



# How Digital Technology is Disrupting Everything

*Small Business Digitization Initiative (SBDI) - Day 1*

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# Welcome!



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## A Sense of Purpose

### *Our Challenge*

- › Youth unemployment is 12% vs under 3% in average for the ICT sector
- › SMBs represent 99% of Canada's businesses
- › Canada often gets a D mark on productivity, despite its knowledgeable workforce
- › Adoption of technology is a challenge (e.g. 40% of Ontario businesses do not have a presence on the Internet)
- › Digitization of all industries is happening (World Economic Forum: 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution)
- › Big IT, and recently start ups, have been leveraging technology to gain global advantage. Meanwhile, many SMBs are still using paper and basic office software.
- › Is the gap widening in Canada?

### *Two Main Issues to Address in Ontario*



- › Youth unemployment
- › Digitization of Businesses

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## A Case Study - part 3: Results

### Results

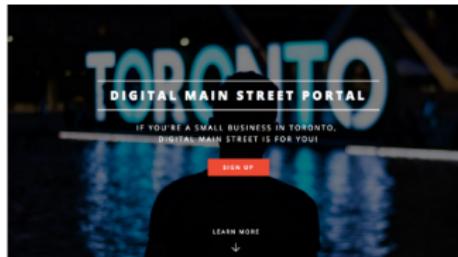
The Company saved 20% of their FTE time (about 5 employees).  
Moving these employees to Sales generated a \$15 million/year increase in revenues.



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Governments and Industry alike are Responding



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"We've actually taken the Internet to a place that realistically it never should have gone."

Mark Germerich  
Executive Director of IT  
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## Tory announces details of plan to modern

Mayor says plan is designed to improve service while saving the city money  
By Muriel Draisma, CBC News Posted: Nov 22, 2016 10:28 AM ET | Last Updated: Nov 22, 2016 2:13 PM ET



<http://torontolife.com/style/toronto-coolest-office-spaces-shopify/>

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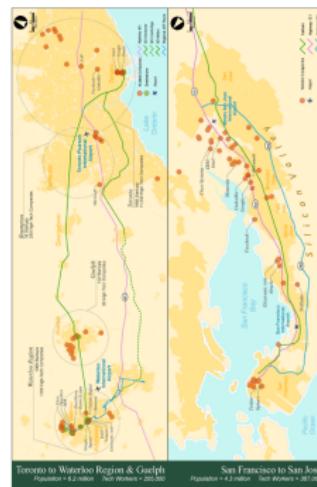
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## Opportunities for Ontario (and Ontarians)

Can we lead the Digital Revolution?



# Course Organization & Expectations

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# Small Business Digitization Initiative

## Main Components of the Course

Theme	Content	Duration
<b>Digitization Theory</b> (Conceptual Foundation)	The business of Innovation, adoption of technology, entrepreneurship, start ups, business models, key technologies to watch & how to stay current. Sustainable Development: environmental regulations and business operations, compliance, corporate social responsibility, triple bottom-line reporting	5 days
<b>Entrepreneurship Skills</b> (Making Innovation Happen)	Project Leadership – Innovation – Entrepreneurship and Start-Up Students solve a business challenge with an Digital Adoption solution, from ideation to a first implementation (prototype).	14 days (spread out)
<b>Tech Lab</b> (Basic Skills to setup a SOHO)	IT fundamentals for SOHO (for beginners): Internet, Wi-Fi, telephony/VoIP, computers and other devices and software for office productivity and operations; figuring out needs & ROI, how to setup, how to buy. May also cover how to install Odoo on a laptop (depending on audience skill level).	3 days
<b>Communicating Value</b> (Practical approach)	Design and Implement a simple Web front for the course project (or employer) using Odoo builtins and/or industry practice, tools of trade, tips and tricks. How to procure products and services to outsource some of this function.	3 days
<b>ERP / Back-Office</b> (Digitizing Business Processes)	Understand and implement business processes such as accounting, invoicing, billing, hiring, inventory management, project management, CRM, e-commerce into Odoo (the course ERP). Students will also perform business analysis for their employer during coop, followed by a configuration of key business processes in Odoo.	26 days
<b>Data and Intelligence</b>	Business Intelligence and Big data (1 <sup>st</sup> day) + Business Analytics and Tableau/real cases (2 <sup>nd</sup> day).	2 days
<b>Open Data and Smart Communities</b>	Smart Government, Open Data, Open Standard, Citizen Engagement, User rights & freedoms, communities working to improve society with technology (e.g. Code for America, OpenNorth, CivicTechTO)	2 days
<b>Project / Specialization</b> (Based on employers' real challenges)	Time dedicated for students to work under supervision on a project to solve an employer challenge. Depending on student skill level, it might include more or less advanced technical competencies. Specific industry verticals can be covered such as advanced manufacturing and intelligent retail.	2 days
<b>ICTC</b> (Employability)	Employability 101, dealing with employers and employees, ICTC digital compass, e-talent... Essential skills, Ontario Skills Passport...	3 days

