## The Reasonable Developer

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## Content warnings

Detailed description of sexual assault

Image of raw meat

Image of Mark Zuckerberg

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## I'm just an engineer.



# Once the rockets are up, who cares where they come down?

– Tom Lehrer (in 'Wernher von Braun')



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having sound judgement; fair and sensible

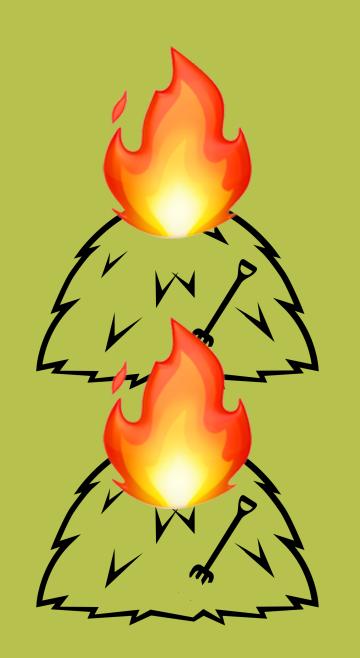


## Normal distribution & standard deviation

L'Homme Moyen (The Average Man)

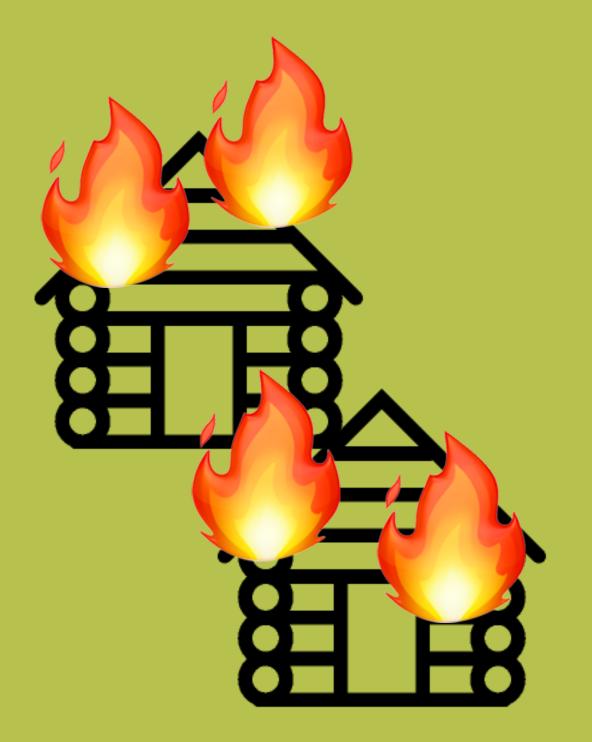


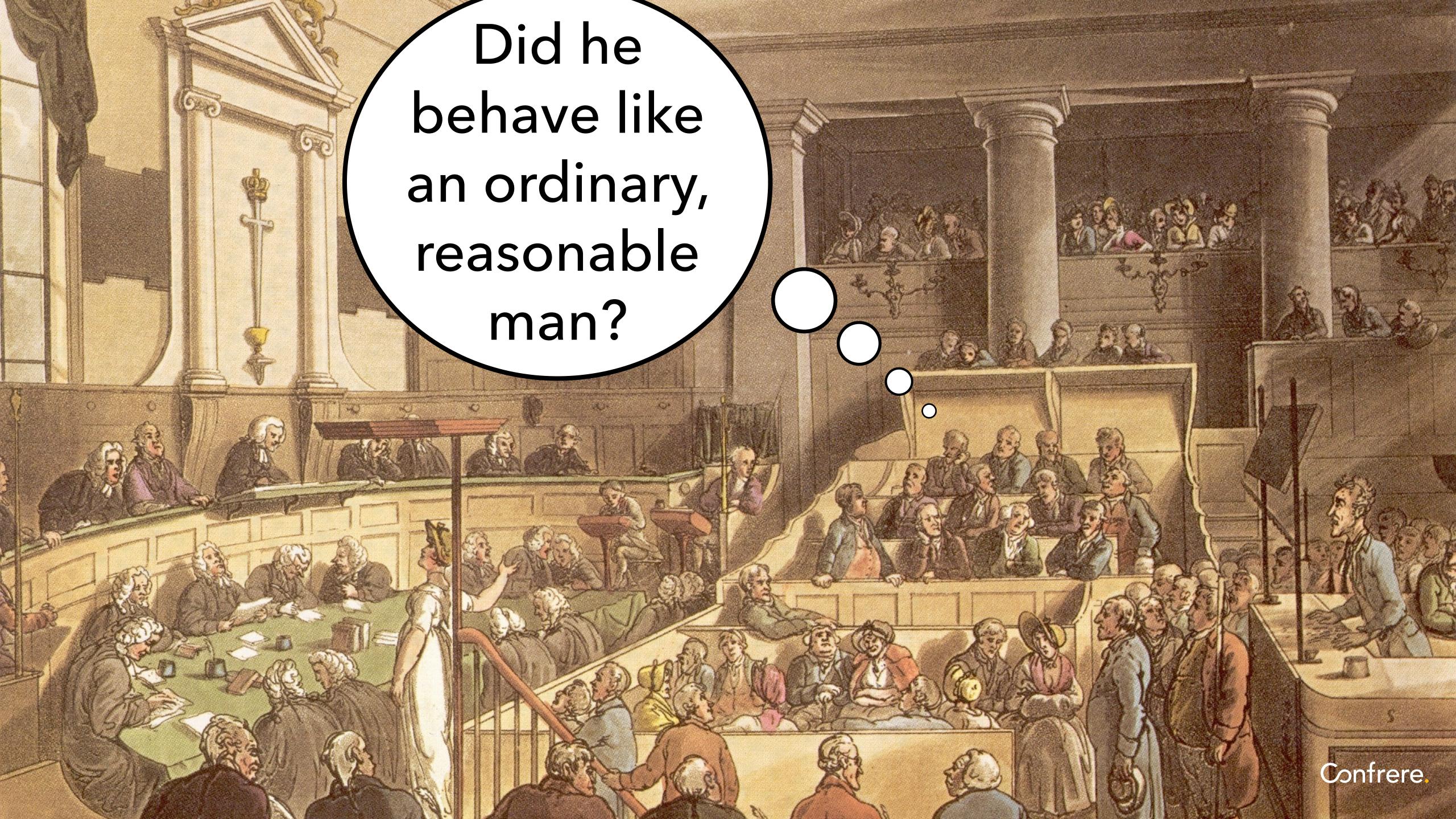
## Menlove





## Vaughan





## The Legal Village



reasonable hairdresser



reasonable officer





reasonable person



ordinary prudent person of business



fair-minded and informed observer

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# Fitbit helped expose woman's false rape claim in Lancaster County.



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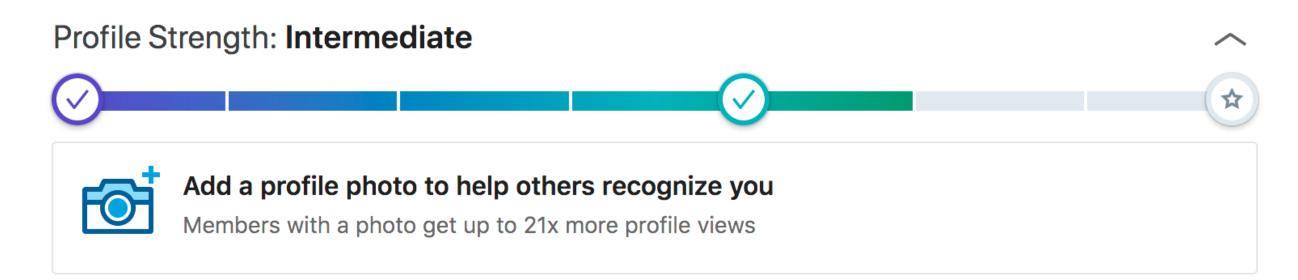
The ugly truth is that we believe in connecting people so deeply that anything that allows us to connect more people more often is de facto good.

