



Aspetos Profissionais e Sociais da Engenharia Informática

Big tech: the hyperscaling effect...

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Recap of the classes....

- Telecommunications ecosystem
 - Models of engineering, objective of informatics
 - ICT, IoT
 - The engineer and legal status; taxes
- Standardization, IPR and OpenSource
 - Derivative works, license models
- Ethics and conceptual problems (identities)
 - Trolly, Theseus.
- Artificial Intelligence
 - Social aspects, law
- Cybersecurity
 - Crime, social and personal responsibility
 - reputation
 - Cybersec ecosystem and lawful interception
 - GDPR
- The Effect of networking (**last lecturing**)
 - Social networks
 - Scalling
- The models
 - How networks work
 - What can be this be modelled.

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Today

- Hyperscalers
 - What are they
 - And why are they relevant
 - Final reflection: what is informatics?
- Pratical works
 - #3
 - #4

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NETWORKING EFFECTS

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Network Effects?

- Same-side effects
 - direct network effects that occur on the same side of a multi-sided (2-sided or N-sided) network
- Cross-side effects
- Indirect
- Critical Mass
- Asymptotic returns
 - network effects with diminishing returns
- Negative network effects

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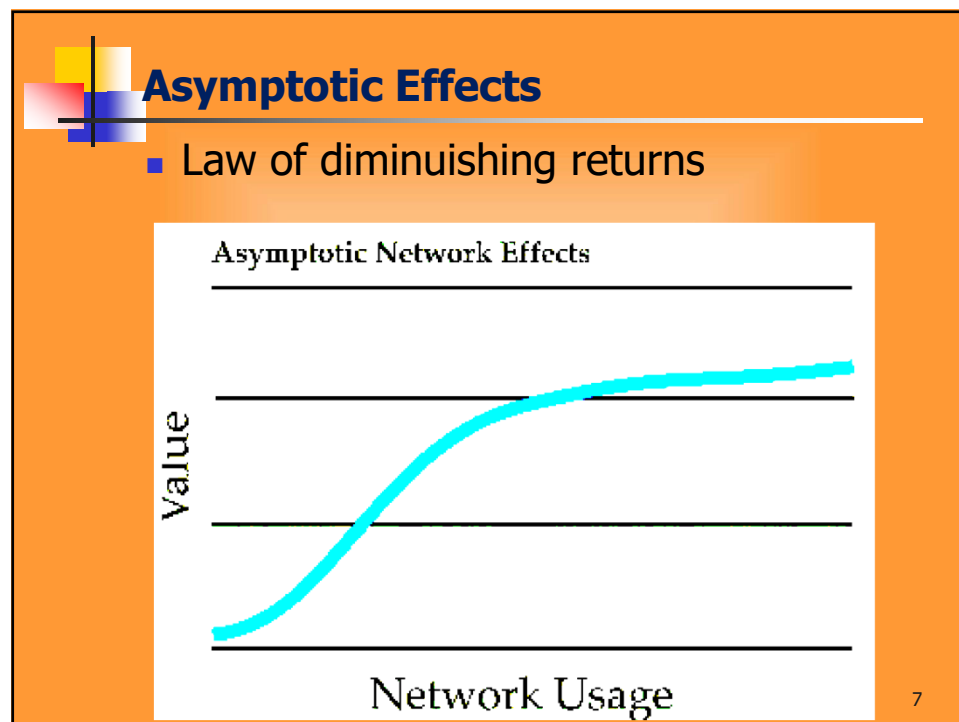
Critical mass

The critical mass of a network refers to the point at which the value produced by the network exceeds the value of the product itself and of competing products.

The graph illustrates the concept of critical mass. The vertical axis is labeled 'Network Value' and the horizontal axis is labeled 'Size of Network'. A blue curve represents the relationship between the two. The curve starts at a low value on the y-axis and remains relatively flat for a while before rising sharply. A black dot marks the point where the curve begins its steep ascent, labeled 'Critical Mass' with a vertical dashed line extending to the x-axis.

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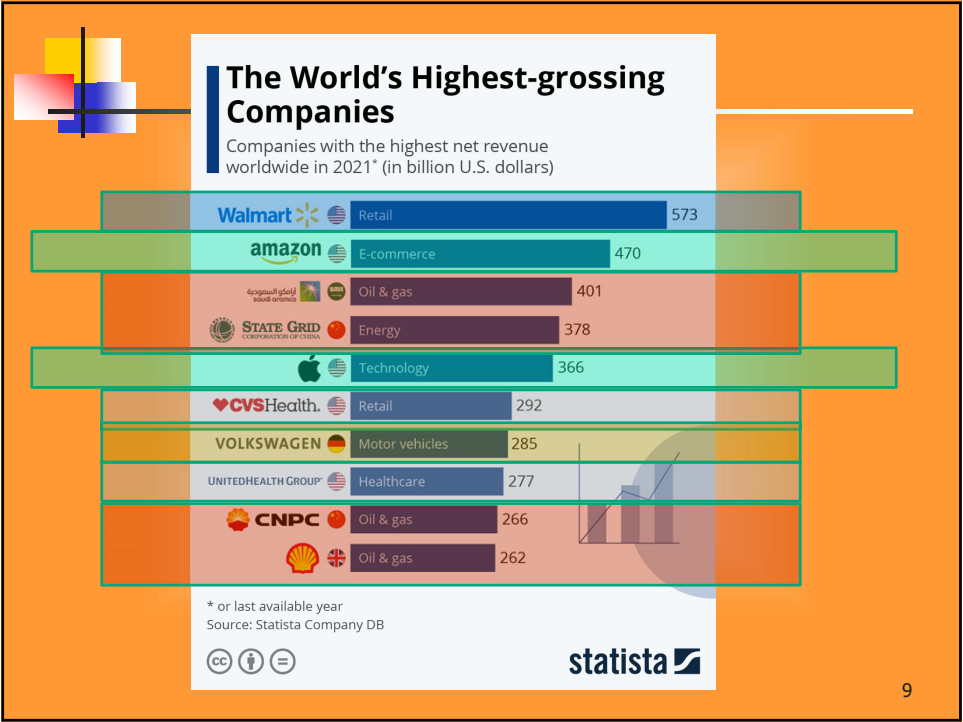
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Networking effects in informatics

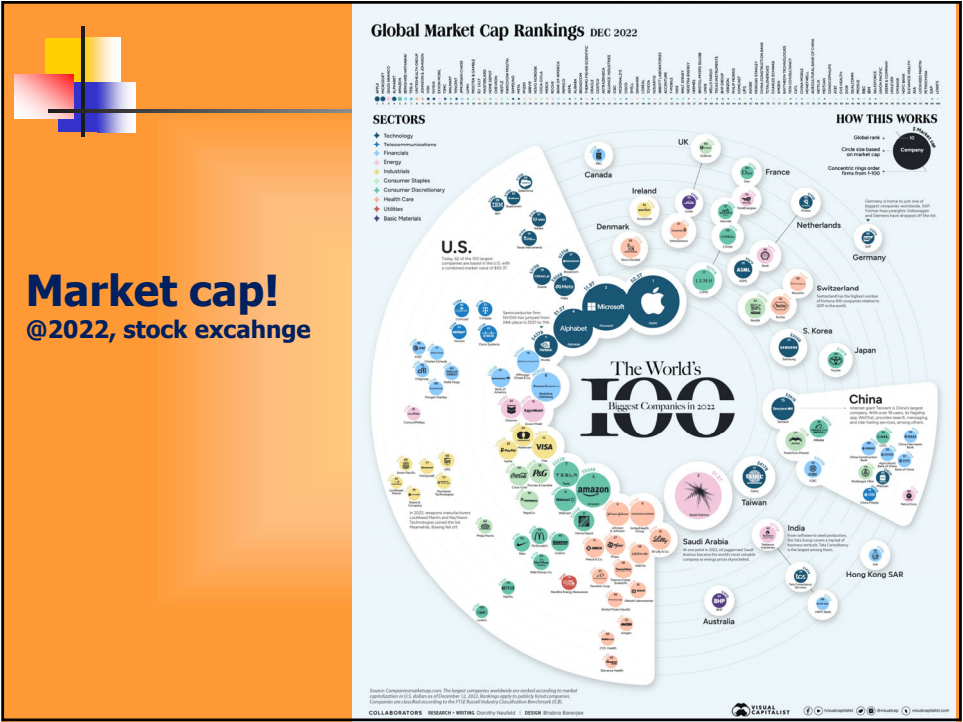
- There are ways of looking into the networking effects
- We can model them!
 - And derive what to do to be successful
 - Hyperscalers explore these in terms of technology and **economics**.