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Odoo – The course “ERP”



Figure:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2dhyhamLm6M&list=PL1-aSABtP6AAIILNux4hW2TyYIioOVEGQ3yf&index=6>



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## Course Sequence

*Big Challenge – run through Prepr from day 1 to day 60*

*Welcome + level-set in theory*

*Tech intro*

*ERP component (almost half of the course) + the topical modules*

*+ two days dedicated to work on the employer challenge project in class*

*ICTC Employability*

*Blending with coop, to promote a dialogue between employers and students*



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## Class Time

Time	Activity
9am - 10:30am	Class
10:30am	Break
10:40am - 12:10pm	Class
12:10pm	Lunch
12:50pm - 2:20pm	Class
2:20pm	Break
2:30pm - 4pm	Class



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## Work placement

### Employer Challenge

Opportunity to leverage *i)* the theory learned in class and *ii)* the intimate understanding of your employer's job functions and business processes, to design new ways to improve their business by leveraging digital technology.

### Job Skills

During the work placement, you are expected to behave as a regular employee or consultant. That means *i)* a high standard of professionalism, and *ii)* the performance of work duties that are valuable to the business. You will deliver a report, and if possible a working prototype, to your "customer" at the end of the course.



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- The study of each module will be broken down in 3 steps:
  - Day 1: Theory, key concepts, best practices
  - Day 2: Introduction to Odoo (the course ERP)
  - Day 3: Analyzing business processes
- See next slides



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([Youtube](#) is a good place to start)



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- Working towards implementing some of these processes in Odoo and
- Preparing a report for the business (your "customer")



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## Attention

Don't underestimate the importance of a thorough business analysis. The main cause of IT project failures is a lack of solid and sound requirements.

Remember:

Project done right ≠ the Right Project is done!



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## Other Modules

- To build awareness on business areas that will be impacted by your work
  - Communications, Sales & Marketing  
(e.g. can you enable a new line of revenue?)
  - Big Data & Analytics  
(e.g. can you surface intelligence to allow more informed decisions?)
  - Open Data & Smart Communities  
(e.g. can you leverage Open Data for your “customer”?)



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Are you ready?



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Let's Start!

- Download these slides at <http://bit.ly/sbditheoryday1>
- Form teams of 4
- Fill the form at <https://goo.gl/forms/moKSrsmlIepUaqjFX2>  
(contact info, background & interests, team)
- Discuss in teams: *What is the biggest challenges for SMBs today?*
- Pick a spokesperson to share with the class



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# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

Everyone talks about it -Businesses & Government alike



Figure: The topic of conversation since Davos 2016 (Credit: Reuters)

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

“The new technology revolution, which entails nothing less than a transformation of mankind.” —Klaus Schwab, founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum

Schwab, K. (2016). *The fourth industrial revolution.* Geneva: World Economic Forum



# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

## Characteristics

According to Klaus Schwab, the “changes are historic” because of their

- **Velocity:** Moving at an exponential pace (vs. linear) as a result of an interconnected world
- **Breadth & Depth:** Touches all industries, not only technology (the *what*) but also *who* we are
- **Systems Impact:** Everything is intertwined, and systems changes: countries, organizations, societies



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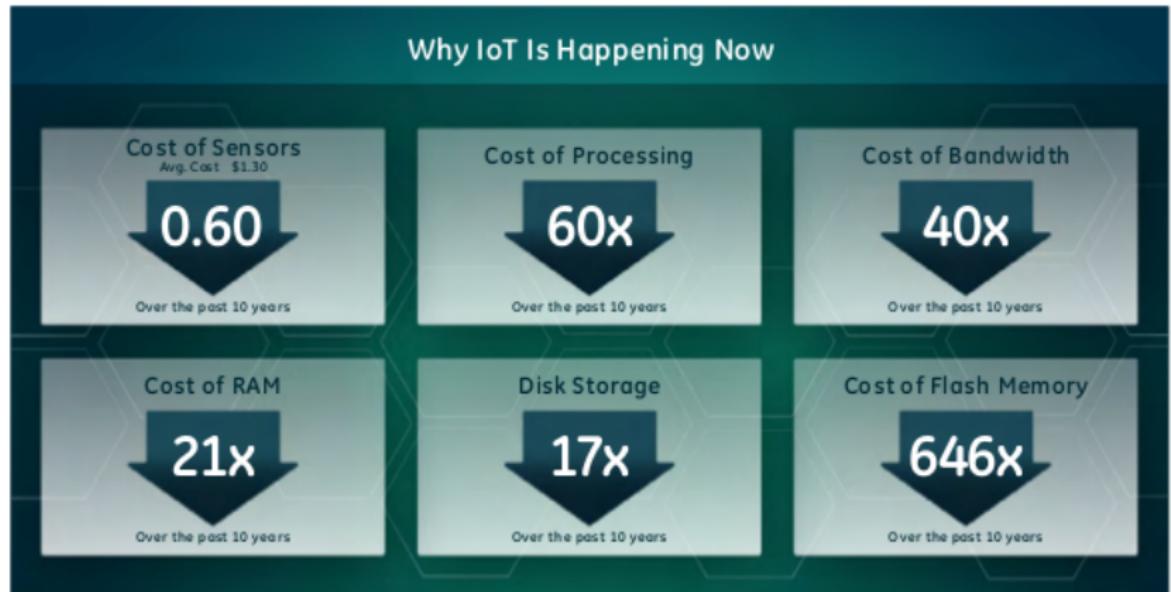
Technology-driven revolutions