- Andrew Bosworth, VP @ Facebook <a href="https://www.buzzfeed.com/ryanmac/growth-at-any-cost-top-facebook-executive-defended-data">https://www.buzzfeed.com/ryanmac/growth-at-any-cost-top-facebook-executive-defended-data</a>

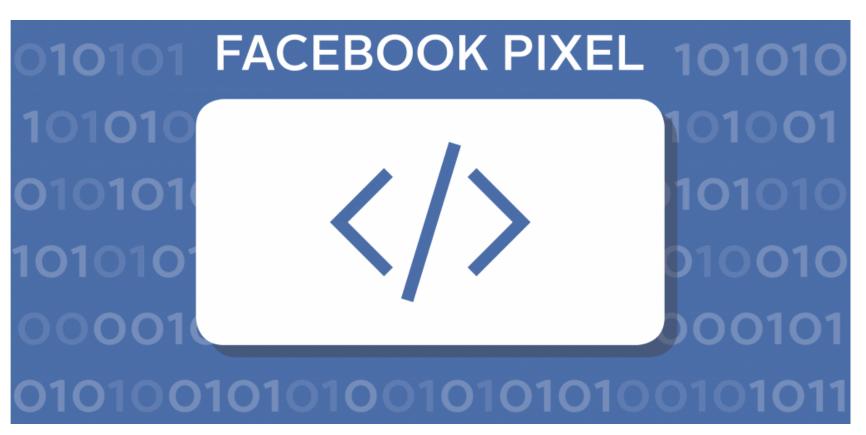


You just missed it! Our last room sold out a few days ago.

Your dates are popular – we've run out of rooms at this property! Check out more below.



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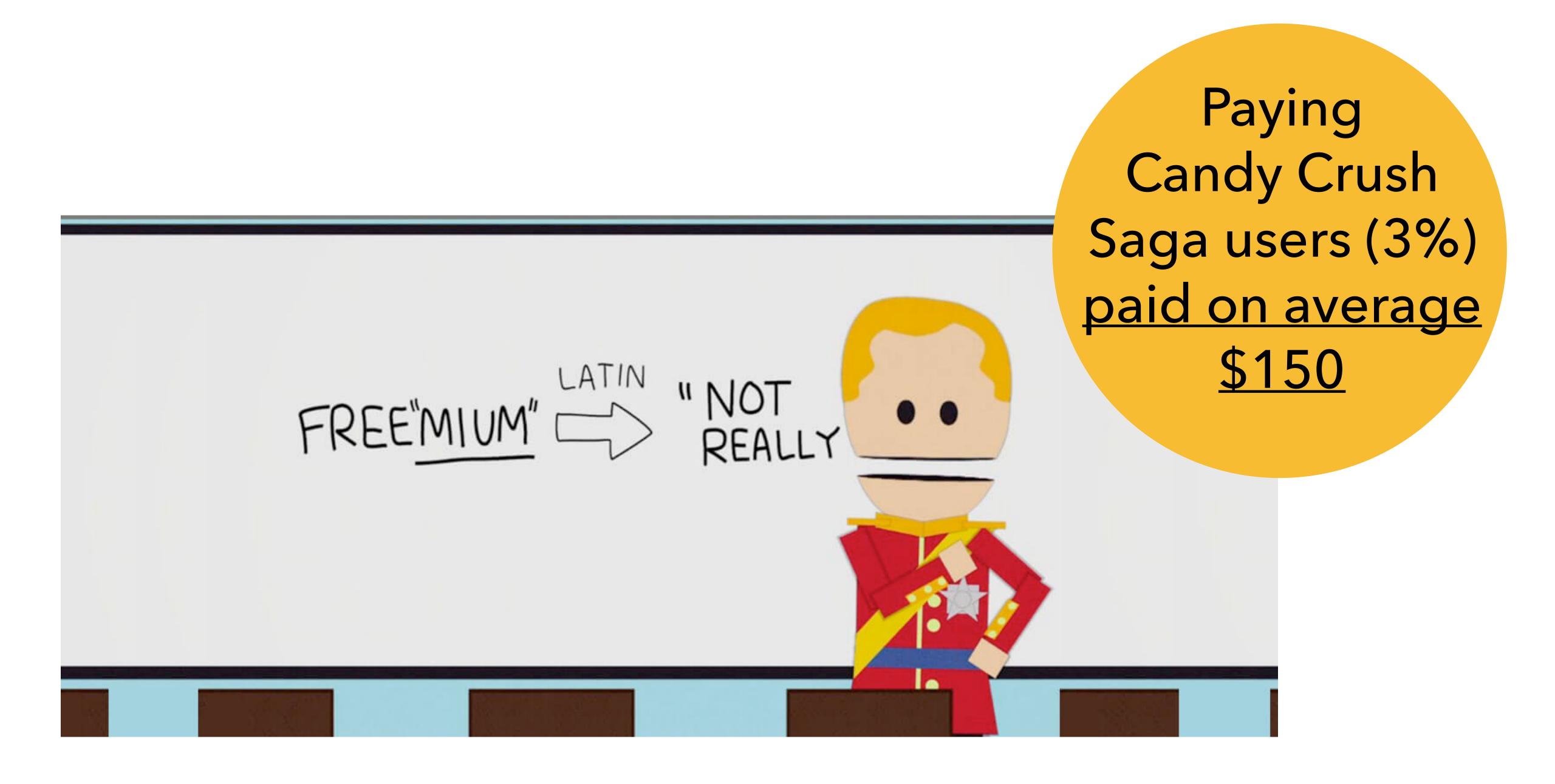


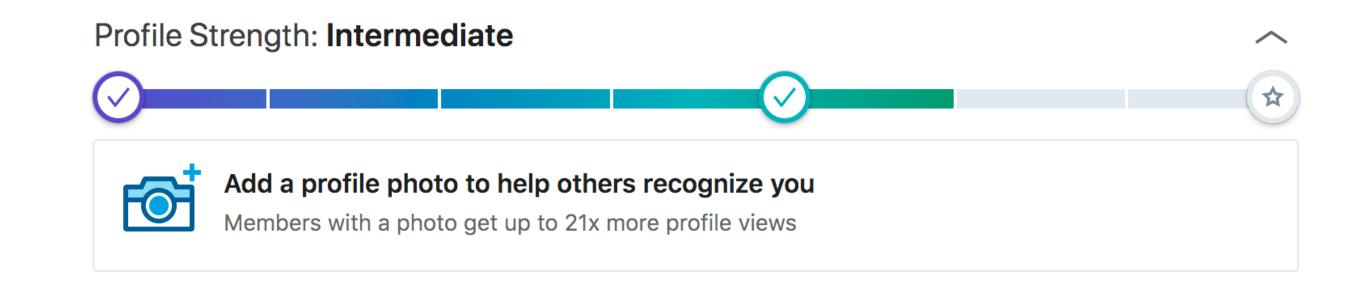
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# What is your product when it's "free to use"?





You pay with your personal information

**■ Forbes** 

"50% of mobile data is used to download ads"

-Yoav Weiss

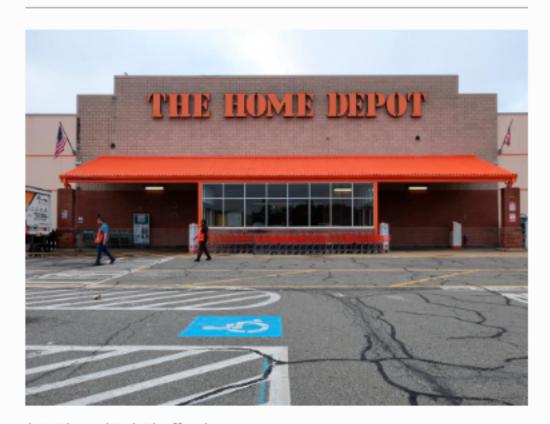


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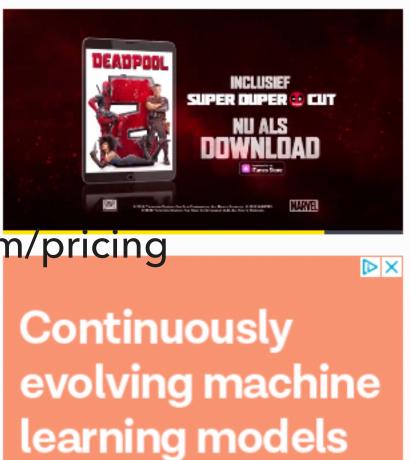
The Worst Of Times
https://confrere.com/pricing

