

Streamlining Web Payments

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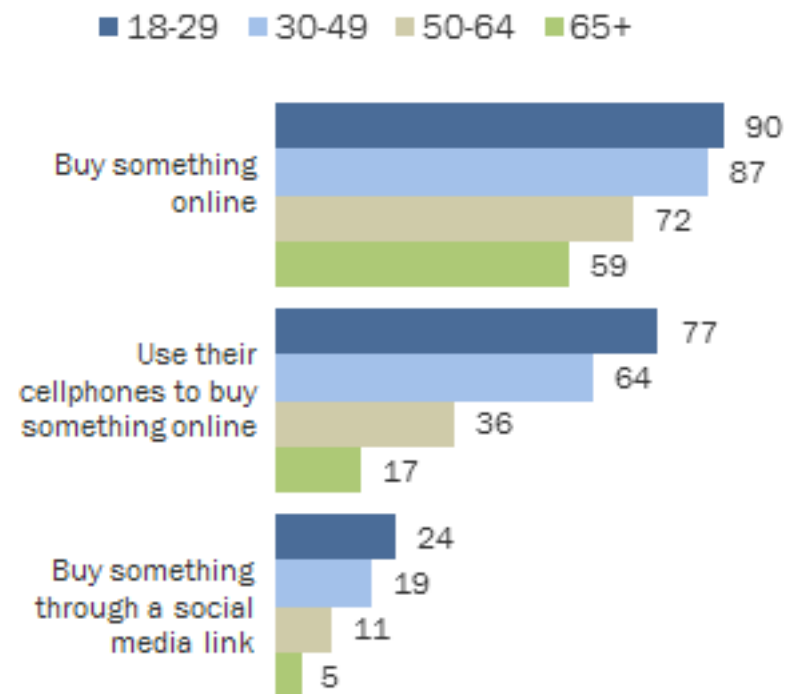
The Web Was Not Designed for Payments



Young People Prefer Mobile Commerce

Online shopping popular across age groups, although Americans under 50 especially likely to buy using cellphones

% of U.S. adults in each age group who ever ...

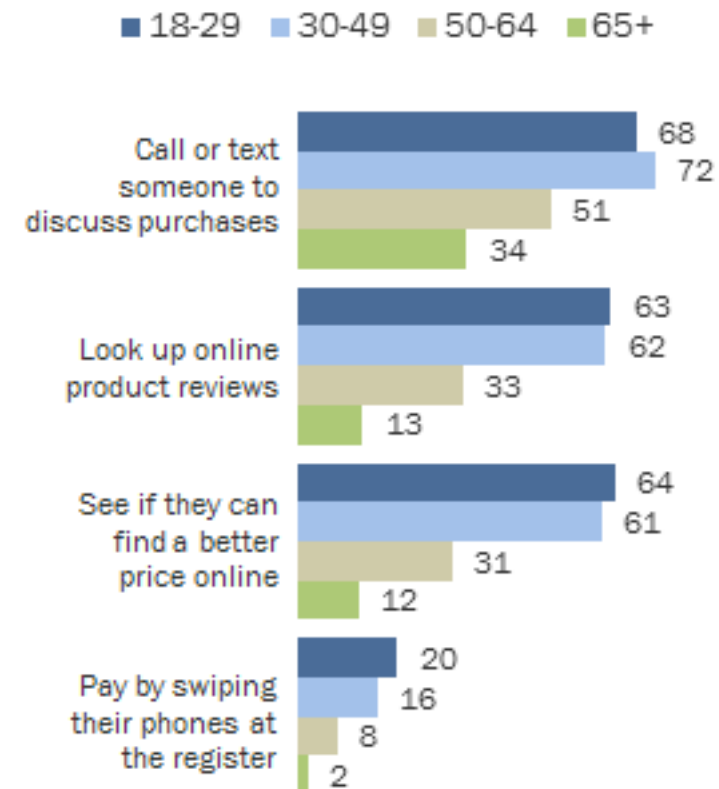


Source: Survey conducted Nov. 24-Dec. 21, 2015.
"Online Shopping and E-Commerce"

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Those under 50 especially likely to use cellphones to help make purchasing decisions

% of U.S. adults in each age group who ever use cellphones while inside physical stores to ...



