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# Responsive Web Design in Application Express using HTML5 and CSS3

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# Shakeeb Rahman

## Software Developer

- Intern at Oracle in 2006
- Joined APEX team in 2009
- Projects I have worked on
  - Oracle Store
  - APEX
  - Oracle Cloud
- First talk at NYOUG



# Session Overview

- The Web Today
- Mobile Applications in the Enterprise
- Two Approaches
- Responsive Web Design Basics
- Responsive Web Design in APEX 4.2
- Demos
- Is Responsive Right for you?



# Evolving Web Applications

## 10 Years Ago

- Designed for Internet Explorer
- Windows Desktop or Laptop
- Maximum screen resolution of 1024x768
- Table-Based
- <font> Tag
- Presentation + Markup mixed



# Evolving Web Applications

## 5 Years Ago

- Mobile becomes popular with iPhone
- Firefox is eating IE marketshare
- Mobile revolution taking place



# Evolving Web Applications

## Today

- Many Devices
- Many Platforms
- Many Screen sizes
- Many Resolutions
- Many Browsers
- **Many Many Variables**





# Evolving Web Applications

## Enterprise gone Mobile

- Mobile is not just for personal use
- Enterprises have embraced mobile
- Agility
- Cost savings
- Improve productivity





**“71% of organizations are already using or planning to use custom mobile applications”**

**Symantec**  
2012 State of Mobility Survey



# Everyone is doing it. How can you?

# Native Apps?







# ~~Native Apps?~~



# **Let's look at the requirements.**



# Application Requirements

## Mobile Application Requirements

- APEX Application
- Support Mobile + Tablet Devices
- Functional across a variety of mobile platforms (iOS, Android, etc)
- Leverage existing APEX skills



# Two Approaches



# Approach 1: **Dedicated Mobile Web Application** (using jQuery Mobile)



# jQuery Mobile Application

- Looks/Feels like Native Mobile App
- Fast, Performant
- Optimized for Mobile
- Compatible with many mobile devices



# jQuery Mobile Application

## However...

- May require duplicate logic
- Limited functionality
- Lack of tablet support
- Different UI from desktop application





# **Approach 2:** **Responsive Web Application**



# Responsive Web Application

- One Application
- Desktop, Tablet, and Mobile support
- Similar User Interface
- **Single Code Line**



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# Responsive Web Design (RWD)

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an approach to web design in which a designer intends to provide an **optimal viewing experience**—easy reading and navigation with a minimum of resizing, panning, and scrolling—**across a wide range of devices** (from desktop computer monitors to mobile phones). (Wikipedia)



**Same HTML.**  
**Same Application Logic.**  
**Different User Experience.**





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## Obama, Romney to meet in Denver for first debate

The president and Mitt Romney attended to details before their debate tonight, including walking through the venue and reviewing briefing books. **22 minutes ago**


- Obama-Romney debate guide



## In New Hampshire, Bill Clinton talks up Obamacare

The former president embraced President Obama's health care plan at a rally at the University of New Hampshire. **36 minutes ago**

- Bill Clinton reaches out to Warren supporters



## Mitt Romney hasn't changed a bit


The ultimate shame of the former governor's presidential campaign is that he looks and sounds like the same man at the end as when he began.

## Latest news

### Turkey fires artillery into Syria


The action came after shelling from Syria hit a Turkish border town, killing at least five people. **2:15 pm**

- Suicide bombings kill dozens in Syria




### Winchester man pleads guilty to killing family

Thomas Mortimer IV pleaded guilty to murdering his wife, two children, and mother-in-law in his family's home in 2010.



### Valentine says he was undermined by coaches

In an interview on WEEI, Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine said he believed his coaching staff was not loyal this season. **1:28 pm**



### Developer plans \$60m housing complex near JFK T stop

The proposed apartment complex on Morrissey Boulevard in Dorchester would house 278 units on the nearly 93,000 square-foot property.

