

Deep Dive Into FinTech

FinTech
Lesson 1.2



Class Objectives

By the end of today's class, you will:



Use the command line to execute basic file system operations.



Download and upload files to GitHub using the git GUI.



Describe the factors that led to the evolution of the FinTech industry.



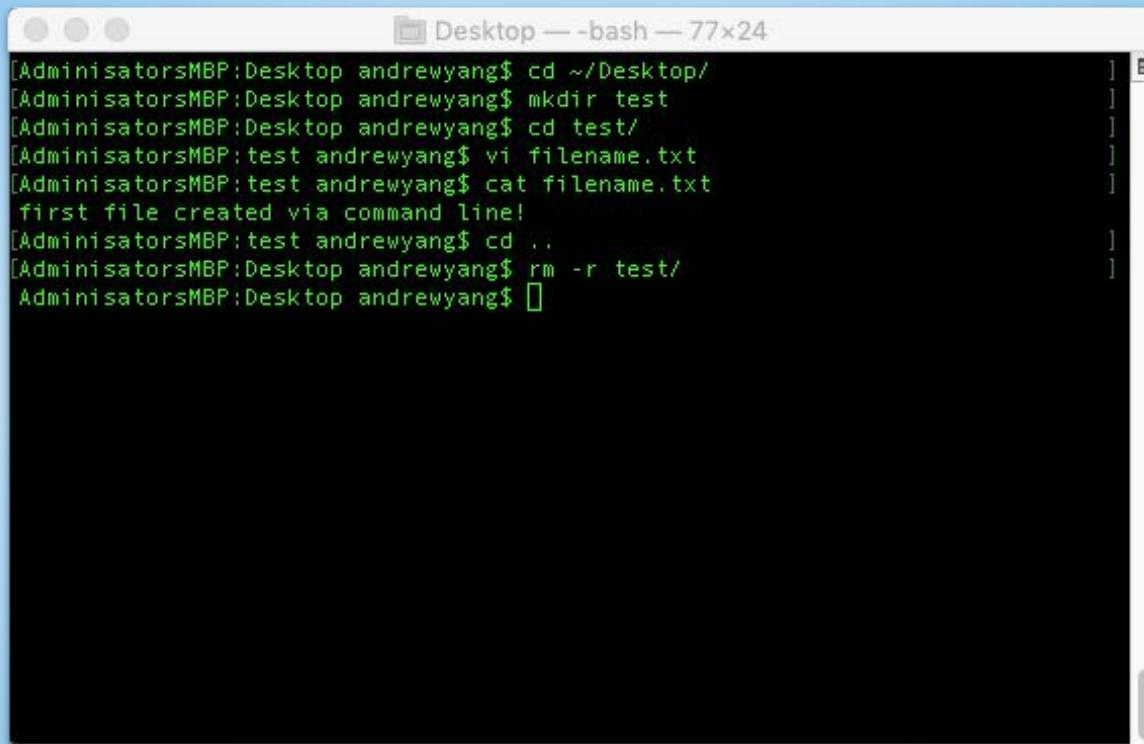
Identify the domains of the FinTech industry that have been disrupted.



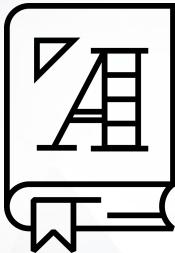
Make predictions about FinTech domains.

Introduction to the Command Line

What Is the Command Line?



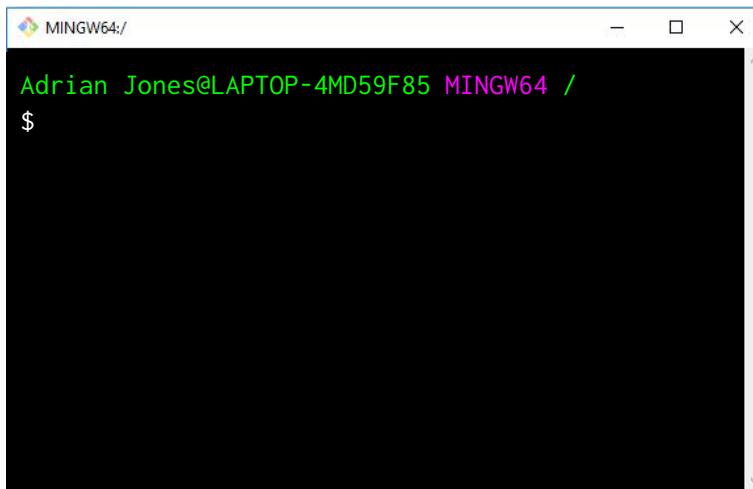
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[AdminisatorsMBP:test andrewyang$ vi filename.txt
[AdminisatorsMBP:test andrewyang$ cat filename.txt
first file created via command line!
[AdminisatorsMBP:test andrewyang$ cd ..
[AdminisatorsMBP:Desktop andrewyang$ rm -r test/
[AdminisatorsMBP:Desktop andrewyang$ ]
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A **command line interface** (CLI), or **terminal**, allows a user to execute and automate commands without the need for a graphical user interface (GUI).