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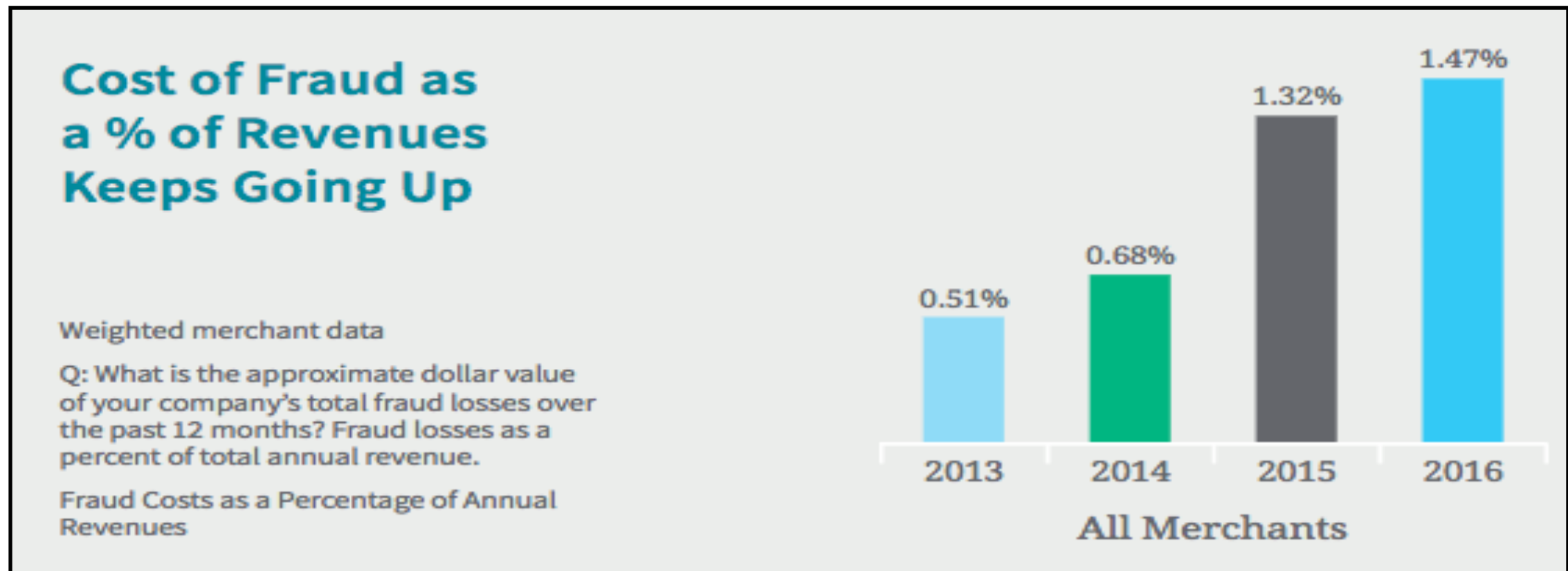
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Poor Experience => Abandonment



Source: [Capital Numbers](#)

Poor Security => Lost Loyalty; Higher Costs



Source: [Lexis Nexis](#)

Now is the Time to Improve Payments on the Web

***“We are long overdue for a
payments user interface
for the Web.”***

Tim Berners-Lee, W3C Director
[What if ‘One Click’ Buying Were
Internetwide?](#)
New York Times, 25 September 2016





The World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) is an international community that develops open standards to ensure the long-term growth of the Web.

What Streamlined Checkout Looks Like



Source: merchandisingmatters.com

Example (pay.gov)

Bighorn Canyon NRA Annual Pass

Before You Begin

1 Complete Agency Form

2 Enter Payment Info

3 Review & Submit

4 Confirmation

Paying online with Pay.gov is safe, secure, and the preferred method to make a payment. To make a payment using one of the below accepted payment methods, please click the Continue to the Form button.

Accepted Payment Methods:

- ▶ Bank account (ACH)
- ▶ Amazon account
- ▶ Dwolla account
- ▶ PayPal account
- ▶ Debit or credit card

Preview Form

[Cancel](#)

Continue to the Form

This is a secure service provided by United States Department of the Treasury. The information you will enter will remain private. [Please review our privacy policy](#) for more information.

Selection of payment method

Bighorn Canyon NRA Annual Pass

Before You Begin

1 Complete Agency Form

2 Enter Payment Info

3 Review & Submit

4 Confirmation

Payment Information

Payment Amount: \$30.00

* I want to pay with my:

- ☐ Bank account (ACH)
- ☐ Amazon account
- ☐ Dwolla account
- ☐ PayPal account
- ☐ Debit or credit card

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Return to Form

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Card Payment

Bighorn Canyon NRA Annual Pass

Before You Begin

1 Complete Agency Form

2 Enter Payment Info

3 Review & Submit

4 Confirmation

Please provide the payment information below. Required fields are marked with an *.

