# Challenges in Mobile Web Usability for an Ecommerce Company

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#### Blue Tomato

- Retailer for Snowboard/Freeki, Skate and Surf Equipment and Fashion
- Founded in 1988 in Schladming/Styria
- First Online Shop in 1999
- Acquisition by US Company Zumiez in 2012
- 35 Stores in DE/AT/CH
- 550 Employees / 130 in Graz
- Leading Onlineshop for Snowboard and Freeski in Europe

#### Blue Tomato















# Webshop Development

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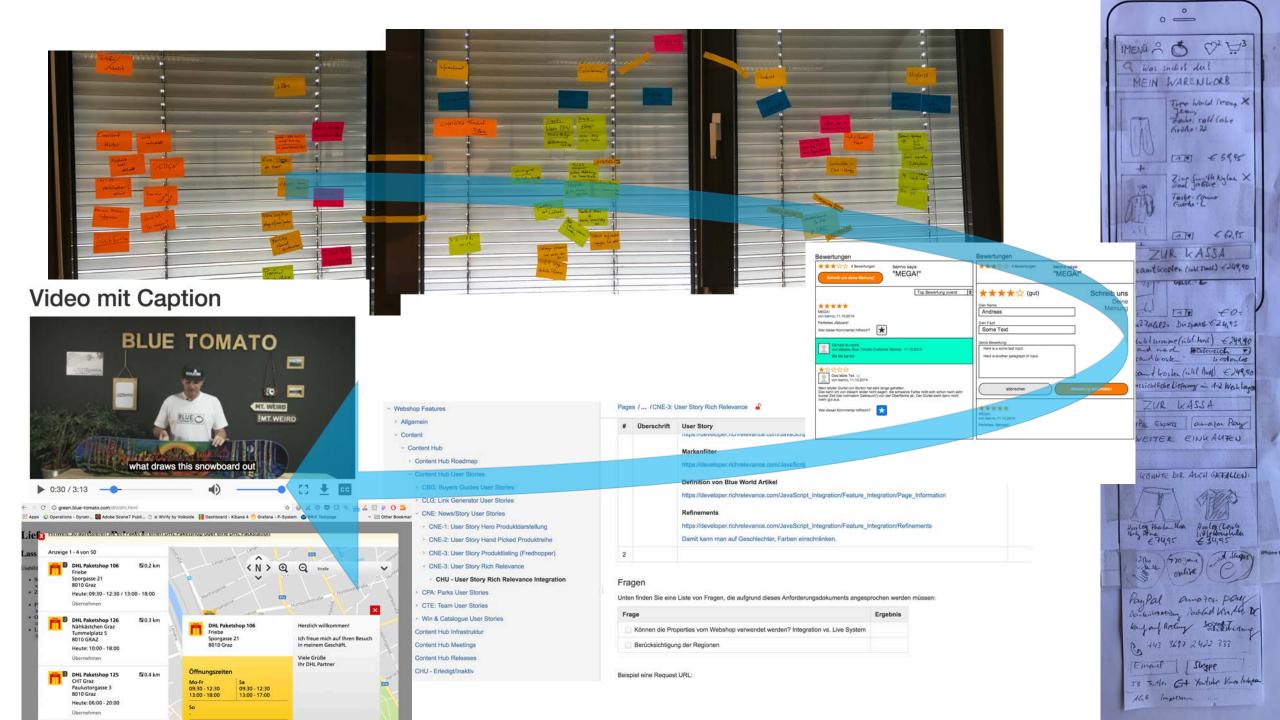
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#### Dev-Stack

- Hybris Webshopsystem
  - Java Spring Webapplication
- Percona Database
  - High Performance MySql
- Proxy
  - Varnish (HTML Cache)
  - HaProxy (Load Balancing)
  - Redis (Java Object Caching)
- Monitoring/Infrastructure
  - Puppet
  - Elasticsearch / Kibana
  - Grafana / Clickhouse







