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# Mobile Learning Basics + (Free) Mobile Learning Guide

Jason Haag and Marcus Birtwhistle

## Agenda

- Basics of Mobile Learning
  - Why?
  - What?
- ADL mLearning Guide
  - What?
  - How?
- Resources
- Questions/Discussion

What We'll Cover

## ADL

- Founded in 1997 to standardize and modernize delivery of training and education in the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD)
- Develop and implement learning technologies across the DoD and federal government
- Collaborate with government, industry, and academia to promote international specifications and standards for designing and delivering learning content

# Agenda



## Vision

- To be the source of information and support for DoD mobile learning initiatives.



## Knowledge

- Track initiatives and share
- Remain current and provide weekly newsletter
- Deliver presentations
- Collect use cases



## Deliverables

- Develop samples
- Identify tools
- Conduct workshops and webinars
- Write papers
- Facilitate working group



## Research

- Collect literature and review
- Share best practices
- Support BAAs

What We'll Cover

## What Are Your Responsibilities?

- A. Manager
- B. Instructional Designer
- C. Developer
- D. Subject Matter Expert
- E. All of the above
- F. Other (please add to Chat)



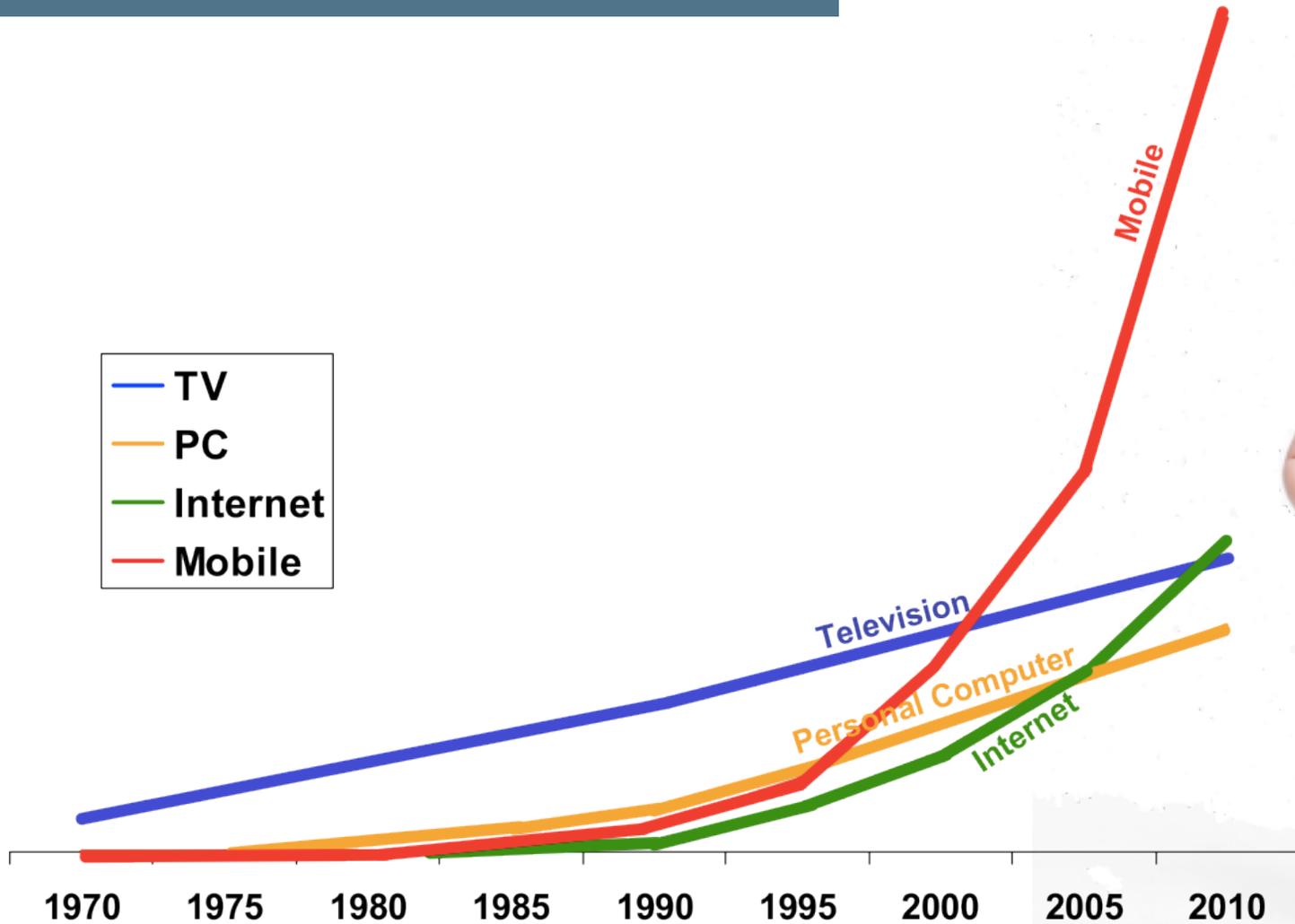
Poll Question

How often do you use your device(s)

- A. Daily
- B. A few times per week
- C. A few times per month
- D. A few times per year
- E. Never

Poll Question

# Mobile Growth Rate



## How do you define Mobile?

Laptop

Netbook /  
Micro PC  
UMPC / MID

Cell Phone

Tablet /  
iPad, etc.

Player  
(Audio/Video)

Handheld /  
PDA

Wearable or  
Combination  
(e-book reader/  
USB Drive)

Game Device

What have you learned on your mobile device(s)?

- A. Completed a course or used for performance support
- B. Used a search engine
- C. Geographical travel information
- D. Never learned anything
- E. Don't have a connected device

Poll Question

What is  
**MOBILE**  
learning?

The exploitation of ubiquitous handheld hardware, wireless networking and mobile telephony to

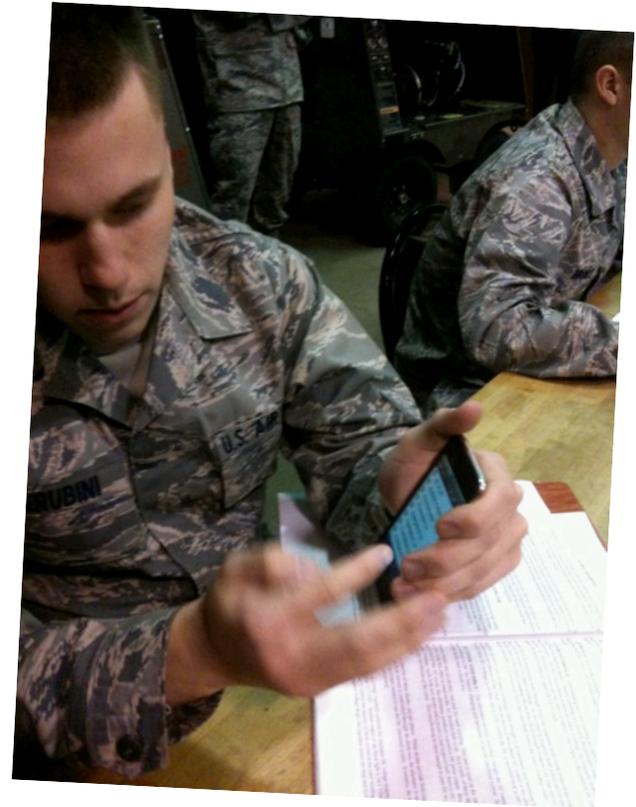
**FACILITATE**  
support

ENHANCE AND EXTEND THE REACH OF  
teaching and  
**LEARNING.**

MOLENET (2007-2010)