Any successful technology in our field explores network effects in some way

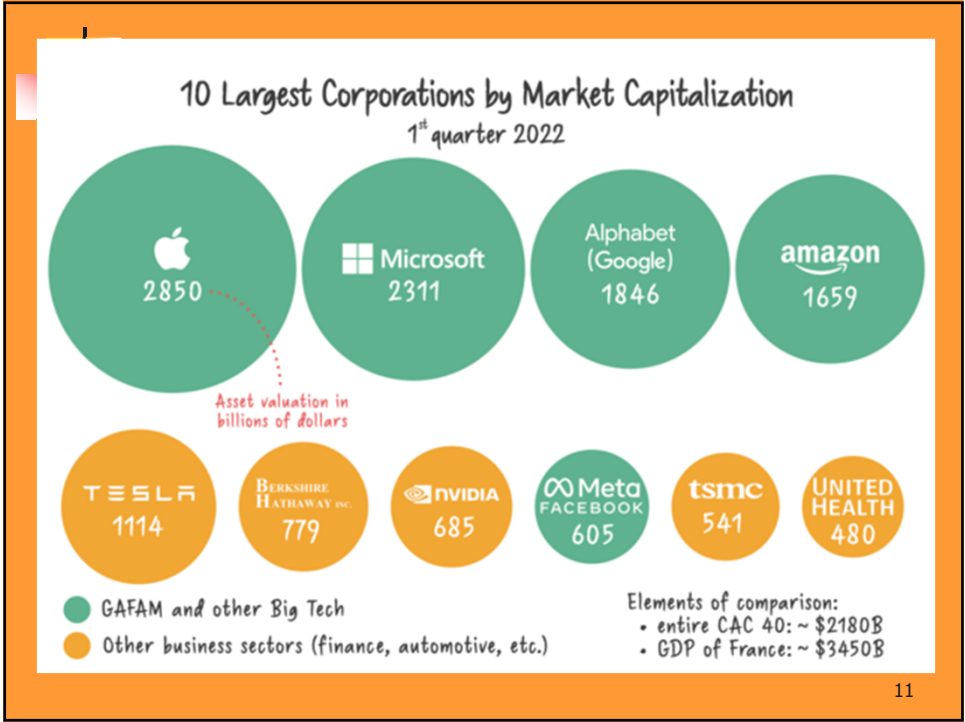
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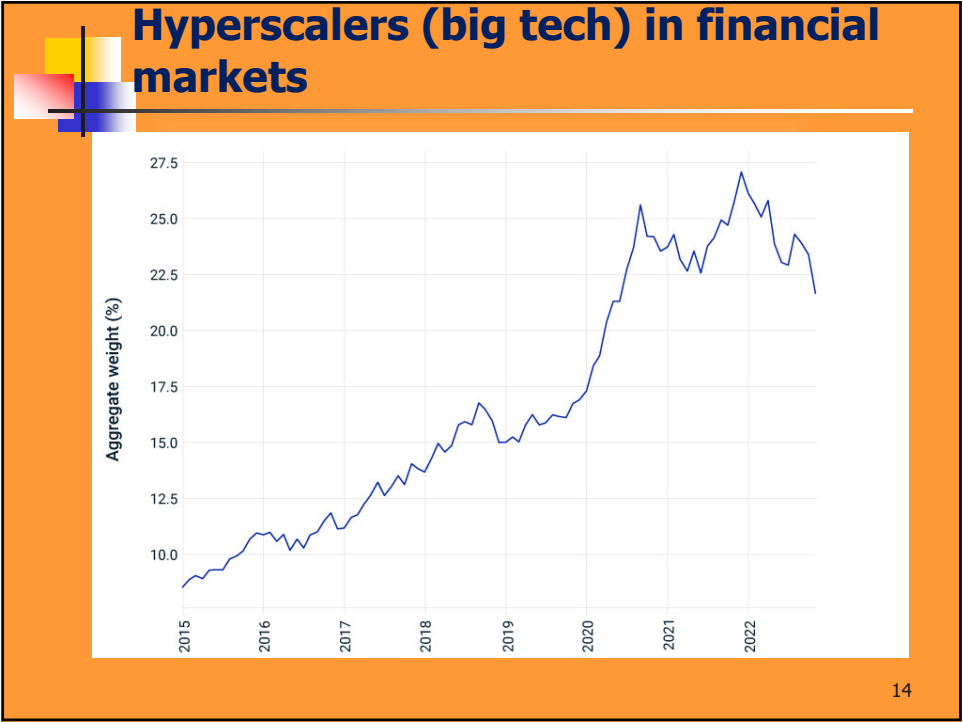
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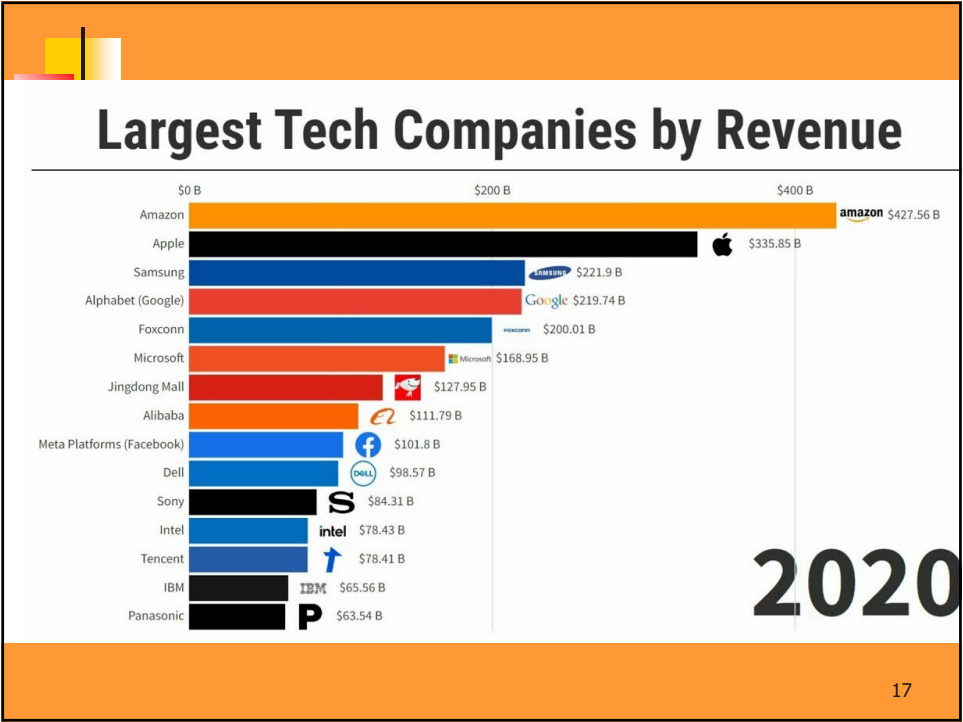
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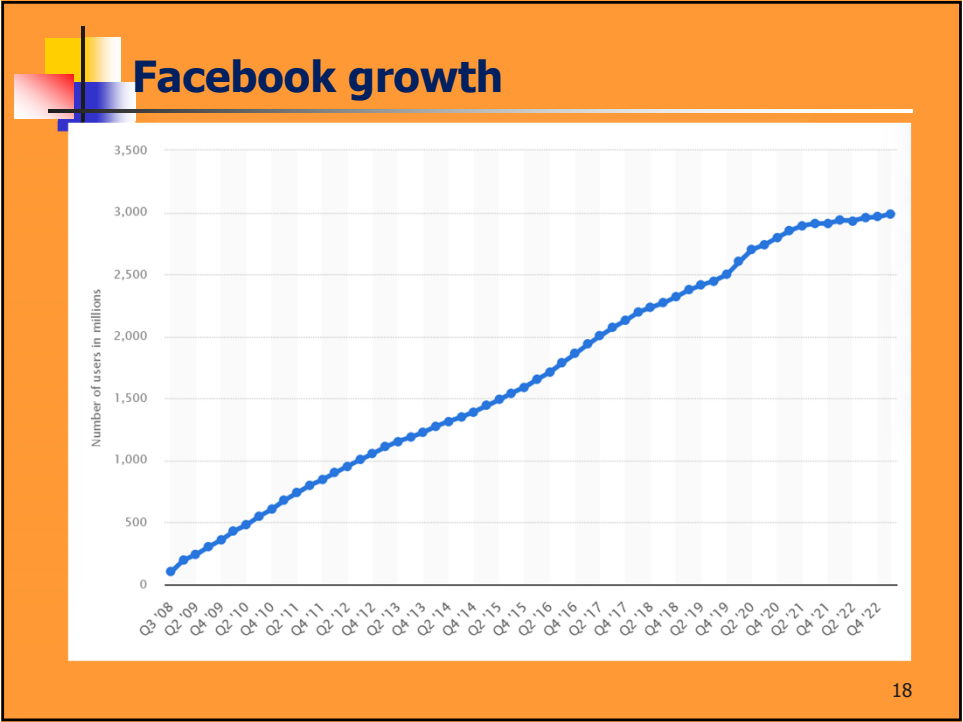
Stock/Index	Total Return since March 1, 2009
META	307%
Amazon	877%
Apple	578%
Netflix	1,530%
Google	638%
Microsoft	729%
S&P 500	181%

