Making Mobile-Friendly Websites

Best Practices in Action

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GoMo is a Google-led initiative dedicated to helping businesses "Go Mobile" by providing them with the tools and resources they need to make their websites more mobile-friendly.

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Build a mobile website

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Why mobile sites matter
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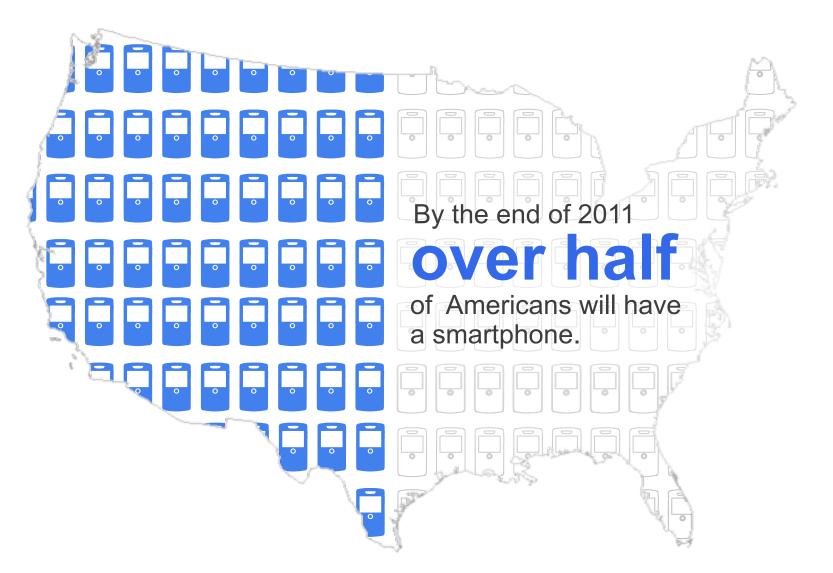
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The Mobile Momentum

Mobile is ramping up faster than any other technology we have seen in the past.]]

> Mary Meeker Kleiner Perkins

Smartphones Have Gone Mainstream



The mobile consumer accesses information at all times

Of all smartphone users:

Use mobile internet while having a meaningful conversation

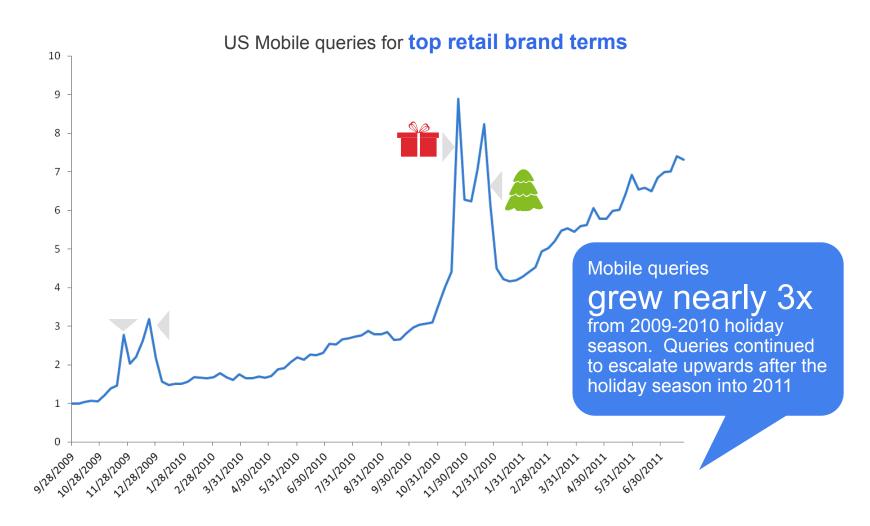


Use mobile internet while commuting or travelling for work and school

Use mobile internet for research and to read the news

Use mobile internet when in a store

A "double peak" in mobile queries around the holiday season



Why mobile-friendly sites matter

Which would you prefer to use?



Desktop site viewed on mobile



Mobile-friendly website

79%

of large online advertisers do not have a mobile optimized site

Mobile users have high expectations

58% of mobile phone users expect mobile sites to load as quickly, or faster than desktop sites.

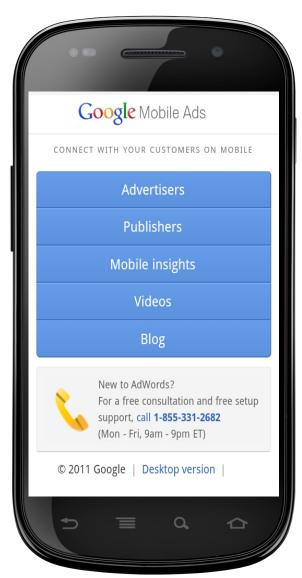




Mobile users value speed

38% of users are willing to wait 30 seconds or less to complete a simple transaction.