- Images: Proposed complex on Morrissey Boulevard

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## Bowers & Wilkins

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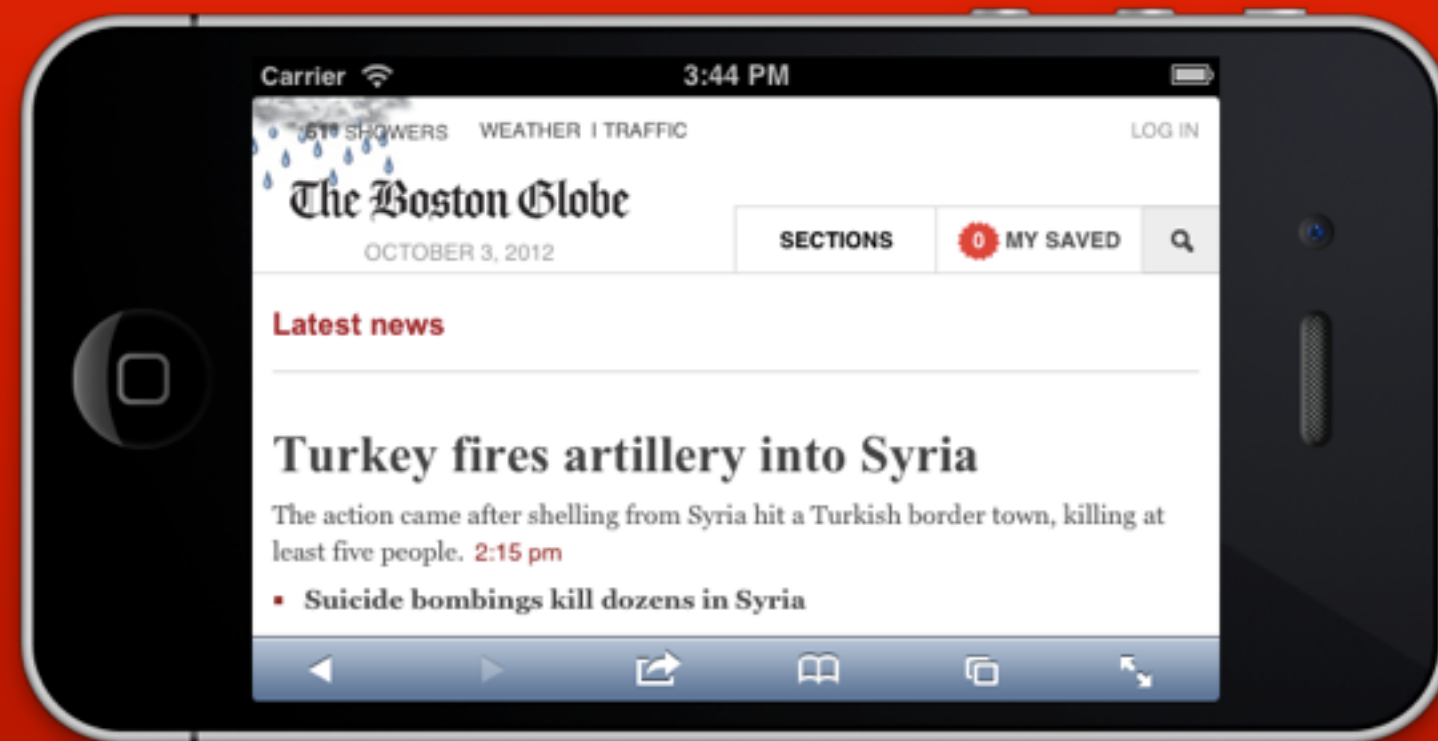
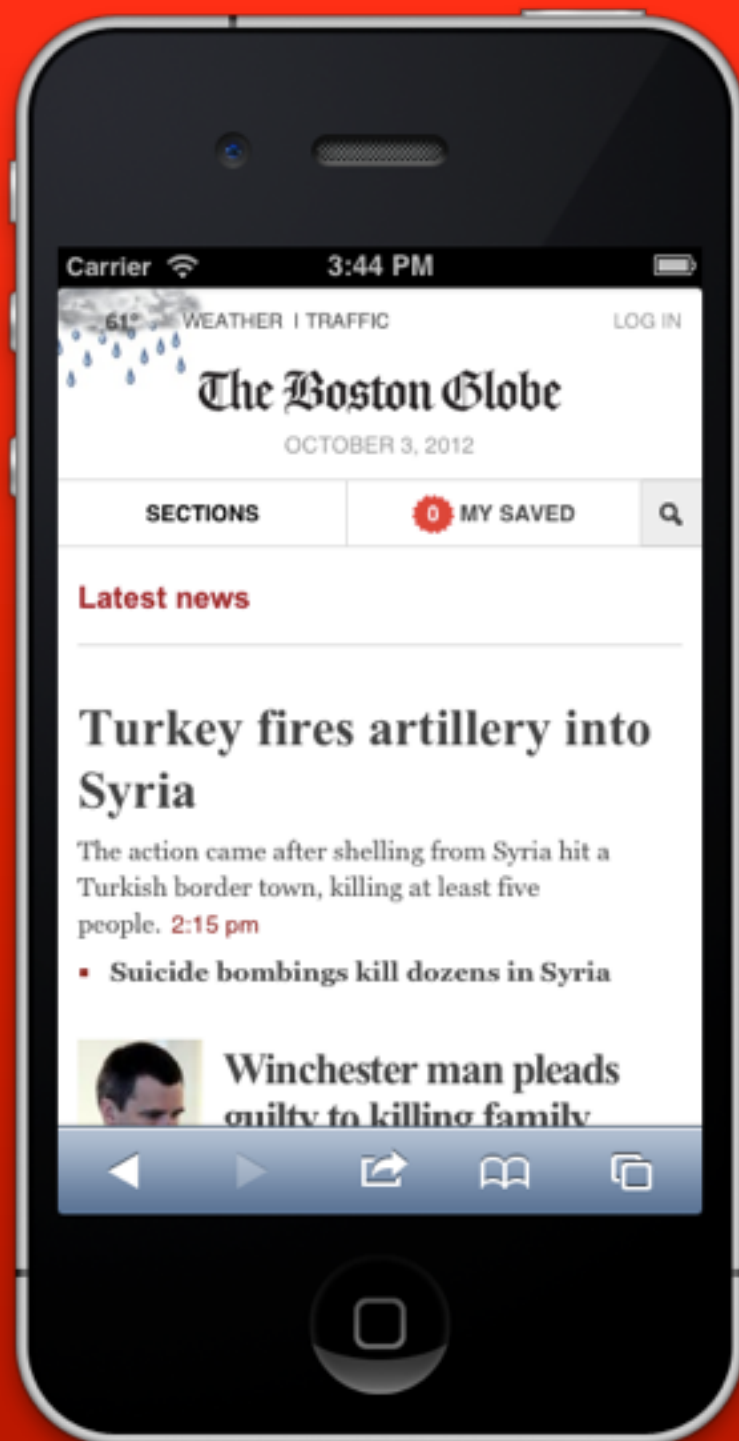
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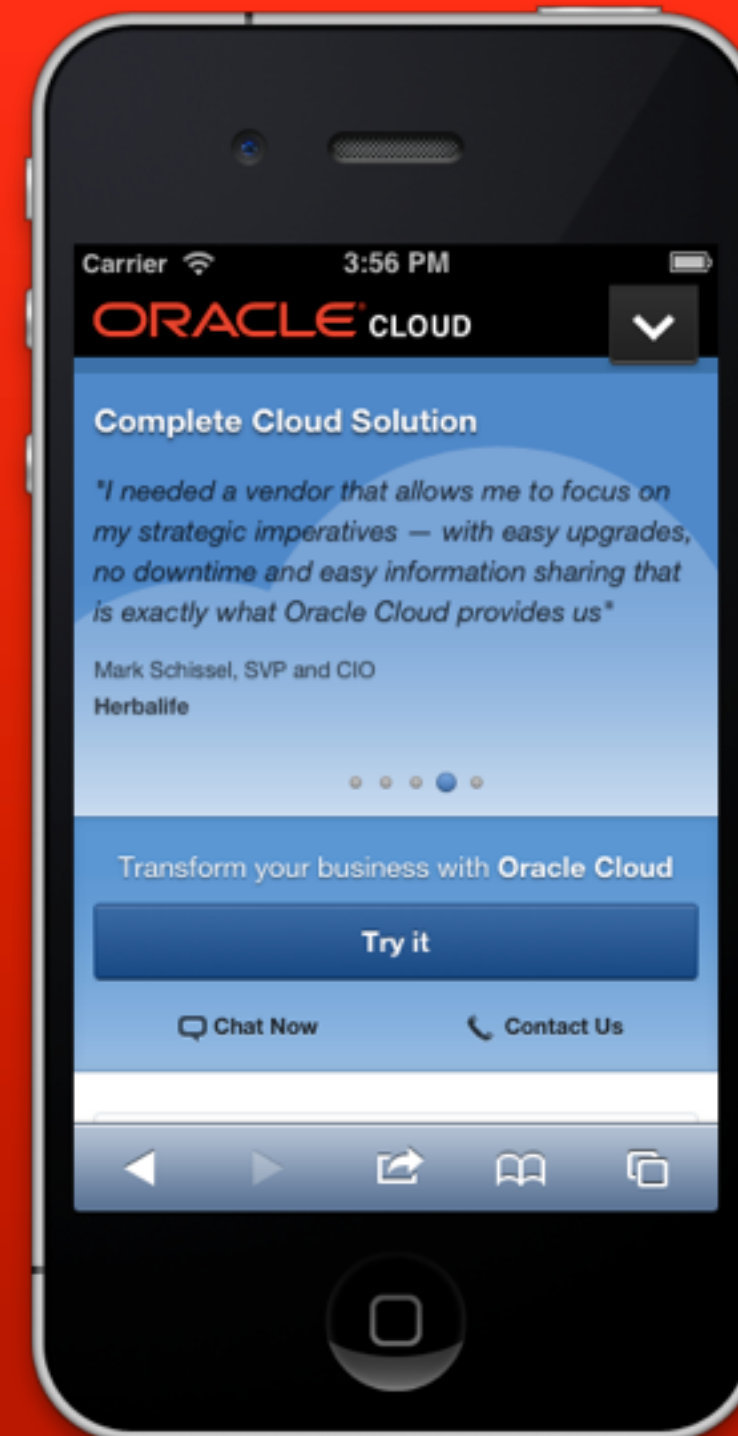
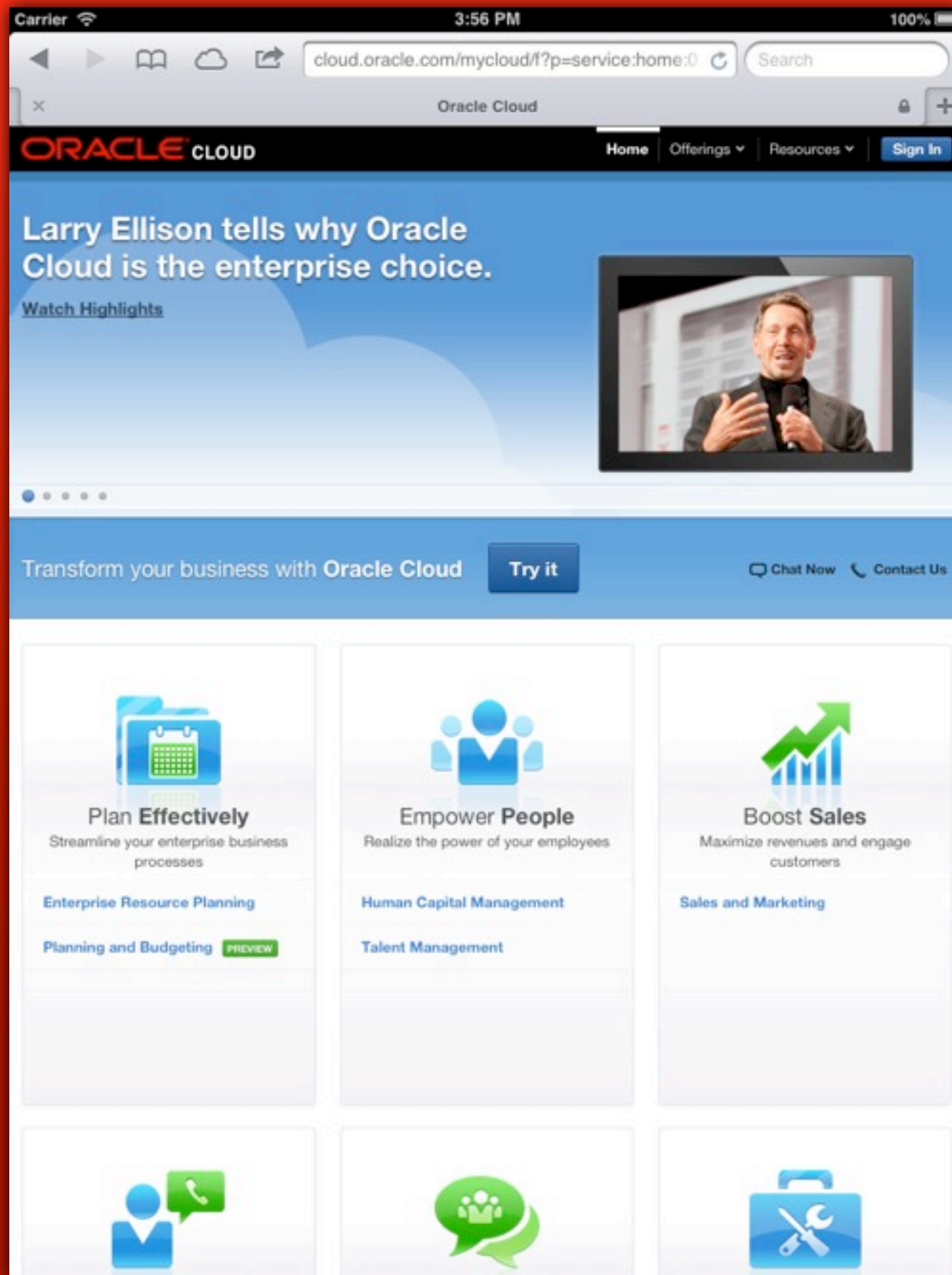


