Demystifying Patent Activity

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### Motivation



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# Examining the key Internal Drivers of Company Performance in relation with patents

- Expenditure on Innovation and Research & Development
- Patent Type
- Year patent was applied for
- Industry of the company

# Key stakeholder pressures can be critical drivers of a company's performance

Competitors	Navigating Regulatory Compliance	Growth Through Consumer Adoption
Innovation Race	Pressures from the firm's regulatory environment	Consumer response from the firm's original and influential innovations
Benchmarking	Specific regulatory standards governing patents, product safety, environmental impact.	Innovative products drive revenue, market share, and loyalty.

# Objective

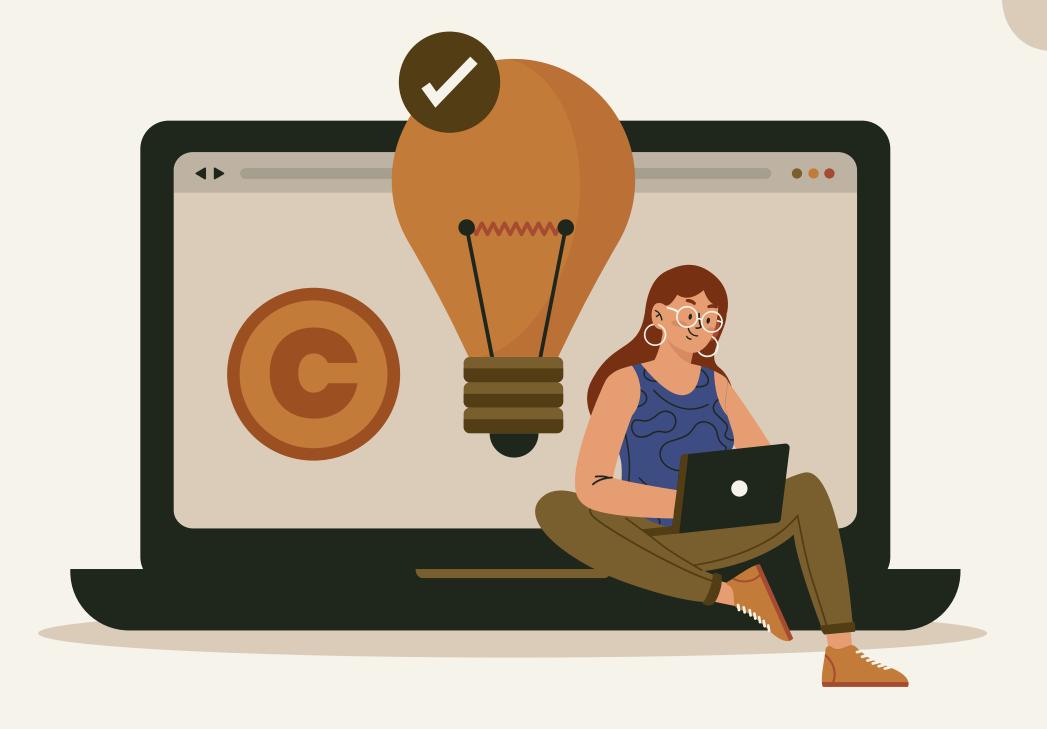




### **Key Internal Drivers of Company Performance**

Number of Patents and activity

 Return on Assets (Revenue & Profitability) based on financial ratios



Data Source 1: Compustat Company Financials Yearly Subset

• Features: gvkey, fyear, total assets, cost of goods sold, net income, total revenue, R&D expenses, city, gsector, sic

Data Source 2: WRDS IBES Company Financials Yearly Subset

• Features: gvkey, year, return on assets, cash conversion, asset turnover, R&D to sales, staff to sales

Patent Datasets: 2 datasets that contained Patent Activity and Yearly Summary of Patent Data

Dataset 1: Patent Activity With GVKEY (subset)