Why invest in a mobile site?



to boost performance:

51% more likely to purchase from retailers

85% increased engagement

to keep customers:

40% would visit a competitor's site instead due to a disappointing mobile experience

Source: Compuware, "Why the Mobile Web is Disappointing End-Users." March 2011

Ten Mobile Site Best Practices

Ten mobile site best practices



keep it quick

help mobile users, design your site to load fast and make copy easy to scan.



make it easy to convert

focus on information that will aid conversion.



simplify navigation

clear navigation, hierarchy and vertical scrolling aid access to information



make it local

include functionality that helps people find and get to you.



be thumb friendly

design your site so even large hands can easily interact with it.



make it seamless

bring as much of the functionality of your desktop site to mobile.



design for visibility

ensure your content can be read at arm's length.



use mobile site redirects

give users a choice to go back to the desktop site, but make it easy to return to the mobile site.



make it accessible

ideally, your mobile site should work across all mobile devices and all handset orientations



learn, listen & iterate

good mobile sites are user-centric, meaning they're built with input from your audience.



Keep it quick

Compress images to keep them small for faster site loading

Prioritize the content and features that mobile users need most. Use your desktop site analytics to see what mobile users are doing.



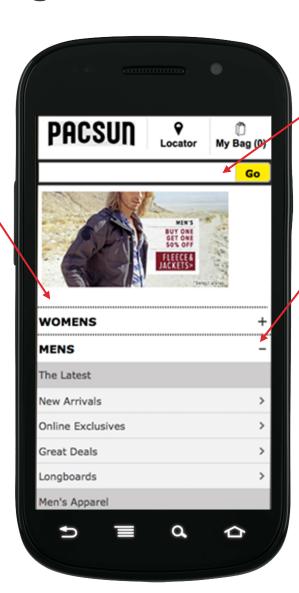
Reduce large blocks of text and use bullet points for easy reading.



Simplify navigation

Minimize scrolling and keep it vertical only.

Help users navigate between levels with clear back and home buttons.



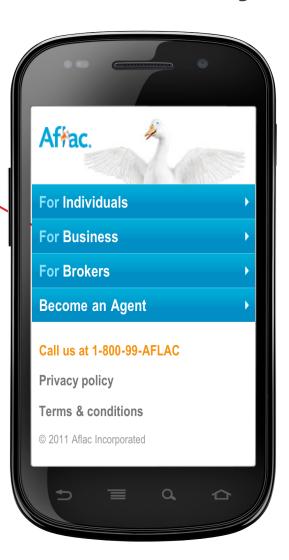
Have a search box prominently available on complex sites

Have a clear hierarchy in menus and avoid rollovers



Be thumb-friendly

Use large centered buttons and give them breathing room to reduce accidental clicks.





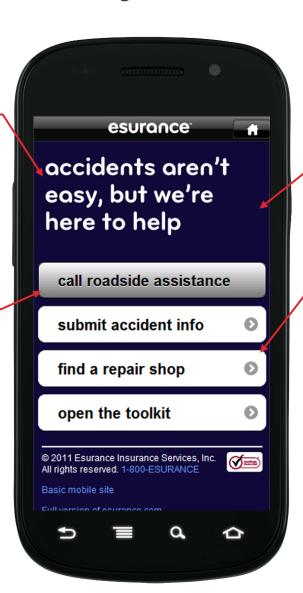
Pad smaller buttons to increase the clickable area.



Design for visibility

Create contrast between background and text.

Use size and color to indicate link/button priority.



Use plenty of negative space.

Make sure content fits onscreen and can be read without pinching or zooming.

Use 3D effects and shadowing for buttons.

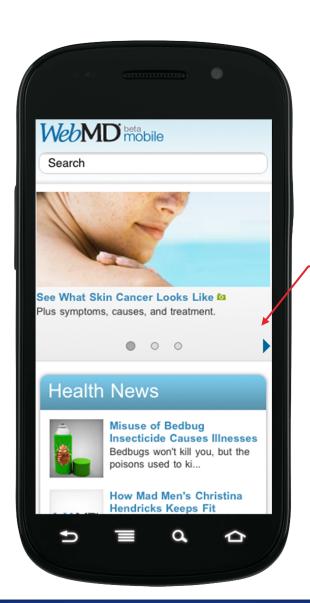


Make it accessible

Use HTML5 for interactivity and animation.