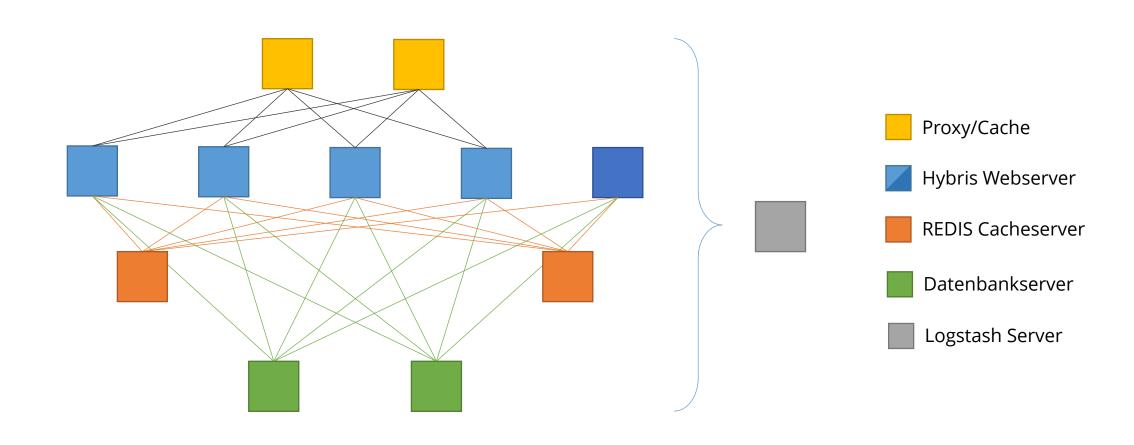








## Webshop Operations – Core Part



## Webshop Operations – Cloud Part

Rich Relevance
Recommendationengine

SDL Fredhopper Product Search Engine

Amazon, Paypal, Wirecard, SÜ, ... Paymentprovider

Adobe Scene 7 Media CDN (Video, 360°,...)

Webshop System [y]

