

The report is a unique source of information for CPT vendors, app developers and investors

What it is:

This report aggregates data collected by the largest study on Cross-Platform Tools (CPT). More than 2,100 CPT users have shared their experience regarding their use and awareness of CP Tools and services.

The report provides detailed insights into the profiles of today's CPT users and how they use CP tools and services. The report aggregates user profiles, usage behaviour and ratings of the 14 leading CP Tools.

Who benefits from the insights and how:

The report is a unique source of information for any CPT vendor who wants to better understand who uses CP Tools, how to target users and cooperation with which other vendors of analytics, advertisement, testing or storage services could be beneficial. A detailed user feedback on the 14 leading CP Tools is provided. In this way, CPT vendors could improve their marketing, sales activities and their service offerings.

App developers and companies with an interest in cross-platform app development can use the detailed peer feedback on the 14 leading CP Tools to identify the best tool for their app projects. Investors benefit by understanding the strengths and weaknesses of the leading CP Tools and the overall market readiness and potential.

The report is based on the feedback of 2,188 CPT users around the world

CPT Benchmarking Study user participation by region

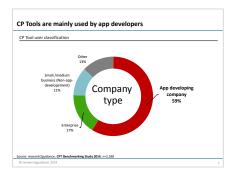


Survey participants had to complete a detailed questionnaire (online survey). The survey was conducted between February and May 2014.

Source: research2guidance, CPT Benchmarking Study 2014

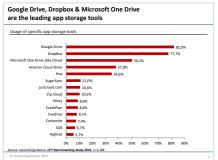
The report's content is structured around three main areas

CPT user profile



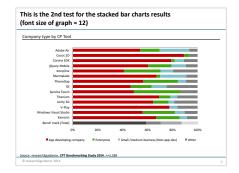
- Who is using CP Tools today?
- Current CPT users are profiled by: company type, development skills, target apps categories, no. of CP Tools used, typical project length, used support channels, share of apps developed with a CP Tool etc.

Other tool usage of CPT users



- Which other app development tools and services do CPT users work with?
- This chapter ranks other app development tools and services which CPT users work with
- Tool categories include: testing tools, in-app advertisement, analytics, storage, cloud services etc.

Leading CP Tools comparison



- What are the differences between the leading CP Tools?
- This chapter shows user profiles and their ratings on a tool level.
- Comparison of 14 leading CP Tools along 35 criteria which include: user type, typical project's budget size, platform published on, responsiveness to platform changes, cost-performance ratio etc.

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1. Profiles of CPT users (all CP Tools)

- 1. Company type and region
- Programming skills and years of experience
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- 4. Frequency of app publishing and share of apps developed with a CP Tool
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Chapter 1: This chapter analyses who is using CP Tools today and how

CPT user profiles chart examples



What is shown

User profiling is done for all CPT users. This chapter provides an overview of who is using CP Tools today and what for. It analyses CPT users along the following dimensions:

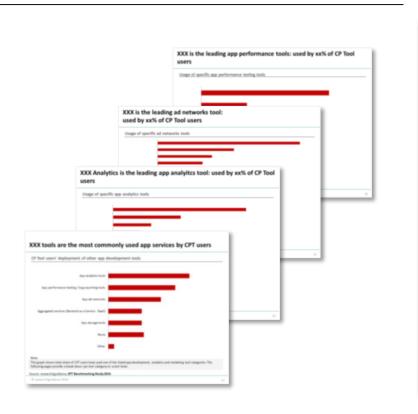
- Company type
- Experience in app development (years)
- Experience in app development (skills)
- Frequency of app releases
- Number of CP Tools used
- Share of apps developed with CP Tools
- Typical app project length
- Familiarization time with a CP Tool
- Category of apps generated with a CP Tool
- Programming language skills
- Experience with HTML 5 app development

12 pages

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Chapter 2: This chapter analyses which other app development, analytics and marketing tools CPT users deploy

Other tool usage chart examples



What is shown

CP Tools are not used in a vacuum. It is interesting to see which other tools are deployed by CPT users for testing, analytics, ad campagnes, cloud services and storage. In this chapter the following tool classes are applied:

- App analytic tools
- App testing tools
- App advertisement tools
- App data storage tools
- App cloud services
- 65 tools scrutinized
- Pages: 6

Chapter 3: This chapter compares 14 leading CP Tools in detail

Leading CP Tool benchmarking chart examples



What is shown

Comparison of the 14 leading CP Tools based on app developers' feedback. This chapter also provides insights which supplement the user profile information from Chapter 1.