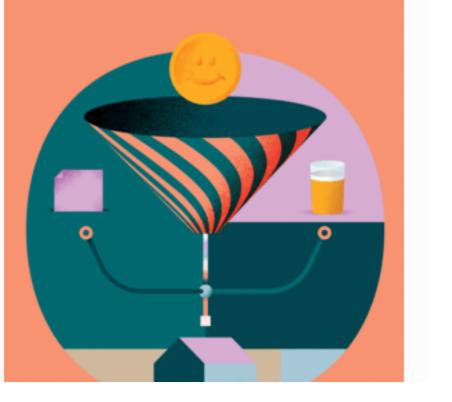
I write on the reinvention of retail in the age of digital disruption



(AP Photo/Ted Shaffrey)

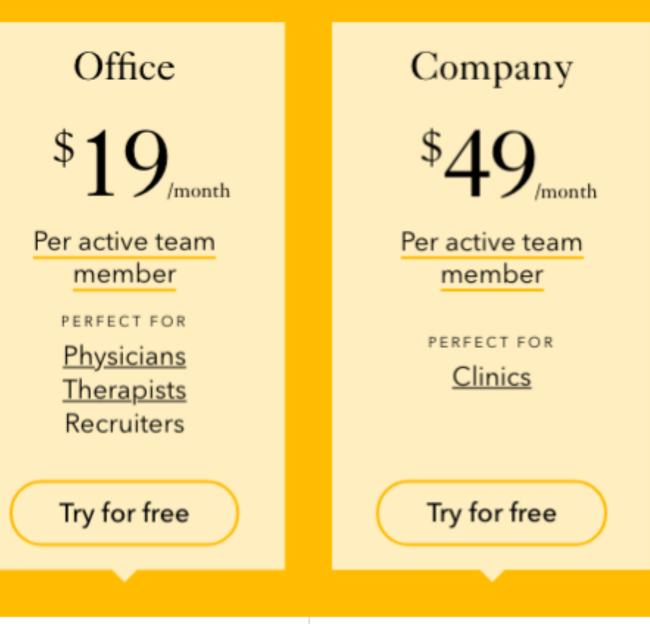
This is a big earnings week for retailers. As the reports roll in, it's increasingly clear that it's











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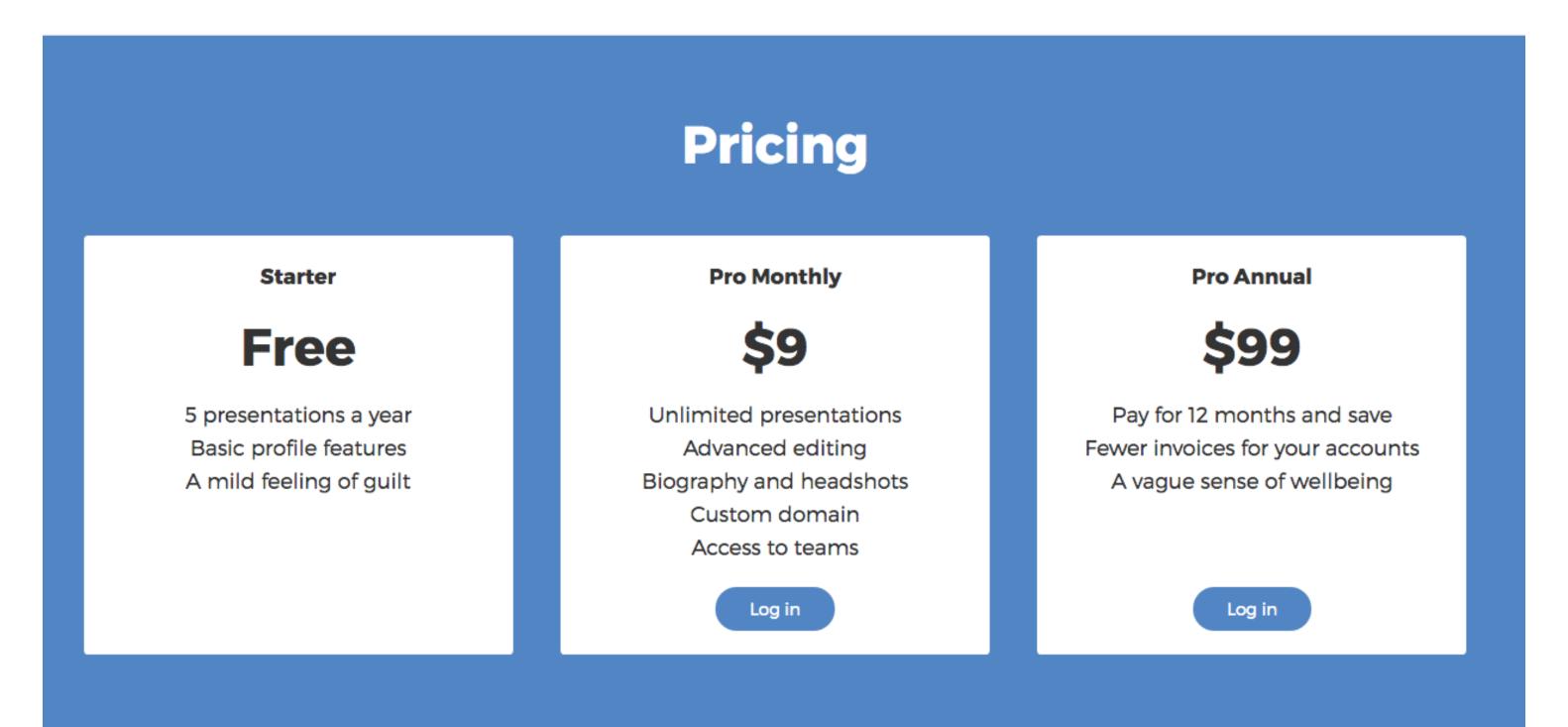


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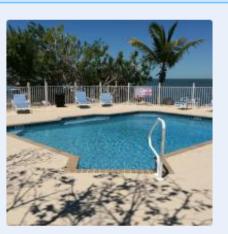
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We're all tired of building up content on sites that have no business model and just get shut down. That's so Web 2.0. We don't want that, so this is our business model.

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## Are we bullying instead of persuading?



## Captain Pip's Marina & Hideaway \*\*\*

In high demand! Booked 9 times in the last 24 hours

Great Value Today

Double Room ♣≗

Only 1 room left on our site!

Risk Free: You can cancel later, so lock in this great price today!

Price for 3 nights

Very Good 50+ reviews 8.5

€ 393

includes taxes and charges

See our last available rooms >



## **Courtyard by Marriott Marathon Florida Keys**

4 people are looking right now

In high demand! Booked 22 times in the last 24 hours

Double Room ♣≗≗≗

Only 5 rooms left on our site!

Risk Free: You can cancel later, so lock in this great price today!

Wonderful 9.2 **Guest Favorite** 

Price for 3 nights

€807

includes taxes and charges

See our last available rooms >



## Apartment 1 Bedroom - Boot Key Harbor Canal

Marathon – Show on map

Your dates are popular – we've run out of rooms at this property! Check out more



### Blackfin Resort and Marina \*\*

Last booked: 35 minutes ago

Great Value Today

Double Room ♣≗

In high demand - only 2 rooms left on our site! Risk Free: You can cancel later, so lock in this great price today!

Very Good 50+ reviews 8.1

Price for 3 nights € 359

includes taxes and charges

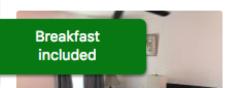
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### Vacation rentals might be an option for you.

Find the perfect property for your trip!

