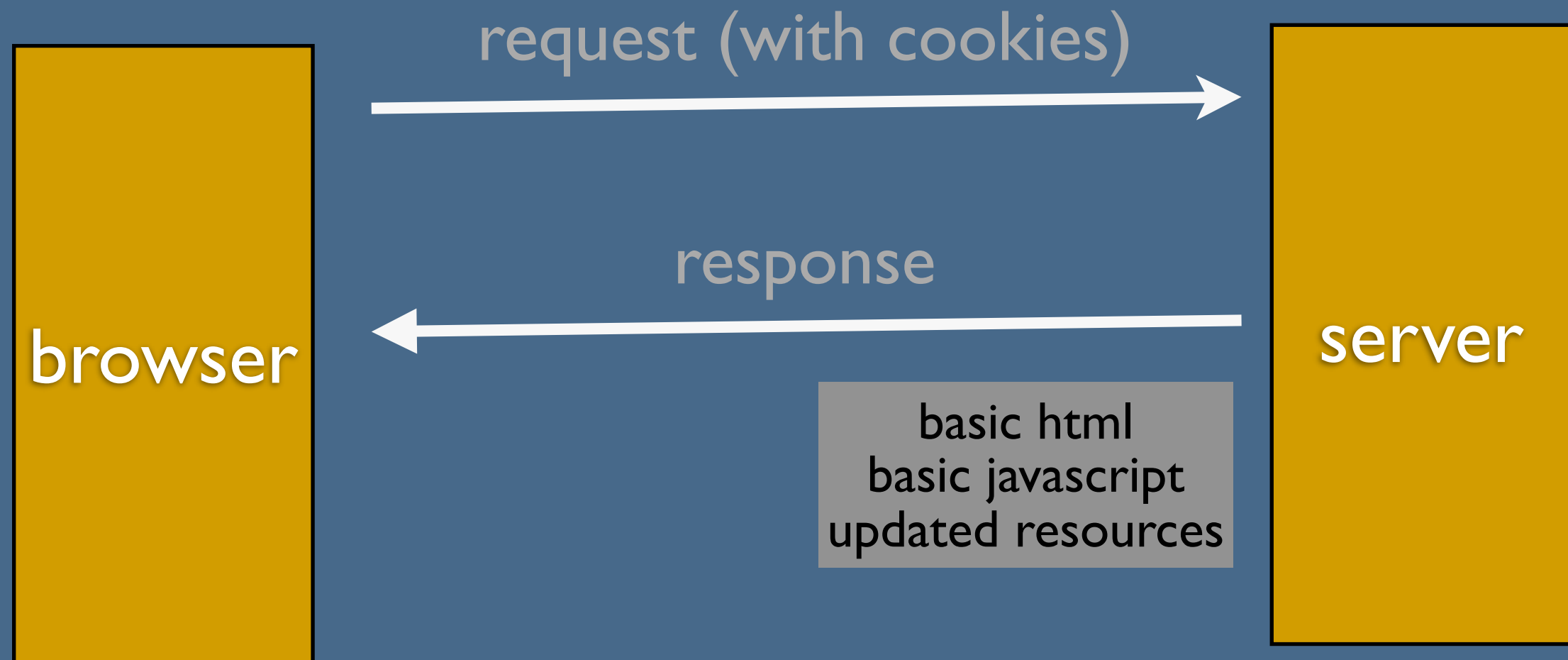


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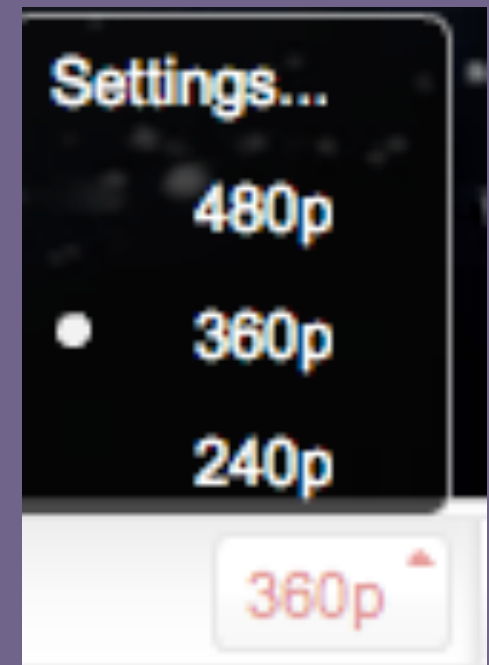
second load



