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# The Beauty and Joy of Computing

## Lecture #11 Social Implications II



## The Maker Movement



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wuza5WXiMkc>

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f\\_zp42fQ-dQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f_zp42fQ-dQ)

<http://time.com/104210/maker-faire-maker-movement/>

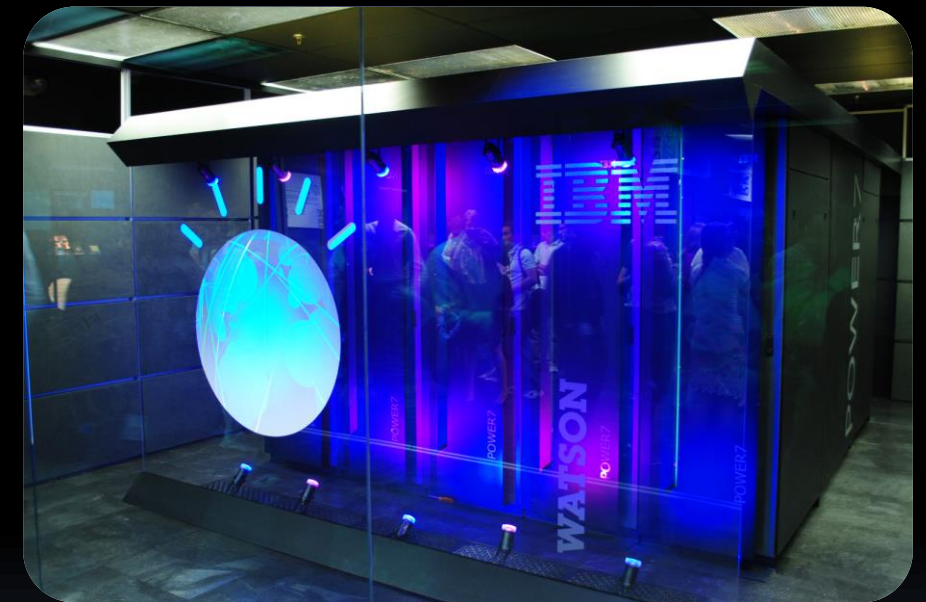
Computing  
Enables  
Innovation



# Computing Enables Innovation I

- **Machine learning and data mining** have enabled innovation in **medicine, business, and science**.
- Computing enables innovation by providing the ability to **access and share information**.
- **Open and curated scientific databases** have benefited scientific researchers.

IBM Watson (Image by Clockready, *Wikipedia*)

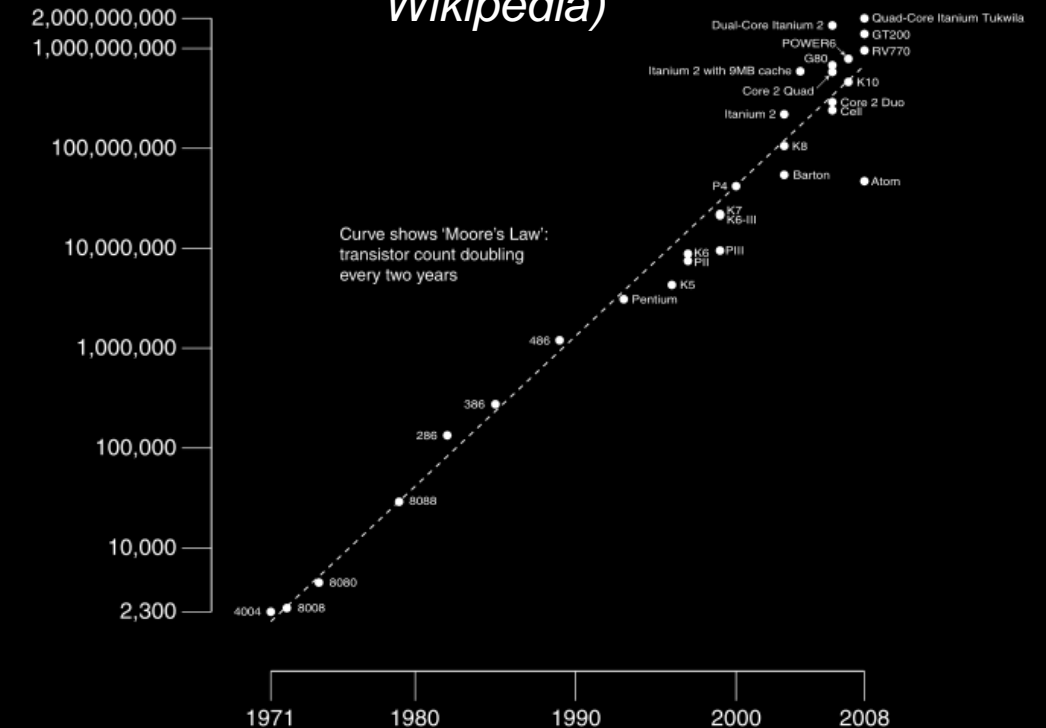




# Computing Enables Innovation II

- **Moore's law** has encouraged **industries** that use computers to effectively **plan future research and development** based on anticipated **increases in computing power**.
- Advances in computing as an enabling technology have generated and **increased the creativity** in other fields.