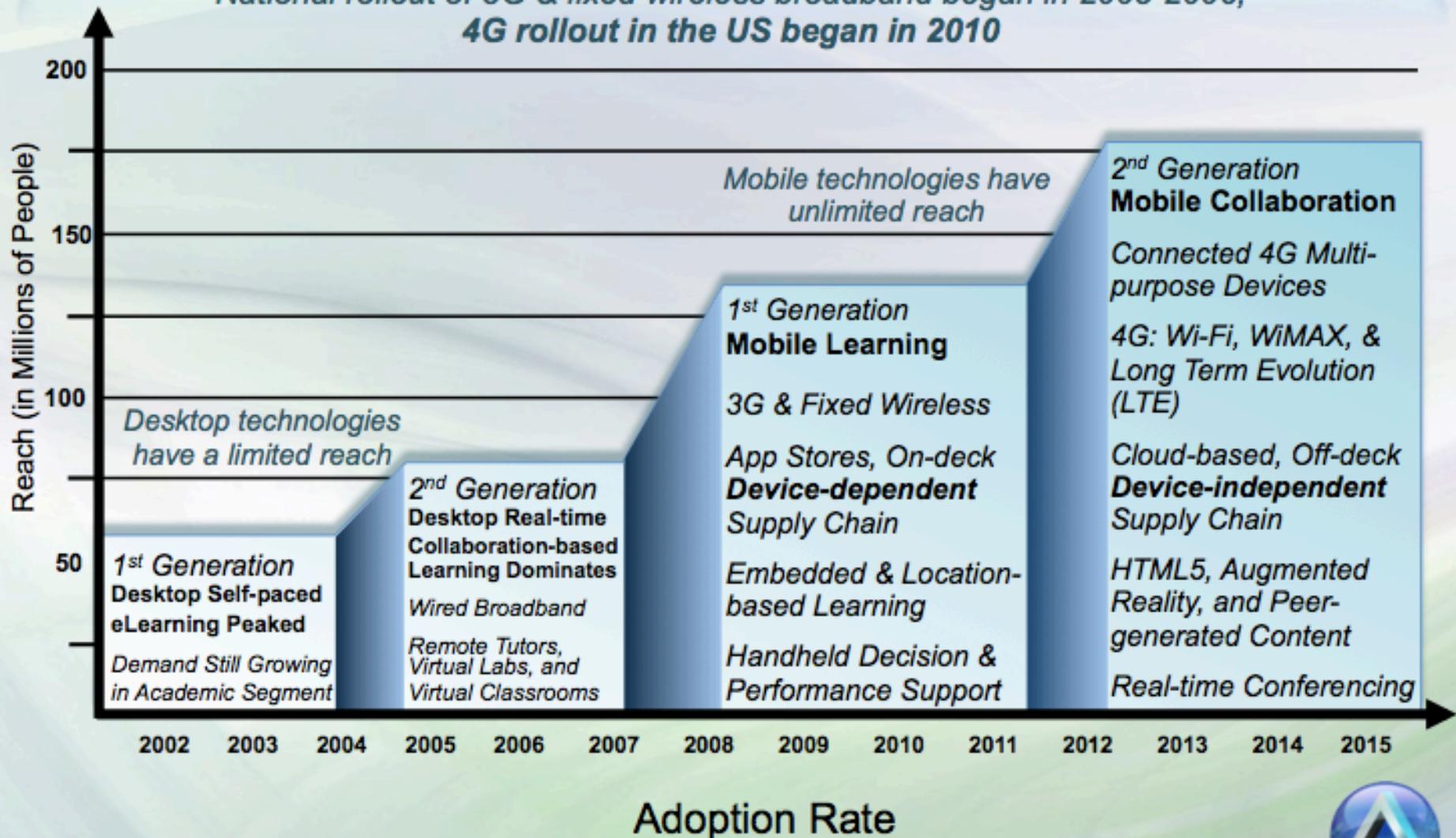
## ADL's Definition

ADL defines mobile learning as the use of handheld or wearable computing devices to provide access to learning content and information resources.



# 2015 US Mobile Learning Reach and Adoption Across All Eight Buyer Segments

National rollout of 3G & fixed wireless broadband began in 2005-2006, 4G rollout in the US began in 2010



## Five Moments of Learning Needs

- When learning for the first time
- When wanting to learn more
- When trying to remember
- When things change
- When something goes wrong



Dr. Conrad Gottfredson

## When is mobile most appropriate?

- A. When learning for the first time
- B. When wanting to learn more
- C. When trying to remember
- D. When things change
- E. When something goes wrong

Poll Question

## Five Moments of Learning Needs

- When learning for the first time
  - When wanting to learn more
- } Learn
- When trying to remember
  - When things change
  - When something goes wrong
- } Perform

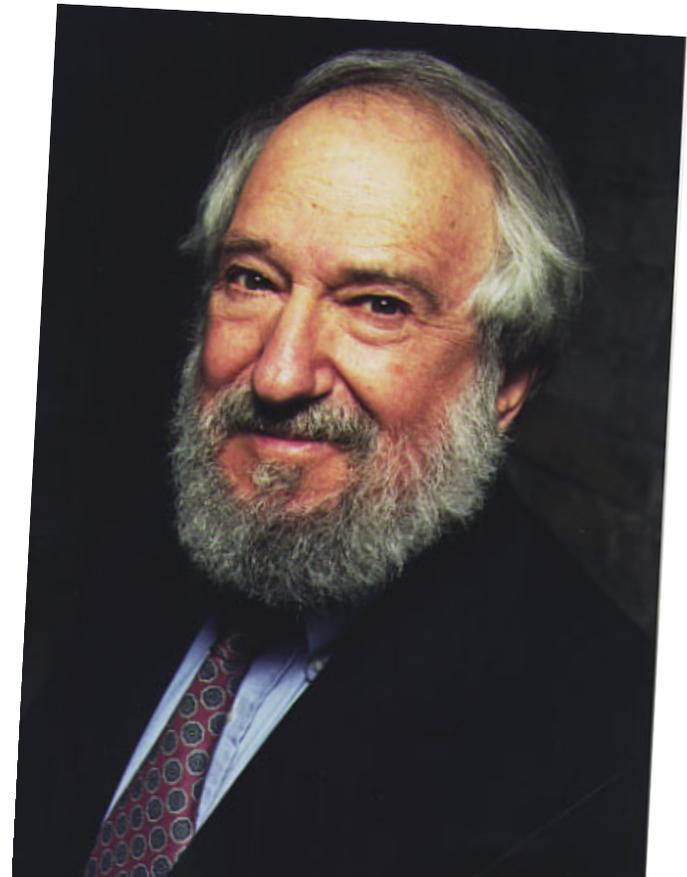
## Workplace GPS

- Metaphor (Masie)
- New place, info, feedback
- Use when needed
- Positive correction
- Intuit QuickBooks



## Quoted

"You can't teach people everything they need to know. The best you can do is position them where they can find what they need to know when they need to know it."