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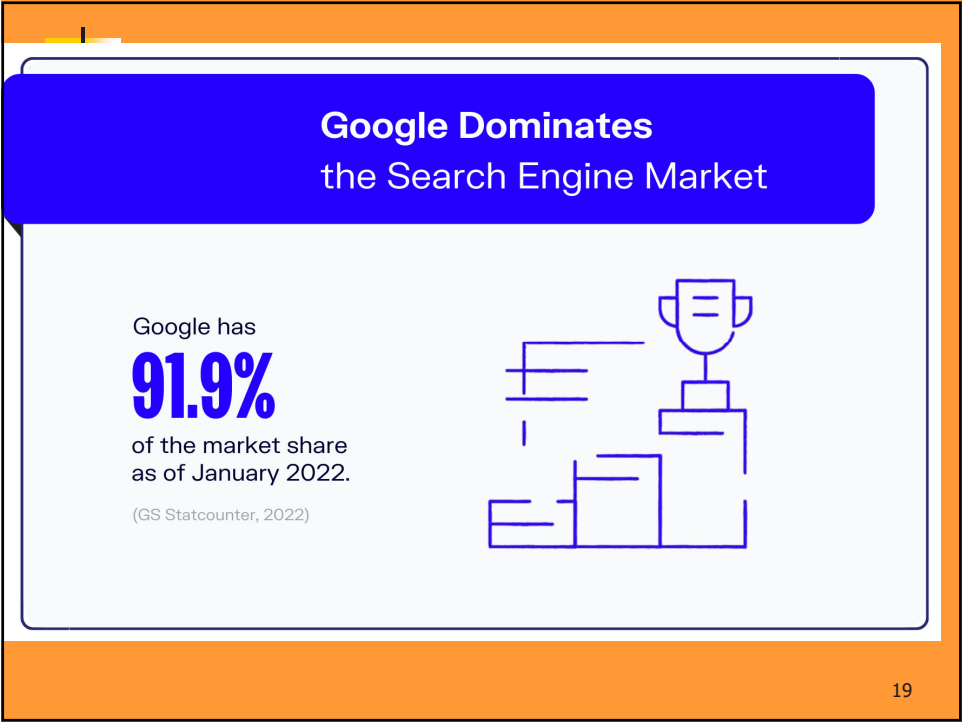
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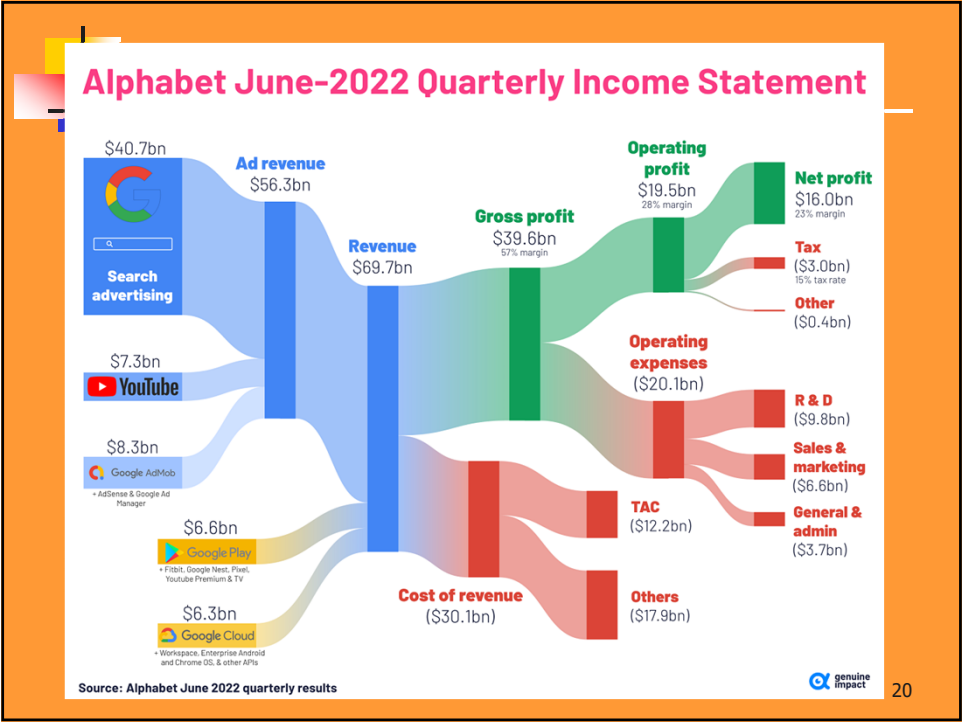
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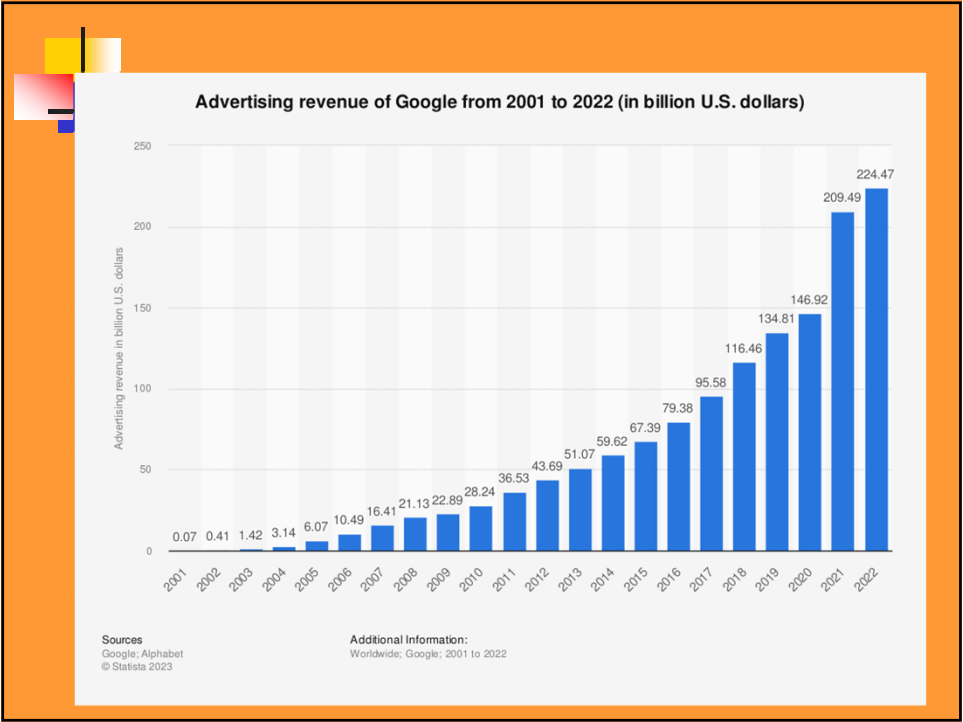
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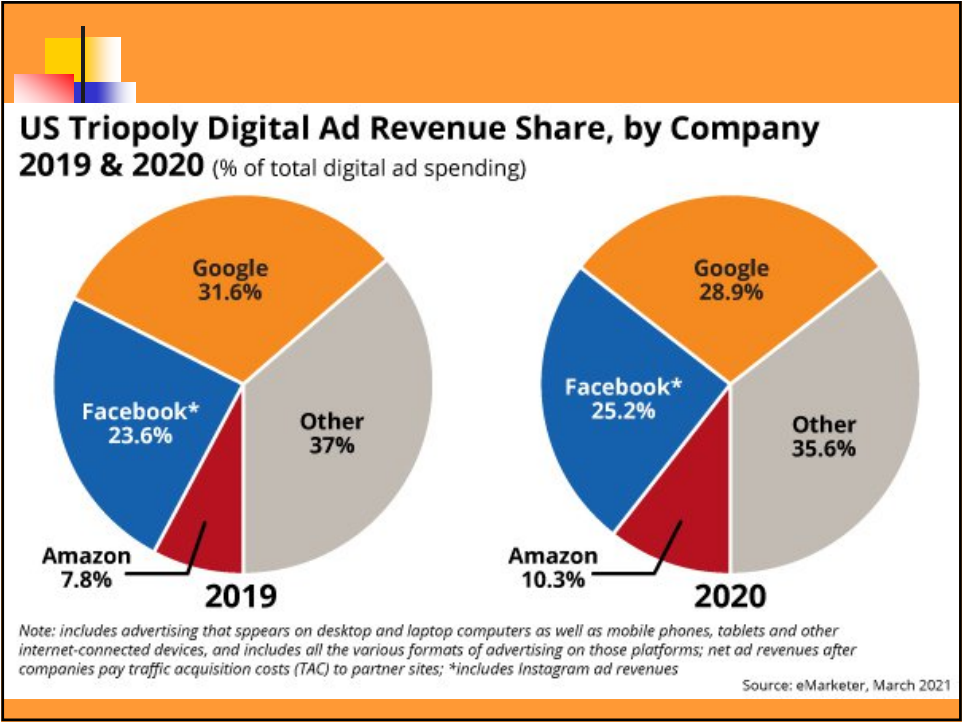
