



Measuring and Improving User Experience

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- 1994: Benchmarking processor cores for digital signal processing applications
 - Measuring: Speed, cost, energy efficiency
 - But what about ease of use, support, roadmap risk?



- 2014: Benchmarking smartphones
 - Measuring: User experience
 - But do we really know what “user experience” is?



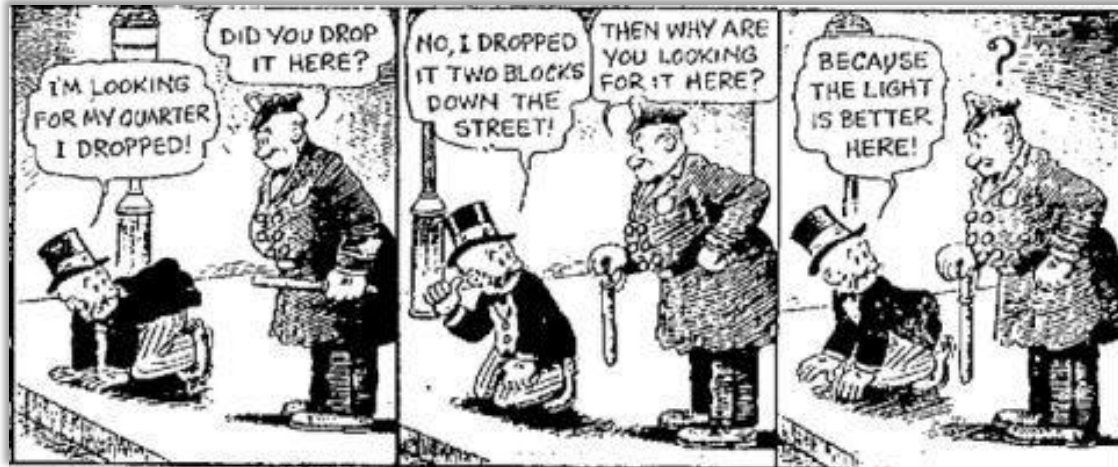
Pitfall: Whole vs. Parts

The performance (or energy efficiency, or user experience, or...) of a system is not equal to the sum of the performance of the individual elements



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Pitfall: No Free Lunch



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For Example

Table 1	intel Z2580 (CloverTrail+)			Samsung Exynos 5250			Samsung Exynos Octa			Qualcomm APQ8064T			Nvidia Tegra 3		
Processor	Lenovo K900			Samsung Nexus 10			Samsung Galaxy S4 i9500			Samsung Galaxy S4 i377			Asus Nexus 7		
Core	Saltwell x2			Arm A15 x2			Arm A15 x4 + A7 x4			Krait 300 x4			Arm A9 x4		
Speed	2GHz			1.7GHz			1.6GHz			1.9GHz			1.3GHz		
	0.2		Display	0.5		Display	0.18		Display	0.176		Display	0.234		Display
Display	Score	Avg I	Peak I	Score	Avg I	Peak I	Score	Avg I	Peak I	Score	Avg I	Peak I	Score	Avg I	Peak I
RAM	8703	0.55	0.9	2243	1.42	1.63	3838	1.27	1.56	4235	0.563	1.084	1529	0.389	0.682
CPU	5547	0.85	1.05	3104	0.98	1.23	5277	1.38	1.71	5378	1.794	2.104	2886	0.896	1.186
2D graphics	1579	0.235	0.724	1478	0.46	1.15	1624	0.276	0.8	1549	0.409	1.104	298	0.217	0.511
3D graphics	6664	0.27	0.61	3819	0.72	1.37	8653	0.368	0.96	6628	0.578	1.404	1188	0.458	0.826
Pi	1.33	0.366	0.97	1.26	0.459	1.73	1.4	0.483	1.24	1.9	0.233	0.733	1.56	0.38	0.766
1080p Record		0.737	1.27		1.56	3.6		0.772	1.15		0.682	1.13			

