

# House Course 59-20

Web and Mobile Applications  
Week 0: Class Overview / Pre-work Review

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# Week 0

- About Us
- About the Course
- About You
- Importance of Mobile Apps / Swift History
- Homework for Week 1

# Who are we?

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# Course Goals

This class provides a broad understanding of modern web applications and mobile applications. The course will feature a series of guest lectures on modern design and development principles. Topics to be covered may include: HTML/CSS, JavaScript, jQuery, React.js, iOS Development. Students will be assigned weekly readings that will explain core concepts involved in application design. Students will then complete weekly homework assignments and a final project that asks them to apply their knowledge in developing a full application.

# Course Policies

- Grading is Satisfactory / Unsatisfactory.  
0.5 Credits
- Absences: 2 max  
Notify Davis & Jesse by email before class ([dcg13@duke.edu](mailto:dcg13@duke.edu),  
[jesse.hu@duke.edu](mailto:jesse.hu@duke.edu))
- Out-of-class workload: 2-4 hours per week
- Homework consists of light reading and tutorials
- Second half of class focuses on project of choice
- More effort will benefit learning in the long term

# Why are we teaching this?

- To give students practical applications for their theoretical knowledge

“As a CS major, I've gotten a lot of theoretical background, but often at the cost of practical application. So, I'm interested in taking this course to gain additional experience in building a production application.”

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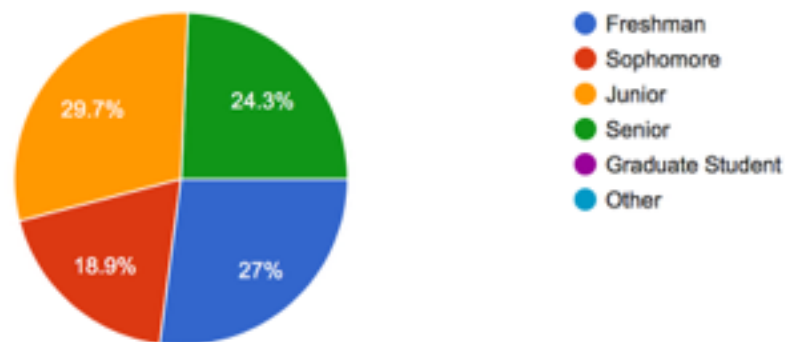
- To give students practical applications for their theoretical knowledge
- To give students the ability to pursue a business or project

“I've always had ideas about different apps, and I would love to have the technical skills to develop them myself.”

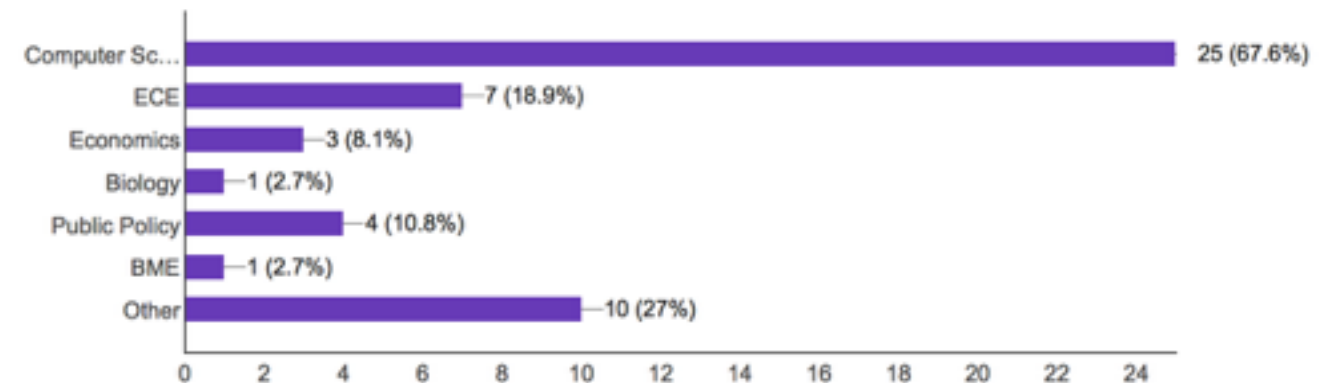
“Developing mobile app for a startup”

# Background

What is your current year at Duke? (37 responses)



What major(s) do you intend to graduate with? (37 responses)



- 80% of you have taken or will be taking CS201
- In order to get anything done, we're going to assume you know some things



# What are we going to learn?

- Swift and iOS (90% indicated they wanted to learn, 60% as a first choice)
- Database principles, organizing and storing data
- HTML/CSS (50% indicated they wanted to learn, 10% as a first choice)
- JavaScript (70% indicated they wanted to learn, 10% as a first choice)