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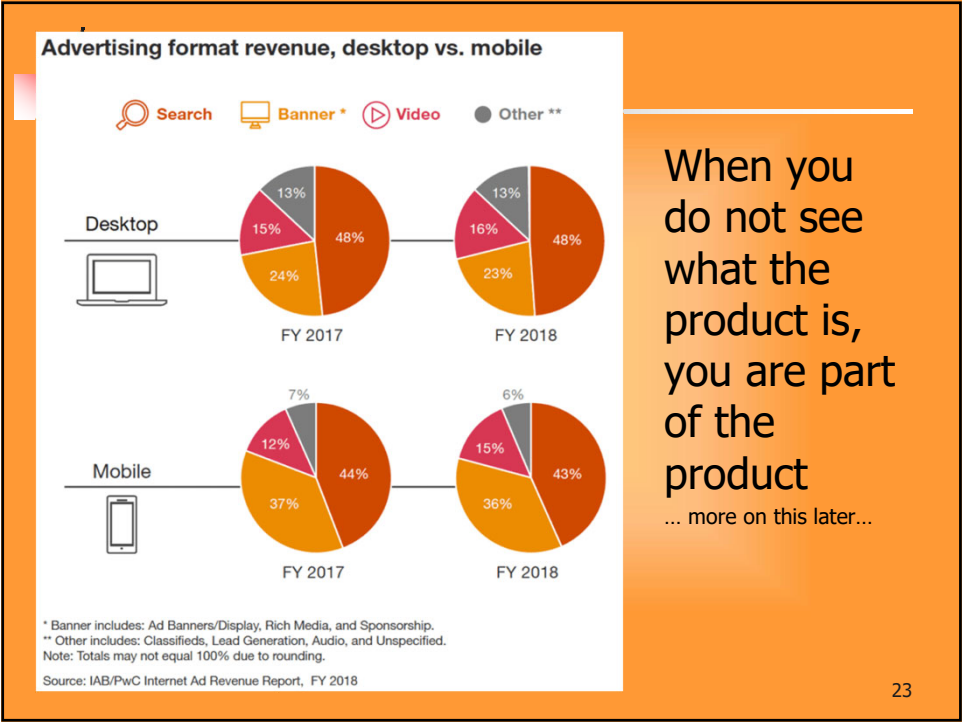
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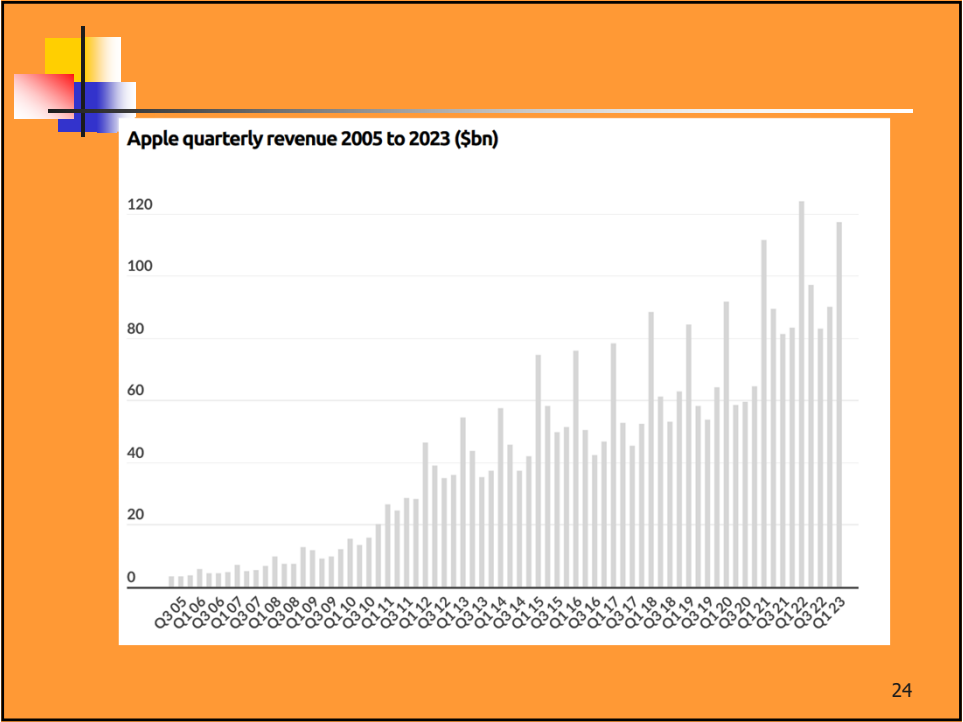
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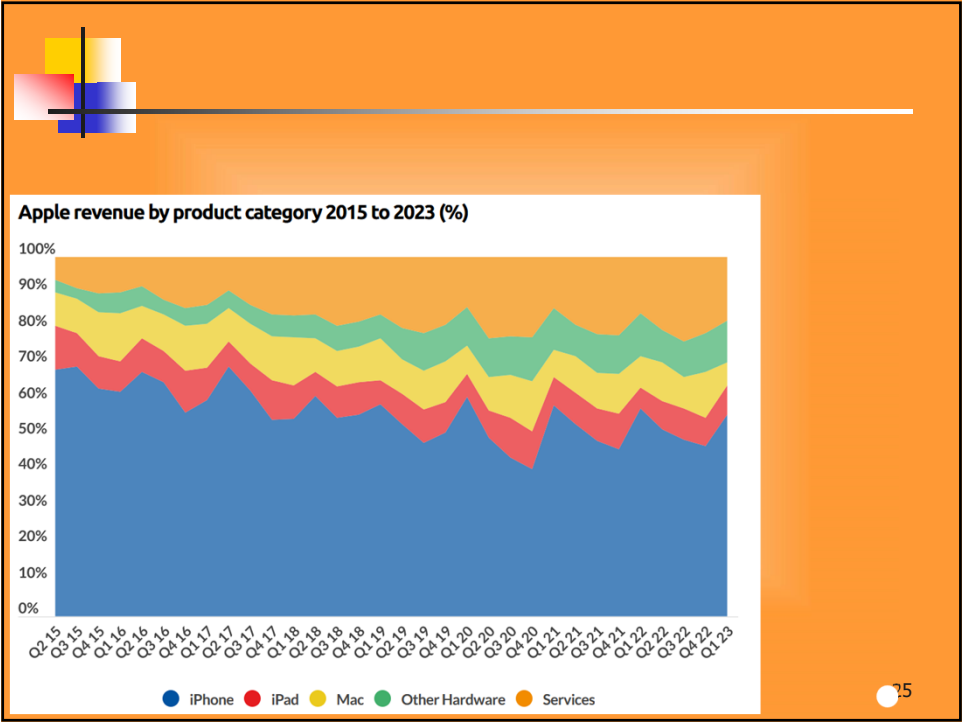
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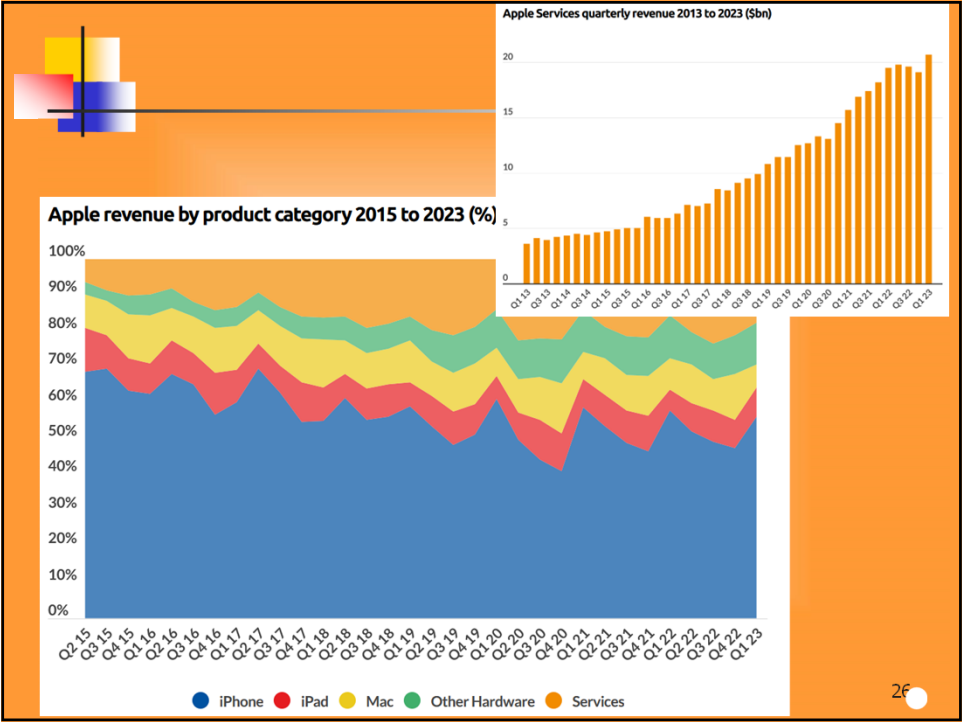
