

Lesson 3: Digital Payments II – Mobile Wallets

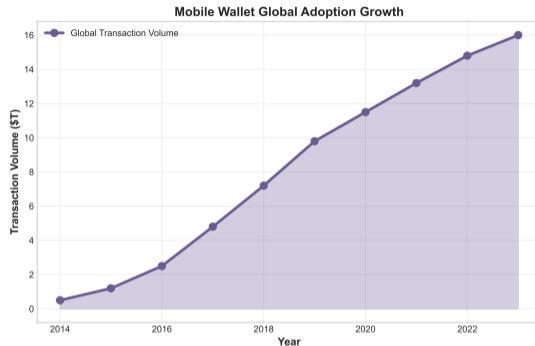
Module 1: FinTech Fundamentals

Digital Finance

Mobile Wallet Revolution

Evolution of Payments

- Cash → Cards → Mobile
- 2014: Apple Pay launch
- 2023: **\$16T** global volume
- Smartphone = payment terminal



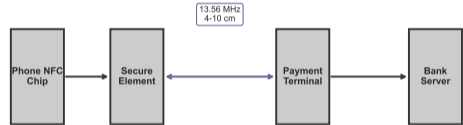
Global mobile wallet volume reached \$16T in 2023—smartphones are the new payment terminals.

Near Field Communication (NFC) Technology

Technical Foundation

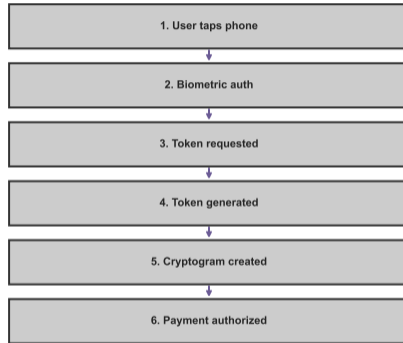
- 13.56 MHz radio frequency
- Range: 4-10 cm proximity
- EMV tokenization standard
- Secure Element (SE) storage

NFC Technology Architecture



NFC operates at 13.56 MHz with 4-10cm range—secure element stores encrypted credentials.

Apple Pay Transaction Flow

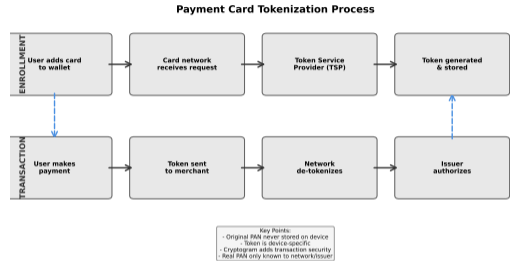


Apple Pay uses Face ID/Touch ID + tokenization—500M+ users globally.

Tokenization Security

Dynamic Token Generation

- PAN replaced by token
- One-time cryptogram
- Device-specific identifier
- Reduces fraud by 67



Source: myvco.com/payment-tokenisation, developer.visa.com/vts

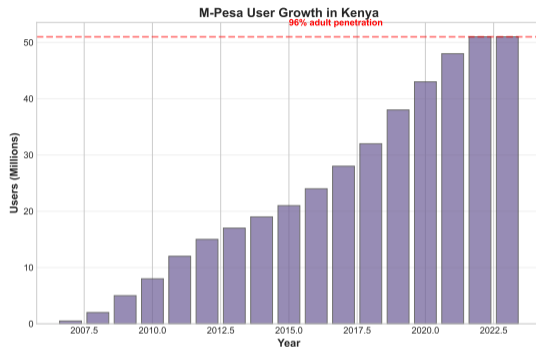
Tokenization replaces card numbers with one-time codes—reduces fraud by 98%. [Source: Nilson Report, World Bank 2024]

M-Pesa: Mobile Money Pioneer

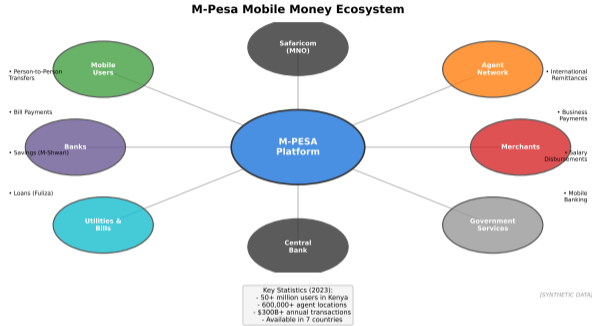
Kenya Success Story

- Launch: 2007 by Safaricom 66.2M Africa-wide (March 2024); 34M Kenya-only (Dec 2024)^a
- 96% adult penetration
- SMS-based transactions

^aSource: <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1139190/m-pesa-customer-numbers/>



M-Pesa launched 2007—96% adult penetration in Kenya via SMS-based agent network. [Source: Industry reports 2024]



Agent network enables cash-in/cash-out—extends banking to unbanked populations.