Moore's Law (Image by Loadmaster, Wikipedia)



Pixar Studios (Image by Coolcaesar, Wikipedia)



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# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts





# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts I

- Computing innovations **influence and are influenced by** the economic, social, and cultural contexts in which they are designed and used!

Laptop (Image by Petr Kratochvil,  
*publicdomainpictures.net*)





# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts II

- **Mobile, wireless, and networked computing** have an **impact on innovation** throughout the world.
- **Networks and infrastructure** are supported by both **commercial and governmental** initiatives.
  - E.g. Google Fiber
- The innovation and impact of **social media and online access** varies in **different countries** and in **different socioeconomic groups**.

Arab Spring (Image by Soerfm, *Wikipedia*)

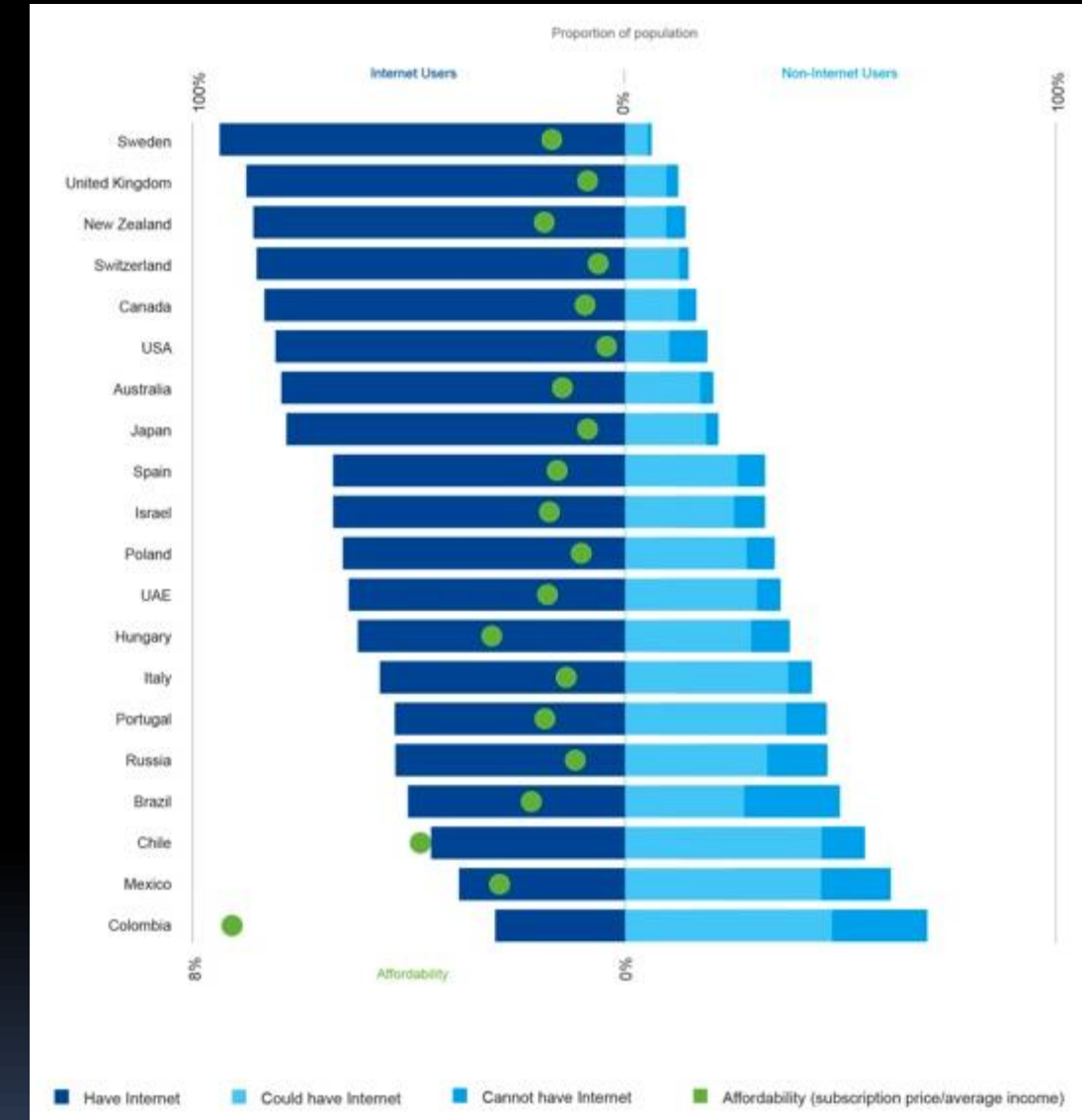






# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts II

- The **global distribution of computing resources** raises **issues of equity, access, and power**.
- **Groups and individuals** are **affected by the “digital divide”** — differing **access to computing and the Internet** based on **socioeconomic or geographic characteristics**.
  - **Affordability**
  - **Quality of Service (QoS)**
  - **Language**