* Payment Amount:

\$30.00

* Cardholder Name

Ian Jacobs

* Cardholder Billing Address:

1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW

...more data required...

ACH Payment

* Select Account Type



↑ routing and
transit #

↑ checking
account #

↑ check #



↑ check #

↑ routing and
transit #

↑ checking
account #

* Routing Number

* Account Number

* Confirm Account Number

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...more data required...

A scenic landscape at sunrise or sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. A dirt path leads from the foreground into a valley. The valley floor is covered in grass and shrubs, and there are some trees on the right side. The sky is a mix of orange and yellow, with some clouds visible. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

Streamlined pay.gov

Choose passes



Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area

Purchase an annual park pass

Number of passes:

1
2
3

Buy

Total: USD \$30

Choose app and pay



Make a payment to pay.gov

Order summary

1 Annual Pass for Bighorn Natl Rec Area USD \$30

Browser
Interface

Shipping

Name, 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, ...

Contact

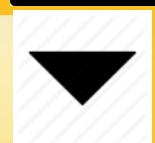
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Pay with

Card ***4231

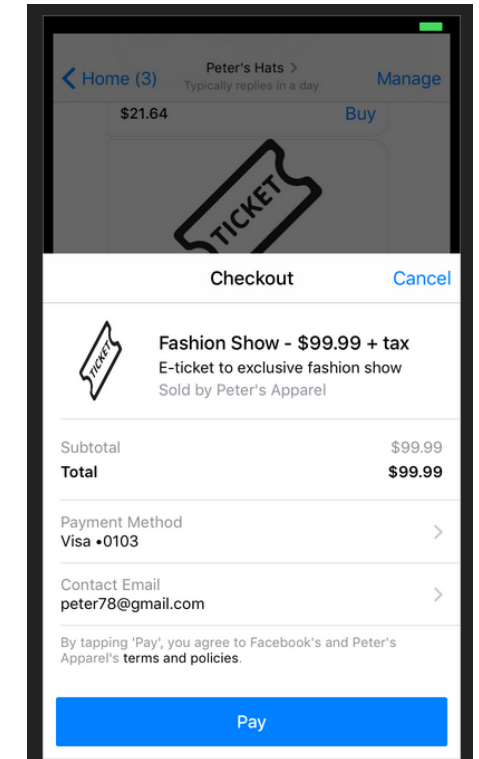
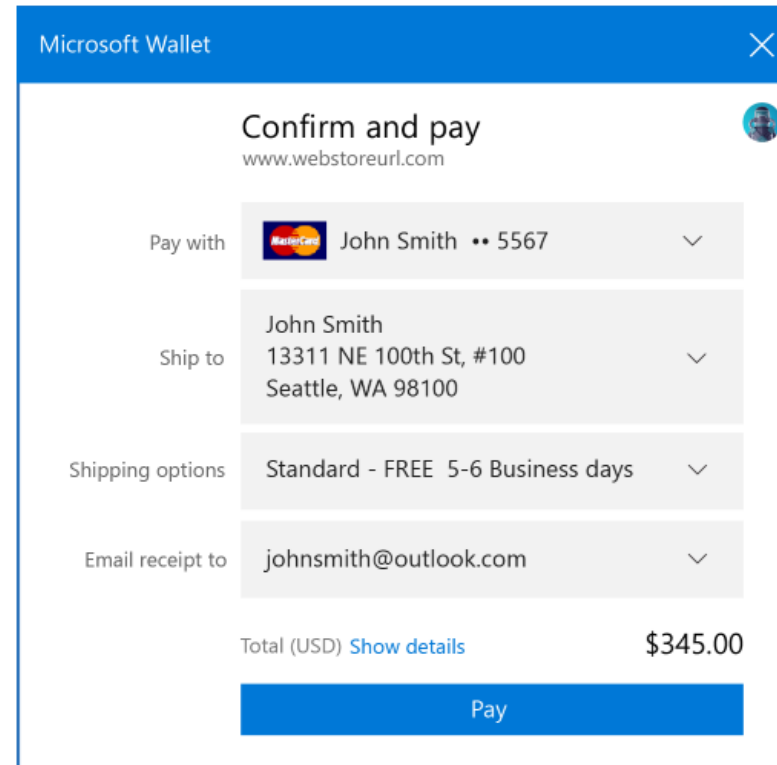
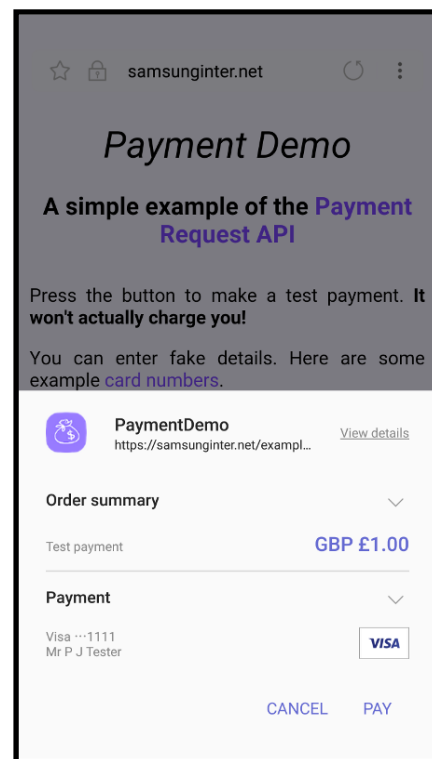
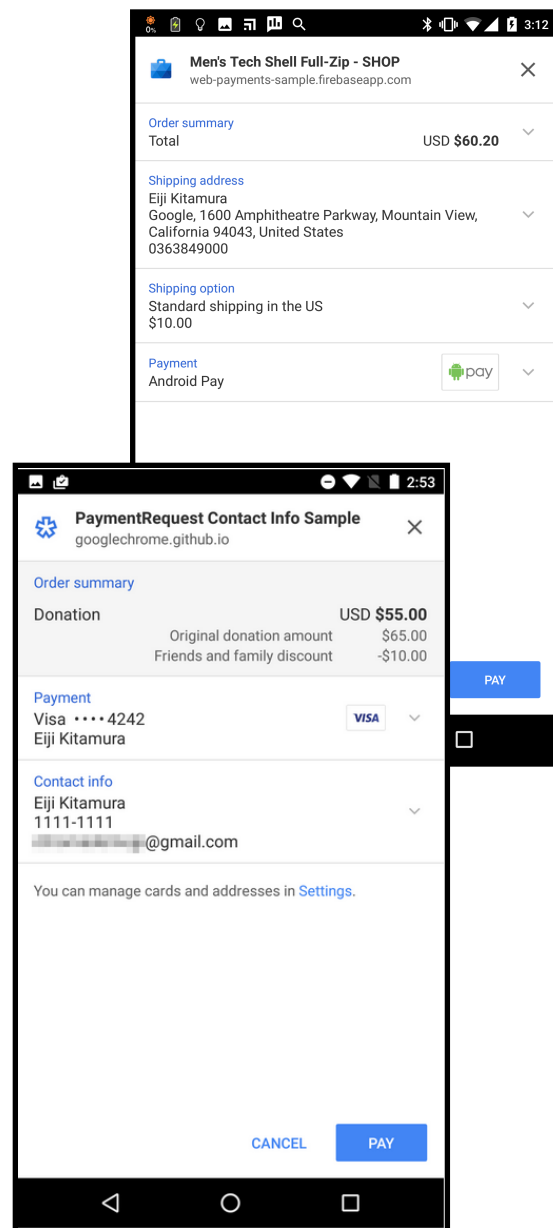


PayPal



Pay

What it Actually Looks Like



Benefits

User

Less Typing
Saves Time,
Reduces Errors

Simple,
Globally Consistent
UX Accelerates
Response

Display of Matches
Reduces
Complexity

Merchant

Simplifies Creation
and Maintenance
of Streamlined UX

Lowers Cost of
Cross-Device
Interoperability

Facilitates
Integration of
Payment Methods
(Security, User
Preferences)