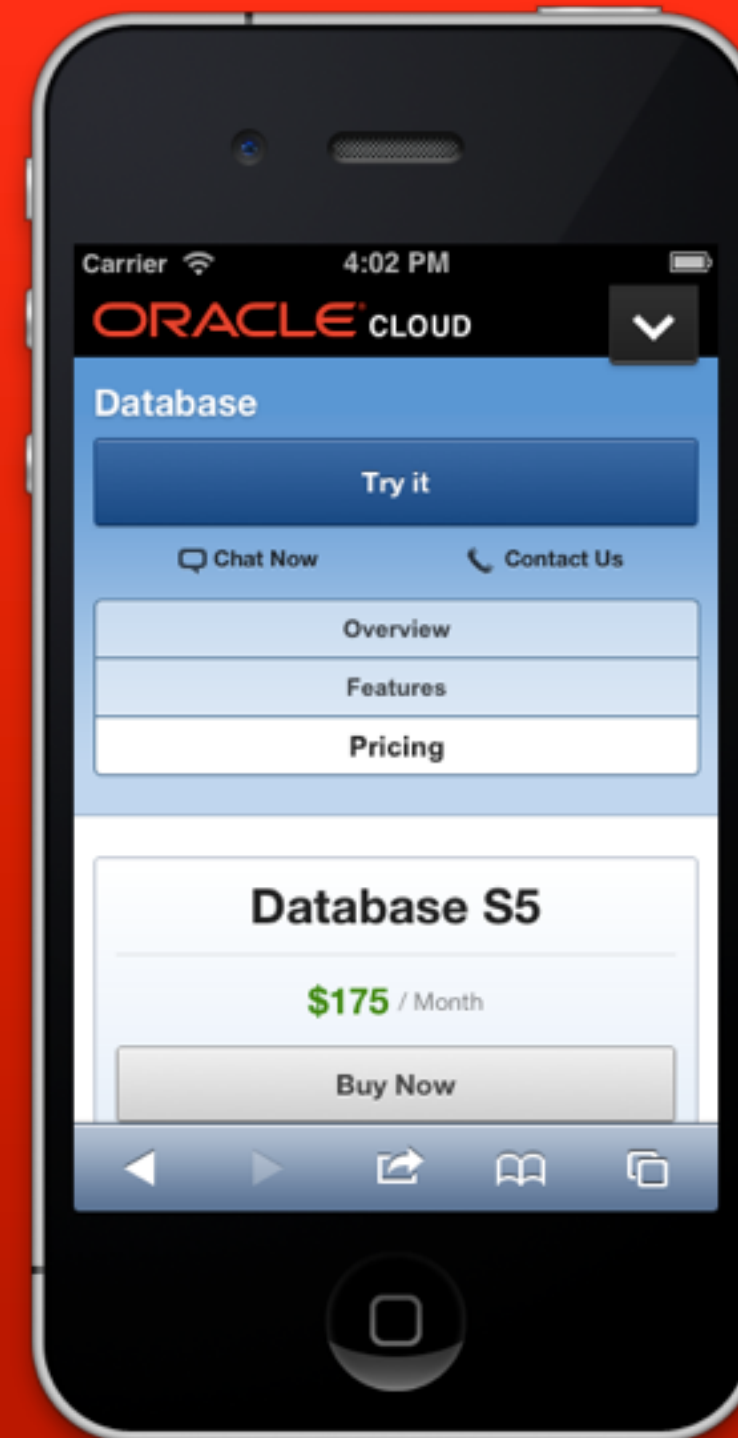
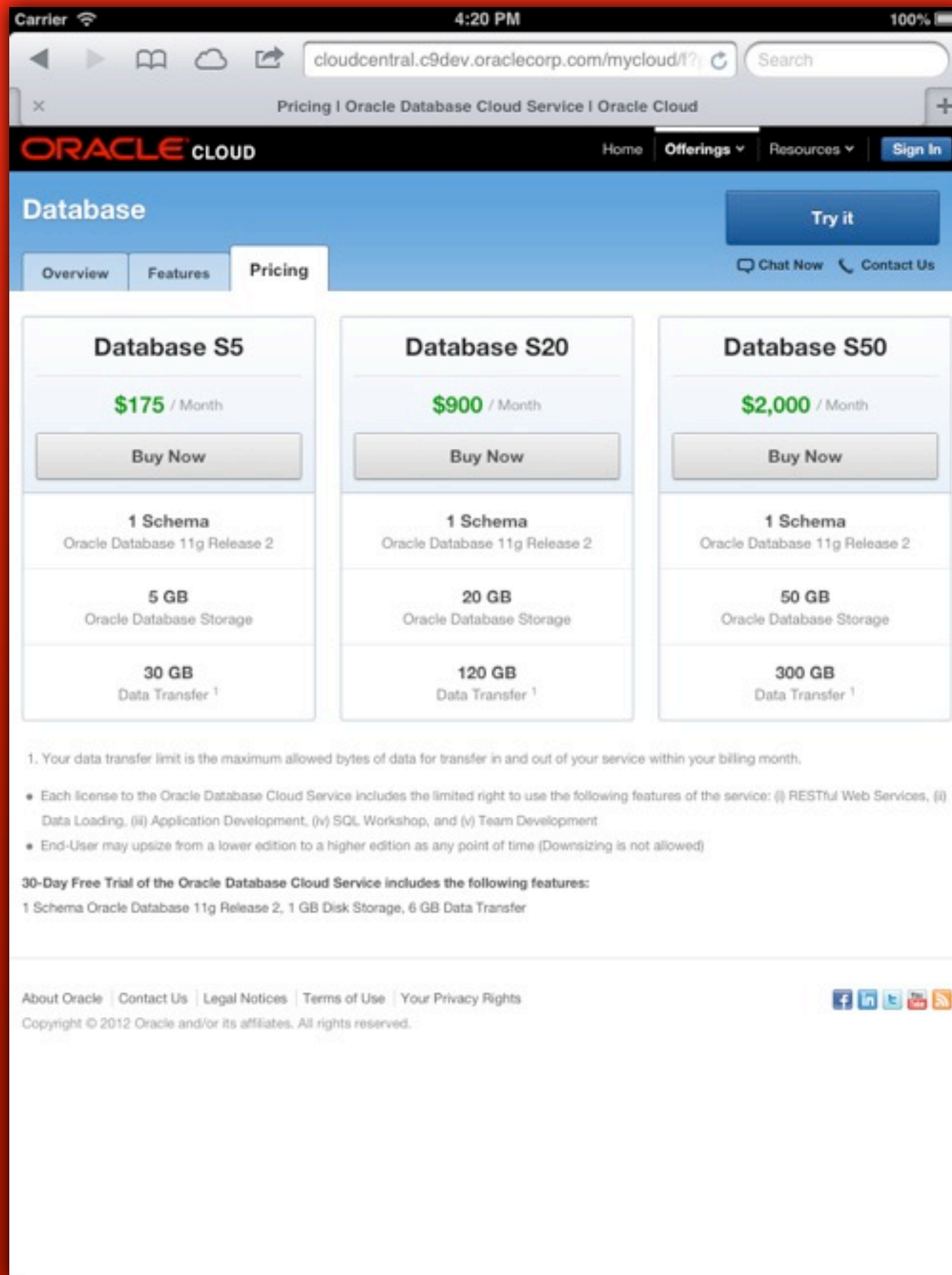
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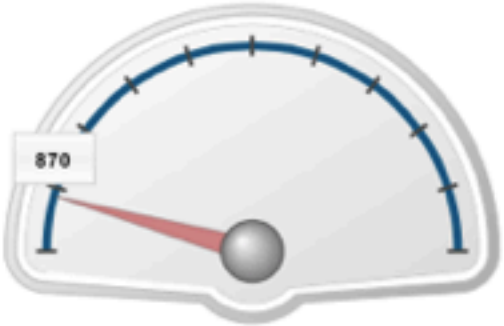
Sample Database Application