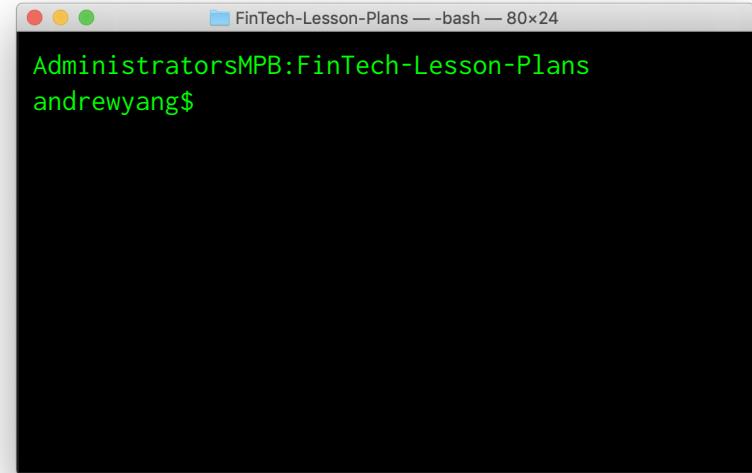
The Command Line

Windows (Git Bash)

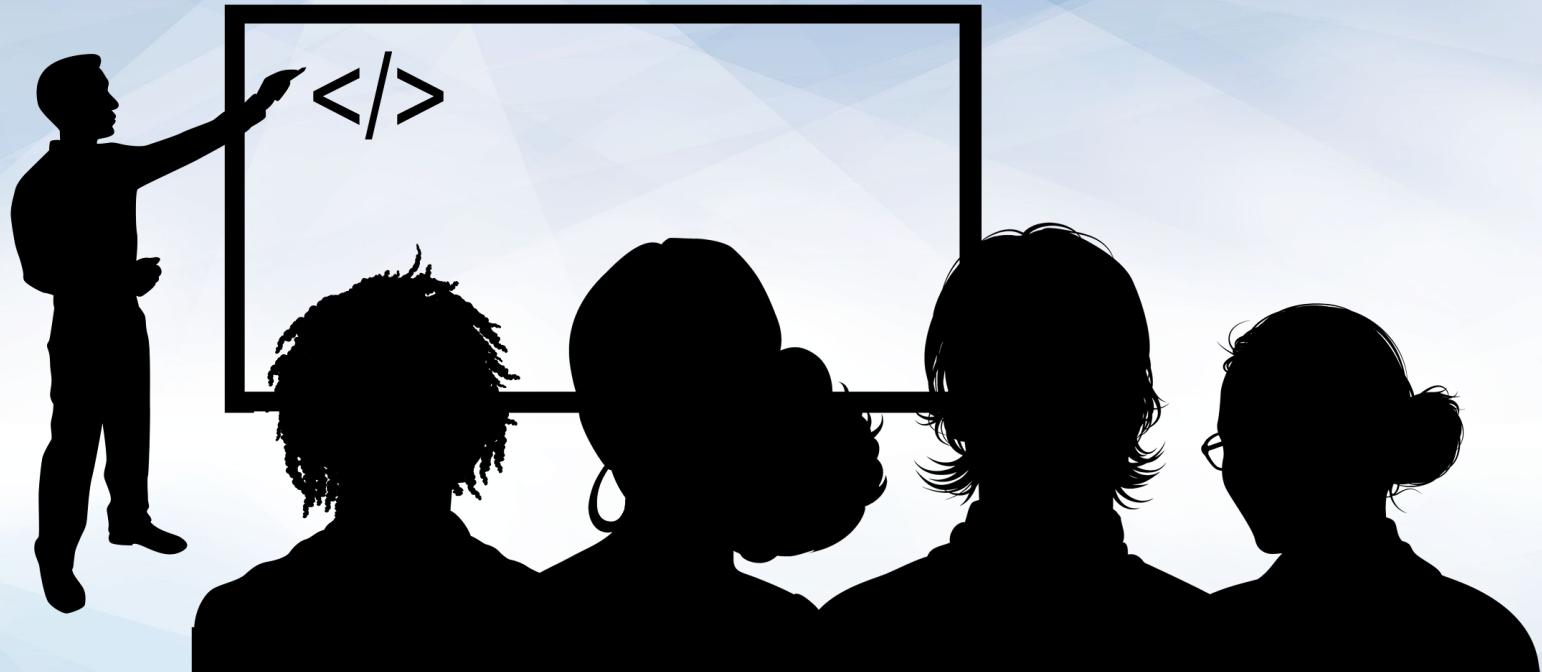


A screenshot of a Windows command-line interface titled "MINGW64:/". The title bar includes the MinGW logo. The prompt shows "Adrian Jones@LAPTOP-4MD59F85 MINGW64 /" followed by a dollar sign (\$) indicating it's ready for input. The window has standard Windows-style borders and a vertical scroll bar on the right.

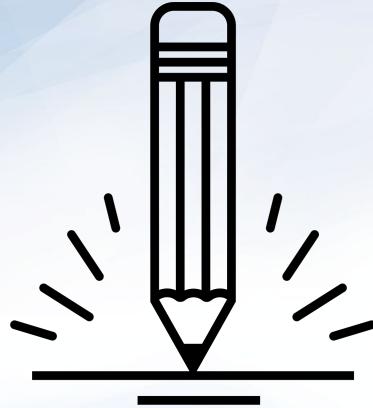
Mac (Terminal)



A screenshot of a Mac OS X terminal window titled "FinTech-Lesson-Plans — bash — 80x24". The title bar includes the Finder icon. The prompt shows "AdministratorsMPB:FinTech-Lesson-Plans andrewyang\$" followed by a dollar sign (\$). The window has the classic OS X look with red, yellow, and green close buttons.



Instructor Demonstration
Command Line



Activity: Terminal

In this activity, you will perform your own file system operations via the command line.
(Instructions sent via Slack.)

Suggested Time:
15 Minutes





Time's Up! Let's Review.