Conversions

Customer
Satisfaction

Increased Security

How Streamlined Checkout Works

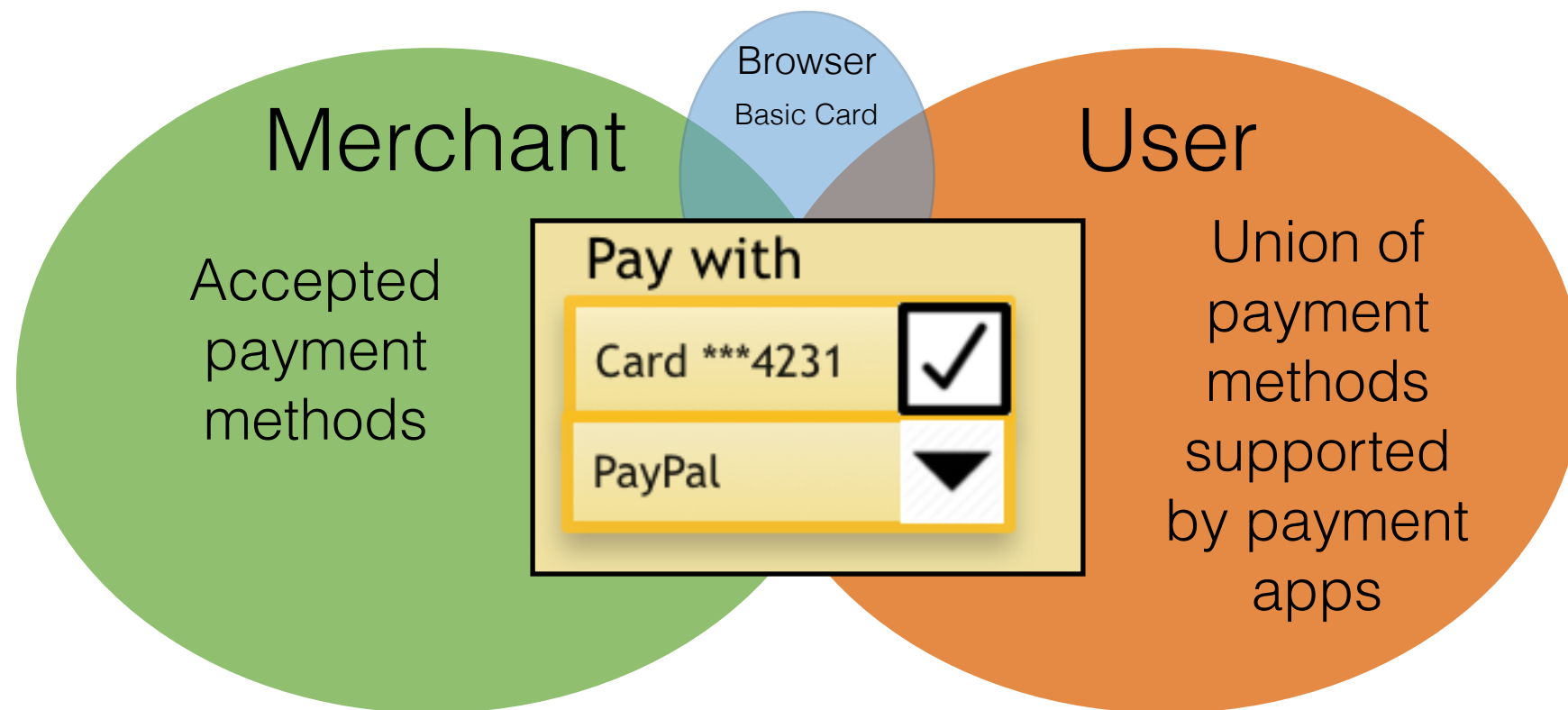


Source: surfingaustralia.com

Payment Methods v. Payment Apps

- **Payment methods are data**
 - Examples: card payments, *Pay, credit transfer, alternative payment methods
 - Merchants declare which they accept
- **Payment apps are software**
 - Payment apps implement payment methods
- **Benefits of decoupling data and software**
 - Simplify technical integration for merchants
 - Increase user choice (of software)