- **Farming** led to better food supply and the rise of urbanization
- The **Steam Engine** led to the 1<sup>st</sup> Industrial Revolution (rails roads, mechanized factories)
- **Electricity** led to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Industrial Revolution (assembly lines, mass production)
- **Semiconductors and Computing** led to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Industrial Revolution (software, the Internet)
- Ubiquitous Computing (cheap sensors, chips, etc), AI, and IoT are leading us through the 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution



# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

## The cost drivers



Source: Goldman Sachs Global Investment Research, John C. McCallum Research, TCG Advisors

Figure: Credit: GE White Paper “Unlocking Business Value through Industrial Data Management”



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# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

## The pace of change

- The iPhone is only 10 years old (2007)
- There were 2 billion smartphones at the end of 2015
- Symbian was the leading operating system 10+ years ago, now Android rules



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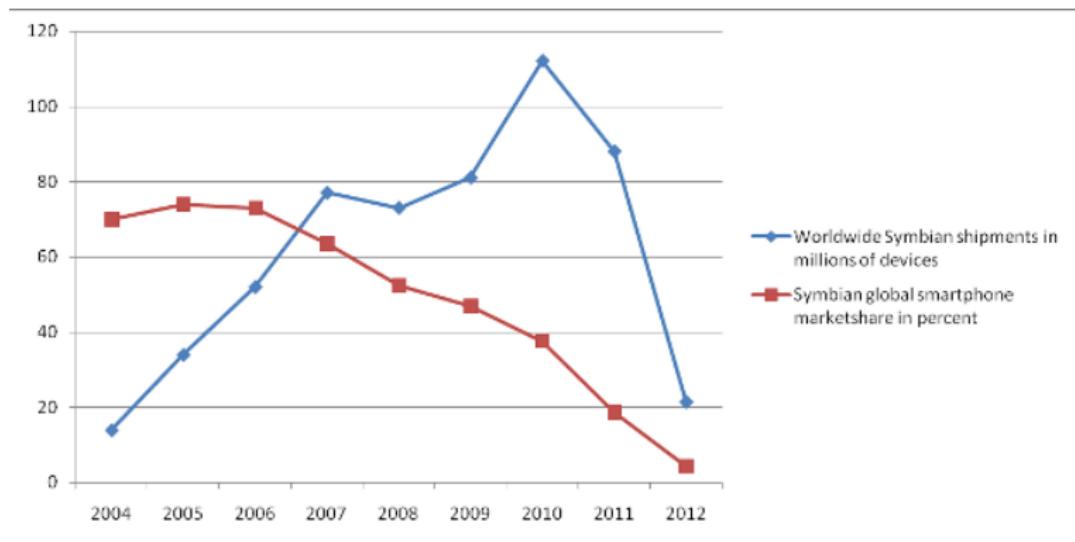


Figure: Credit: phoneArena.com

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Figure: Credit: World Economic Forum (2017)

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## Exercise

### Group Work

What are the new technologies that can disrupt the way we live and work?



