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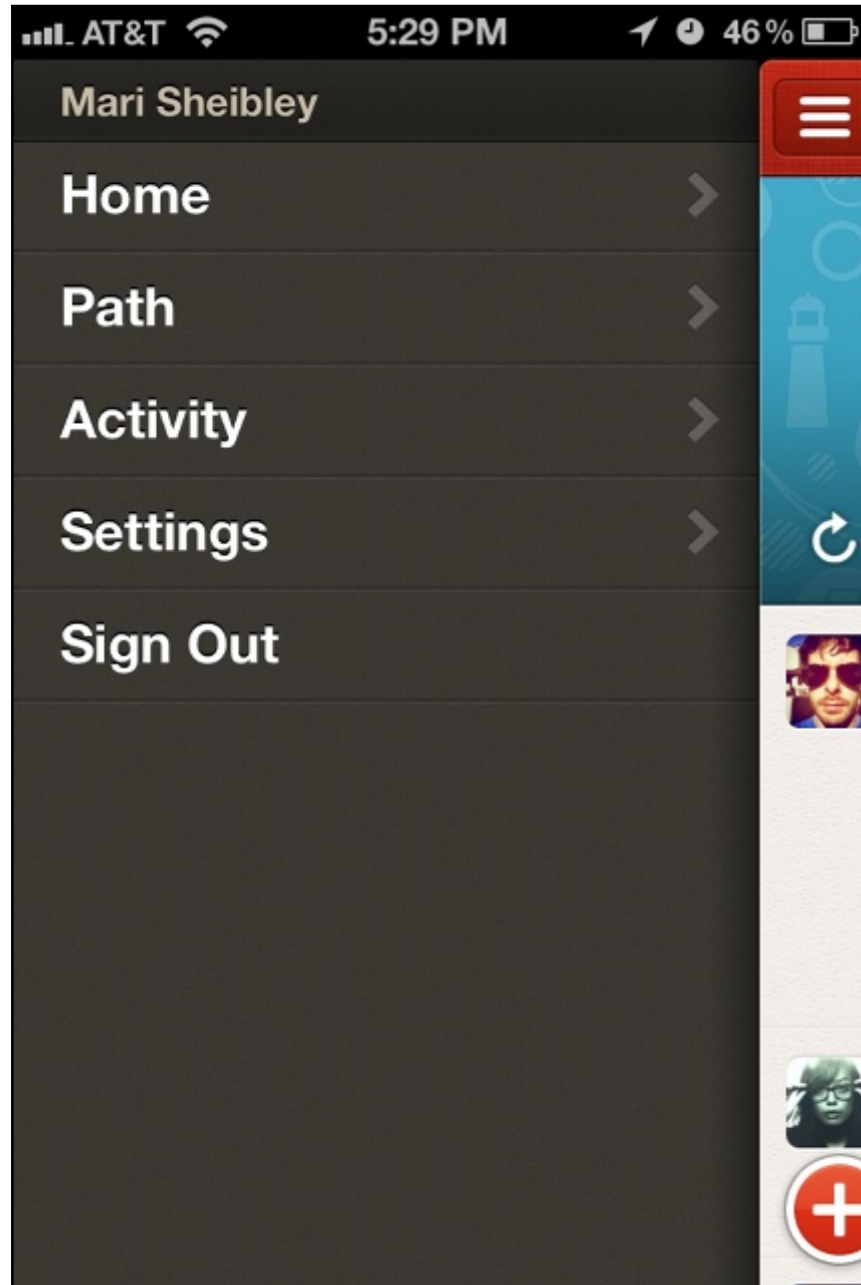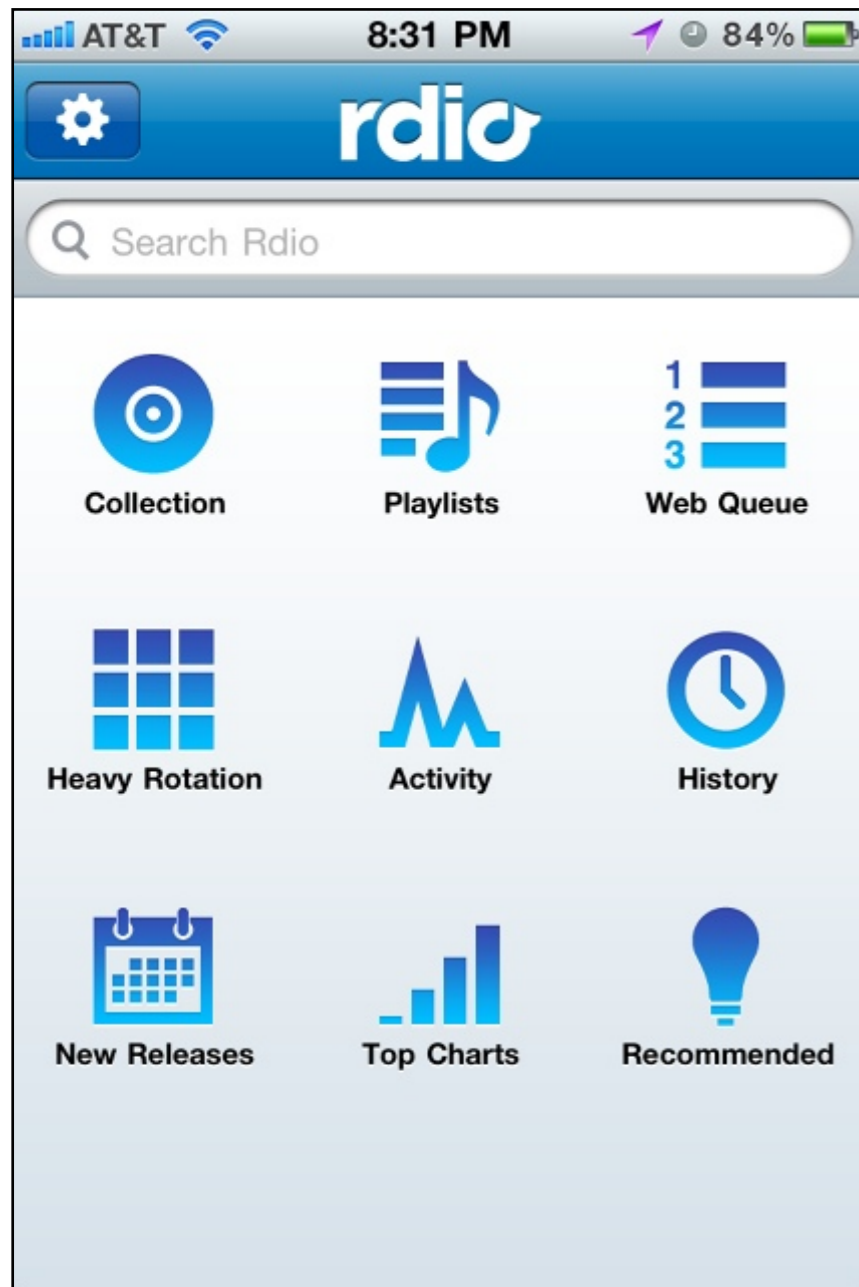

Pros
- Easy to add more sections to the navigation later on
- Doesn't waste screen space by having navigation always present

Cons
- Too many items will be cumbersome for the user to scan
- Implementation may not be smooth across all platforms because it is a custom pattern

Dashboard

Pros
- A user has easy access to the most important tasks
- The dashboard gives an overview of the application's functionality
- Gives the user a place to start if they don't know what to search for
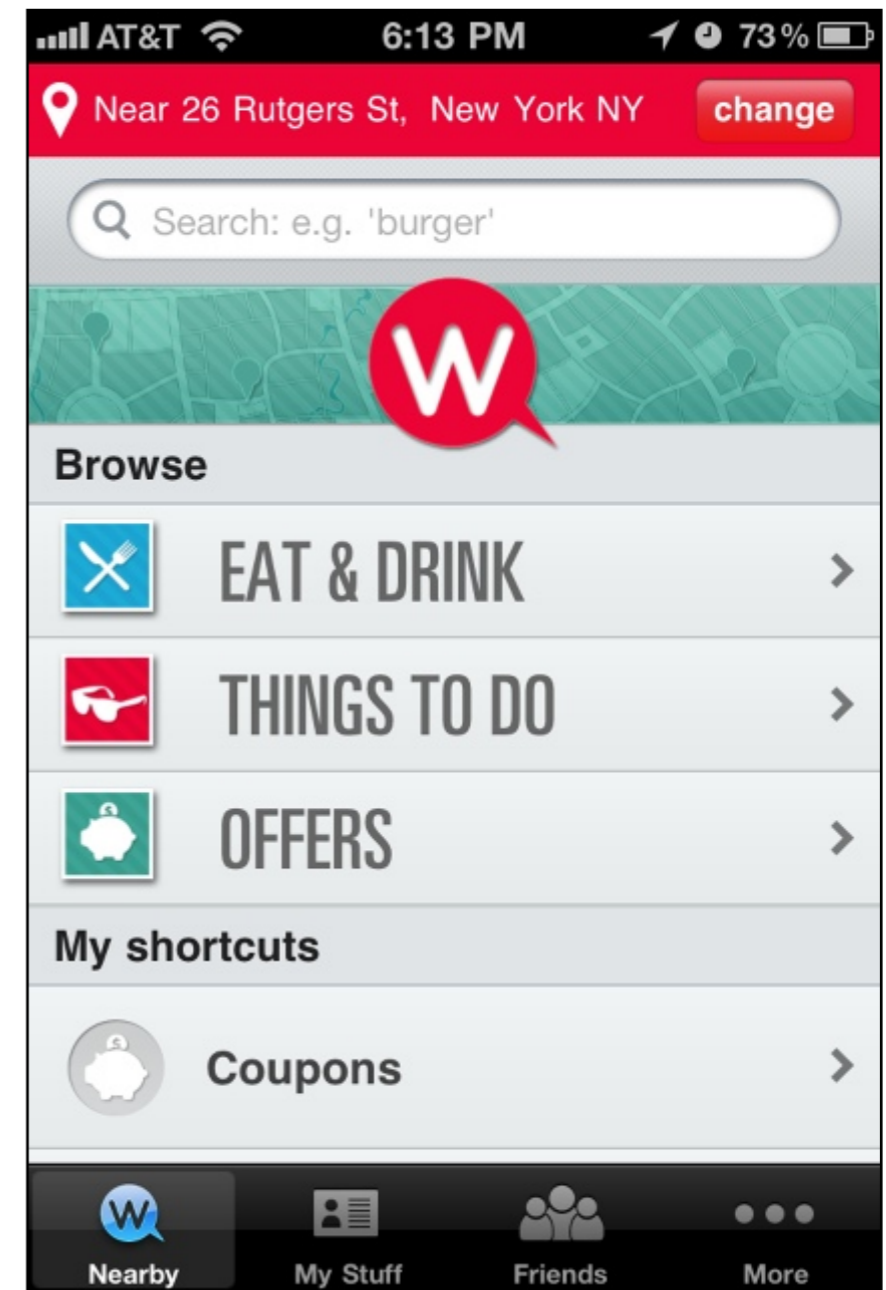- Easy to change or add to

