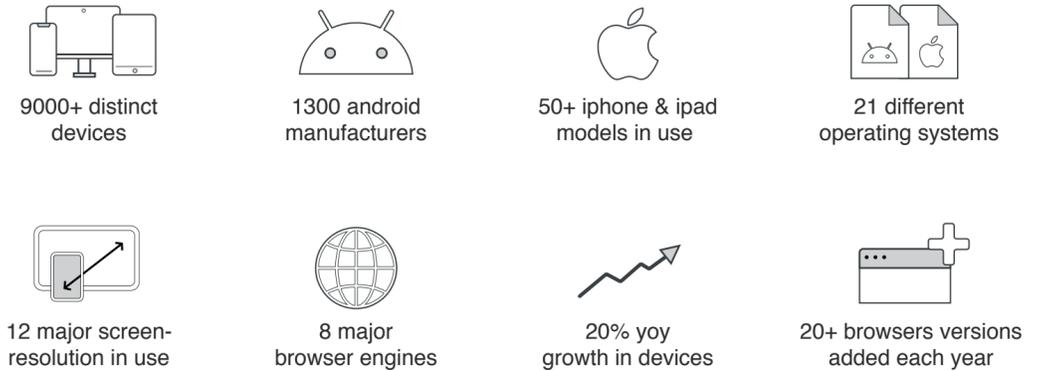


1 What is Fragmentation?

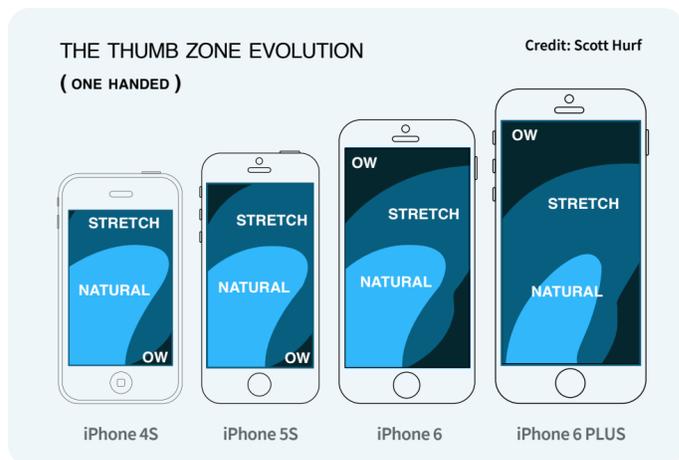
Fragmentation is the diversity of browsers, devices and platform versions in use at any given point of time.

People access the internet through...



2 How does it affect you?

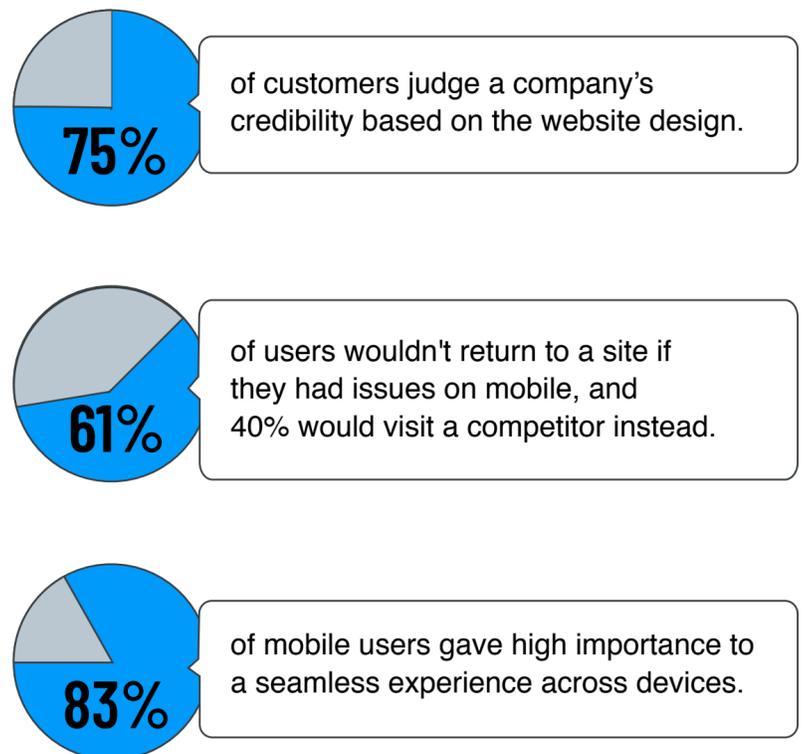
- Building responsive sites and customizing layouts for different screen sizes is no longer an option.