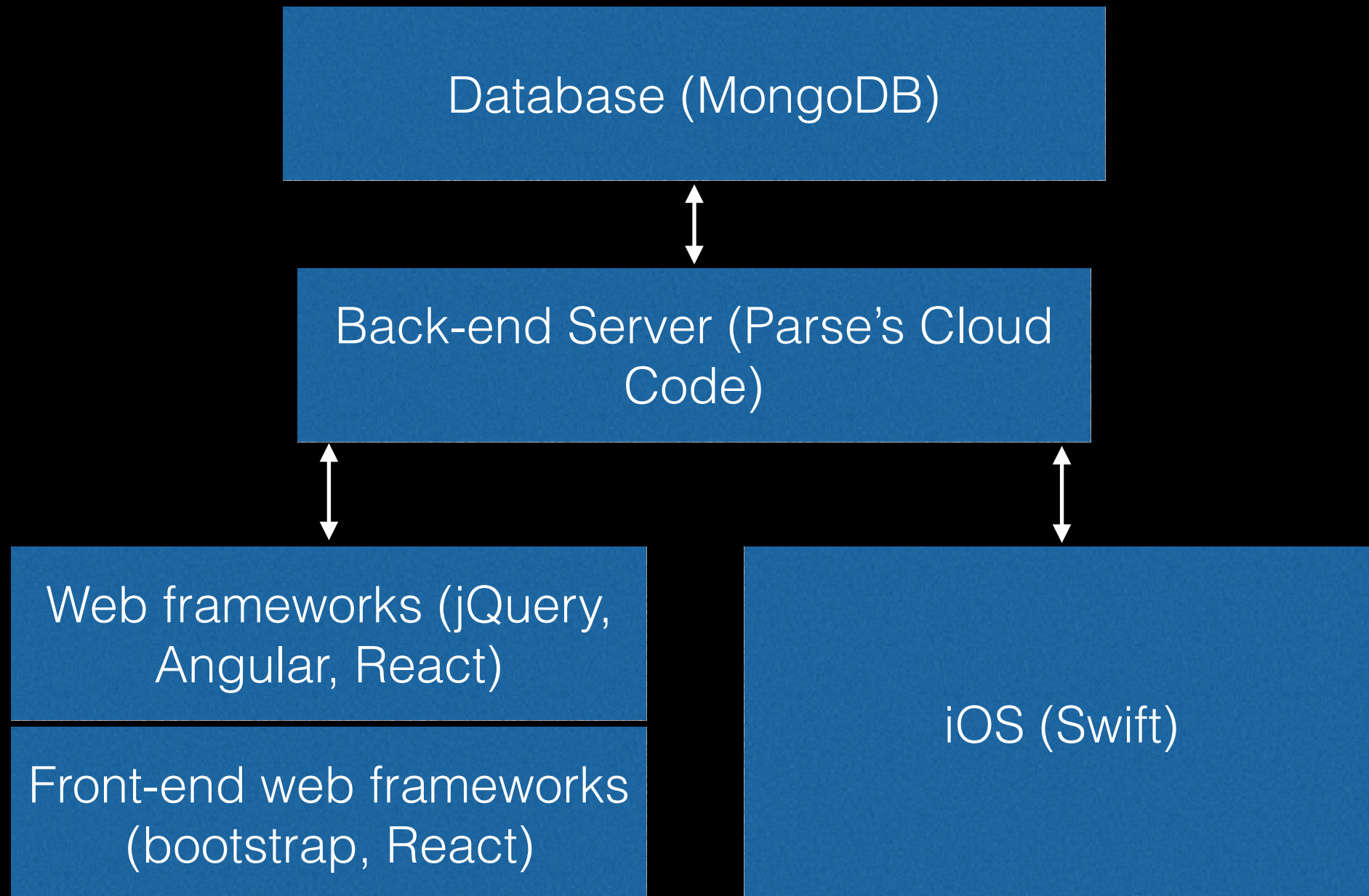
# Class Intro

- Name
- Year and Major
- Need a Mac?

# Need a Mac?

- The ECE department has given us access to their Macbook Airs for the semester
- By borrowing hardware you agree to the following: “I agree to assume full financial responsibility for all components of the equipment for the time that it is checked out to me. I understand that I will be asked to pay a replacement charge for any damage or loss of the equipment issued to me. I understand that I am responsible for returning the equipment in person, with all parts, on time. I will not leave equipment unattended and understand that I must return the equipment during the time designated by OIT or the professor.”