Cons
- Takes up a full screen
- Have to go home to switch to a new task (but drop down menu approach is just as many clicks)
- Grid is hard to scan, needs icons
  - Solution is to do a list view (example: Where)

Dashboard continued
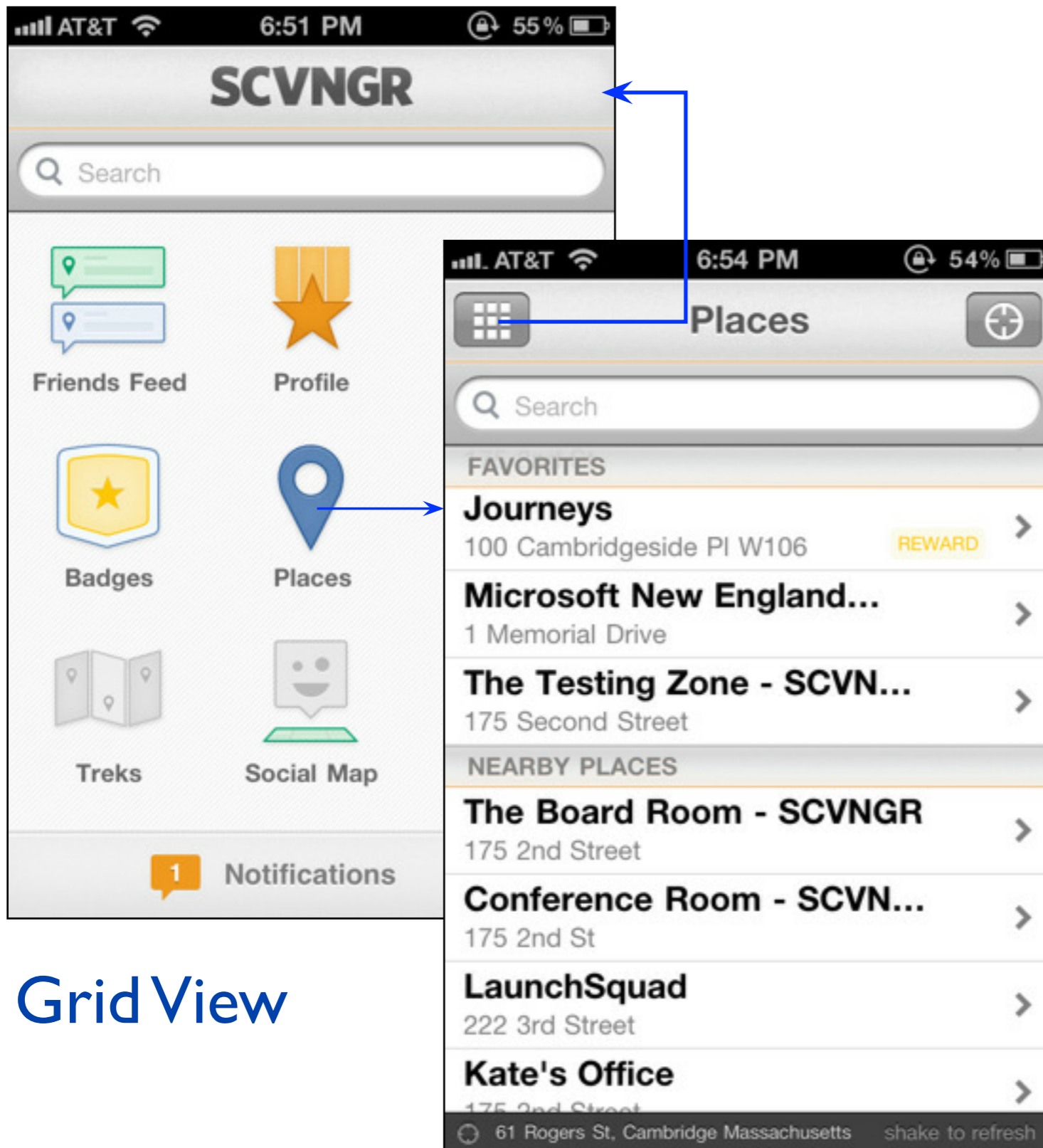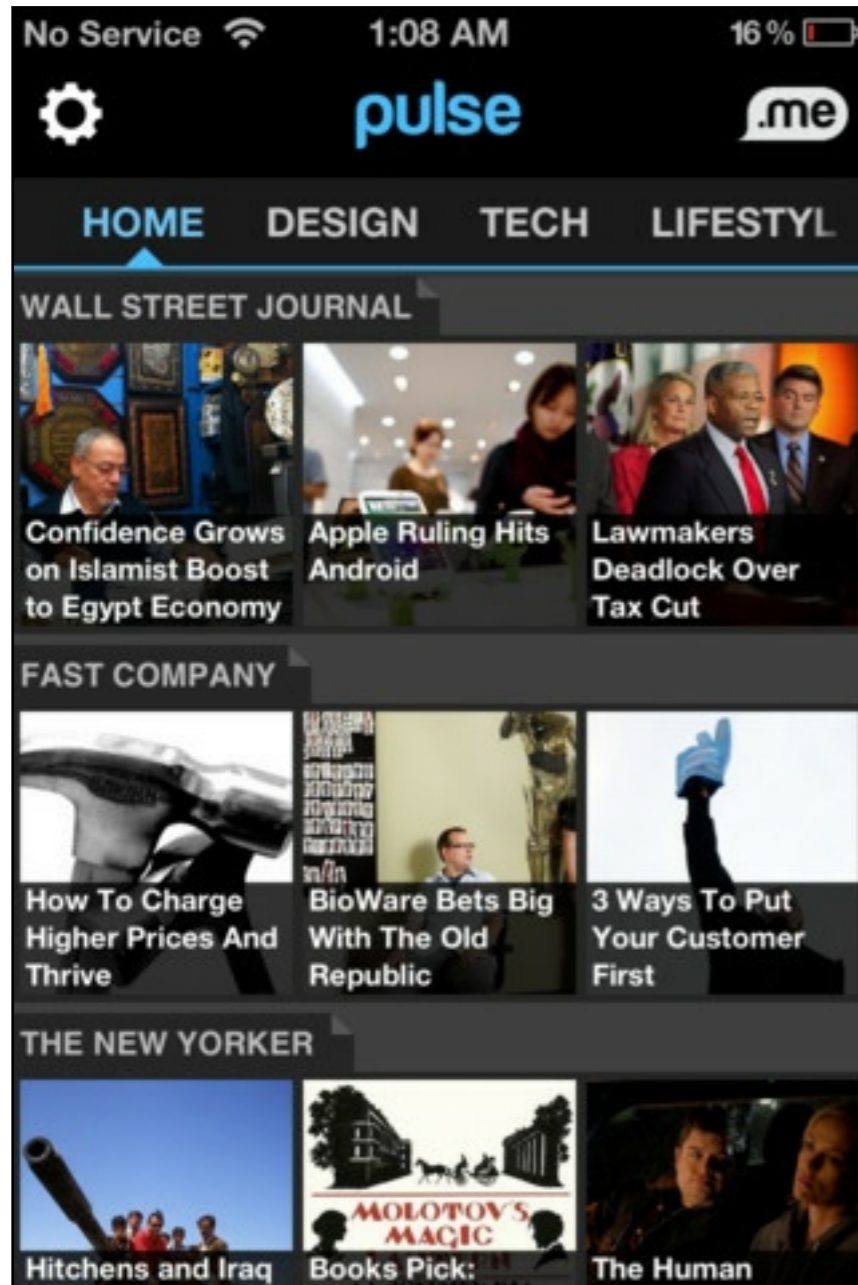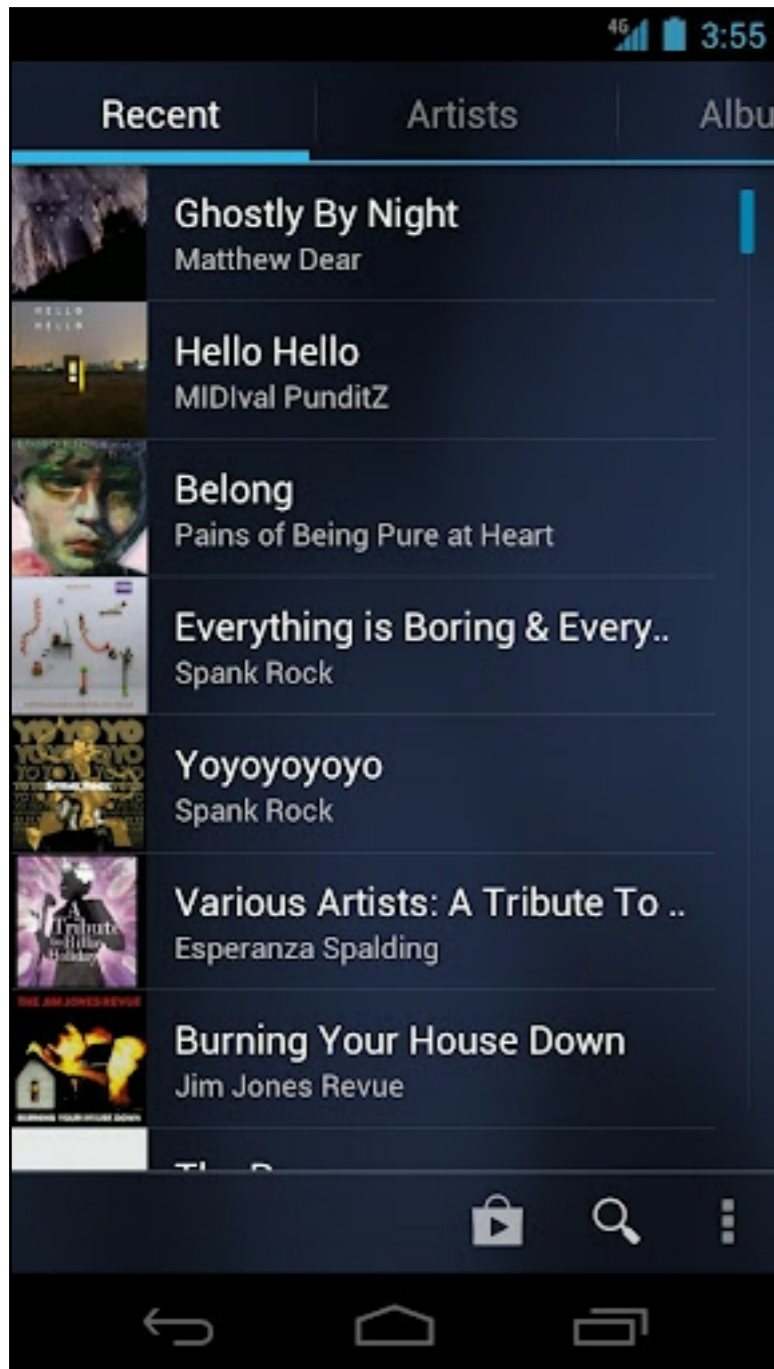