Optimizly
A/B Testing

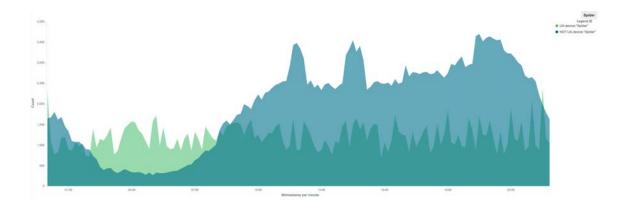
Emarsys
Mailing, Newsletter

# The online business

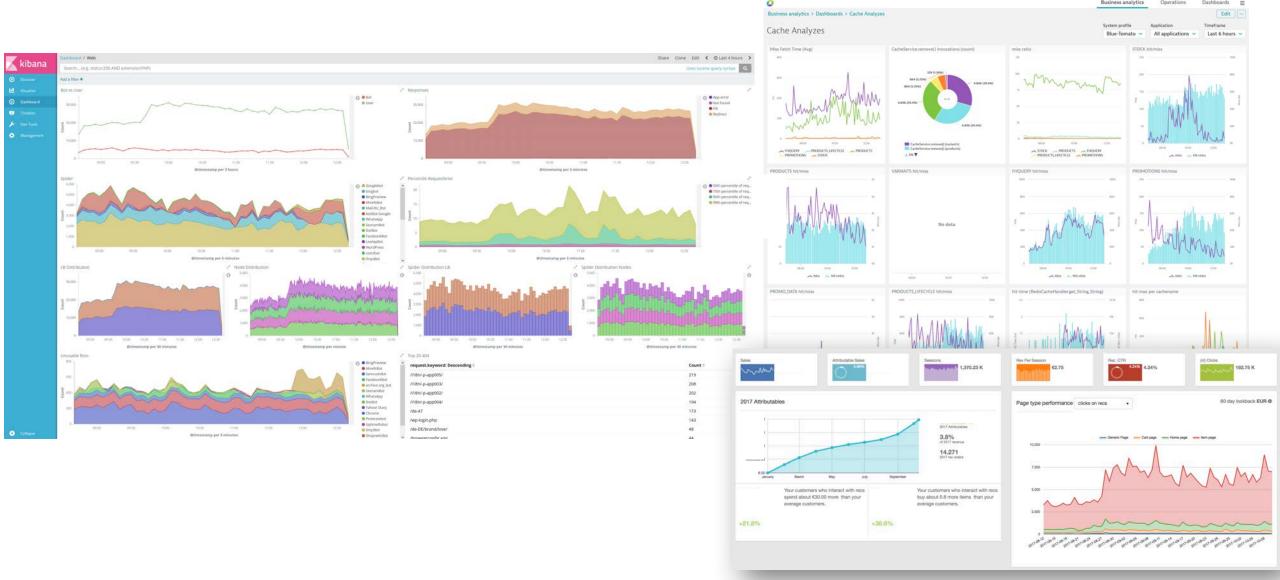
Blue Tomato Omnichannel Retailer

### Webshop - KPIs

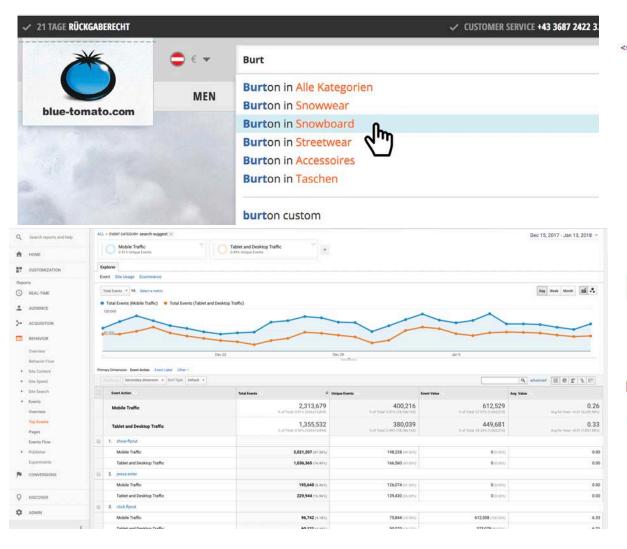
- Up to 120.000 Visitors a day
- 152 Mio Pagerequests/year
- 90% all requests < 300ms, avg. Pageloadtime +/- 4 sec
- over 50.000 products
- 14 languages / 60 delivery countries
- localized payment and delivery options
- thousands of orders processed daily



Continous Monitoring and Improving

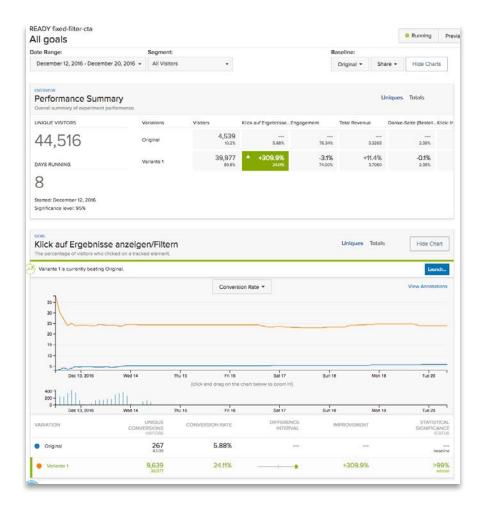


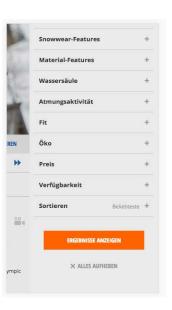
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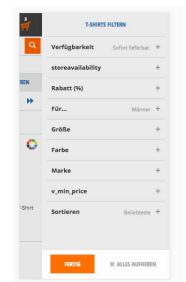


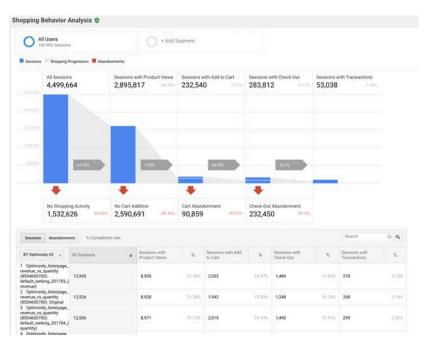
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# A/B Testing







