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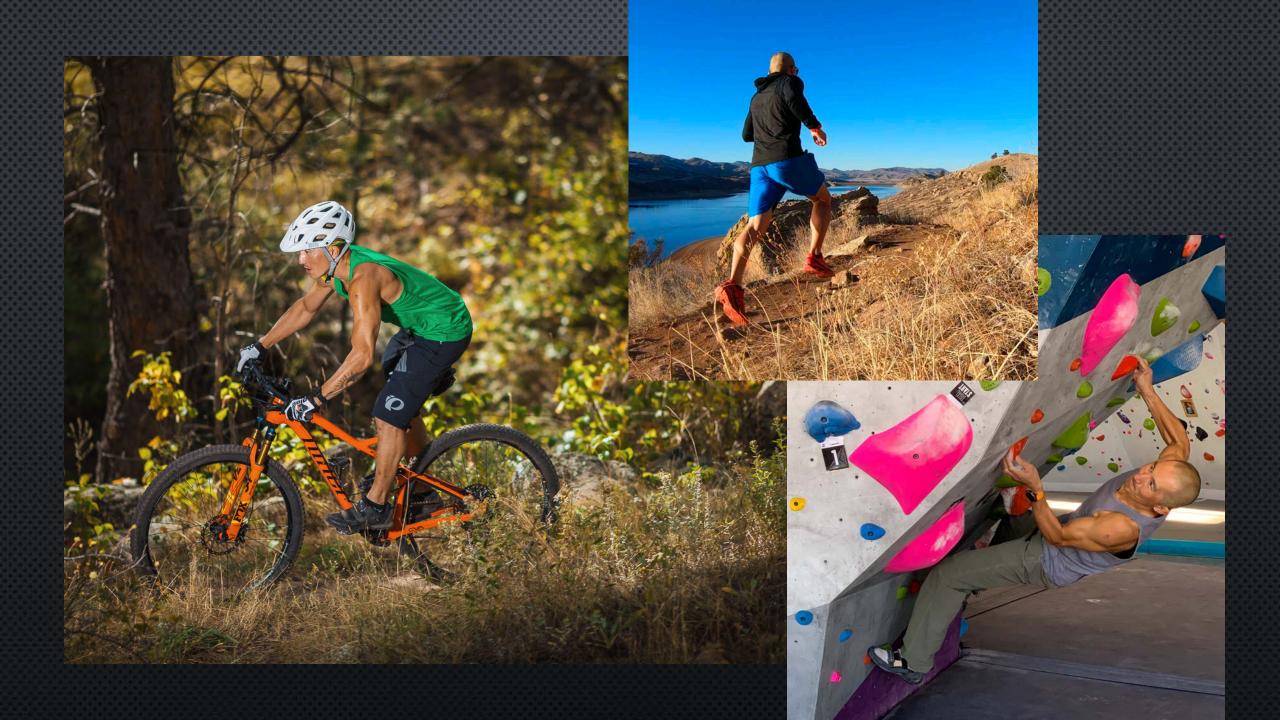
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THE KEYS TO CONSUMER LOYALTY

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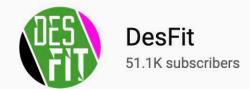
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BACKGROUND

- 20 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN:
 - WEB DEVELOPMENT
 - GRAPHIC DESIGN
 - USABILITY & USER EXPERIENCE



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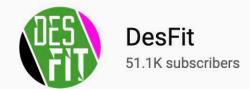
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IN-DEPTH VIDEO REVIEWS