67% increase in likelihood of product use, if your website is responsive.

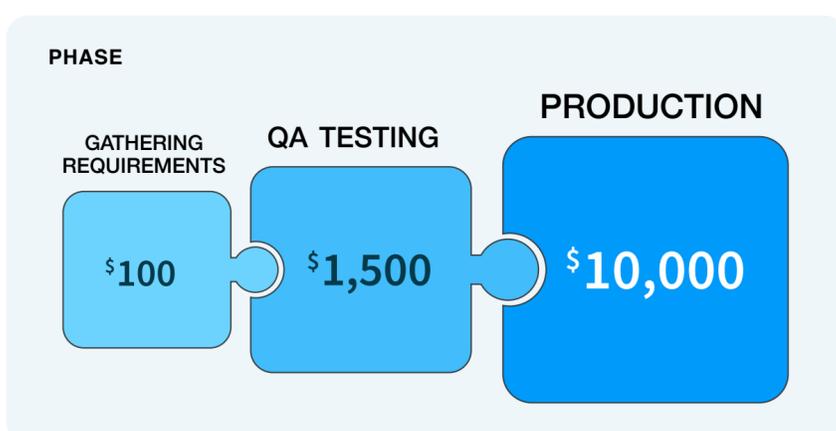
57% of internet users won't recommend businesses with a poorly designed mobile website.

3 How does it affect your users?



4 How does it affect your organization?

- Bugs are expensive to fix.



70% of customers abandon their cart due to bad UX.

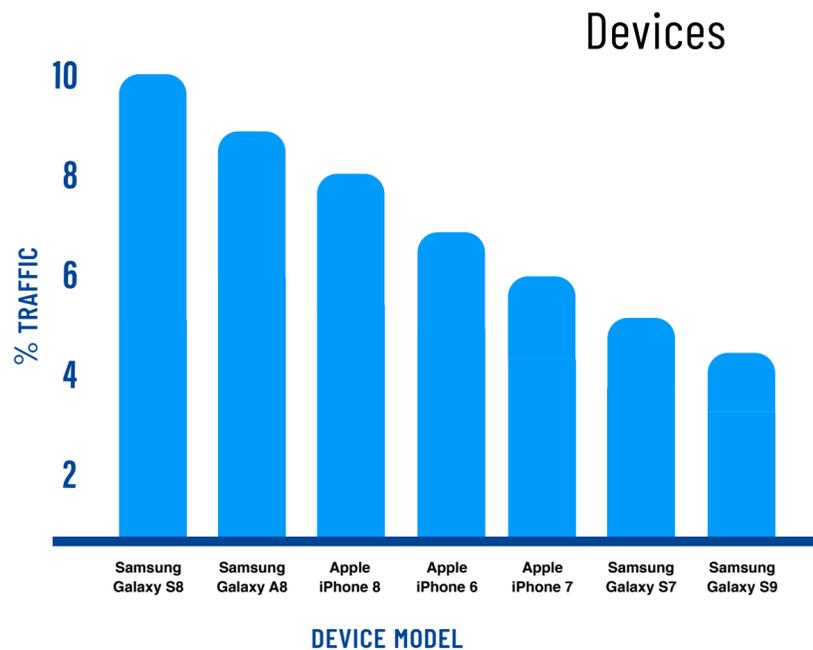
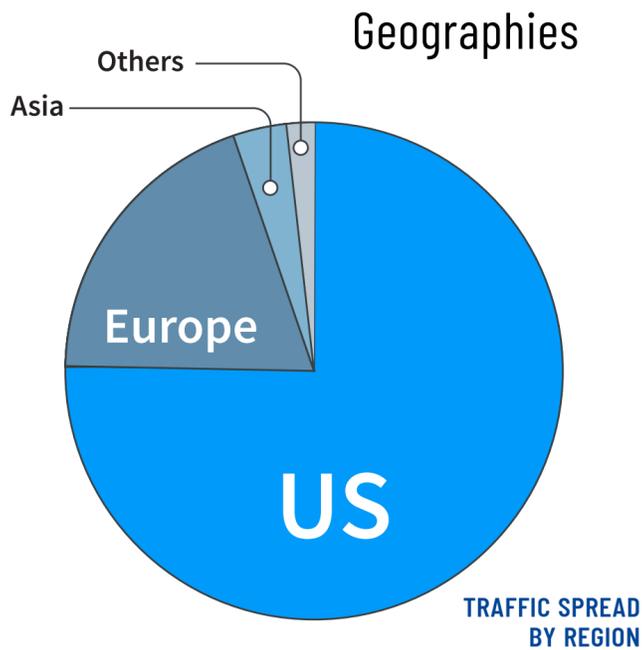
40% of online transactions involve more than one device in the decision making phase.

