

# The mobile platform world

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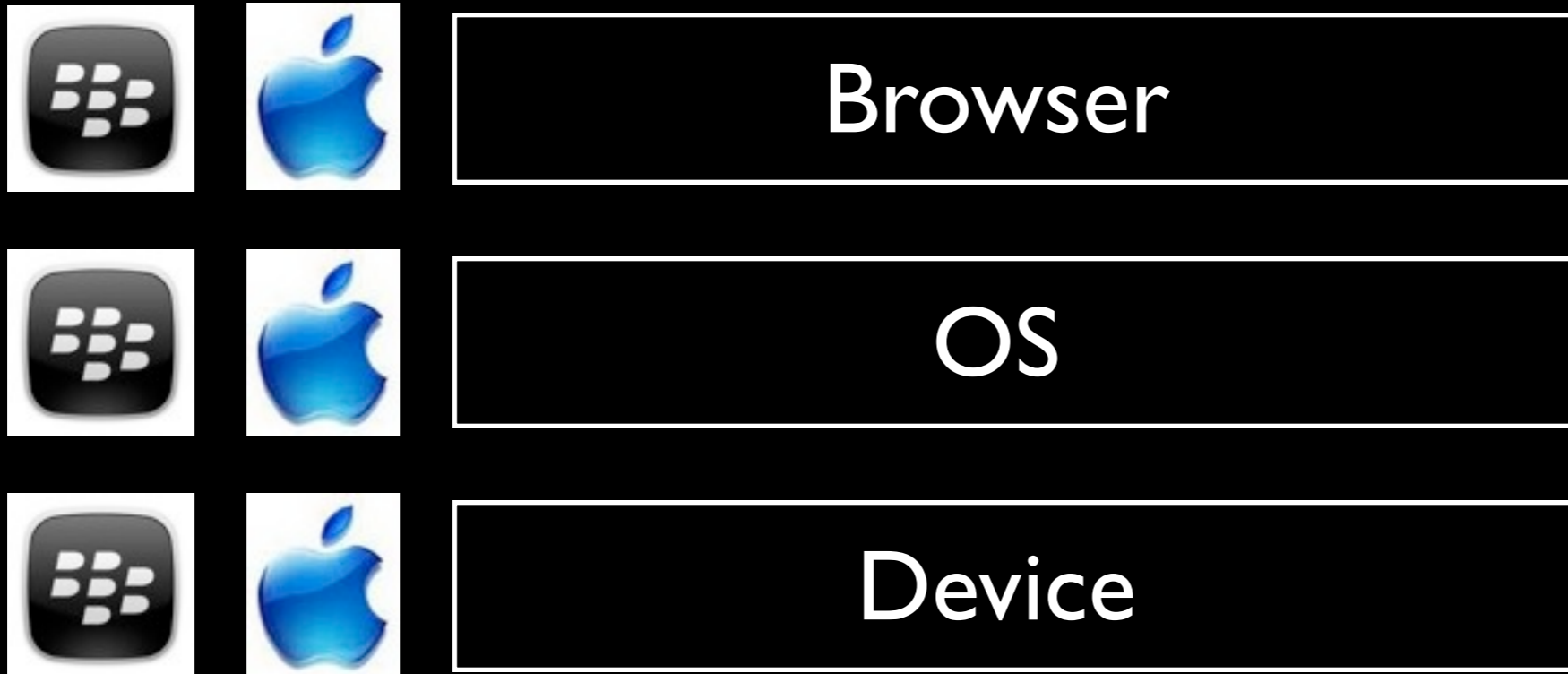
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