guest Mobile Administration Help Logout

Home Customers Products Orders Reports

Search customers, orders and product data

Sales for this Month



Top Customers

<a href="#">Bradley, Eugene - 2 Order(s)</a>	\$2,760.00
<a href="#">Logan, Edward - 2 Order(s)</a>	\$2,420.00
<a href="#">Dulles, John - 1 Order(s)</a>	\$2,380.00
<a href="#">Hartsfield, William - 2 Order(s)</a>	\$2,370.00
<a href="#">LaGuardia, Fiorello - 1 Order(s)</a>	\$1,090.00

Top Products

<a href="#">Jacket - 18 x \$1.50</a>	\$2,700.00
<a href="#">Bag - 16 x \$1.25</a>	\$2,000.00
<a href="#">Trousers - 21 x \$80</a>	\$1,680.00
<a href="#">Ladies Shoes - 12 x \$1.20</a>	\$1,440.00
<a href="#">Business Shirt - 23 x \$50</a>	\$1,150.00

Top Orders by Date

<a href="#">August 13, 2012</a>	2,380
<a href="#">July 30, 2012</a>	1,890
<a href="#">August 24, 2012</a>	1,640
<a href="#">September 10, 2012</a>	1,515
<a href="#">August 26, 2012</a>	1,090

Tags

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top seller 2

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Home

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Edit Page 1

Create

Session

Caching

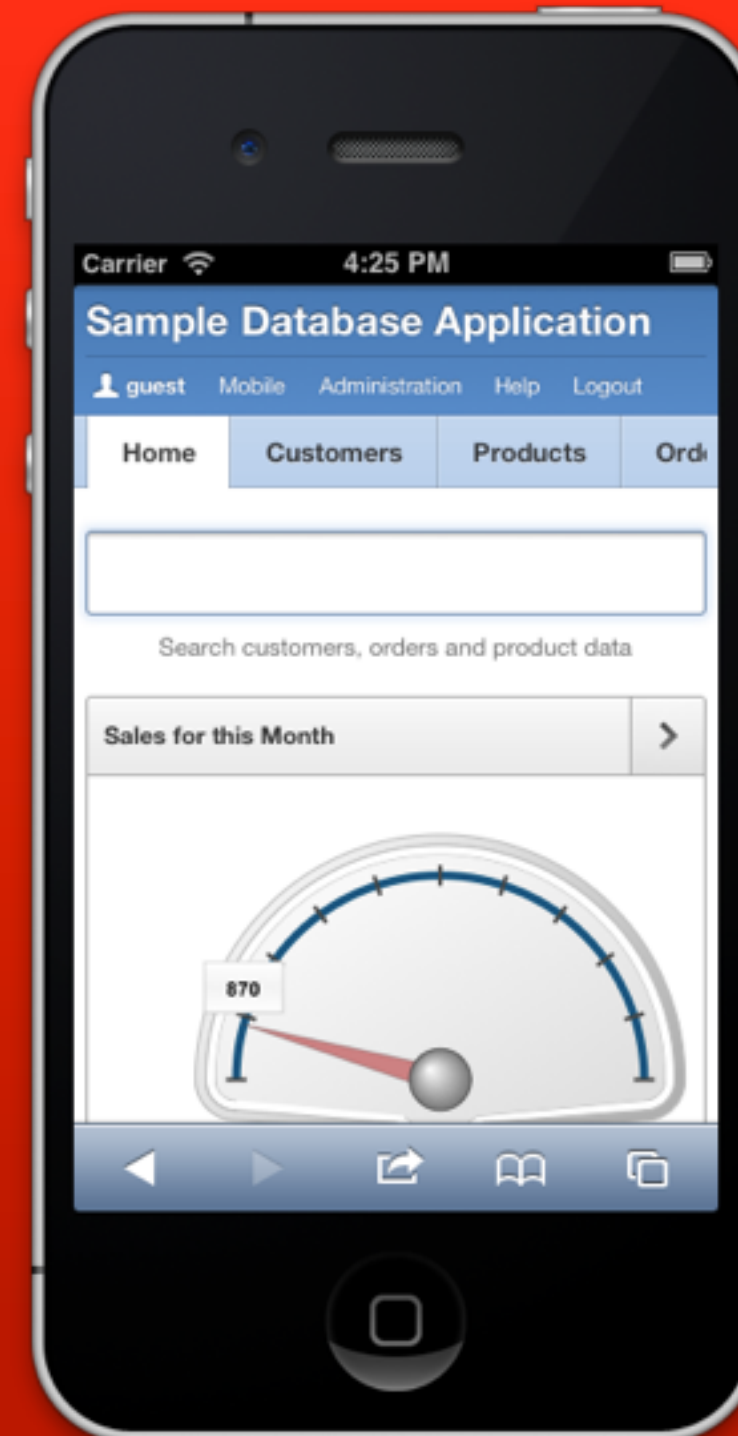
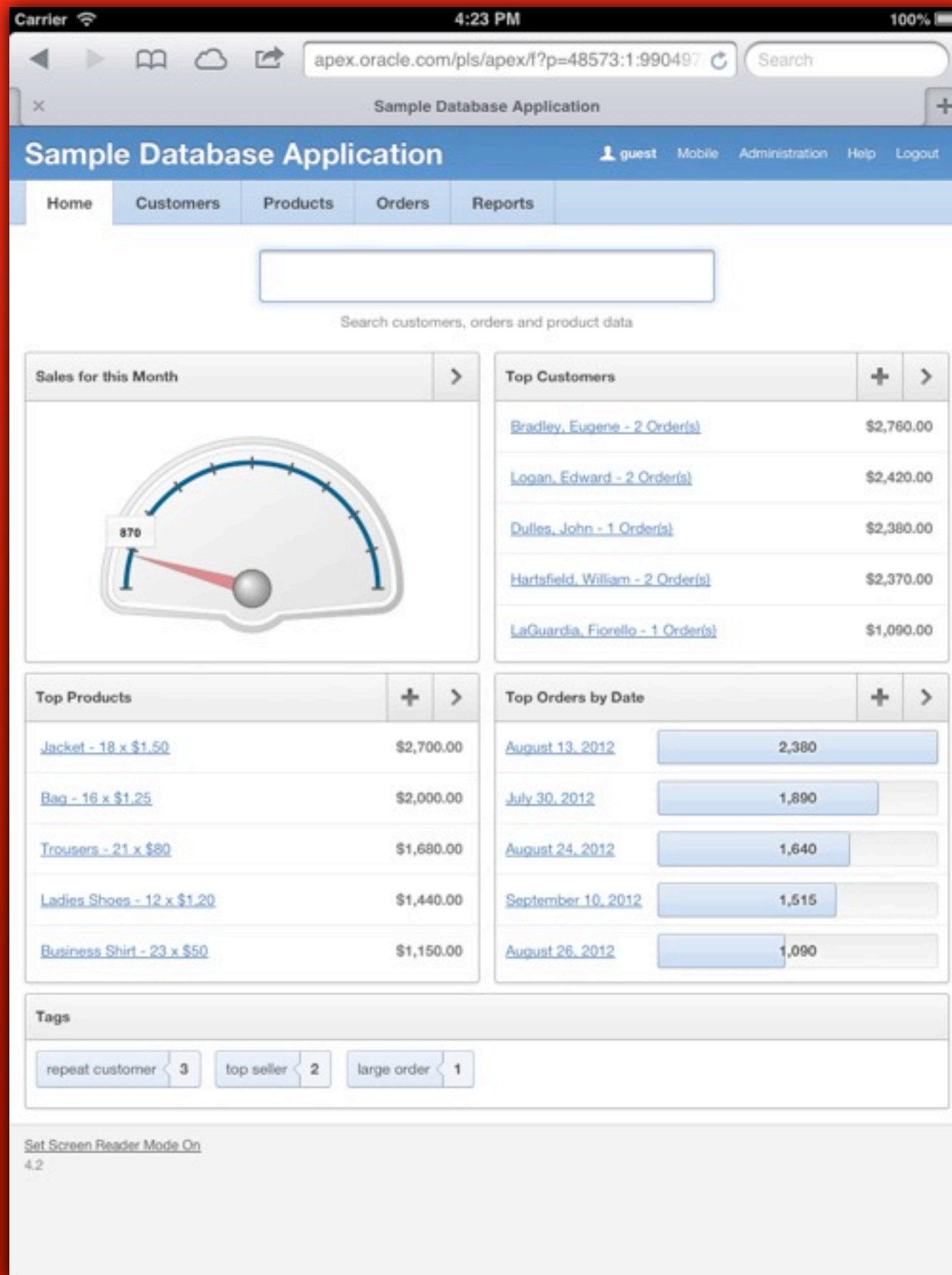
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Debug