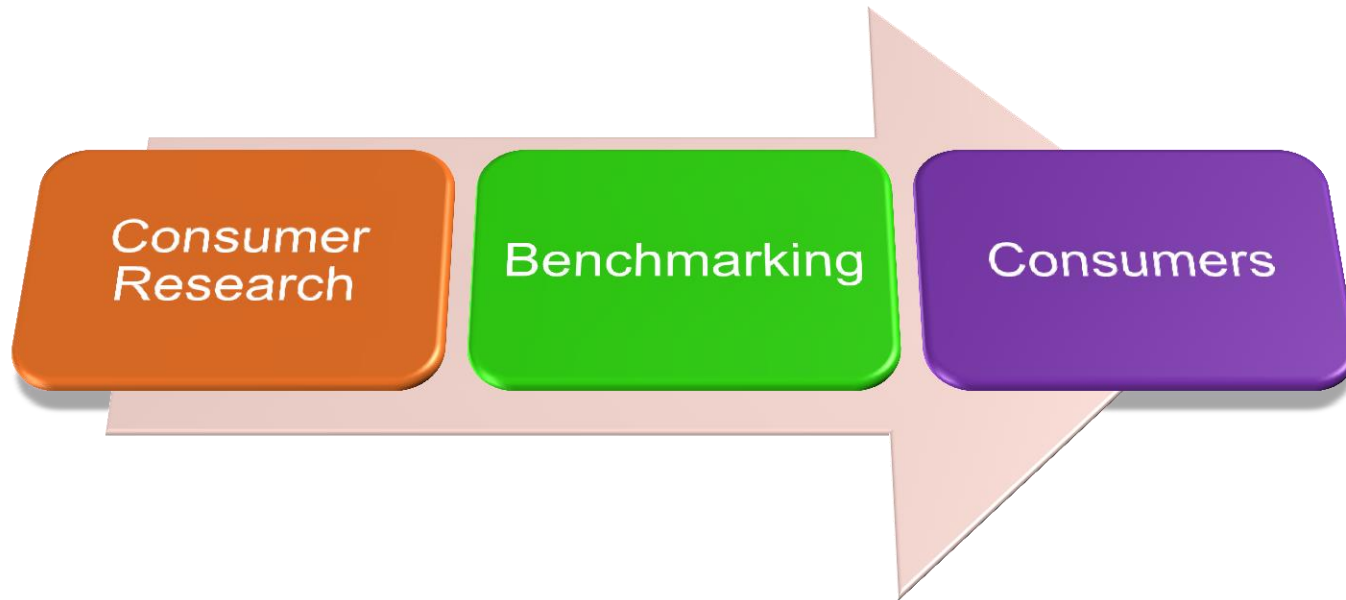
Source: ABI Research

- Benchmarks should mirror the tasks that users actually perform
- Benchmarks should measure the metrics that users actually observe
- I.e., we should benchmark user experience

- There are many types of users with different use patterns and preferences... and regional variations
- Popular apps are generally not suited to use as benchmarks
- Building realistic proxy apps is expensive and time-consuming
- “Performance” is not a simple metric
- Results from different tests must be combined very carefully to obtain meaningful aggregate metrics

Certimo: User Experience Ratings For Smart Devices

A Unique Approach



Consumer Research

- User research data
- Consumer usage patterns
- By region

Benchmarking

- Performance, battery and display
- Lab-run tests
- Ratings weighted by UX data
- All ratings certified by BDTI



Consumers

- Educate consumers on UX
- Deliver UX ratings at scale





Consumer usage data

- Develop benchmark tests that reflect actual use cases
- Weight benchmark results based on usage data