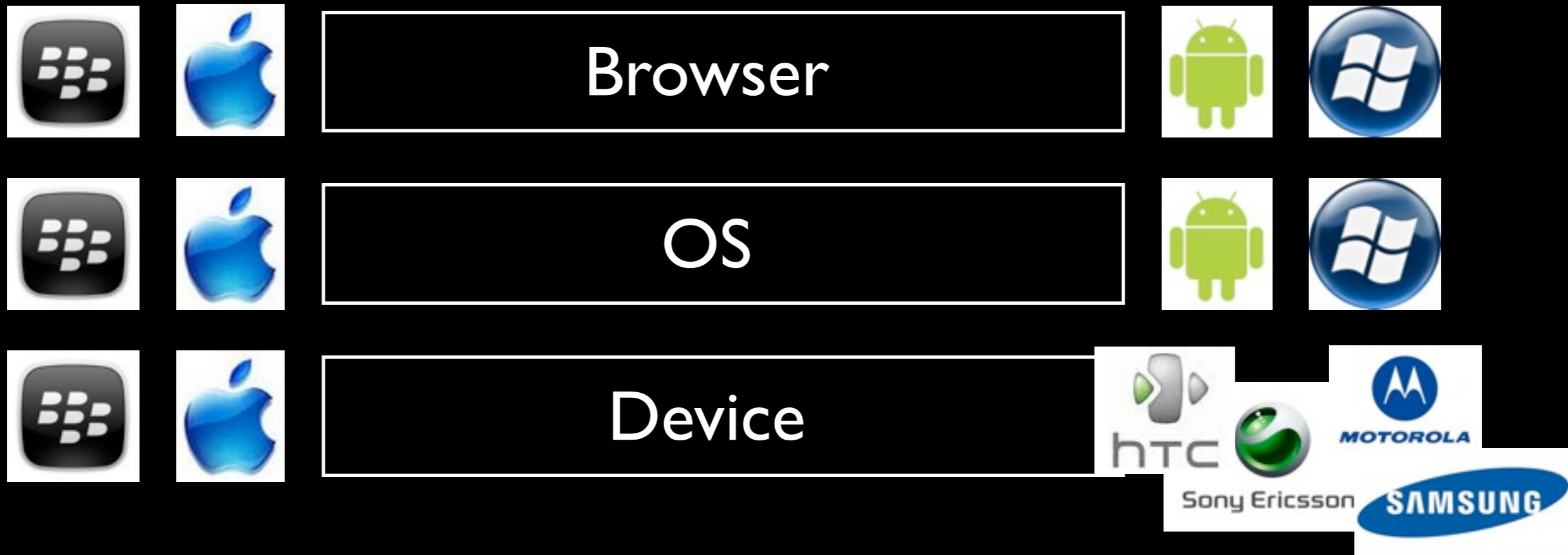
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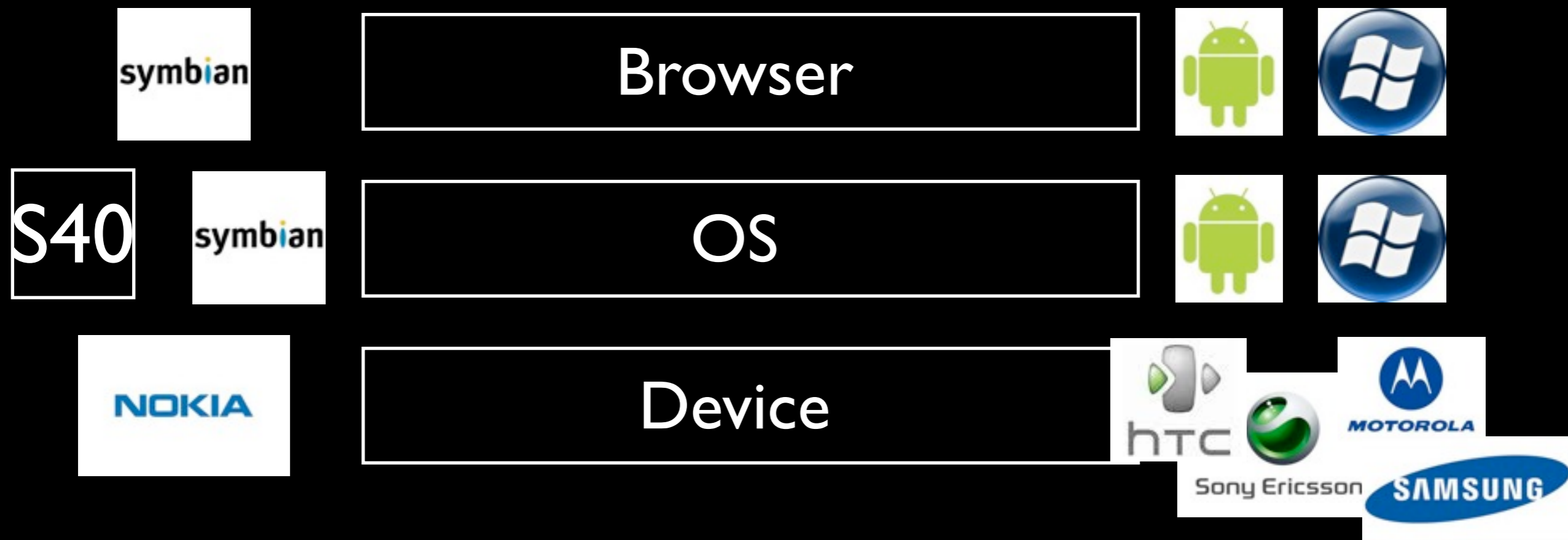