Seymour Papert, MIT

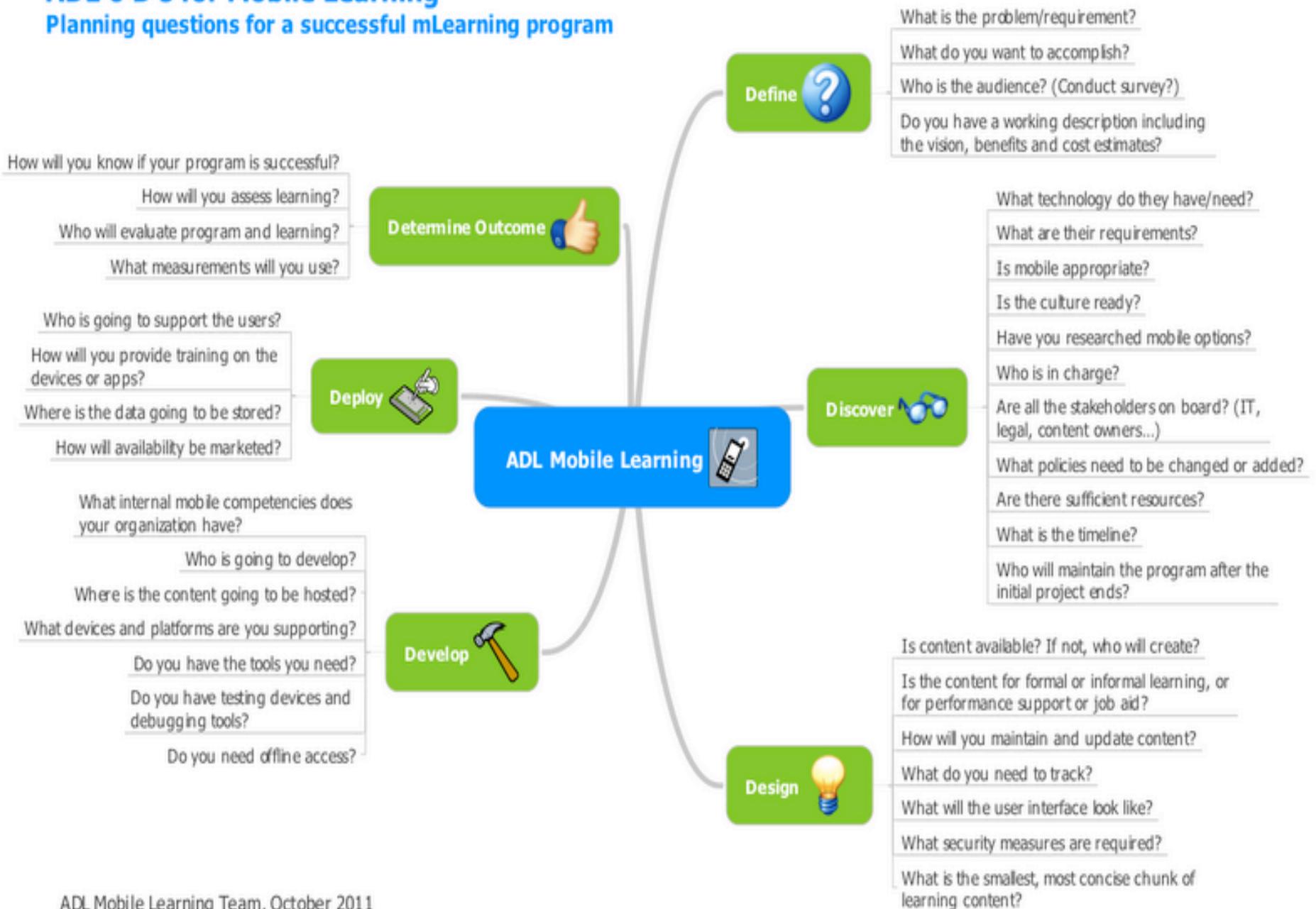
“Think Outside the Course”