Grid View

List View

Scrolling Tabs

Pros
- Quick navigation without taking up a lot of screen real estate
- Gives the user a good sense of where they are within an app
- Allows for having more than 5 sections

Cons
- Typically used for categories, so might not be useful in our case for main navigation
- Horizontal scanning isn't as easy as vertical

Scrolling Tabs continued

Platform Specific Approaches

Pros
- Very familiar approach for users
- Limits user frustration and learning curve
- Allows the user to focus on the content quickly because they are following an already learned pattern
- Easier to get an app featured that follows platform guidelines
- Less need for user testing since you are following an already proven pattern
- Helps the app feel like a part of the OS

Cons
- Platform patterns may not efficiently solve our case

iOS tabs
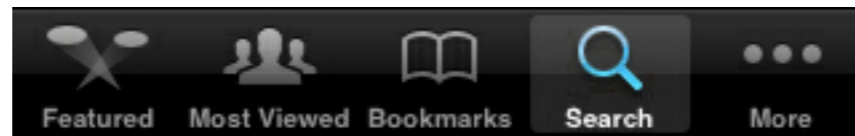
Pros

- A tab bar is well-suited for use in the main app view because it's a good way to flatten your information hierarchy and provide access to several peer information categories or modes at one time.
- One tap to change modes
- Navigation is obvious

Cons

- Limited to 5 tabs
- Takes up a lot of screen real estate
    - This is could be solved by having the navigation hide while scrolling to read content (example: Pinterest)

iOS tabs continued: Fading Nav
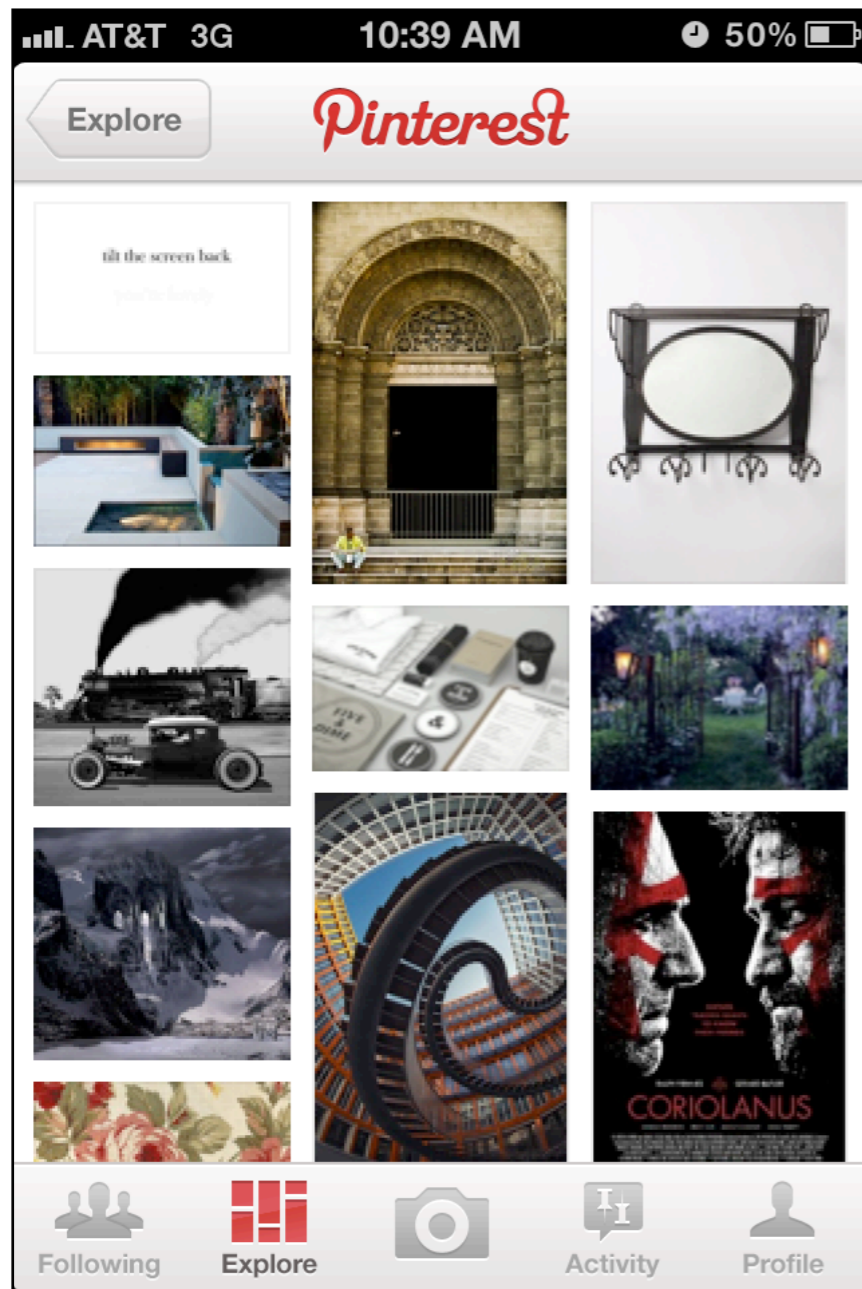
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Android action bar

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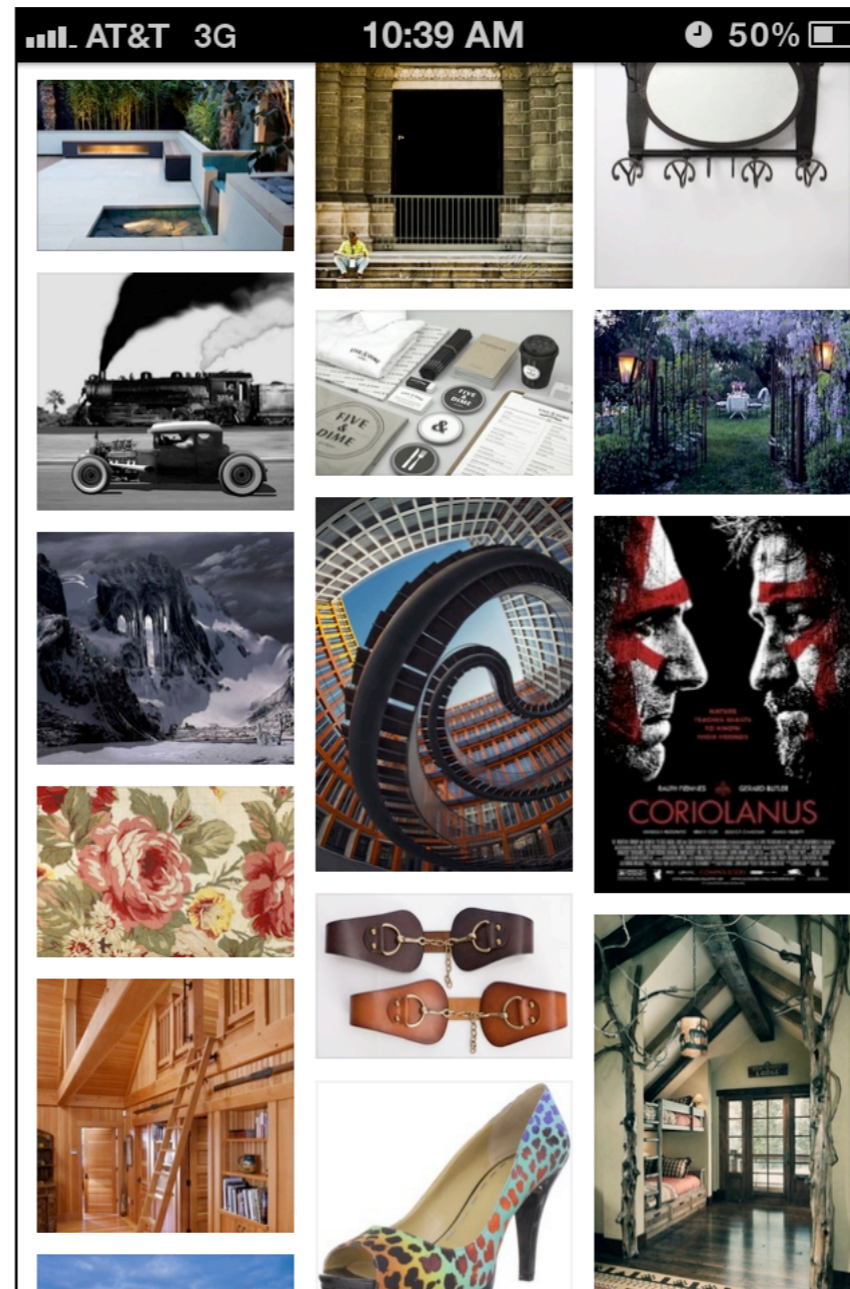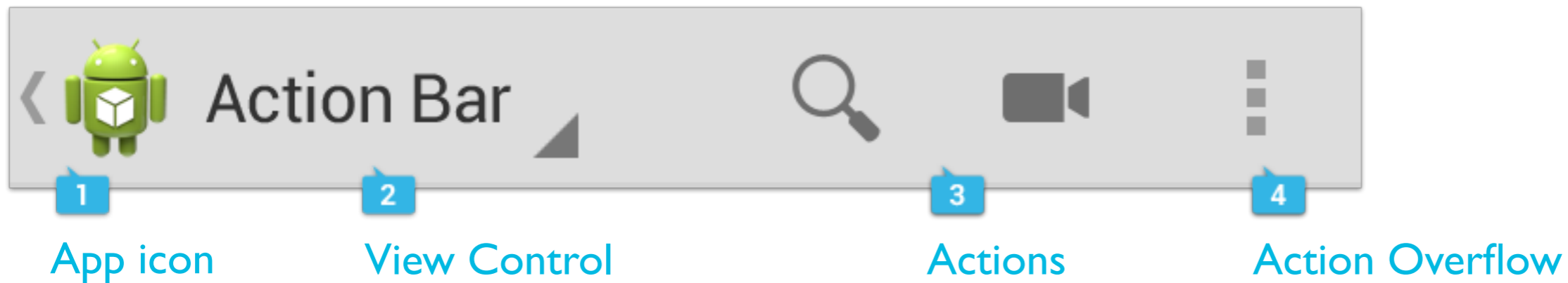
Pros
- Easy access to key functionality
- Provides a good anchor point within the app for users
- Allows branding to be present
- Can long click on icons to get a label