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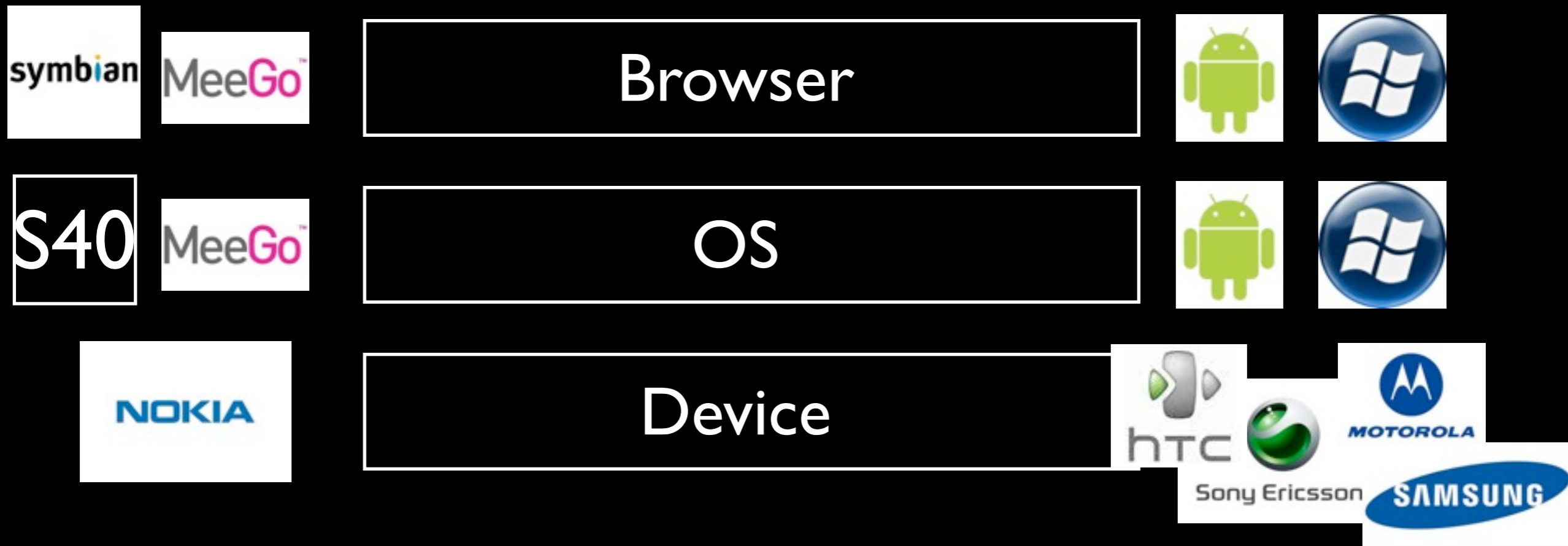
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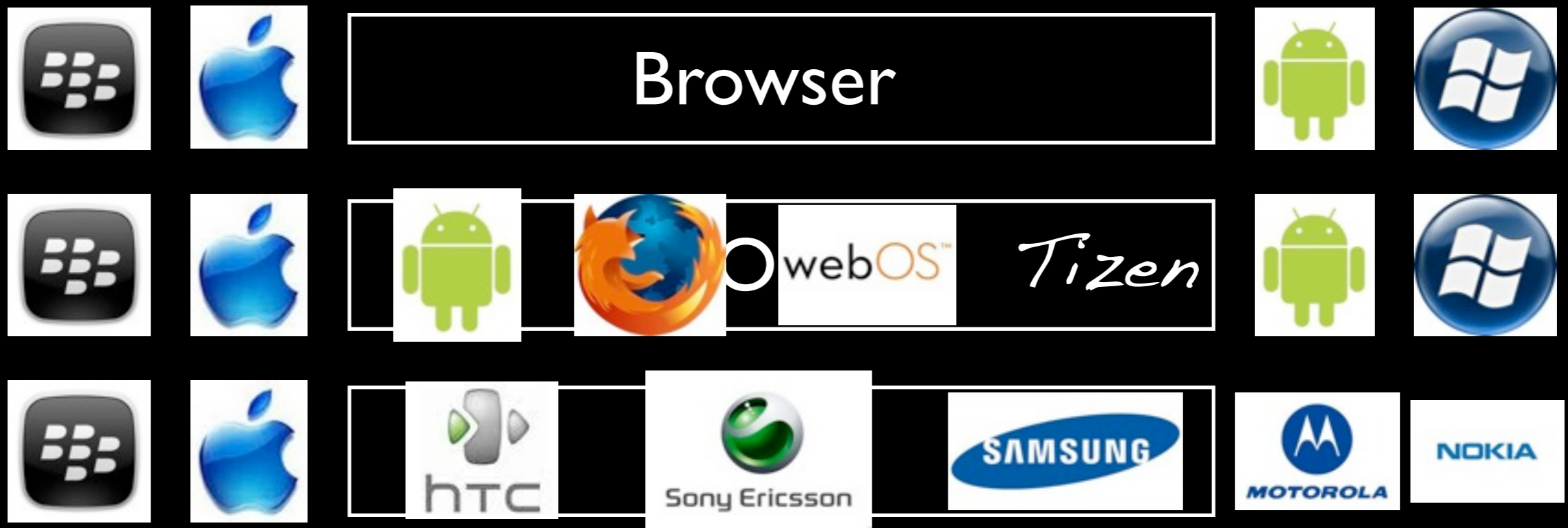