Key factors important to user experience

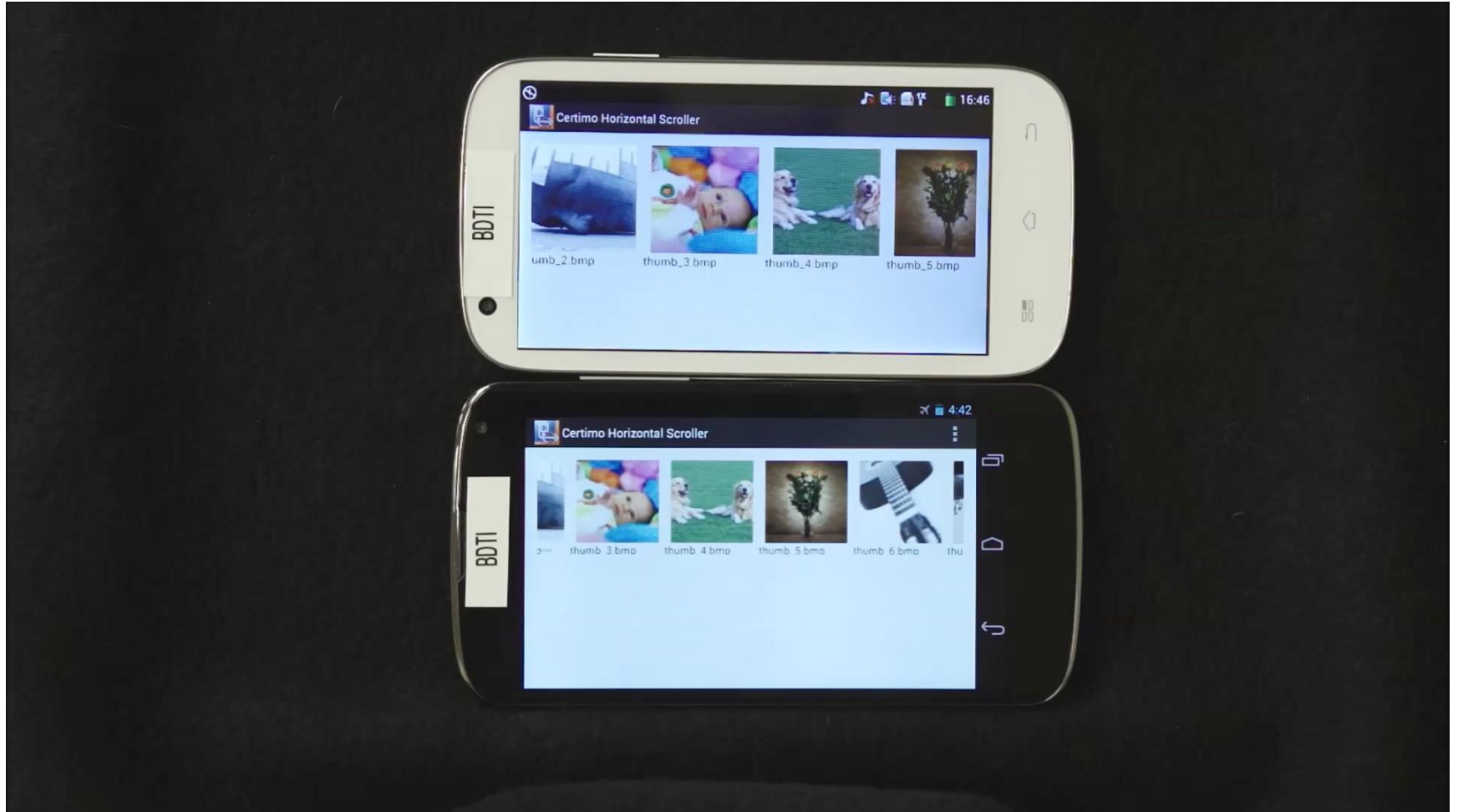
- Performance
- Battery Life
- Display Quality