# High level goals



# parse.com

- Back-end as a service
- Owned by Facebook, with clients including eBay, Groupon, Barclays
- Includes entire backend stack, DB based on Mongo.db
- Cloud Code is based on Node.js, allows DB manipulation (scheduled jobs, cloud functions)
- Simplifies overhead of advanced features (push notifications, user authentication)

# Meeting Dates

- 01/20
- 01/27
- 02/03
- 02/10
- 02/17
- 02/24
- 03/02
- 03/09
- 03/16 (Spring break)
- 03/23
- 03/30
- 04/06
- 04/13
- 04/20
- 04/27 (LDOC)

# Meeting Dates

- 01/20 - Intro
- 01/27 - The Swift Language, Playgrounds
- 02/03 - Xcode Environment
- 02/10 - UIKit
- 02/17 - iOS Frameworks
- 02/24 - Parse DB
- 03/02 - Wrap-up Demo
- 03/09 - Catch-up / JS Intro
- 03/16 (Spring break)
- 03/23 - Frontend JS & Frameworks
- 03/30 - Integrating Web Frontend and Backend
- 04/06 - TBD Special Topics / Project Work
- 04/13 - TBD Special Topics / Project Work
- 04/20 - TBD Special Topics / Project Work
- 04/27 - Cumulative Final and Final Presentations 7-10pm (kidding)

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- 04/27 - (LDOC)



# Importance of Apps

- Smart phone global penetration
- Evolution of multimedia
- Strong growth in developing markets
- Influence on design and user experience
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**1995**

