



# Online Content and Media



## *Class Discussion*

# YouTube and the Emerging Internet Broadcast System (IBS)

- What types of online videos have you watched online, and on what devices?
- What sites have given you the best overall viewing or entertainment experience, and why?
- What advantages does watching traditional television have over watching online TV and films?



# Trends in Online Content

- Vertical integration: Distributors enter content production business
- Netflix transitions to TV show distribution
- The **mobile platform** accelerates the transition to digital content
- **E-book** sales grow rapidly
- **Digital music** sales top physical sales
- Console **games** stagnate as online, social, casual games soar



# Trends in Online Content (cont.)

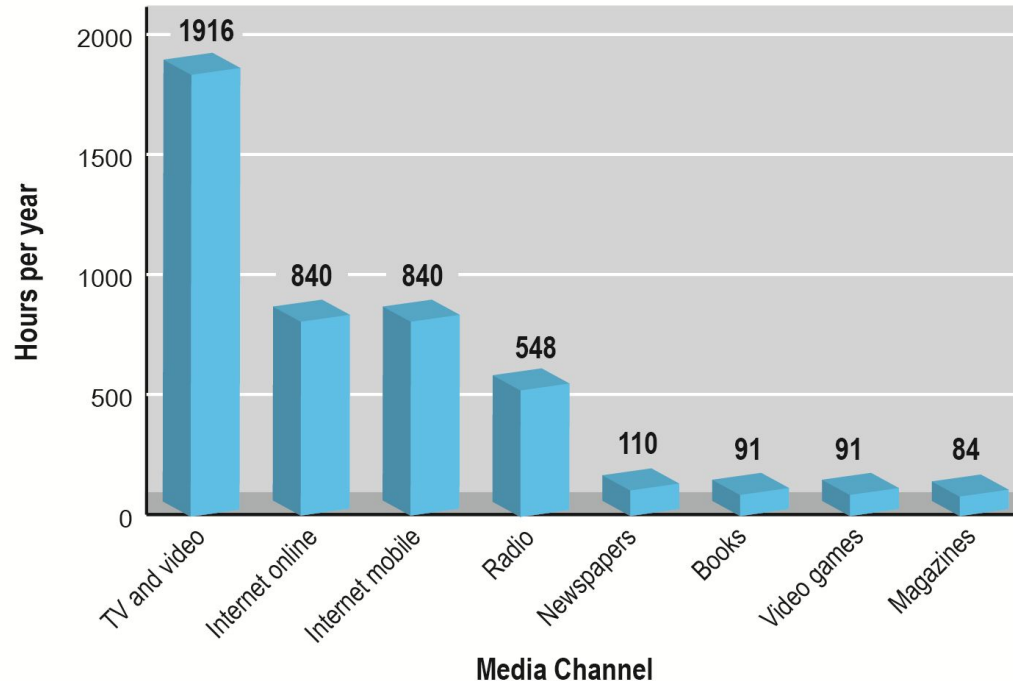
- Four Internet titans compete for ownership of online content ecosystem: **Apple, Google, Amazon, and Facebook**.
- YouTube launches 100 entertainment channels
- **Internet** content **challenges** cable **TV** for home viewing
- **Revenues** from **online** media are the **fastest growing media revenues**



# **Content Audience and Market**

- **Average American adult spends 4,500 hrs/yr consuming various media**
- **2013 media revenues: \$526 billion**
- **More than 77% of the hours spent consuming TV, radio, Internet**
- **Desktop and mobile use: 4.6 hrs/day**
- **Internet usage doesn't reduce TV viewing**

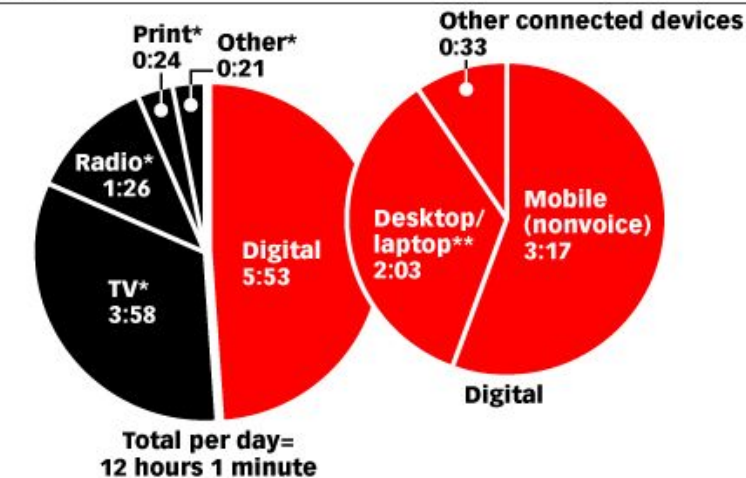
# Media Consumption



SOURCE: Based on data from eMarketer, Inc., 2013a, authors' estimates

## Average Time Spent per Day with Major Media by US Adults, 2017

hrs:mins



Note: ages 18+; time spent with each medium includes all time spent with that medium, regardless of multitasking; for example, 1 hour of multitasking on desktop/laptop while watching TV is counted as 1 hour for TV and 1 hour for desktop/laptop; numbers may not add up to total due to rounding; \*excludes digital; \*\*includes all internet activities on desktop and laptop computers