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## Technology Drivers (Networking)

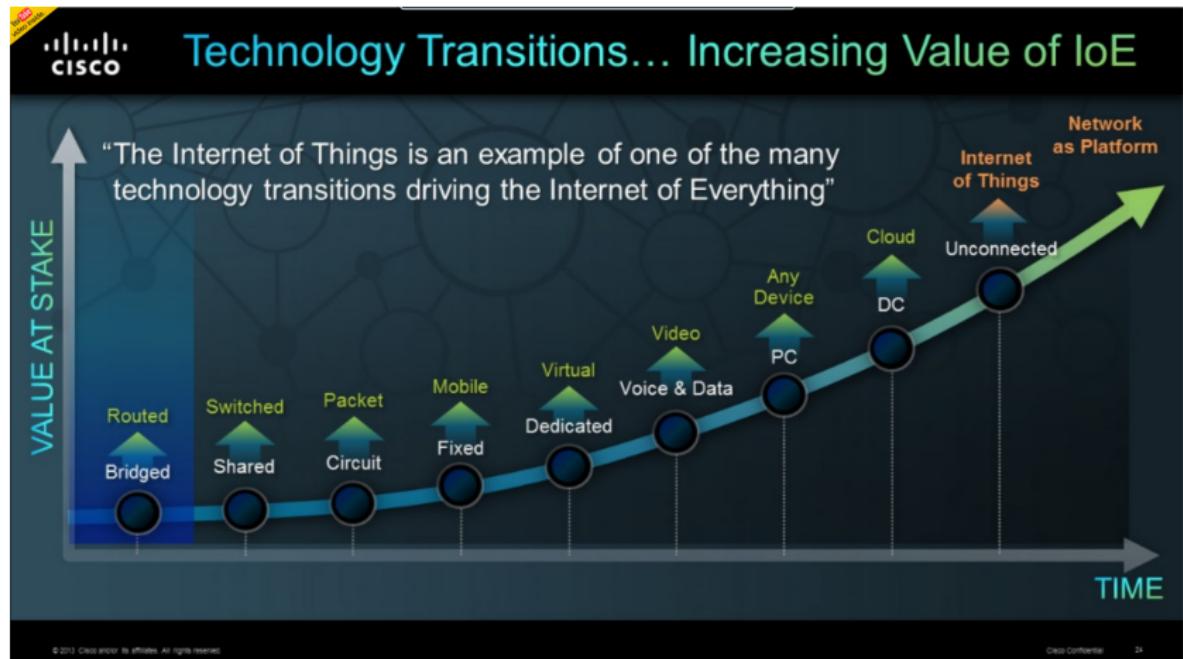


Figure: Credit: John Chambers Keynote (Cisco, 2013)

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Emerging Technologies (Gartner's Hype Cycle, 2015)



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It's also the way we work, e.g. OT vs. IT

