

## MONETIZATION

#### Course: Mobile Application

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### **Motivation**



## How are we will earn enough to make the application?

## • How are we will **get noticed**?

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### **Motivation**

- App Store brought in around **\$10 billion**.
- Apple gets in about \$5.1 million every day.
- Around 50 billionth app was downloaded in May.
- In the App Store, it has more apps, less malware, and brings in more money for it's developers and Apple.



- App Store developers earned \$20
   billion.
- Apple sold \$28 billion in apps (They keeps 30%) and delivered > \$240 million in purchases.
- Sales from the App Store topped \$3 billion
   in December → Super Mario Run.
- The App Store offers more than 20% from a year ago (2.2 million).
- Subscription billings were \$2.7 billion. 2016



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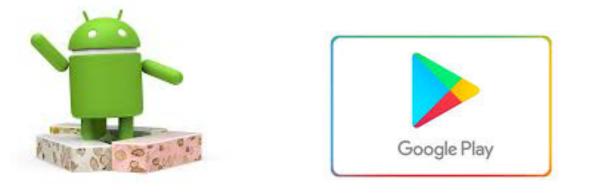
2013

## **Motivation**



### 2013

- Google brings in **\$1.1 million per day** (est).
- The estimate is **\$1.3 billion in 2013**.
- The Google Play Store, all total mobile app downloads, is 75%, larger than App Store.
- Much larger install base and more phones.
- Android apps are profitable iOS apps

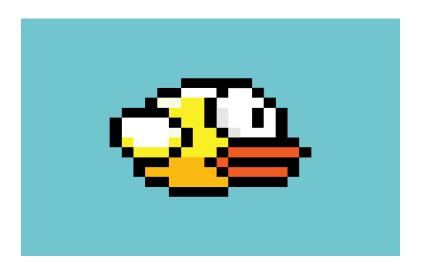


### 2016

- Games given 90% income to Google Play.
- The average user spent over 150 billion more hours in apps in 2016. That's good for about a 15% increase overall.
- The number of downloads increased by 13 billion from 2015 (>90 billion, growth 15%).
- In 2016, India surpassed the US in overall downloads. Brazil and Indonesia saw good growth.

- Some facts:
  - There are so many apps in each store.
  - Our revenue should be given up to
    30% to the platform holders.
  - Most of the software costs for mobile apps is up front.





## **Monetization strategies**

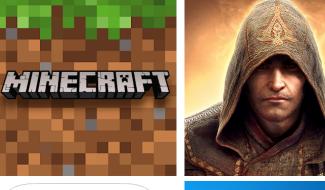
### Paid Apps

- Users **should pay** for downloading and use the app
- $\circ~$  The key point is selecting the right price
- Application updates should be free

### Challenge

- $\circ$  How to get profit from the download number
  - of the applications









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### **Monetization strategies**

### Ad Supported

- $\circ$  Free app
- Combine a supported ad framework (AdMob or AppleAds)
- Challenge
  - Ads contain real estate.
  - Select the right position of ads on the screen.
  - $\circ~$  All resources to process ads

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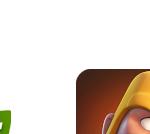








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### **Monetization strategies**

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### • Free-to-Play (games only)

- Free game apps
- Combine a gameplay mechanic that **encourages players to spend money**
- Example: Gain a game resource, reduce a timer, etc.

### Challenge

• A good game mechanic built around this without frustrating the user is difficult

to find



#### In-App Purchases

- Give away the app for free (or at a low cost)
- Only have some of the functionality available or offer more complex options for a fee
- $\circ~$  Users can "custom build" the experience they want to pay for

### • Challenge

 Making the app useful enough to download the first time and still enticing people to pay money (8/14)

## A Lesson from games

#### • The challenges of pricing

 If our games/app price is \$1.99, how can we do an effective sale to drive download?

- $\circ$  Race to the bottom of pricing
- Free-to-play dominates the app stores
  - Highest grossing paid game? Minecraft  $\rightarrow$  Paid game that has highest grossing.
  - Game of War makes 45 times what Minecraft makes (est. \$1.46M/day in 2013)

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## A Lesson from games

- A \$1.99 app makes the developer roughly \$1.40 per download
- The app needs 8,407 downloads per year for a solo developer to hit the 2015 US poverty line (\$11,770 per year)
- This does not include:
  - $\circ$  Other devs
  - $\circ~$  Tools and resources
  - Equipment

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### **Platform**

- iOS users **spend roughly 3x more** than Android users on apps.
- Android has the larger market share and for businesses,

it is more the choice.



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## Marketing

### Several factors that should be considered:

- Makes all the difference
- Getting on the landing page for the store makes a HUGE difference
- Limited opportunity to get noticed







### Investment

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