**forget about
DECIDING FOR THE
USER**

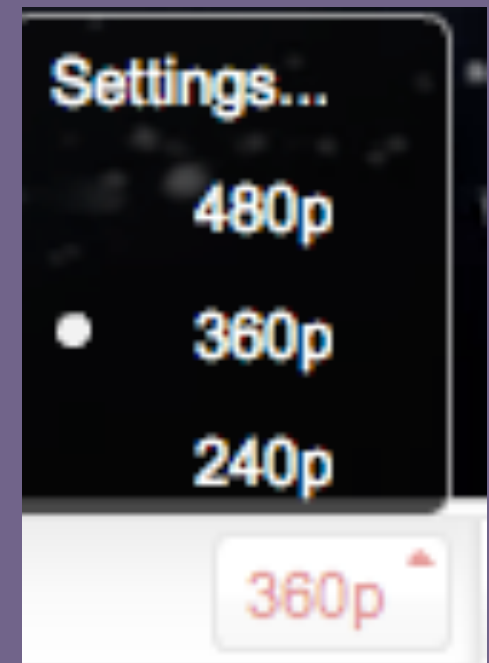
WRONG

right experience for the right context



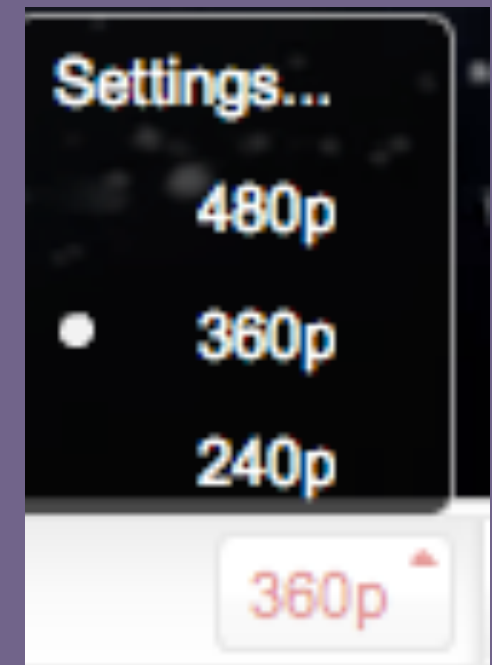
right experience for the right context

- ▶ provide different experiences



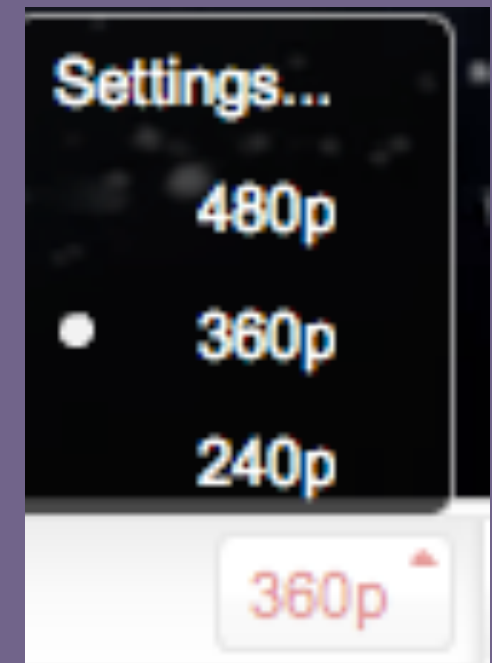
right experience for the right context

- ▶ provide different experiences
- ▶ YouTube resolution idea



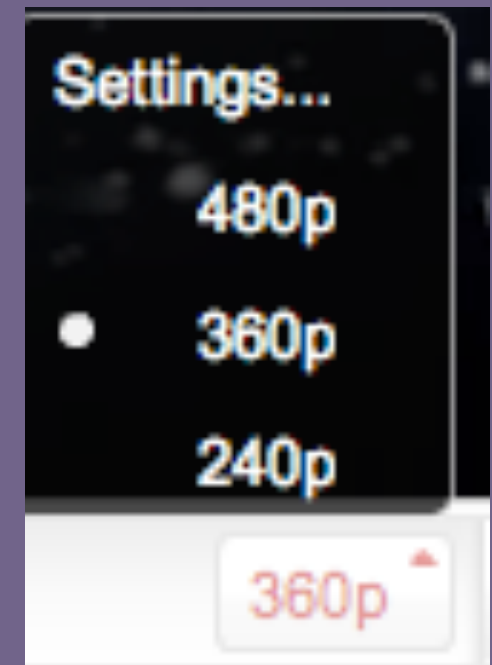