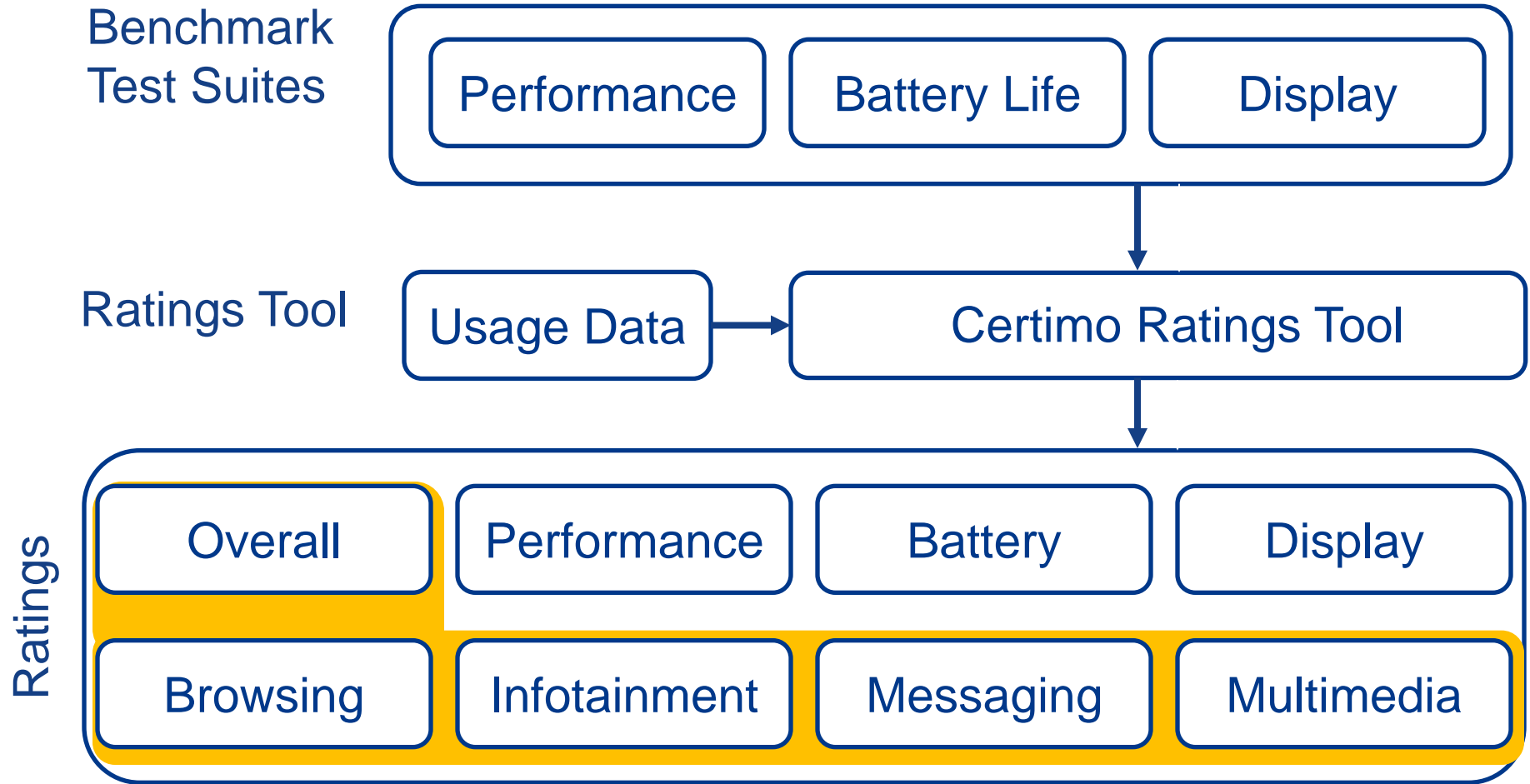


Measure at the system level

- ~40 system-level tests
- Not individual components in isolation
- Sum of the parts *NOT* equal to the whole