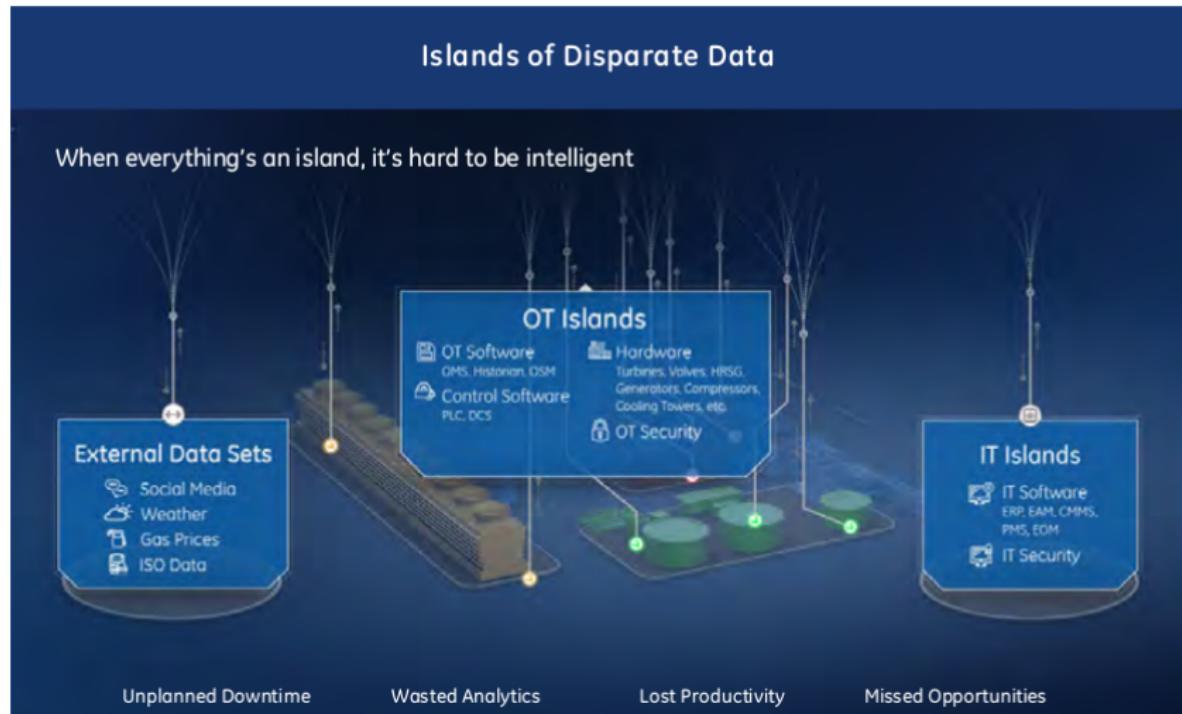
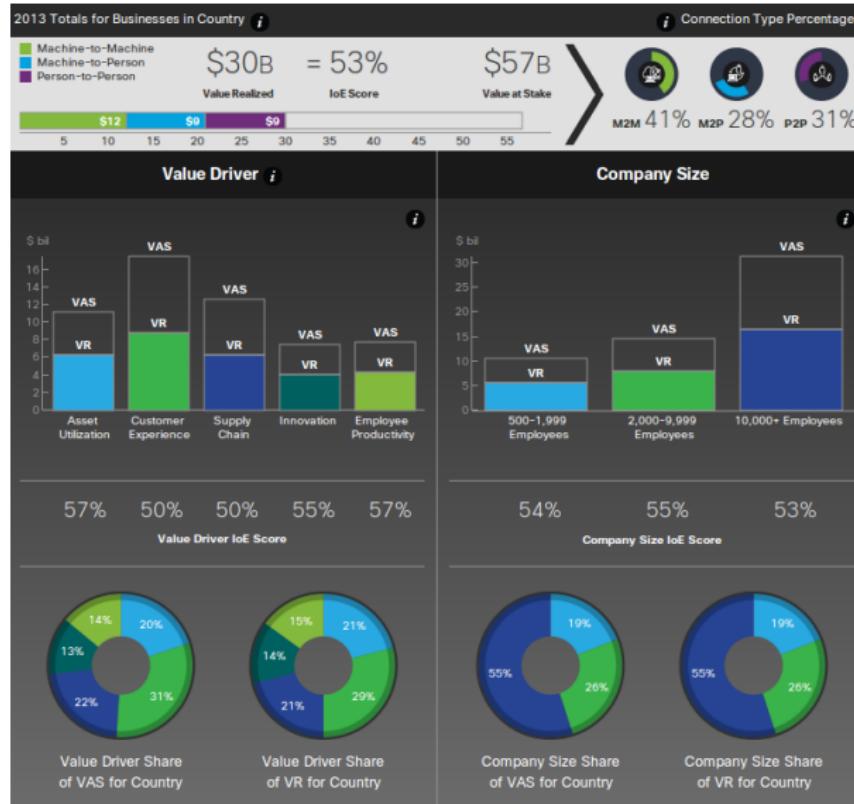


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Estimation of the Value at Stake for Canada (Cisco, 2013)



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The market value (to be captured): \$19T over 10 years according to Cisco



Figure: Verticals with highest \$ potential Credit: John Chambers Keynote (Cisco, 2014)



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# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

A sense of urgency & the race for survival



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SWOT Analysis (Credit: Diagram by Xhienne [CC BY-SA 2.5], via Wikimedia Commons)

## SWOT ANALYSIS



# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

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Assess the situation for an Industry (or pick a particular company, e.g. your coop).



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Technological Innovation fuels Economic Growth (the Solow Residual)