File System Operations

mkdir	creates folder directories
cd	navigates into specified folder/directories
touch	creates an empty file
cat	reads files and outputs the results to the console
code	open files in VS Code
cd ..	navigates up one level
cp	copies files from source to target
rm -r	recursively deletes all files in a folder (that may have subfolders)
mv	moves files from source to target; can also be used to rename a file
ls	lists the contents of the current directory

Version Control and GitHub

The Problem: Keeping Track of Work History is Hard!

Especially when you consider that:



People may need to work on something at the same time.



People often work in different locations.



Over the lifetime of a project, it may not always be the same people working on it.

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2017 Budget v6	Microsoft Excel Worksheet	
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Version control systems are software that help you track changes you make in your code over time. As you edit your code, you tell the version control system to take a snapshot of your files. The version control system saves that snapshot permanently so you can recall it later if you need it.

—Microsoft



GitHub

Git is a version control system. For our class, we will be using **GitHub** as the hosting service for our git repositories.



GitHub offers a centralized location where developers can push and pull (upload and download) their code; GitHub always holds the most up-to-date code and files and handles everyone's updates appropriately.

Using Git on GitHub

It's not this bad, but git *is* known for having a bit of a learning curve.

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@wilshipleyp git gets easier once you get the basic idea that branches are homeomorphic endofunctors mapping submanifolds of a Hilbert space.

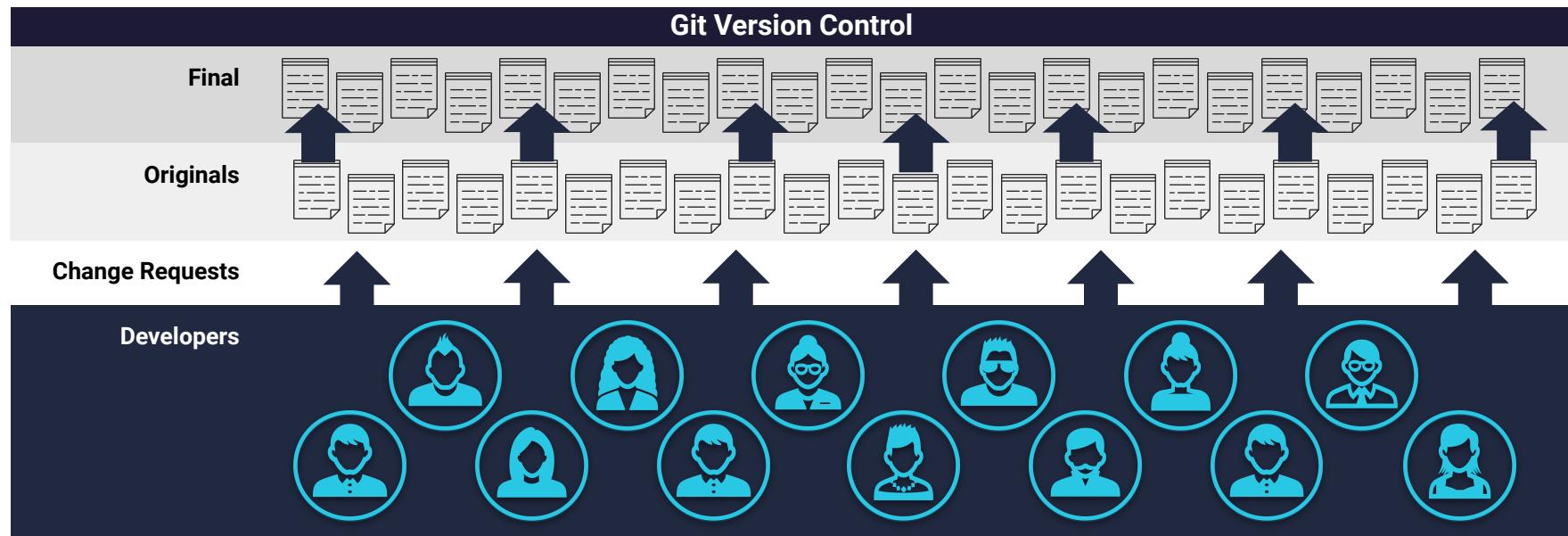
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GitHub Version Control

- Modern development is highly collaborative.
- Teams are often extremely large and spread out across the country or world.
- Apps are sometimes made up of hundreds or even thousands of files.



GitHub Commits

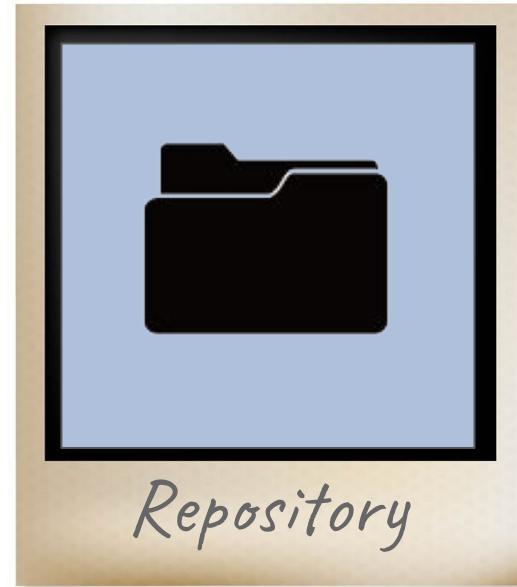
Git thinks of project history as a series of snapshots or checkpoints.
The git term for this is **commits**.



GitHub Commits

When you're ready to save your work, you can "make a commit," "commit your files," or just "commit." These are all terms for the same action.

Think of this as taking a snapshot of your entire project, aka *repository*.



GitHub Commits

In the future, you can always go back to previous commits, no matter what you've done to your code in the meantime.