Cons
- Newer pattern so not all users may be adapted yet
- Limited number of actions present on screen in portrait mode (the rest fall under the overflow menu)

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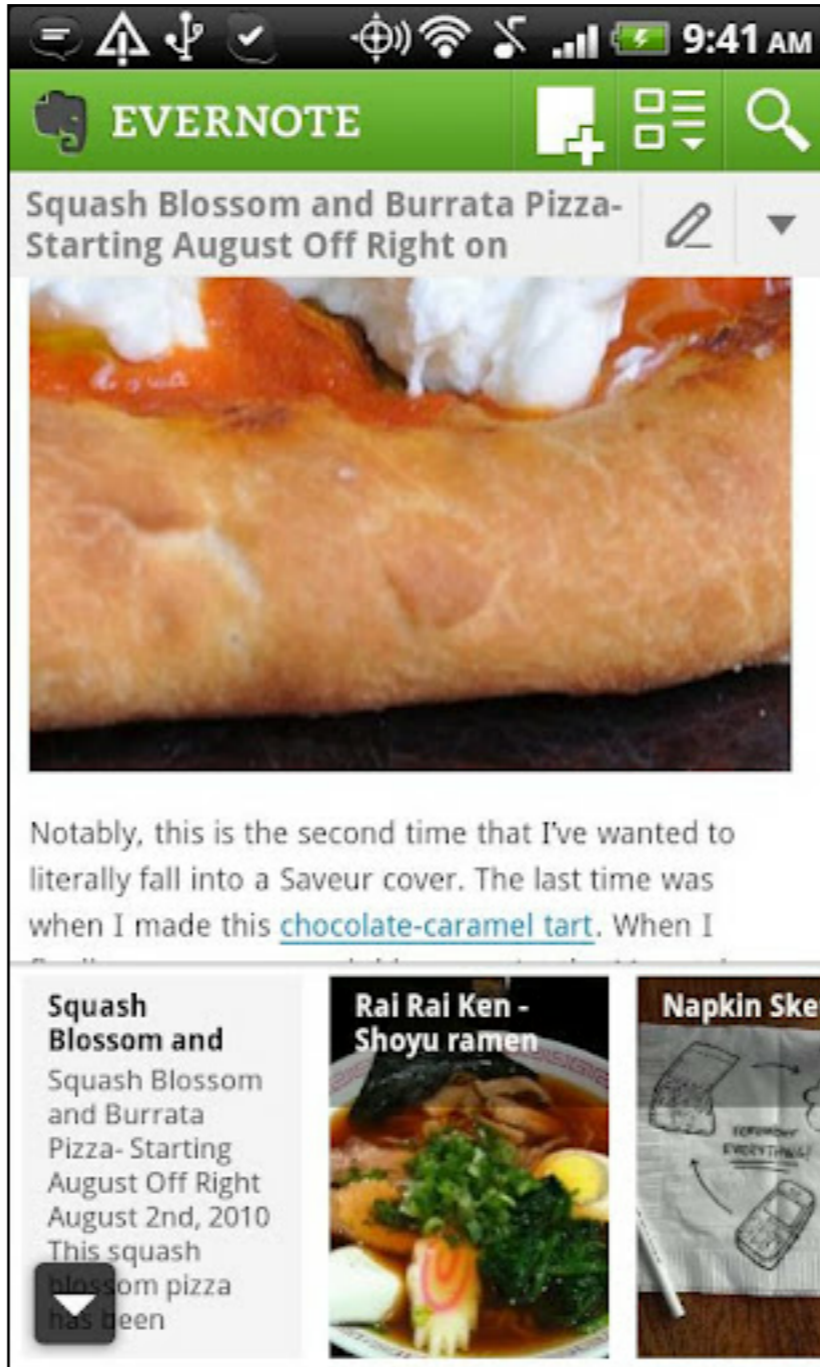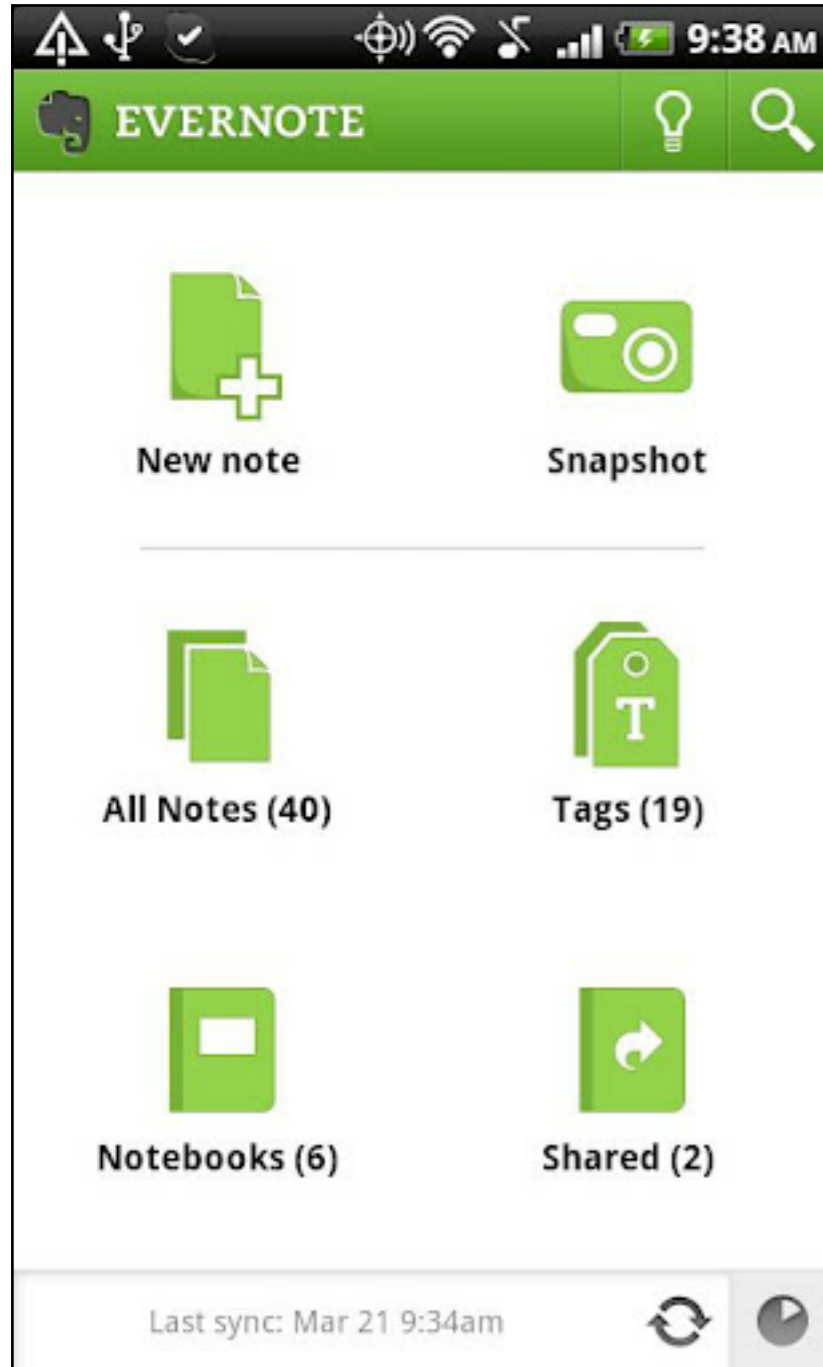
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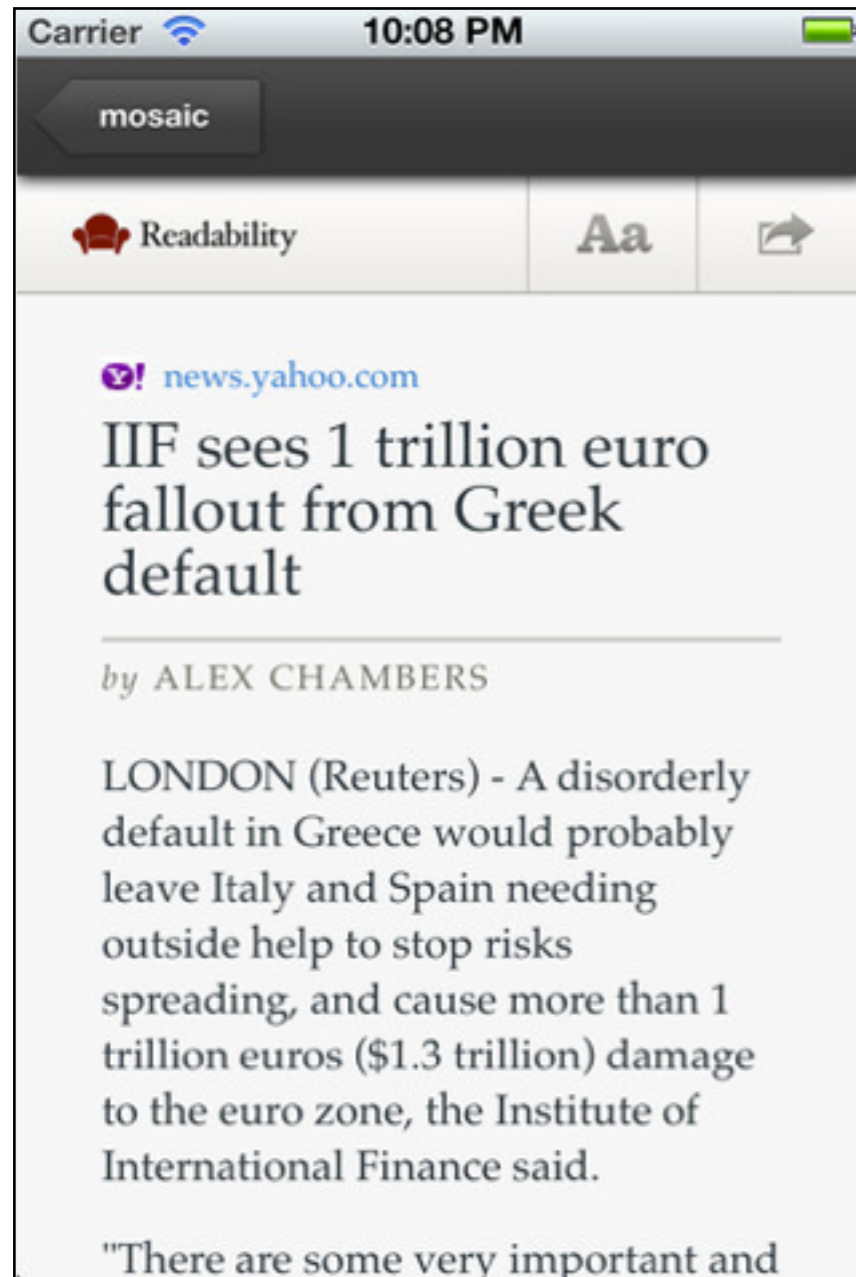