PATNUM	Number of patents produced by a company in a given year	
PTYPE Type of Patent: Utility & Design		
FUNCTIONAL_INNOVATIONS	Innovations by a company that were granted and protect the functional aspects of an invention.	
DESIGN_INNOVATIONS	Innovations by a company that were granted and protect new, original, and ornamental designs for an article of manufacture.	
GSECTOR	Industry classification	

**Date Range:** 1990 - 2020 | **Total Rows:** 421182 | **Columns:** 27

Dataset 2: Patent Activity With GVKEY YEARLY STATS (subset)

YEAR	The year the patent was applied for	
BACKWARD_CITES	An indicator of a company's level of originality in its patented innovations.	
FORWARD_CITES	An indicator of a company's degree of influence in its patented innovations.	
COMPANY NAME	Name of the company	
COUNTRY	Name of the country	

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# Descriptive Stats



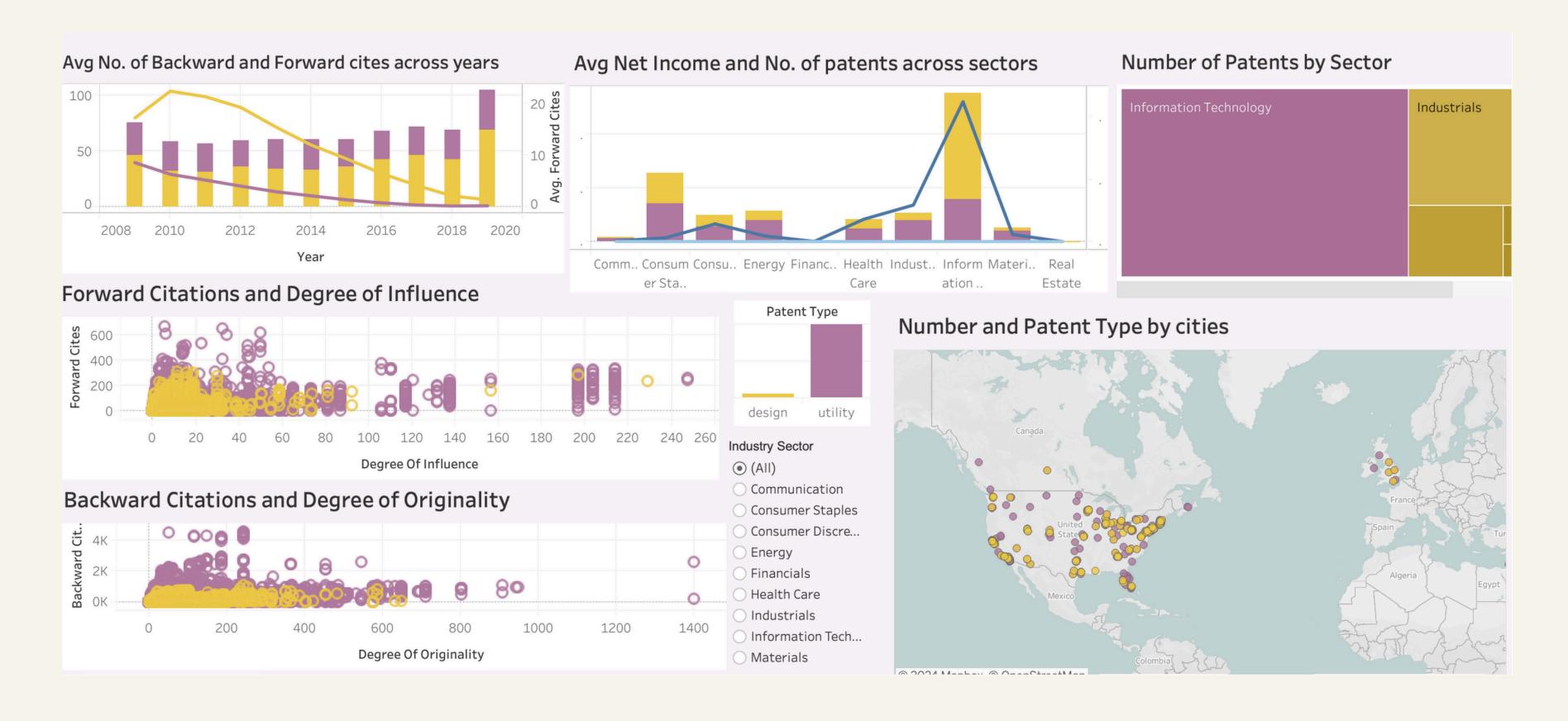
### Industries Represented in the Dataset (gsector)