Source: eMarketer, Sep 2017

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# Media Revenues by Channel

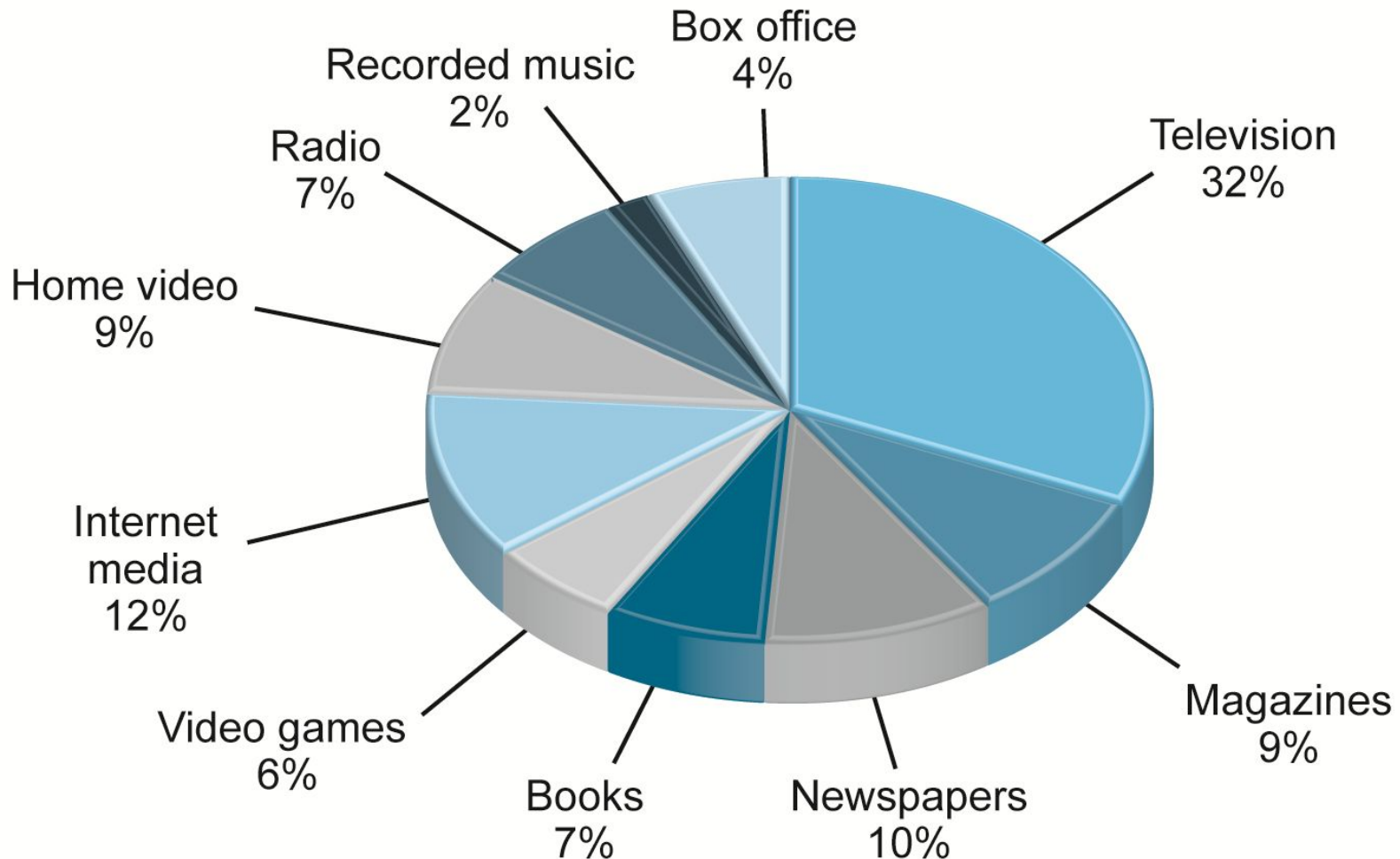


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SOURCE: Based on data from industry sources; authors' estimates.





# Digital Content Delivery Models

- **Online content delivery revenue models**
  - ❖ Subscription
  - ❖ A la carte
  - ❖ Advertising supported (free/freemium)
- **Free content can drive users to paid content**
- **Users increasingly paying for high-quality, unique content**