5 How do I solve for this?

STEP 1

Identify where your users are coming from

This is what the sample data could look like



You can use the following tools to get this data



STEP 2

Prepare a list of device-browser combinations covering these aspects:

- Device-browser combinations with high test-fail rates and low conversion rates
- Relevant devices and browsers depending on the selected geographies.
- Flagship devices with high potential usage in the future.
- Type of tests to run in each device (Sanity, Regression, Integration, etc.).

STEP 3

Use these 3Rs to come up with a final set of devices to test on

REDUCE

It is never possible to test on all devices or browsers

- Reduce the number of similar devices (Apple iPhone 7 & 8)
- Remove devices with the same viewport/resolution
- Remove devices that consistently pass all your tests

REFINE

Consider aspects that might make more sense to your website

- Look at browsers with a low conversion rate
- Include devices that people will start using more in the future
- Build a test strategy that attacks the high-risk areas for your UX

RE-ADJUST

Do a cost-benefit analysis for additional testing

- Cost of additional testing (set up, execution, and delay in release)
- Revenue gains from reaching more users with a better UX
- The gain in brand equity and customer goodwill

6 Test on the right browsers and devices

To help you get started, we have prepared a list of browsers you need to test on. This list has been prepared after considering the following parameters:

FACTORS TO CONSIDER

- Global traffic volume
- Market share and popularity
- OS and OS versions
- Screen sizes
- Usage statistics of BrowserStack customers
- Launch year
- Manufacturers
- Resolutions and Viewports
- Upcoming devices