GitHub Commits

Other metaphors

Reaching a checkpoint in
a video game

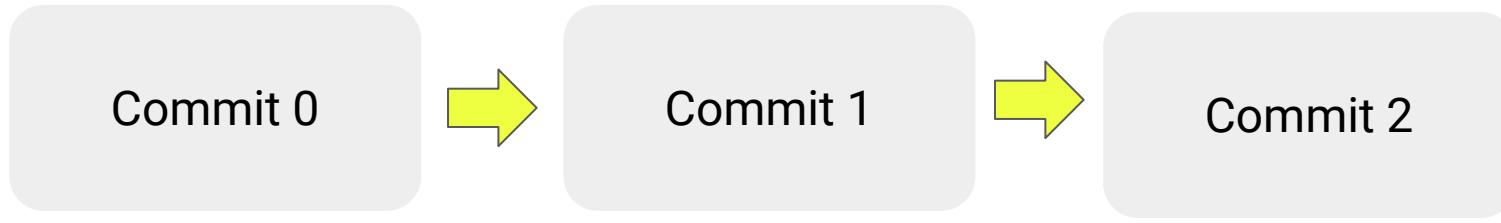


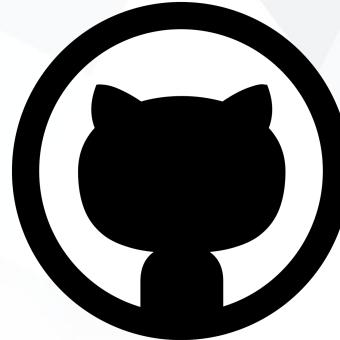
Time Machine on Mac
(or other backups)

Saving the 37th version
(but more sophisticated)

GitHub Commits

A project is just a series of commits





Additional Git and GitHub Resources

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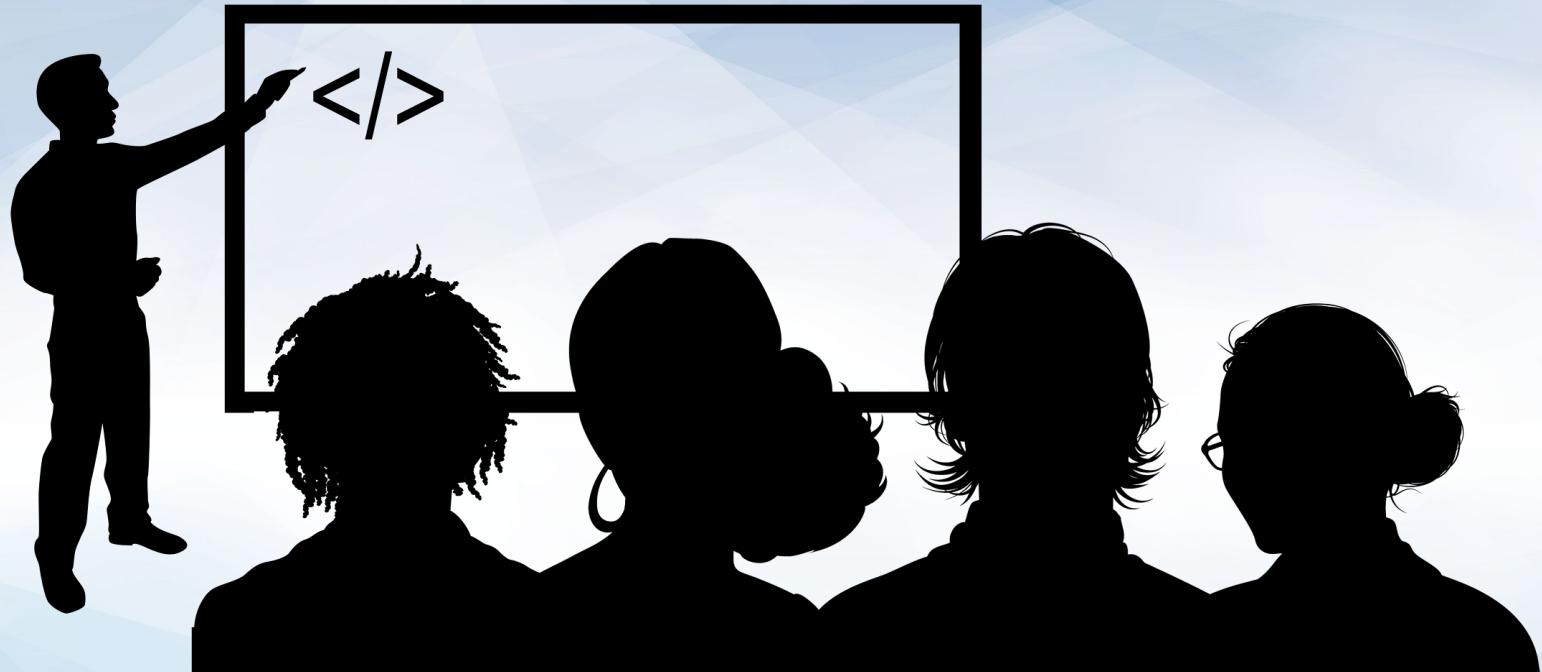
[Recompilermag.com](https://recompilermag.com)

[A Visual Introduction to Git](https://www.git-tower.com/visual-introduction-to-git)

Uploading Files to GitHub

GitHub: Uploading Files

The image shows a composite screenshot of a GitHub repository interface. On the left, there's a large background image of a mountain cliff face. Overlaid on the top right is a screenshot of a repository named "testing_repo /". The repository page includes a navigation bar with links for Code, Issues (0), Pull requests (0), Boards, Reports, Projects (0), Wiki, Insights, and Settings. Below the repository name, there's a message: "Here is some test.xlsx". A file icon with the text "test.xlsx" is visible. The main area contains a large white box with icons for different file types (document, chart, code, etc.) and the text "Drag additional files here to add them to your repository" followed by "Or choose your files". At the bottom, there's a "Commit changes" section with a green icon, a "Add files via upload" button, a text input field for "Add an optional extended description...", and a "Sign in now to use ZenHub" button.



