

Smart Phones & Dumb Laws

The complex legal and constitutional issues generated by the mobile delivery of adult-oriented content

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Overview

- Vocabulary What are we talking about?
- So What?
- Some Dumb Laws (well, Rules/Policies/Regs)
 - Apple
 - Android
 - Got EULA?
- Some Laws that Might Not Be So Dumb
 - FTC



The Vocabulary

- "iOS" = Apple
 - iPhones, iPads, iPods iDevices
 - CLOSED



- "Android" = Google
 - HTC phones, Samsung Galaxy, Motorola XOOM, everything else...
 - OPEN



The Vocabulary

"Marketplace"

Apple/iOS

App Store/iTunes

Android

- Android Market ("official")
- Amazon AppStore
- MiKandi
- AdultAppMart
- SlideME
- AndroidPIT
- Appoke
- and many more...



Why You Should Care

- Mobile/Tablet ("non-computer") traffic increasing.
- Android, iOS, and marketplace policies will shape what businesses can deliver to their customers.
- Private censorship marketplace of ideas being shaped by corporate policies based on conservatism and fear of government.

Why You Should Care

- The WWW browser is essentially neutral. The mobile device OS is not. Massive power is wielded by gatekeepers rather than the endpoints.
- Facebook IPO concerns about increased reliance on mobile devices and need to capitalize on advertising.
- See: comScore "Digital Omnivores" report
 - http://www.comscore.com/Digital Omnivores



Online industry publications creating Mobile News categories...





XBIZ World, November 2010

...and reporting on Mobile issues in print magazines.



Why You Should Care

- 2011 Top 50 Industry Newsmakers: http://www.xbiz.com/news/legal/142039.
 - "ADULT APP MART With only a little over a year under its belt, Android app developer, AdultAppMart made news when it debuted the "Wonder Weiner" app on the heels of former Congressman Rep. Anthony Weiner's (D-N.Y.) official resignation. The company also earned three 2012 XBIZ Award nominations for Mobile Services Company, Progressive Company of the Year, and Innovative Web/Tech Product of the Year. If that's not enough, it launched an affiliate program, app development services and adopted QR codes for the desktop version of its site."

Why You Should Care

- 2011 Top 50 Industry Newsmakers: http://www.xbiz.com/news/legal/142039.
 - "MIKANDI Adult app supplier MiKandi confirmed that AT&T Android users could access its adult app store by simply checking a box for "Unknown Sources." It also debuted the <u>iBoobs app that was banned from both the Apple App store and Google's App market</u>. The company partnered with Cherry Media S.L. (Cherrysauce) to launch a content service for MiKandi's App Developer network as well as a deal with the Reporo mobile ad network. In-app billing, powered by MiKandi Gold also bowed in 2011."

The Dumb Begins

A Minefield of Policies

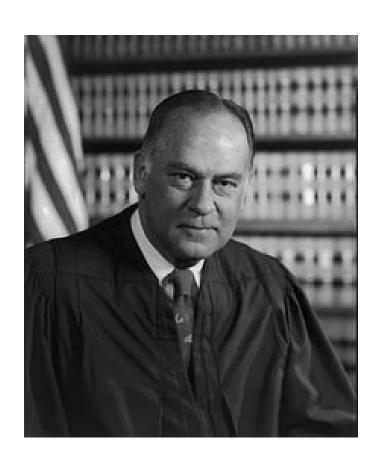


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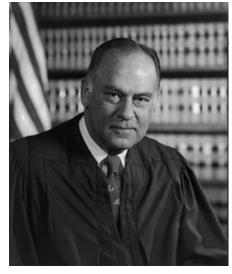
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What Do Justice Potter and Steve Jobs Have In Common?



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They Know It When They See It



Credit: Matthew Yohe





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- Sept. 2010 App Store Review Guidelines:
- "We will reject Apps for any content or behavior that we believe is over the line. What line, you ask? Well, as a Supreme Court Justice once said, "I'll know it when I see it". And we think that you will also know it when you cross it."

