

Code Wars 2016

Junior Quiz Finals

Q1 “With **X**, it wasn't clear what it was. They called it a social network, but it was hard to define, because it didn't replace anything. There was this path of discovery with something like that, where over time you figure out what it is. **X** actually changed from what we thought it was in the beginning, which we described as status updates and a social utility. It is that, in part, but the insight we eventually came to was **X** was really more of an information network than it is a social network.” ID.

Q2. In 1940, American businessmen Martin Bromley, Irving Bromberg, and James Humpert formed a company called Standard Games in Honolulu, Hawaii, to provide coin-operated amusement machines; mostly slot machines to military bases located which they saw as a potential market since due to the onset of World War II, the number of men stationed at the military bases had increased and they would have needed something to pass their spare time. After the war, the company changed its name to Service Games due to military focus and seeing Japan which was under Allied Occupation as a potential market, started exporting slot machines there to the U.S. military bases. In 1951, when the government of United States started outlawing slot machines, the company moved its base to Tokyo, Japan. On June 3, 1960, Standard Games was renamed **X**. Give **X**.

Q3. X is an Armenian-American internet entrepreneur, activist and investor based in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, best known for co-founding the website Y, helping launch the travel search website Hipmunk, and starting the social enterprise Breadpig. He is a partner at Y Combinator, and is also the executive chairman of Y. X is also currently in a relationship with Serena Williams. Identify X and Y.

Q4. X is a San Francisco-based company, with their main product being an application for Apple and Android devices. The application is a card-based contextual search engine, which according to the website, "enables people to find, plan, and share by connecting them to the most relevant information and tools from apps and services in a single experience." This card-based contextual search engine functionality removes the need to switch through multiple other applications on the device to perform a task. The "app chain" to perform a task without using X can be seen here. In August 2016, X was reportedly acquired by Y for 100 million USD. Y is a company which was formerly called "picaboo". Identify X and not Y.

Q5. The site casts Wikipedia's pages as floating points of light in a 3D universe, clustering "stars" on the same topic — technology, society, music, etcetera — together. Click on a star and you can read its entry, as well as see the pages it links to, stretching across the universe as coloured lines. Which site is being talked about?

Q6. Both allow clips of a specific timing

Uploads can be removed after 24 hours

Both allow you to watch your friends sequentially

Both allow you to reply

Both allow you to add custom text

Both let you draw with a built-in marker

Both display who has seen.

What am I talking about?

Q7. In October 1997, X was released. The release party in San Francisco featured a ten-foot-tall letter "e" logo. Y employees showing up to work the following morning found the giant logo on their front lawn, with a sign attached that read "From the X team ... We Love You". The Y employees promptly knocked it over and set a giant figure of their mascot atop it, holding a sign reading "Y 72, Microsoft 18" representing the market distribution.

Q8. "I was stunned that our efforts to protect people's data would result in such an extreme decision by a single judge to punish every person in Brazil who uses X. We hope that the Brazilian courts quickly reverse course." Y said in response to X being banned in Brazil. Give X and Y.

Q9. “A disease that started in Tokyo. It first infected Gameboys in Japan in 1995. Then in 1998 the disease infected Gameboys in America. Soon channel WB11 was infected too, and now Cartoon Network. The ever-so-popular "Gameboy Advance" systems got infected in 2002, and still is. In 1999 the disease started spreading via cardboard aka "X" Trading Card Game". "Nintendo 64" and "Nintendo Gamecube" are infected too. The disease is also spreading via plastic and metal in the toy isles at Wal-Mart, K-mart, toys-r-us, and every other toy store. It is now July 2004, almost 10 years after the start of this addicting, argument instigating disease and it is still out there, but not as bad as its most powerful years(1999-2001).”

Q10. _____ Heavy Industries or SHI is one of the largest shipbuilders in the world and one of the "Big Three" shipbuilders of South Korea (including Hyundai and Daewoo). A core subsidiary of South Korea's largest conglomerate, SHI's main focus is on constructing ships, offshore floaters, gantry cranes, digital devices for ships, and other construction and engineering concerns. FITB.

Q11. What has been blanked out? (Sponsor of FCB)



Q12. The **X** better known by its acronym is a bitmap image format that was developed by US-based software writer Steve Wilhite while working at the internet service provider CompuServe in 1987, and has since come into widespread usage on the World Wide Web due to its wide support and portability. The original version of the **X** format was called 87a. In 1989, CompuServe released an enhanced version, called 89a, which added support for animation delays (multiple images in a stream were already supported in 87a), transparent background colours, and storage of application-specific metadata. As a noun, the word **X** is found in the newer editions of many dictionaries. In 2012, the American wing of the Oxford University Press recognized **X** as a verb as well, meaning "to create a **X** file", as in "**X**"ing was perfect medium for sharing scenes from the Summer Olympics". Identify X?