Instructor Demonstration Uploading Files to GitHub



Break



Countdown timer

15:00

(with alarm)

Evolution of FinTech

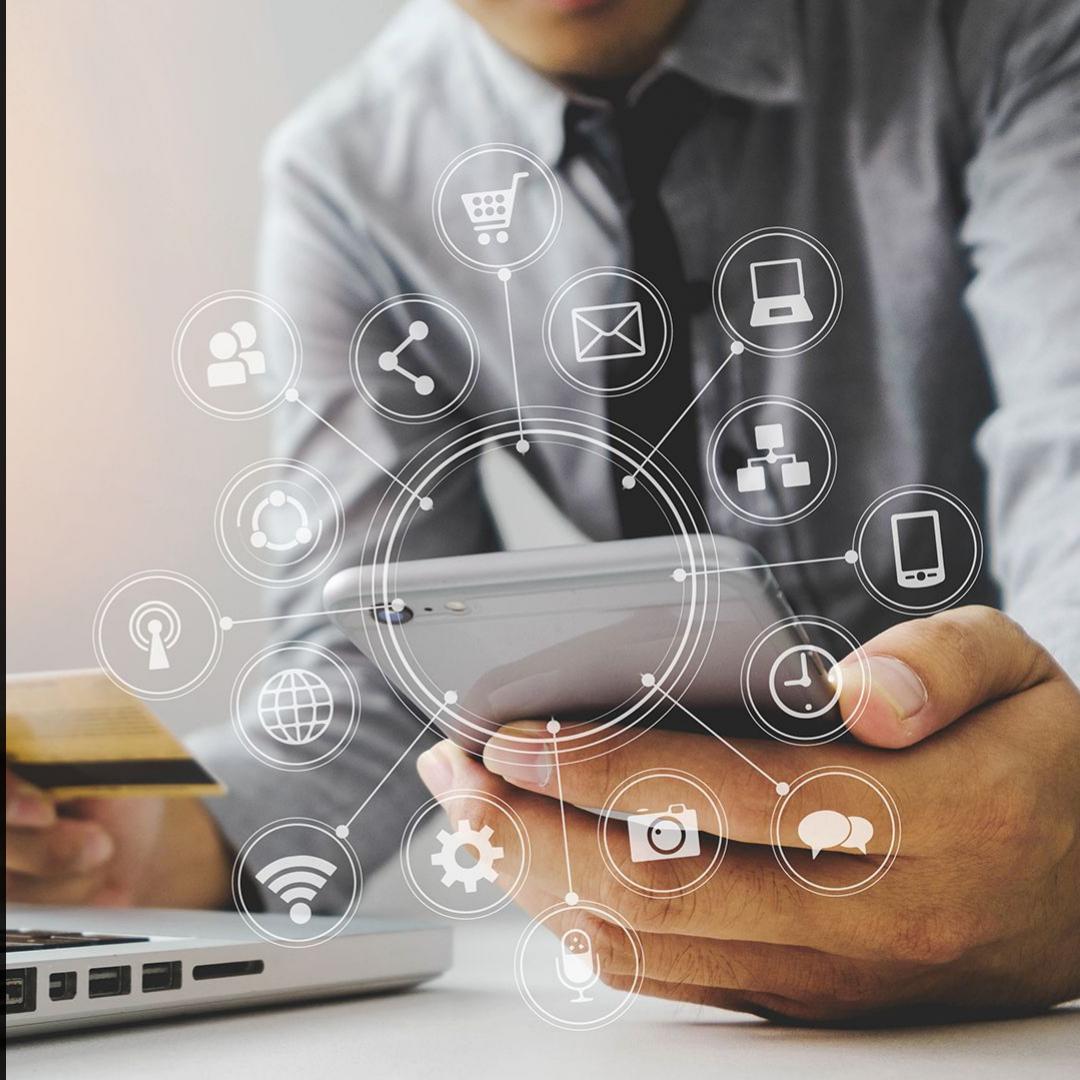
Mobile Infrastructure & Shifting Consumer Preferences

With the advancements in mobile network infrastructure (2G, 3G, 4G LTE), consumers have become more connected to the internet—as well as each other—than ever before.



Shifting Consumer Preferences

As a result, consumers not only now have a greater resource pool to cross-check and validate information (e.g., checking prices), but also have become a resource pool themselves, in which companies look to target for business.



Channels of Engagement

Today, consumers demand quick, reliable, and quality channels of engagement. They are inclined to place their trust in a company that boasts a dynamic and beautiful website, a well-designed and efficient mobile application, and (if possible) a social user platform for connecting with others using the similar product.



Channels of Engagement

Companies have been forced to make large investments in technology in order to stay competitive among their industry peers.



Technological Channels

Consumers have more product choices and are loyal to companies they trust.

Thus, the technological channels affecting consumer engagement have a direct impact on a company's ability to market themselves and, ultimately, capitalize on demand.