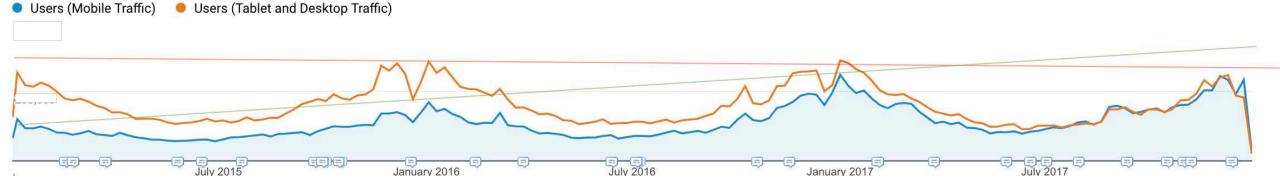


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# Mobile Shift

Through our lens

## Last couple of years



- Higher bounce rate (-20%)
- Lower conversion (-33%)
- Session duration (-35%)
- Fewer pages/session (-25%)
- Sessions per user (+10%)

- Mobile is the biggest challenge for ecommerce
- Also the biggest opportunity
  - Source for new customers
  - Source for deeper engagement

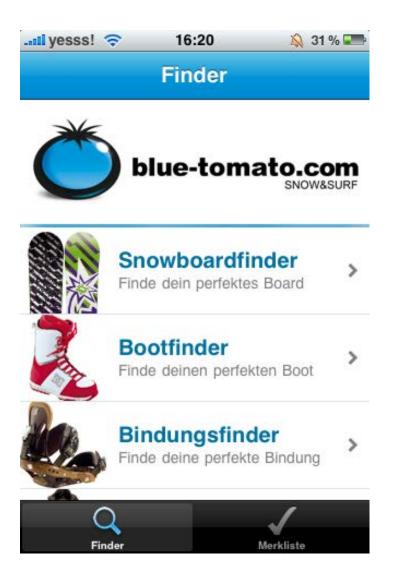
## 2011 Mobile Version & App



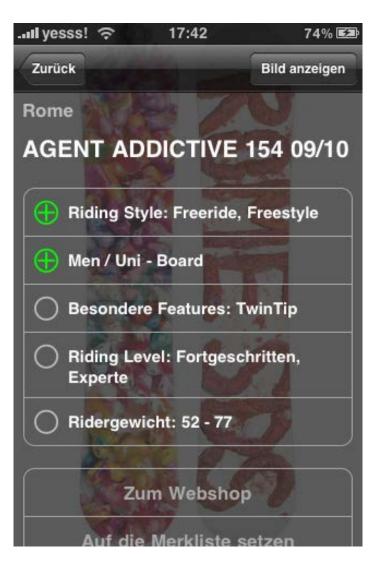




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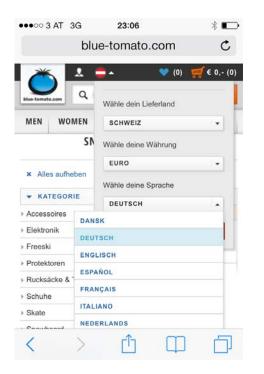


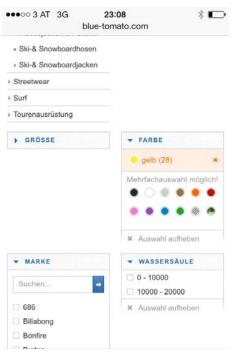


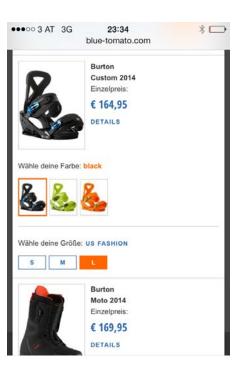


## 2013 Full Responsive Webshop

- Not always good to be the first mover
  - Development was desktop focused and mobile was just different breakpoints
    - → heavy payload, mediocre usability and difficult checkout
  - Insufficient knowledge in how to make good responsive sites