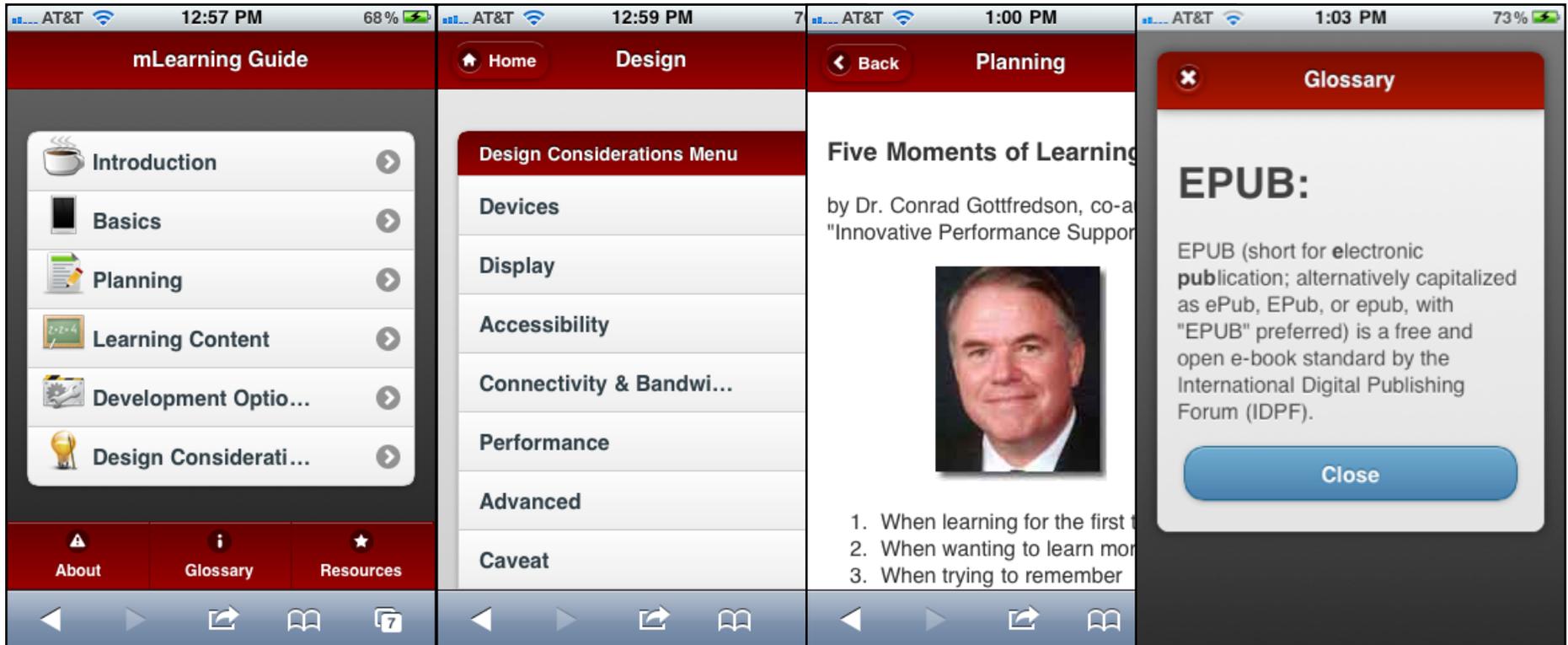
Judy Brown

# ADL 6 D's for Mobile Learning

## Planning questions for a successful mLearning program



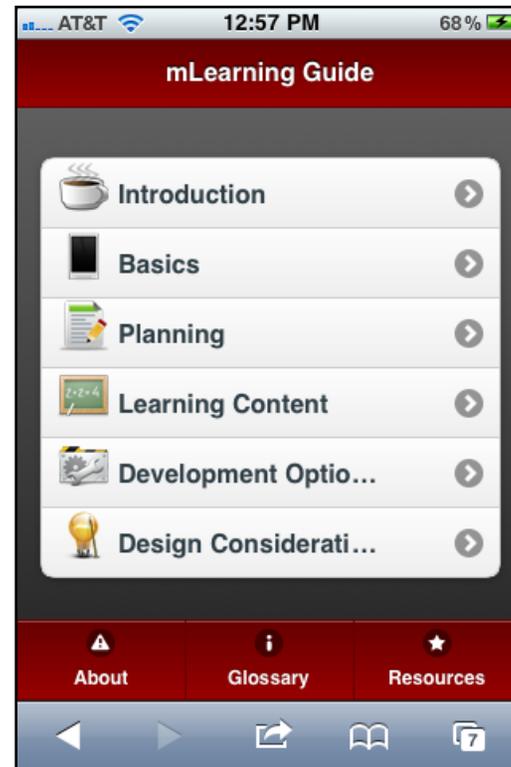
# ADL Mobile Learning Guide



<http://mlearn.adlnet.gov>

# ADL mLearning Guide

- Problem
- Platforms
- Lessons Learned
- Next Steps



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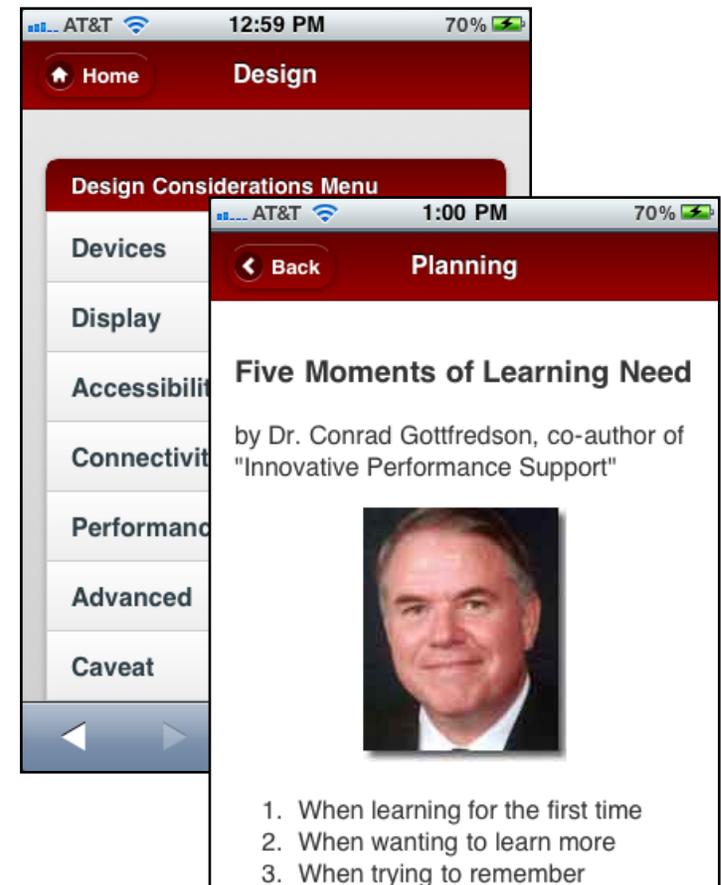
## ADL Mobile Learning Guide

- Graphics editor (Fireworks)
- HTML editor (Dreamweaver CS 5.5)
  - jQuery Mobile Framework (for mobile content creation)
- PhoneGap Framework (open source - for native app packaging & deployment)
- Books
  - “Programming the Mobile Web”, Maximiliano Firtman
  - “Mobile Design and Development”, Brian Fling
  - “HTML5: Up and Running”, Mark Pilgrim

How Did We Do It?

# mLearning Guide

- Introduction
- Basics
- Planning
- Learning Content
- Development Options
- Design Considerations
- Glossary
- Resources



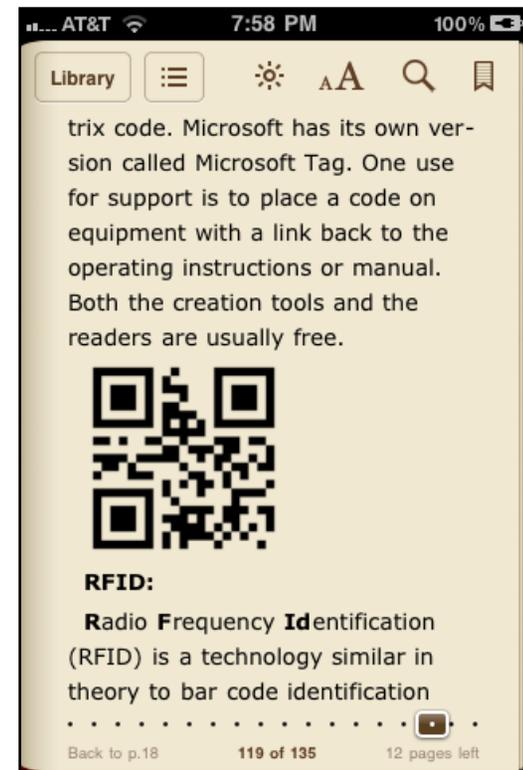
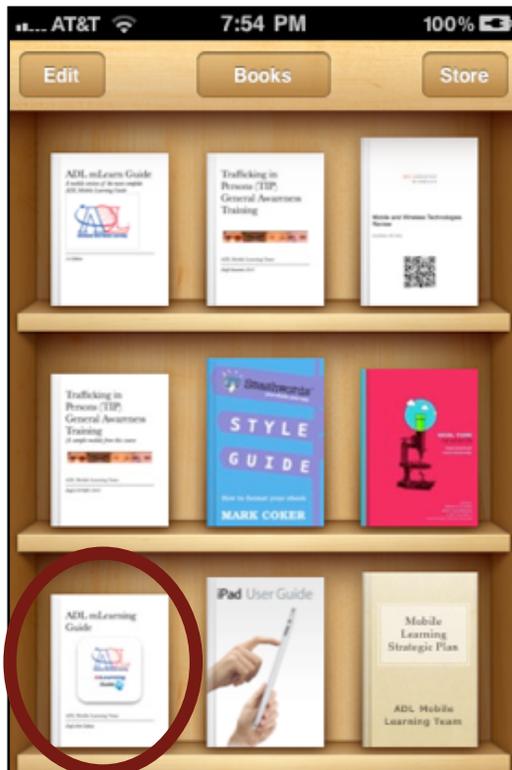
Topics & Features