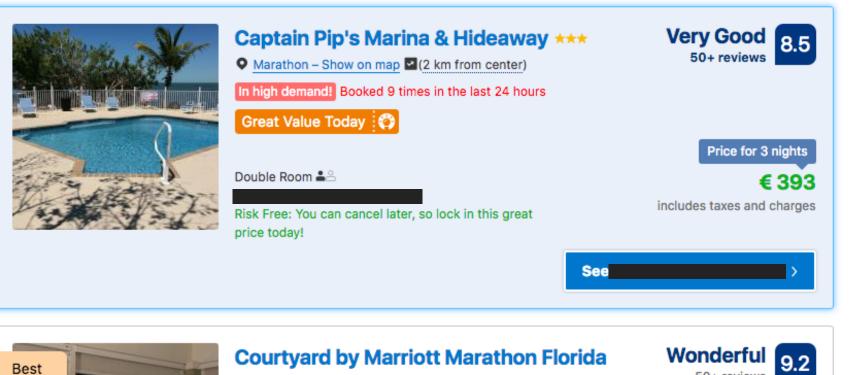
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## Coconut Cay Resort \*\*\*

3 people are looking right now

Good 7.9







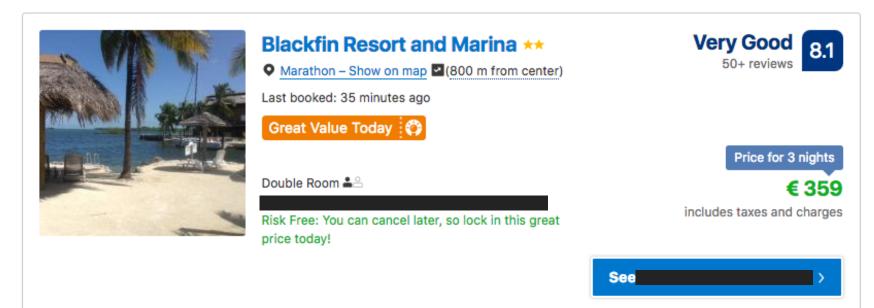
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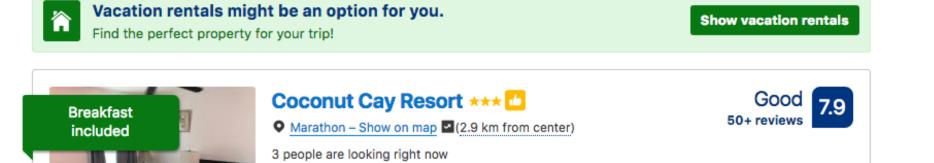
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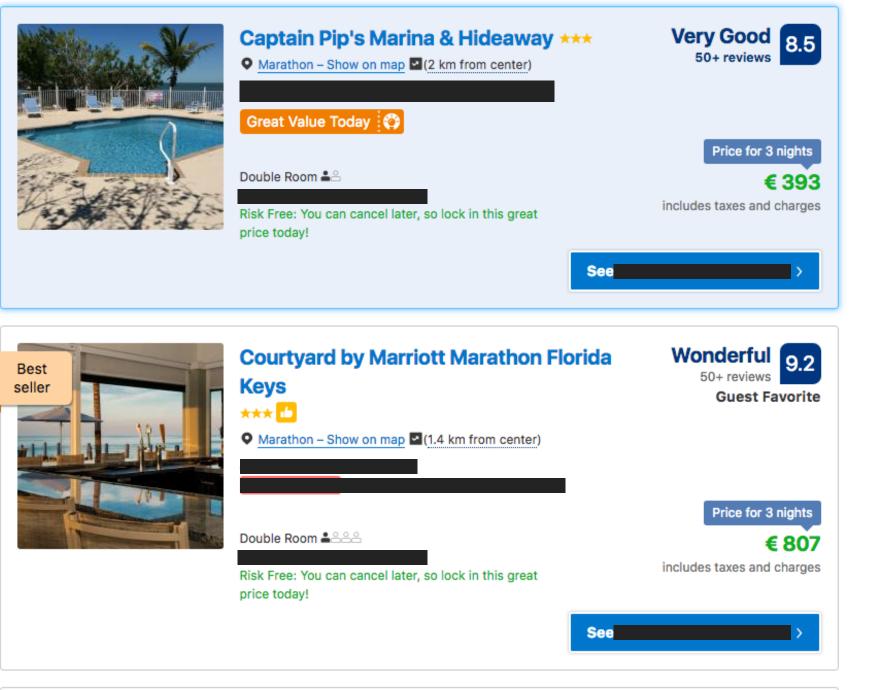
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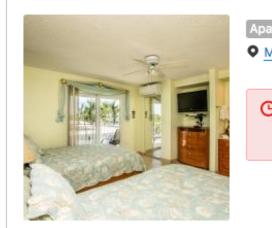
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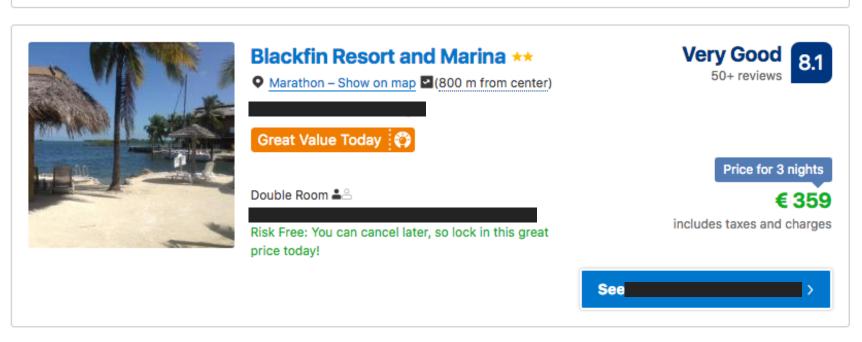