# Online Content Consumption 2012

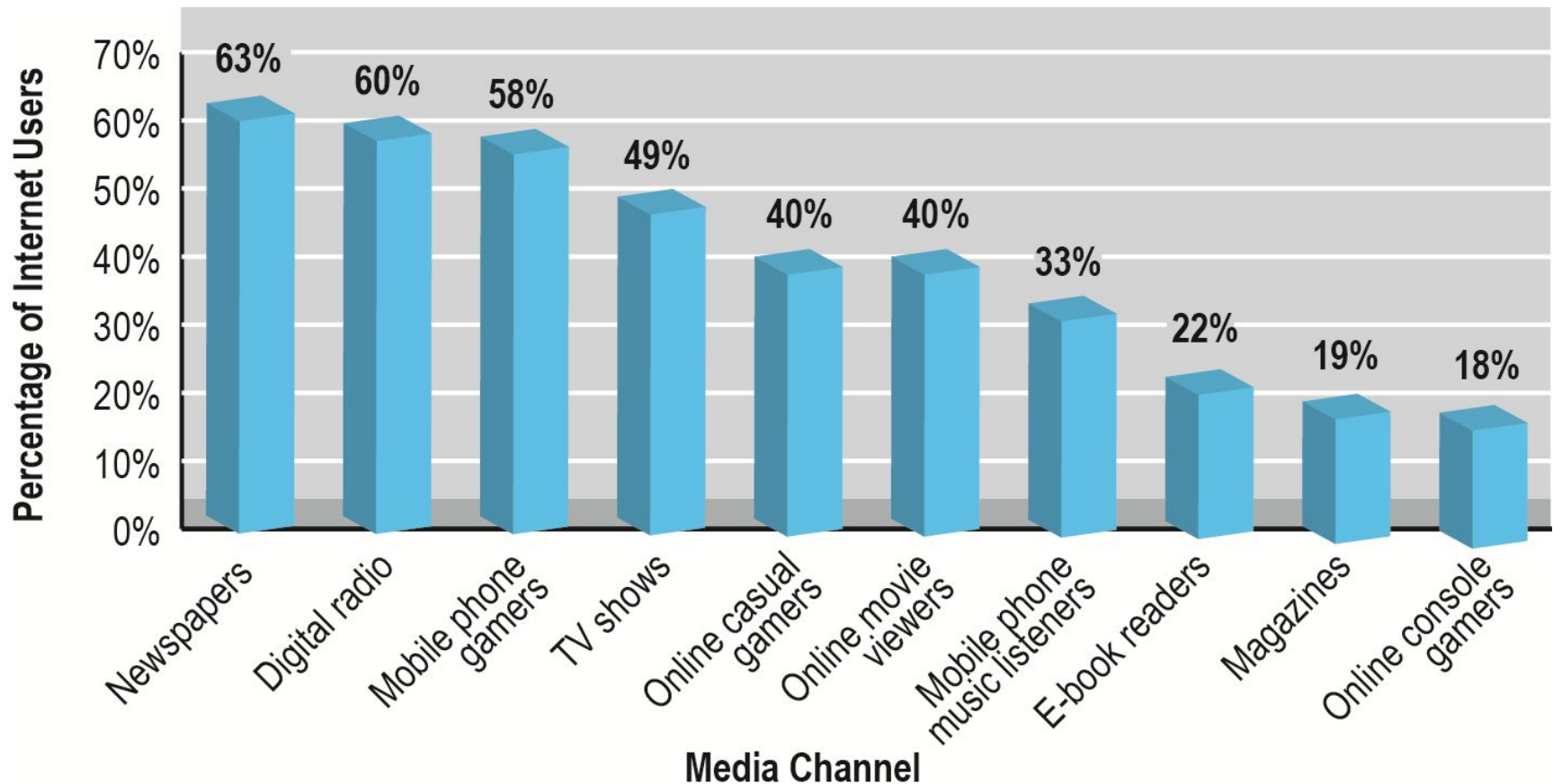


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# Free or Fee

- **Early years: Internet audience expected free content but willing to accept advertising**
  - ❖ Early content was low quality
- **With advent of high-quality content, fee models successful**
  - ❖ iTunes
  - ❖ 80 million buy from legal music sites
  - ❖ YouTube cooperating with Hollywood production studios



# Digital Rights Management (DRM)

- **DRM: Technical and legal means to protect digital content from unlimited reproduction and distribution**
- **Issue often cast as moral contest**
- **Telecommunications and device industries benefit from increased traffic**
  - ❖ 23% of global Internet traffic is stolen material



# Media Industry Structure

- **Three separate segments**
  - ❖ Print
  - ❖ Movies
  - ❖ Music
- **Each dominated by few key players with little crossover**
- **Larger media ecosystem**
  - ❖ Millions of individuals, entrepreneurs
  - ❖ Blogs, YouTube, independent music bands, and so on



# Media Convergence

## ■ Technological convergence

- ❖ Hybrid devices

## ■ Content convergence

- ❖ Three aspects: Design, production, distribution
- ❖ New tools for digital editing and processing

## ■ Industry convergence

- ❖ Merger of media enterprises into firms that create and cross-market content on different platforms



