

# **Research Report**

# Greatest and Failed Innovation: Comparative Study Communication Sector

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#### **Abstract**

In recent times, the communication sector has witnessed an enormous growth, as several innovative ideas are introduced to enhance and improve the way individuals communicate. This research report presents a comparative analysis of both the most significant and failed innovations in the communication sector. The report provides a comprehensive review of the crucial factors that have led to the success or failure of these innovations, including their origin, key contributors, societal impact, and possible advancements over time. Moreover, the report inspects the reasons behind the failure of certain innovations and suggests ways in which they could be improved for future success. By comparing these innovations, the report aims to identify the key factors that contribute to successful innovation within the communication sector and provide recommendations for future innovations. This report's findings could potentially serve as a blueprint for driving positive change in the communication sector by highlighting the critical success factors of innovative ideas.

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#### Introduction

Innovation refers to the process of developing and implementing new or improved products, services, or processes that bring about significant change and add value to individuals, organizations, and society. It is often driven by creativity, research, and development and involves taking risks to introduce something new or unique that addresses existing problems or meets emerging needs. Innovation can occur in various sectors, including technology, healthcare, transportation, communication, and more, and is widely considered a critical driver of progress and growth.

The communication sector has undergone a significant transformation over the past few years, with the introduction of various innovative technologies and services that have revolutionized the way people communicate. The development of these innovations has been driven by the need to enhance communication, overcome geographical barriers, and increase the speed and efficiency of communication. While some of these innovations have been highly successful, others have failed to meet the expectations of users or failed to gain market traction. Therefore, it is essential to analyse both the greatest and failed innovations in the communication sector to gain insights into what factors contribute to their success or failure.

This research report aims to provide a comparative analysis of the greatest and failed innovation in the communication sector. The report will examine the key factors that have contributed to the success or failure of these innovations, including their genesis, key contributors, impact on society, and likely improvements over the years. Additionally, the report will explore the reasons why some innovations failed and what could be done to improve them to become successful. Through a comparative analysis of these innovations, the report aims to identify the key factors that contribute to successful innovation in the communication sector and provide recommendations for future innovations.

The report will provide valuable information for policymakers, industry players, and other stakeholders in the communication sector to guide their decision-making and strategy development. Ultimately, the findings of this report could help drive positive change in the communication sector and lead to the development of more successful and impactful innovations.

#### **Communication Sector**

The communication sector is one of the fastest-growing industries globally, with significant advancements in technology leading to an increase in innovative products and services. The sector includes various sub-industries such as telecommunications, broadcasting, social media, and internet services, among others. The communication sector plays a crucial role in connecting people worldwide, facilitating the exchange of information and ideas across various platforms. With the growing demand for faster, more efficient communication methods, the sector has seen a surge in the introduction of new products and services aimed at improving communication experiences. However, not all innovations succeed in the market. Therefore, it is essential to examine the factors that contribute to both the success and failure of these innovations. The comparative study of the greatest and failed innovations in the communication sector aims to provide insights into the key factors that influence innovation success, enabling stakeholders to make informed decisions about future innovations in the sector.

Communication plays a crucial role in society by facilitating the exchange of information, ideas, and knowledge between individuals, groups, and organizations. Effective communication helps individuals to connect with others, build relationships, and collaborate towards achieving common goals. It enables people to express themselves, share their thoughts, and contribute to the social, cultural, and economic development of society. Communication also helps to spread awareness and educate people about various issues, including health, education, environment, and social justice. It promotes transparency, accountability, and good governance by enabling people to voice their opinions, hold those in power accountable, and participate in decision-making processes. In short, communication is a fundamental aspect of human interaction and an essential tool for the development and progress of society.

## **Innovation Analysis**

As part of the research report on the greatest and failed innovation in the communication sector, a detailed analysis description innovation will be provided. This section of the report will focus on identifying and analyzing the innovation including its features, benefits, and limitations.

For successful innovations, the analysis will focus on the unique features and benefits that set them apart from existing innovations. The analysis will also examine the key contributors to the innovation's success, such as the individuals or organizations responsible for its development and implementation. Additionally, the societal impact of the innovation will be evaluated, including its potential to improve communication, increase efficiency, and enhance overall quality of life.

For failed innovations, the analysis will focus on identifying the reasons behind their lack of success. This could include poor execution, insufficient research, lack of market demand, or limitations in the technology or process/idea itself. The analysis will also examine potential ways in which the innovation could be improved to become successful, including changes to the innovation, adjustments in marketing or implementation strategies, or improvements in the underlying technology.