Show Edit Links

Show Grid

Display a menu





# How does it work?

# CSS3 Media Queries

- allowing you to define styles based on conditions such as screen size or resolution
- most commonly used media queries rely on browser width to determine layout / device type

```
@media screen and (min-width: 320px) and (max-width: 479px) { ... }
```

- define multiple CSS media queries to target “cut off points” and appropriately adjust UI for given screen size



# Common CSS3 Media Queries

- Mobile Portrait

- `@media screen and (min-width: 320px) and (max-width: 479px)`

- Mobile Landscape

- `@media only screen and (min-width: 480px) and (max-width: 767px)`

- Mobile Portrait / Landscape

- `@media only screen and (max-width: 767px)`

- Tablet Portrait

- `@media only screen and (min-width: 768px) and (max-width: 959px)`

- Tablet Landscape

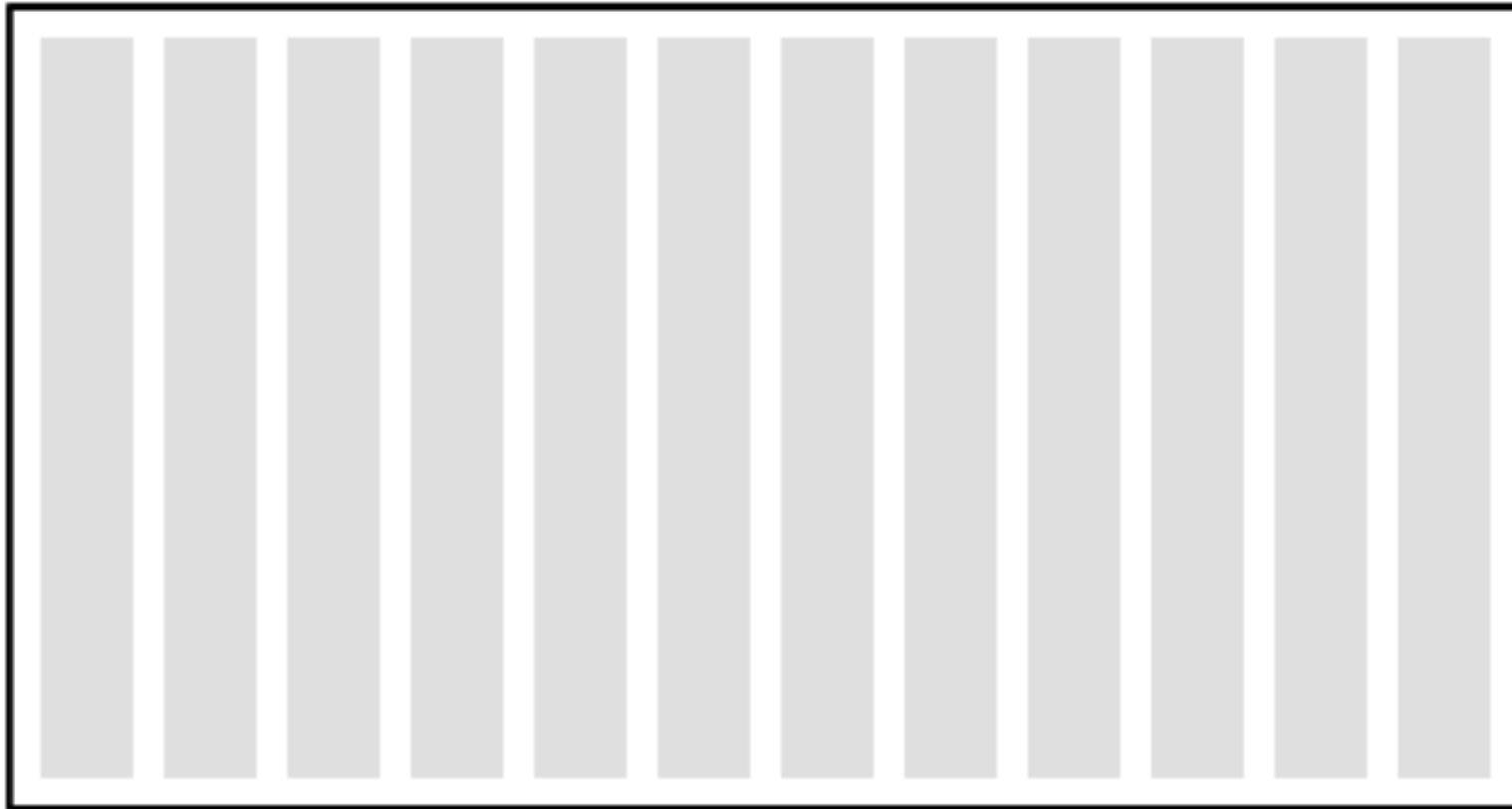
- `@media only screen and (min-width: 960px) and (max-width: 1024px)`