Recommended device - browser combinations

STARTING UP

Win 10 - Chrome 79

Win 7 - Chrome 78

macOS Catalina -
Safari 13

Samsung Galaxy S8 -
Samsung Browser

Google Pixel 3 -
Chrome

Apple iPhone 8 -
Safari

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Win 10 - IE 11

Win 10 - Edge 18

Win 10 - Firefox 71

macOS Mojave -
Safari 13

Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus -
UC Browser

Huawei P20 Lite - Chrome

Apple iPhone XR - Chrome

Apple iPad 6th - Safari

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Win 10 - Opera 65

Win 7 - Firefox 70

Win 8.1 - Chrome 77

macOS Mojave -
Chrome 78

macOS High Sierra -
Firefox 71

Google Pixel 4 -
UC Browser

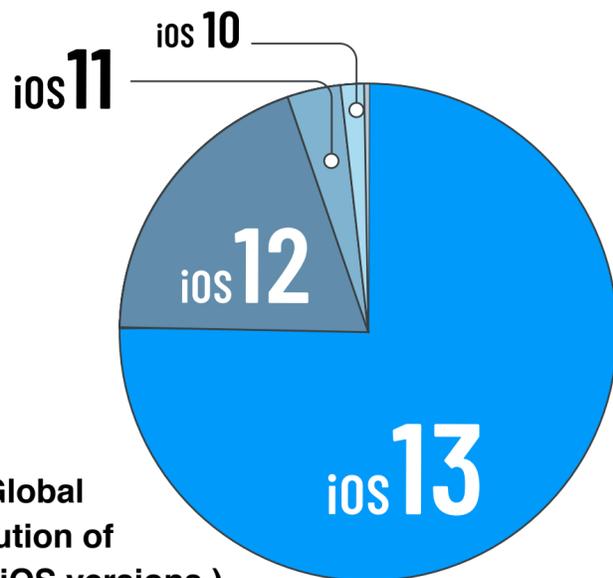
Samsung Galaxy J7 Prime -
Opera

Apple iPhone 6S -
Chrome

Apple iPhone 11 Pro -
Safari

Countering fragmentation in Apple devices

Factors to consider



(Fig: Global distribution of recent iOS versions)

● Distribution

Impact

Testing on at least 1-2 versions preceding the latest versions is important.

● **63%**

of all tablet traffic comes from iPads.

Impact

Adding a couple of iPads will give you a decent coverage.

● **40%**

of iPhone traffic in the US comes from devices that are more than 3 years old.

Impact

Testing on old iPhones such as iPhone 6, 7 and iPhone SE is critical.

Recommended devices to test on

STARTING UP

Apple iPhone 8

Apple iPhone XR

Apple iPad 6th

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Apple iPhone 8 Plus

Apple iPhone 6S

Apple iPhone 11 Pro

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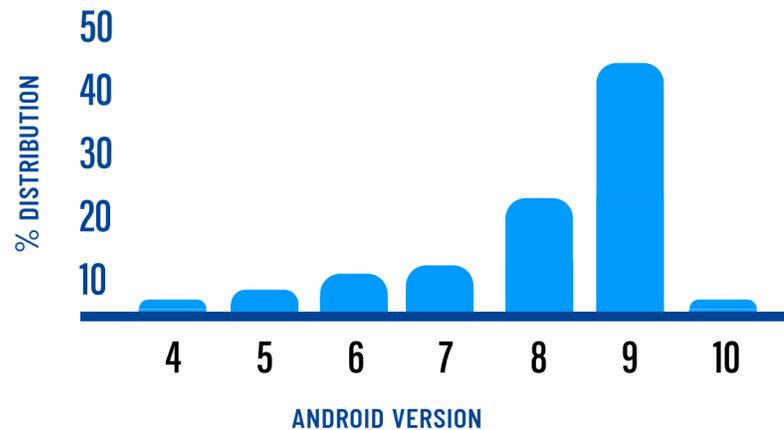
Apple iPhone XS

Apple iPhone SE

Apple iPad Air 2019

Countering fragmentation in Android devices

Factors to consider



● Distribution

Impact

Testing on at least 4 different versions is critical for ensuring good coverage.

(Fig: Global distribution of popular Android versions)

- **9** major custom implementations of stock Android (One UI, Oxygen OS, MiUI, etc.)

Impact

Include custom UIs in your test suite, stock android isn't enough.

- **74.19%**

of global mobile traffic comes from Android devices.

Impact

A good strategy for Android will improve the experience for a big chunk of users.

Recommended devices to test on

STARTING UP

Samsung Galaxy S8
Samsung Galaxy S9 Plus
Google Pixel 3
Huawei P20 Lite

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Samsung Galaxy J7 Prime
Samsung Galaxy J5 Prime
Samsung Galaxy A8
Google Pixel 4
Samsung Galaxy Tab S4

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Samsung Galaxy S6
Xiaomi Redmi 6A
Xiaomi Redmi Note 7
Samsung Galaxy J2 Core
One Plus 6T
Samsung Galaxy A10

Countering desktop browser fragmentation

Factors to consider



Chrome 68.84%



Firefox 9.44%



Safari 9.03%



Edge 4.6%



IE 3.56%



Opera 2.49%

Traffic share

Impact

Testing on remaining 5 browsers beyond Chrome will improve your coverage significantly.

(Fig: Global traffic share of the top six browsers)

● **94.1%**

of desktop traffic comes from either Windows or macOS.

Impact

Testing on the major Windows and macOS versions will cover most of your users.

● **44%**

of global internet traffic comes from desktops.

Impact

Desktop traffic is still significant and has much higher conversion rates.

Recommended devices to test on

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macOS Catalina -
Safari 13

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