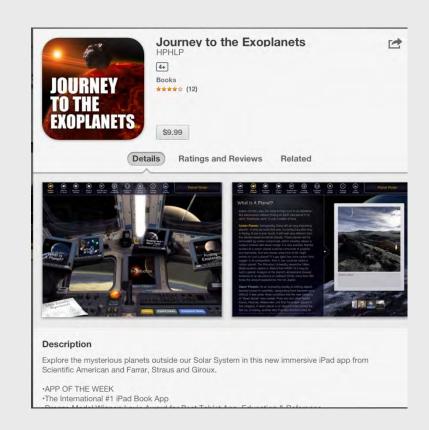
# Scientific American Tablet Edition for iPad Launch Case Study

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## Establishing a Beachhead in the App Store





#### **Tablet Edition Launch Objectives**

- Produce incremental consumer revenue
- Engage customers across print, online and mobile channels.
- Use interactive features to enhance core Scientific American brand attributes.
- Tablet Edition launch would need to support broader consumer marketing initiatives.
  - Aggressive migration of subscribers to continuous service renewal.
  - Increase average subscription value.
  - Protect direct relationships with subscribers wherever possible.



#### To Entitle or Not Entitle, That Is the Question....

- App Store pricing set at \$5.99 single copy/\$34.99 subscription.
- New print/Tablet combination subscriptions would be offered at \$34.97 on a continuous service basis only.
- Only subscribers who paid full price were granted an entitlement to the Tablet Edition free of charge.
- Customers who purchased their subscriptions at promotional prices have the opportunity to "upgrade" their subscriptions through a full price advance renewal.
  - Granted Tablet Edition entitlement for remaining term of servicing subscription.



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### And What about 22,000 premium priced Digital Subscribers?







#### Read issues and enjoy bonus interactive features on iPad plus:

- Save up to 44%
  Browse over 200 issues online
- Access digital issues a week before they hit the newsstand





### Strategy Implementation

- Development of Proprietary Entitlement API.
  - CDS Web Services Gateway utilized to authenticate qualifying print and (digital) subscribers.
- Extensive Customer Service Training
  - 40 CDS Agents trained on Tablet Edition business policies and SELLING upgraded subscription plans.
  - Developed dedicated in house customer-service resource to respond to customer service cases escalated by CDS.
- Top to Bottom Review of Fulfillment Policies
  - Entitlement API permits Tablet entitlement in real time—not dependent on start issue of print component of subscription.



#### Risks and Rewards

We anticipated that our strategy would result in some hard knocks.