# Grid-Based Layout

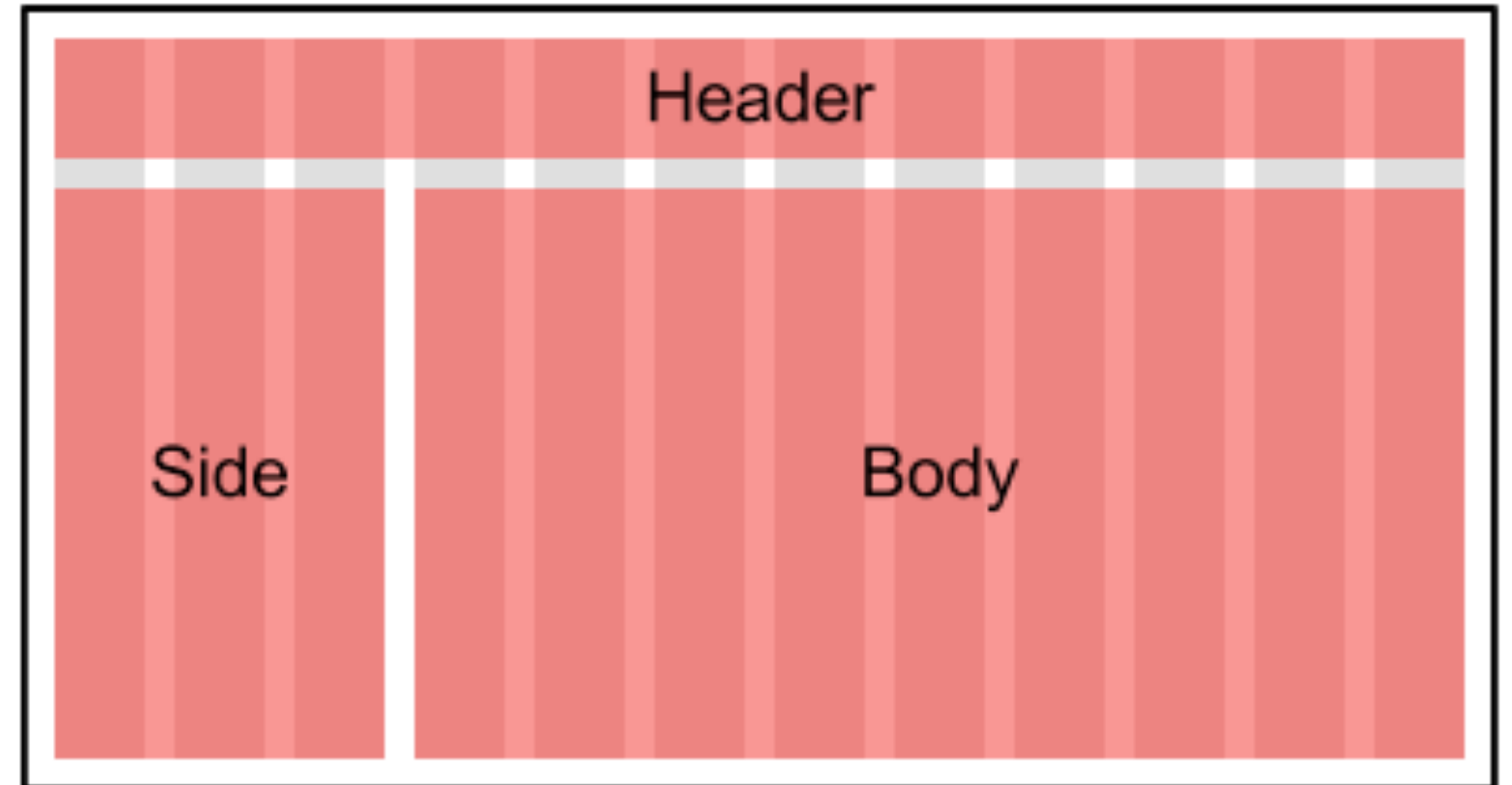
- Provides a HTML structure to organize our page components onto a grid
- Using a grid makes it easier to align and lay out page components
- CSS3 media queries can then easily shift or reposition these components

