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### INTRODUCTION

# Have you ever...

- Been late for a rent payment?
- Had trouble with maintenance requests?
- Struggled to find reliable information on the internet while looking for apartments?



# The space

- 32% of apartment building owners are looking to improve customer service (Jan 2011)
- **58%** of apartment building owners worry about timely rent payment (Sept 2010)
- 53% of apartment seekers are using the internet as their primary source of information during apartment hunting (Sept 2010)

Source: J Turner Research, jturnerresearch.com



# Aparto is...

A property management service to facilitate transparent and efficient *communication* between apartment *building managers* and *tenants*.

And a platform for tenants to provide consistent customer *feedback* to managers and *apartment seekers* to help the apartment hunting process.

### **TENANTS**

to share their voice.



### **APARTMENT SEEKERS**

to get genuine, up-to-date reviews from real tenants.

### **BUILDING MANAGERS**

to ensure transparent and effective management.



### **REAL ESTATE OWNERS**

to stay more in touch with their properties.



### **MAINTENANCE CREWS**

to get real-time and accurate information about their responsibilities.

### THE NEED

#### **Tenants**

- Transparent communication with the management
- Better management service
- Means of providing feedback to management



#### Apartment Building Managers

- Effective and speedy communication with the maintenance crew
- Consistent customer feedback from tenants
- Better management service



#### Maintenance Workers

- Efficient maintenance work
- Appreciation for the work



### Real Estate Management Company Owners

- Ability to see the voice of the tenants
- Transparent information on the state of their properties
- Better control over management



### Apartment Seekers

Unbiased and reliable information and reviews about apartments

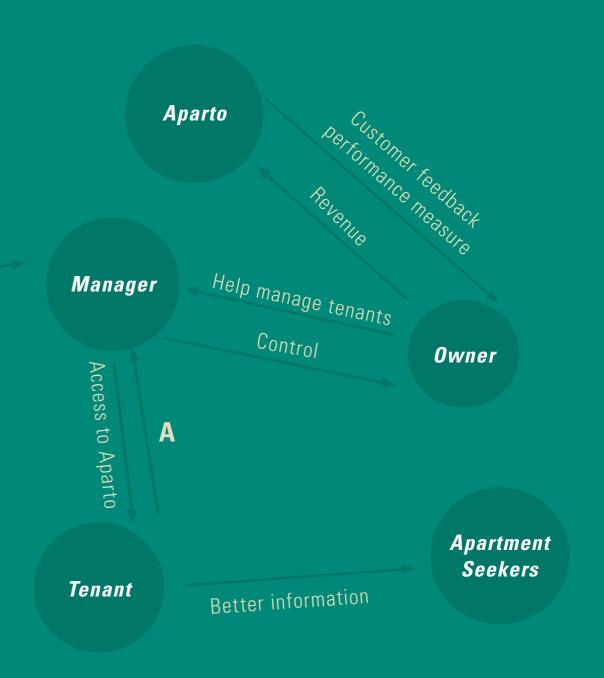


# Value Diagram

#### A:

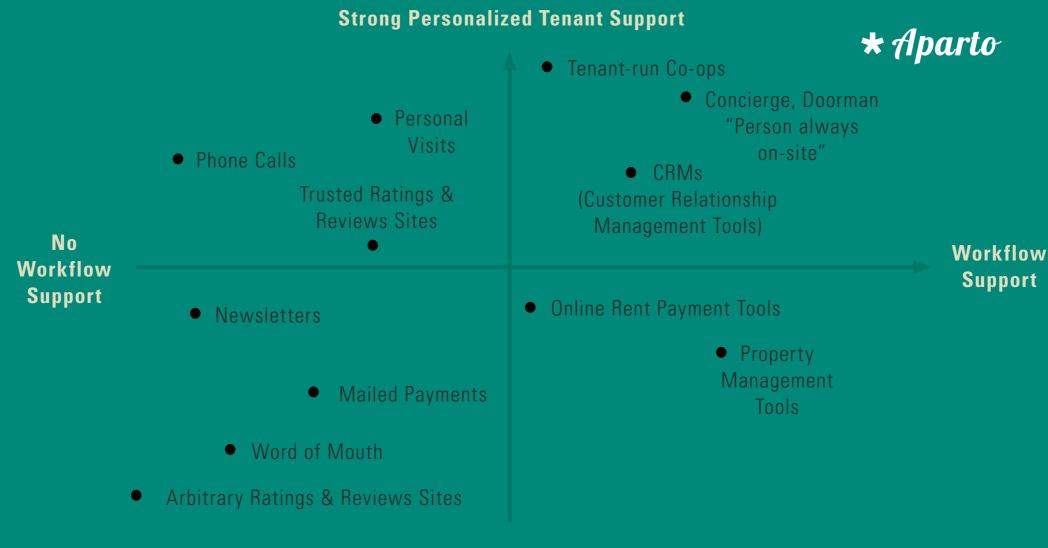
- Rent payment
- Maintenance request management
- Feedback of apartment
- Rating of apartment