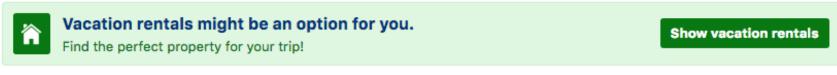


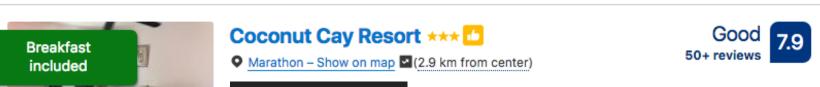
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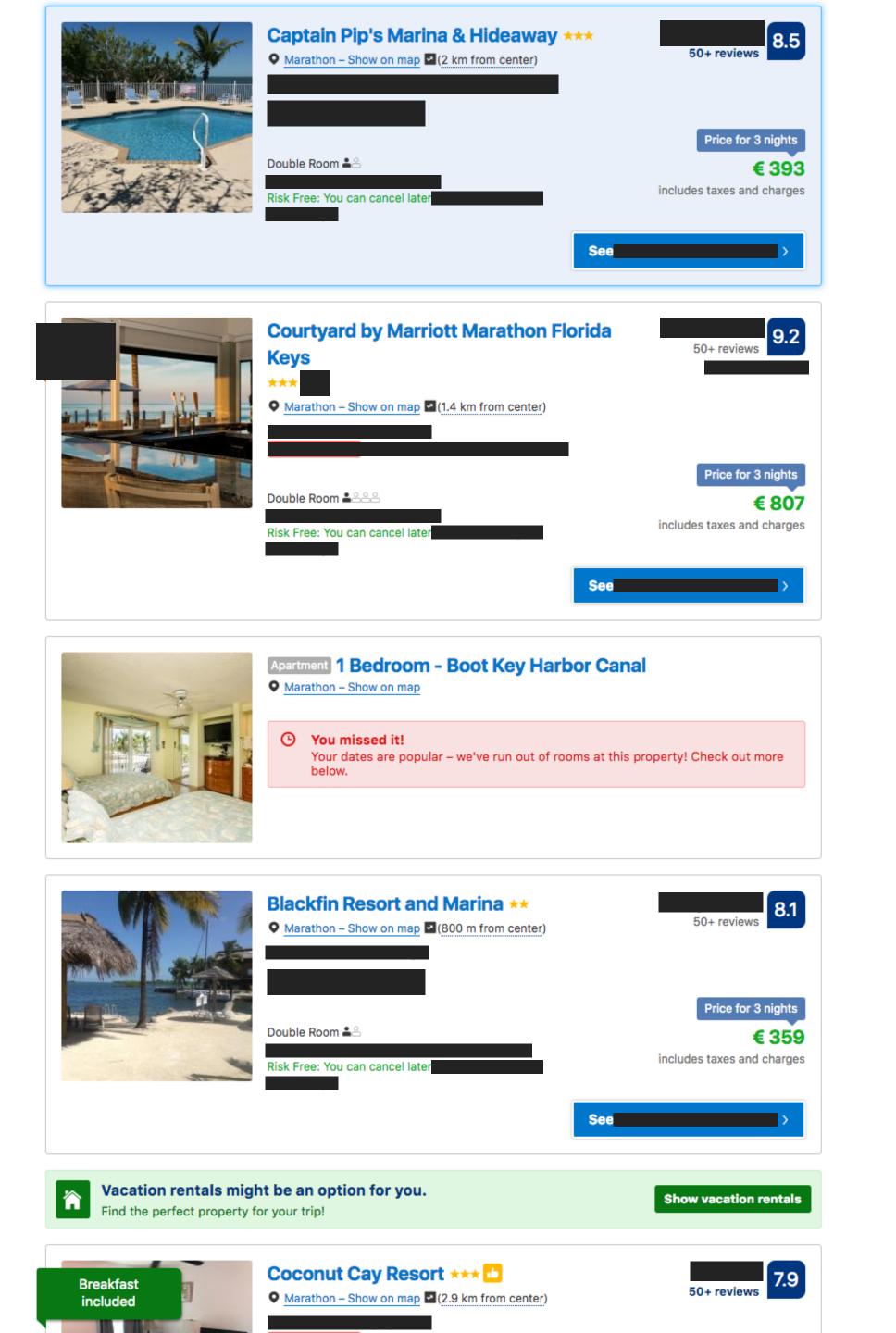
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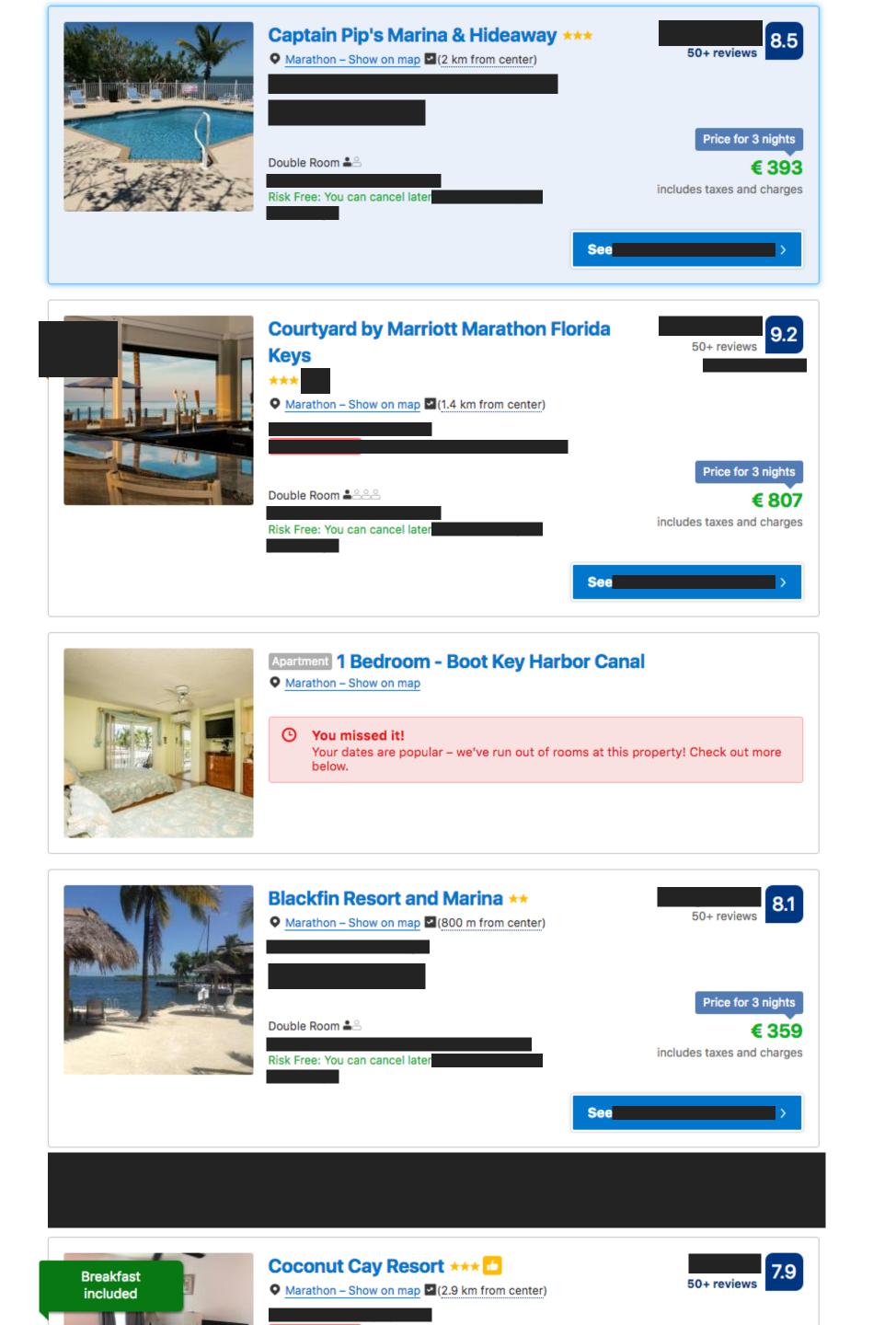
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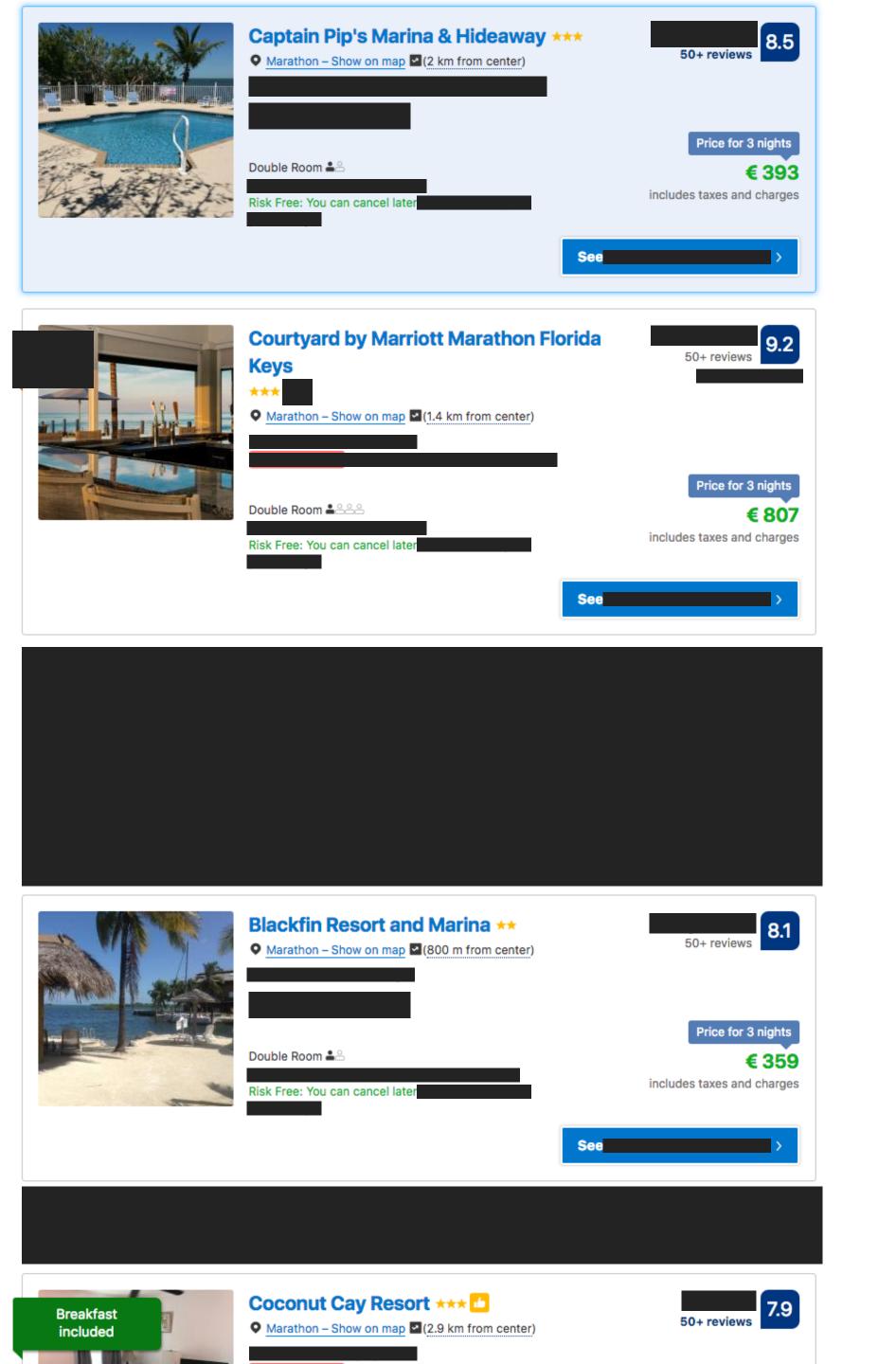