Q13. On 15th November 2011 it was revealed that **X** had acquired **Y.com** for a whopping 8.5 million dollars from The American Farm Bureau Federation but didn't officially reveal the price. It was only later at their annual meeting in Atlanta, that Farm Bureau reported **Y.com** was sold to **X** for \$8.5 million. Identify **X** and **Y**.

Q14. This is from the tennis final in the olympics between Great Britain's Andy Murray and Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro, what is it doing in a tech quiz?



Q15. Nick Sampson - Senior Vice President of R&D and Engineering

Dag Reckhorn - Vice President of Global Manufacturing

Alan Cherry - Vice President of Human Resources

Tom Wessner - Vice President of Supply Chain

Richard Kim - Head of Design(known for designing the exterior of the E84
BMW X1, BMW i3 and BMW i8)

Silva Hiti - Head of Powertrain development

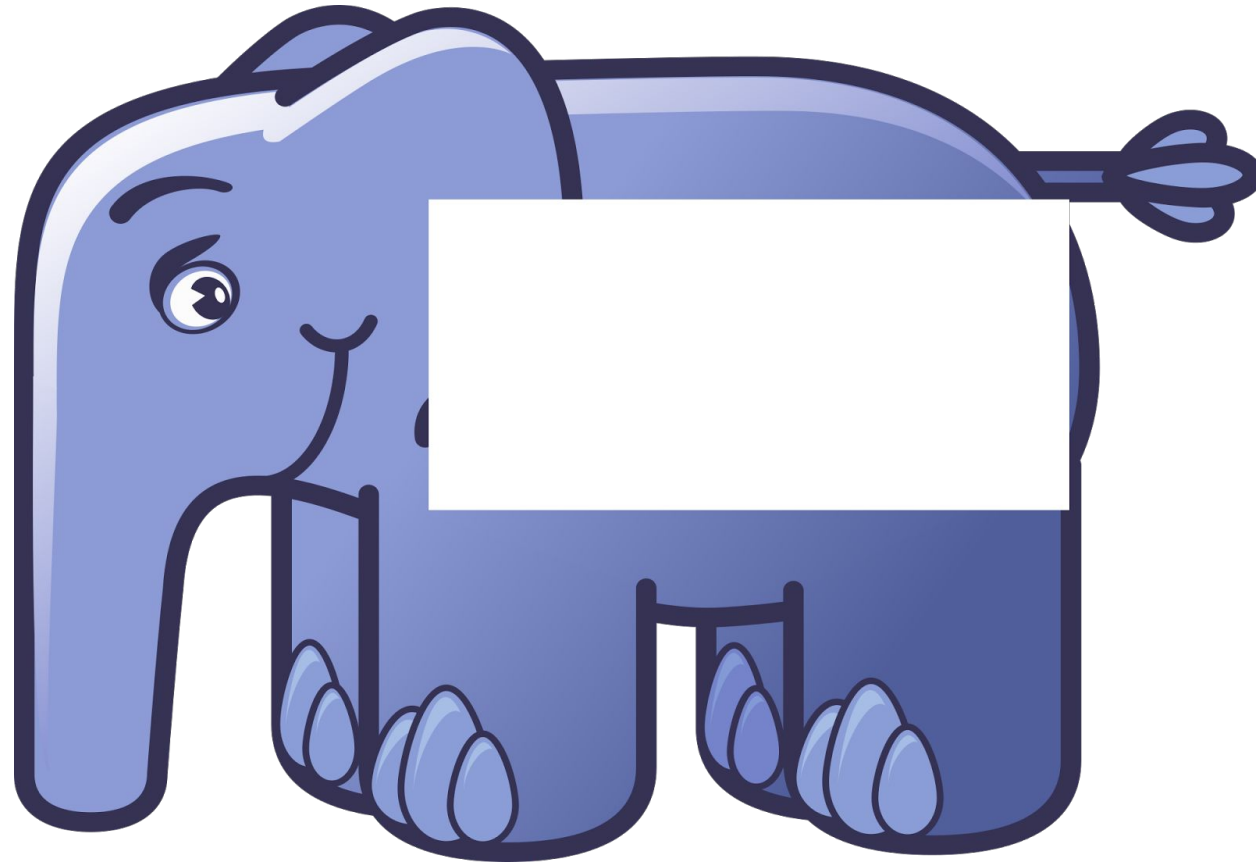
CEO- N/A , which company?