Example: Certimo Photo Scroller Test







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Battery Life Rating 2590

Sony Xperia T2 Ultra

2014.05.01 | Snapdragon 400 Processor | China Unicom | 4.3

Battery Life Rating 2490

Huawei Glory 3X Pro

2014.09.24 | Media Tek MT6592 | China Unicom, China Mobile | 4.2.2

Battery Life Rating 2100

Vivo Xplay

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Battery Life Rating 1970

Sony Xperia Z1s Mini

2014.05.01 | Snapdragon 800 Processor | China Unicom | 4.3

Battery Life Rating 1900

HTC Desire 816

2014.05.01 | Snapdragon 400 Processor | China Unicom | 4.4

Battery Life Rating 1820

HTC M8

2014.08.22 | Snapdragon 801 Processor | China Mobile | 4.4.2

Battery Life Rating 1790

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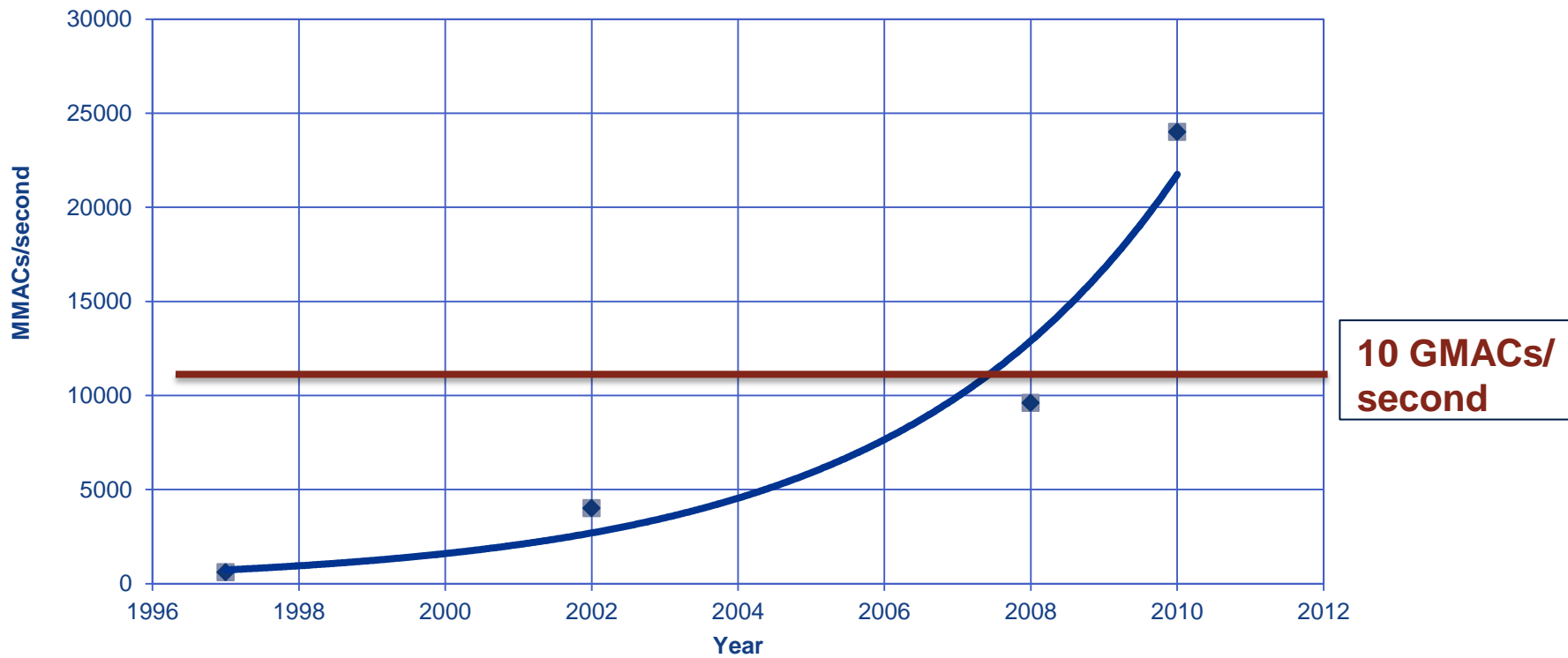
Multimedia Ratings