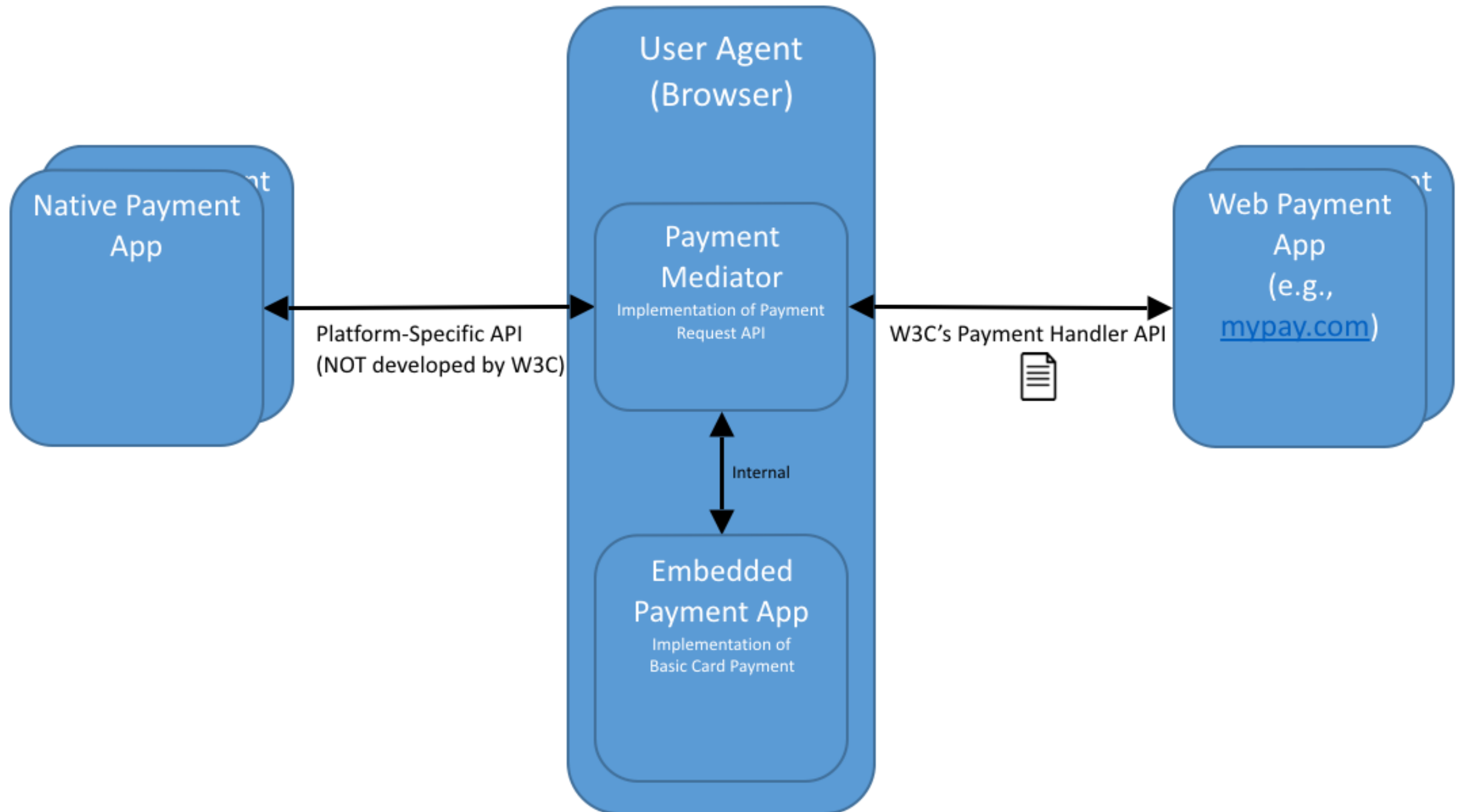
Browser Matches on Payment Methods



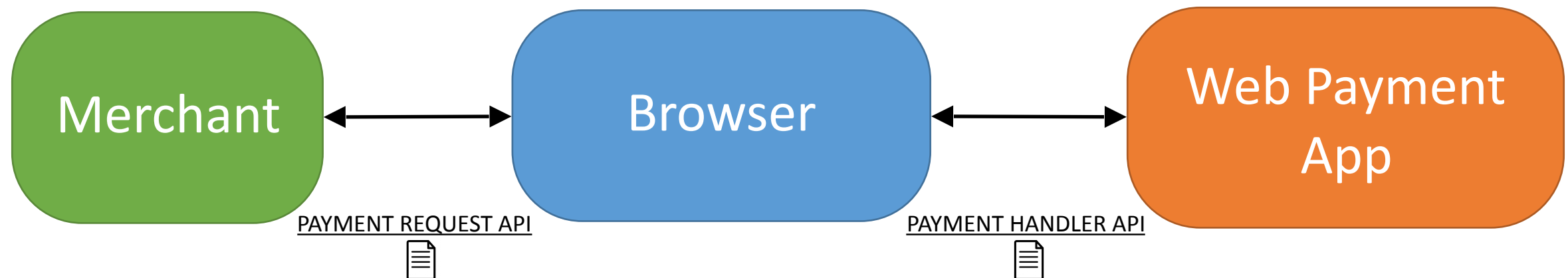
Payment Methods

- Anyone may define one; many will be proprietary
- Identified by Payment Method Identifiers 
- W3C is working on three currently:
 - Basic Card Payment 
 - Tokenized Card Payment 
 - Basic Credit Transfer Payment 