# mLearning Guide



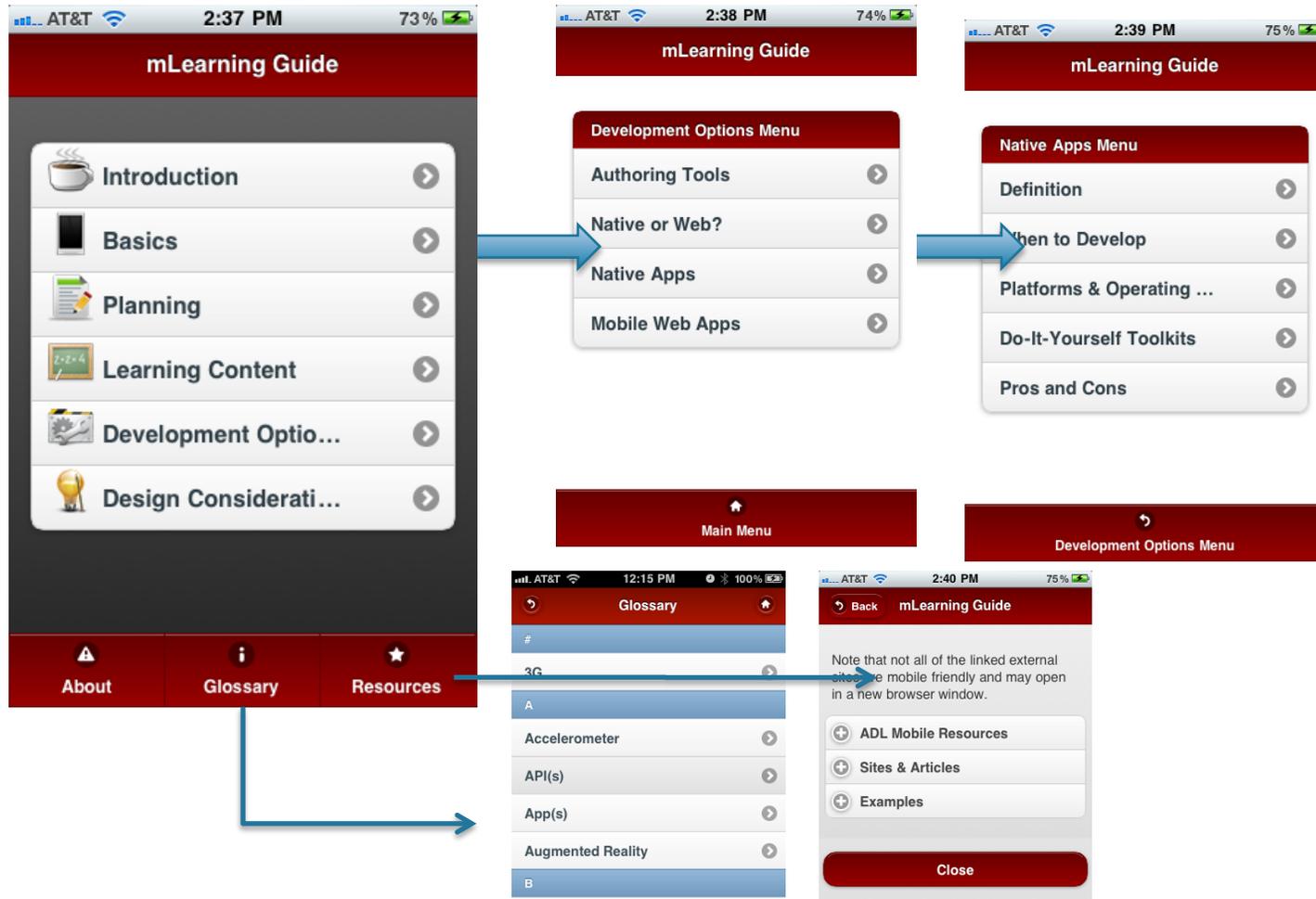
Version 1

# Other Formats



EPUB

# mLearning Guide



Version 2

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# Why the Mobile Web First



**1.82 billion**  
web-enabled mobiles by 2013

# Native App, Web App, or Both

## Native:

- An application specifically designed to run on a device's operating system and machine firmware
- It typically needs to be adapted/adjusted for different devices



## Web:

- An application in which all or some parts of the software are downloaded from the Web each time it is run
- It can usually be accessed from all web-capable mobile devices



Source: Global Intelligence Alliance

## Web App Stores:

Mozilla's Open Web App Store (2010)

- <http://apps.mozillalabs.com>

Open App Market (2010)

- <http://www.openappmkt.com>

Chrome Web Store (2010)

- <http://chrome.google.com/webstore>

GetJar HTML5 Mobile Web App Store

- <http://www.getjar.com>

Opera Mobile Web App Store (2011)

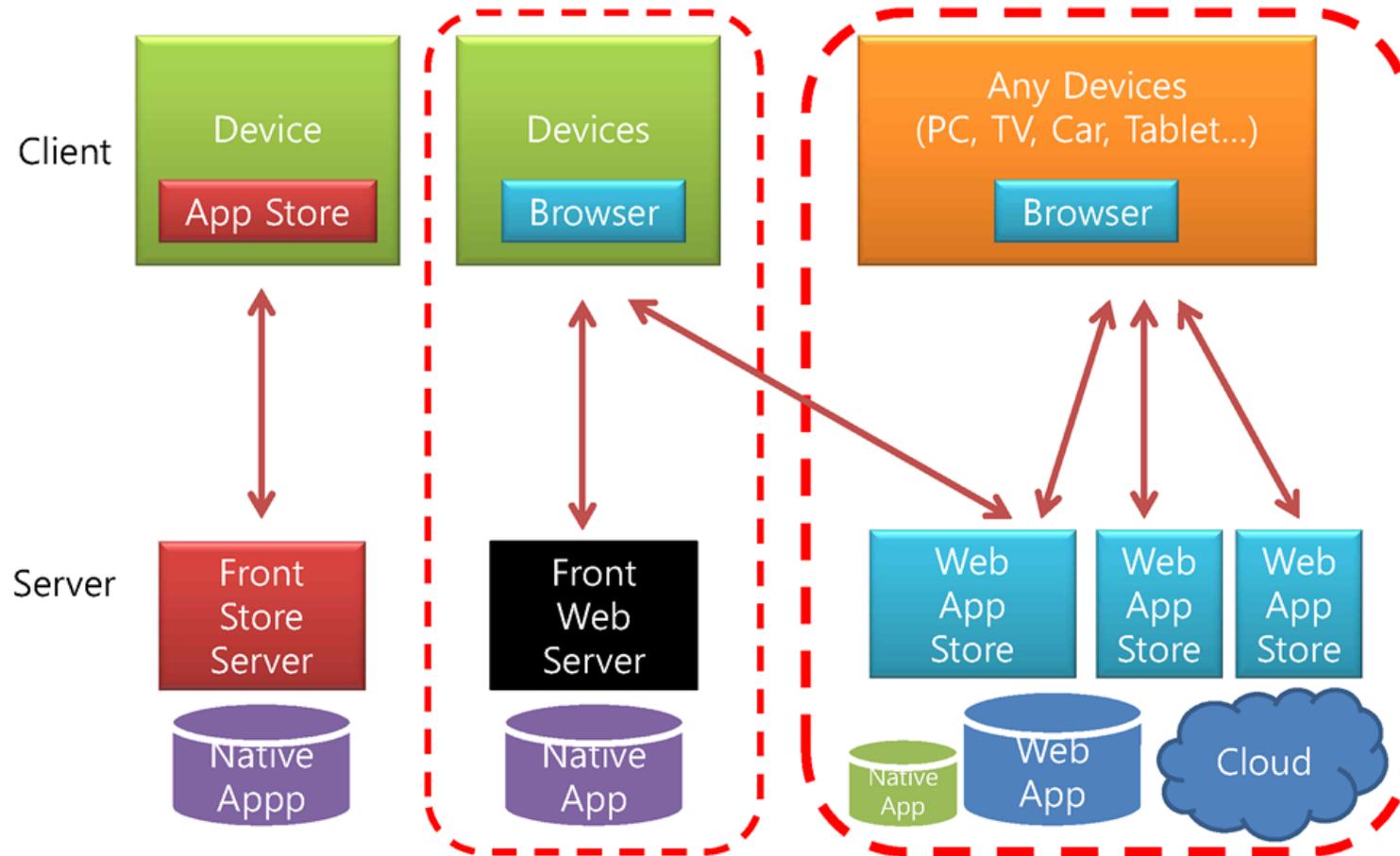
- <http://apps.mozillalabs.com>

Open Space (Under Development)

- <https://www.developerscoop.org>

On the Rise

# Deployment



Native App Store vs. Mobile Web

## Design Decisions

- Low Learning Curve (Knowledge of Dreamweaver, HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
- Simplified Navigation (usability)
- Small download
- Accessible as both Native and Web App
- Cross-platform compatibility
- Ease of deployment