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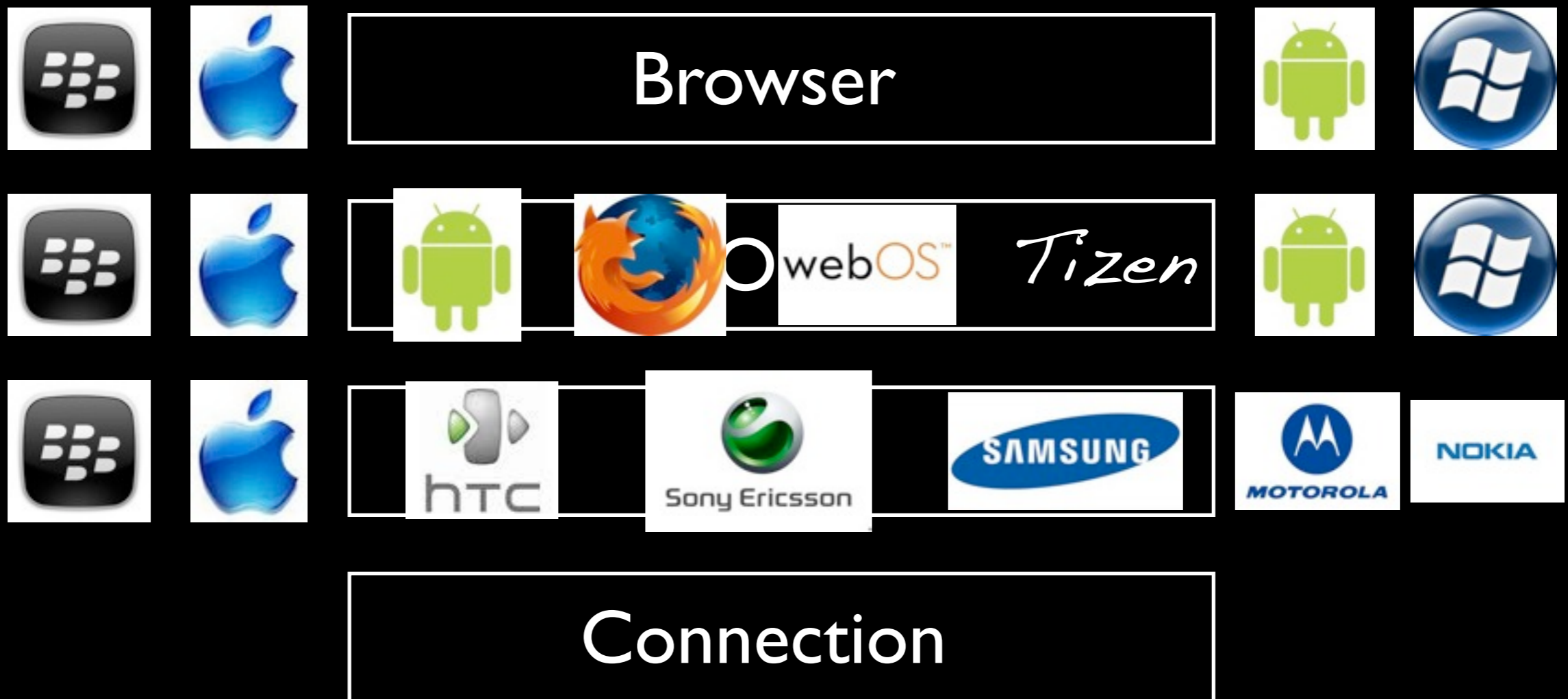