# Grid-Based Layout

Page with a 12-column Grid Layout

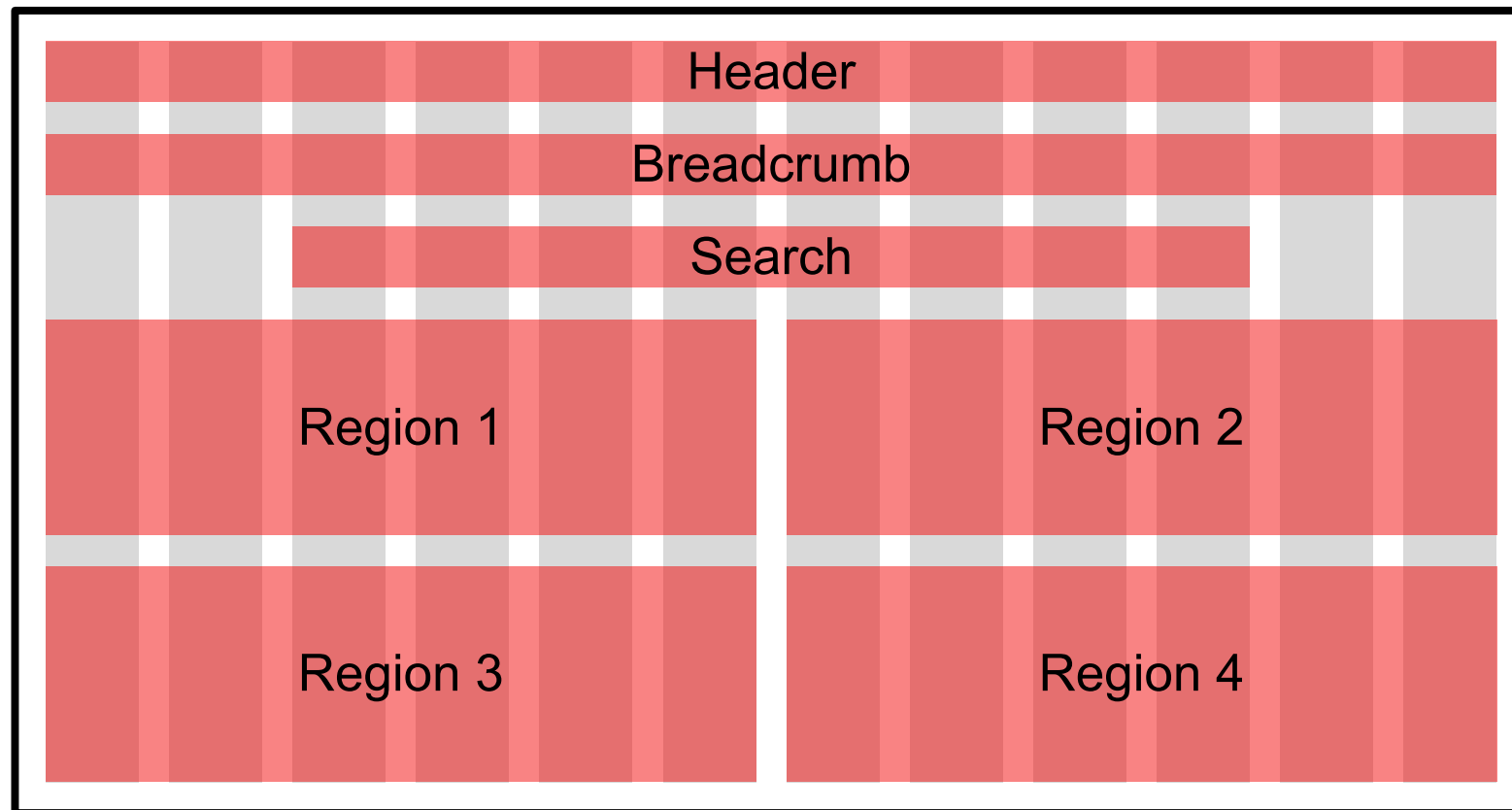


Page Components Positioned on Grid

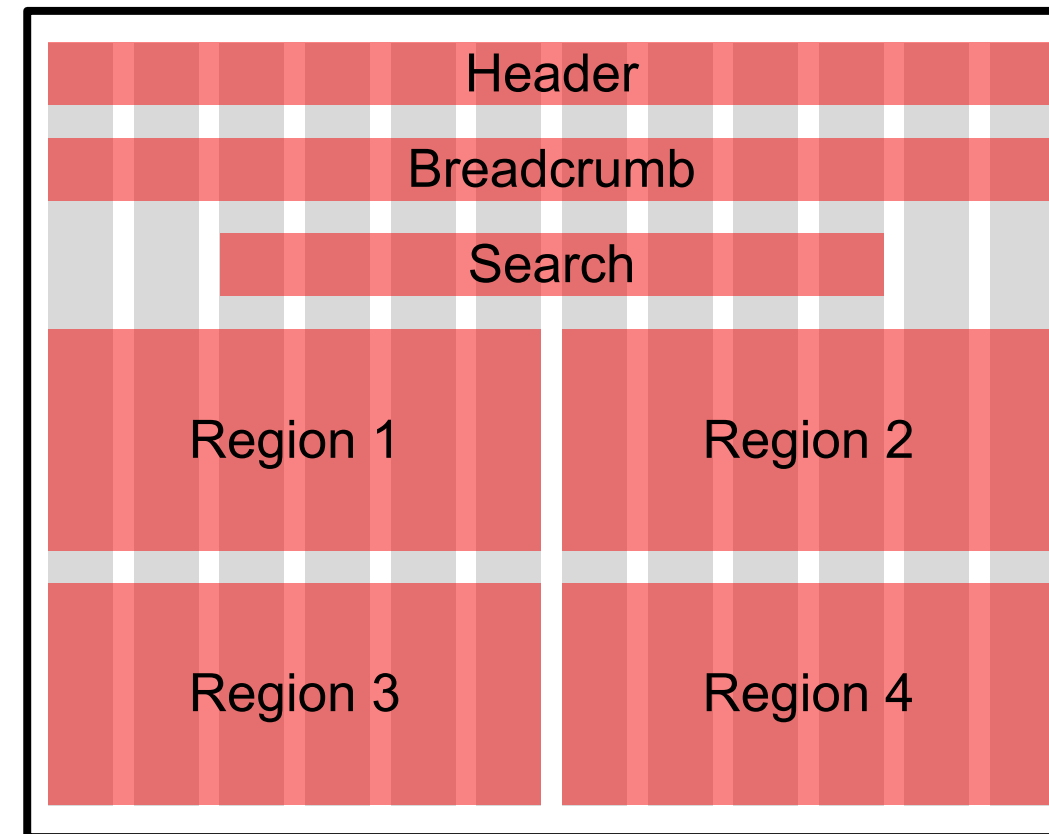


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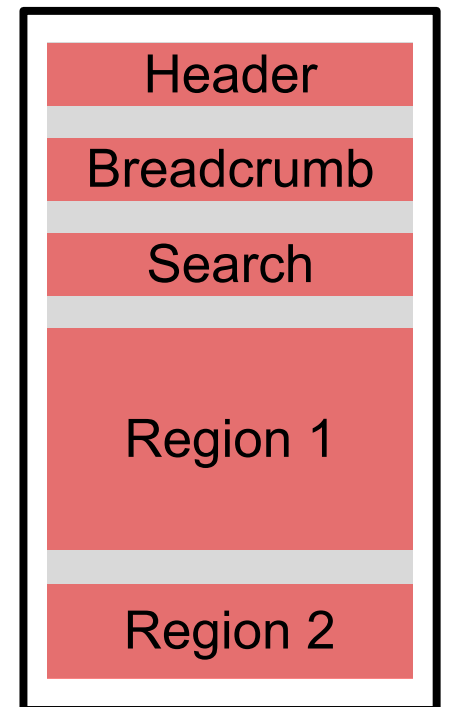
Desktop



Tablet



Mobile



# Example Grid Layout HTML Markup

```
1 <div class="apex_grid container">␣
2   <div class="apex_row">␣
3     <div class="apex_cols apex_span_6 alpha">␣
4       Left Col␣
5     </div>␣
6     <div class="apex_cols apex_span_6 omega">␣
7       Right Col␣
8     </div>␣
9   </div>␣
10 </div>␣
```





**Sounds technical.  
Do I have to do this manually?**

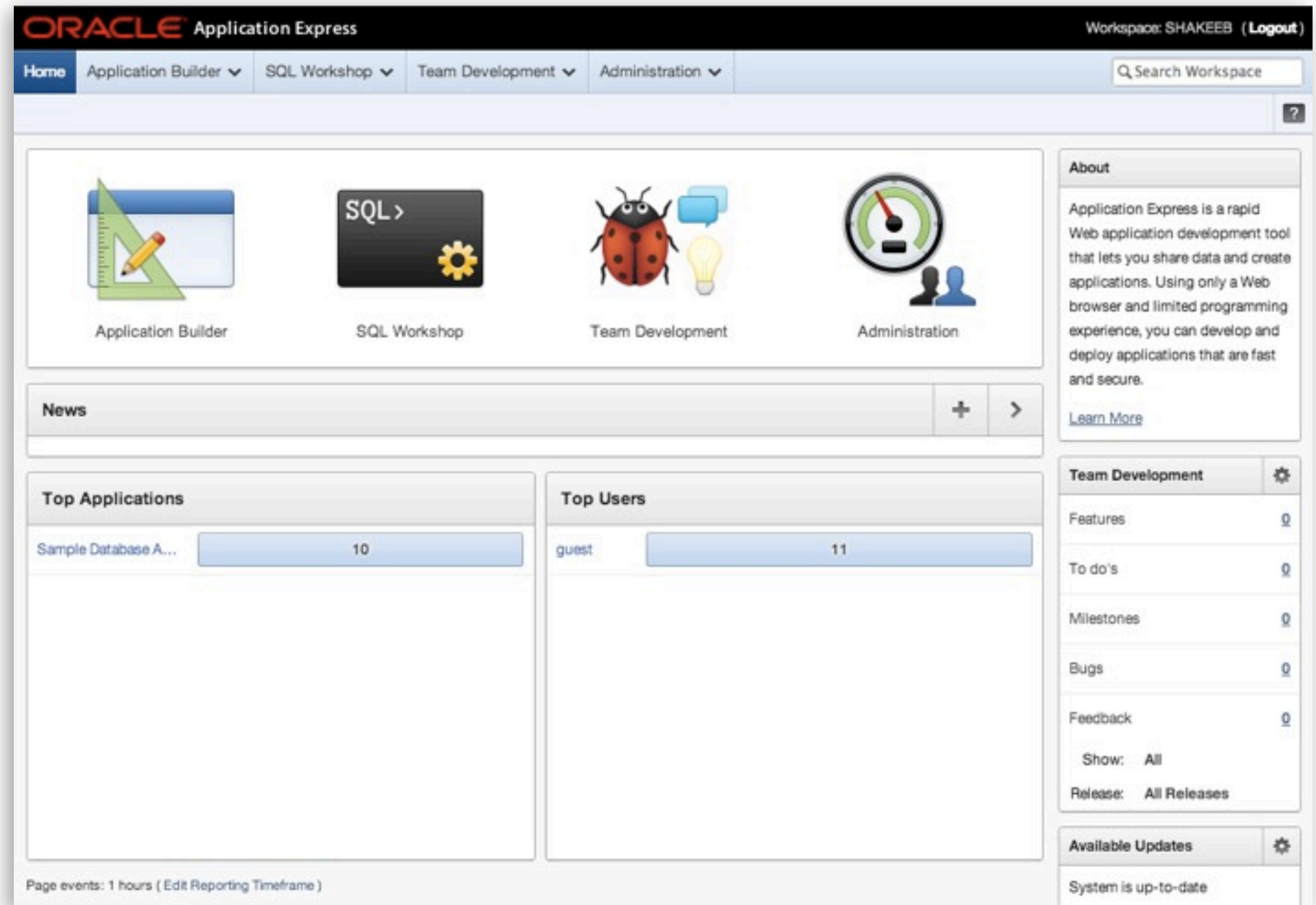


# NO!

APEX 4.2 handles all of this for you.

# APEX 4.2

- Every release tries to give developers more control over HTML emitted from APEX
- APEX 4.2 has two features that especially enable responsive design



# Grid Layout

# Grid Layout

- Declarative way to lay out regions and items on a page
- Possible to do complex layouts without manual css overrides
- Compatible with popular grid frameworks such as twitter bootstrap, 960 gs, etc.

# Grid Layout

Grid Layout			
Start New Row	<input type="button" value="No"/> ▾		
Column	<input type="button" value="Automatic"/> ▾	New Column	<input type="button" value="Yes"/> ▾
Column Span	<input type="button" value="6"/> ▾		

Field	Value	Description
Start New Row	Yes	Position the region in a new row.
	No	Position the region on the same row as the previous region. This is useful when positioning a region to aside another region.
Column	Automatic	Position the region in a specific grid column. Selecting <b>Automatic</b> will automatically use the next available grid column to display the region.
	1-12	Position the region at this specific grid column.
New Column	Yes	Position this region in the next column in the same row.
	No	Position this region in the same column as the previous region.
Column Span	Automatic	Determines how many grid columns should be used by the region. Selecting <b>Automatic</b> will balance the available grid columns within all regions in the same grid row.
	1-12	Use this specific number of grid columns for this region.