3 Kinds of Payment Apps

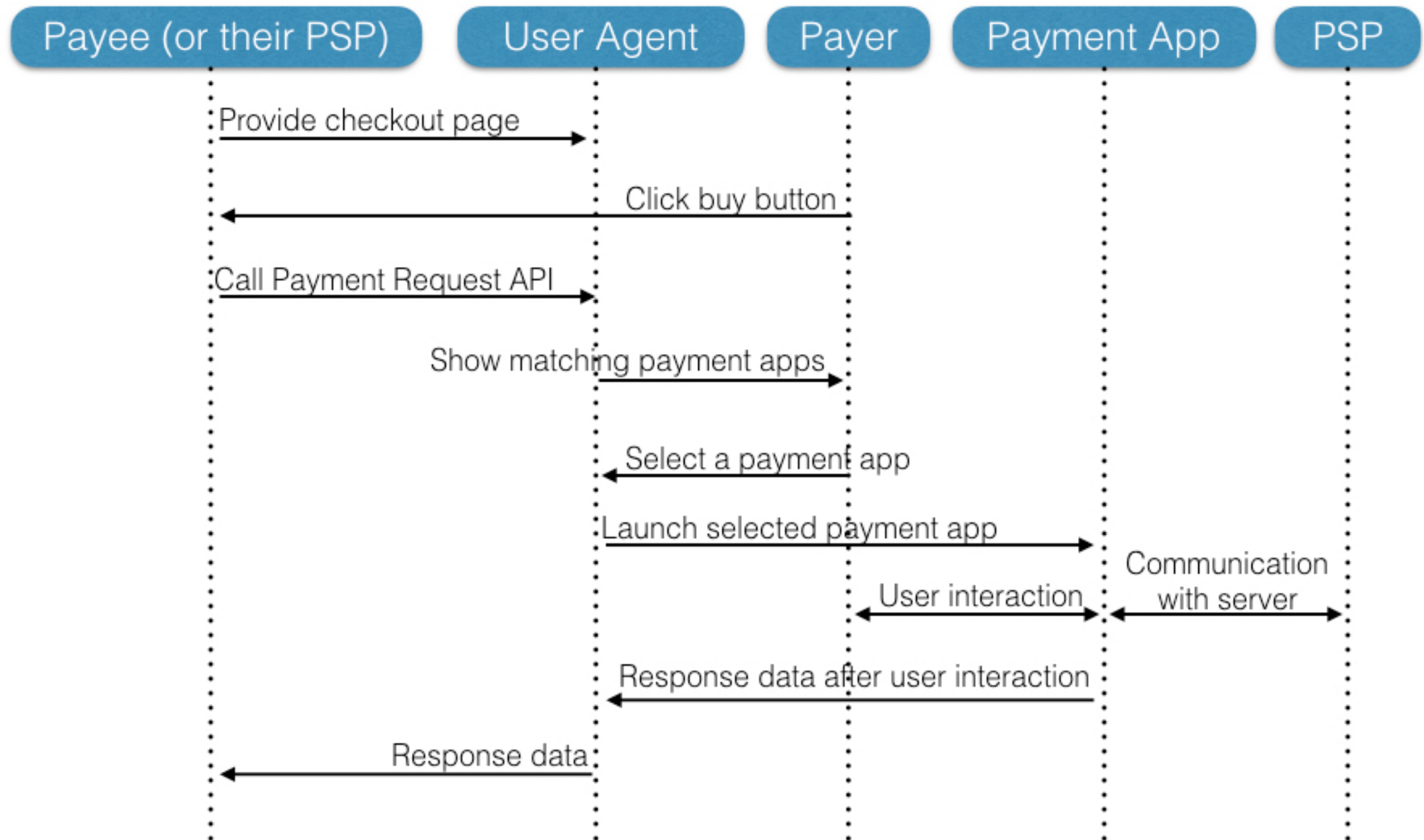


Summary of Roles

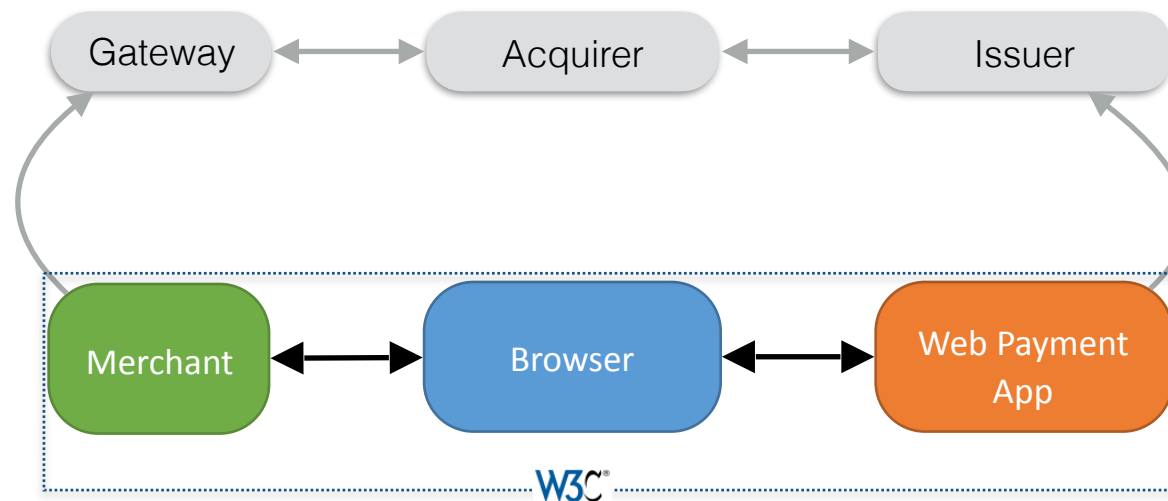


- **Browsers** implement Payment Request API
- **Merchants** call Payment Request API from checkout page
- **Payment Apps** add support for payment methods
- **Users** register payment apps

Transaction Flow



Perspectives on Scope



- W3C's Payment APIs (only) address user experience and data exchange.
 - The merchant (or gateway) still needs to manage received data (PAN, token, etc.); we are seeking alignment of our terminology with ISO 20022, SEPA, and others.
 - Payments APIs do not address payment processing and do not affect scheme rules.
 - Payment apps responsible for user relationship with user's payment service provider.
- Other W3C technologies improve Web application security, user authentication, privacy protection.

Who's Involved



Specification Status

- Mature but not finished
 - Payment Request API
 - Payment Method Identifiers
 - Basic Card Payment
- Early Stages
 - Payment Handler API
 - Basic Credit Transfer Payment
 - Tokenized Card Payment
 - Payment Method Manifest

Payment Request API

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This version:

<https://w3c.github.io/browser-payment-api/>

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Abstract

This specification standardizes an API to allow merchants (i.e. those that want to accept payment) to use one or more payment methods with minimal integration. The flow between merchant and user.

Implementation Status

- Payment Request API

- Known to be implementing:
Google, Microsoft, Mozilla, Samsung, Facebook, Opera
- Mostly mobile implementations today; desktop and others to follow
