A different kind of mobile
How wearable technology will transform the future for Tizen mobile developers

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What is Marmalade?
Marmalade enables developers to create content on any device, by authoring powerful technology for mobile and connected platforms.

Native performance. Any device.
In practice

- Marmalade is an open and flexible abstraction layer that lets you take a single C++ codebase and easily run it on a wide range of platforms.
- You can use our own or 3rd party middleware and engines to build your game or app.
- At its core, Marmalade is not an engine; it is a way to make native code run on as many devices as possible, and to run fast.
How fast?

- Near native fast.
Overview of the Wearables Market today
Working assumptions on Market size

• Let’s agree this year the number of wearable devices will reach 90 million. (ABI research)
• Smart bands shipment (Canalys Analysis)
  • 2014: 8 million
  • 2015: 23 million
  • 2017: 45 million
• 2014 – Wearables become “Key Consumer Technology”.
The Wearables market (CP)

- There are just under 250 devices on the market
- Areas of market focus include:
  - **Lifestyle** - devices used on a daily basis and designed to provide continuous benefits to the user.
  - **Fitness** - sports-related and/or non-medical health-related benefits to the user. This includes activity monitors and heart-rate monitors. These devices are not necessarily used at all times, as lifestyle devices tend to be.
  - **Medical** - devices designed to be sufficiently accurate and reliable for professional medical care. The devices can improve general health, address physical conditions and/or facilitate medical exams.
  - **Gaming** - providing an enhanced user experience during gameplay
  - **Entertainment** - devices providing amusement or pleasure to the user, including digital media playing capabilities
  - **Industrial** - functional tools designed to improve workplace safety, productivity and efficiency for companies
- “developers and analysts predict that wearable technology will very quickly change the technological and cultural landscapes once again, and may even change the nature of mobile phones and other hand-held devices entirely”. [http://www.wearabledevices.com/what-is-a-wearable-device/](http://www.wearabledevices.com/what-is-a-wearable-device/)
Examples of devices already on the market (CP to complete)

- Xensr
- Run-n-read
- Smart Sensing

Data from Vandrico Inc Wearables Database
A few interesting innovations (CP)

• Wearable tech has huge implications for the fitness and healthcare and medical markets
  • http://www.wearabledevices.com/2013/10/12/philips-collaborates-with-accenture-google-glass/

• Music
  • http://www.wearabledevices.com/2014/04/24/glove-from-imogen-heap/

• In Games – Augmented reality and wearables will combine to create immersive experiences.
  • Example here
Gaming apps and Wearables
How will games evolve?

- Single source, multiple devices, multiple screens and form factors
- Master and slave devices
- Possibly 3 apps working together to create a totally immersive experience.
  - Smart phone, wristband, glasses
- Future gazing – what could be introduced to take advantage of wearable technology?
- How will games evolve?
- Give some examples
  - Geo-tagging
  - Daily challenges
  - Decathlon
How will games evolve with wearables?

- Ubiquitous game accessibility is becoming a player expectation.
- Wearable technology dramatically expands this by turning non-play time into potential progress or chance for change.
- E.g. Health band counting steps connecting to mobile geo-location data:
  - Encircle street blocks to capture them.
  - Length of concurrent journey in steps is the deciding factor.
  - Turns non-play time into reward.
What can wearables bring to gaming?

• Alternative input methods
  • Surgery-style game where delicate procedures requires small-screen switch
• Biometric and health data
  • Track your calmness level – for example, track and compare yourself playing real poker versus your performance playing digital poker
• Second-screen gameplay for extra information and collaboration
  • Extend a board game-style experience with private updates on a wearable
  • Track multiple players heart rate - host app logic sends a monster attack to player with the lowest bpm
• New, personal ways to play
  • Play as a cracker trying to gain access to your wearable – the attachment to your devices heightens the emotional engagement
Crystal ball

- Combine achievements on each owned wearable into one larger experience, triathlon-style
  - Capitalise on each wearables speciality
- Wearable-to-wearable communication facilitating trade of non-private personal data
  - Group collaboration to capture geographic territory with your wearable type signifying your tribe allegiance
  - Spread your virus and avoid attack from other players
  - Persistence on your daily commute – identify who is that spy passing you secret information…
Challenges for developers and the Wearables industry

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Challenges we see for Developers (AP)

- Market is going to increase dramatically, both in the number of devices and the range of functionality.
- Devices will support a wide variety of combinations of user input and output.
- Endless combinations of primary and wearable devices, plus the likelihood of multiple devices communication with each other.
- Wider range of programming languages, communication methods and protocols.
The future of cross-platform and wearables
The future of Cross-platform and wearables (AP)

- Abstraction of similar wearable features into single APIs to allow interchangeability of wearable devices, e.g. a head mounted motion sensor and arm mounted motion sensor could be mapped to a single gesture API.
- Generic middleware for communicating between devices. Same method of communication no matter what device pairing is being used.
- Reduced exposure to bespoke technologies and need for custom expertise. Stick with familiar development environments.
- Modular system encourages community based contributions which can be leveraged for broader access to different markets.
Tizen, Marmalade and wearbales
Tizen, Marmalade and wearables (AP)

- Tizen provides an API for transmitting data between phone and wearable.
- Use a Marmalade C++ extension to abstract this and integrate it into existing or new apps.*
- Marmalade extension framework makes it simple to write an app which can adapt based on the presence of a Gear device or not is simple with Marmalade.
- For example:
  - Add bonus mini-games which use Gear hand gestures.
  - Have app push a notification to the Gear when power ups have recharged.
Fragmentation and cross-platform (AP)

• It's going to get worse before it gets better
• Smart phones are beginning to standardise but it's taken 7 years.
• The standards are becoming established
• The first few years of wearables will be very fragmented.
• Marmalade manages this complexity so you don't have to.
Managing Fragmentation
Marmalade features that can be used now to explore Wearables with the Tizen OS
What is the Marmalade SDK?

- Powerful cross-platform tool
  - Open and flexible platform abstraction
  - Enables a single C++ codebase to run on a wide variety of platforms

- Designed for teams and individuals, of all scales
  - Developers deploy their code from a single code base
  - Built on an open standards C++ and OpenGL ES foundation

- Marmalade supports a broad, open partner network
  - Developers choose the technologies that fit their needs
## Marmalade Ingredients

| Open standards eco-system | Broad language support (C++, Objective-C, Lua, HTML5) | Deployment solutions for all relevant platforms |
| Complimentary to in-house technologies | Powerful tools and technologies for developers | Deep community from Indies to Professionals |
| Strong partner network | Customer focused engineering team | Juice technology to unlock iOS developers |
Why should developers use Marmalade? (TW/AP)

• What are the Marmalade core features that matter
  • To Tizen
  • To Wearables?
Showcasing Tizen apps made with Marmalade (CP)

- 100s of apps already Made with Marmalade and submitted to Tizen
- Screen shots of a few.
Summary

• You need to make sure your apps are going to be able to adapt to the Wearables explosion that is about to happen
• Ensure your apps are future-proofed and flexible from the start
• From today, the Marmalade extension framework makes it simple to write an app which can adapt based on the presence of a Tizen operated wearable device
• With Marmalade, you get native performance on any device.

• From today, Marmalade is free.
Thank you for listening.