- WEARABLES
- CYCLING COMPUTERS
- INDOOR TRAINERS
- OTHER SPORTS-FOCUSED TECHNOLOGY

ABOUT THE CHANNEL

- HOW I GOT STARTED
 - LONG-TIME DCRAINMAKER.COM READER
 - VISUAL LEARNER
 - INTERESTED IN FILMMAKING



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TESTING METHODOLOGY

Heart Rate

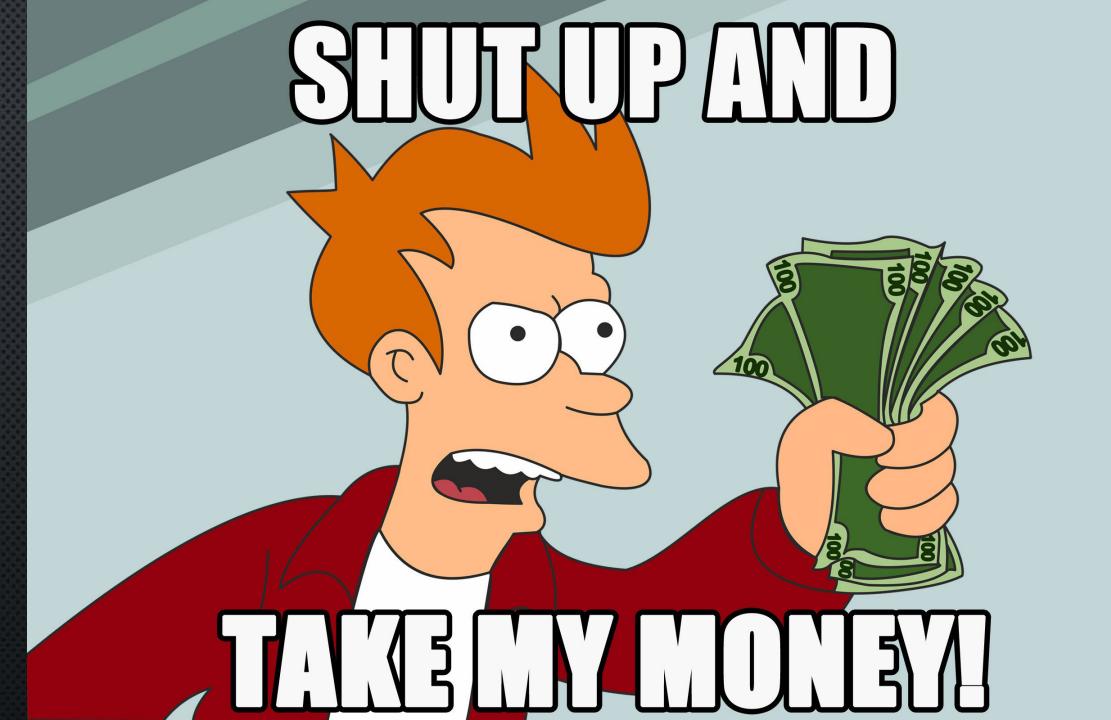
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 2019.09.24-Canmore Run
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 Avg Heart Rate
 118.03 bpm
 162.05 bpm
 160.54 bpm
 160.29 bpm

I WANT YOUR PRODUCTS TO WORK



AUDIENCE

- INTERESTED IN WEARABLES
 - SMARTWATCHES
 - SPORTSWATCHES
 - AUDIENCE CROSSOVER
- BIKE TECH CONTENT

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HOM DO I WAKE WONEAS

- YOUTUBE ADVERTISING
 - TAKES A LOT OF VIEWS TO MAKE MONEY

AFFILIATE LINKS TO ONLINE RETAILERS

WEARABLES

A CENTERPIECE FOR A PERSON'S FITNESS LIFESTYLE



SMARTWATCH FEATURES

- CALLING
- TEXTING
- CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS
- MUSIC
- APP MARKETPLACE



SPORTSWATCHES: HOW TO BRIDGE THE GAP?

- APP MARKETPLACE
- CONTACTLESS PAYMENTS
- MUSIC
 - GARMIN

 Must still have basic notifications and "basic" integration to survive

SMARTWATCHES AS FITNESS DEVICES

- SAMSUNG
 - GALAXY WATCH ACTIVE / ACTIVE 2
- APPLE WATCH SERIES 5

- SELLING THE CRAP OUT OF THEM
 - BUT BOTH HAVE MORE POTENTIAL

WEARABLE TRENDS: FEATURES

- BLOOD OXYGEN SENSORS
- MUSIC SERVICES
- BATTERY LIFE

WEARABLE TRENDS: BUDGET OFFERINGS

- AROUND \$200 USD
 - POLAR GNITE
 - GARMIN FORERUNNER 45
 - SAMSUNG GALAXY WATCH ACTIVE
 - APPLE WATCH SERIES 3
 - FITBIT VERSA 2
 - SIGMA

FLAGSHIP DEVICES

WEARABLE PRODUCT LINE-UPS MANY & OFTEN - OR - FEW & FAR BETWEEN?

- MOST COMPANIES WITH DISTINGUISHABLE TIERS
 - Suunto 3, 5, 9
 - POLAR IGNITE, VANTAGE M, VANTAGE V
- GARMIN WITH A DEVICE FOR EVERY PRICE RANGE

WHICH MODEL DO I GET?

CONFUSION AND FOMO

PAYING FOR SOFTWARE OR HARDWARE?

FITNESS GUIDANCE

- GUIDANCE
 - GARMIN COACH
 - FITBIT PREMIUM SERVICES
 - POLAR FITSPARK

CYCLING COMPUTERS

- 2 COMPANIES CONTINUE TO DOMINATE: GARMIN AND WAHOO
- BIG RELEASES FOR BOTH COMPANIES

- Broad New Feature Set for Garmin
- WAHOO PLAYING CATCH-UP BUT HAVE A LOYAL FOLLOWING

• NEITHER LAUNCH WENT TO PLAN

CYCLING COMPUTERS

- HARD FOR SMALLER MANUFACTURERS
 - NAVIGATION
 - WEARABLES THAT CAN DO THE SAME THING

INDOOR CYCLING

- YEAR OF THE INDOOR BIKE
 - WAHOO BIKE
 - STAGES
 - WATTBIKE SHIPS TO US
 - TACX NEO BIKE (STARTS SHIPPING)