Maintenance Team Status update/ Better service





# Territory Matrix



**Weak Management-Tenant Relations** 



maintenance real estate

# Aparto's Goals

By opening a channel of communication,
Aparto will **co-create value** with tenants
and building managers.

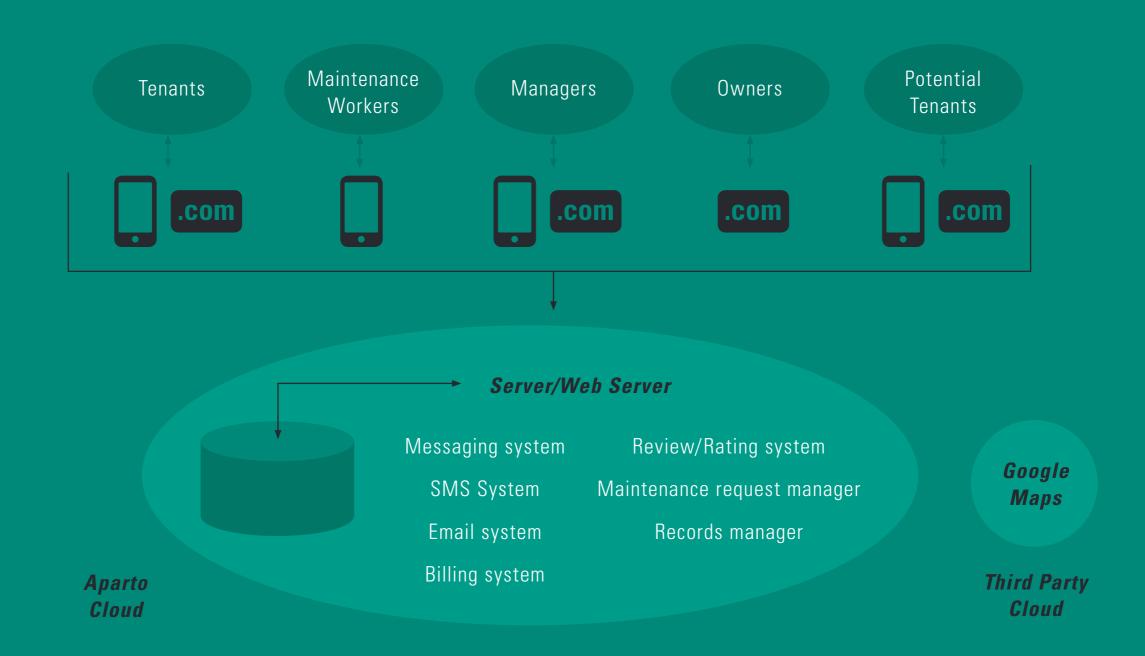
We are *rebundling* the experience of living in an apartment and interacting with management.





### **TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

## Block Diagram





## Resources

#### Manpower

 Front-end Developer, Smartphone Application Developer, Back-end Developer

#### Software and Hardware

- Linux, Apache, MySQL and PHP (LAMP)
- Amazon Web Service (Amazon EC2)

## Development Plan

#### Phase 1

- Back-end development
- Most important features for partial users

#### Phase 2

Add remaining feature to all users

#### Phase 3

Compatibility and multi-platform



### FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY

## Revenue Flow

Apartment owners

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simple monthlysubscription servicepercentage ofrent payment

Aparto



# Our assumptions...

Average units per apartment building: 100

According to apartmentratings.com, average rent in Pittsburgh for a 1-bedroom is \$728, 2-bedroom is \$847

#### Average rent per unit is:

\$800

And let's say we get 100 buildings on board to use the system in a year...

# Development Time

We need: 3 developers

25 weeks.