**80MM+ Mobile Phone Users**

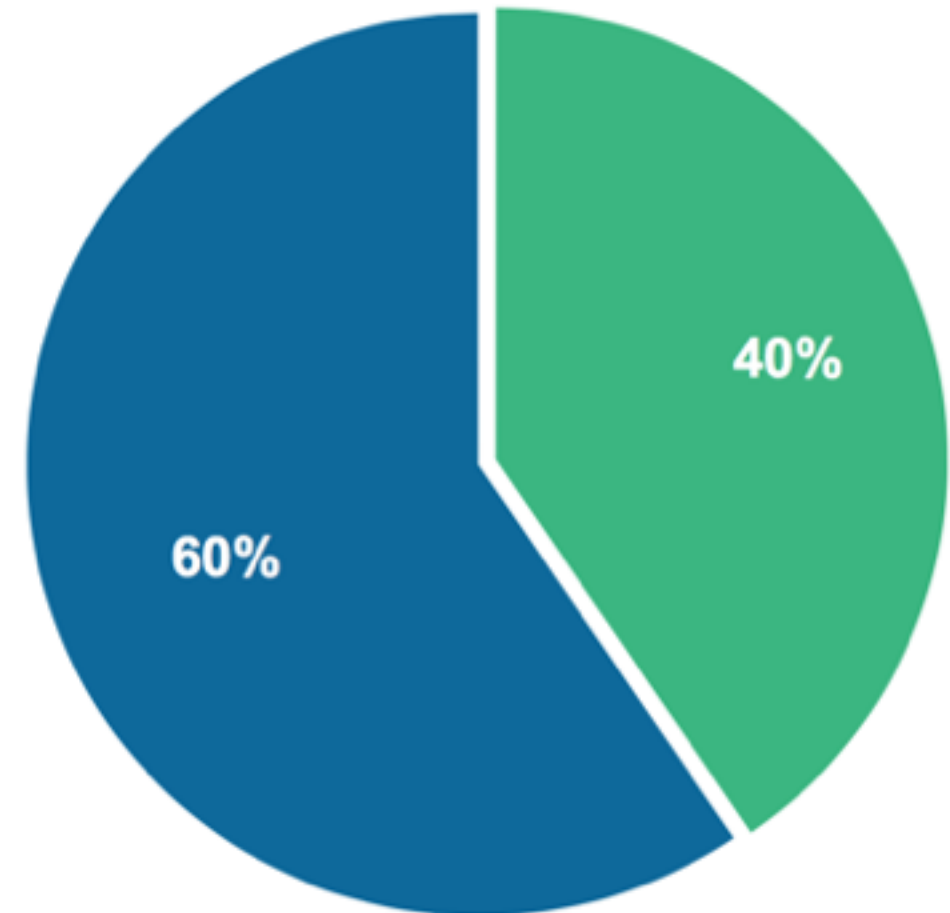
*1% Population Penetration*



**2014**

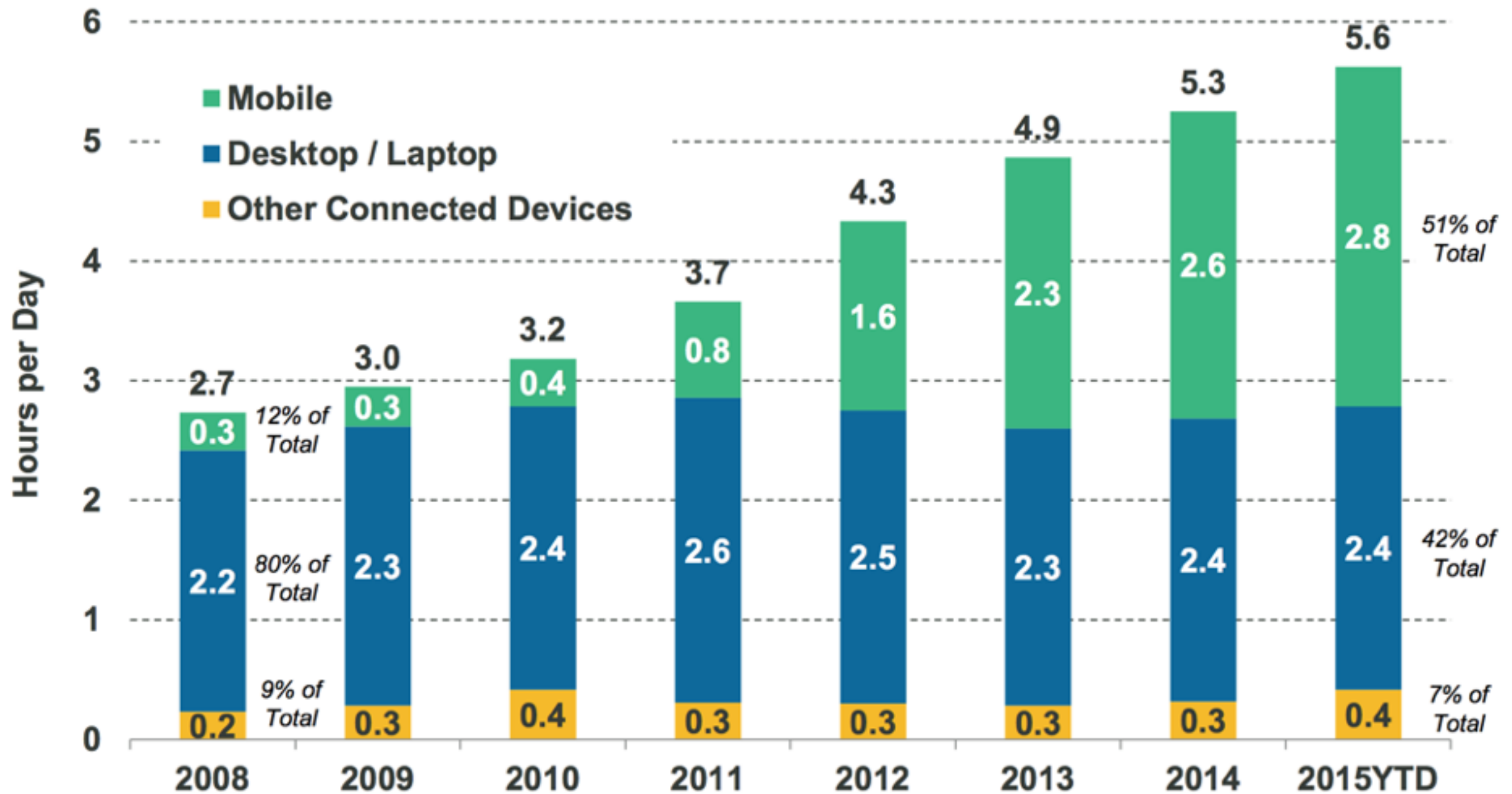
**5.2B Mobile Phone Users**

*73% Population Penetration*













■ Smartphone ■ Feature Phone

## Time Spent per Adult User per Day with Digital Media, USA, 2008 – 2015YTD













6+ of Top 10  
most used apps  
globally =  
Messaging Apps