- "Apps that are not very useful, are simply web sites bundled as apps, or do not provide any lasting entertainment value may be rejected"
- "Apps that use IAP to purchase credits or other currencies must consume those credits within the application"
- "Apps that use IAP to purchase credits or other currencies that expire will be rejected"
- "In general, the more expensive your app, the more thoroughly we will review it"
- "Any app that is defamatory, offensive, meanspirited, or likely to place the targeted individual or group in harms way will be rejected" [BUT...]

- "Professional political satirists and humorists are exempt from the ban on offensive or meanspirited commentary"
- "Apps containing pornographic material, defined by Webster's Dictionary as "explicit descriptions or displays of sexual organs or activities intended to stimulate erotic rather than aesthetic or emotional feelings", will be rejected"
- "Apps that contain user generated content that is frequently pornographic (ex "Chat Roulette" apps) will be rejected"

- "Sweepstakes and contests must be sponsored by the developer/company of the app"
- "It must be permissible by law for the developer to run a lottery app, and a lottery app must have all of the following characteristics: consideration, chance, and a prize"
- "Apps which contain DUI checkpoints that are not published by law enforcement agencies, or encourage and enable drunk driving, will be rejected."



There's NOT An App For That

- Smuggle Truck (now available as Snuggle Truck)
- Phantom Alert (DUI checkpoint)
- Exodus International/Manhattan Declaration ("gay cure" and "traditional marriage" apps)
- Playboy (forced to use web version)
- The Third Intifada (anti-Israel "incitement" app)



In addition to the App Store Review
Guidelines, the iOS Developer Program
License Agreement can dramatically affect
your clients' rights.





- 2.5 You may not use the In App Purchase API to deliver any items that contain content or materials of any kind (text, graphics, images, photographs, sounds, etc.) that in Apple's reasonable judgment may be found objectionable or inappropriate, for example, materials that may be considered obscene, pornographic, or defamatory.
- 3.3.18 Applications may be rejected if they contain content or materials of any kind (text, graphics, images, photographs, sounds, etc.) that in Apple's reasonable judgment may be found objectionable or inappropriate, for example, materials that may be considered obscene, pornographic, or defamatory.
- 2.4 You may not use the APN or Local Notifications to send material that contains any obscene, pornographic, offensive or defamatory content or materials of any kind (text, graphics, images, photographs, sounds, etc.), or other content or materials that in Apple's reasonable judgment may be found objectionable by the end-user of Your Application.



- 3.3.13 For Applications that use location-based APIs for real-time route guidance (including, but not limited to, turn-by-turn route guidance and other routing that is enabled through the use of a sensor), You must have an end-user license agreement that includes the following notice: YOUR USE OF THIS REAL TIME ROUTE GUIDANCE APPLICATION IS AT YOUR SOLE RISK.
 LOCATION DATA MAY NOT BE ACCURATE.
- 3.2 You may deliver to Apple Your own EULA for any Licensed Application at the time that You deliver that Licensed Application to Apple, in accordance with Section 2.1 of this Schedule 1; provided, however, that Your EULA must include and may not be inconsistent with the minimum terms and conditions specified on Exhibit A to this Schedule 1 and must comply with all applicable laws in all countries where You wish Apple to allow end-users to download that Licensed Application. Apple shall allow each end-user to which Apple allows access to any such Licensed Application to review Your EULA (if any) at the time that Apple delivers that Licensed Application to that end-user, and Apple shall notify each end-user that the end-user's use of that Licensed Application is subject to the terms and conditions of Your EULA (if any). In the event that You do not furnish Your own EULA for any Licensed Application to Apple, You acknowledge and agree that each end-user's use of that Licensed Application shall be subject to Apple's standard EULA (which is part of the App Store Terms of Service).



