### Beyond the Desktop Sites and Apps for Phones & Tablets





### Questions?

- Ask at any time! We want to know what you're wondering about.
- Just enter your question in the chat box.
- We will address as many questions as we can in the webinar and the remainder via email afterwards.

### Agenda

- Why mobile?
- Web sites, web apps, and native apps
- Example: MI Energy Core
- Small-screen and touchscreen design
- Design for tablets
- Design process
- Special offer for attendees

### Presenters



### Michael Slater CEO, Webvanta



Patrick Schutte Business Development Consultant, MI Windows & Doors



### What's your role in building sites and apps?

# Why Mobile?

- Smartphone sales to exceed PC sales in 2012
- 750,000 iOS+Android devices activated every day
- ~10% of web traffic and growing rapidly
  - >1 billion people with mobile data plans
- > \$4 billion/year in mobile commerce
- The primary web platform in many countries

### Mobile is Different

- Small screen
- Touchscreen
- Always with you
- Always connected



- New app platforms and distribution systems
- New sensors (camera, GPS, compass, accelerometer)











### Ignore

### Webkit Browser HTML5 + CSS3

Latest Version IE9

# Flash, Video & Animation

- No Flash on iPhone and iPad
- HTML5 audio and video players
- Animation using JavaScript & CSS3



### Native vs. Web

- Native apps?
- Web apps?
- Both?

# Native App Advantages

- Best performance
- Access to non-web-standard devices
  - Camera, GPS, accelerometer
  - Multitouch
- App Store distribution channel
- One-click in-app purchasing



# Native App Disadvantages

- Each platform has its own native apps
  - Each has its own tools and languages
- Substantial programming skills required
  - Unless you use simple site-builders
- Users must install your app
- App store policies and processes

### App Platforms



\*\*\* BlackBerry



symbian



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## Creating Cross-Platform Native Apps

- Third-party frameworks create apps on multiple platforms
- PhoneGap best for simpler apps, encapsulating web content
- Titanium good for more complex apps



Phone Gap

# Web Apps

- There is a (partial) way out of the multiplatform nightmare!
  - Choose the web as the platform
  - HTML5, CSS3, JavaScript
- Limited access to devices and sensors
- No presence in app store
- No icon on phone, unless user creates one

### Where's the Data?

- Phones and tablets don't always have connectivity
- Websites and webapps dependent on web access
  - Some offline features are available in browsers
- App can receive new content from an online source





### Are you interested primarily in web apps or native apps?

### Example: MI Windows & Doors

- Provide product information to consumers, dealers, and installers
- Desktop website
- Mobile website
- Tablet app

Presenter: Patrick Schutte MI Windows & Doors







#### MI EnergyCore Window System\* Why MI EnergyCore"? Numerous Barriers to Air and Water Infiltration Multiple contact p weatherstripping Interlockingmeetin pocketed sill with d · LC SO AAMA rating 0 🖻



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MIWD Launches New Energy Efficient Window System: MI EnergyCore™

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#### Why MI EnergyCore™

Find out why the MI EnergyCore™ Window System with AirCell™ PVC frame technology is so energy-efficient, stronger, more secure, quieter, with traditional style.



Watch our videos to see how our windows and doors are made. what components go into them, the story behind MI Windows and Doors and more.



Seeing You Through.

The MI EnergyCore<sup>™</sup> frame is much more energy efficient:

6X Better than fiberglass 4X Better than rigid PVC 3X Better than wood



#### French Rail Patio Door

Our new French Rail Patio Door is made of MikronWood™, a thermoplastic alloy resin, that is rot-proof and impervious to insects, moisture and humidity.





Frame Advantages





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#### Video Library

See videos about why is the MI EnergyCore™ Window System with AirCell™ PVC frame technology is so energy efficient.



#### Price Book

Access pricing for the MI EnergyCore™ Window System and get tips of how to order the windows and patio door.





Access presentations about the windows, French Rail Patio Door, Styles and Options, Laminated Glass and more.