	Count	Percentage
gsector		
Information Technology	246408	58.503925
Industrials	66271	15.734528
Health Care	40188	9.541718
Consumer Discretionary	34408	8.169390
Materials	12837	3.047851
Consumer Staples	10129	2.404899
Energy	9605	2.280487
Communication	1124	0.266868
Financials	197	0.046773
Real Estate	15	0.003561

### Data Viz



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# Regression Results



### Descriptive Stats of Outcome Variables

Variable	Obs	Mean	SD	Min	Max
Return on Assets	421182	0.14	0.14	-10.37	1.63
Functional Innovation	421182	1387	2187	1.00	8750
Design Innovation	421182	1387	2187	1.00	8750

### Regression (OLS) Results: DV = ROA

DV: roa	Baseline (No FE)	FE on Sector	FE on Sector and Year
Intercept	0.145*** (0.000)	_	_
backward_cites	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)
forward_cites	-0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)
degree_of_originality	-0.020*** (0.000)	0.000 (0.000)	0.000*** (0.000)
degree_of_influence	0.002*** (0.000)	0.002*** (0.000)	0.001*** (0.000)
rd_sale	-0.000*** (0.000)	-0.000*** (0.000)	-0.000*** (0.000)
staff_sale	-0.009*** (0.000)	-0.008*** (0.000)	-0.008*** (0.000)
year	_	_	X
sector	_	X	X
R-squared	0.017	0.080	0.086
S.E. type	iid	hetero	hetero
Observations	421182	421182	421182

### Regression (OLS) Results: DV = Functional Innovations

DV: functional patents	Baseline (No FE)	FE on RD_Sale	FE on RD_Sale and Year
Intercept	1818.285 *** (7.772)	_	_
backward_cites	0.010 (0.043)	0.011 (0.025)	0.008 (0.023)
forward_cites	-0.036 (0.288)	-0.038 (0.189)	-0.039 (0.170)
degree_of_originality	-11.158 *** (0.104)	-11.157 *** (0.125)	-11.793 *** (0.130)
degree_of_influence	-22.750 *** (0.650)	-21.951 *** (1.096)	-7.579 *** (0.883)
at_turn	-71.154 *** (8.741)	-142.159 *** (4.468)	-108.728 *** (4.456)
staff_sale	-25.898 *** (3.212)	-60.859 *** (12.548)	-46.070 *** (10.593)
year	_	<del>-</del>	X
rd_sale	_	X	X
R-squared	0.047	0.052	0.089
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### Regression (OLS) Results: DV = Design Innovations

DV: design patents	Baseline (No FE)	FE on RD_Sale	FE on RD_Sale and Year
Intercept	1818.285 *** (7.772)	_	_
backward_cites	0.010 (0.043)	0.011 (0.025)	0.008 (0.023)
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## Summary



### **SUMMARY**

All independent variables exhibit statistical significance with p-values below 0.05, indicating that they have an influence on the dependent variables. However, the observed impact on the dependent variables is relatively small.

# Takeaways



### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**

- The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) was found to be below the threshold of 10 when Return on Assets (ROA) was considered as the dependent variable.
- The Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) exceeded acceptable levels in the models incorporating functional and design innovations as dependent variables.
   Consequently, these variables were not utilized as dependent variables in the analysis due to multicollinearity concerns.

# Challenges



### **CHALLENGES**

- Numerous null values contained in Financial Ratios that could have helped explain the variance in the dependent variables.
- Computational Costs were high
- Design & functional innovations = high collinearity

# Thank You