right experience for the right context

- ▶ provide different experiences
- ▶ YouTube resolution idea
- ▶ SD/HD version



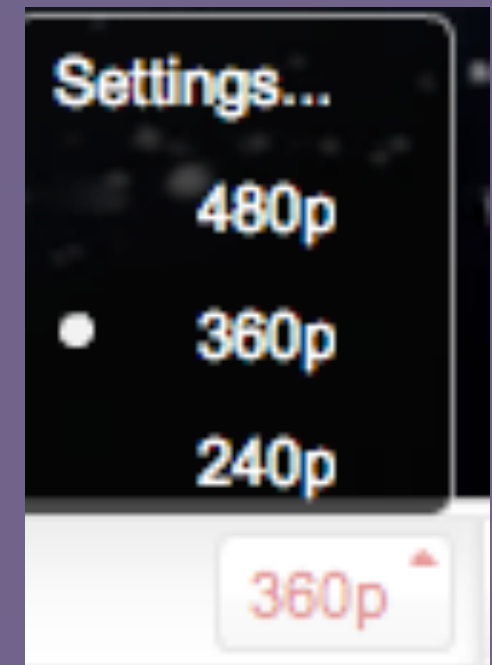
right experience for the right context

- ▶ provide different experiences
- ▶ YouTube resolution idea
- ▶ SD/HD version
- ▶ decide best version based



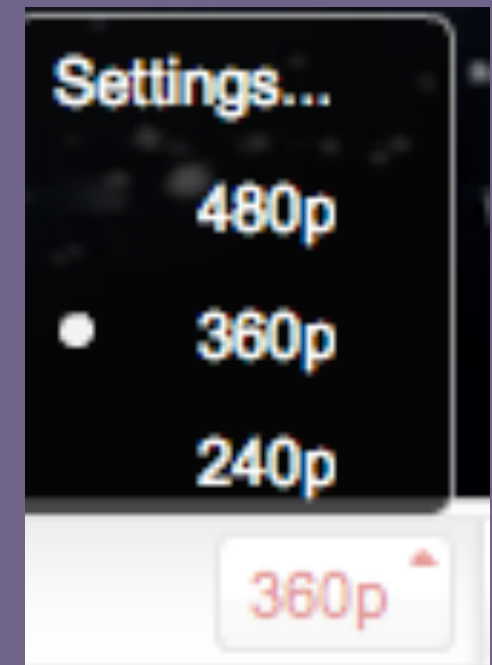
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some last advices