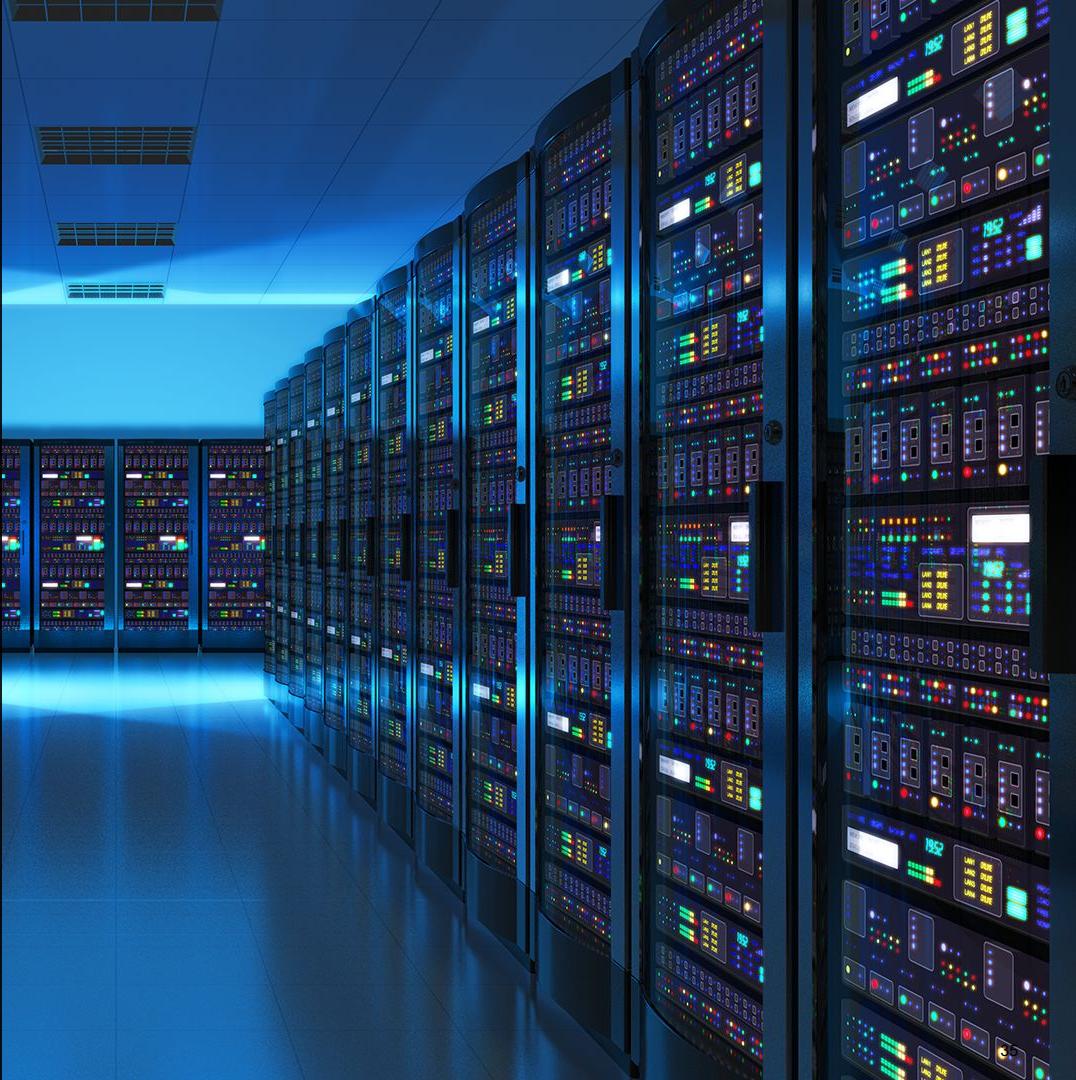


Big Data

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Over the years, computer processing units (CPUs), random access memory (RAM), and hard drive storage devices have become both more powerful and less expensive.

Therefore, more companies have been able to purchase and utilize large clusters of computers working in parallel.

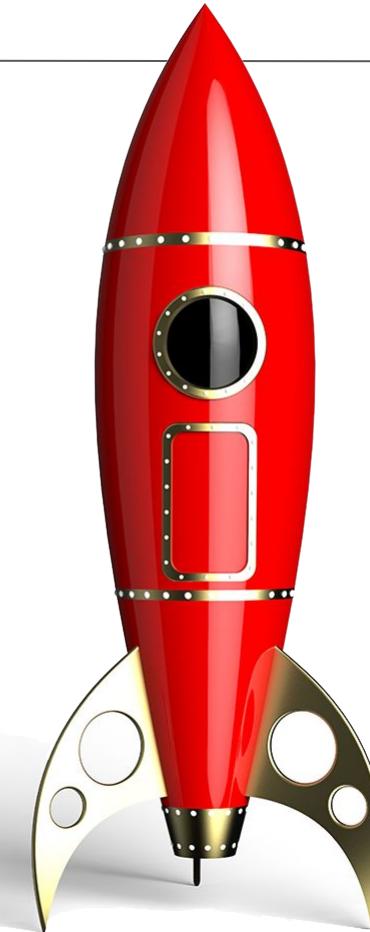


Big Data

To enable machines to work in parallel, the concept of MapReduce was born. With MapReduce, data workloads were split among multiple machines for disk-based processing and reaggregated at the end to produce the result.



With the advent of Spark, that same process has been refined for in-memory processing, in which data workloads utilize RAM that is much faster at processing data (though more costly).





Because big data processing has become more efficient, the **time needed to curate and analyze data has also decreased.**

Big Data

Companies have placed an enormous emphasis on technological investment due to the growing feasibility and allure of housing large clusters of machines to drive real-time, data-driven analysis.



Cloud Infrastructure

Cloud Infrastructure

Traditionally, server farms—large clusters of machines—required large up-front costs and overhead related to server maintenance.