# Convergence and the Transformation of Content: Books

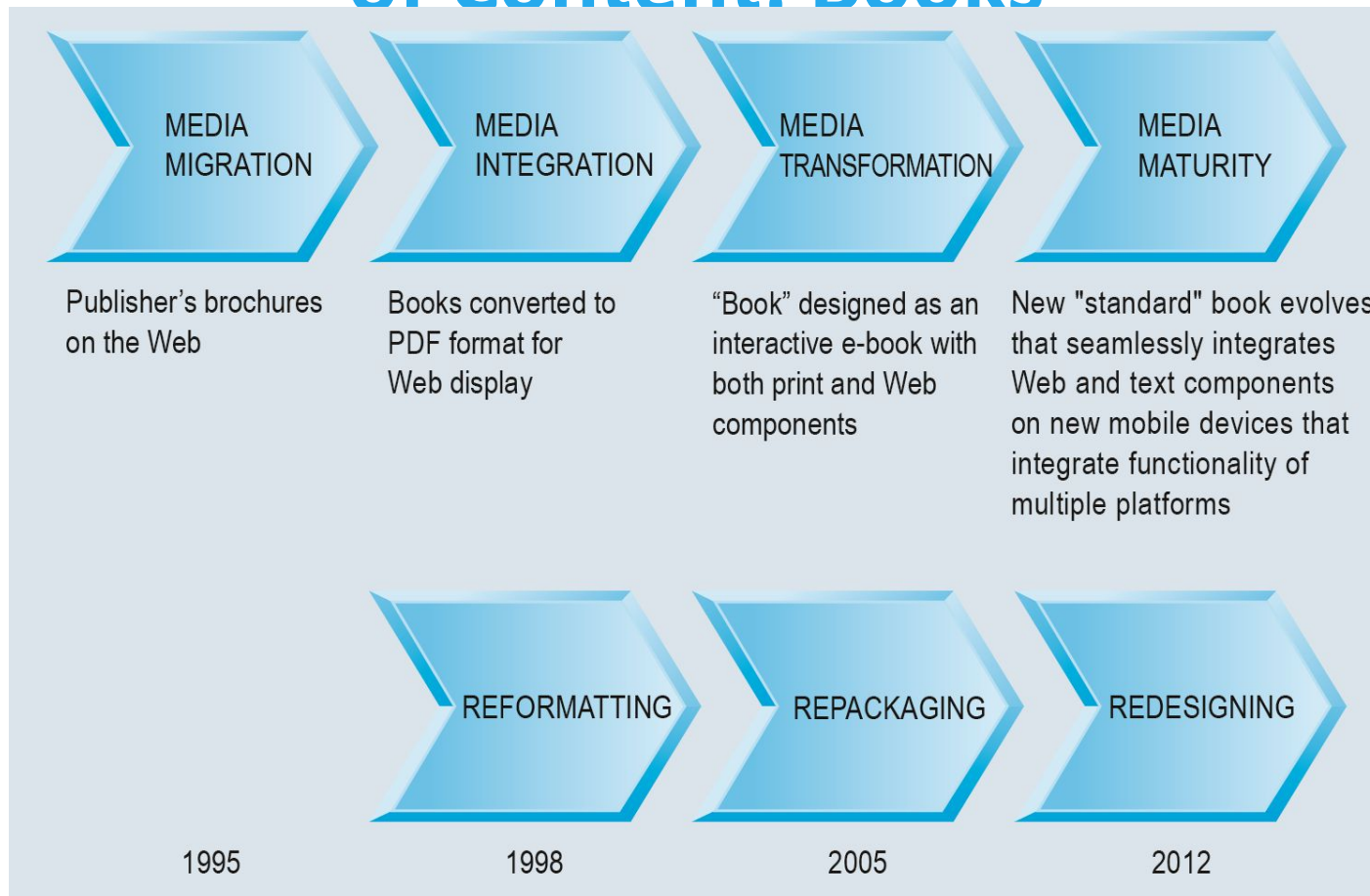


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# Making a Profit with Online Content

- **25% users will pay for some content**
- **Four factors required to charge for online content**
  - ❖ Focused market
  - ❖ Specialized content
  - ❖ Sole source monopoly
  - ❖ High perceived net value
    - Portion of perceived customer value that can be attributed to fact that content is available on the Internet



# Online Publishing Industry

- **\$92 billion based originally in print, moving rapidly to Internet**
- **Three segments**
  - ❖ Online newspapers
  - ❖ E-books
  - ❖ Online magazines





# Daily Unique Visitors at Online Newspapers

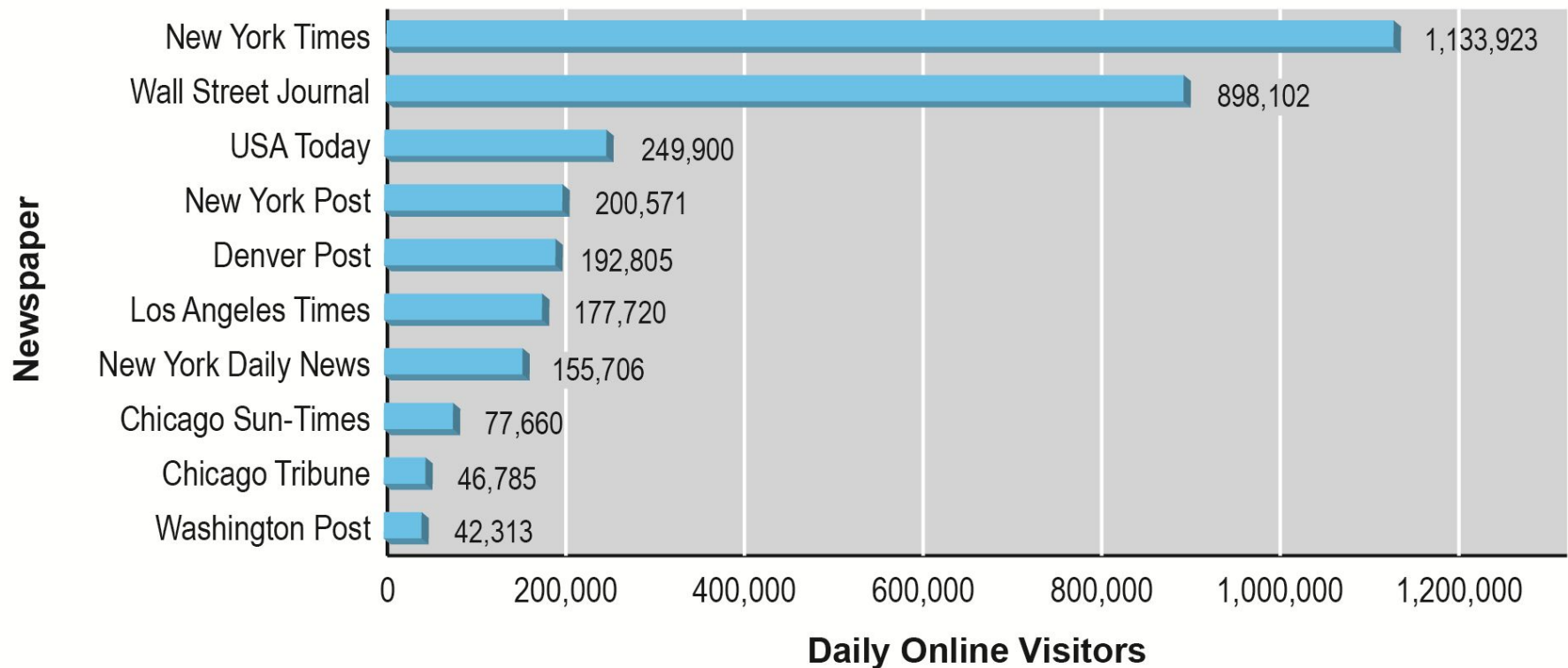


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SOURCE: Based on data from Alliance for Audited Media



# Newspaper Business Models

- Initially fee-based, then free, and now beginning a return to fee-based
- Newspaper headlines are primary content on Google News, Yahoo News
- *New York Times* now charging for premium access
- Newspaper efforts to ally with Internet titans
- New reader devices with reader apps







# Challenges: Disruptive Technologies

- **Newspapers: A classic case of disruptive technology?**
- **Industry still in flux**
  - ❖ Newspapers have significant assets:
    - Content
    - Readership
    - Local advertising
    - Audience (wealthier, older, better educated)
  - ❖ Online audience will continue to grow in numbers and sophistication



# E-books and Online Publishing

- **E-book sales have exploded in recent years—\$5.8 billion in 2013**
  - ❖ 30% of all consumer book sales
- **New channel for self-publishing authors**
  - ❖ Amanda Hocking's *My Blood Approves* (2010)
- **Evolution**
  - ❖ Project Gutenberg (1970s)
  - ❖ Voyager's books on CD (1990s)
  - ❖ Adobe's PDF format