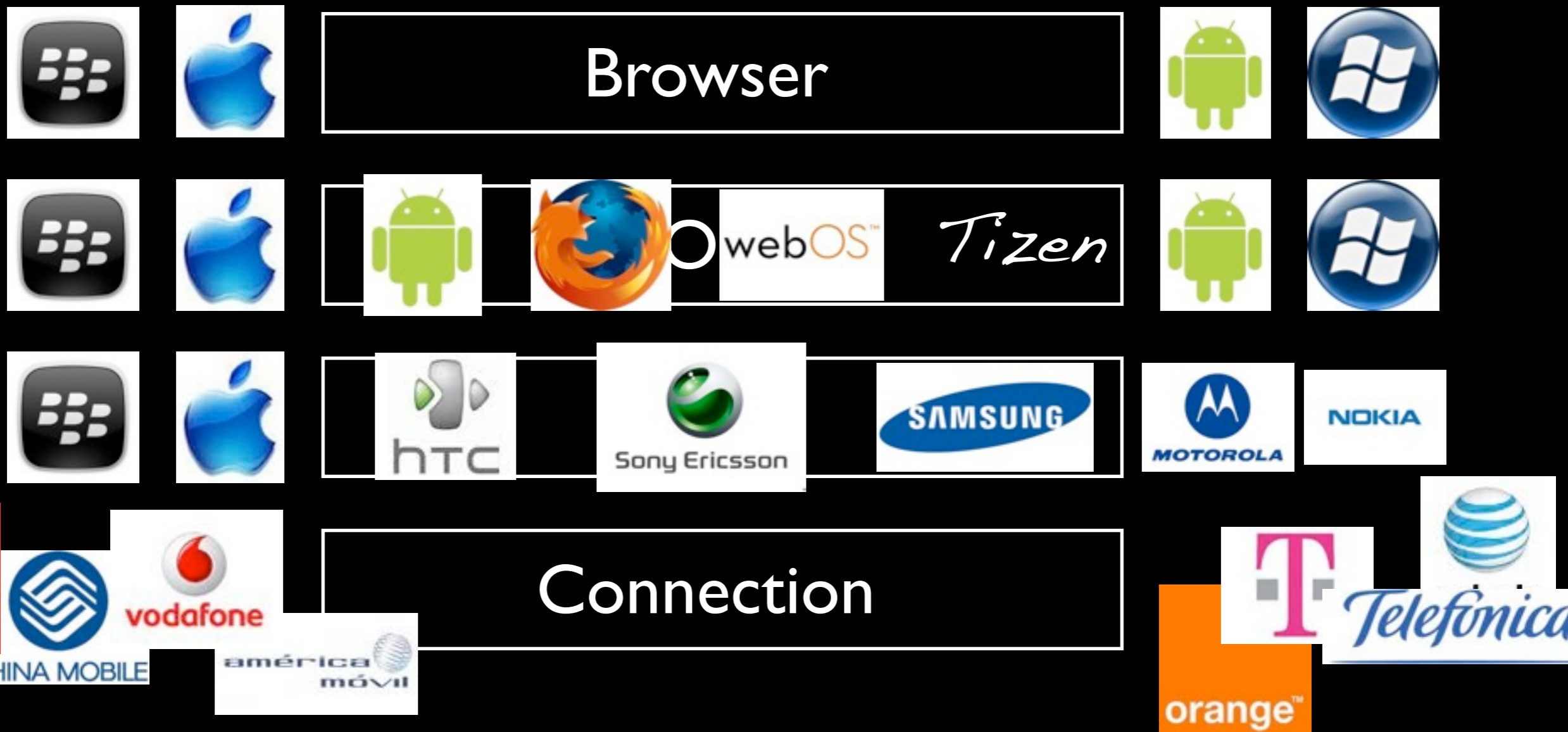
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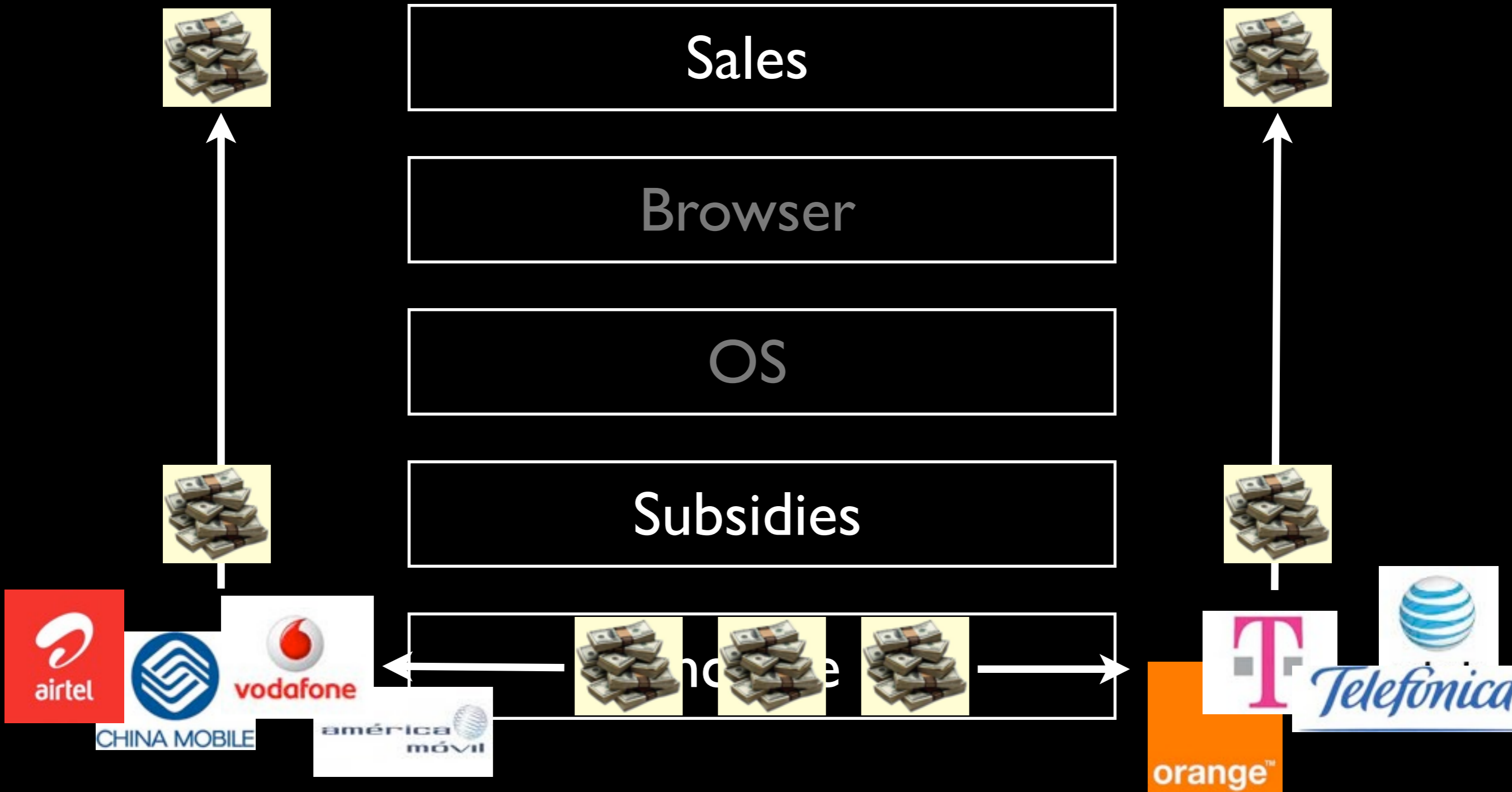