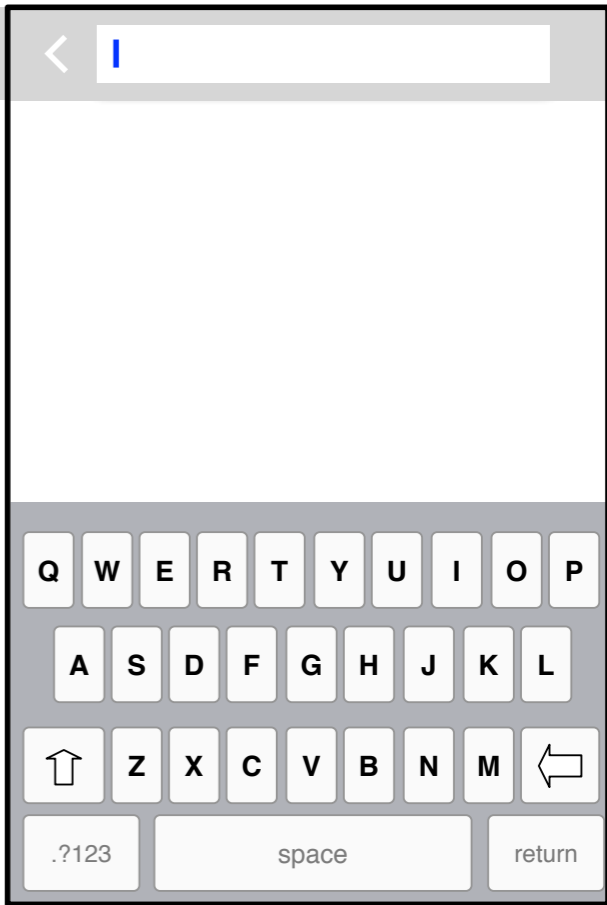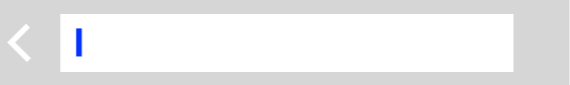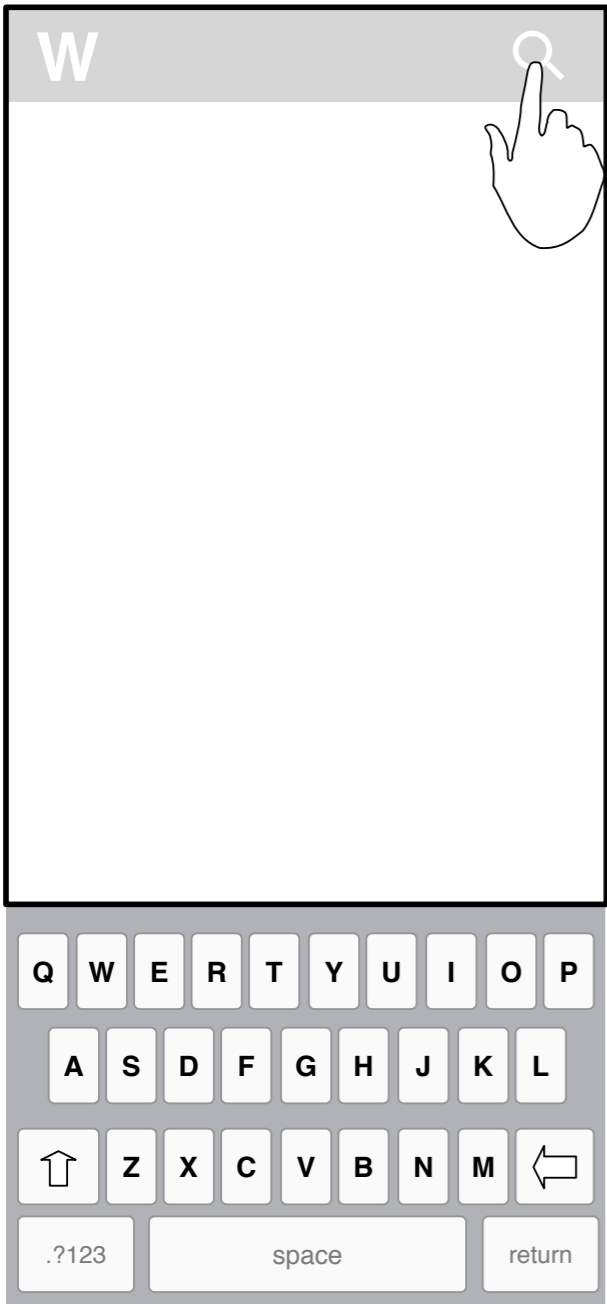
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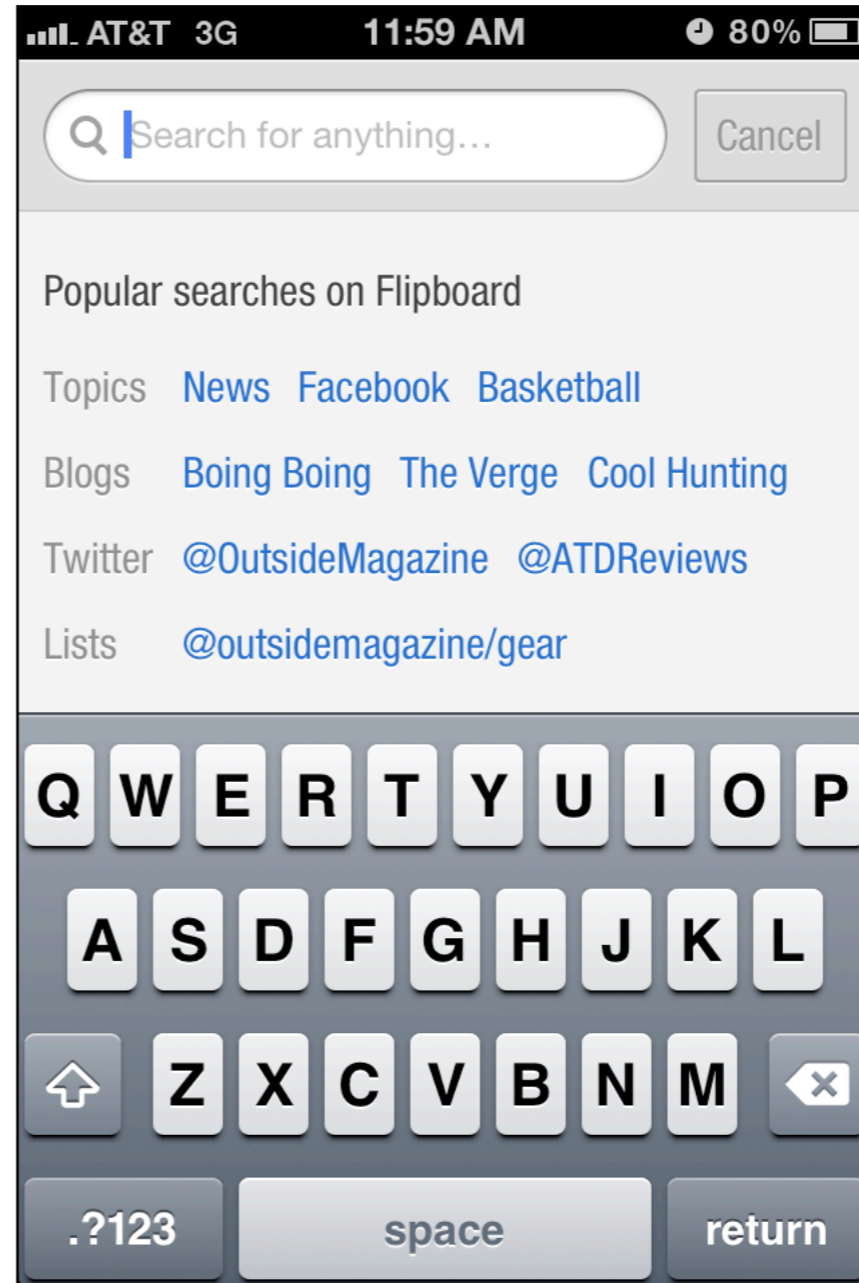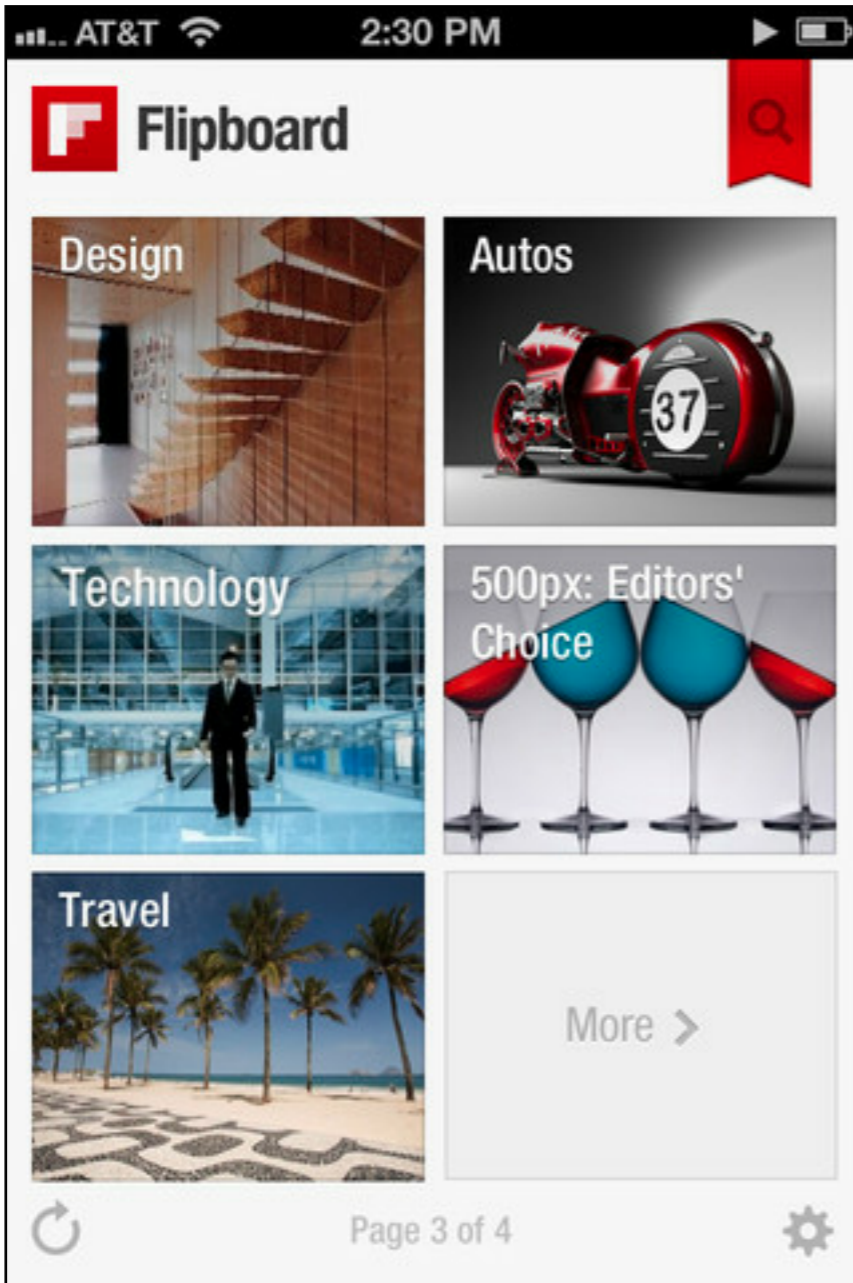
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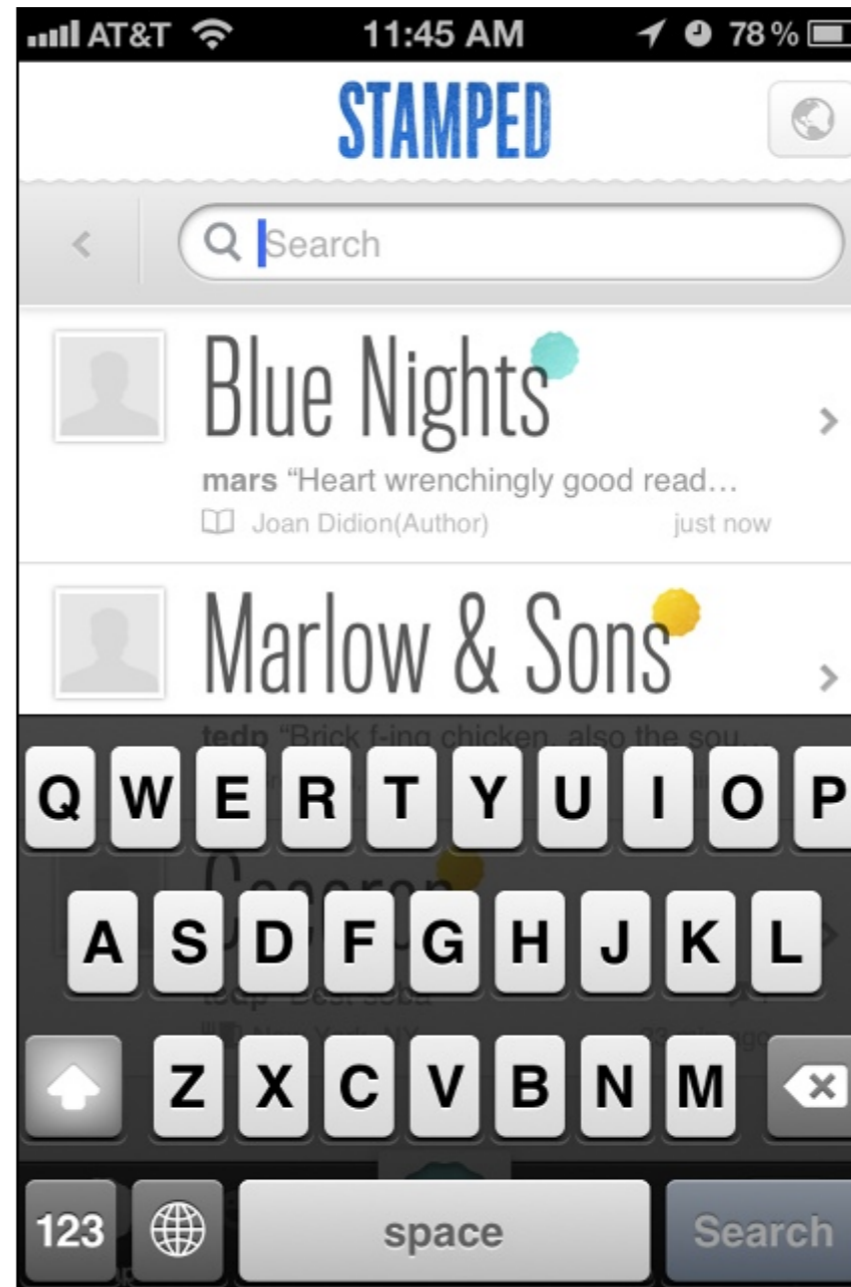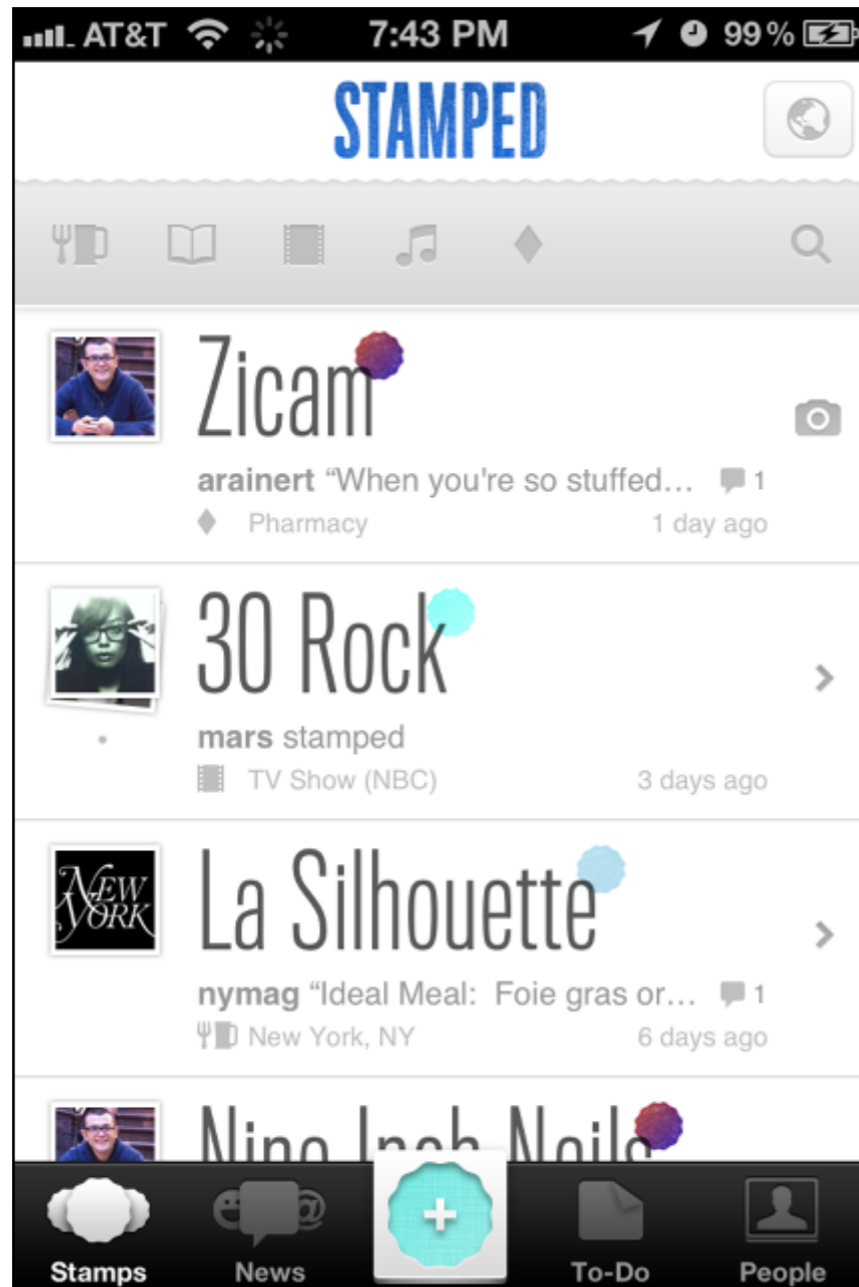Lorem ipsum dolor sit amet, consectetur adipiscing elit. Pellentesque consequat mollis diam, sed viverra magna accumsan eget. Nulla ut massa at augue sollicitudin imperdiet in at felis. Donec malesuada, leo pretium ultricies rhoncus, ligula purus gravida quam, a porttitor elit mauris at dolor. Praesent commodo nisl id quam fring... digni... lectu... phar... ut to...