# New Digital Ecosystems

- **E-book hardware, software, combined with online megastores**
  - ❖ Amazon Kindle: Linked to Amazon store and cloud storage
  - ❖ Apple iPad: Multipurpose tablet, linked to Apple stores
- **Authors able to bypass traditional agent, publisher channels**
- **DRM more effective for e-books than music industry**



# Challenges of E-book Platform

## ■ Cannibalization

- ❖ Fewer physical sales
- ❖ More e-book sales, more purchases of readers
- ❖ Book publishing revenues same in 2012 and 2011

## ■ Finding the right business model

- ❖ Wholesale model
  - Retailers pay wholesale price and establish retail price
- ❖ Agency model
  - Distributor as agent must charge publisher's retail price

## ■ Converging technologies

- ❖ Interactive books, iBook Author, iBook Textbooks



# E-book Sales

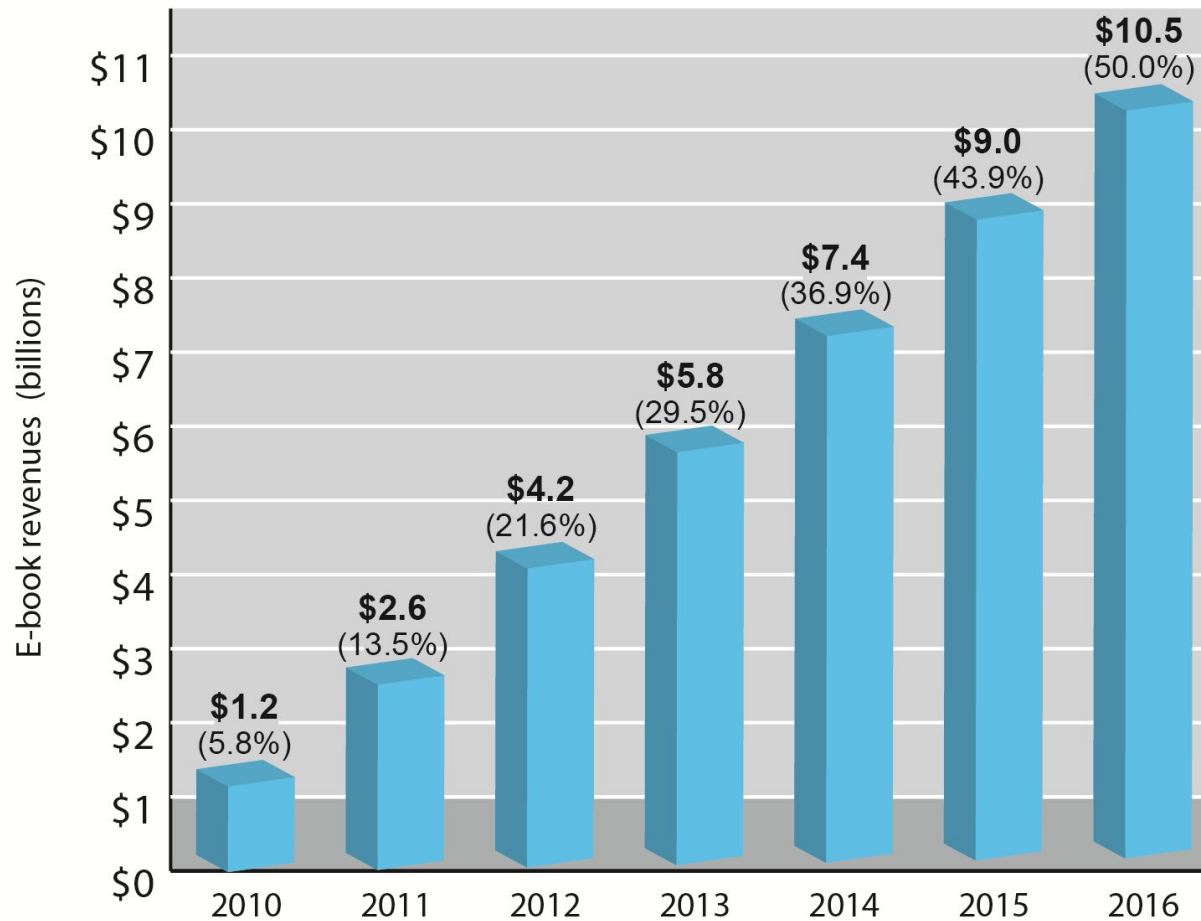


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# Magazines Rebound

- **Magazine circulation plummets 1980–2012**
  - ❖ From 22 million in 2001 to 10 million in 2012
  - ❖ Special interest magazine sales remained stable
- **Magazines are making up for loss in print readership**
  - ❖ One-third of U.S. Internet users read online magazines
    - 35% of tablet users
  - ❖ Apple's iPad subscription service
  - ❖ Popular Web sites (Pinterest, Facebook) drive traffic to online magazines
  - ❖ Social reader apps
  - ❖ Magazine aggregators



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## **Read All About It: Rival Digital Newsstands Fight**

- **What advantages and disadvantages do digital newsstands offer to publishers?**
- **Do you use an app or digital newsstand to read magazines? Which ones?**
- **How does the experience of reading a magazine on a tablet or smartphone compare to reading a physical magazine?**



# Online Entertainment Industry

- **Four traditional players, one newcomer**
  - ❖ Television
  - ❖ Radio broadcasting
  - ❖ Hollywood films
  - ❖ Music
  - ❖ Games (new arrival)



# Online Entertainment Industry

- **Internet is transforming industry:**
  - ❖ Platform development:
    - Smartphones, tablets, music platform
    - Online streaming and cloud storage
    - Social networks as distributors
  - ❖ Viable business models
    - Music subscription services
    - Closed platforms that eliminate need for DRM
  - ❖ Widespread growth of broadband