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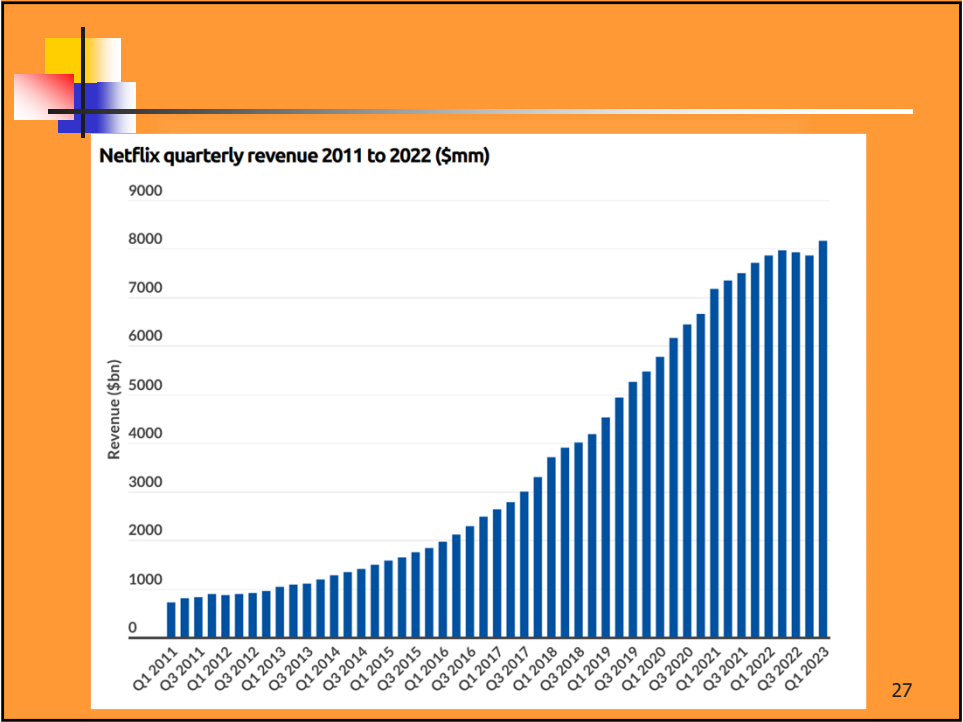
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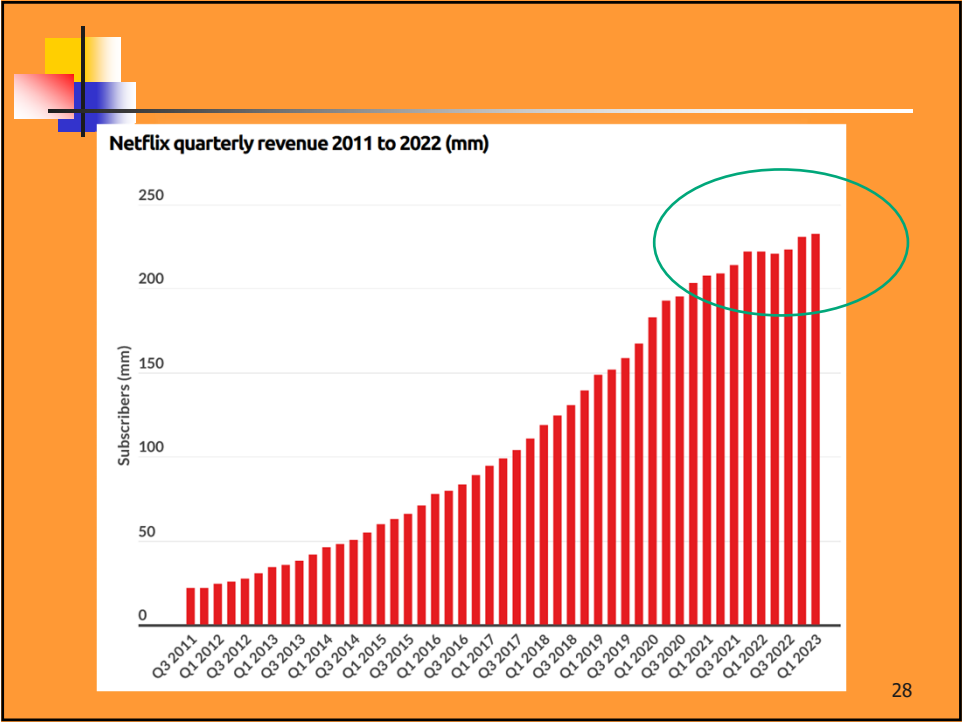
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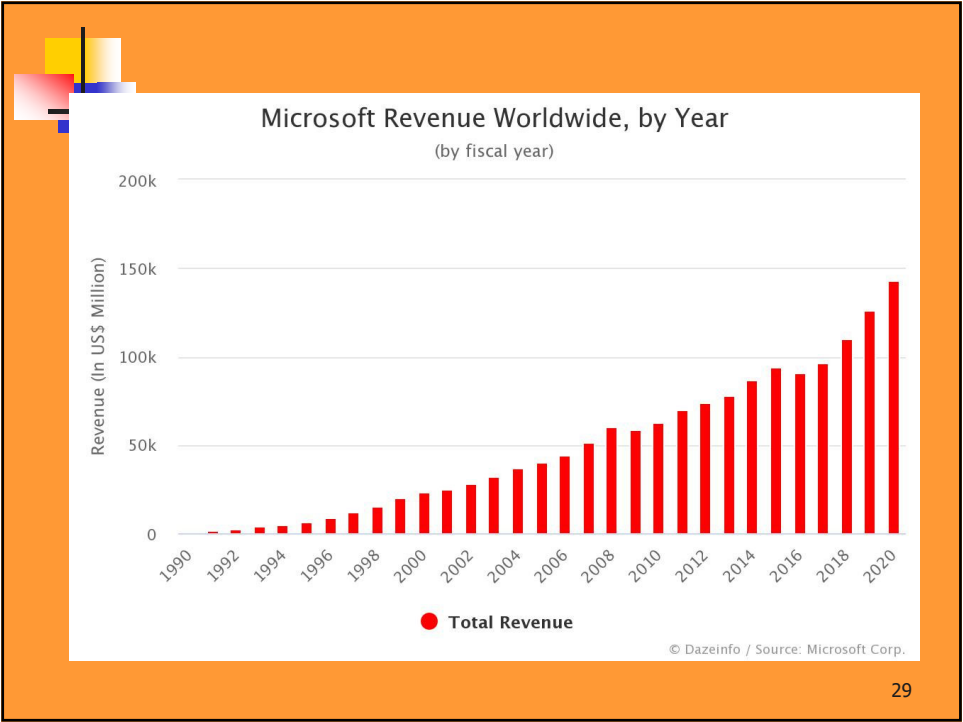
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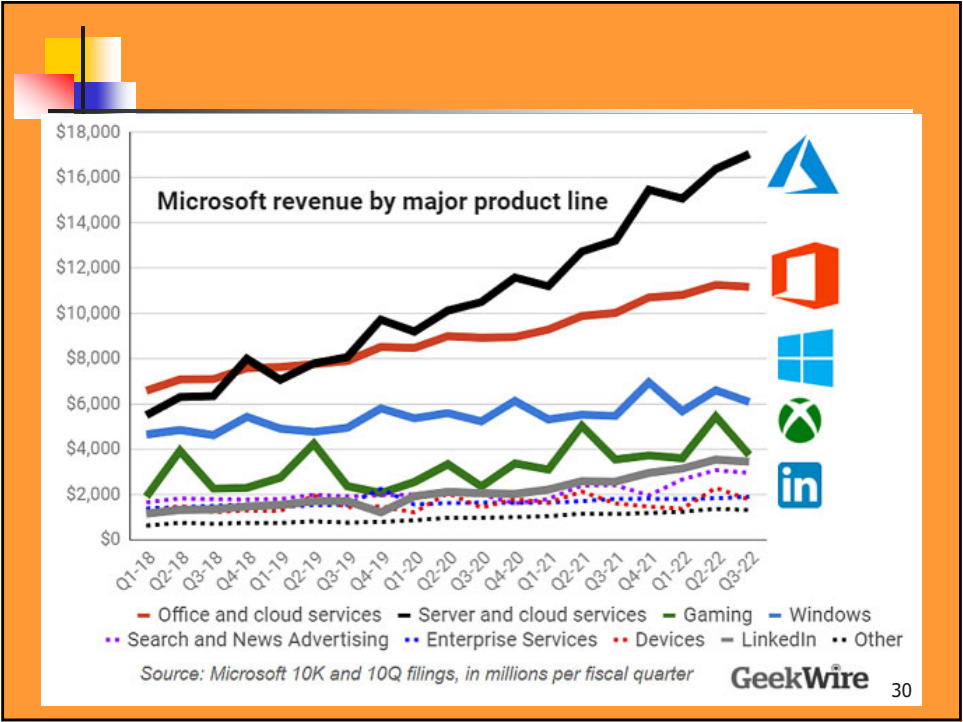
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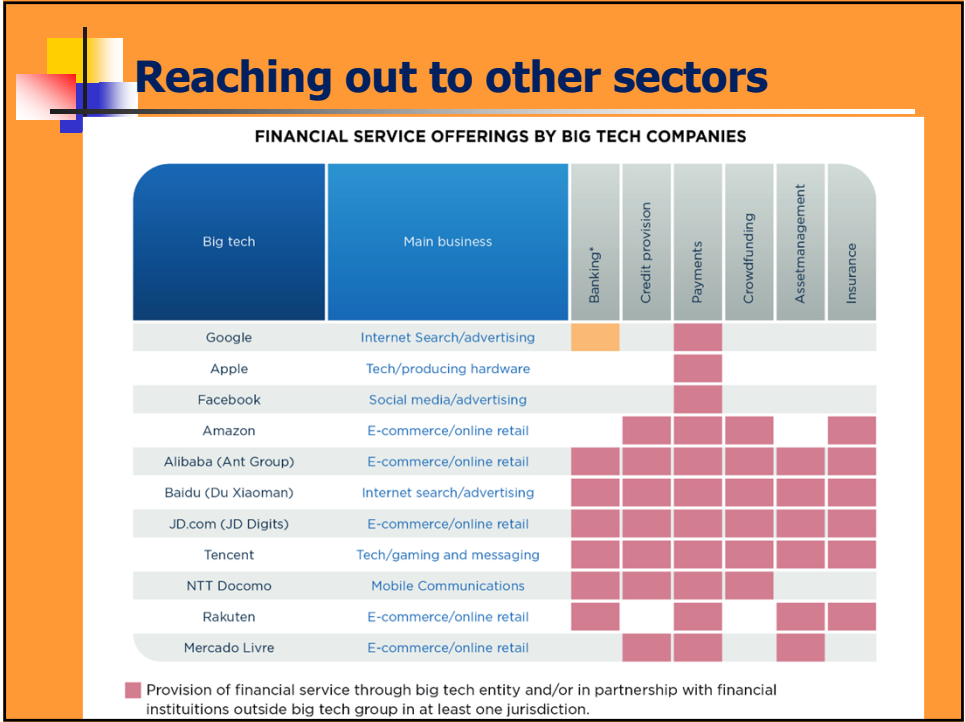