### Top Apps by Usage

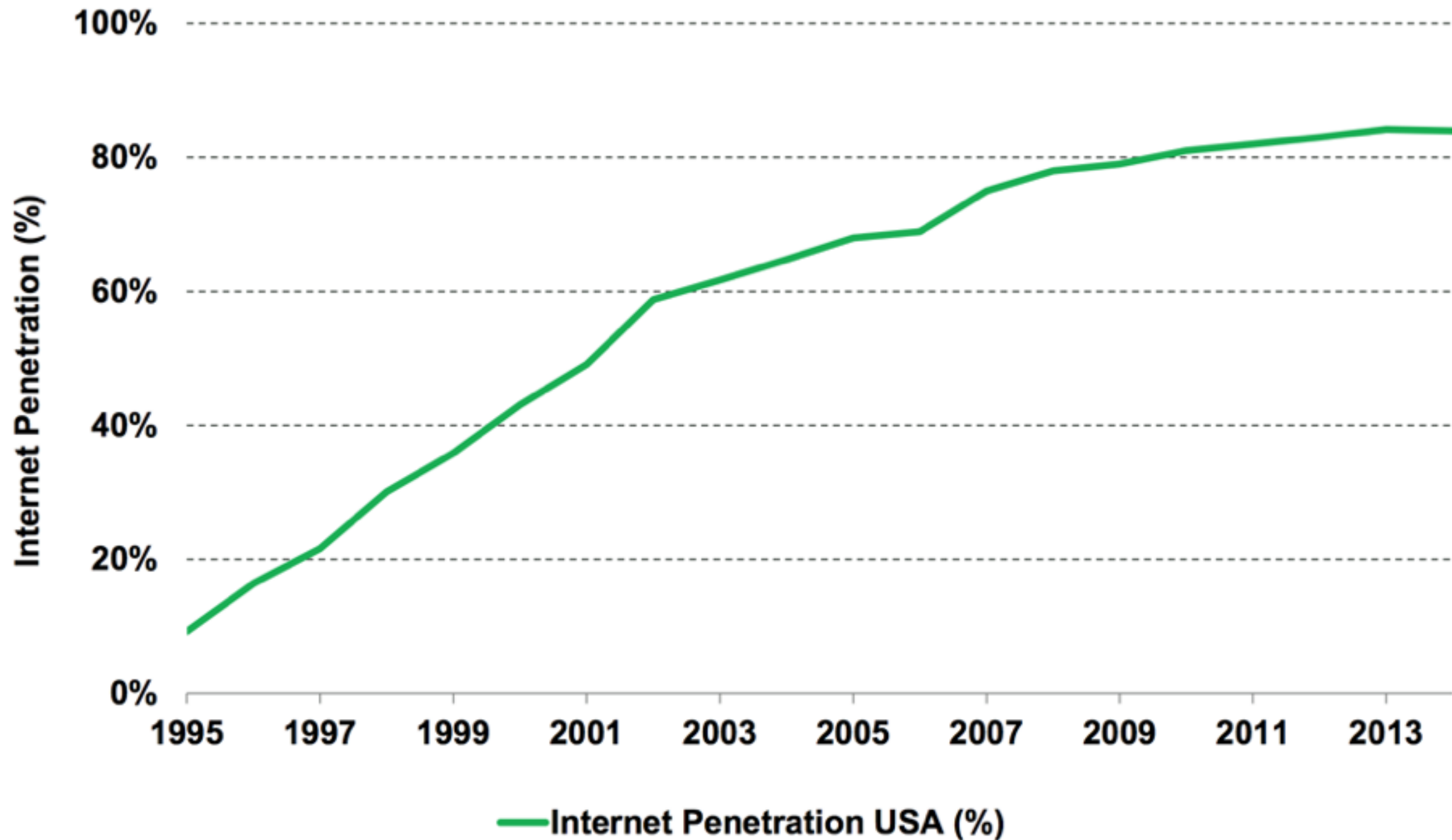
Rank	App
①	 Facebook
②	 WhatsApp
③	 Messenger
④	 Instagram
⑤	 LINE
⑥	 Viber
⑦	 KakaoTalk
⑧	 Clash of Clans
⑨	 WeChat
⑩	 Twitter

### Top Apps By Number of Sessions

Rank	App	Sessions
①	 KakaoTalk	55
②	 WhatsApp	37
③	 WeChat	29
④	 VK	29
⑤	 LINE	26
⑥	 Viber	20
⑦	 Facebook	20
⑧	 Clash of Clans	16
⑨	 Instagram	12
⑩	 Messenger	8