# Online Entertainment Audience Size

## ■ Online “traditional” entertainment

- ❖ Online video has largest audiences, followed by music, games

## ■ User-generated content:

- ❖ Substitutes for and complements traditional commercial entertainment
- ❖ Two dimensions:
  - User focus
  - User control
- ❖ Sites that offer high levels of both will grow



# Projected Growth in Online Entertainment

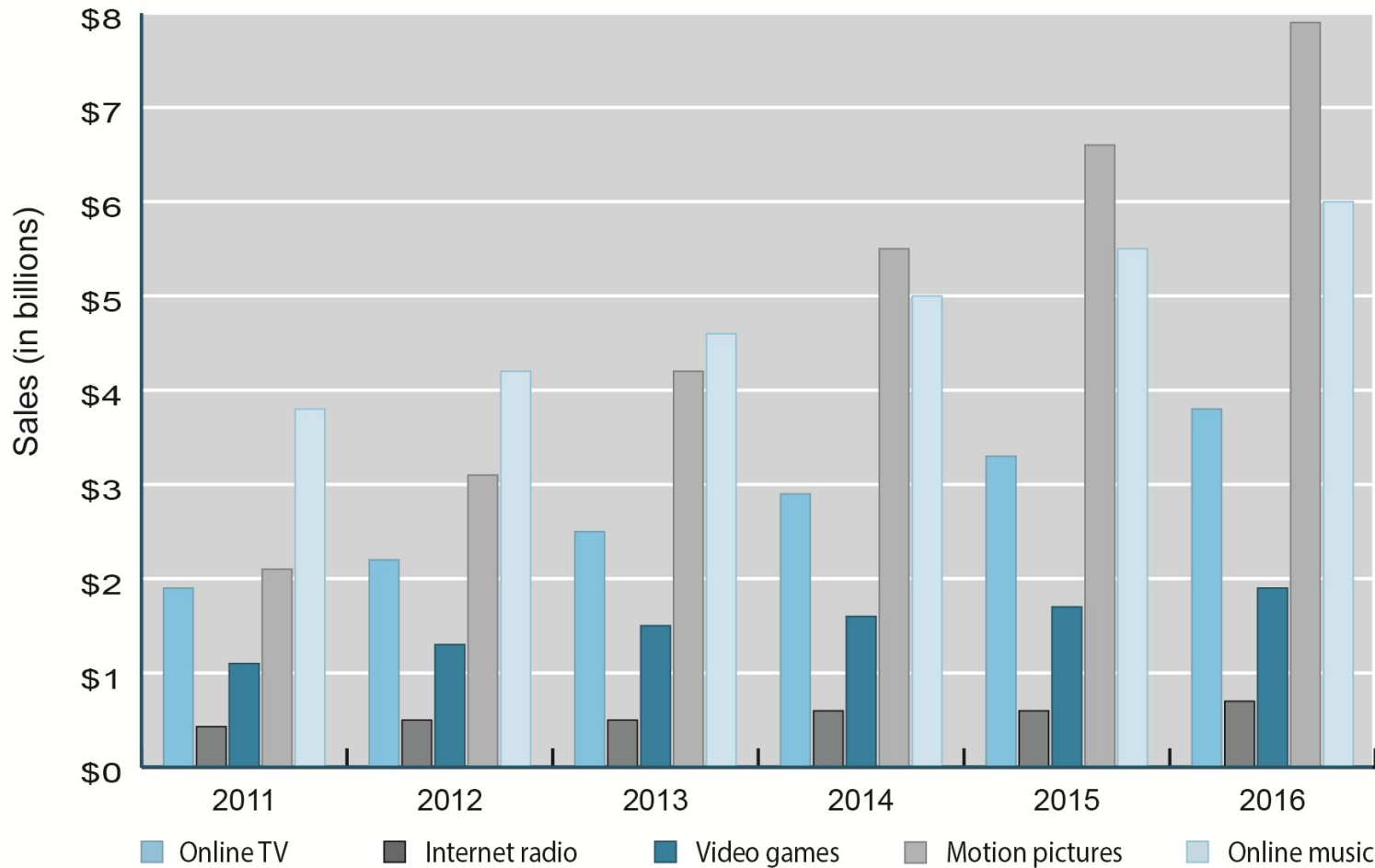


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# Television and Premium Video

- **Television: Largest provider of high-demand content**
- **TV industry transitioning to new Internet delivery platforms**
  - ❖ Expansion of broadband networks
  - ❖ New mobile platforms and cloud servers
  - ❖ OTT: Over-the-top (Internet) delivery
- **Impact on cable TV industry**
- **Social network influences**
- **Hulu: Joint venture of industry players**



# Movies

- **Difficult transition from DVD-reliance to streaming distribution to PCs and mobile devices**
  - More Americans bought online movies than DVDs in 2013
  - Many alliances and competing interests between distributors and creators
- **Piracy, cyberlockers**
- **Two types of online movie sales**
  - Internet video on demand (iVOD)
  - Electronic sell-through

