

How has Apple's iPhone changed the way we shop?

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The turn of the millennium encouraged the growth of these e-tail businesses, with many brick and mortar stores turning to this evolving online space. The only issue was that people needed to be seated at a computer to take advantage of the new online market place. Early PDA's (Personal Digital Assistant) to the likes of the Blackberry or Nokia E63 in mid-2000's gave

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The iPhone sparked a massive change in the technological world and electronics manufactures all wanted a piece of the smartphone pie. It soon became commonplace to see an iPhone in someone's hand. What this meant was the consumer had more power than ever, with a whopping 82% of people using the phone in the pre-purchase process. The new power possessed by the shopper allowed businesses to gather their browsing habits and provide tailored promotions.



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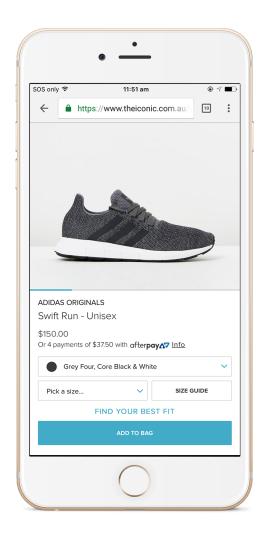
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M-apps or M-sites are in browser sites that are optimised for mobile devices with built in commerce modules. M-sites have mass appeal and are usually the cost effective solution, often utilised by smaller retailers or internet start-ups.

Apps are much like M-sites in their structure but have a permanent position on the user's device, often providing dedicated users with frequent rewards or discounts. Apps are much more expensive to build and are usually used by big box stores or super markets.

The desktop experience is still king when it comes to online shopping, but that doesn't mean the iPhone hasn't made an impact on the way we shop. 29% of all online shopping is done on a mobile device.

In reality that is still quite a large amount of sales, most of which come through m-sites rather than apps.

More importantly, the iPhone gave the consumer power; the more power the consumer has, the more competition there is. Consumers are looking for a bargain and the iPhone gave the people what they wanted.

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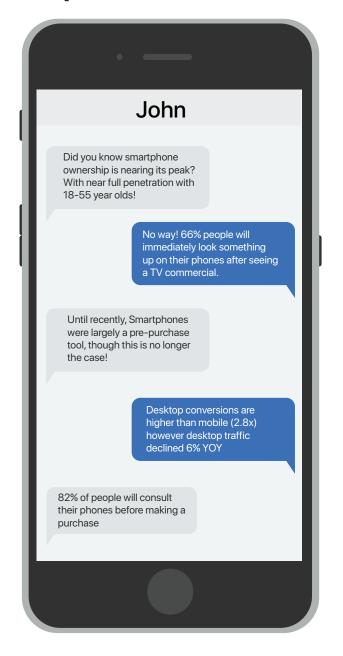
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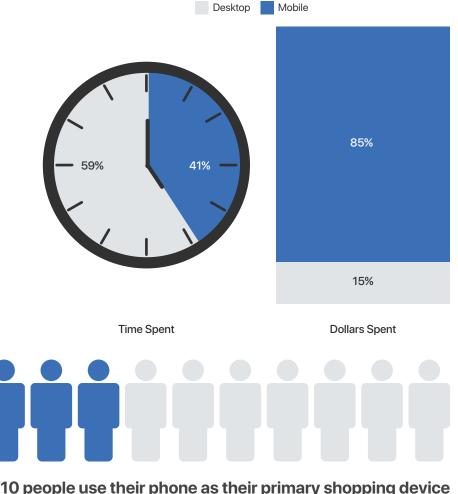
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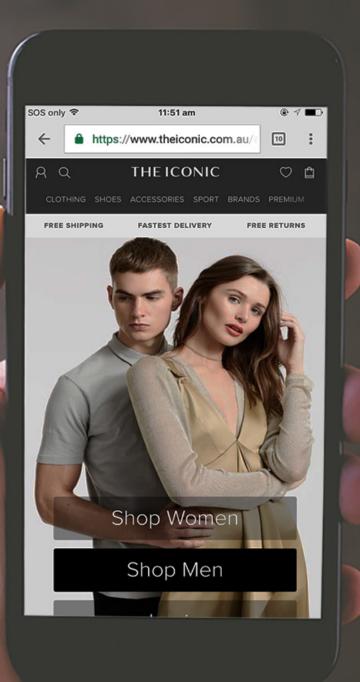


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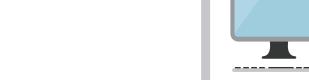
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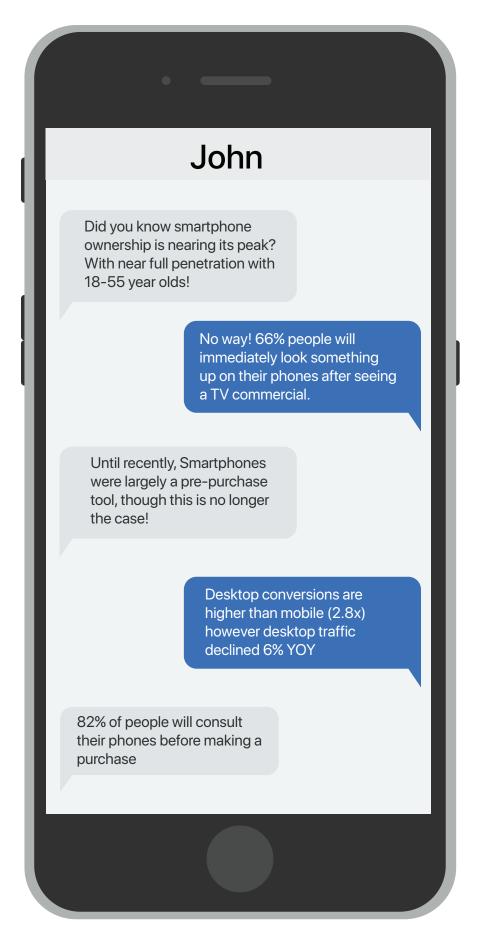
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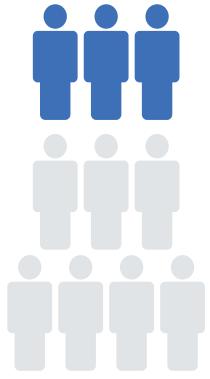
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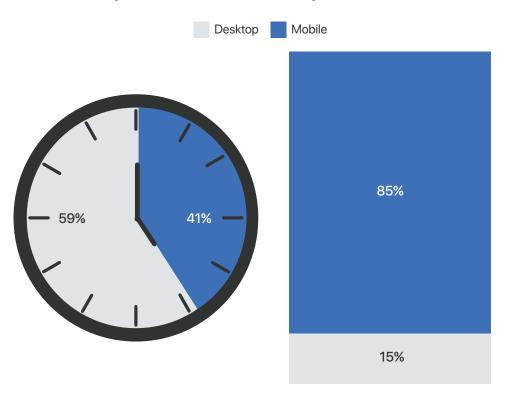


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