## Mobile Web Frameworks

- Developed using Web Standards (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)
  - Each framework usually consists of these file types and some additional images, templates
- Can be hosted on a web server – OR – packaged as Native App

## Mobile Web App Frameworks

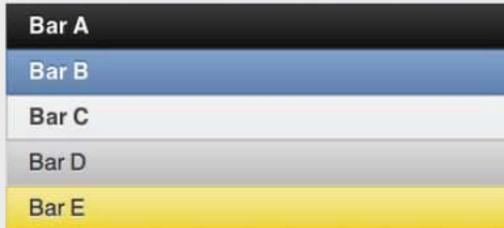
- **HTML, CSS, JavaScript Only**
  - iWebkit
  - JQTouch (jQuery Touch)
  - iUI (iPhone User Interface)
  - jQueryMobile (Only framework using Progressive Enhancement)
- **HTML, CSS, JavaScript + Native App Publishing**
  - Rhodes & RhoHub
  - Sencha Touch
  - Titanium Appcelerator
- **Content Packaging using Existing Web Apps/Content**
  - PhoneGap (now Apache Cordova)

What We Evaluated

# jQuery Mobile

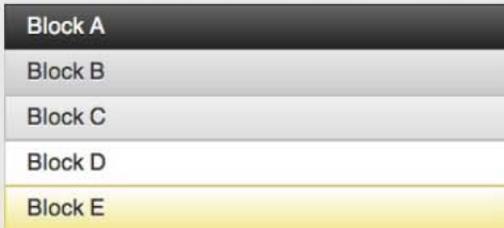
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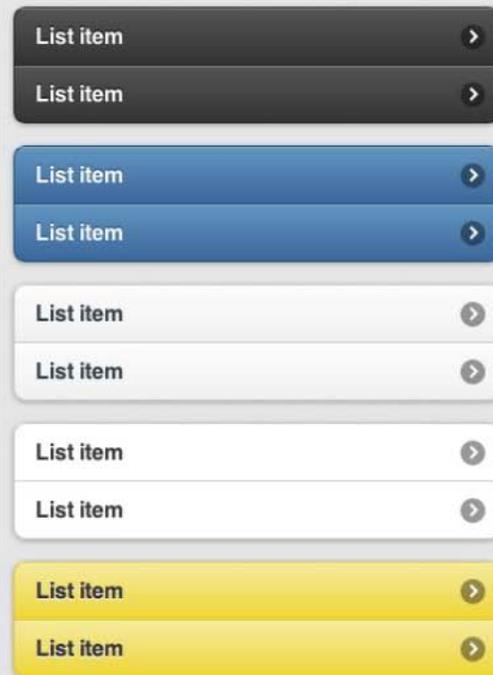
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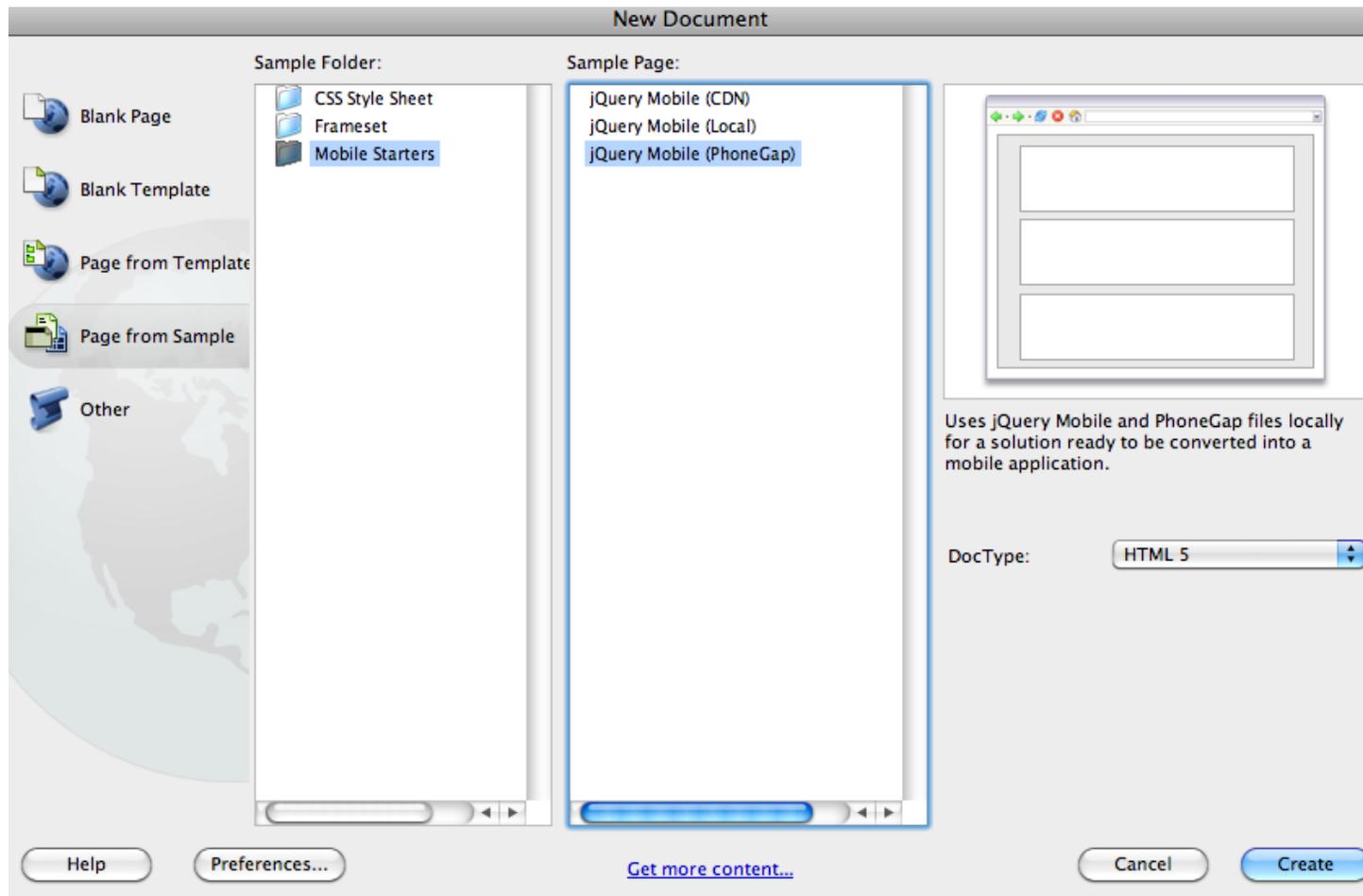
## Lists & Buttons

Each swatch also includes default styles for interactive elements like list items and buttons.



