Mobile Widgets: 2008

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Widgets: Definition



- Small, vector graphic, data-capable, handset-resident, persistent data applications (at least within the widget environment, which can be the idle screen of the phone)
- Client-server optional





Deep Integration or Just RSS Readers?

- Presence
- Contacts
- Security?
- Malware?

Deep Integration

RSS-Enabled

Widgets

Email Calendar Extranet

Non-Resident

Personal/Enterprise Information



Requirements



- Cache Memory
- Internet Access
- UI Support
- Maintenance—Versioning
 - Engine
 - Policy
 - Widget-based
 - Pull, not Push!



Ecosystem Model

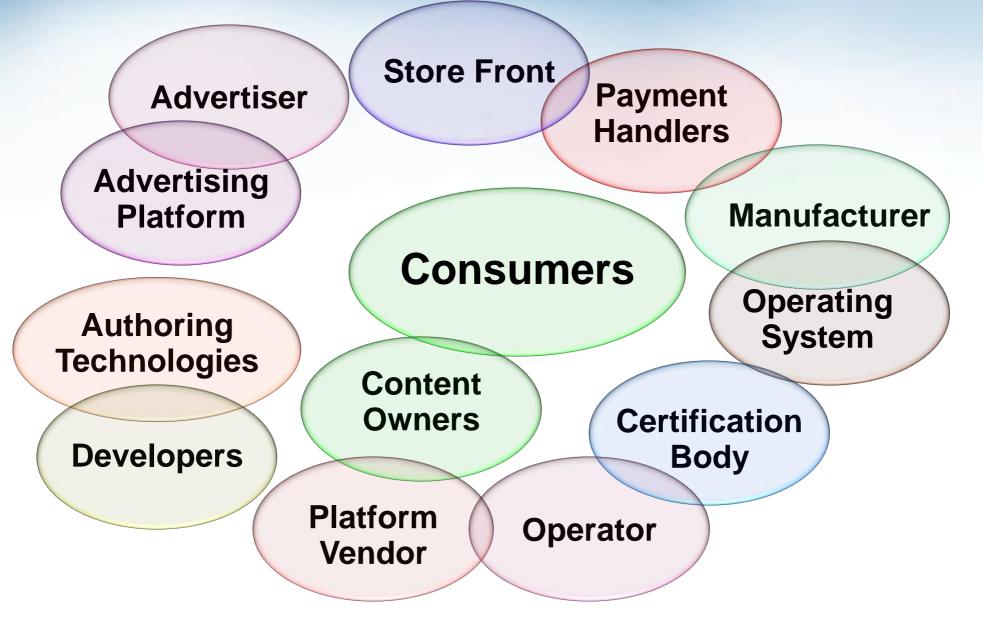


- Will Consumers Create Widgets? NO
- Should widgets be customizable? YES
- URLs: Too long to type in
- Widgets should be acquirable from the engine
- Widgets should be side-loadable



Widgets: Value Chain







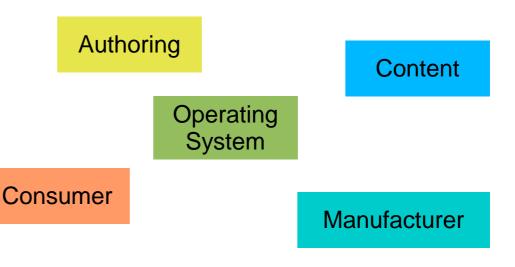
Operator-Oriented Value Chain

Operator:

- Store Front
- Brand
- Platform
- Ad Platform
- Certification
- Payments

Pay to Play:

- Developer
- Advertiser







Data: Policy Required



- No Consensus:
- Budgeted or Disposed When Inactive?
- Cost (Flat Rate?)?
- Battery Issues
- Network Impact



Security vs. Trust

Human Factors

- No guaranty
- OS-Enabled
- Device Integrity: No Crashing
- Network Integrity: No Malware
- No Disruptions
- No Central Authority? OMA?

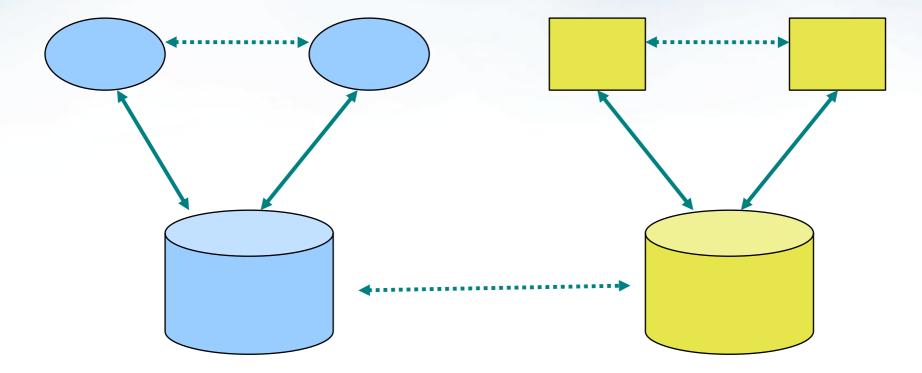
Security is a key differentiator in the competitive landscape.

Security policies are needed by the market place.



Interoperability

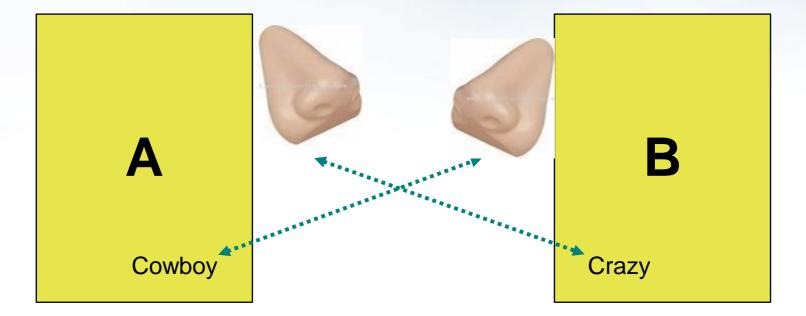






Shared Music Experience







Widget vs. Application



Widget

- Single/Partial Screen
- More Client-Server
- Narrow Functionality
- Faster/Easier Access
- NotePad
- Notifier (Mailbox Flag)
- Alarm/Next Appointment
- Friend, etc. Finder

Application

- Multi-Screen
- Stand-alone/ Client Server
- One at a Time/Full-Screen
- Rich Functionality
 - Word Processor
- Email or IM
- Calendar

Map

over the air.org

Who Wins?



- Nokia
- Qualcomm
- Opera
- Openwave
 - Plusmo
 - W3C

Engine must support easy acquisition of new content!

Fears about interests: manufacturers don't want to buy from other manufacturers, and GSM operators fear further involvement with Qualcomm. Plusmo is an unknown where are their proven successes with security? And so it's Openwave and Opera that offer the best promise for widget frameworks. They are solid, secure companies with known interests.



Thank you.

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