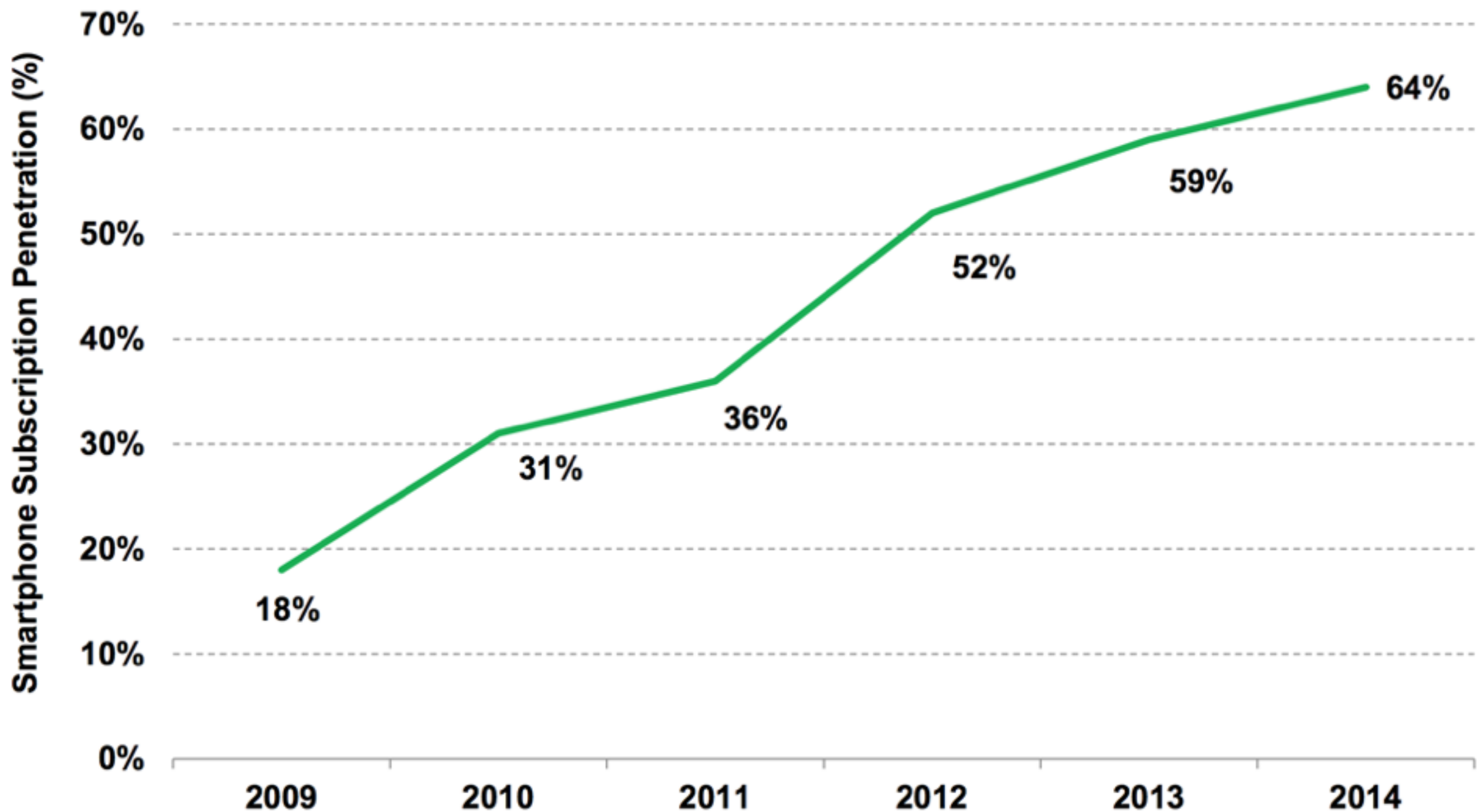
Messaging  
Apps →  
significant app  
sessions