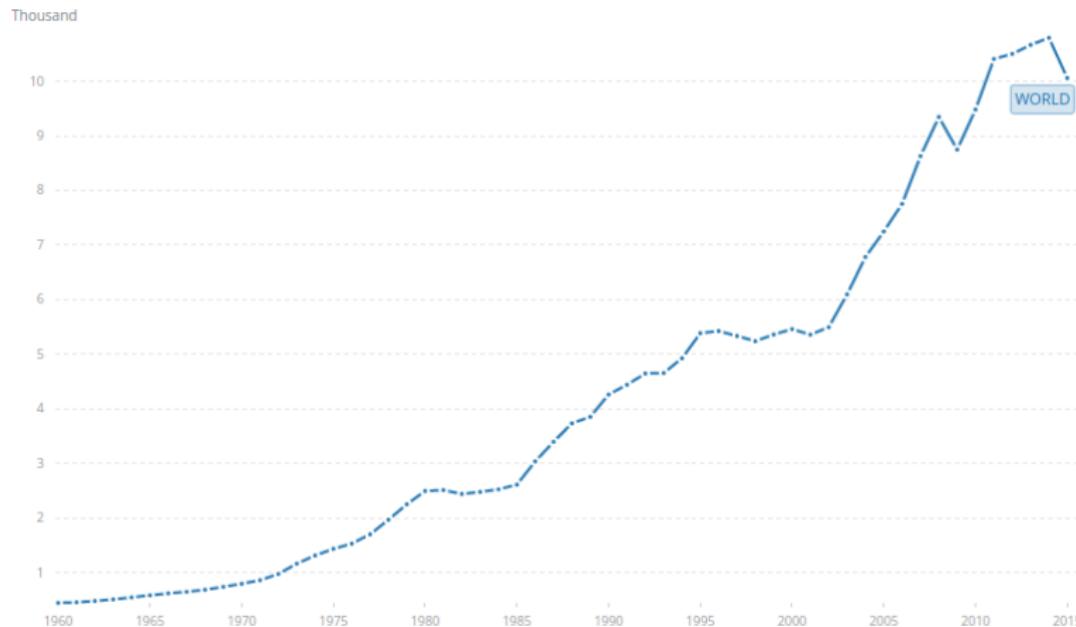


Figure: World GDP per capita, Credit: World Bank, 2017



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# Where does Innovation come from?



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- Question status quo
- Have a sense that all knowledge is unified (system thinking)



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Thinking outside the box

Sir MacFarlane Burnet, Nobel Prize:

"I think there are dangers for a research man being too well trained in the field he is going to study"



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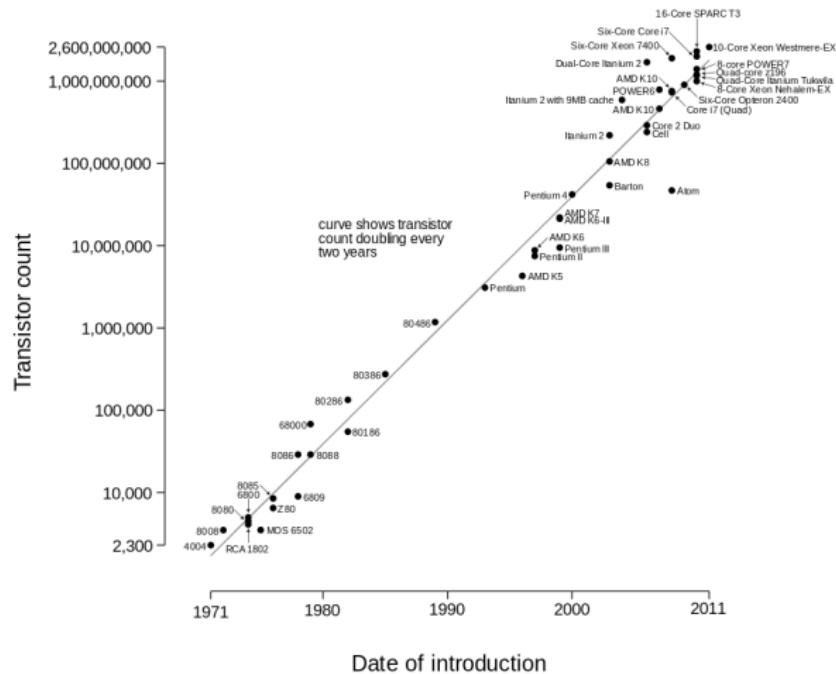


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Technological Improvement (Credit: Wgsimon [CC BY-SA 3.0], via Wikimedia Commons)

Microprocessor Transistor Counts 1971-2011 & Moore's Law



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## Technological Improvement

### Pace of Change

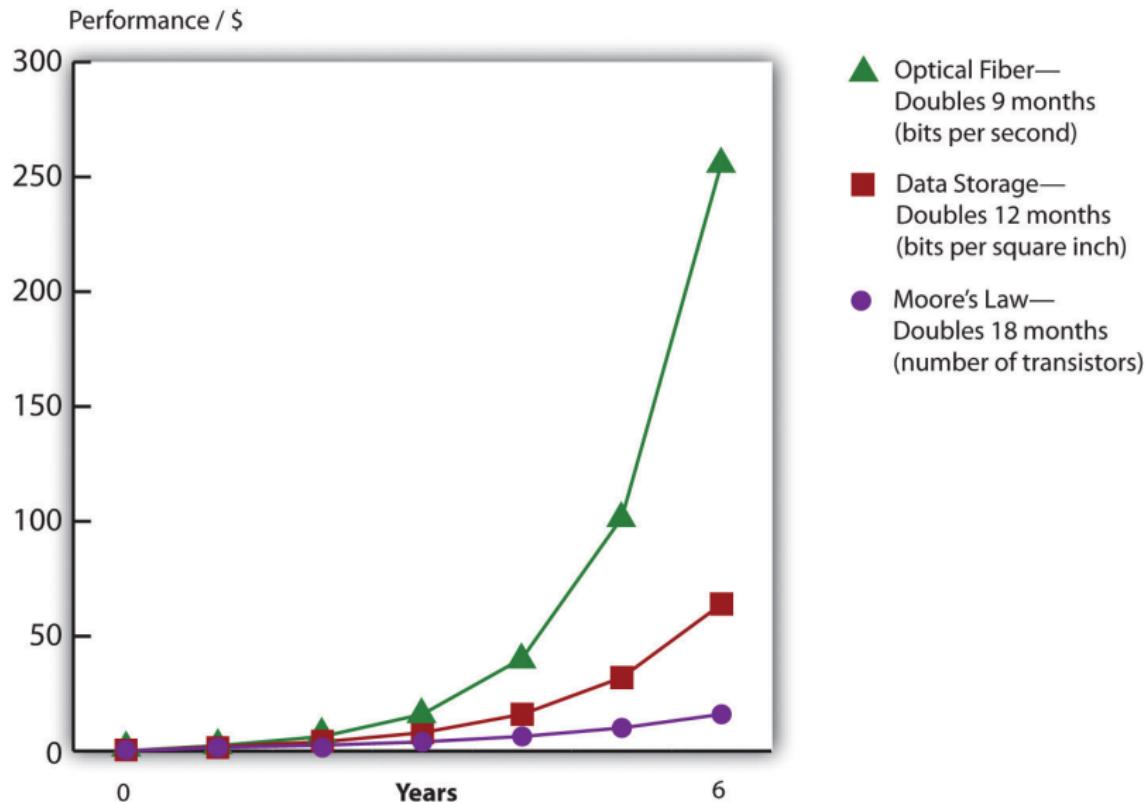
How fast does technology improve according to Moore's Law?