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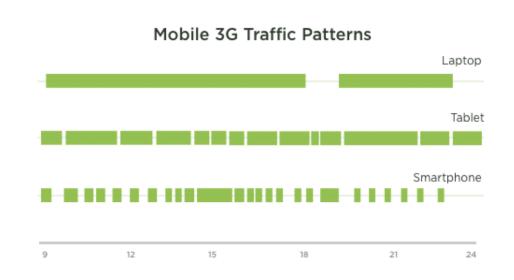
## 2014 Separate Mobile opt. Site

- Two goals:
  - Performance
  - Best mobile Usability
  - Loadtime cut to 1/3 of original time
  - Revenue from mobile went up 280%
- Year over year (>20% revenue growth)



Link to Design

## Current Landscape



1) Luke Wrobleski @lukew

- Shorter sessions (time, interuptions, permanent companion)
- Relevant content (personalisation, history)
- Easy usage (app like behaviour)
- Easy checkout (data entry, security, convinience)

#### Performance

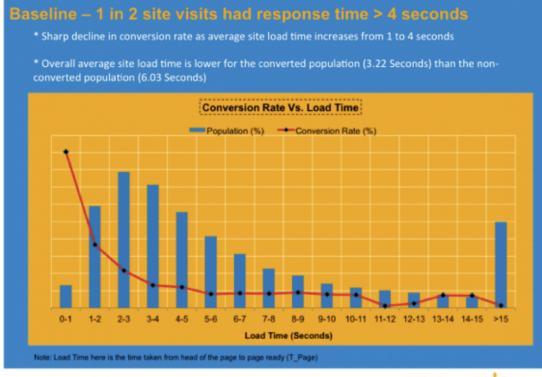
- More than half of mobile sessions < 30sec</li>
- 1 second faster + 27% conversion uplift
- Significant share of in-app traffic

- Best Practice Web Development (no junk)
  - Caching, Compression, CDN
  - Preloading
  - Clean code
- Leverage perceived performance
  - Skeletons, templates, animations
  - Animation

#### Performance

- A two-second delay in web page load time increase bounce rates by 103 percent
- 53 percent of mobile site visitors will leave a page that takes longer than three seconds to load

#### Impact of site performance on overall site conversion rate....



Page Performance & Site Conversion – Feb 2012





SNOWBOARD FREESKI SKATE SURF EVENTS TEAM PARKS WIN BUYERS GUIDES







#### Alles rund um Boards, Rollen, Wellen & Schnee

In der Boardsport Szene ist immer ordentlich was los. Von spannenden Events, coolem neuem Stuff der Brands und News über Rider. Da ist es gar nicht so einfach immer auf dem neusten Stand zu bleiben. Wir von Blue Tomato übernehmen das nur zu gerne für dich und sorgen dafür, dass du immer up-to-date über Interessantes aus der Szene bist. Ganz egal ob Snowboard, Freeski, Skate oder Surf hier gibt es eine Menge an spannenden Stories für dich zum durchstöbern. Also rück die Lesebrille zurecht und tauch ab in die Blue World.



SOLO X Vans presents: SEQUEL

Vans und SOLO präsentiert "SEQUEL". Ein Video von Max

Pack 8. Handrik Harrmann mit dam dautschan Vans Tearn. com/de/blue-world/snowboard/blue-parks-winter-weekend/



Elooa Girls Balance Camp Recap

Ein Wochenende voller Snowboarden, Yoga, gesunden Essen, Videocoaching und jeder Menge Spaß – das war das



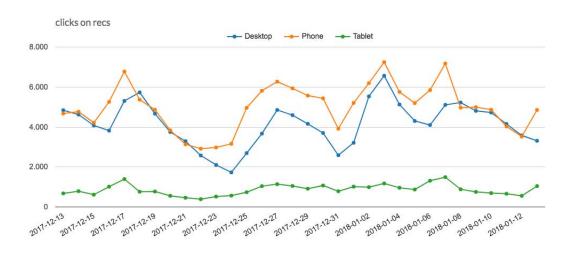
Blue Parks Winter Weekend

Ein Camp von und für Rider, die für die Tage am Berg leben. von Maren 12.12.17

https://medium.freecodecamp.org/using-svg-as-placeholders-more-image-loading-techniques-bed1b810ab2c