Alipay and WeChat Pay Dominance

Chinese Market Leaders

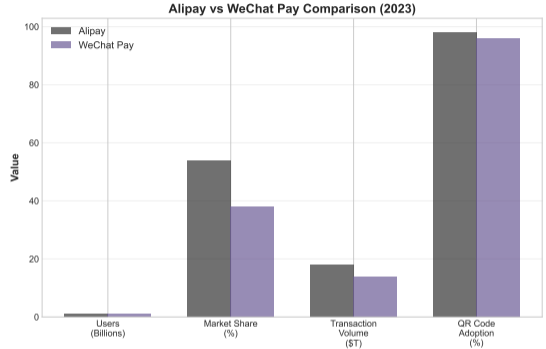
- Alipay: 1.3B users
- 1.225B (2024)^a
- QR code-based
- 92% mobile payment share

^aSource: <https://www.demandsage.com/wechat-statistics/>

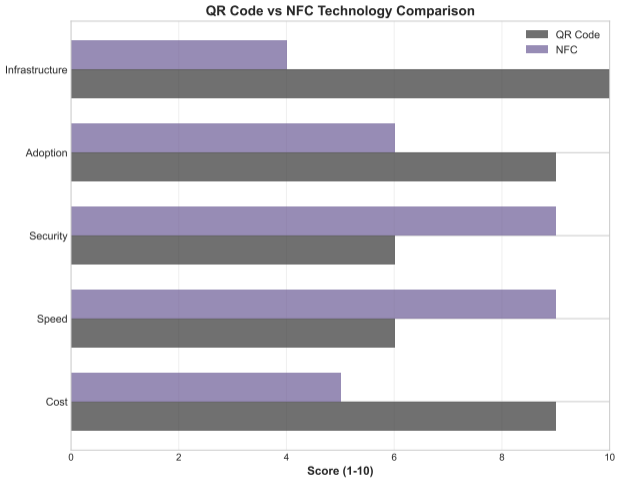
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QR Code vs NFC Technology

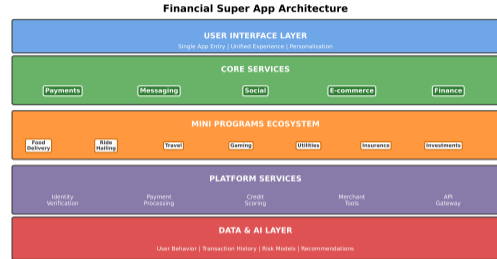


QR codes scale with zero infrastructure; NFC requires POS terminal upgrades.

Super-App Strategy

WeChat Ecosystem

- Messaging + Payments
- E-commerce integration
- Mini-programs platform
- 1M+ services embedded



Examples: WeChat, Alipay, Grab, Gojek, PayTM

Source: cbinsights.com/super-app-strategy, nbr.org (Super Apps)

Super-apps combine messaging, payments, e-commerce—1M+ mini-programs in WeChat ecosystem. [Source: Nilson Report, World Bank 2024]

Super Apps: One App for Everything



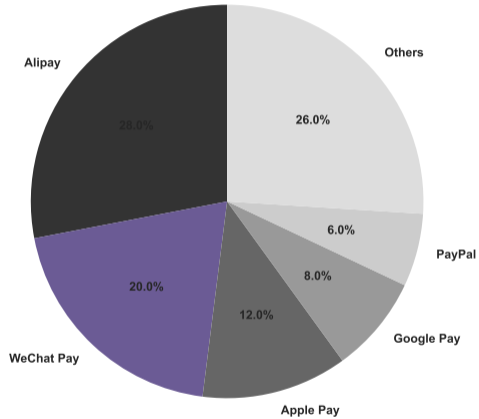
Western Super App Attempts:
- PayPal expanding services
- Revolut adding non-finance
- X (Twitter) payment ambitions
- Meta Pay integration

Challenge: Regulatory barriers, privacy concerns, existing app ecosystem

Source: [statista.com](https://www.statista.com), investors.grab.com (Super Apps)

Super-apps monetize through payments, lending, wealth management, and ecosystem services.