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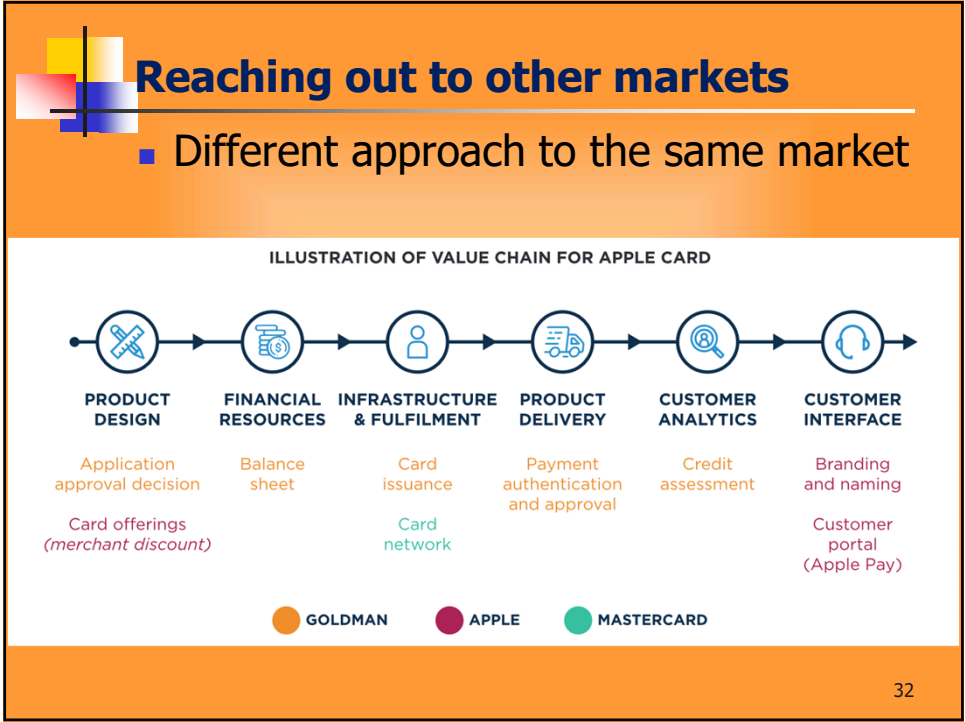
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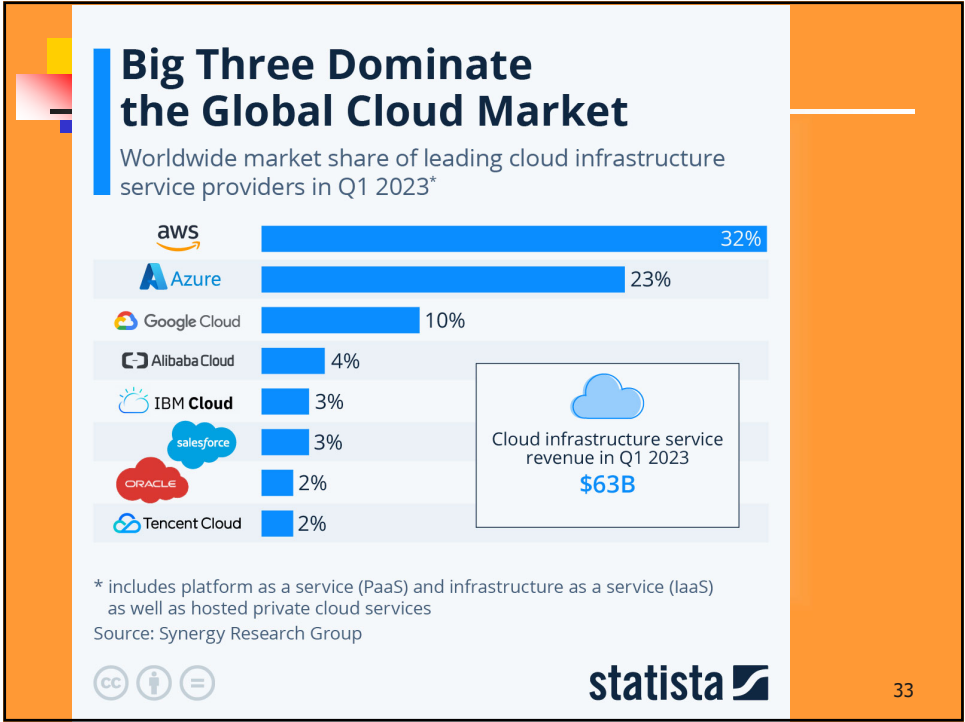
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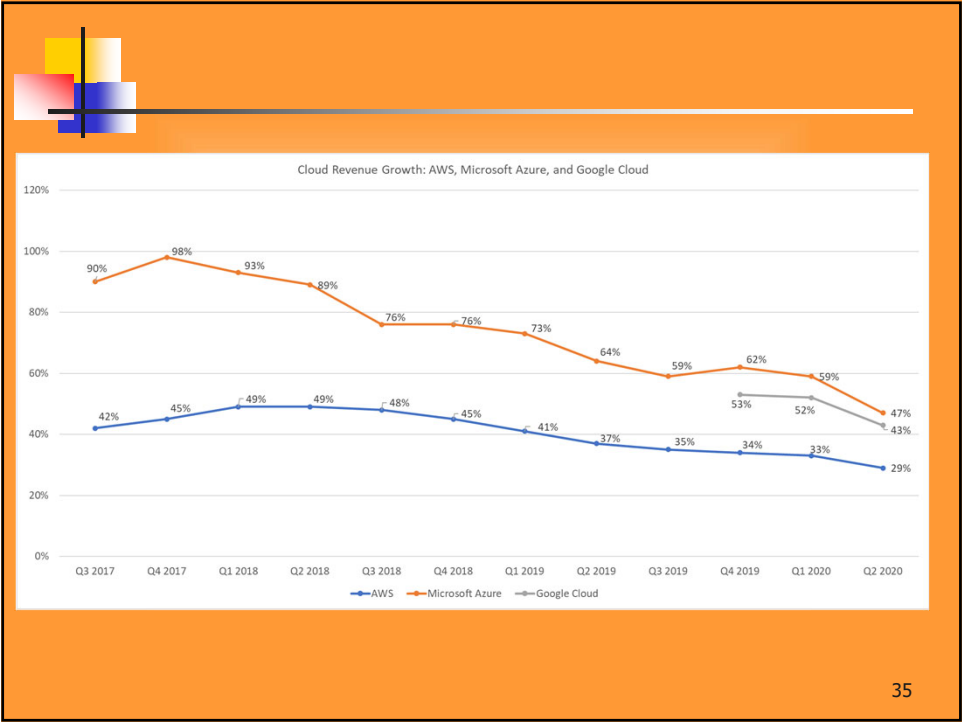
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Cloud market (US)