#### Relevant Content

- Less likely to filter or browse for content
- More searches on mobile than desktop and tablet
- Small screen
- Unpatient, used to push (feed) content like Facebook



#### Relevant Content

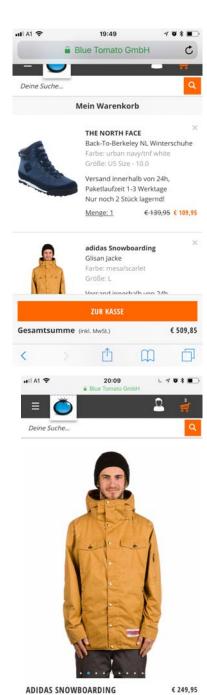
- Recommendation engines
  - Products, sizes, content, journey (payments, delivery, even discounts)
- Fine tuned search engines
  - Query optimization
  - Domain Knowledge (1)
- Reduce chrome
- Optimize navigation hierachy
- Personalization
  - People like to interact (like, follow brands, get updates and notifications)

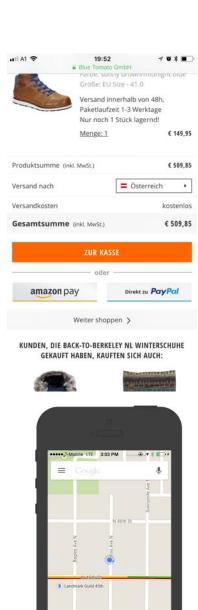
## Application Layout

- Hard to reach interaction
- Mostly a copy from desktop design
- Real estate is not used efficiently

- Fixed elements
  - Bottom navigation bar
  - Call to Action
- Natural gestures
  - Scroll, drag
- Less chrome













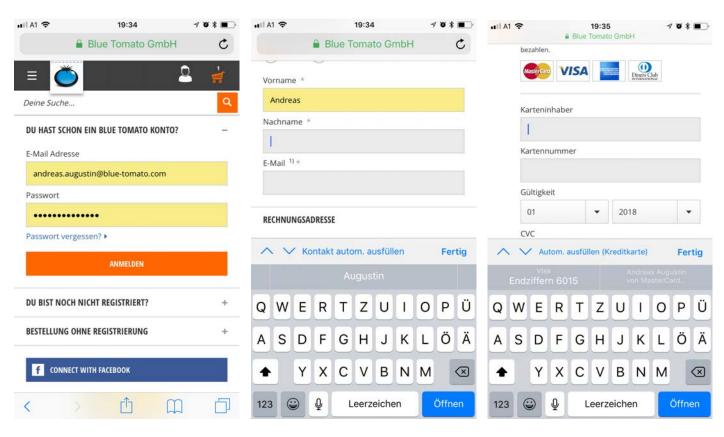


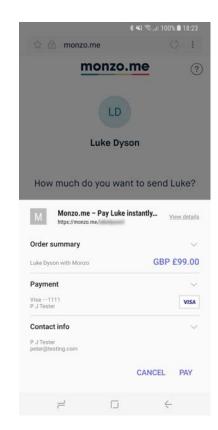
#### Form fields

- Input is hard on mobile
- Too many form fields
- Instructions unclear

- Use correct form type and naming
  - login
  - Personal data
  - Credit card data
- Deactivate auto-correct in search
- Reduce fields
- Guidance
- Use intelligent methods (APIs)







 $\underline{https://developers.google.com/maps/documentation/javascript/examples/places-autocomplete-addressform}$ 

https://www.pcapredict.com/address-validation/try-it-now/

https://www.pcapredict.com/mobile-number-validation/try-it-now/

https://www.smashingmagazine.com/2018/01/online-purchase-payment-request-api/

#### End of the show

Be obvious! → obvious always wins (LukeW)

Questions?

# Thank You

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your ride. our mission