DANGER
OVERHEAD CATENARY
WIRES ARE ALIVE

GOVERNMENT CENTER

TO B.C., CLEVELAND CIRCLE, RIVERSIDE, HEATH VIA PARK

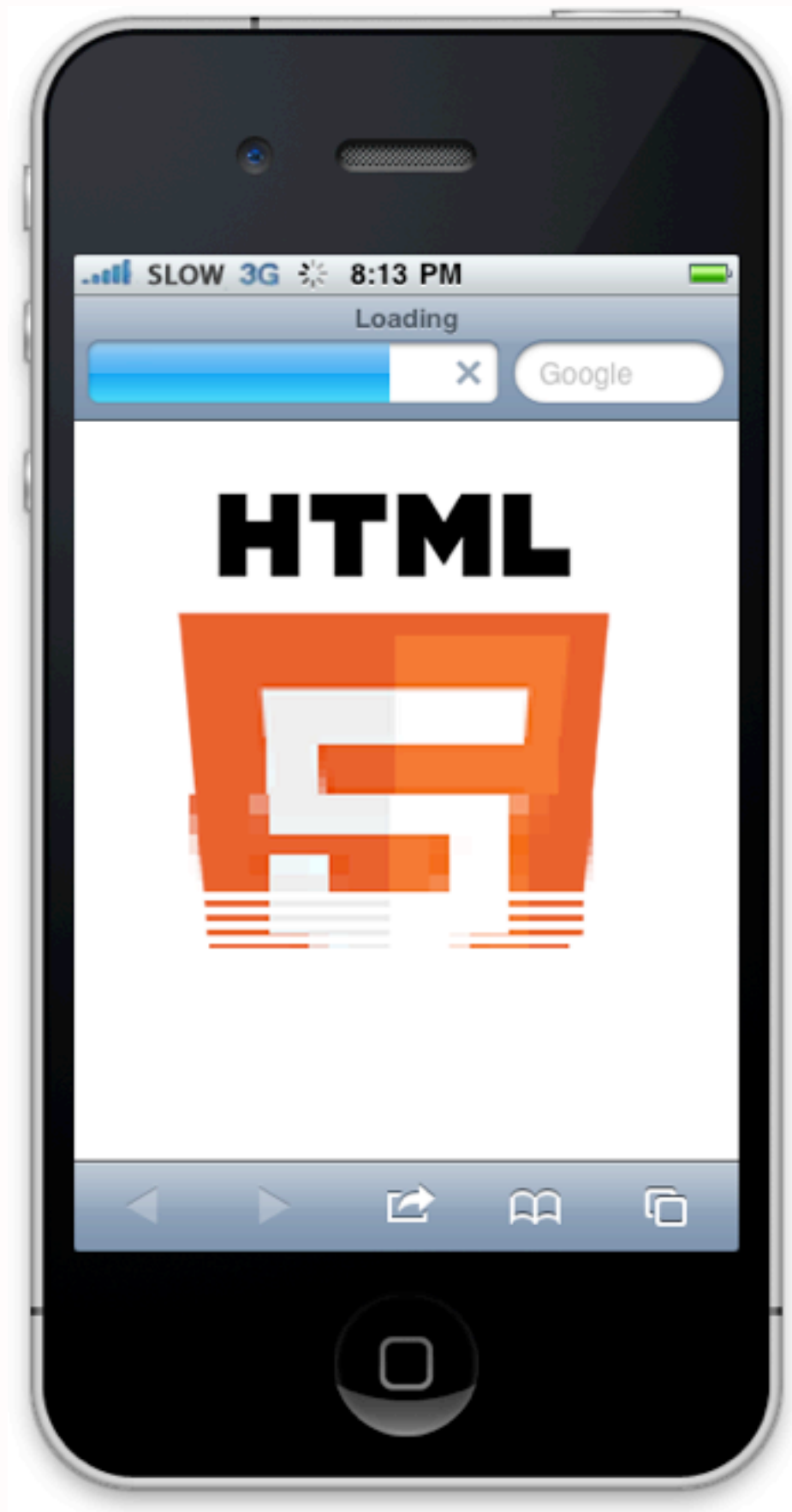
NO SMOKING

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DON'T BE AVERAGE.