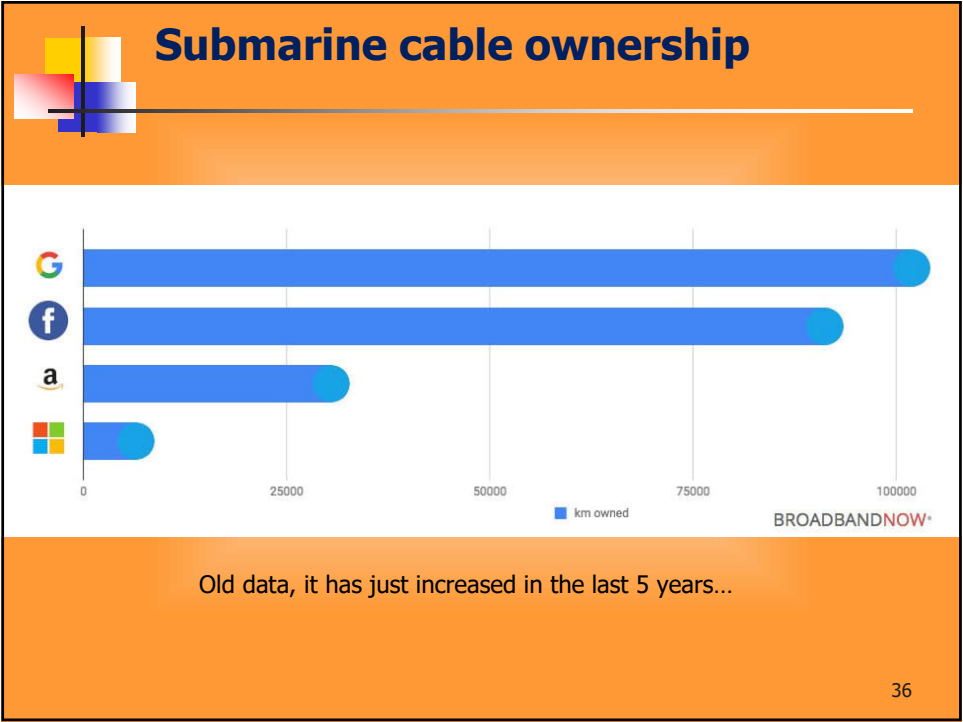
	Microsoft Azure	Amazon AWS	Google Cloud
IaaS Marketshare 2020	19.7 % (12.7 Bil. USD)	40.8 % (26.2 Bil. USD)	6.1 % (3.9 Bil. USD)
IaaS Growth 2020	59.2 %	28.7 %	66.1 %
Number of regions	> 60	24	24
Number of Cloud Services	249	> 175	171
Swiss Datacenter	Yes (2x)	No (1x in 2022)	Yes (1x)
Categories with most services	Microsoft 365 (27) Government (26) KI & Machine Learning (26)	Machine Learning (25) Government (21)	Google Workspace (18) Management Tools (15) Security (13)
Strengths	Productivity Apps (M365) Identity Management (AD) Service Portfolio Regions	Price Developer Base Experience (2006)	Price Simplicity