## Percent of Population with Internet Access, USA, 1995 – 2014

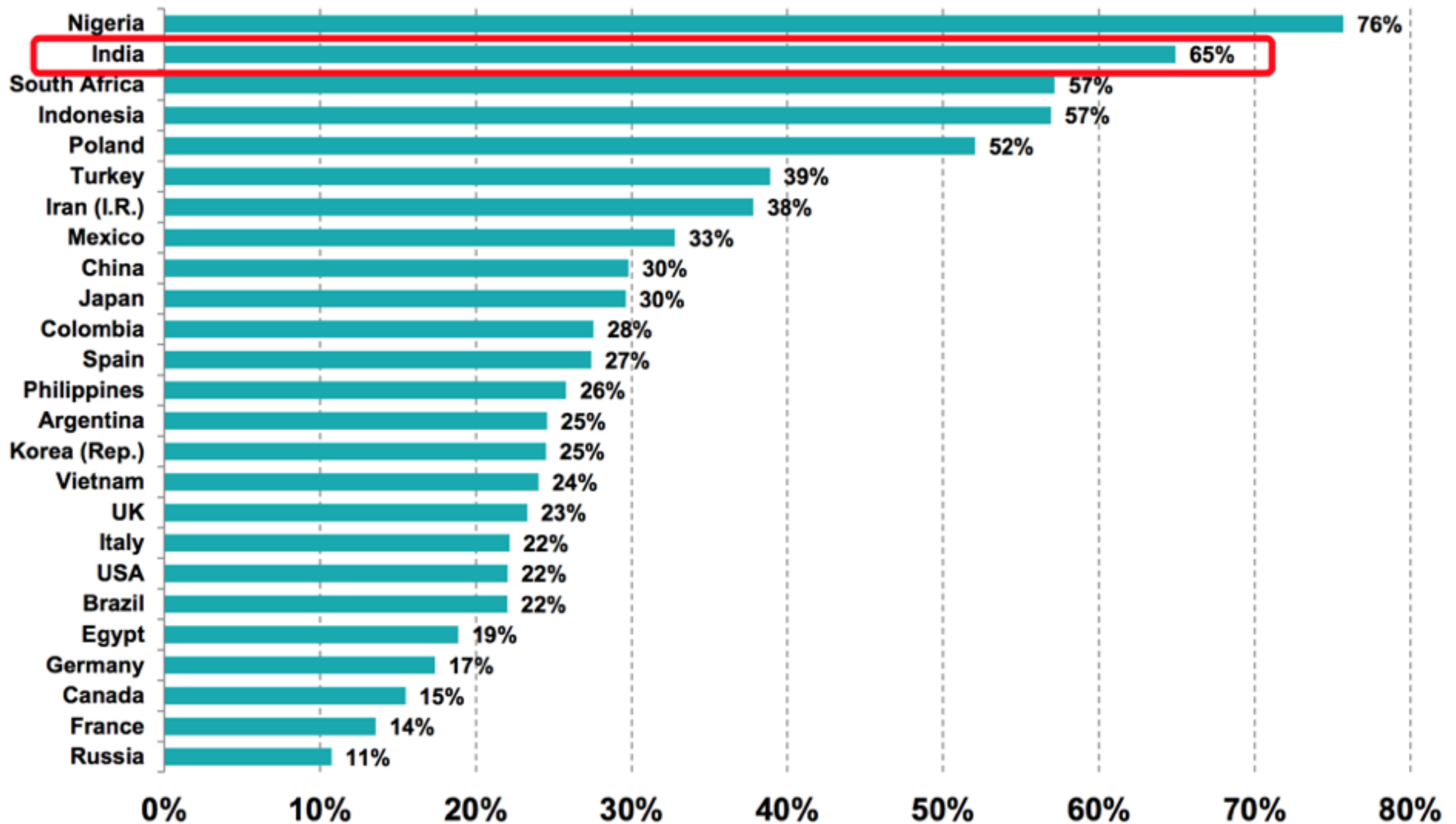




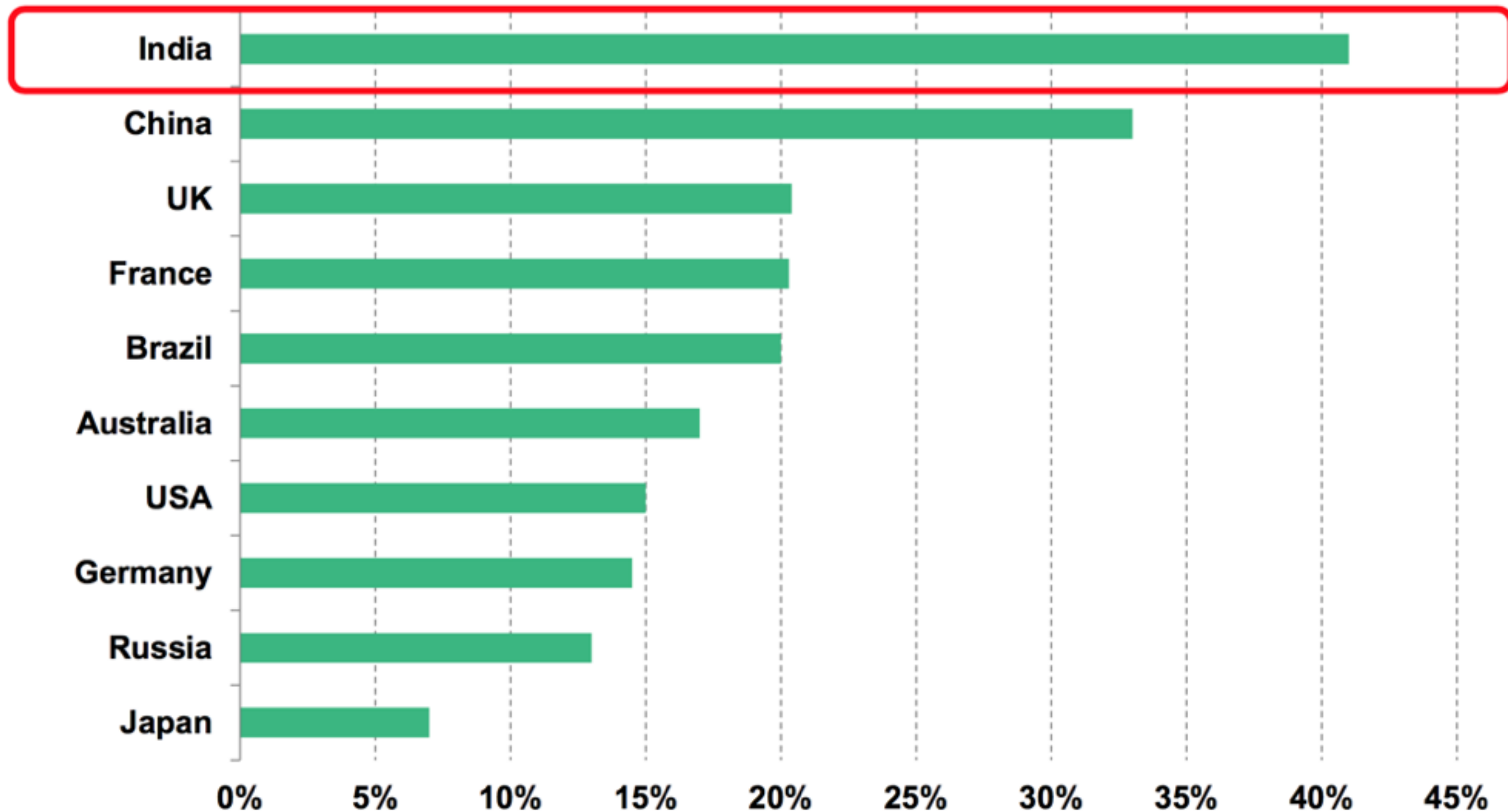
## Smartphone Subscription Penetration, USA, 2009 – 2014



## Mobile % of Total Internet Traffic by Country, 5/15



## Mobile as % of Total E-Commerce Sales, 2014





# Importance of Apps - Video

100,000,000,000 apps downloaded

# CLI Review

- `cd {directory}` : change directory
- `~` : home directory
- `.` : current directory
- `..` : parent directory
- `~/Documents` : documents directory for OS X
- `pwd` : print working directory

# CLI Review

- ls : list files in directory
- Paths use / to denote levels
  - /Users/Davis is the absolute path of my home directory : ~
  - When inside ~
    - Documents is the relative path to /Users/Davis/Documents
    - I can simply type 'cd Documents'
- touch : creates a new empty file

# Git Review

# iOS - A history

- Objective-C (Object-Oriented C)
  - Selected as the programming language for NeXT computers in 1988
- Apple buys NeXT in 1997, iOS and OS X are derived from the NeXTSTEP OS

# iOS - A history

- Objective-C Weaknesses
  - C at the core...

```
NSString *string = [someObject name];  
if (string != nil){  
    //do something with string  
}
```

- Message based method calling

```
if ([delegate respondsToSelector:@selector(buttonClicked:)]) {  
    [delegate buttonClicked:self];  
}
```

# iOS - A history

- Swift
  - Introduced in 2014 alongside iOS 8 with the tagline “Objective-C without the C”
  - Interoperates with Objective-C
    - Legacy frameworks from NeXT still used
- Safety Features
  - Auto memory management
  - Objects can never be nil (optionals)

# Comparison

- Objective-C

```
if ([delegate respondsToSelector:@selector(buttonClicked:)]) {  
    [delegate buttonClicked:self];  
}
```

- Swift

```
delegate?.buttonClicked(self)
```



# Swift

- Rapidly Changing
  - 2.0 release was June 2015
  - Open-sourced December 2015
  - How and where will Swift be used beyond Apple?

# Readings / HW

- Skim over 'The Basics' up to and including the 'Methods' section of The Swift Programming Language iBook or online at <http://apple.co/1DgqEVo>
- Download Xcode Version 7.X from the Mac App Store
- Do the prework assignment if you haven't (<https://github.com/Duke-HC-Mobile-Apps-Web>)

# Books