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Pros
- Focus on Searching
- Quick access to content controls
- Gives room for an overflow menu

Cons
- Takes up more real-estate
- Won't translate well to the mobile site on iOS since it has a bottom toolbar already

Dashboard + Single Bar
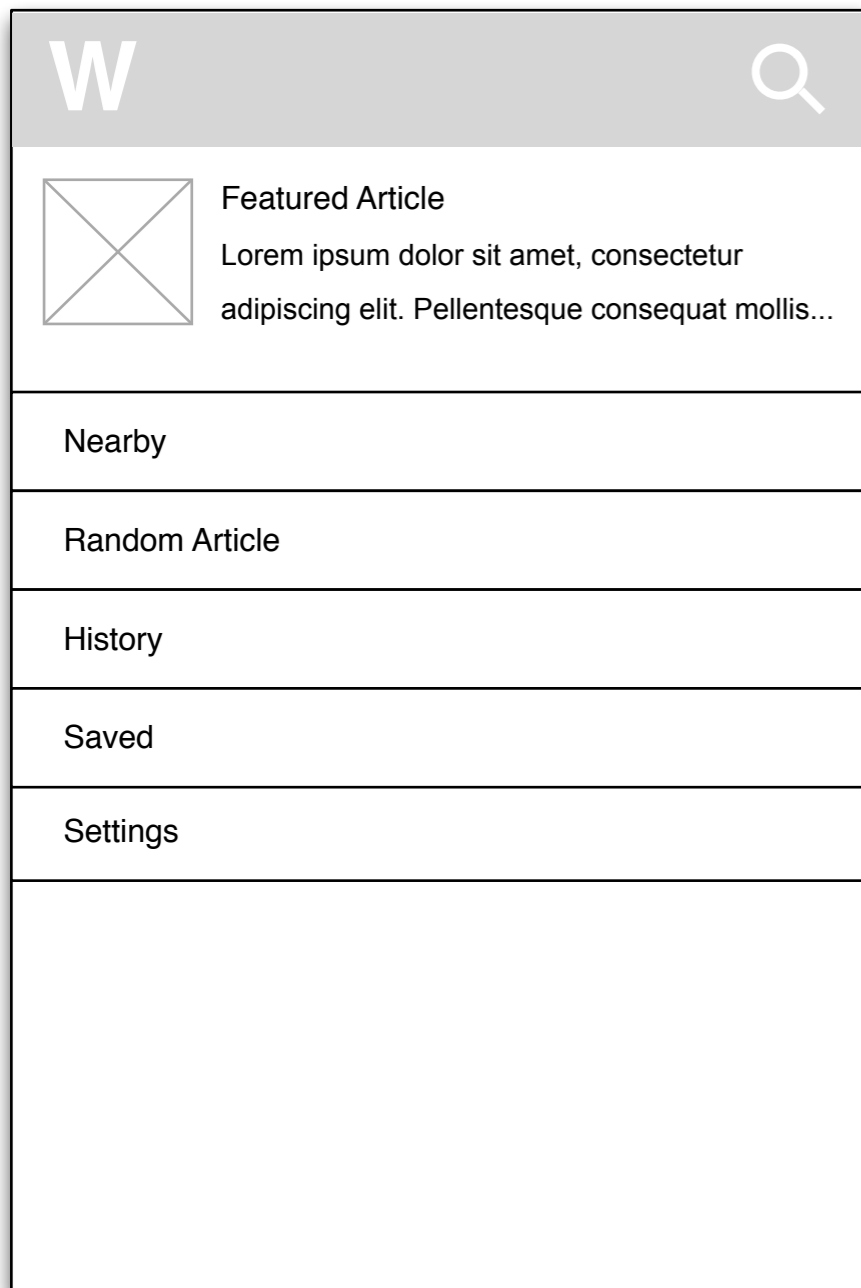
- Frees up screen space on an article view

- Doesn't focus on searching

Dashboard

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Combined Approach - Begins at Search

Simple Home - Focused on Searching
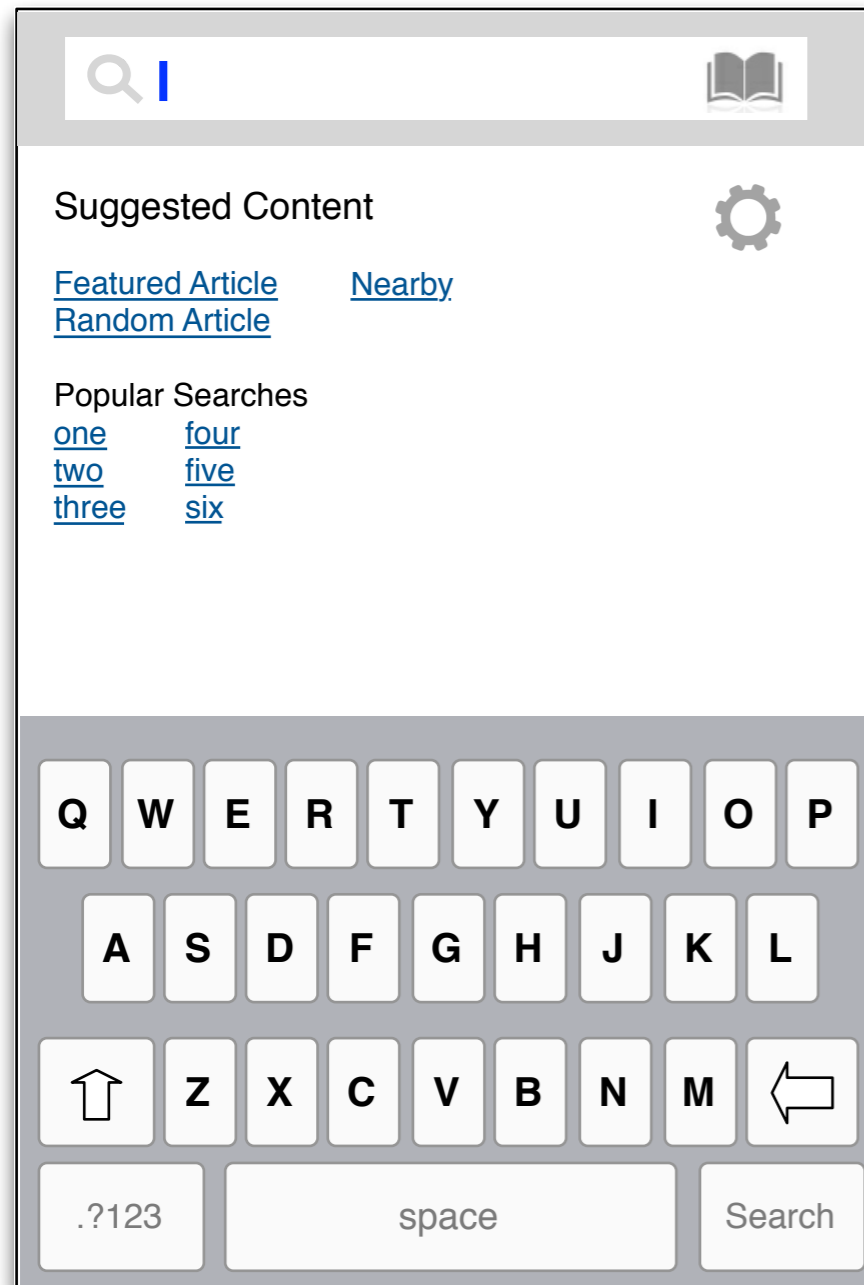
Article - Single Bar Control