#### • Greatest Innovation: Internet





The internet, also known as the World Wide Web, is a global network of computers that allows individuals and organizations to connect and share information across the globe. It is a system that enables the exchange of data and communication between different devices, including computers, smartphones, and tablets. The internet has transformed the way we access and share information, communicate with each other, and conduct business. It has become an essential tool in our daily lives, from finding information and entertainment to connecting with friends and colleagues. The internet has also revolutionized industries such as e-commerce, online education, and telemedicine. With its ever-evolving technology and endless possibilities, the internet is likely to continue playing a significant role in shaping our future.

The origins of the Internet can be traced back to the late 1960s, when the U.S. Department of Defense created a computer networking project called ARPANET (Advanced Research Projects Agency Network). ARPANET was designed to connect universities and research institutions to facilitate the sharing of resources and information. The first message sent over the network occurred on October 29, 1969, between computers at UCLA and the Stanford Research Institute.

Over the next two decades, the ARPANET grew and expanded, connecting more and more universities and research centers across the United States. In 1983, the network

was split into two: ARPANET and MILNET, with the former being reserved for research and the latter for military purposes.

The modern internet as we know it today began to take shape in the late 1980s and early 1990s, with the development of the World Wide Web (WWW) by British computer scientist Tim Berners-Lee. The WWW introduced the concept of hyperlinks, allowing users to easily navigate between websites and access information in a more intuitive way. The first website was launched in 1991, and the first web browser, Mosaic, was introduced in 1993.

Throughout the 1990s, the Internet experienced exponential growth, with millions of users coming online and more and more businesses and organizations establishing a presence on the web. The advent of e-commerce and online banking transformed the way we shop and manage our finances, while social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter changed the way we connect and interact with others.

Today, the Internet has become an essential part of modern society, playing a crucial role in everything from education and healthcare to entertainment and politics. The development of mobile technology and wireless networks has further accelerated the growth of the Internet, allowing us to access information and communicate with others from anywhere in the world.

## **Key Factors:**

# • Impact on Society:

Impact of the internet on society has been significant and far-reaching. It has revolutionized the way people communicate, access information, and conduct business. One of the most significant impacts of the internet is its ability to connect people from all over the world, breaking down geographical barriers and enabling instant communication. This has led to the rise of social media and online communities, where people can share information, ideas, and experiences.

The internet has also transformed the way people access information. With a few clicks of a button, people can access vast amounts of information on any topic. This has democratized access to information, allowing people from all backgrounds to educate themselves and stay informed about current events. However, the internet has also been criticized for the spread of misinformation and fake news, leading to concerns about the impact on democratic societies.

In terms of business, the internet has disrupted traditional industries and created new ones. Online shopping has become increasingly popular, leading to the rise of e-commerce giants such as Amazon. The internet has also enabled the rise of the gig economy, with platforms such as Uber and Airbnb connecting workers with customers in new and innovative ways.

Overall, the impact of the internet on society has been both positive and negative. While it has created new opportunities and enabled greater connectivity, it has also brought about new challenges and concerns.

# • Likely Improvements over the years:

There are several likely improvements that can happen over the years in the realm of the internet.

- As internet technology evolves, there will be a continued focus on improving the speed and connectivity of internet networks. The advent of 5G networks is a significant milestone in this regard.
- The integration of AI and machine learning algorithms with the internet can help automate several tasks, making them more efficient and streamlined.
- The integration of augmented and virtual reality technologies with the internet can revolutionize how people interact with information and each other.
- With the growing concern over data privacy and security, internet technology is likely to evolve to provide more robust measures to protect user data.
- Internet of Things (IoT) is the interconnection of various devices and appliances with the internet. As IoT technology becomes more advanced, it is likely to transform the way people live and work.

The Internet will continue to evolve, with advances in technology enabling faster and more reliable connections and have a significant impact on society, and the above improvements can only help to further accelerate that impact.

## • Failed Innovation: Google Glass





Google Glass is a wearable technology device that resembles a pair of glasses and provides augmented reality (AR) features. The device was introduced by Google in 2013 and generated a lot of buzz due to its futuristic design and features. However, the product failed to gain mainstream adoption, and Google eventually discontinued it in 2015.

The development of Google Glass started in 2010 as a project of Google X, a division of Google dedicated to developing futuristic technologies. The project was led by Google engineer Babak Parvis, who was also involved in the development of contact lens technology for medical use. The goal of the project was to create a wearable device that could provide users with hands-free access to information and features such as navigation, messaging, and photography.

Google Glass was launched in 2013 as a beta product called the "Explorer Edition," which was only available to a limited number of developers and early adopters. The device was equipped with a small display screen that sat above the user's right eye and could project digital information onto the user's field of view. It also had a camera, a touchpad on the side of the device, and could be controlled using voice commands.

Despite generating a lot of interest and buzz, Google Glass failed to gain mainstream adoption due to a combination of factors, including privacy concerns, the high cost of the device, and limited functionality. In 2015, Google announced that it was

discontinuing the product as a consumer device, but continued to explore other potential uses for the technology in enterprise settings.