# What is "safe enough"?



Replying to @c\_pellegrino @PWTooStrong @Telekom\_hilft

Hello Claudia! The customer service agents see the first four characters of your password. We store the whole password, because you need it for the login for mein.t-mobile.at ^andrea

8:29 AM - 4 Apr 2018





Hi @c\_pellegrino, I really do not get why this is a problem. You have so many passwords for evey app, for every mail-account and so on. We secure all data very carefully, so there is not a thing to fear. ^Käthe

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Eric™ @Korni22 · Apr 6

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#### T-Mobile Austria 🖤 @tmobileat · Apr 6

@Korni22 What if this doesn't happen because our security is amazingly good?
^Käthe

## How much effort should we put into preventing misuse?





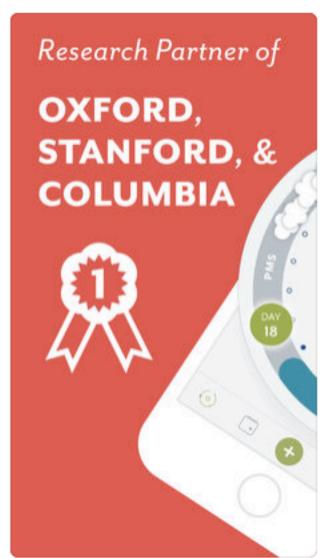






## Are we focussing enough on all our potential users?

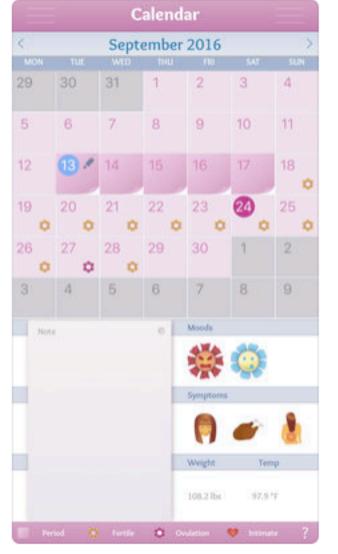
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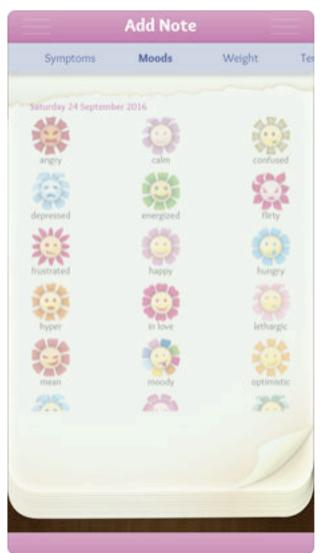


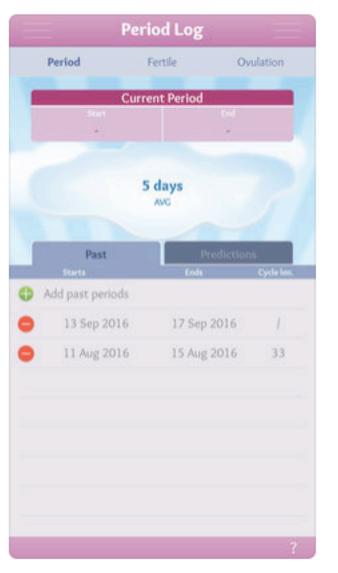














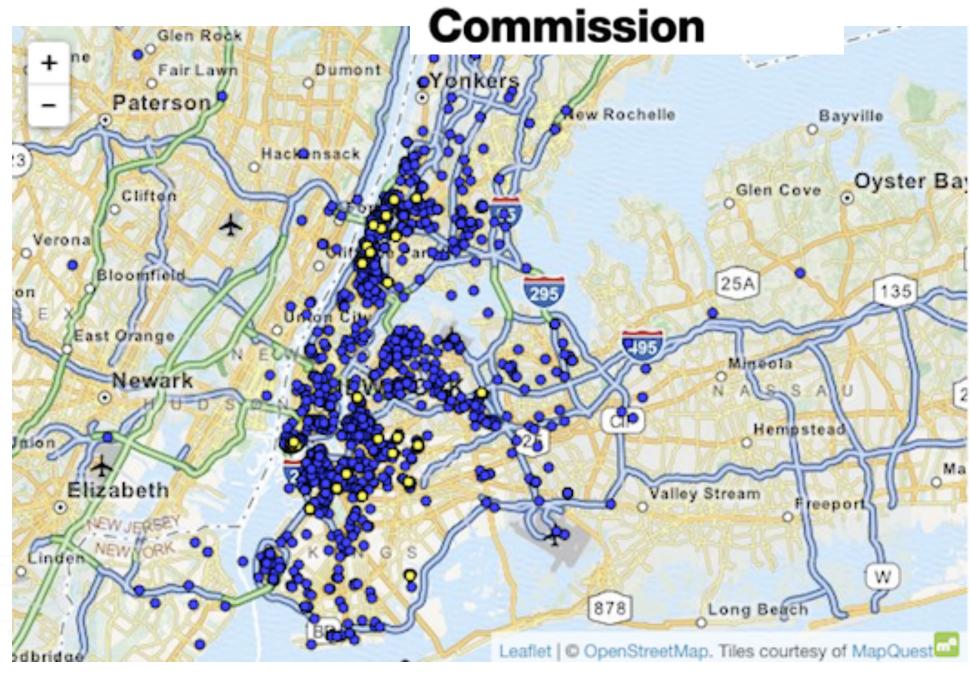
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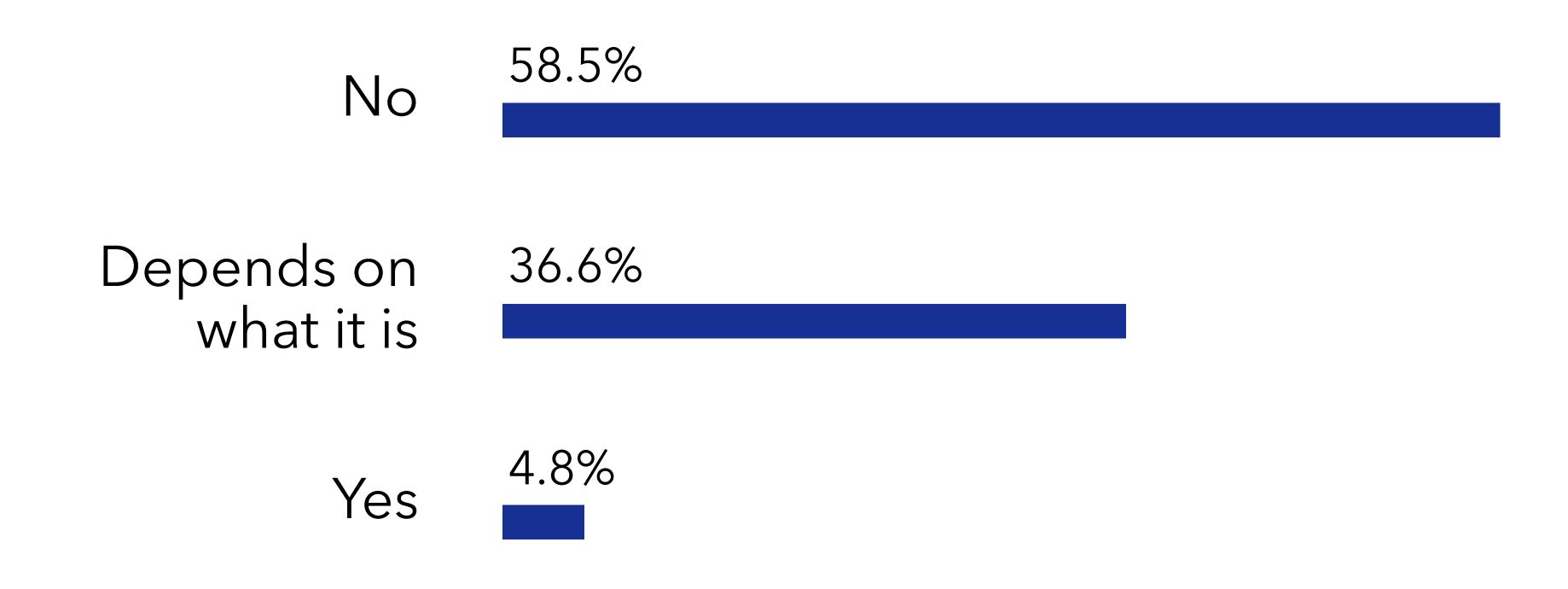