MILL THEY SELLS



BIKE TRAINERS

- QUIETER YEAR
- 3rd generations of direct drive trainers from:
 - ELITE DIRETO (X)
 - TACX NEO 2T
 - SARIS (CYCLOPS) H3
 - ELITE SUITO AIMED AT THE CROSSOVER MARKET
- 4IIII FIIIIGHT & ELITE TUO WHEEL-ON TRAINERS

INDOOR CYCLING

- LOUD YEAR FOR ACQUISITIONS
 - GARMIN ACQUIRES TACX
 - 4IIIIS ACQUIRES STAC PERFORMANCE
 - WAHOO ACQUIRES SUFFERFEST

POWER METERS

QUIETER YEAR

- FAVERO ADDS CYCLING DYNAMICS
- SRM LAUNCHES MTB POWER METER PEDALS

• SHIMANO SPD PATENT EXPIRES

KEYS TO CONSUMER LOYALTY

- RELIABILITY
- USABILITY AND EASE OF USE
- PLATFORM
- FEATURE OR HARDWARE UPDATES

RELIABILITY

- GOOD TO GO STRAIGHT OUT OF THE BOX
- LOSING CUSTOMERS WITH BUGS

THEY DON'T CARE.

THEY JUST WANT IT TO WORK.

PROBLEMS?

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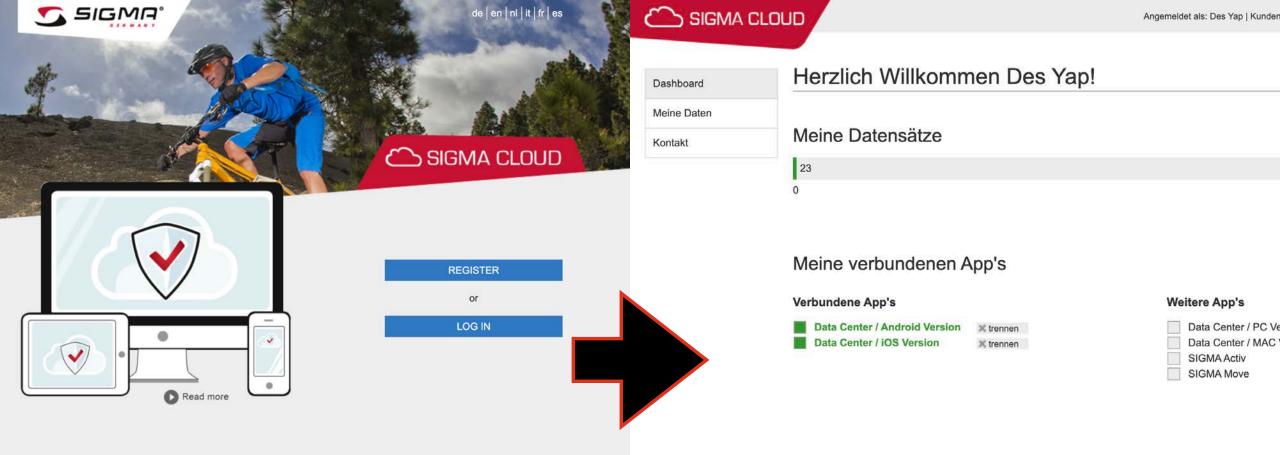
USABILITY

- FRIENDLY AND EASY TO USE
- TOO EASY? DON'T MAKE THINGS INACCESSIBLE TO THE USER
 - APPLE WORKOUT DETAILS
- NOT ONLY DEVICE ITSELF BUT THE PLATFORM BEHIND IT

PLATFORM

- SETUP
- SOLID CONNECTIVITY
- USER INTERFACE (EASE OF USE)





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PLATFORM

- COMMUNITY?
- PLAYING NICE WITH OTHERS
 - 3RD PARTY INTEGRATION
- GUIDANCE / EDUCATION

GUIDANCE AND EDUCATION

- GUIDING YOUR CUSTOMER ON THEIR FITNESS JOURNEY
- EDUCATING THEM ON MORE ADVANCED FEATURES

FEATURE UPDATES

FEATURE UPDATES OR HARDWARE UPDATES?

BOTH³

UPDATING FEATURES AND REFRESH CYCLES



Credit: GPLama

CYCLING COMPUTERS

UTILITY AND FUNCTION A SMALL PORTION OF A PERSON'S LIFE

WEARABLES ARE SPORTS TECH AND LIFESTYLE TECH

SLOWER HARDWARE REFRESH CYCLES ARE OK

THE FUTURE?

YOU TELL ME

NEW CUSTOMER VS EXISTING CUSTOMER

THANK YOU