Q16. X, means mud brick in Spanish and is a building material made from earth and often organic material. X is among the earliest building materials, and is used throughout the world. But the company X rather takes its name from the brook which ran behind the founder's homes. Identify X.

Q17. X, the largest global development platform for creating 2D, 3D, VR and AR games and experiences, and Facebook are working together to expand Facebook's set of game developer tools and services and give X developers new ways to reach and engage the millions of gamers on Facebook. As an extension of the existing relationship, X will integrate support for the Facebook platform, including an all-new PC gaming platform currently in development.

Q18. X is an operating system currently being developed by Google. Contrary to previous operating systems developed by Google such as Chrome OS and Android, which are based on the Linux kernel, X is based on a new kernel called "Magenta", built on top of Little Kernel, mainly written in C. X is reportedly written in Dart, and is designed to run on a multitude of devices, including mobile phones and personal computers. X is also another term for a genus of flowering plants that consists mostly of shrubs or small trees.

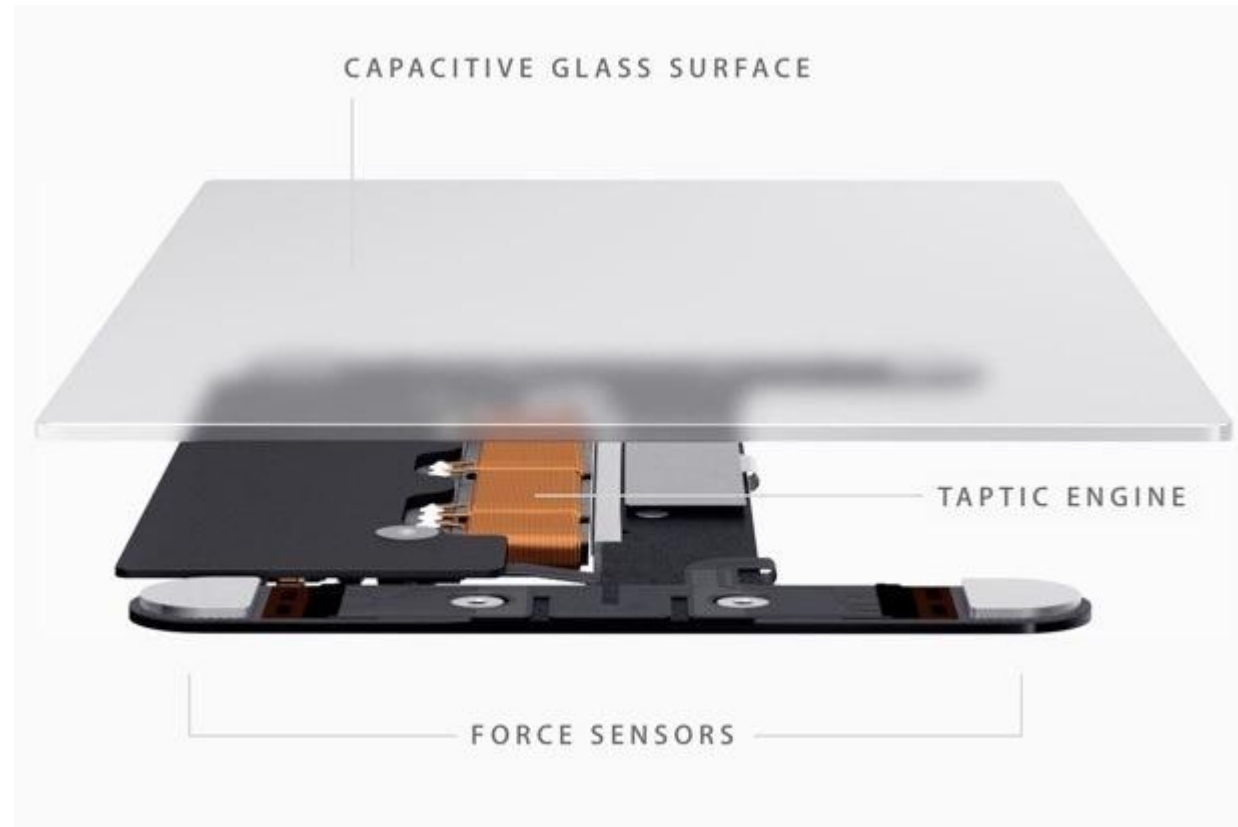
Q19. Identify?