- User profiles
- User preferences and willingness to pay
- Usage of tools
- Usage of other tools
- Awareness of competitor tools
- Satisfaction with the tool
- Satisfaction with vendor support
- User budget allocation
- Expected market trends and barriers
- 71 pages
- Ratings of the leading tools are benchmarked against the market's average

Source: research2guidance, CPT Benchmarking Study 2014

Chapter 3: 14 leading CP Tools in a direct, benchmarking comparison

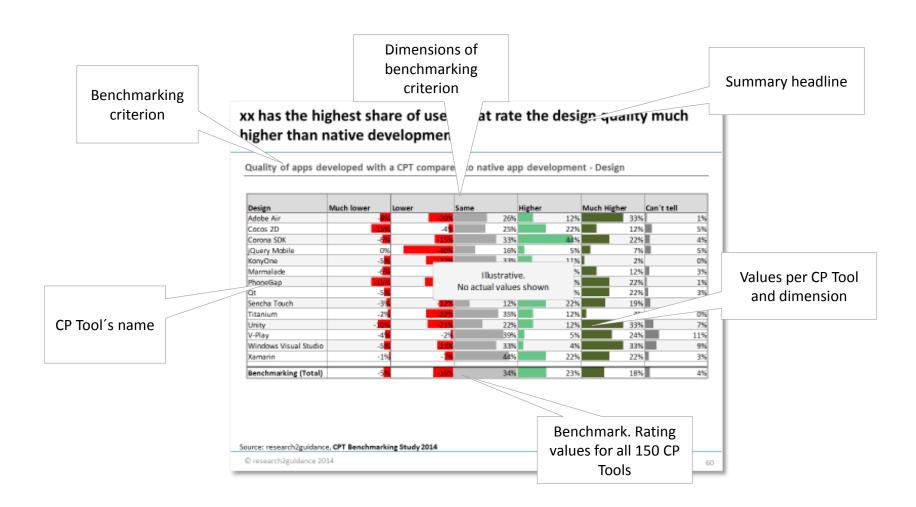
CP Tool	# ratings	CP Tool		# ratings
Adobe Air	89	Qt	Qt	128
Cocos 2D	64	Unity	\Leftrightarrow	107
Corona 2D	109	Sencha Touch	6	51
jOuery Mobile	57	Titanium		56
KonyOne	61	V-Play		62
Marmalade	100	Windows Visual Studio	M	77
Phone Gap	109	Xamarin	X	106

Note:

Comparison is based on the ratings of survey participants. Only CP Tools which have received more than 50 detailed user reviews are included in the analysis.

Source: research2guidance, CPT Benchmarking Study 2014

Chapter 4: Tables allow for an direct comparison of the leading CP Tools and against the market benchmark



Source: research2guidance, CPT Benchmarking Study 2014

Chapter 3: The detailed benchmarking of 14 leading CP Tools includes:

1. User profiles for each tool

- 1. Top 3 Countries. Where do users come from?
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- 11. Target app categories

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- 2. Use existing programming skills vs. choose CP Tool best suited for the app project
- 3. Low development cost vs. native-like app quality
- 4. Preferred information channels
- 5. Main criteria when selecting a CP Tool
- 6. Willingness to pay for vendor service

3. Usage of tools for each tool

- Platforms published on and satisfaction with the number of supported platforms
- 2. OS platforms missing from CP Tools
- 3. App development project duration
- 4. Support options used

4. Usage of other tools per tool

- Other app development tools and services used in the company
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- 3. Use of app ad networks
- 4. Use of app performance testing tools
- 5. Use of app storage tools
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5. Awareness for competitor tools for each tool

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- 2. Competitor awareness of Corona and jQuerry users
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- 4. Competitor awareness of Qt and V-Play users
- 5. Competitor awareness of Sencha Touch and Titanium users
- 6. Competitor awareness of Unity and PhoneGap users
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Chapter 3: The detailed benchmarking of 14 leading CP Tools includes:

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- Budget for all apps developed (last 12 months): Training from vendor
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9. Expected trends and barriers per each tool user group

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- 2. Top 3 HTML5 issues reported by CPT users
- 3. In 3 years time CPT will be used to develop...

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