Adapt your site for both vertical and horizontal orientations.

Keep users in the same place when they change orientation.



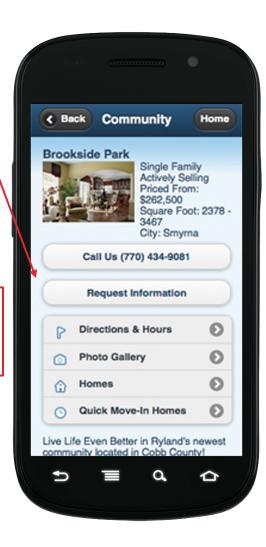
Find alternatives to Flash – it doesn't work on some mobile devices.

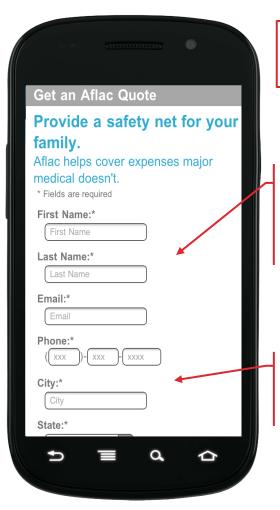


Make it easy to convert

Use click-tocall functionality for phone numbers

Use checkboxes, lists and scroll menus to make data entry easier





Reduce the number of steps to complete a transaction.

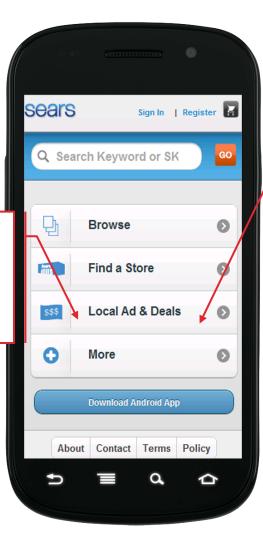
Keep forms short and use the fewest number of fields possible

Focus on information that will aid conversion



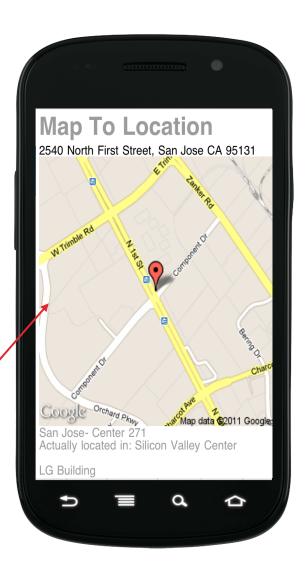
Make it local

Have your address or store locator on the homepage.



Allow users to check stock at nearby stores. Include local ads and deals.

Include maps and directions. Use GPS to personalize when possible.

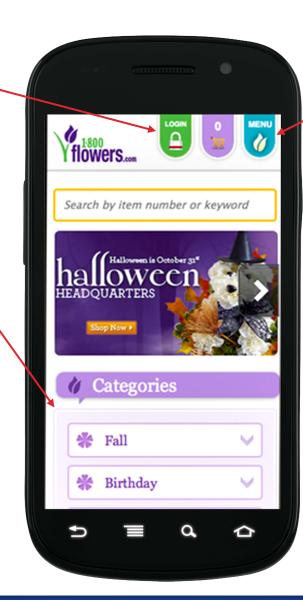




Make it seamless

Provide prominent access to login, shopping cart and saved favorites functionality to make it easier for users who go between mobile and desktop devices.

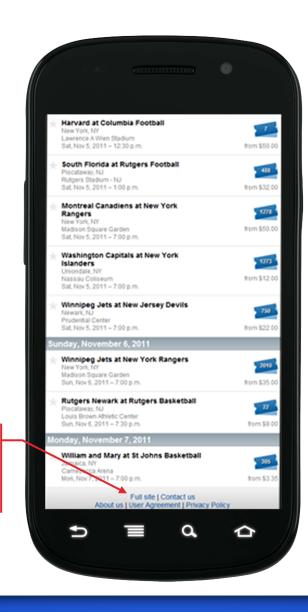
Display the same key information for product and services.



Maintain key features of the site across al channels as much as possible.



Use mobile site redirects



Let users choose which version they prefer to see for later visits

Include key information such as your address or store locator, on the redirect page

Give users the choice to go back to the desktop site, but make it easy to return to the mobile site



Listen, learn and iterate

Use analytics to understand how mobile users use your site.