- Early adopter sites experimenting
- Developer guides are appearing

- Payment Apps

- Known to be experimenting:
Alipay, Samsung, Google, Amex, Facebook, Worldpay, Stripe, Klarna, Gemalto, Opera, and others
- Some support for proprietary payment apps in 2017
(e.g., Chrome)
- Support for Web-based payment apps to follow

```
function validateResponse(response) {  
    // check that the response is ok... throw if  
}  
  
async function doPaymentRequest() {  
    const payment = new PaymentRequest(methodData  
    payment.addEventListener("shippingaddresschar  
        // Process shipping address change  
    });  
    let paymentResponse;  
    try {  
        paymentResponse = await payment.show();  
        // paymentResponse.methodName contains the  
        // paymentResponse.details contains a payme  
        // response.  
        validateResponse(paymentResponse);  
        paymentResponse.complete("success");  
    } catch (err) {  
        console.error("Uh oh, bad payment response!");  
        paymentResponse.complete("fail");  
    }  
}  
doPaymentRequest();
```

Related Activities at W3C

(standards track, incubation)

Security

Strong Authentication

App Security

Crypto

Verifiable Claims

Commerce

Digital Offers

Digital Receipts

Paid Content

Even more W3C Working Groups and Community Groups...

Backend

Interledger Payments

Blockchain

Devices

Devices and Sensors

Web NFC,
Bluetooth

Virtual Reality

Hardware-
Based Secure
Services

Verticals

Automotive

Internet of
Things

TV /
Entertainment

Digital
Publishing

Thank you!

- These slides:
http://www.w3.org/2017/Talks/ij_transactions_201704/w3c.pdf
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