Specs and Drawings

See the technical specifications

for the MI EnergyCore™ Window



Window Styles, Colors. Options . nTh



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Friday July 1, 2011 iPads and Custom Application Deployed to MIWD Sales Force

Tuesday June 28, 2011 MIWD Installs New Shrink Wrap Packaging System



### Small-Screen Design

- Minimal navigation
- No sidebars or multi-column layouts
- Pare down to the essentials



#### Lunch

Need a quick mid-day bite or a leisurely business lunch? Either way you are sure to be more then satisfied with our wide range of healthy and hearty lunch dishes!

#### Sandwiches

Order Turkey Club Classic \$7.49

served on golden grilled multi-grain bread

#### Order Roast Beef & Cheddar Melt \$8.29

slow-roasted sirloin thinly sliced with melted cheddar, tomato and onion on golden grilled rye





#### Menus

| Overview  |  |
|-----------|--|
| Breakfast |  |
| ► Lunch   |  |
| Dinner    |  |
| Dessert   |  |
| Wine List |  |

#### **Food Preferences**

Show only choices matching your needs

Low-Fat

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order Grilled Turkey, Bacon, & Swiss \$7.29 served on golden grilled multi-grain bread

#### ORDER Buffalo Chicken Sandwich \$8.29

lightly coated fried chicken breast tossed in mild or hot buffalo sauce, melted bleu cheese crumbles, mayo, lettuce, tomato and onion

#### **ORDER Grilled Tuna Melt \$7.29**

served on golden grilled rye with cheddar and tomato slices

Vegan



# Small Screen Navigation

- Topnav must be kept simple, no dropdowns
- Footer menu can provide additional items

# Mobile & Desktop Pages

- Separate pages allow delivery of different HTML
  - Otherwise limited to CSS & JS techniques
- Database-driven content allows two sets of pages to be driven by the same content



### Responsive Design

- A technique for avoiding having separate pages for desktop and mobile
- Change page by delivering different CSS for different screen sizes (using media queries)
- Page contents (HTML) remains the same
- Images scaled by the browser
  - Can use JS to deliver small image first, then larger one if a desktop browser



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### Design for On-the-Go Users

- Action-oriented
- Impatient
- One-handed
- Specific needs



- What's the phone number?
- How do I get there?
- Can I get a reservation?

### Design for Touchscreens

- No hover (tooltips, dropdowns)
- Use large touch targets
  - Apple rec. min. 29 px wide x 44 px tall
  - Leave space between touch targets
- Support flexible layout
  - Size, orientation

### Gestures

- Tap, Double Tap
- Drag
- Flick
- Pinch, Spread
- Press, Press & Tap, Press & Drag
- Rotate

### Mobile Forms

- Much tougher environment for user to be filling out forms
  - Number of fields must be ruthlessly minimized
- Form widgets are provided by the browser
  - Some quite different on Android vs. iOS
- New HTML5 input types help usability
  - Show the best keyboard for the task



### Should tablets be considered mobile devices?

### Tablets are Like Phones



- Run mobile browsers
- Touchscreen interface
- Use a mobile OS
- Sometimes used in mobile setting

### Tablets are Like Desktops

- Not generally used one-handed
- More likely to be used in the evening



- Moderately large screen
  - Makes mobile site version inappropriate
  - Can use desktop site if design takes tablet limitations into account

# Design Process

- 1. Understand user needs and business goals
- 2. Choose target devices
- 3. Choose native app or web site/app
- $\rightarrow$  4. Mock up in Photoshop or tool of choice
  - 5. Get it built
  - 6. See how it works for real people
  - 7. Design improvements and go to #4

### Development Skills

- **Design is more critical than ever**: mobile, even more than desktop, needs good design and deep understanding user
- Mobile sites require a modest extension of HTML/CSS/JS skills
- Mobile webapps require more JS skills
- Native apps typically require some programming in Objective C or Java

# Getting It Built

- Doing it all yourself not practical unless you are technically focused (or building very simple apps)
- Development shops offer best assurance of quality and predictability
- Freelancers typically less expensive and can be great if you get the right one

### Webvanta's Services

- Web engineering services for designers and marketing teams
- Database-driven websites at lower cost
- Phone and tablet apps designed to match business goals and integrate with websites

### Special Offer for Webinar Attendees

• Free 30-minute consultation

- Review any site or app design of interest
- Discuss issues and alternatives for implementing mobile solutions
- To schedule your session, visit <u>www.webvanta.com/schedule-demo</u> or call 888.670.6793 option 4

### Next Steps

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