- Q20.** 1) President of the Server & Tools Division (9 February 2011 – February 2014)
- 2) Senior Vice-President of Research and Development for the Online Services Division (March 2007 – February 2011)
- 3) Vice-President of the Business Division
- 4) Corporate Vice-President of Business Solutions and Search & Advertising Platform Group
- 5) Executive Vice-President of Cloud and Enterprise group
- 6) CEO of Y, February 2014.

These are all positions held by **X** at **Y**. Identify **X and Y**

Q21. Technology behind what?



Q22. Recently, **X** (which meaning 'everywhere' or 'every direction') streaming service was unveiled by the Korea Central Television. It allows viewers in the country to replay documentaries and other programs, and also reportedly will provide language lessons for those who want to learn English or Russian. The device is an Internet Protocol Television that works through a separate box, sort of like an Apple TV or Roku. It apparently provides live access to several North Korean networks. *NK News* noted that the country has extremely limited internet service, and that if the service exists, it will allow viewers to stream live channels to a television. ID **X**?

Q23. "This URL has been blocked under the instructions of the Competent Government Authority or in compliance with the orders of a Court of competent jurisdiction. Viewing, downloading, exhibiting or duplicating an illicit copy of the contents under this URL is punishable as an offence under the laws of India, including but not limited to under Sections 63, 63-A, 65 and 65-A of the Copyright Act, 1957 which prescribe imprisonment for 3 years and also fine of upto Rs. 3,00,000/-. Any person aggrieved by any such blocking of this URL may contact at urlblock@tatacommunications.com who will, within 48 hours, provide you the details of relevant proceedings under which you can approach the relevant High Court or Authority for redressal of your grievance" Which website?

Q24. "It's a pilot project, we'll see where it goes — but it's pretty exciting." Details on the partnership are scarce, but the report says that X will "provide" helicopters for Y's future chopper services. It's not clear if Y will be purchasing the helicopters, but that would mark a significant departure for Y, which relies on independent drivers to provide vehicles," said X's CEO on the partnership with Y. ID X and Y

Q25. Each member can become a fan of any of the friends in their list and can also evaluate whether their friend is "Trustworthy", "Cool", "Sexy" on a scale of 1 to 3 (marked by icons) and this is aggregated in terms of a percentage. Unlike Facebook, where a member can view profile details of people only on their network, **X** allows anyone to visit anyone's profile, unless a potential visitor is on your "Ignore List". Another feature is that any member can add any other member on **X** to his/her "Crush List" and both of them will be informed only when both parties have added each other to their "Crush List". Give **X**.

Q26. "The realtime ID check is a safety feature we are rolling out that helps ensure the driver going online matches the driver account we have on file. This is just another example of features we're always exploring to improve our safety processes," If there is a discrepancy, the driver's account will be temporarily deactivated while they investigate." Uber partnered with a company face plus plus to introduce what safety measure in China earlier this year?

Q27. X was an American novelist and video game designer best known for his technically detailed espionage and military-science storylines set during and after the Cold War. Seventeen of his novels were bestsellers, and more than 100 million copies of his books are in print. X is also known for his contributions to the gaming industry where many of his books have served to be a source of inspiration for video games and he also has a video games series title named after him.

Q28. The X was a central element of the "Peabody's Improbable History" cartoon segment. The machine was invented by Mr. Peabody, a genius, polymath, and bow tie-wearing beagle, as a birthday gift for his adopted pet boy, Sherman. By allowing them to visit famous historical people or events, the X provided educational adventures for Sherman. Currently, How do we all know X.

Q29. Identify



Q30. X or saurik is an American businessman and software engineer and known for creating a modified version of Apple's iOS that allows for the installation and customization of software outside of the regulation imposed by the App Store system. Identify X and the modified version for brownie points.

Q31. _____ is a [Chinese](#) website for [online shopping](#) similar to [eBay](#), [Amazon](#) and [Rakuten](#). Founded on May 10, 2003, _____ Marketplace facilitates [consumer-to-consumer](#) (C2C) retail by providing a platform for small businesses and individual entrepreneurs to open online stores that mainly cater to consumers in Chinese-speaking regions (Mainland China, [Hong Kong](#), [Macau](#) and [Taiwan](#)) and also abroad. With around 760 million product listings as of March 2013, _____ Marketplace is one of the world's top 10 most visited websites according to [Alexa](#). For the year ended March 31, 2013, the combined gross merchandise volume (GMV) of _____ Marketplace exceeded 1 trillion [yuan](#).