<http://jquerymobile.com>

# Dreamweaver CS5.5 “Mobile Starters”



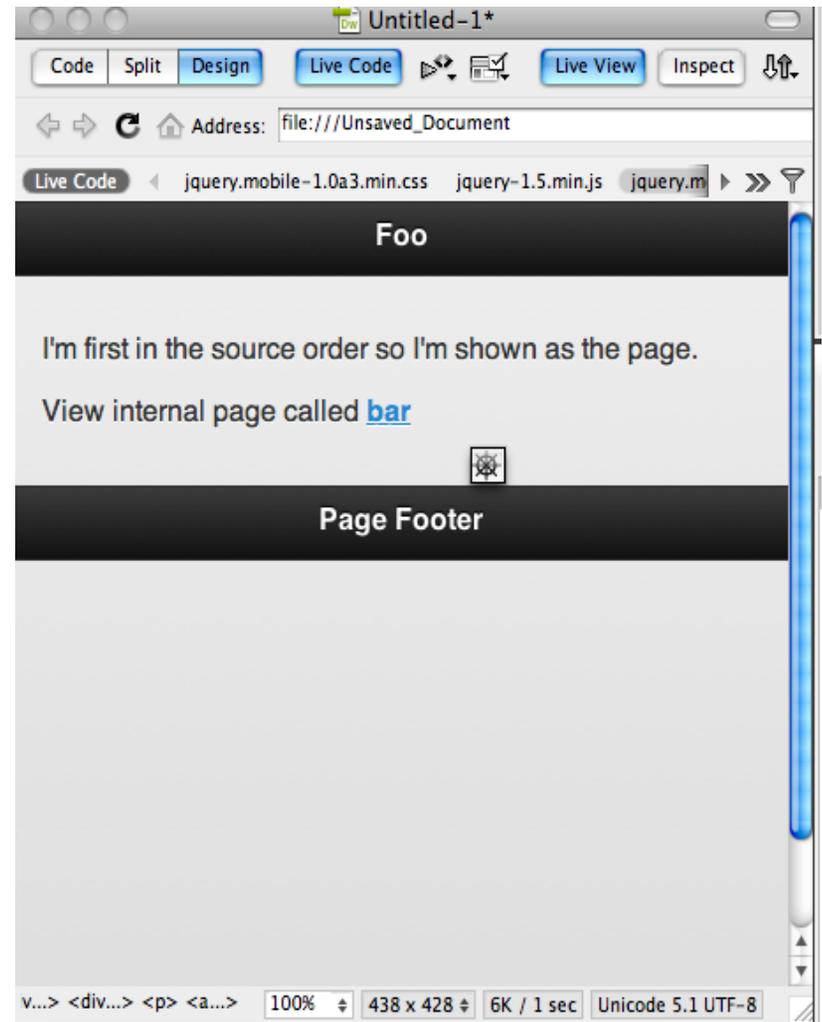
Samples Included!

# EASY HTML!

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<body>
<!-- Start of first page -->
<div data-role="page" id="foo">
<div data-role="header">
<h1>Foo</h1>
</div>
<!-- /header -->

<div data-role="content">
<p>I'm first in the source order so I'm shown as the page.</p>
<p>View internal page called <a href="#bar">bar</a></p>
</div>
<!-- /content -->