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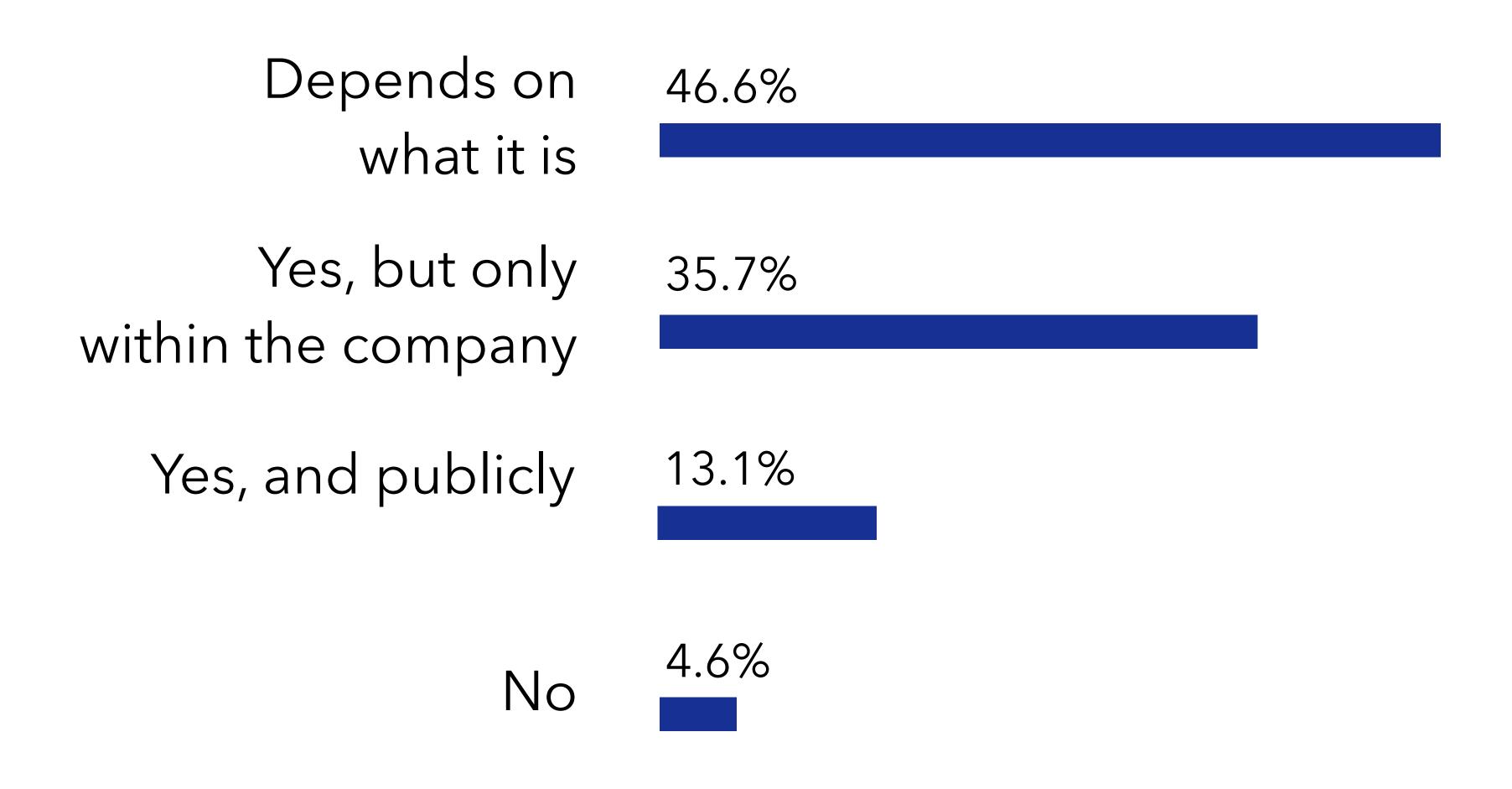
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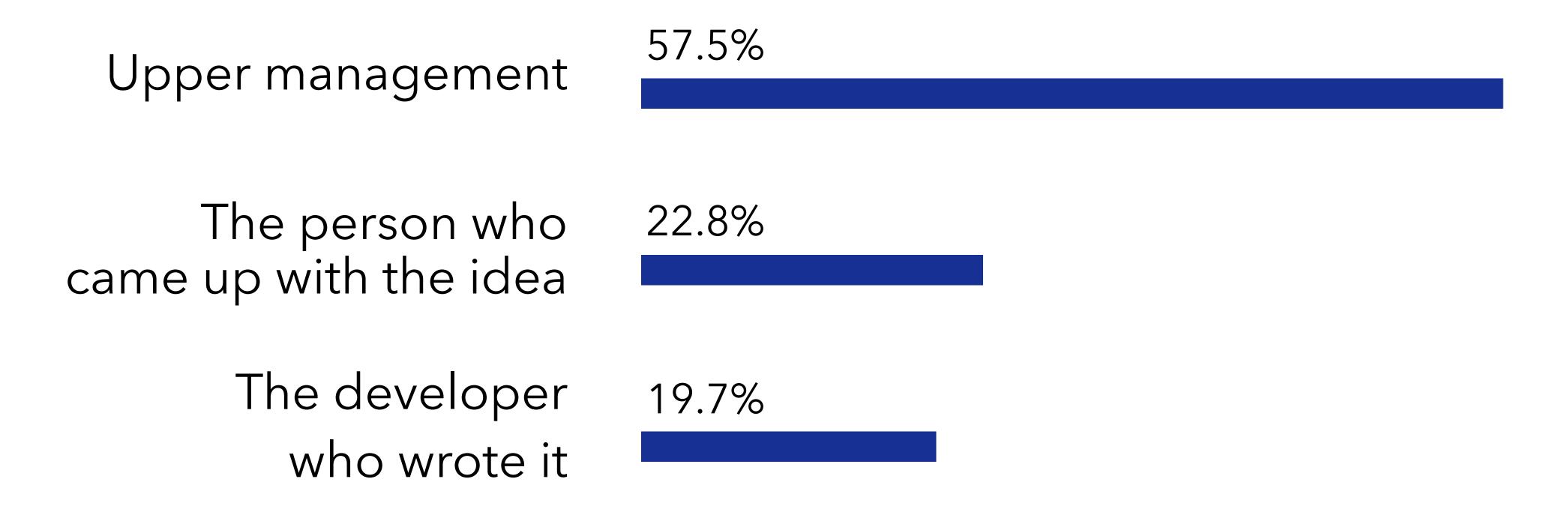
#### Would you write code that's clearly unethical?