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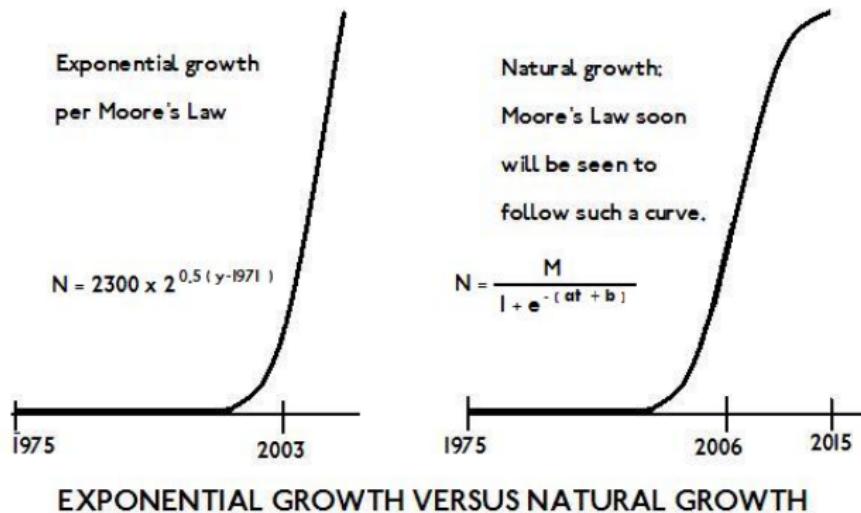
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Technological Improvement grows Exponentially (Heiman, 2013)



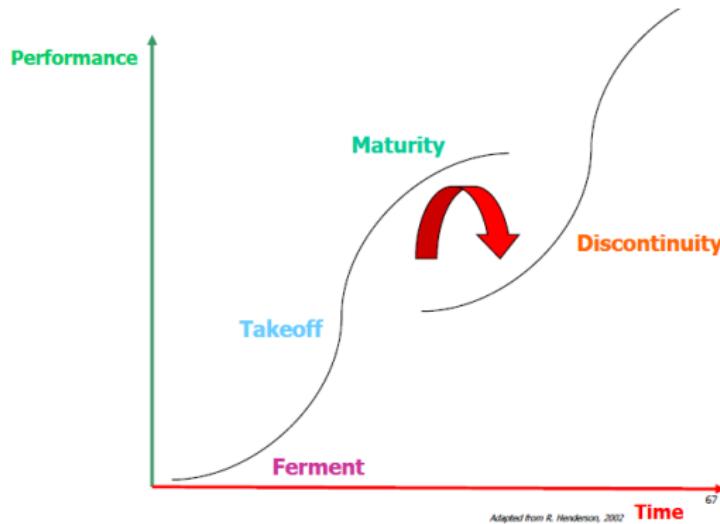
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Technological Improvement follows an S-Curve (Tom Ryun, 2006)



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Technological Improvement & Discontinuous Innovations (Gill, 2012)



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## How do innovations spread out and get adopted?



