

GOOGLE

Company Research Report

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Company Overview

Google LLC is an American multinational technology company that specializes in Internet-related services and products, which include online advertising technologies, a search engine, cloud computing, software, and hardware. It is considered one of the Big Five technology companies in the U.S. information technology industry, alongside Amazon, Apple, Meta, and Microsoft.

Google was founded in September 1998 by Larry Page and Sergey Brin while they were Ph.D. students at Stanford University in California. Together they own about 14% of its shares and control 56% of the stockholder voting power through supervoting stock. Google was incorporated in California on September 4, 1998. Google was then reincorporated in Delaware on October 22, 2002. In 2005, Google restructured into a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alphabet Inc., which is also headquartered in Mountain View, California.

Leadership

Google is currently led by CEO Sundar Pichai, who also serves as the CEO of parent company Alphabet Inc. Pichai has been in this role since 2015, when Google reorganized under Alphabet. The company's founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, stepped back from day-to-day operations in 2019 but remain members of Alphabet's board and controlling shareholders.

Other key executives include: • Ruth Porat: Chief Financial Officer • Prabhakar Raghavan: Senior Vice President, Search, Assistant, Geo, Ads, Commerce and Payments • Thomas Kurian: CEO of Google Cloud • Rick Osterloh: Senior Vice President, Devices & Services • Philipp Schindler: Chief Business Officer • Kent Walker: President, Global Affairs & Chief Legal Officer

Business Model & Revenue

Google's business model is primarily based on advertising. The company generates the majority of its revenue through its advertising platforms, Google Ads and Google AdSense. These platforms allow businesses to advertise on Google's search engine results pages, YouTube, and partner websites.

In recent years, Google has diversified its revenue streams to include: 1. Google Cloud Platform: Offering cloud computing services to businesses 2. Google Workspace: Subscription-based productivity tools for businesses 3. Google Play: Commission on app sales and in-app purchases 4. Hardware: Sales of devices like Pixel phones, Nest smart home products, and Chromebooks

Despite this diversification, advertising still accounts for approximately 80% of Google's total revenue. The company's advertising model is based on auctioning ad space and charging advertisers when users click on their ads (pay-per-click) or when ads are displayed (pay-per-impression).

Market Position

Google maintains dominant positions in several key markets: 1. Search Engines: Google Search holds approximately 90% of the global search engine market share. 2. Mobile Operating Systems: Android, developed by Google, powers

about 70% of smartphones worldwide. 3. Web Browsers: Google Chrome has around 65% of the global browser market share. 4. Online Video: YouTube, owned by Google, is the world's largest video sharing platform with over 2 billion monthly active users. 5. Digital Advertising: Google, along with Meta (Facebook), dominates the digital advertising market, with the two companies capturing over 50% of global digital ad spending. 6. Cloud Computing: Google Cloud Platform is the third-largest cloud service provider globally, behind Amazon Web Services and Microsoft Azure.

This market dominance has led to increased regulatory scrutiny, with Google facing antitrust investigations and lawsuits in various jurisdictions, including the United States and European Union.

Competitors

Google faces competition across its various business segments: 1. Search and Advertising: • Microsoft Bing • DuckDuckGo • Baidu (in China) • Meta (Facebook) for digital advertising 2. Cloud Computing: • Amazon Web Services (AWS) • Microsoft Azure • IBM Cloud • Oracle Cloud 3. Mobile Operating Systems: • Apple iOS 4. Browsers: • Apple Safari • Microsoft Edge • Mozilla Firefox 5. Productivity Tools: • Microsoft 365 • Apple iWork • Zoom (for video conferencing) 6. Hardware: • Apple • Samsung • Amazon (smart home devices)

Despite facing strong competitors in each segment, Google's integration of services and massive user base provide significant competitive advantages.

Opportunities for MLSE Partnership

There are several potential partnership opportunities between Google and MLSE: 1. Enhanced Fan Experience: • Google could provide AI-powered insights and statistics during games • YouTube could offer exclusive behind-the-scenes content • Google Maps integration for venue navigation and parking assistance • Google Pay integration for seamless in-venue purchases 2. Technology Infrastructure: • Google Cloud Platform could power MLSE's digital infrastructure • Machine learning solutions for player performance analysis • Data analytics for business intelligence and fan engagement metrics 3. Marketing and Advertising: • YouTube advertising and content partnerships • Google Search and Display Network campaigns • Cross-promotion opportunities with Google hardware products 4. Smart Venue Solutions: • Google's Nest products for venue management • Android-based information kiosks throughout venues • Google Assistant integration for voice-activated services 5. Digital Content Distribution: • YouTube as a platform for MLSE content • Google TV integration for streaming games and content • Virtual reality experiences powered by Google technology

A partnership would be mutually beneficial: MLSE would gain access to cutting-edge technology and Google's massive platform, while Google would secure a high-profile showcase for its products and services in the sports and entertainment industry.