- “Forming preferences is akin to riding a bicycle; we can do it easily but cannot easily explain how.” [Wilson and Schooler, 1991]
- “The colour of the mug was shown to influence participants’ rating of the coffee.” [Van Doorn et al., 2014]
- “... reasoning interferes with better initial choice among non-experts.” [Lopes, 2014]



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DSP Performance: High-end, Single-core DSPs from Texas Instruments



Source: BDTI Analysis

Computer vision: research and fundamental technology for extracting meaning from images



Machine vision: factory applications

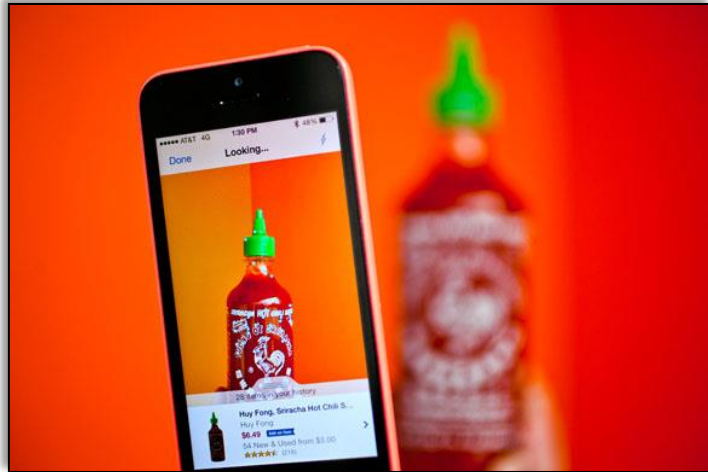


Embedded vision: thousands of applications

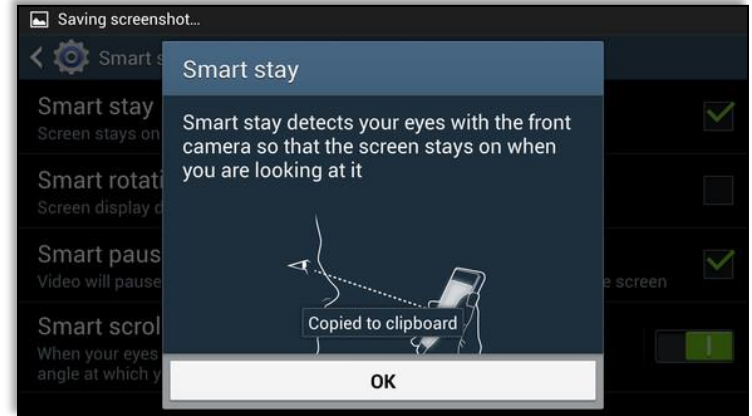
- Consumer, automotive, medical, defense, retail, gaming, security, education, transportation, ...
- Embedded systems, mobile devices, PCs and the cloud



Embedded Vision Will Change User Experience

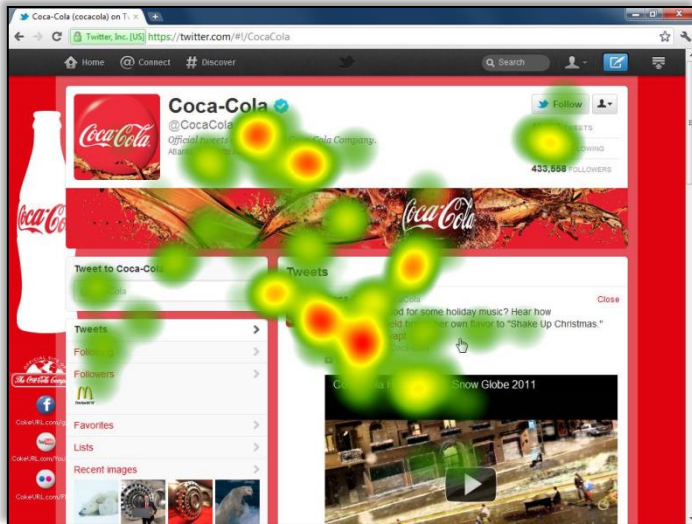


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How Embedded Vision Can Help Us Understand User Experience