If possible, do user testing before launching a complex site.



Implement and collect user feedback after launch.

Iterate often and continuously improve your site.

Case Studies: Best Practices in Action



Ryland Homes – Desktop website



Ryland Homes (www.ryland.com)



Ryland Homes (www.ryland.com)



simplify navigation

intuitive site navigation features such as a persistent "back" button at the top and bottom of the screen provides for easier reverse navigation.

Ryland Homes (www.ryland.com)



make it accessible

to ensure a consistently **high-quality experience across mobile devices**, Ryland uses jQuery Mobile software to load a site variation that works best with any device. **the site also avoids the use of Flash.**

make it easy to convert

Ryland provides the essential info customers want. They focused on features such as **clickable phone numbers**, **location-based driving directions** to nearby communities, and brief info request forms to increase mobile conversions.

Ryland Homes – Success results



- 300% increase in mobile-driven site traffic
- 30% savings in cost-per conversion on mobile vs. desktop AdWords campaigns
- Strong growth in mobile driven leads
- First home sold from a mobile-generated lead



Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc – cars.iaai.com



IAAI (cars.iaai.com)



make it seamless

the mobile site maintains the same look and feel of the desktop site and offers users a **consistent brand experience**. The **key features and functionality** offered on desktop are put front and center for easy access by mobile users.

make it local

the site loads locally relevant content for mobile users, including the **location of their nearest IAAI office** and the hours telephones are answered that day, in local time.

IAAI (cars.iaai.com)



use mobile site redirects

The main site employs an automatic redirect to send incoming mobile devices to the mobile site. Users can also easily go back and forth between mobile and full desktop websites.

IAAI (iaai.cars.com)



keep it quick

the mobile site concentrates on delivering content most likely to drive fast conversions: information about IAAI locations, easy access to the online price guide, and strong contact calls to action.

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learn, listen & iterate

the mobile development team continues to test, refine and build out the site. with the basics done, they are **adding audio and video content** to tout the benefits of selling to IAAI.

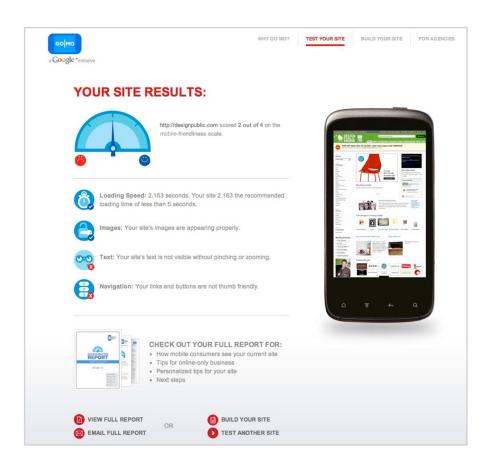
Insurance Auto Auctions, Inc. – Success results



- 58% average monthly increase in mobile site traffic
- Mobile site is generating ~20% of all AdWords conversions
- Mobile campaigns leading to the mobile site drove leads within target CPA

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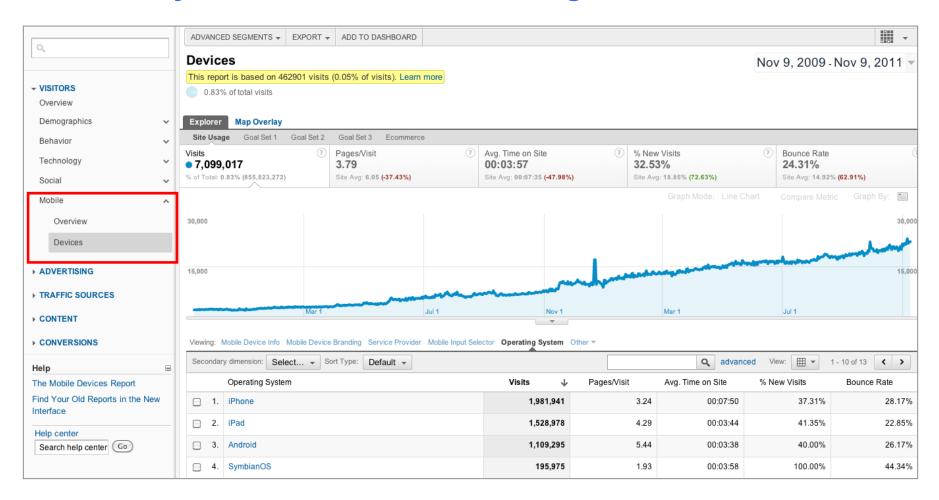
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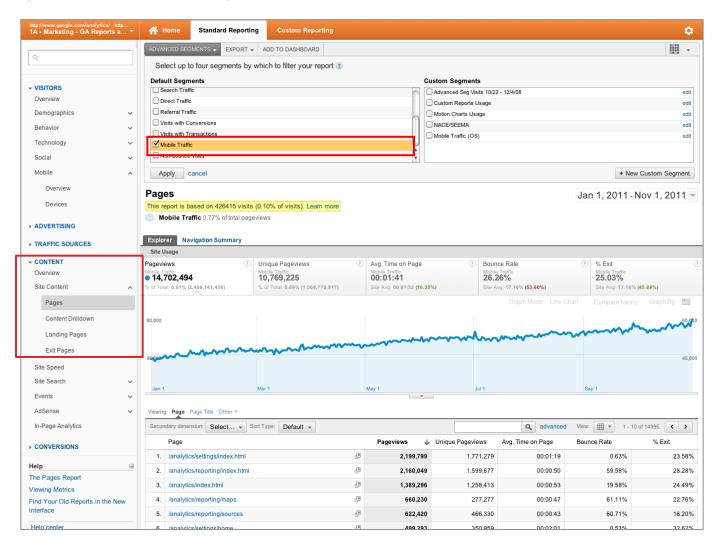
Look at your Site Analytics