Q32. X was a customizable [Ajax](#)-based [start page](#) or personal [web portal](#) launched by [Google](#) in May 2005. It was discontinued on November 1, 2013 because the company believed the need for it had eroded over time . As of 17 October 2007 Google had made the service available in many localized versions in 42 languages, and in over 70 country domain-names. In February 2007, 7.1 million people used X. In April 2008, 20% of all visits to Google's homepage used X . On July 3, 2012 Google announced X would be discontinued on November 1, 2013. Identify X.

Q33. The X effect is the phenomenon whereby an attempt to hide, remove, or censor a piece of information has the unintended consequence of publicizing the information more widely, usually facilitated by the Internet. It is an example of psychological reactance, wherein once people are aware something is being kept from them, their motivation to access and spread the information is increased.

Q34. X has [acquired Beam](#), a Seattle-based interactive game streaming service that lets viewers play along with streamers as they watch. Beam's model takes the mostly passive interaction that streaming fans may be used to from services like Twitch and YouTube, and adds the ability for viewers to interact with the streamer via crowdsourced controls. Players interacting through Beam can direct the play of the person streaming, doing things like setting which weapon loadout they take into battle for multiplayer shooters, for example. It launched at [TechCrunch Disrupt NY 2016](#), and won it's [Startup Battlefield competition](#). Visual controls provide viewers the ability to help players pick quests, and you can even assign challenges that alter the gameplay considerably from what you'd get via a typical play through.

Q35. Mark Zuckerberg used this website to ask people - “What startups would be good acquisitions for Facebook?” and he actually took the advice from users and went on to buy NextStop. Funnily enough, the makers of the platform Mark used to consult people were ex-Facebook employees. What platform?

Q36. X started as Bell Atlantic which was one of the seven Baby Bells that were formed after AT&T Corporation was forced to relinquish its control of the Bell System by order of the Justice Department of the United States. It later changed its name to X, a portmanteau of two Latin words which mean truth and horizon.

Q37. The [enemies](#) in X are known variously as "goblins," "demon," "octopi", "monsters" and "ice-cream". Despite the seemingly random nature of the enemies, their movements are strictly deterministic, which players have used to their advantage. In an interview, creator [Toru Iwatani](#) stated that he had designed each enemy with its own distinct personality in order to keep the game from becoming impossibly difficult or boring to play. What game?

Q38. X was founded by a husband-and-wife team that, while both were working for Stanford University, created the first multiprotocol router to enable them to email each other. Two years later, X shipped its first product, the AGS router for the TCP/IP. ID.

Q39. Elon Musk, after viewing the pilot of _____, said: "None of those characters were software engineers. Software engineers are more helpful, thoughtful, and smarter. They're weird, but not in the same way. I was just having a meeting with my information security team, and they're great but they're pretty weird—one used to be a dude, one's super small, one's hyper-smart—that's actually what it is.... " In response to Musk's comments, an actor on the show pointed out that "if the billionaire power players don't get the joke, it's because they're not comfortable being satirized... I'm sorry, but you could tell everything was true. You guys do have bike meetings, motherfucker." Other software engineers who also attended the same premiere stated that they felt like they were watching their "reflection".

Q40. X is a non-profit artificial intelligence research company, that aims to carefully promote and develop open-source friendly AI in such a way as to benefit, rather than harm, humanity as a whole. It was founded when scientists like Stephen Hawking started believing that if advanced AI someday gains the ability to re-design itself at an ever-increasing rate, an unstoppable "intelligence explosion" could lead to human extinction. The backers of this non profit organization include Elon Musk, Reid Hoffman, Peter Thiel and Vishal Sikka.

Q41. Pizza Hut UK announced that it will now use pizza decks designed by electronics specialist Novalia, which use conductive ink throughout the cardboard tray to make the outlines touch responsive. By folding the pizza box, it can be used as an otherwise popular device by connecting to a laptop or smartphone via Bluetooth. It is, quite literally, a 'Party in a Box'. What is so special about these boxes?

Q42. Identify



Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

Tiebreaker. X is an American manufacturer of glass, ceramics, and related materials, primarily for industrial and scientific applications. The company was known as X Glass Works until 1989, when it changed its name to X Incorporated. Over its 160-year history X invented a process for rapid and inexpensive production of light bulbs, including developing the glass for Thomas Edison's light bulb. Identify X.