<div data-role="footer">
<h4>Page Footer</h4> </div>
<!-- /footer -->
</div>
<!-- /page -->
```



Header, Content Body, Footer



jQuery Mobile + PhoneGap =



Write Once, Deploy to Multiple Platforms

# Where's the Gap?



Take the pain out of compiling mobile apps for multiple platforms

Say goodbye to SDKs, compilers and hardware. Simply write your app using HTML, CSS or JavaScript, upload it to the PhoneGap Build service and get back app-store ready apps for Apple iOS, Google Android, Palm, Symbian, BlackBerry and more.

By compiling in the cloud with PhoneGap Build, you get all the benefits of cross-platform development but can still build apps just the way you like.

Want to know more? [Check out our FAQs.](#)

Get cross-platform mobile apps in three easy steps

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To the Cloud!

# Distribution

## Android Market

Android Apps ▾ Movies ▾ Books ▾ My Library

Home > Android Market > Education

### ADL mLearning Guide

ADL



★★★★★ (1)

INSTALL

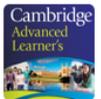
#### More from developer



#### TIP Awareness

ADL  
★★★★★ (1)  
Free

#### Users who viewed this also viewed



**Cambridge Advanced Learner's**  
MOBILE SYSTEMS  
★★★★★ (30)  
\$15.99



**Missile Defense**  
MAGMA MOBILE  
★★★★★ (11,055)  
Free

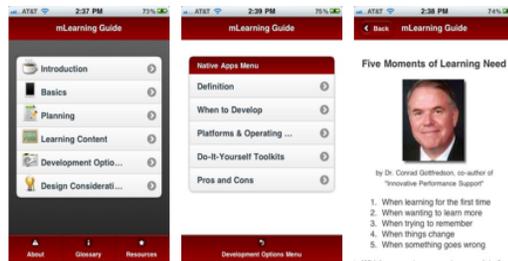
OVERVIEW USER REVIEWS (1) WHAT'S NEW PERMISSIONS

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[Visit Developer's Website >](#)

### App Screenshots



### ADL mLearning Guide By Jason Haag

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[Jason Haag Web Site >](#) [ADL mLearning Guide Support >](#)

...More

#### What's New in Version 1.1

Updated contextual information on mLearning statistics and mobile device platforms.

[View in iTunes](#)

This app is designed for both iPhone and iPad

Free

Category: Reference  
Updated: Aug 15, 2011  
Version: 1.1  
iOS 4.0 Tested  
Size: 7.2 MB  
Language: English  
Seller: Jason Haag  
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Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) Initiative  
Rated 4+

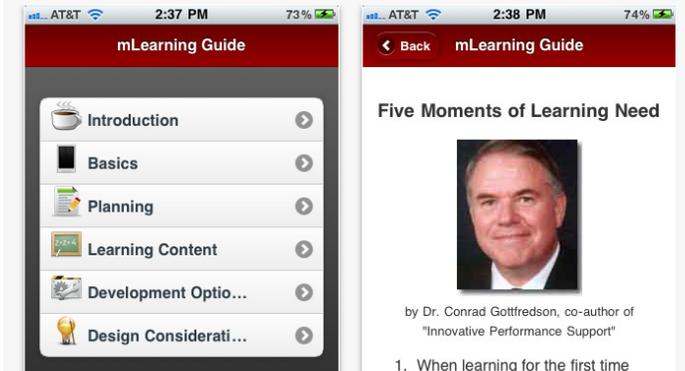
Requirements: Compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad.  
Requires iOS 3.0 or later

#### Customer Ratings

We have not received enough ratings to display an average for the current version of this

### Screenshots

iPhone | iPad



Android Market

iTunes App Store

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## ADL mLearning Guide

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**Mobile Web**

[mlearn.adlnet...](#)

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**Tags:** ADL, Advanced Distributed Learning, mLearning, mobile devices, mobile learning

<http://apps.usa.gov/adl-mlearning-guide/>

## Mobile Lessons Learned

- An emulator is not always consistent with the actual device
- Limited support for Flash today (Adobe working HTML5)
- Poor / inconsistent support for pop-up windows and framesets
- Video Compatibility
  - Varying formats supported
  - Video fragmentation issues with Android

# Mobile Video Formats

RIM  
BBOS

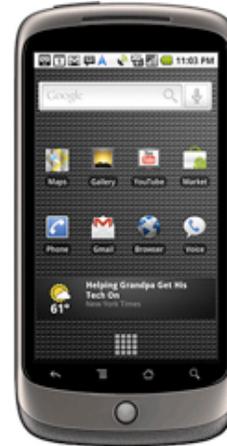
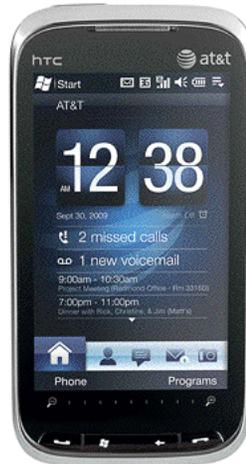
Apple  
iPhone OS

Microsoft  
Win Mobile

Google  
Android

Nokia  
Symbian

Palm  
Palm OS



MP4 / 3GP  
files

M4V / MP4  
(wide)

WMV / 3GP  
files

MP4 / SWF  
files

MP4 / WMV  
files

MP4 / H263  
files

Credit: OnPoint Digital

## Mobile Lessons Learned

- Create. Don't convert!
- Scope: You can't support all device types. Narrow the scope and focus on consistent user experience
- Mobile first approach: potential for both a desktop and mobile deliverable from single code base
- SCORM on mobile browsers works, but provides a poor user experience
  - What level of tracking is actually needed? Bookmarking, completion, assessment, etc.
- Mobile Apps can be developed using HTML5 and support multiple platforms (both native and web)

# Developing for Mobile Is Tough!



a balancing act...

## Next Steps

### Maintenance & Updates

- Contextual updates
- Framework updates
- Search functionality
- More App Store Distribution
  - Windows Phone
  - BlackBerry
  - Open Web App Stores

# Resources



- Join this Wiki
- Recent Changes
- Manage Wiki
- Search

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## Mobile Learning Guide

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- Notify Me



## Mobile Learning Resources

### Announcements

- The new ADL Mobile Learning Handbook is now available at <http://mlhandbook.adlnet.gov>. A PDF of the handbook as of 9 August 2011 is available [here](#). (Note that the most current version is always online.)
- Mobile versions of ADL mLearning guide are also [available](#).

*We are actively seeking your contributions and feedback.*

This site was created and is maintained by the [Advanced Distributed Learning](#) (ADL) Mobile Learning Team. Additionally we provide a weekly newsletter to the military and government agencies. The archives for the newsletter are publicly available [here](#). For our Twitter feed please follow [@adlmobile](#).

The ADL Mobile Learning Team's vision is to be the source of information and support for DoD mobile learning initiatives. Effective usage of handheld devices can bring us closer to improved personalized learning—the right learning resources and performance aids, to the right person at the right time and place.

The future capabilities for education and training with ubiquitous access to connected devices cannot be overestimated. Smart phone growth continues to expand in all areas, which will enable many more opportunities, many of which will spawn from innovations that cannot even be envisioned.

Driven by improved software, improved hardware, and changing habits of mobile device users; the opportunities have increased significantly for military training tailored to individuals at their moment of need. While mobile learning is not appropriate in all instances, we believe that it should be considered as an important part of the total learning and training support infrastructure.

To ADL, mobile learning is the future. The ubiquity of these devices a



<http://adlmobile.wikispaces.com>

# Resources

## ADL Mobile Learning Newsletter

8 August 2011

Welcome to the Advanced Distributed Learning (ADL) weekly report on news and findings of interest related to mobile learning in the military.

The new ADL Mobile Learning Handbook is now available at <http://mlhandbook.adlnet.gov>. We are seeking your contributions and suggestions for this living document.

### Mobile Learning...

- How Mobile Computing and the Semantic Web Will Change Learning Forever - <http://www.learningsolutionsmag.com/articles/722/how-mobile-computing-and-the-semantic-web-will-change-learning-forever>
- 'Mobile learning, just for the sake of it, is definitely not a good idea!' – Some insights on Mobile Learning - <http://www.gc-solutions.net/blog/?p=560>
- Have Learning, Will Travel - <http://clomedia.com/articles/view/4499>
- iPad program prepares med students for 'wave of the future' - <http://healthcareitnews.com/news/ipad-program-prepares-med-students-wave-future>
- JIT Performance Support Mobile App Development [Vendor] - <http://www.upsidelearning.com/blog/index.php/2011/08/02/jit-performance-support-mobile-app-development/>
- Lessons on Nature From a Cellphone Call - <http://travel.nytimes.com/2011/08/07/travel/fort-ord-dunes-state-park-calif-use-cellphones-to-guide-visitors.html>
- mLearning from the Perspective of Generation Y - <http://elearningplanet.com/2011/07/mlearning-from-the-perspective-of-generation-y/>
- Mobile Exam Revision - <http://thepegeek.com/2011/08/04/mobile-exam-revision/>
- Mobile in the Mainstream [Vendor] - <http://floatlearning.com/2011/08/mobile-in-the-mainstream/>
- Mobile Learning: "A Perfect Storm" To Drive Changes In The Workplace - <http://2020workplace.com/blog/?p=523>
- The best that schools offer is never for everybody, mobile fixes that - <http://www.goldenswamp.com/2011/07/31/the-best-that-schools-offer-is-never-for-everybody-mobile-fixes-that/>
- The Mobile future's bright, the future's hybrid [Vendor] - <http://www.line.co.uk/viewpoints/the-mobile-future%E2%80%99s-bright-the-future%E2%80%99s-hybrid/>
- Thoughts from 2011 mLearn Mobile Learning: Part Two: Preparation [Vendor] - <http://blog.outstart.com/pe/view.jsp?id=10104606> & Part Three: Presentation and Conclusion [Vendor] - <http://blog.outstart.com/pe/action/km/viewelement?id=10104607>

### News Stories of Interest...

- Ultrafine Location Fixes - <http://www.research.adlnet.gov/newsletter/mobile>
- DoD studying clinical effects of brain injury app/2011-07-2
- 10 Fascinating Facts About Mobile f

<http://research.adlnet.gov/newsletter/mobile>

## Resources

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### Tools Available

Many authoring tools can deliver content to mobile devices. The tools provide this capability by using a mobile device screen template and output files that work with the mobile device operating system.

However, tools are emerging that are specifically designed for mobile learning; for instance, providing authoring capability for audio learning content (e.g., spoken word, podcasts) along with associated interactive assessments and surveys. Other tools are optimized to provide e-learning content through the phone's web browsing capability.

There are several e-learning content authoring tools on the market that offer a mobile-friendly output version of your content. However, some of them are designed to run within their own platform and stand-alone portability isn't always possible. Some of these support SCORM output. Some of the tools that we've seen only target one screen size. This is not a definitive list of authoring tools.

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### Authoring Tools

- [Achieve Labs LearnCast](#)
- [BlackBerry Pushcast Software](#) (formerly Chalk Pushcast)
- [dominKnow Learning Systems' Claro](#)
- [Emantras MOBL 21™](#)
- [eXact learning solutions eXact Mobile](#)
- [Harbinger Group's Raptivity](#)
- [MentorMate iC](#)
- [OutStart Hot L](#)
- [Xyleme Pastiche \(for iPad\)](#)
- [Rapid Intake's mLearning Studio](#)
- [ReadyGo Mobile](#)

## Mobile Management

- [Blackboard: Blackboard Mobile](#)

## Resources

- [Learning Guide Solutions](#)
- [Meridian KSI: Meridian Anywhere](#)
- [Saba Anywhere](#)

## Mobile Solutions

- [Intuition Rubicon](#)
- [OnPoint Digital CellCast](#)

## Other

- [Adobe](#) (development tools also support mobile)
- [Questionmark's Perception](#)
- [Turning Technologies' ResponseWare](#)

The ADL Mobile Learning Team is currently collecting information on available tools from vendors. Responses to date (27 July 2011) include 36 vendors in the spreadsheet and PDF files below.

### Attachments (2)

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 MLToolsVendors.xlsx – on Jul 27, 2011 8:01 PM by Judy Brown (version 1)  
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## How to Create mLearning Content and Apps

<http://www.tk12.astd.org>

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**APPLIED**

## Key Ideas

What are the key ideas you'll apply from today's session? (Please enter in Chat)

## Questions / Discussion

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a white rectangular card. The hand is positioned on the left side of the card, with the thumb and index finger visible. The card is held horizontally and contains two sets of contact information. The background is a plain, light color.

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