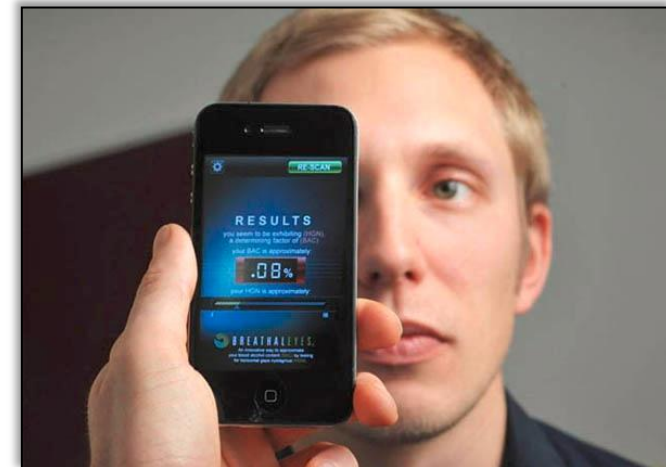
Living Website Technologies



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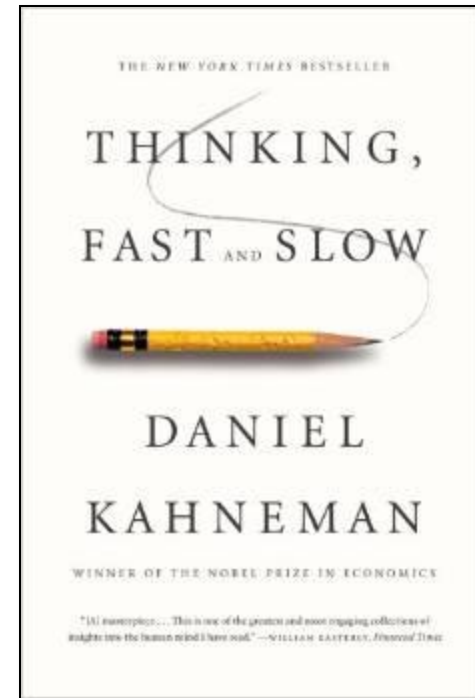
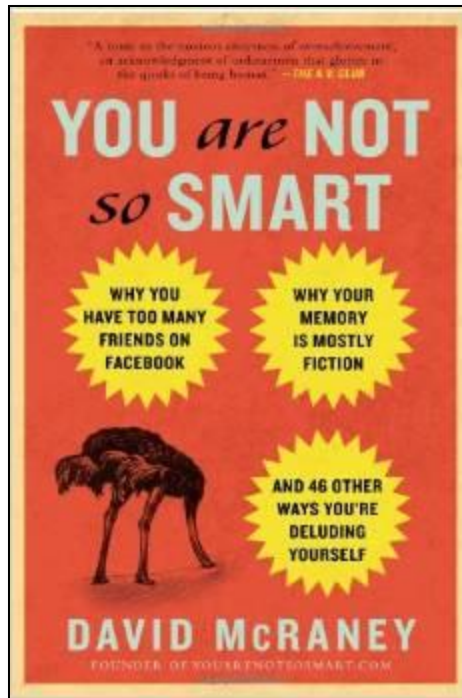


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- We need a better understanding of what drives user satisfaction
- Embedded vision can help with this...
- While also complicating it, by enabling new types of products, capabilities and interactions
- Benchmarks must be thoughtfully designed and carefully executed
- Benchmark design should be driven by user experience





THANK YOU

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