GOOD BANKING IS GOOD CITIZENSHIP. Citizens Bank

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performance,
performance

good practices



don't be fanatic

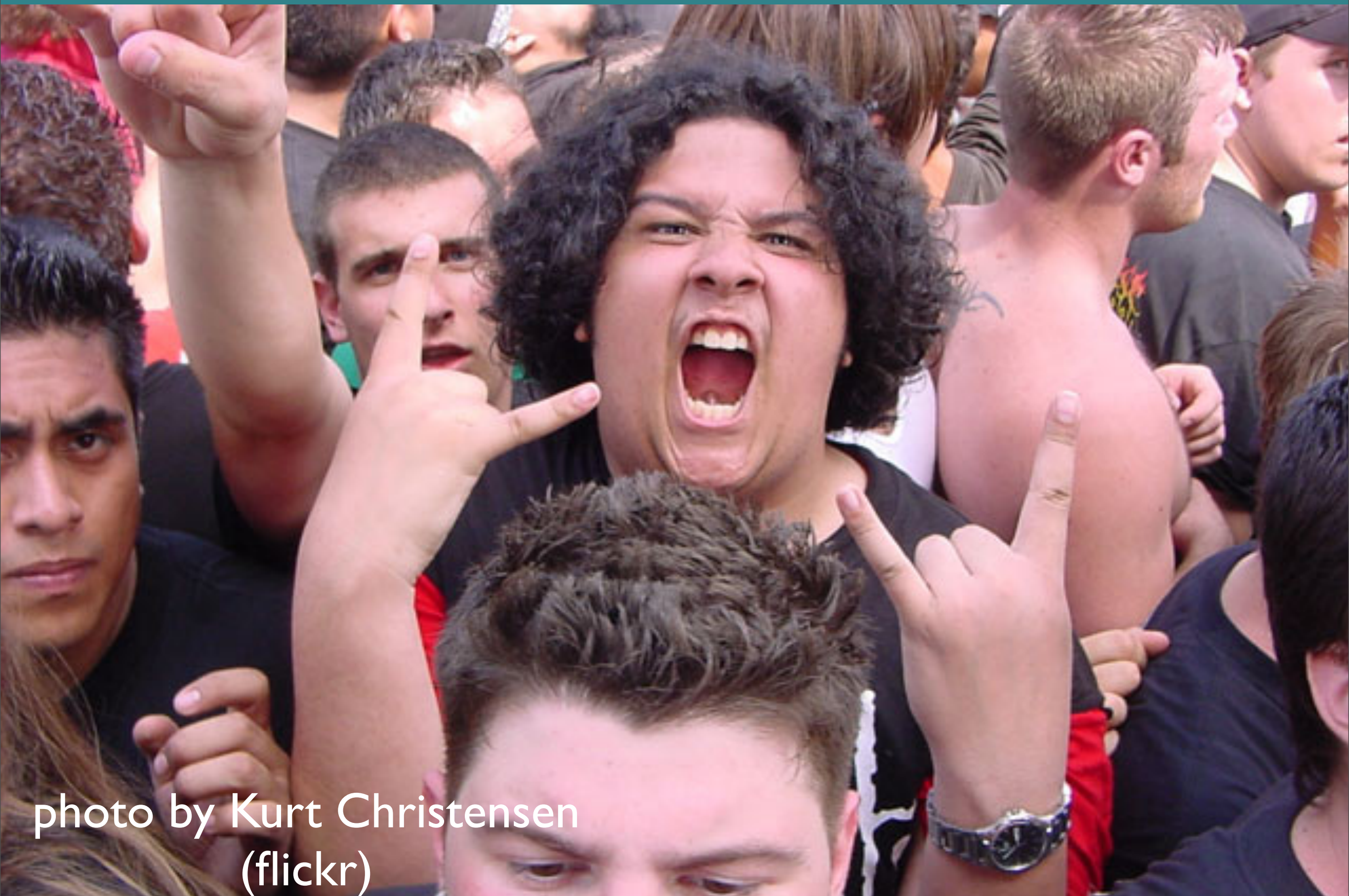


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