But with the inception of cloud computing, companies no longer had to purchase their own servers for their data processing needs; they instead could "rent" servers from another vendor on an as-needed (and, therefore, much cheaper) basis.



Cloud Infrastructure

The business landscape has become increasingly competitive, as smaller companies now have the capabilities to disrupt markets with applications and services that previously would have required large up-front costs.



Questions?

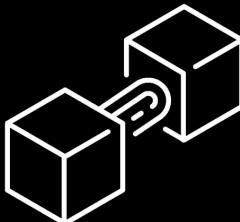
FinTech Domains



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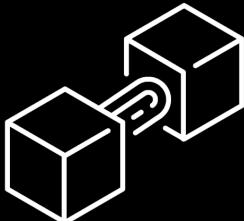
Answer: Examples include blockchain and financial transactions; robo advisors and investment management; and payment applications and money transfers.



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Answer: Blockchain allows for cheaper and more secure transactional validation; robo advisors utilize machine learning algorithms for portfolio management, thereby reducing overhead costs; and payment applications utilize modern infrastructure such as mobile and cloud-based networking.



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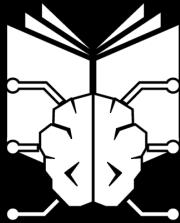
Answer: With cloud-based networking such as AWS, small start-ups and even individuals can quickly spin up servers faster and on an as-needed basis, minimizing time to deployment and reducing up-front costs. This allows smaller companies to compete more efficiently with larger firms that have existing infrastructures.



Where else might technology disrupt traditional finance?



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Answer: Machine learning can be used in lending to more efficiently target customers who have a higher likelihood of paying back their loans, while avoiding those who have a higher likelihood of *not* paying back their loans.



Activity: FinTech Domains, Part 1

In this activity, you will work in groups to research and answer questions about various FinTech domains.

Suggested Time:
25 Minutes





Time's Up! Let's Review.



Activity: FinTech Domains, Part 2

In this activity, you will use your research from Part 1 to create news headlines for events that could potentially occur in the next five years.

Suggested Time:
10 Minutes



PEER REVIEW



Questions?

Appendix

FinTech Domains and Trends

Payments & Remittances

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Currently representing the largest segment of the FinTech space, digital payments have become increasingly widespread with the growth of e-commerce and mobile device infrastructure.

Examples: Venmo, Stripe, PayPal, Square, Apple Pay, Android Pay, Zelle, cryptocurrencies



Payments & Remittances

Distributing credit card numbers over the internet proved to be insecure (and costly) in the past. Thus, digital payment technologies were designed for not only security, but overall speed and convenience as well.

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USER NAME

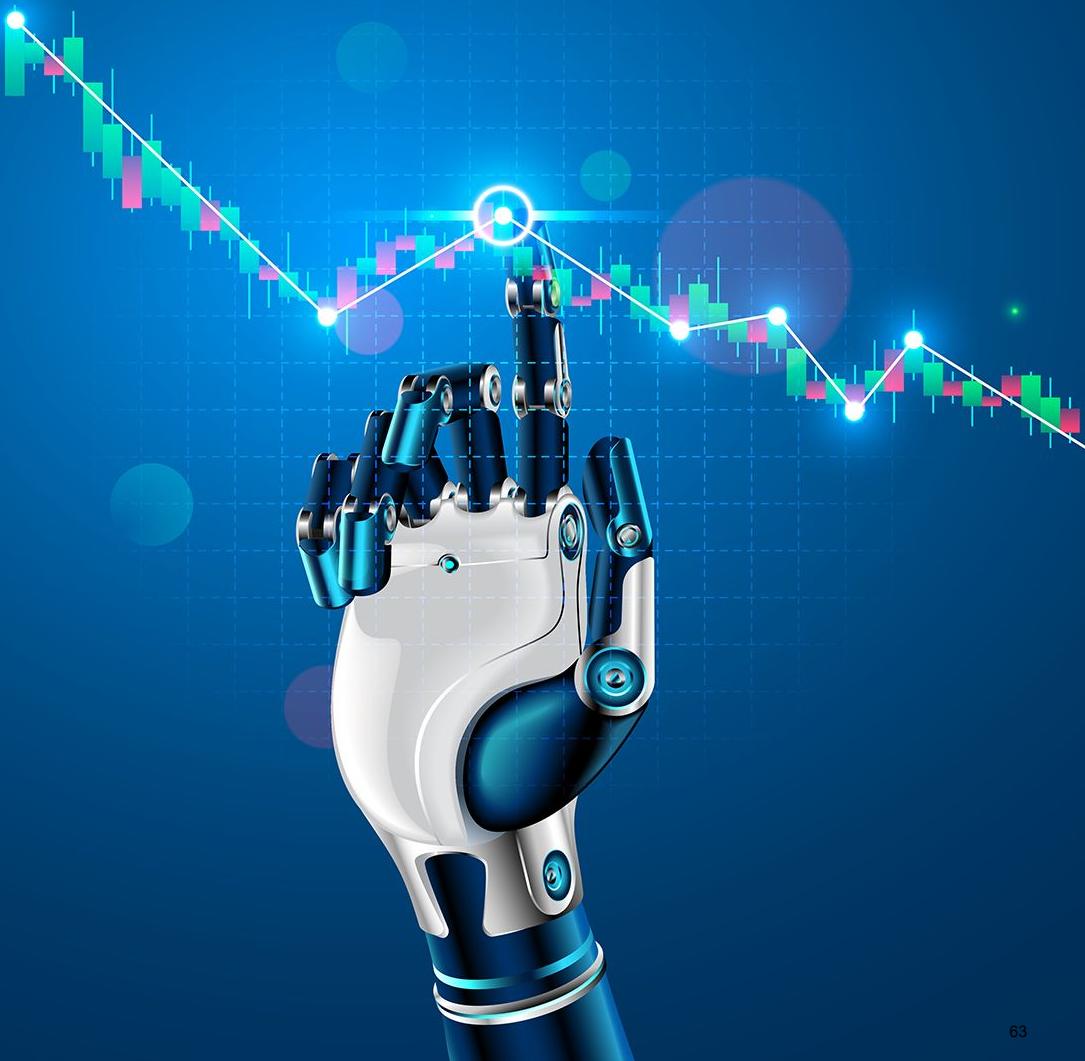
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Robo Advisors & Personal Finance

Robo Advisors

Robo advisors and personal finance companies provide wealth management, investment, and budgetary services that seek to help customers with their overall capital management and investments.