#### Would you report unethical code?



#### Who is ultimately most responsible?



### Do developers have an obligation to consider the ethical implications of their code?

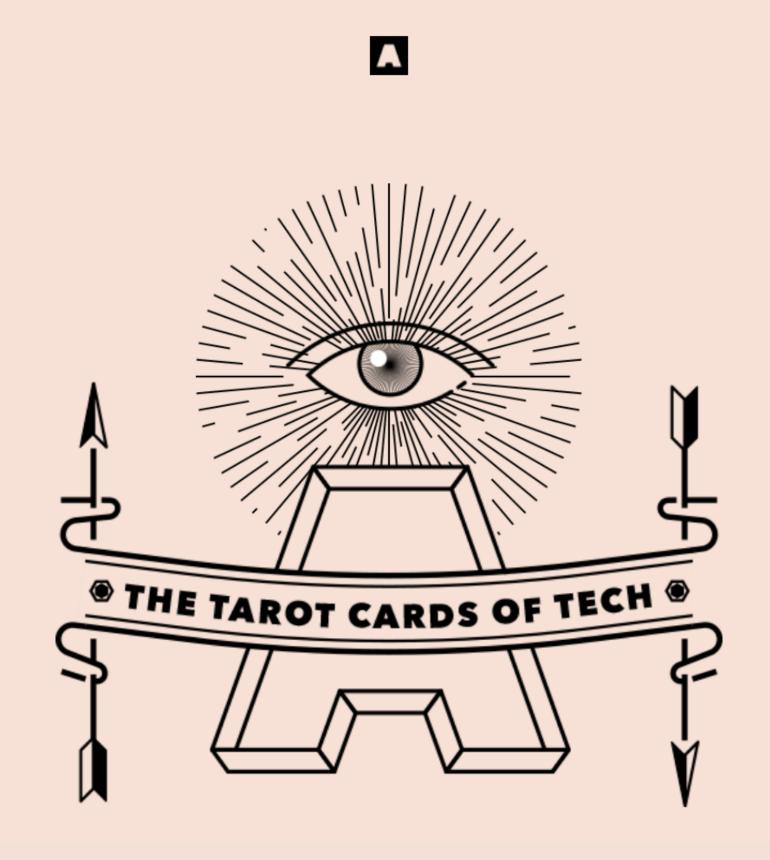


#### A Reasonable Developer

- 1. Does not write code that's clearly unethical;
- 2. Reports any unethical code;
- 3. Holds upper management responsible for accomplishing something unethical;
- 4. Is obligated to consider ethical implications of their code.

## How to deal with ethical dilemmas.

# Think about the ethical implications, before and during development.



## The Tarot Cards of Tech

by Artefact

https://www.artefactgroup.com/the-tarot-cards-of-tech/







What could a "bad actor" do with your product?

What would predatory and exploitative behavior look like with your product?

What product features are most vulnerable to manipulation?

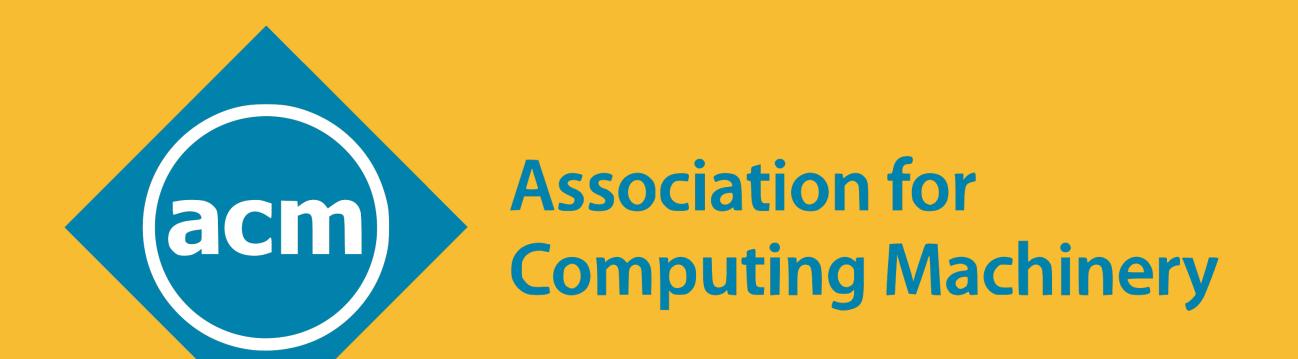
Who could be targeted with your product?





# Create an internal code of ethics

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#### ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

#### "An ACM member should"

- 1. Avoid harm;
- 2. Contribute to society and to human well-being, acknowledging that all people are stakeholders in computing;
- 3. Be fair and take action not to discriminate;
- 4. Design and implement systems that are robustly and usably secure.

#### ACM Software Engineering Code

#### "A software engineer should"

- 1. Accept full responsibility for their own work;
- 2. Be careful to use only accurate data derived by ethical and lawful means, and use it only in ways properly authorized;
- 3. Avoid associations with businesses and organizations which are in conflict with this code.

#### **ACM Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**

https://www.acm.org/about-acm/acm-code-of-ethics-andprofessional-conduct

#### **ACM Software Engineering Code (with IEEE)**

https://ethics.acm.org/code-of-ethics/software-engineering-code/

#### **IEEE Code of Ethics**

https://www.ieee.org/about/corporate/governance/p7-8.html

## What if you encounter éthical problems?

### What is the problem exactly?

#### Who is affected?

## What are the internal procedures?

## What are the alternative actions?

## ICAEW framework for resolving ethical problems

https://www.icaew.com/technical/ethics/framework-for-resolving-ethical-problems

## Santa Clara University framework for ethical decision making

https://www.scu.edu/ethics/ethics-resources/ethical-decision-making/a-framework-for-ethical-decision-making/

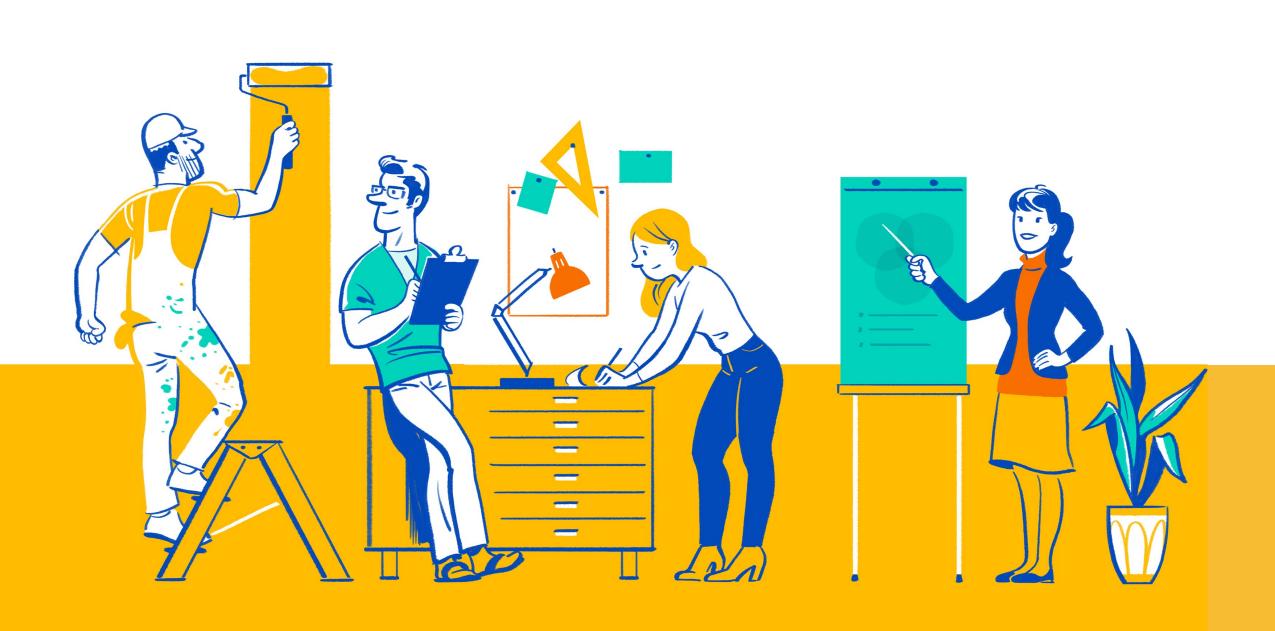
## Ethics are an integral part of software development.

## Don't just act reasonable. Act responsible.

## Create you own code of ethics. And live by it.

# You are not "just an engineer."

### Thank you!



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