

## **Buddy's Garage - Kelp Mobil revamps Top Trumps card game on the iPhone**

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Hamburg-based mobile app developer, Kelp Mobil today introduces Buddy's Garage 1.0, a well-rounded Top Trumps game for iPhone and iPod touch devices. Offering a clean, tabbed UI, Buddy's Garage features 32 classic cars built from the 60ies to the 80ies. Users can chose to either play as single players or with their friends on a Bluetooth connection. The game offers a photo-realistic UI and other power features, like a tunable player strength.

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An easy-to-use UI:

Buddy's Garage offers a clean tabbed UI sticking to iPhone standards, which lets users immediately focus on gaming activity instead of keep searching for features. It comes with elaborate animations, e.g., after each draw, both cards flow in from the sides, played values get highlighted and upon pressing the OK button, both vanish to the winner's side. All gaming action is backed by sound effects, so users are not forced to focus the screen any time they play. Game sounds may be switched off without affecting other personal device-specific audio preferences.

Its infinitely adjustable player strength is a unique feature amongst card game apps presently on the market. While playing versus the iPhone or iPod, users may fine-tune their personal player strength from "Beginner" level throughout to "Formula-1-Champ". The higher the level they choose, the stronger the opponent's values are selected. This setting even affects running games.

Scores, dates and duration of the last 16 games played are listed under the highscore tab. Score counts earned by each draw are calculated on a time-based algorithm: the longer the player needs to play a card, the fewer points he will earn. The single player mode also factors in the computer's player strength when calculating the points.

Different gaming modes:

Users may easily switch between two types of games: single-player and Bluetooth multi-player games. Using Bluetooth enables players to connect with each other, independently from any HTTP connection, which is often not available or stable enough, e.g, during a ride on the train. The more, most people are careful with online times while abroad - therefore, nearfield communication is a choice, which comes at no cost. This includes devices like iPods which offer on-board Bluetooth capabilities.

The game may be paused and continued at any time, a feature single players may enjoy, even after device reboot. Due to the nature of wireless connections, Bluetooth games may be paused but cannot be continued, if a user quits the app. Changing settings like app sounds or browsing cards may be possible, though.

A reference to classic cars:

Buddy's Garage is not only a great Top Trumps game, but also offers in-depth information about the cars, including market prices, production counts and gas consumption values. It comes with a browser through all cards, which turns it into a pocket reference of classics cars.

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Device Requirements:

- \* iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad
- \* Requires iOS 4.3 or later
- \* 14.2 MB

Pricing and Availability:

Buddy's Garage 1.0 is only \$0.99 USD (or equivalent amount in other currencies) and available worldwide exclusively through the App Store in the Games category.

Kelp Mobil:

<http://www.kelp-mobil.de>

Buddy's Garage 1.0:

<http://kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/?lang=us>

Purchase and Download:

<http://itunes.apple.com/app/buddys-garage/id497784434>

Screenshot 1:

[http://www.kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/pr/screenshots/en\\_US/BuddysGarage\\_Home.png](http://www.kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/pr/screenshots/en_US/BuddysGarage_Home.png)

Screenshot 2:

[http://www.kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/pr/screenshots/en\\_US/BuddysGarage\\_Main.png](http://www.kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/pr/screenshots/en_US/BuddysGarage_Main.png)

App Icon:

<http://www.kelp-mobil.de/buddysgarage/pr/applogo/LogoOK512.png>

Kelp Mobil was founded in Aug. 2011 by Gotz Reyher, who has worked over 12 years in the software industry before. It is based in Hamburg, Germany. "Kelp's" software products adhere to standards and consist of mobile and web applications, which enrich their user-experience through social networks. The Kelp Top Trumps platform, for example, may be used to leverage content through modern channels like mobile and web, in order to extend existing product lines. Copyright (C) 2011-2012 Kelp Mobil. All Rights Reserved. Apple, the Apple logo, iPhone, iPod and iPad are registered trademarks of Apple Inc. in the U.S. and/or other countries.

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