# Online Movie Business Share of Movie Revenues

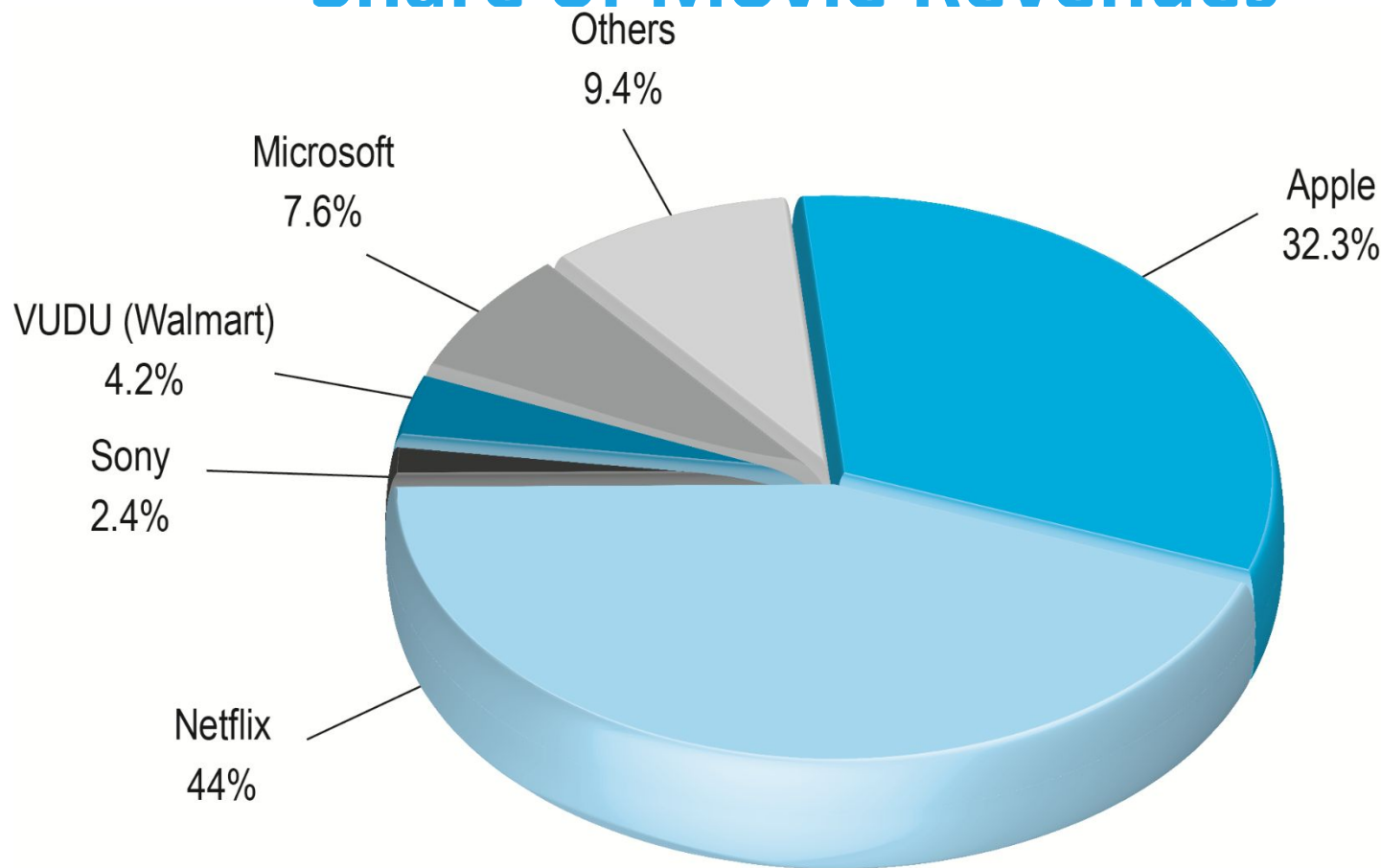


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SOURCES: Based on data from NPD Group, industry sources.



# Music

- **Most changed of content industries**
  - Move from physical to digital product
  - Unbundling of single songs
  - Distributor market dominated by Apple
- **Digital revenues account for more than half of all revenues**
- **Two types of digital music services**
  - Digital download—90% of digital music revenue
  - Streaming subscription services—fastest growing