- 1. Acknowledgement: You and the end-user must acknowledge that the EULA is concluded between You and the end-user only, and not with Apple, and You, not Apple, are solely responsible for the Licensed Application and the content thereof. The EULA may not provide for usage rules for Licensed Applications that are less restrictive than the Usage Rules set forth for Licensed Applications in, or otherwise be in conflict with, the App Store Terms of Service as of the Effective Date (which You acknowledge You have had the opportunity to review).
- 10. Third Party Beneficiary: You and the end-user must acknowledge and agree that Apple, and Apple's subsidiaries, are third party beneficiaries of the EULA, and that, upon the end-user's acceptance of the terms and conditions of the EULA, Apple will have the right (and will be deemed to have accepted the right) to enforce the EULA against the end-user as a third party beneficiary thereof.





 Unlike Apple, the "official" Android Market lacks a pre-publication review.



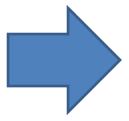


7.2 **Google Takedowns.** While Google does not undertake an obligation to monitor the Products or their content, if Google is notified by you or otherwise becomes aware and determines in its sole discretion that a Product or any portion thereof or your Brand Features; (a) violates the intellectual property rights or any other rights of any third party; (b) violates any applicable law or is subject to an injunction; (c) is pornographic, obscene or otherwise violates Google's hosting policies or other terms of service as may be updated by Google from time to time in its sole discretion; (d) is being distributed by you improperly; (e) may create liability for Google or Authorized Carriers; (f) is deemed by Google to have a virus or is deemed to be malware, spyware or have an adverse impact on Google's or an Authorized Carrier's network; (g) violates the terms of this Agreement or the Developer Program Policies for Developers; or (h) the display of the Product is impacting the integrity of Google servers (i.e., users are unable to access such content or otherwise experience difficulty), Google may remove the Product from the Market or reclassify the Product at its sole discretion. Google reserves the right to suspend and/or bar any Developer from the Market at its sole discretion.

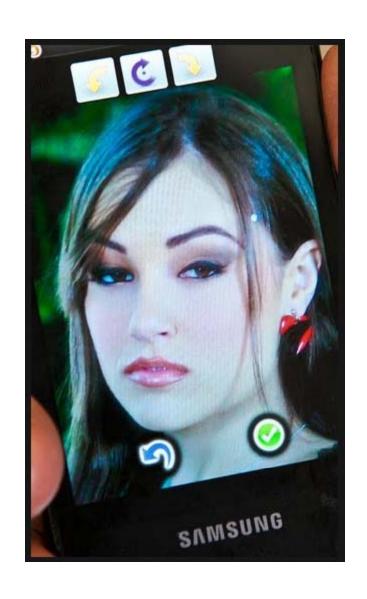
- Apple "rejects."
- Google "Takes down."
- Which explains...

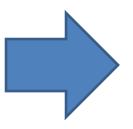


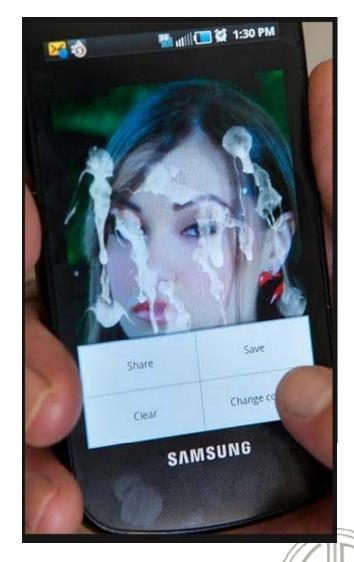












Peter North's "Decorator"

— "Have you ever dreamed of being able to cum like porn Legend Peter North? You ever wanted to "Decorate" the face of hundreds, even thousands of women like the "KING of Ejaculation" has done for the last 25 years?

Well now you can!!!!

Introducing "The Decorator" an Android app that allows you to do just that... "The Decorator" is an APP that allows you to ejaculate countless times over saved pictures in your "Gallery" or any picture taken from the camera... you'll hear peters clever one liners as man juice decorates the awaiting victims...... its LOADS of fun. literally."

https://market.android.com/details?id=com.postdawn.decorator





- Peter North's "Decorator"
 - Probably violates the official Android marketplace's Developer
 Program Policies, but until someone complains, the app will stay available.





 http://www.android.com/us/developer-distributionagreement.html

 http://www.android.com/market/terms/developercontent-policy.html

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Android Market Developer Distribution Agreement

5.4 You grant to the user a non-exclusive, worldwide, and perpetual license to perform, display, and use the Product on the Device. If you choose, you may include a separate end user license agreement (EULA) in your Product that will govern the user's rights to the Product in lieu of the previous sentence.