Global Mobile Wallet Market Share (2023)



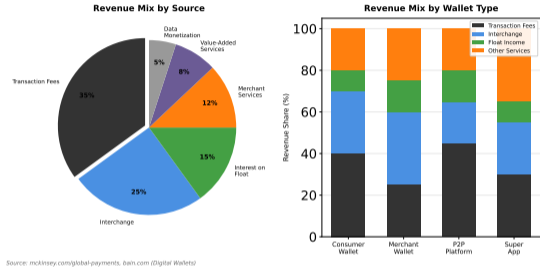
Asia-Pacific dominates; Western markets lag despite Apple/Google.

Mobile Wallet Business Models

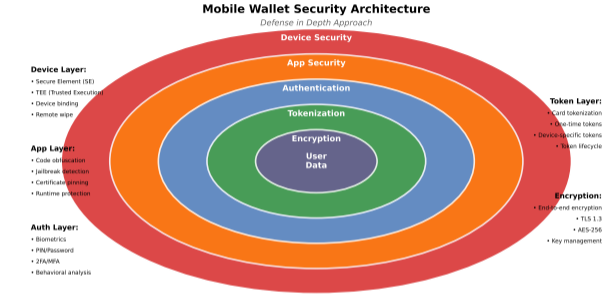
Revenue Streams

- Transaction fees (0.15%-3%)
- Data monetization
- Cross-selling services
- Merchant partnerships

Mobile Wallet Revenue Model Analysis



Revenue model: transaction fees (0.15-3%) + data monetization + ecosystem cross-selling.



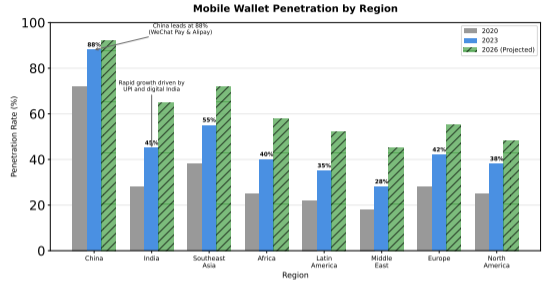
Source: support.apple.com, support.google.com/pay, globalplatform.org

Security: biometrics + encryption + tokenization + secure element + fraud detection.

Emerging Markets Leapfrogging

Infrastructure Bypass

- Skip card infrastructure
- Mobile-first adoption
- Agent network model
- Financial inclusion impact

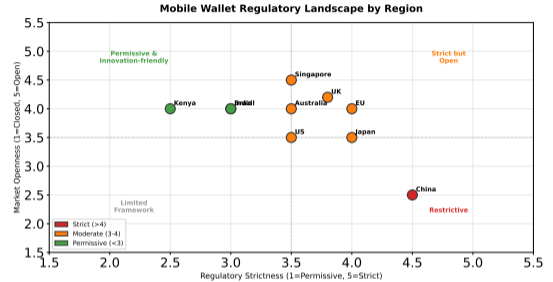


Source: [statista.com/statistics/1243878/](https://www.statista.com/statistics/1243878/) (China); industry reports (2024)

Emerging markets skip card infrastructure entirely—mobile-first financial inclusion.

Global Fragmentation

- Cross-border restrictions
- Data localization laws
- Licensing requirements
- Interoperability gaps



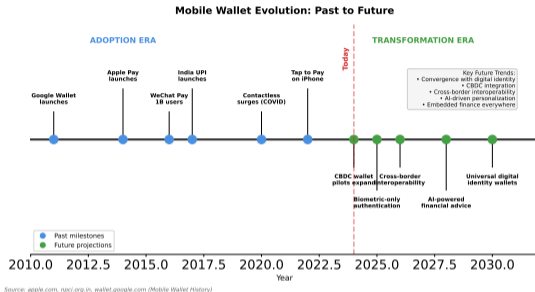
Source: worldbank.org, bis.org (Payment Regulation)

Cross-border fragmentation: data localization, licensing, and interoperability barriers.

Future: Embedded Wallets

Next Generation

- IoT payment devices
- Wearables integration
- Biometric authentication
- CBDC compatibility



Future: IoT devices, wearables, biometrics, and CBDC integration in embedded wallets.

Key Takeaways

- **Technology:** NFC for proximity, QR codes for scalability
- **Regional Patterns:** Super-apps in Asia, NFC in West, SMS in Africa
- **Business Models:** Transaction fees + ecosystem monetization
- **Security:** Tokenization reduces fraud dramatically
- **Impact:** Financial inclusion through mobile-first design

Mobile wallets are reshaping global finance: NFC in West, QR codes in Asia, SMS in Africa.