## **Key Factors:**

## • Why it is called as failed innovation?:

Google Glass is often referred to as a failed innovation for several reasons. First and foremost, it failed to gain widespread adoption among consumers despite being heavily marketed and hyped as the next big thing in wearable technology. This lack of adoption was due to several factors, including the high cost of the device, privacy concerns, and the fact that it did not offer a clear value proposition for everyday use. Moreover, Google Glass received significant backlash from privacy advocates who raised concerns about the device's potential to violate personal privacy by recording video and taking pictures without the knowledge or consent of others. Some places even banned the use of Google Glass altogether due to these privacy concerns. Finally, the development and manufacturing costs for Google Glass were high, and the product did not generate enough revenue to justify the investment. In 2015, Google announced that it would be discontinuing the project, citing lack of consumer interest and market viability.

## • What is needed to make it a successful innovation? :

To make Google Glass a successful innovation, several factors need to be considered.

The device needs to have a clear value proposition and address a specific need in the market. Secondly, the privacy concerns need to be addressed, and measures should be taken to ensure that the device does not violate personal privacy rights.

The device needs to be affordable and accessible to the general public, and the cost of development and manufacturing should be reduced.

Additionally, Google could work on creating a better marketing strategy to showcase the benefits of the device and target a wider audience.

By addressing these issues, Google Glass could potentially become a successful innovation in the future.

# How it will be useful for the society?

Google Glass has the potential to benefit society in various ways, such as in healthcare by providing doctors and nurses with real-time patient data, in manufacturing and logistics by offering workers hands-free access to information and instructions, and for individuals with disabilities by providing real-time translations and audio descriptions. Additionally, it could assist people with memory impairments by reminding them of their daily tasks and appointments. With further improvements and modifications, Google Glass could still become a valuable innovation for society.

#### **Case Studies**

Some other innovations apart from Internet and Google Glass.

#### **Mobile Phones: Successful Innovation**

Mobile phones revolutionized the way people communicate and stay connected with each other. The first mobile phone was invented in 1973 by Martin Cooper, and since then, mobile phones have evolved significantly. Today, they are not just used for making calls and sending text messages, but for browsing the internet, taking pictures, and even making payments. Mobile phones have become an integral part of people's lives, and they have changed the way businesses operate as well. With the advent of smartphones, businesses can now reach their customers anytime and anywhere. The mobile phone industry has grown exponentially, and it is expected to continue to grow in the future.

#### **Segway: Failed Innovation**

The Segway was supposed to be a revolutionary personal transportation device that would change the way people move around cities. It was invented by Dean Kamen and unveiled in 2001. However, the Segway failed to live up to its hype and expectations. The device was expensive, and it was not very practical for everyday use. It was also difficult to operate, and many people found it intimidating to ride. As a result, the Segway did not become the game-changer that its inventors had hoped it would be.

#### **Satellite Communications: Successful Innovation**

Satellite communications have transformed the way people communicate across the globe. It allows people to communicate from remote locations, and it has made it possible for businesses to operate globally. Satellites can be used for a wide range of applications, from television broadcasting to weather monitoring. Satellite communications have also played a critical role in emergency response, allowing people to communicate during natural disasters and other emergencies. The satellite communications industry continues to grow, and it is expected to become even more critical in the future.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, the communication sector has witnessed both successful and failed innovations over the years, and this research report has presented a comparative analysis of two significant innovations in this sector - the internet and Google Glass. The internet has undoubtedly revolutionized the way people communicate, work, and access information, and its impact on society cannot be overstated. On the other hand, Google Glass was marketed as the next big thing in wearable technology, but it failed to gain widespread adoption due to several factors, including privacy concerns and the lack of a clear value proposition for everyday use.

While Google Glass was a failed innovation, it still has potential applications in healthcare, manufacturing, logistics, and assisting people with disabilities, among others. With the right improvements and modifications, it could still become a valuable innovation for society.

The comparative analysis of these two innovations has highlighted the critical factors that contribute to the success or failure of innovations in the communication sector, such as affordability, privacy concerns, societal impact, and clear value propositions. Ultimately, the communication sector will continue to evolve and innovate, and this research report provides valuable insights for all stakeholders involved in this dynamic industry

The communication sector has been evolving rapidly in recent years, with new and innovative technologies being introduced at a rapid pace. From social media platforms and messaging apps to virtual and augmented reality technologies, the communication sector is constantly evolving, providing new ways for people to connect and interact with each other.

we can expect to see continued evolution and innovation in the communication sector, with the development of new technologies that could fundamentally change the way we communicate and interact with each other. As the world becomes more connected, the need for better communication technologies and infrastructure will only continue to grow, making this an exciting and dynamic field for innovation and development.

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