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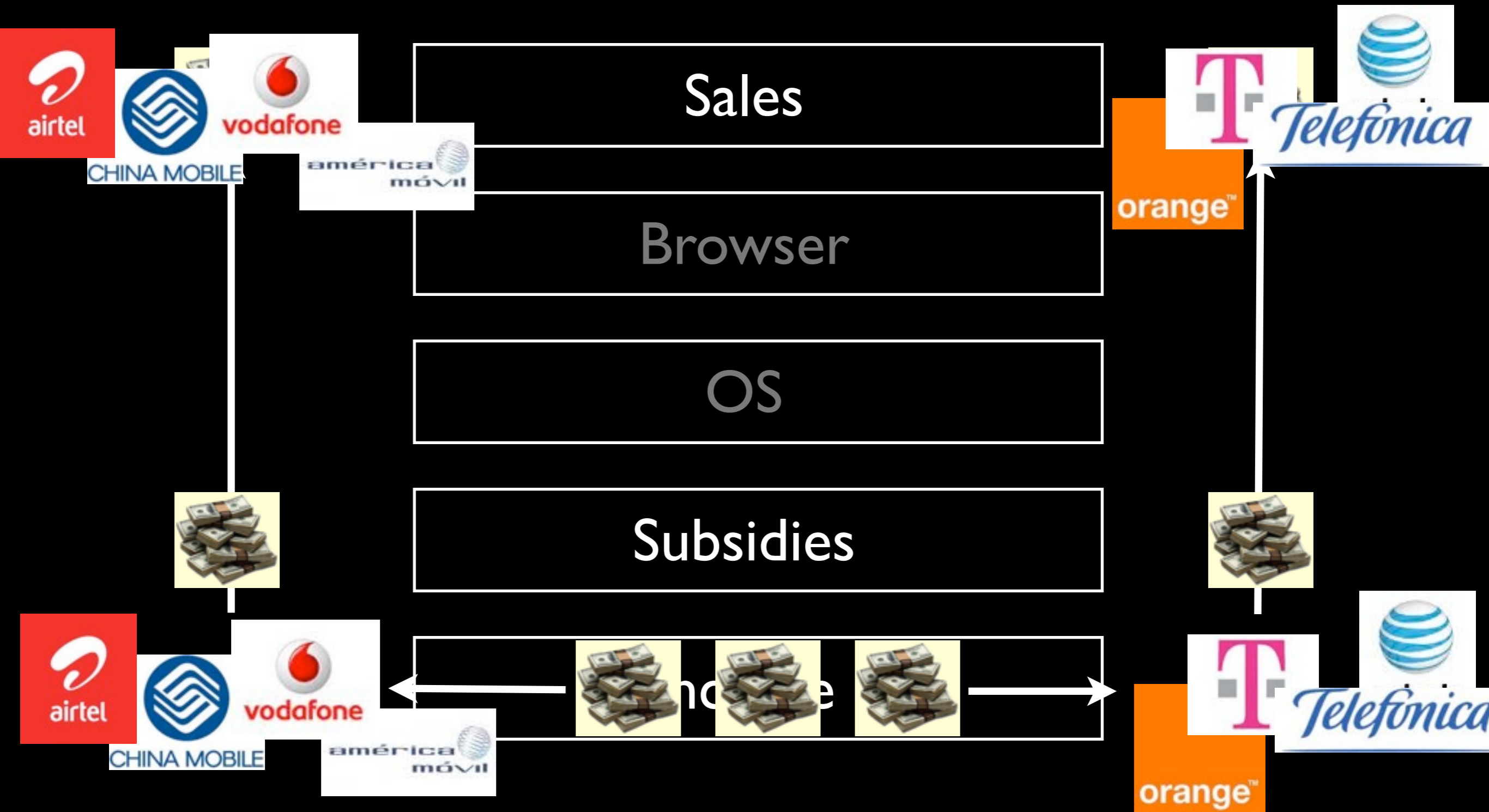
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