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Market: shoppers

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Market: movie goers

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Market: professional or quasi-professional services

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What to conclude?

- Market dominance has a power per itself
- Large numbers dominate
 - Better service provision
 - Network effects
 - Several problems when reaching a plateau
- The issue is not the product
 - The issue is the market being sought for
 - The technology is just the tool

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Creating a single European market for data

European Data Strategy

- Adopted Feb 2020
- Genuine internal data market
- Built on EU values and rules

Common European data spaces

- Staff Working Document – Feb 2022
- Overview development data spaces, at request European Council
 - Horizontal aspects + sectoral initiatives
 - EU funding, programmes

A cross-sectoral legislative framework

- Data Governance Act – in force July 2022
- Data Act – Proposal Feb 2022
- Implementing Act on High-value datasets (Open Data Directive) – draft Act May 2022

European Commission

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More market-more data-more market

The difficulty in Pricing Data

Data trading as a constantly growing field and a key sector in Digital Economy

The amount of data has increased

The reliance of companies on data has grown

New technologies allow the collection, storage, processing and dissemination of data

Data Trading is becoming a blooming business

guardtime

IBM

GPT

Q750


greenfield

Microsoft

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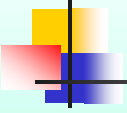
What is informatics here for?

SCALE

- Ecosystem creation
(how many companies in the business stack?)
- Full exploration of networking effects
 - Data is a tool for this – so much more that it creates a separate market per itself.
 - Leading to new market explorations from a dominant position
 - Huge societal impact, not because of the technology, but because of the market size
 - And this is replicated on the data market

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PRACTICAL WORKS

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#3

- **Comentários principais:**
 - Não entregarem material...
 - Em muitos casos, parece que não foram capazes de compreender o que se pretendia
 - Não era uma app
 - Não era um sistema simples
 - Erros técnicos.
 - Não responderam aos diferentes pontos identificados
 - Muitas apresentações mal feitas (presença no quadro)

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#4 – baseado em PI

- A) **Assumindo que o TB seria comercializado, como seria o ecossistema em que se posicionaria?**
 - a. Que empresas teria como fornecedores (serviços, software, equipamento)
 - b. Quais seriam os seus clientes? Que perfil teriam?
 - c. Qual seria a sua competição, e que fatores diferenciadores teria o TB?
 - d. Qual o enquadramento regulatório associado?
 - e. A noção de efeito de escala, no seu projecto, iria traduzir-se de que forma?
- B) **-Identifique aspetos de propriedade intelectual, marcas registradas ou afins. Que patentes seriam necessárias para usar no seu produto? Como as descobre?**
- C) **Requer open source software?** Sob que licenciamento? Qual o impacto que isto terá no seu produto?
- D) **Que problemas de cibersegurança terá de ultrapassar?**
 - a. Quais são os maiores ataques que poderá ter de enfrentar?
 - b. Qual a legislação de cibersegurança que terá de cumprir?
 - c. Em detalhe, como implementará as suas soluções de cibersegurança, quer em termos de tecnologias, quer em termos de processos?
- E) **Que processos irá implementar se tiver de recuperar de um ataque bastante publicitado na Internet?**
- F) **Proteção de privacidade** – explique de que forma estes aspetos podem afectar o seu projecto, e como iria minimizar potenciais problemas? Descreva as soluções técnicas que iria implementar. Como será a implementação de um sistema de resposta a pedidos legais, e de que forma isso afetará o desenvolvimento do seu TB?
- G) **Há aspetos éticos a considerar no seu projecto?** Quais? Que regulamentação terá de cumprir?
- H) **Há aspetos de AI no seu projecto?** Quais? Que problemas é que terá em termos de dados? Que problemas tem de evitar para adquirir esses dados de forma adequada?
- I) **Irá estabelecer relações com Hyperscalers?** De que formato? Como é que a legislação europeia sobre os mesmos irá afectar estas relações?
- J) **Externalidades:** que tipos de efeitos de rede pensa que poderia explorar para aumentar o sucesso da sua solução? Que efeitos negativos de rede teria de ter cuidado?

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Avaliação

A avaliação será feita baseada numa apresentação (**última aula**) e num relatório escrito. Recomenda-se que os pontos acima sejam de alguma forma refletidos diretamente no relatório.

Critérios de avaliação:

- Qualidade e clareza da apresentação, em particular identificando mudanças tecnológicas no seu TB, para responder aos pontos acima.
- Nivel de detalhe tecnológico de soluções discutidas
- Nivel de detalhe dos processos a implementar para o TB passar o crivo de qualidade da área
- Grau de cobertura feita sobre o impacto, no TB, dos assuntos tratados em APSEI, e identificados em cima

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