Υ	Use Case Lines	UUCW	Actor Weight	Subsys
Sign up/Register with Asunto +	5	10	2	
File a maintenance request (Tenant rates maintenance work & Tenant reviews updates on his	50		902	
maintenance request)	15	15	2	2
3. File a lost/found to (specific/all tenants)	3	5	1	
4. Pay Rent -> Review Apartment	13	15	1	2
5. Apartment Review on Web	5	10	1	
Owner check on manager through review	4	10	1	
Manager tracks apartment process (reviewing payment/review of maintenance people/ review apartment ratings)	5	10	1	
Tenant contacts management with some specific	1			25
issues that can not be solved by provided features.	5	10	2	
Reports/Updates/Takes Action on request.	5	10	2	
10. Checks on his reviews/ tenant rating	3	5	1	
11. Intervention in case of an orphan maintenance request/ faulty rent payment	10	15	3	
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Technical Complexity Factors	Weight	Assessr		
Distributed system	2	1	2	
Performance objectives	1	2	2	
End-user efficiency	2	3	6	
Complex processing	1	2	2	
Reusable code	1	0	0	
Easy to install	0.5	4	2	
Easy to use	0.5	3	1.5	
Portable	2	2	4	
Easy to change	2	4	8	
Concurrent use	1	3	3	
Security	2	4	8	
Access for third parties	1	0	0	
Training needs	1	2	2	
Total (TFactor)			40.5	
TCF			1.005	
Enviormental Factors				Bad Signs
Familiar with the development process	1.5	2	3	0.9.15
Application experience	1	3	3	0
Object-oriented experience	1	2	2	0
Lead analyst capability	0.5	2	1	0
Motivation	2	1	2	1
Stable requirements	2	1	2	1
Part-time staff	-1	2	-2	0
Difficult programming language	-1	1	-1	0
Total (Efactor)			10	2
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UCP			150.348	
Hours			3006.96	
Programmer-weeks		<u> </u>	75.174	
Number of programmers	3		200 p G M a 10 a 10 a	
Development time (weeks)			25.058	

**ONE TIME COST** 

## Development Cost

- 1 full time developer, 2 part time developer,
- 1 part time UI designer, 1 sales person

Cost: \$171,000

**ONE TIME COST** 

# Infrastructure cost

Database space at Amazon EC2, two servers

Cost: \$7,000



## Total Expenses

\$171,000 development labor cost + \$7,000 infrastructure cost

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\$178,000 start-up cost

**YEARLY** 

### Maintenance Cost

Full time developer, full time sales manager, Amazon EC2, Merchant Account and transaction fee

Cost: \$137,420



### Revenue

### **Aparto Subscription cost:**

\$1 per unit/month by the owner

#### **Rent Payments:**

2% of all the rent payments

**PAYMENT 1** 

# Owners Subscribing Monthly

Charge \$1 per unit per month, \$50 minimum

- \$1/unit per month
- x 100 units/building
- x 100 buildings
- x 12 months

**\$120,000** / year



**PAYMENT 2** 

## Paying for Rent Transaction

2% of every rent transaction

- x 25% of Aparto Subscribers
- x \$800 average rent per unit
- x 100 units
- x 100 buildings
- x 12 months

**\$480,000** / year



**\$600,000 YEARLY PROFITS - \$313,420 STARTUP COSTS =** 



we'll be making in first year

\$600,000 YEARLY PROFITS - \$137,420 MAINTENANCE COSTS =



we'll be making in second year

For each new apartment building in the Aparto network we will make:

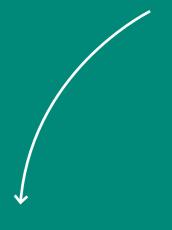
\$16,800



### CONCLUSION

## Social

- Improve interactions between building management and tenants
- Helping tenants see their management is about serving them
- Allow apartment seekers to find truthful, up-to-date reviews in one easy-to-reach location



## Economic

- Building managers already pay for mediocre software that does this; payment for this type of service would not be something new
- Subscription service provides monthly revenue

A channel
to facilitate transparent
and effective communication
between building managers
and tenants, and provide
a means of consistent
customer feedback.

## Technology

- Smart phones and web services are increasingly prevalent for consumers and businesses
- Extend the functionality of management software to directly reach tenants
- Improving transactions to be more transparent and secure
- Providing "just-in-time" information for emergency and non-emergency situations



### VIDEO SKETCH





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