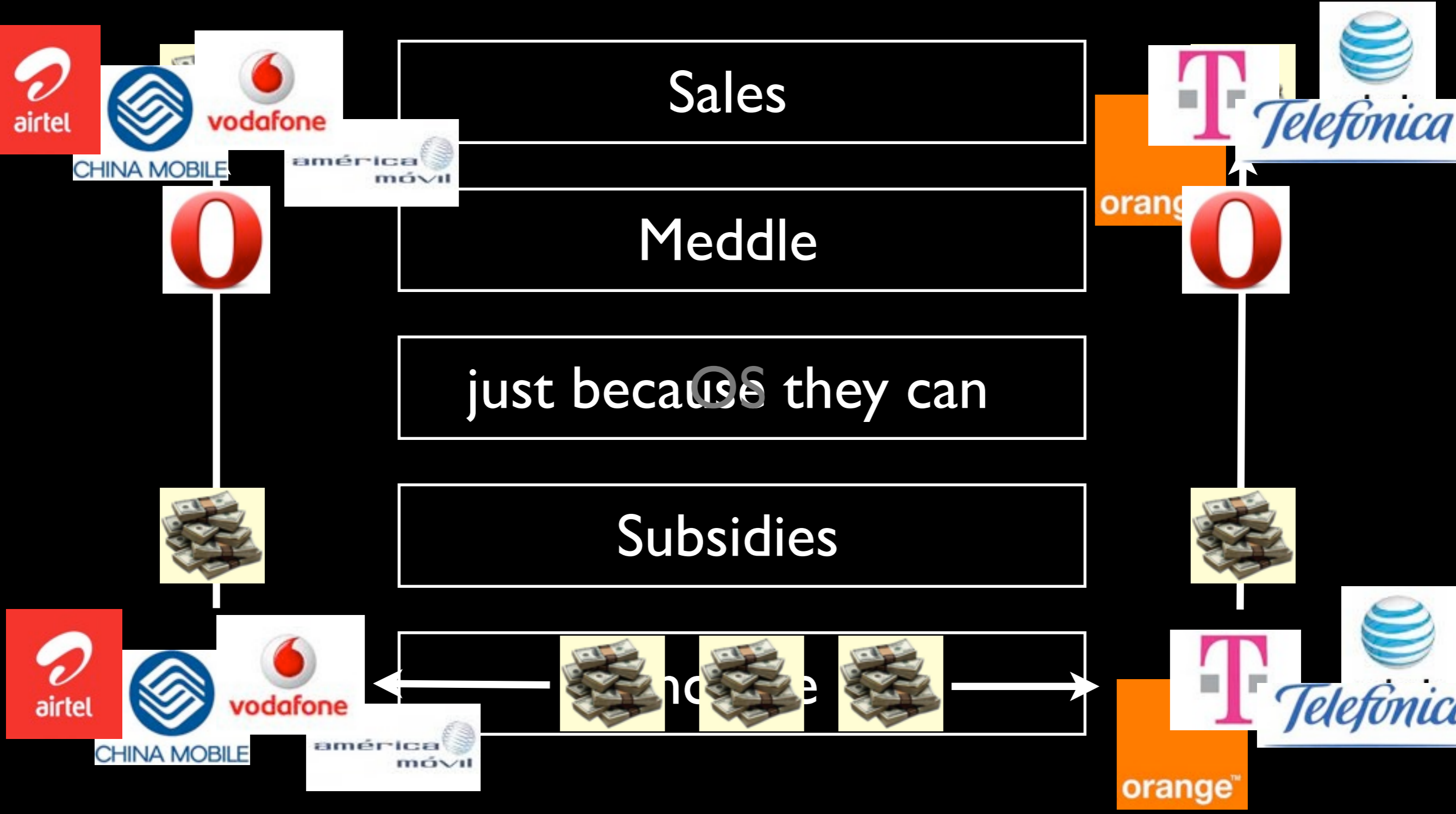
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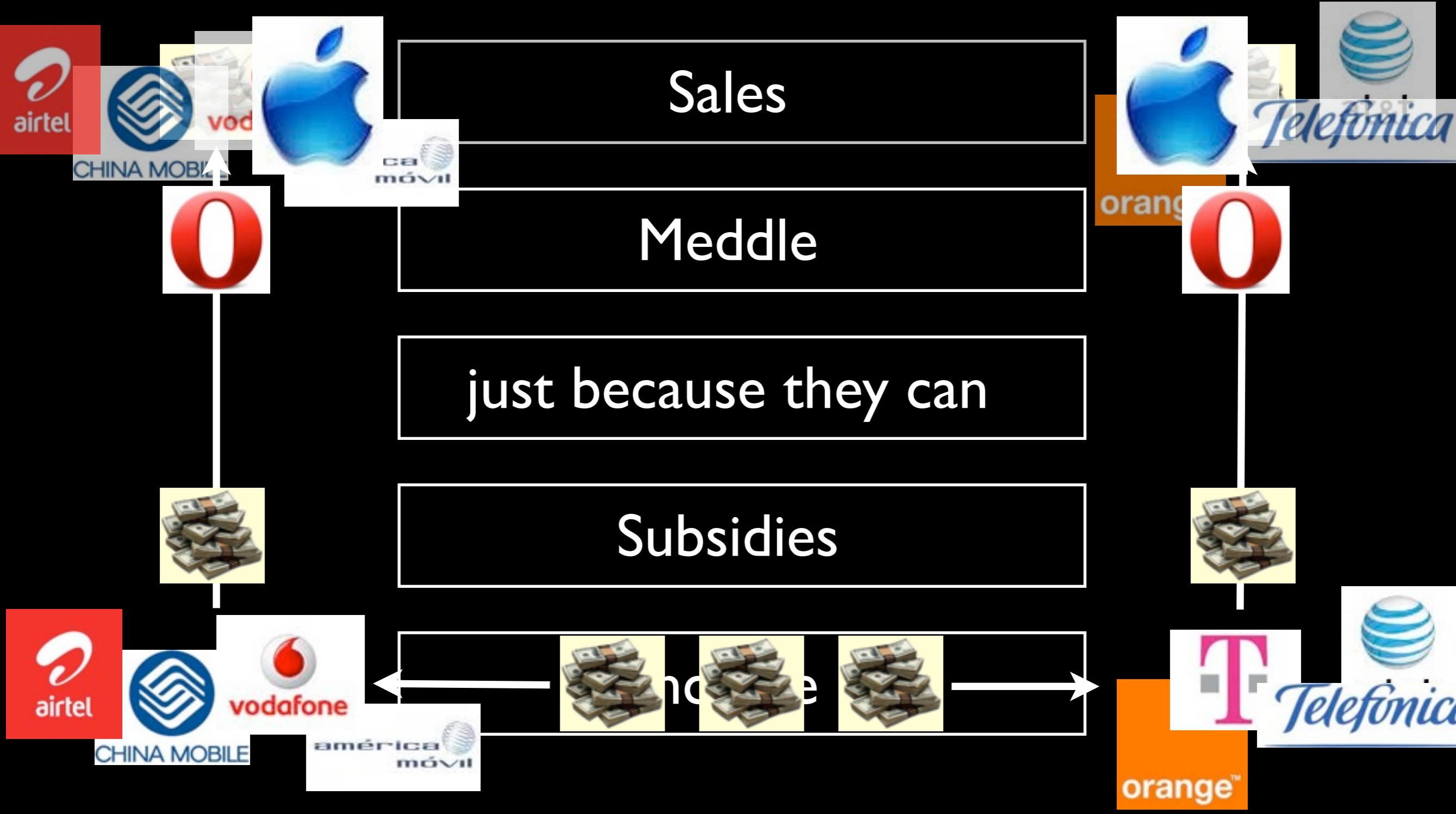