See how your mobile traffic has changed over time



Look at your site analytics

Segment traffic by mobile users to prioritize content



Determine the scope and type of mobile site you need





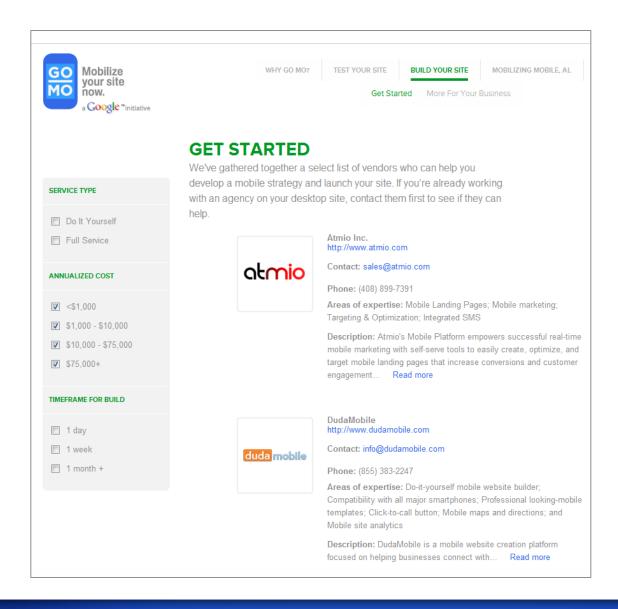


Microsite for a product, or campaign launch

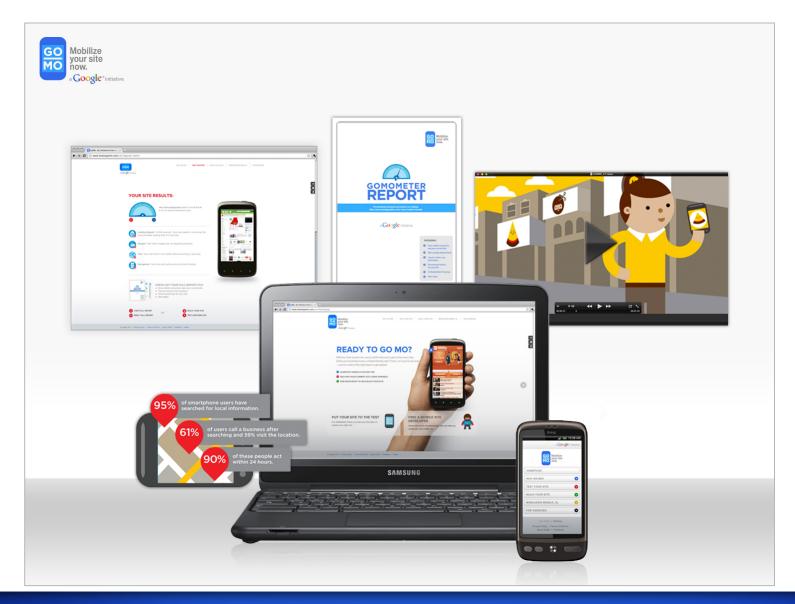


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