# A TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVE ON THE OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS OF FINTECH

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# FINTECH IS A LINE OF BUSINESS BASED ON USING SOFTWARE TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL SERVICES.



#### • Why Fintech?

- Market of financial services, traditional banking, is imperfect. Tech companies like Uber, AirBNB, Netflix, etc. show us the value of frictionless customer experience
- Traditional banks do not improve sufficiently fast



#### Why NOW?

- Our society is disrupted by web-scale companies with new design principles
- APIs allow the orchestration 3<sup>rd</sup> party services into business processes



#### • What does it mean for banks?

- Great opportunity because many Fintech companies deliver services to banks
- Great threat because Fintech companies aim to disrupt banks
- Great uncertainty because responsibilities shift to the unknown



# MARKET OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, IS IMPERFECT. TECH COMPANIES SHOW US THE VALUE OF FRICTIONLESS CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

- Our customers are dramatically influenced by online frictionless experiences of web scale companies like: Spotify, Netflix, Amazon, Mint, BankSimple and Bol.com:
- Their apps are always available with a very high reliability
- They provide a **responsive user experience**
- They offer **features** which are **extremely relevant** to **their users**
- They deliver with incredible agility
- We have a problem fulfilling customer expectations in our banking presence.



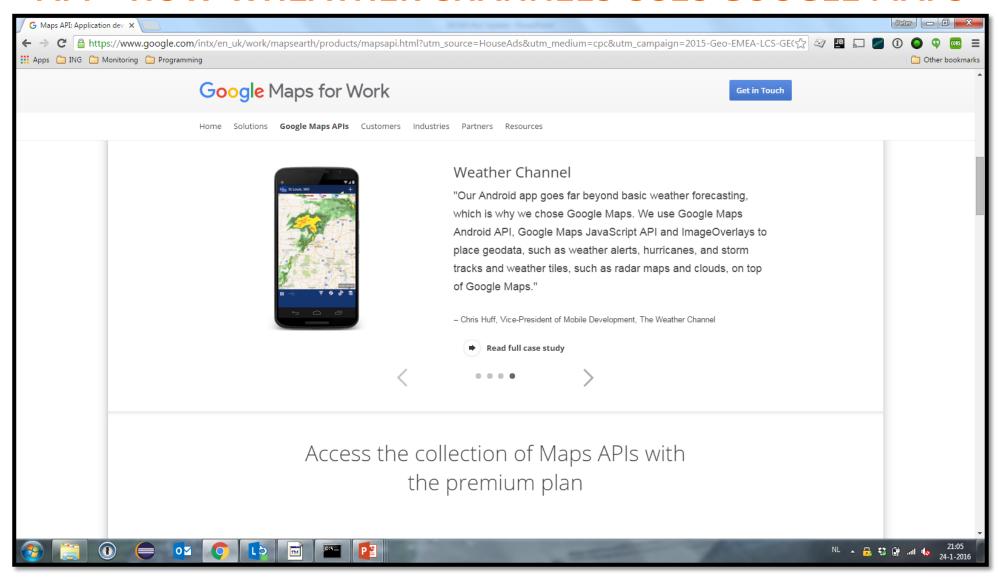


### WHAT DO WEB SCALE COMPANIES HAVE IN COMMON?

- They designed for Scalability by building on web technologies and architecture
- They designed for Responsiveness by extensive caching
- They designed for Availability by providing distributed systems and use of cloud technology
- They designed for Customer Experience outside-in thinking of APIs
- They designed for Experimentation release frequent, use data, adapt
- They designed for APIs delivering services to other services, not to humans

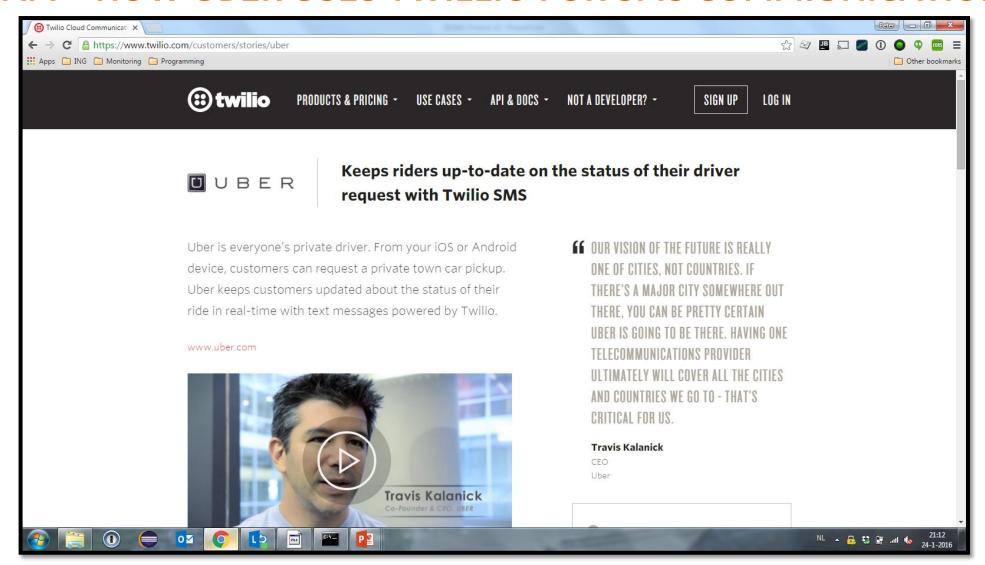


# **API – HOW WHEATHER CHANNELS USES GOOGLE MAPS**





# API – HOW UBER USES TWILLIO FOR SMS COMMIUNICATION





## **OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS FOR BANKING**



#### Opportunities

 Many Fintechs deliver API based solutions to banks that strengthen their customer journeys. Examples are enormous: from SMS communication to identity check to document storage, etc. etc.



#### • Threats

• Fintechs aim to disrupt the banking proposition. Typical examples are account aggregators, e.g. Mint.com, lending providers, e.g. LendingClub or payment solutions, e.g. Adyen



#### Uncertainty

• What happens if a start-up Fintech that connects on behalf of its customers via APIs to their current accounts @ING is hacked? Who takes responsibility for the financial loss for the customers? Should regulator place every startup under supervision?