Examples: Betterment, Acorns, Robinhood, Personal Capital



Robo Advisors & Personal Finance

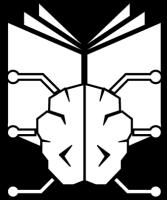
Wealth management solutions are often driven by machine learning with automated trading and portfolio rebalancing. Budgetary services utilize machine learning to scan a customer's purchase history and identify buying habits to suggest areas in which they can save.



RegTech

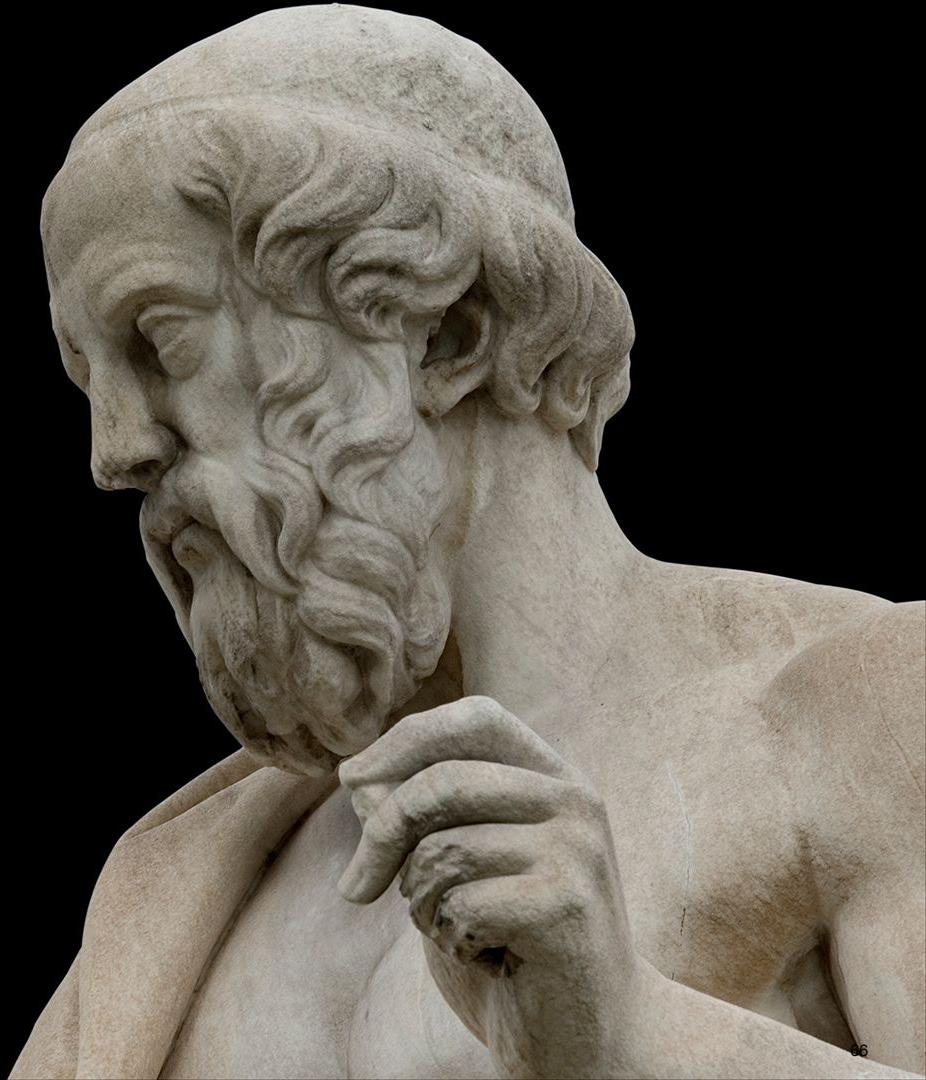
RegTech

RegTech companies manage the regulatory/compliance processes within the financial industry through technology.



These types of companies use machine learning to identify and prevent instances of fraud, money laundering, and breaches in data.

Examples: Apiax, Finform, Trulioo, ClauseMatch



Digital Banking

Digital Banking

Digital banking consists of online banks that seek to provide higher account interest rates by reducing the capital overhead associated with physical branches/bank locations.

Examples: Ally Bank, ING Direct



InsurTech

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InsurTechs utilize machine learning to more efficiently group customers into respective risk profiles and, therefore, provide the right type of insurance product.

Fine-tuning the determination of customer risk profiles minimizes costs to those who would have been lumped together in a broader customer risk profile.

Examples: Lemonade, Slice, Ladder



Alternative Finance

Alternative Finance

“Alternative finance” refers to the financial channels outside the realm of traditional finance, such as regulated banks and capital markets, that facilitate capital borrowing and lending.

Popular crowdfunding and peer-to-peer lending channels have emerged in this domain.

Examples: Indiegogo, Kiva, LendingClub