# Theme 25

(Responsive, Modernizr Enabled, SCSS-Based, HTML5 + CSS3 Utilizing Theme for APEX 4.2)

# Theme 25

## ■ Fully Responsive

- **Support for Desktop, Tablet and Mobile Screen Sizes**
- Uses flexible grid layout that can be used on screen sizes from the largest monitors to mobile devices
- (4.2.1) Interactive Reports are displayed appropriately for smaller screens
- Form labels shift above when using mobile devices
- Uses Respond.js to enable media queries for older Internet Explorer versions

# Theme 25

## ■ Modernizr Enabled

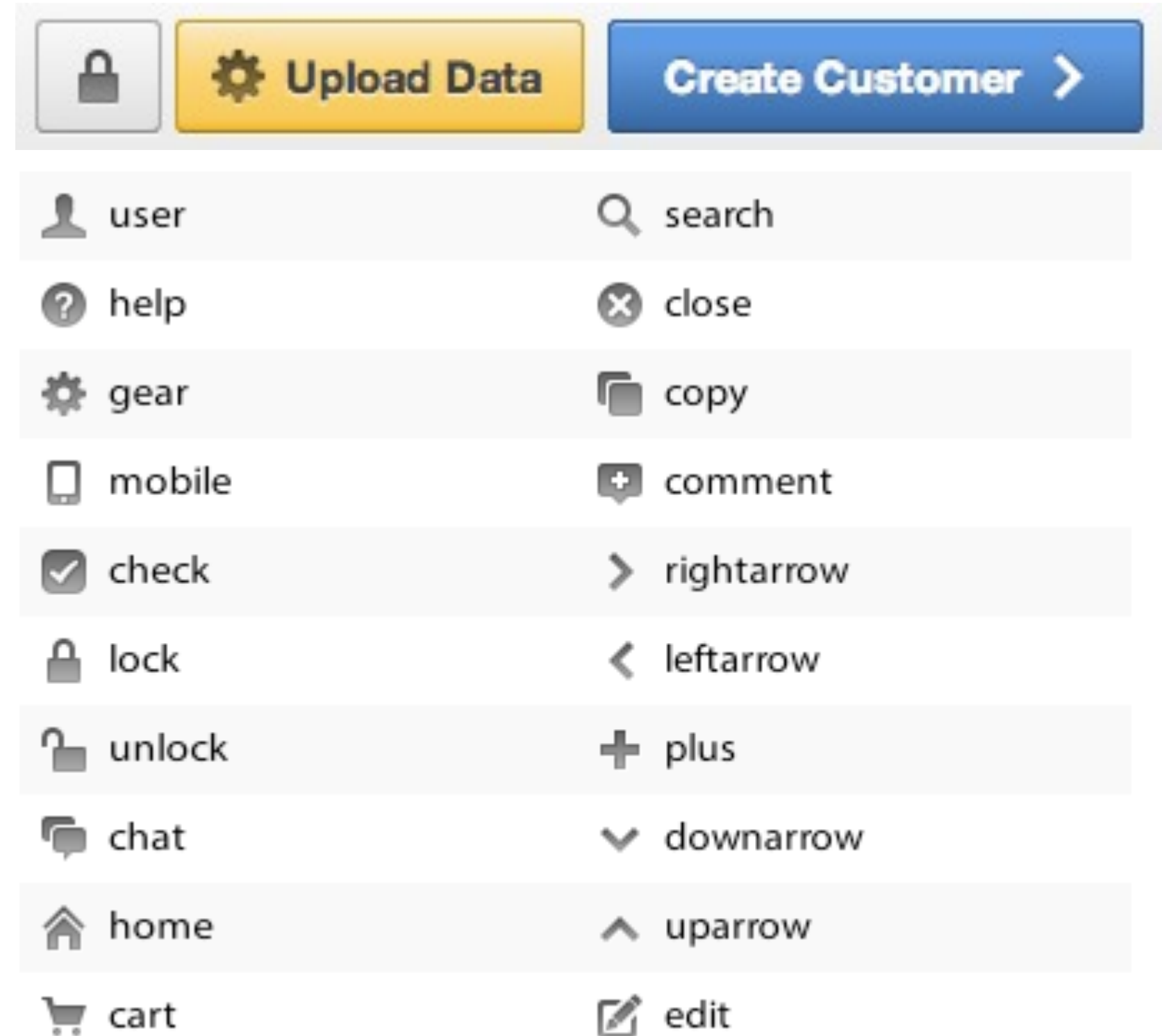
- Popular feature detection library is loaded by default so developers can take advantage of HTML5 and CSS3 features while providing fallbacks for older browsers
- On page load, several classes are added to the HTML tag to show which features are supported by the browser

```
▼ <html class=" js no-flexbox flexbox-legacy canvas canvastext no-webgl  
no-touch geolocation postmessage websqldatabase no-indexeddb hashchange  
history draganddrop websockets rgba hsla multiplebgs backgroundsize  
borderimage borderradius boxshadow textshadow opacity cssanimations  
csscolumns cssgradients cssreflections csstransforms csstransforms3d  
csstransitions fontface generatedcontent video audio localstorage  
sessionstorage webworkers applicationcache svg inlinesvg smil  
svgclippaths" lang="en">
```

# Theme 25

## ■ Icon Buttons

- Developers can easily create buttons with icons without creating custom templates
- Simply choose an icon-compatible button template and specify an icon class

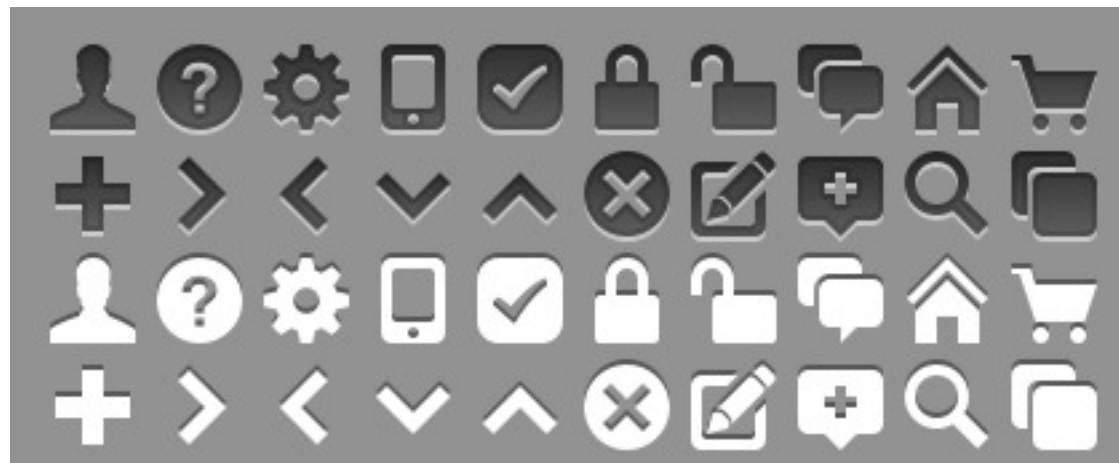


# Theme 25

- **High Resolution Display Support**
  - Support for “Retina Display” devices
  - Graphics utilized by the theme are automatically upscaled for devices that utilize ultra high resolution displays to render web content



Standard Display



High Resolution Display

# Theme 25

## ■ Responsive Utility Classes

– Easily hide / show content depending on device type

Class	Phones 767px and below	Tablets 979px to 768px	Desktops Default
<code>.visible-phone</code>	Visible	Hidden	Hidden
<code>.visible-tablet</code>	Hidden	Visible	Hidden
<code>.visible-desktop</code>	Hidden	Hidden	Visible
<code>.hidden-phone</code>	Hidden	Visible	Visible
<code>.hidden-tablet</code>	Visible	Hidden	Visible
<code>.hidden-desktop</code>	Visible	Visible	Hidden



# Demo

# When to Develop Responsive Applications

- Responsive design allows you to develop a single application suitable for a variety of devices
- It does so by re-positioning page components to become more optimal for mobile devices by reducing zooming and panning
- **However, there are some challenges to consider.**

# When to Develop Responsive Applications

- **Developing a responsive application can be time consuming and may require a deep understanding of grid layout, html and css.**
- Page size remains the same. You are loading the full HTML, CSS, and JS resources, even on mobile devices with limited broadband.
- Responsive Web Design is just the tip of the iceberg.

# Is Responsive Right for you?

## ■ Responsive

- Developing a single application, one source for application logic, one set of pages
- Similar UI
- Full functionality of the application

## ■ jQuery Mobile

- Framework especially designed for mobile devices
- Lightweight and faster loading
- Native look and feel
- Use wizards to create page components (more comfortable for APEX developers)
- Easily integrated in PhoneGap to develop Hybrid-Native applications

**I DON'T ALWAYS  
DEVELOP FOR MOBILE**



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I DO IT RESPONSIVELY**

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