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Creating Value with Software

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Figure: Ken Thompson (sitting) and Dennis Ritchie at PDP-11

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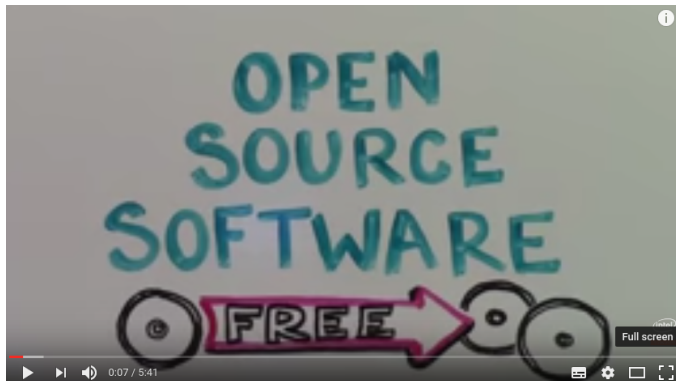


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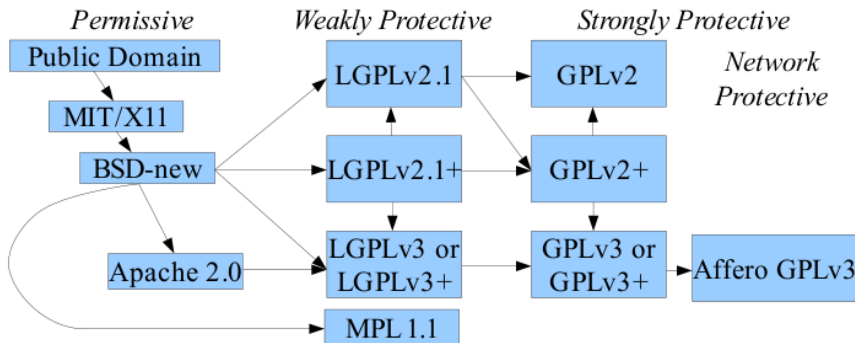
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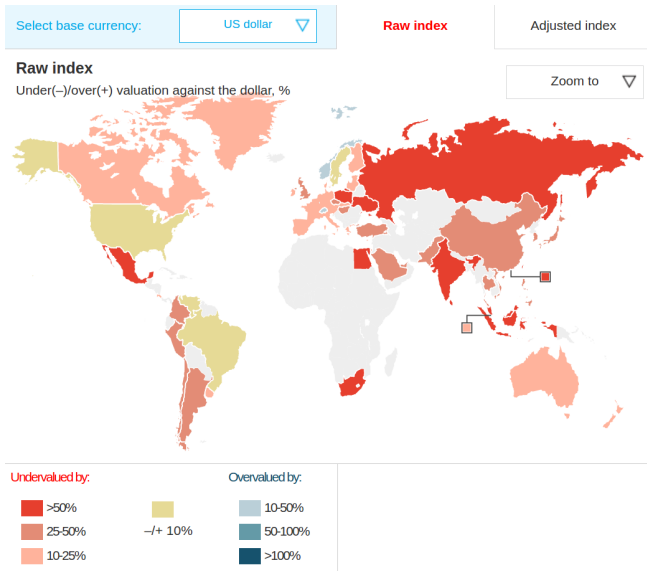
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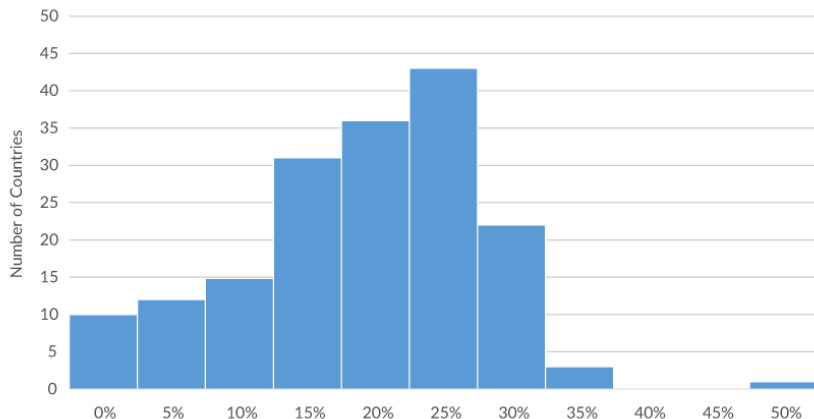
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Distribution of Worldwide Corporate Tax Rates, 2015



Source: Tax Foundation calculations based on data from the World Bank, OECD, and KPMG.

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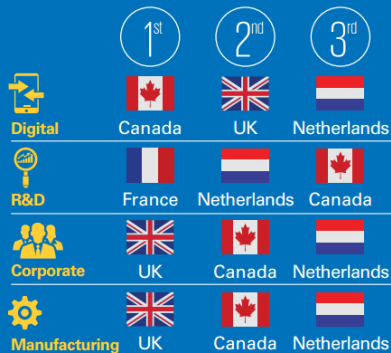
Corporate Income Tax Rates Competition (G7 Top 3 from KPMG, 2016)

Top 3 cost competitive countries

Major cost factors



Corporate income tax rates



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Countries with the lowest business cost (G7 Top 10 from KPMG, 2016)



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Business Cost Advantage: Greater Toronto vs USA (York Region, 2016)

- 13% lower Corporate Income Tax than U.S. avg. (State-Fed)
- 50% lower employer healthcare costs
- Lower salary costs (up to 45% in Tech) and employee attrition in tech/management roles than in the U.S.
- 40%-60% R&D cost reduction via SR&ED incentive program