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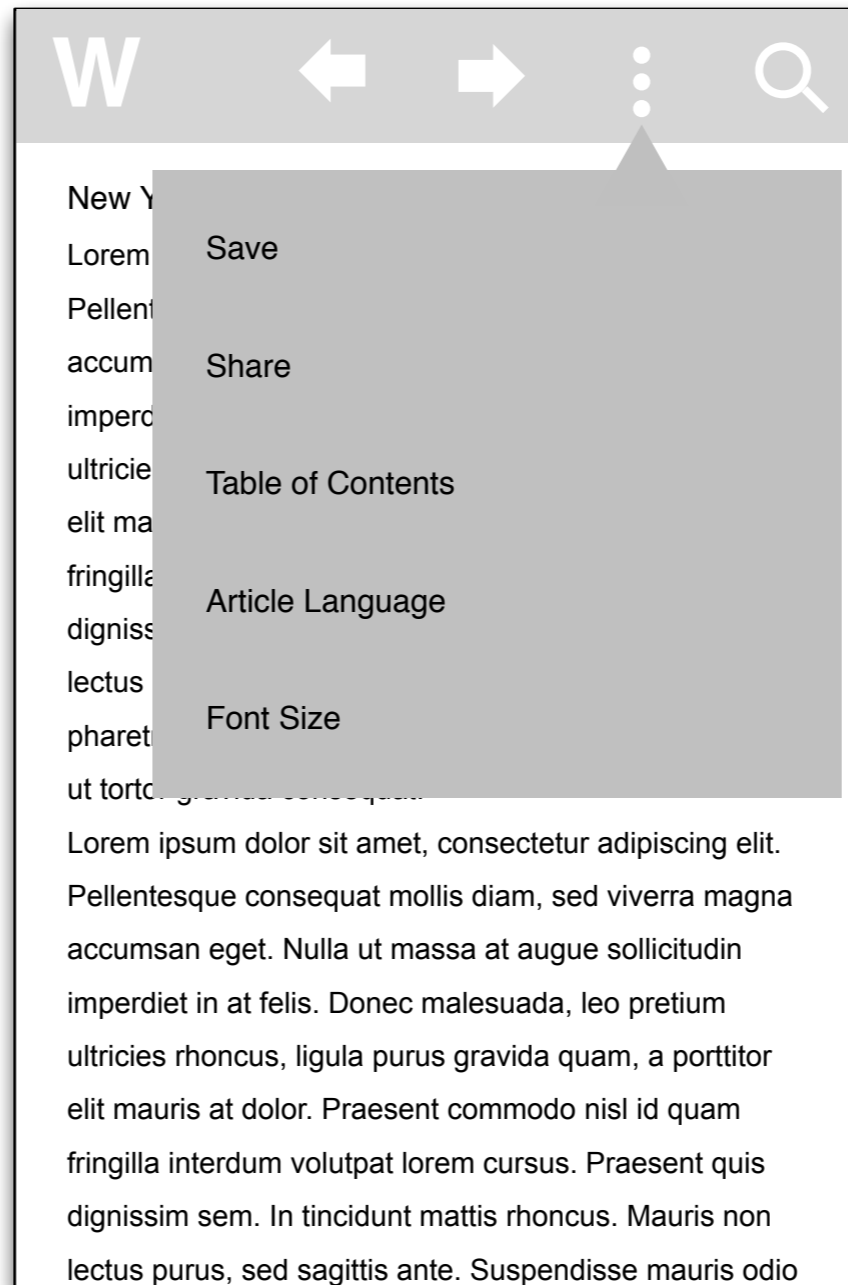
Pros
- Focuses on search
- Frees up screen space on an article view
- Will translate well to the mobile site
- Easy to add items to

Cons
- Could get cluttered on home search

Slide over menu style

Simple Home - Focused on Searching

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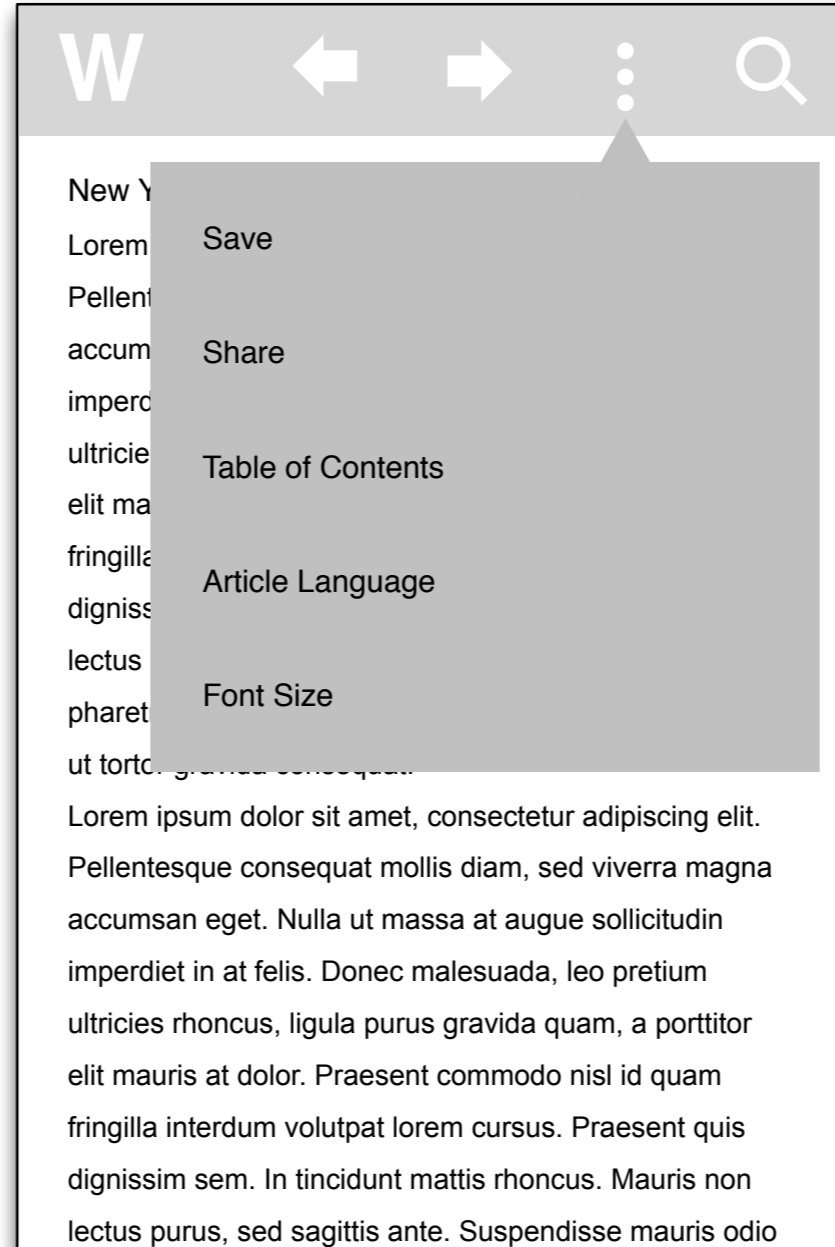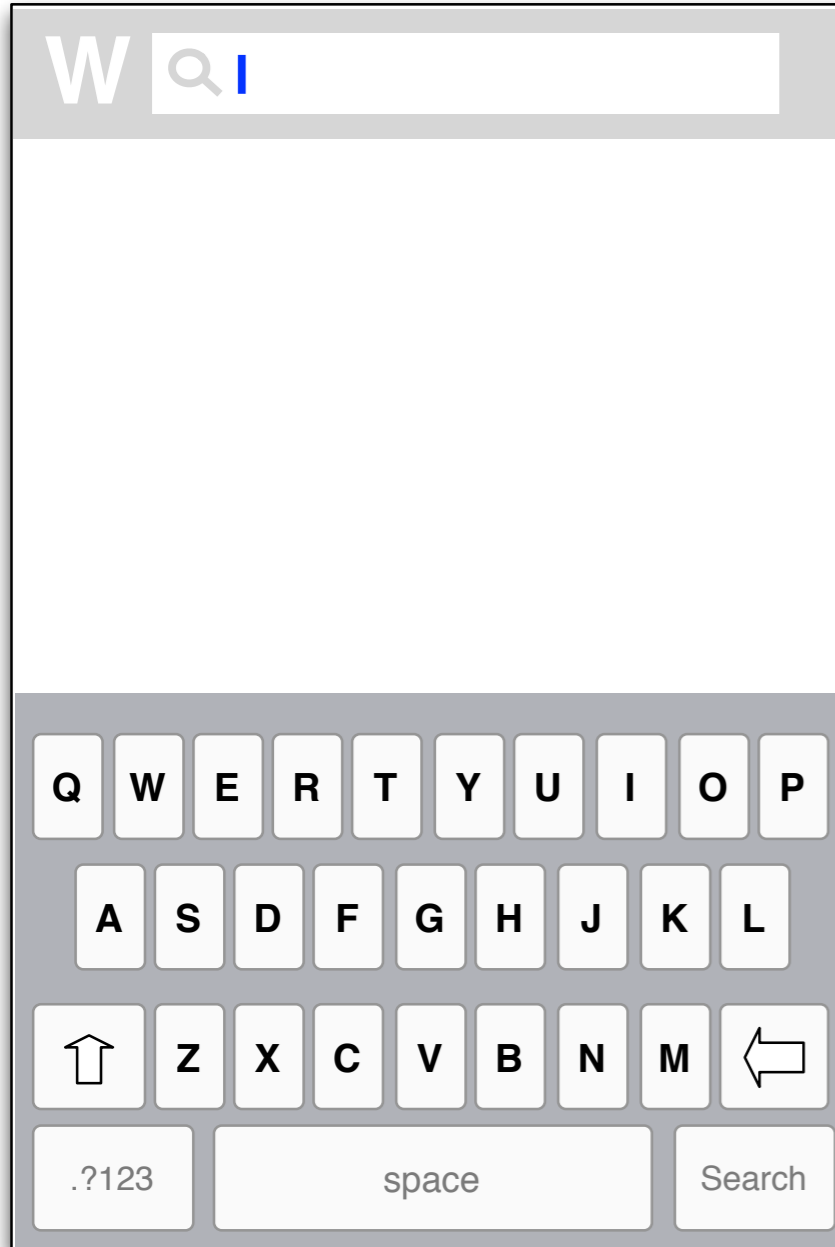**Table of Contents**

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- Search
- Home

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Additional Considerations

- Shake phone for random article
- Pull to refresh
- Support for landscape view
- Save articles for offline viewing