4.11 Restricted Content. Any Product you distribute on the Market must adhere to the Developer Program Policies.



- Android Market Developer Program Policies
- Sexually Explicit Material: We don't allow content that contains nudity, graphic sex acts, or sexually explicit
 material. Google has a zero-tolerance policy against child pornography. If we become aware of content with
 child pornography, we will report it to the appropriate authorities and delete the Google Accounts of those
 involved with the distribution.
- Violence and Bullying: Depictions of gratuitous violence are not allowed. Applications should not contain materials that threaten, harass or bully other users.
- Hate Speech: We don't allow the promotion of hatred toward groups of people based on their race or ethnic
 origin, religion, disability, gender, age, veteran status, or sexual orientation/gender identity.
- Gambling: We don't allow content or services that facilitate online gambling, including but not limited to, online
 casinos, sports betting and lotteries.





- Alternate Android marketplaces
 - MiKandi
 - http://www.mikandi.com
 - http://developer.mikandi.com/
 - AdultAppMart
 - http://www.adultappmart.com
 - http://www.adultappmart.com/aam/devel
 - Amazon Appstore for Android
 - http://www.amazon.com/appstore
 - https://developer.amazon.com/help/faq.html





But, Do You NEED An App For That?

- Mobile versions of sites Apple hasn't (yet) restricted the Internet.
- Not really software "apps."
- See: FuckedApps.com; SexAppShop.com





More Dumb









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 http://onguardonline.gov/articles/0018understanding-mobile-apps (September 2011)

Mobile App User Reviews

Can I trust all the user reviews I read about an app?

Most app stores include user reviews that can help you decide whether to download. But some app developers and their marketers have posed as consumers to post positive comments about their own products. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission recently sued a company for posting fake comments about the apps it was paid to promote.



Privacy:

- Very first FTC mobile apps case
 - http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2011/08/w3mobileapps.shtm
 - COPPA violation for iOS apps: Emily's Girl World, Emily's Dress Up, etc. (Not what you think...)
 - "The Emily apps encouraged children to email "Emily" their comments and submit blogs to "Emily's Blog" via email, such as "shout-outs" to friends and requests for advice."
 - "The FTC alleges that the defendants collected and maintained thousands of email addresses from users of the Emily apps"

Marketing Claims:

INSTRUCTIONS:

Begin by choosing a light from the tab bar below. Blue & Red alternating light is the recommended option.

Rest the iPhone against your skin's acne-prone areas for 2 minutes daily to improve skin health without prescription drugs.

Blue Light: fights bacteria. Red Light: helps heal skin.



- Marketing Claims
 - Holding a flashlight to your face does <u>NOT</u> fight bacteria or heal skin.
 - http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2011/09/acnecure.shtm





- Reviews related to apps also subject to the FTC Act.
- FTC released Revised Endorsement Guides in 2009: http://business.ftc.gov/documents/bus71-ftcs-revised-endorsement-guideswhat-people-are-asking.
- http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2010/08/reverb.shtm
 - Fake game reviews on iTunes App Store



- Unfair & Deceptive Practices:
 - Peer-to-peer app automatically shared files from Android-based smartphones and tablets.
 - Unsharing or otherwise controlling what was shared was counterintuitive and laborious.
 - "a significant number of consumers using Frostwire for Android could not reasonably avoid the unwitting public sharing of their private files."
 - http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2011/10/frostwire.shtm



Takeaways

- Know the Marketplace
- Know the Terms
- Know the Workarounds
- Know the FTC



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- Know the Workarounds
- Know the FTC
- Know It When You See It





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