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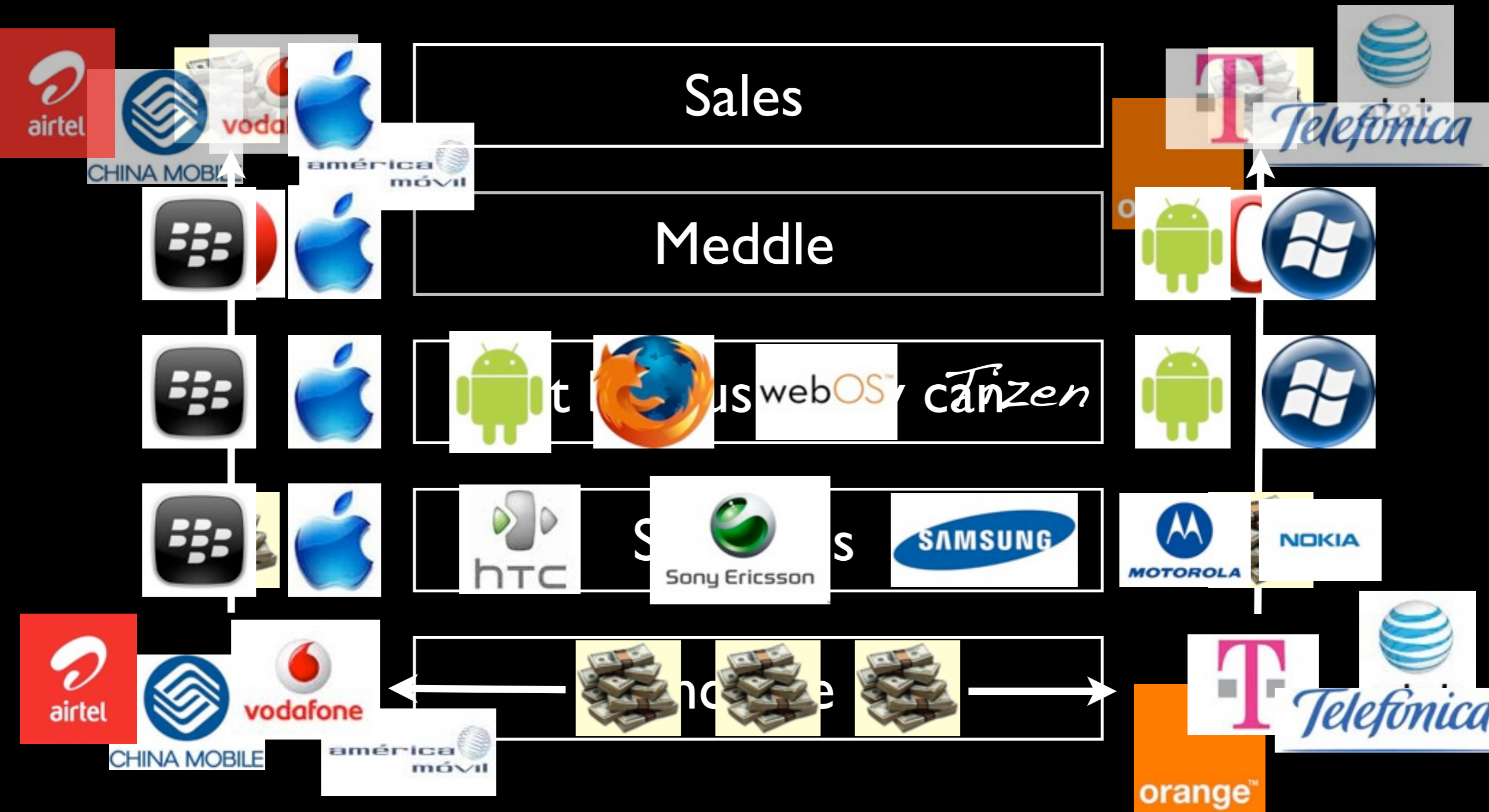




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# Mobile browsers

- Safari
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- Samsung Dolfin
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You may groan now

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WebKit-based

# There is no single WebKit

Not all WebKits have hardware-accelerated animations. That requires good access to a high-power GPU, and not all devices provide that.

Similarly, interfaces for the network stack, mouse, keyboard, and threading system, must be written separately for each browser.

And not everyone uses the same WebKit version.

See <http://quirksmode.org/webkit.html>

# Proxy browsers

- A proxy browser leaves the fetching and rendering of resources to a server.
- The client receives a compressed bitmap.
- Advantage: cheap device and low data costs
- Disadvantage: no client-side interaction.  
Every JavaScript call requires a server request.

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# Setting up a device lab

- Save about \$100 per month. That allows you to buy two devices per year
- Buy a non-iPhone, non-Android
- Buy a non-touchscreen
- Buy an Android from a different vendor
- Install Opera Mini
- Swap devices with other companies or freelancers in your area
- Coordinate with them when buying new devices

# Thank you

I'll put these slides online

Questions?

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