Metro Toronto business cost advantage vs. U.S. metro areas

Source: KPMG Competitive Alternatives 2014

Metro Area	Software Development / Digital Media	Electronic Systems Development & Testing	Financial Services
vs. New York City	21%	19%	20%
vs. Los Angeles	17%	15%	10%
vs. San Francisco	21%	21%	18%
vs. Denver	12%	7%	2%
vs. Chicago	16%	11%	9%
vs. Boston	18%	13%	14%
vs. Raleigh	11%	14%	-1%
vs. Austin	11%	7%	1%
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Manufacturing Competitiveness (Global Top 10 from Deloitte, 2016)

2016 (Current)		
Rank	Country	Index score (100=High) (10 = Low)
1	China	100.0
2	United States	99.5
3	Germany	93.9
4	Japan	80.4
5	South Korea	76.7
6	United Kingdom	75.8
7	Taiwan	72.9
8	Mexico	69.5
9	Canada	68.7
10	Singapore	68.4

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Global Competitiveness Index (Global Top 15 from World Economic Forum, 2016)

	Economy	Score ¹	Prev. ²	Trend ³
1	Switzerland	5.76	1	
2	Singapore	5.68	2	
3	United States	5.61	3	
4	Germany	5.53	5	
5	Netherlands	5.50	8	
6	Japan	5.47	6	
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VC Money Invested in North American Cities (Thomson Reuters, 2016)

Metro Region	First 3Q 2016 Rank	2015 Rank	First 3Q 2016 VC Invested (CAD \$ Millions)	First 3Q 2016 North American Market Share	Change in Rank From 2015
San Francisco	1	1	\$15,981	28.3%	-
San Jose	2	2	\$7,829	13.9%	-
New York City	3	3	\$6,126	10.9%	-
Boston	4	4	\$5,280	9.4%	-
Los Angeles	5	5	\$3,267	5.8%	-
Washington D.C.	6	6	\$1,154	2.0%	-
San Diego	7	8	\$1,066	1.9%	+1 ▲
Chicago	8	9	\$915	1.6%	+1 ▲
Orange County	9	10	\$888	1.6%	+1 ▲
Seattle	10	7	\$795	1.4%	-3 ▼
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Philadelphia	12	15	\$651	1.2%	+3 ▲
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Austin	14	13	\$552	1.0%	-1 ▼
Houston	15	24	\$523	0.9%	+9 ▲
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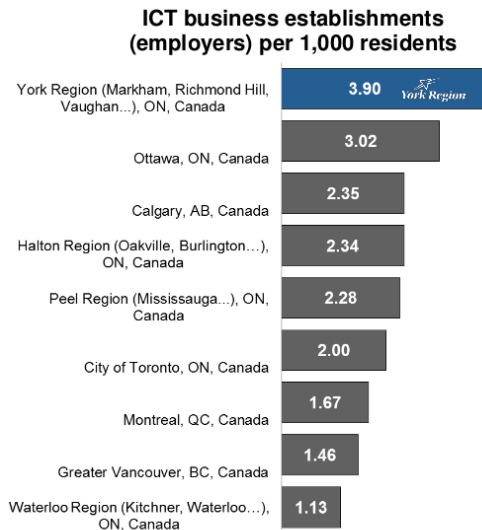
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ICT Cluster Density across Canada (York Region, 2016)



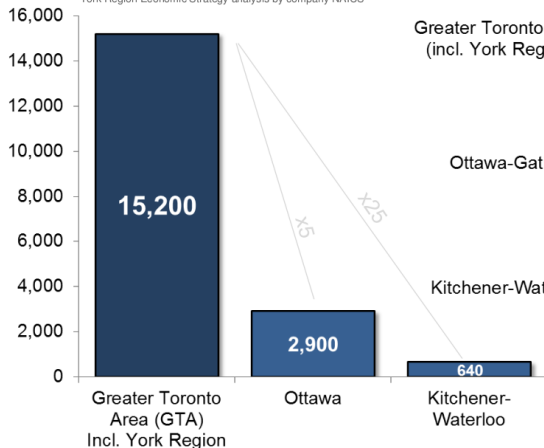
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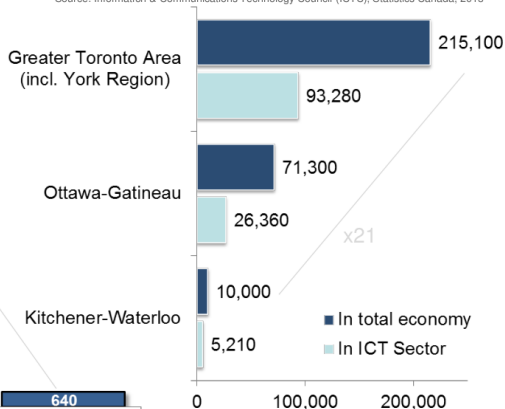
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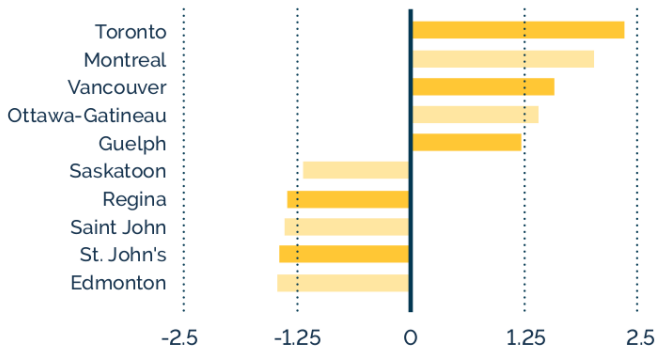
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