# Consumer Spending on Digital Music

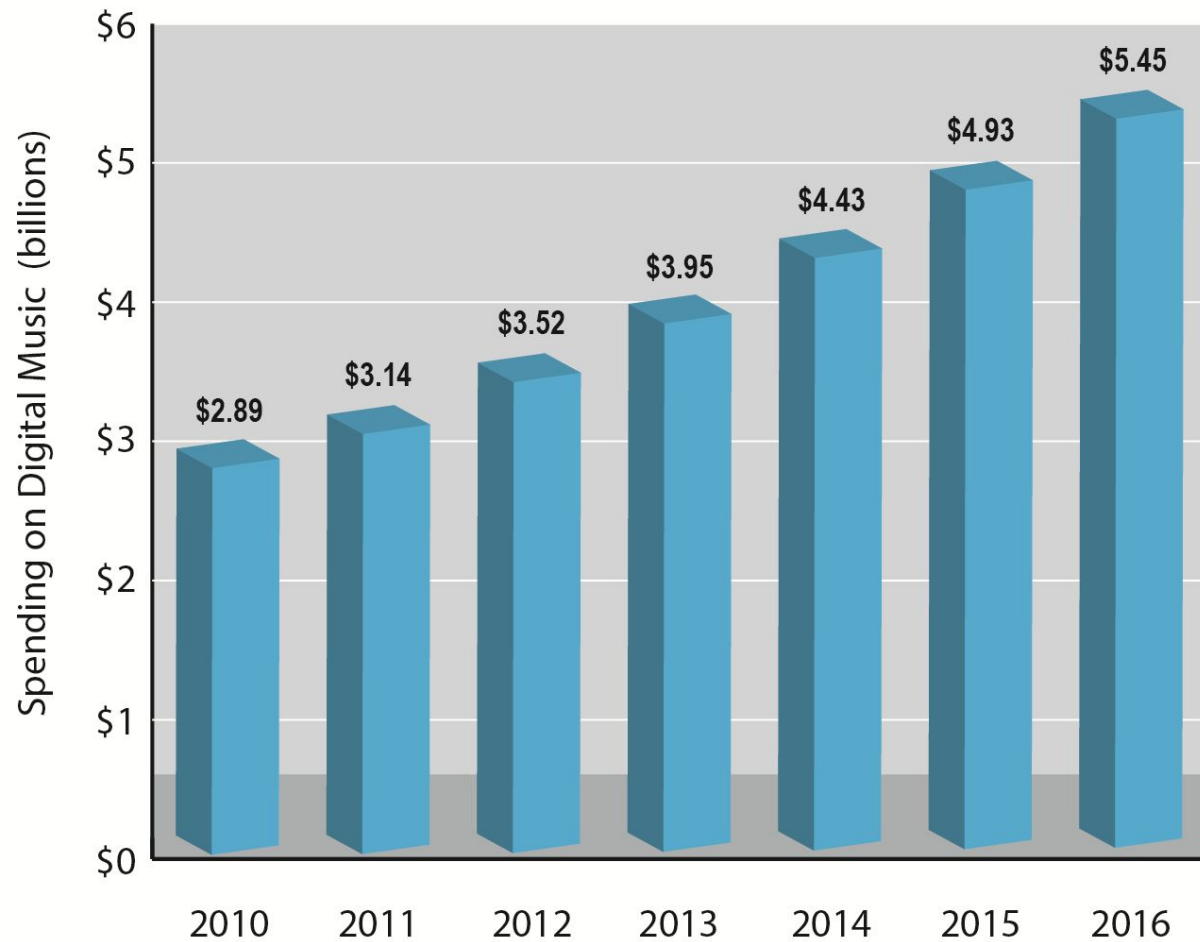


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SOURCES: Based on data from the Recording Industry Association, 2013, eMarketer, Inc.,.



# Games

- **Online gaming has had explosive growth**
- **Types of online gamers**
  - Casual
  - Social
  - Mobile—fastest growing market
  - Console
- **Business models in flux**
  - Most online/mobile games offered for free





# Online Gaming Audience

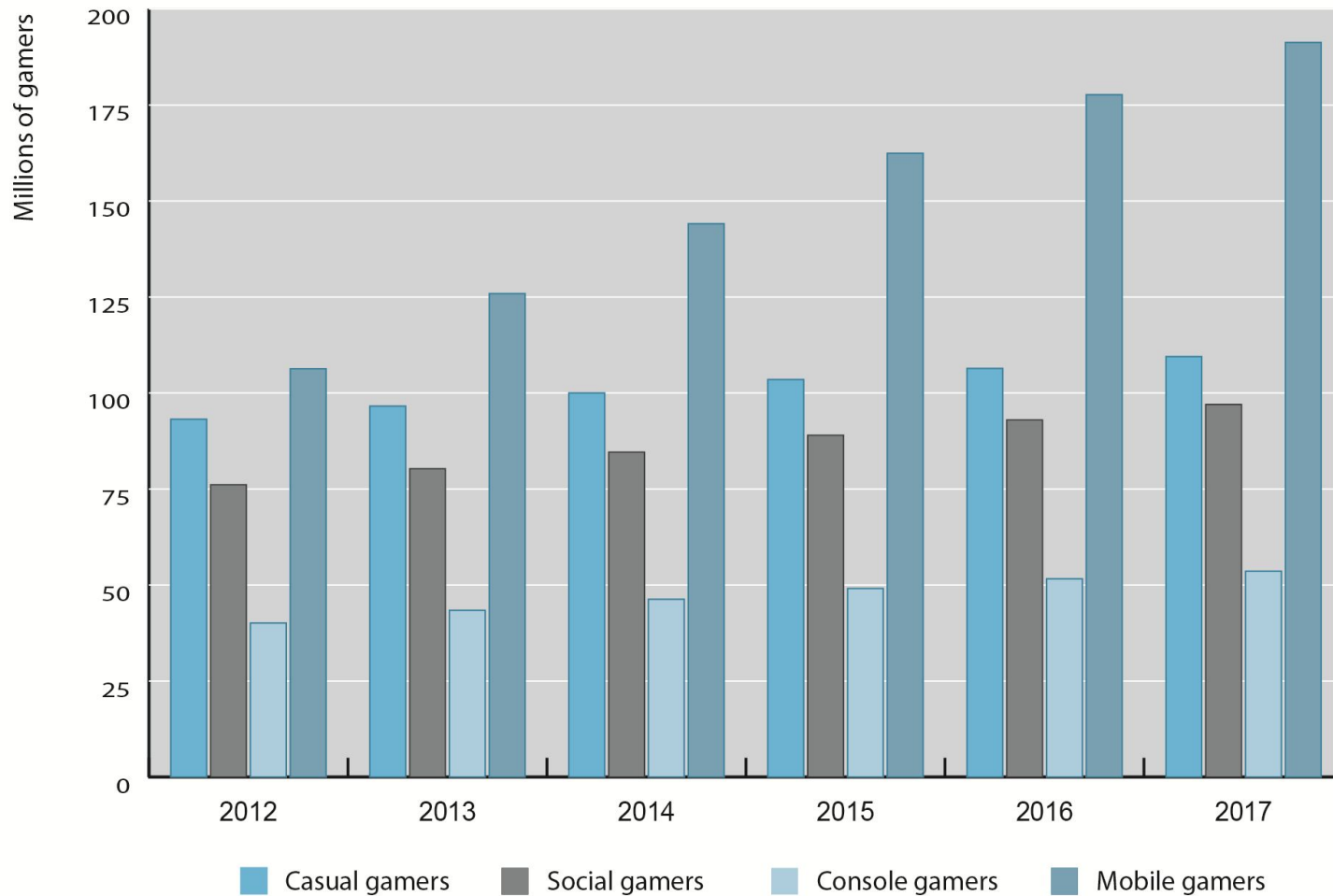


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# Online Entertainment Industry Structure

- **Inefficient, fractured:**
  - ❖ Many players and forces shape industry
- **Reorganization of value chain needed for aggressive move to Web**
- **Possible alternative models**
  - ❖ Content owner direct model
  - ❖ Internet aggregator model
  - ❖ Internet innovator model



*Insight on Technology: Class Discussion*

# Hollywood and the Internet: Let's Cut a Deal

- What challenges has the Internet posed to traditional Hollywood movie distribution? What is the biggest challenge?
- Can Internet distribution work with the “release window” strategy?
- Do you think Hollywood is doing a better job of protecting its content than the music industry?
- What is the most realistic and profitable path forward for the Hollywood film industry?



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