<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/8552410.stm>

<http://techcrunch.com/2015/07/12/the-shrinking-digital-divide>

<http://www.wired.com/2015/01/the-digital-divide-is-not-binary>





# The best way to solve the Digital Divide is...

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- a) Free iPads for all kids
- b) More computers in libraries
- c) Free wifi for communities
- d) One Laptop Per Child
- e) Something else!



<http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ipad-curriculum-refund-20150415-story.html>

<http://one.laptop.org>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/9-cities-with-the-best-free-wifi-2014-2>





# Where do you get your music?



- a) I bought everything, as a download or ripped from CD
- b) I bought most of my music but there are a few exceptions
- c) I bought a little of my music, but most of it I didn't buy
- d) It's all from BitTorrent/ friends/ etc



# Intellectual Property



# Intellectual Property via Copyright

- Brian Harvey:
  - “We’re going to make a **bargain with creators**. We’re going to give you a **limited time monopoly to profit** from your idea in **return for sharing** your idea with us. ...
  - Congress keeps extending the duration of copyright”
- US Constitution, Article I, Section 8:
  - “The Congress shall have power... to promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing **for limited Times** to Authors and Inventions the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries.”



Logo for opposition to Copyright Term Extension Act (CTEA), or “Mickey Mouse Protection Act”



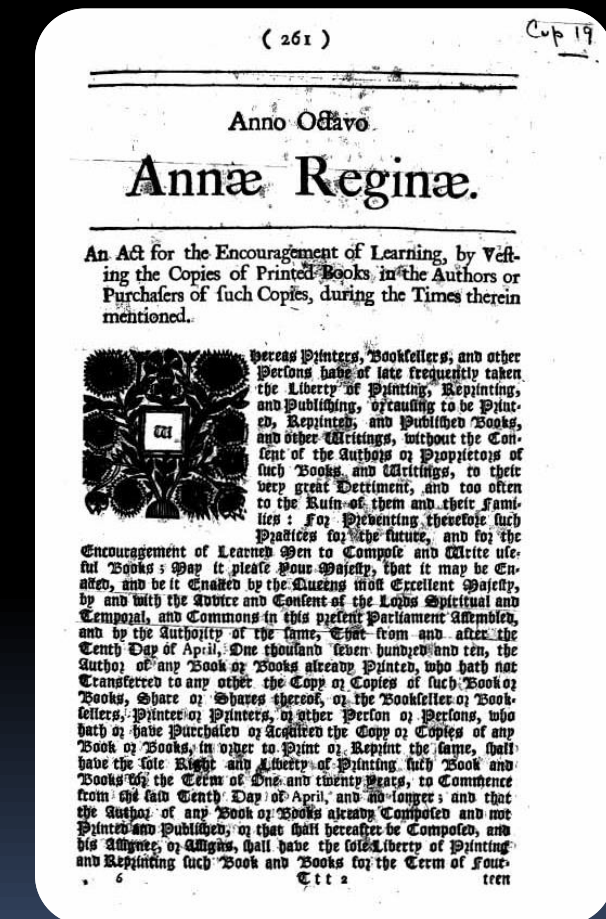




# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts I

- **Widespread access to digitized information raises questions about intellectual property.**
- Creation of **digital** audio, video, and textual **content by combining existing content** has been impacted by **copyright concerns.**
- The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) has been a **benefit and a challenge** in making copyrighted digital material widely available.

The Statute of Anne, the origin of modern Copyright law, from 1710 (Public Domain)





# Economic, Social, Cultural Contexts II







- Legal and Ethical concerns are raised by
  - **Innovations** enabled by computing
  - **Authenticated and anonymous access** to digital information
  - **Commercial and governmental censorship** of digital information
  - **Open source and licensing** of software and content
  - Commercial access to **music and movie downloads and streaming**
  - Access to digital content via **peer-to-peer networks**





# Creative Commons

- A GREAT way to share / remix / reuse content
  - Legal!
  - Set of licenses
  - Website for sharing CC content
- Open access and Creative Commons have enabled broad access to digital information.

	BY = Attribution	Share Alike	No Derivatives	Non Commercial
 CC BY				
 CC BY SA		X		
 CC BY ND			X	
 CC BY NC				X
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