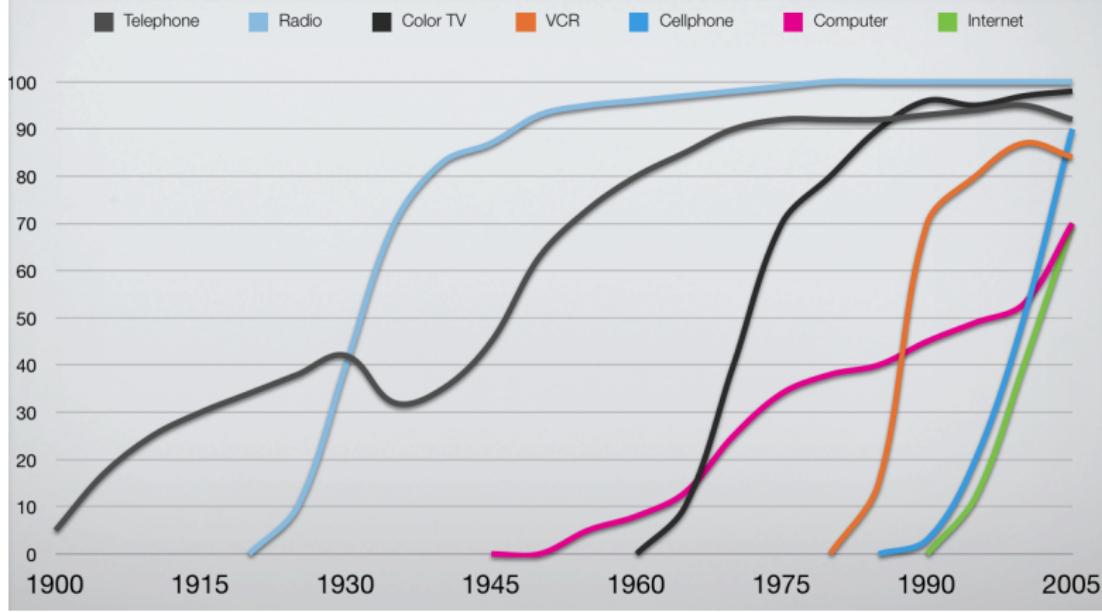
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## Diffusion of Innovations (Leyden)

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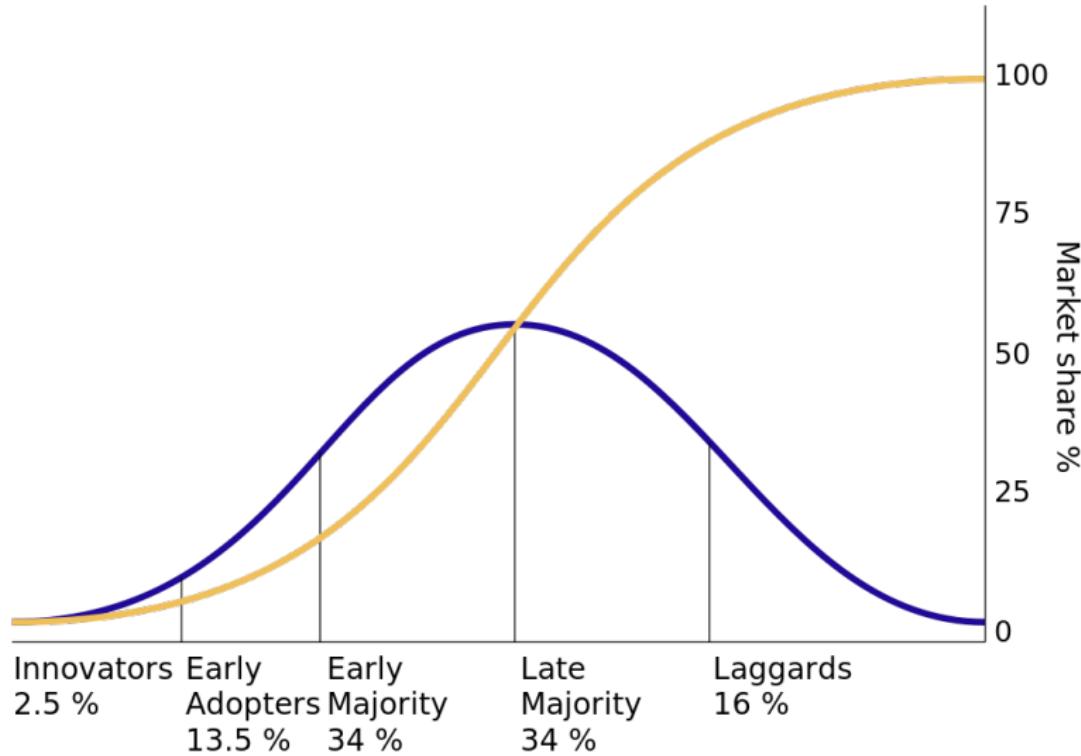
Historical adoption rates of communication technologies



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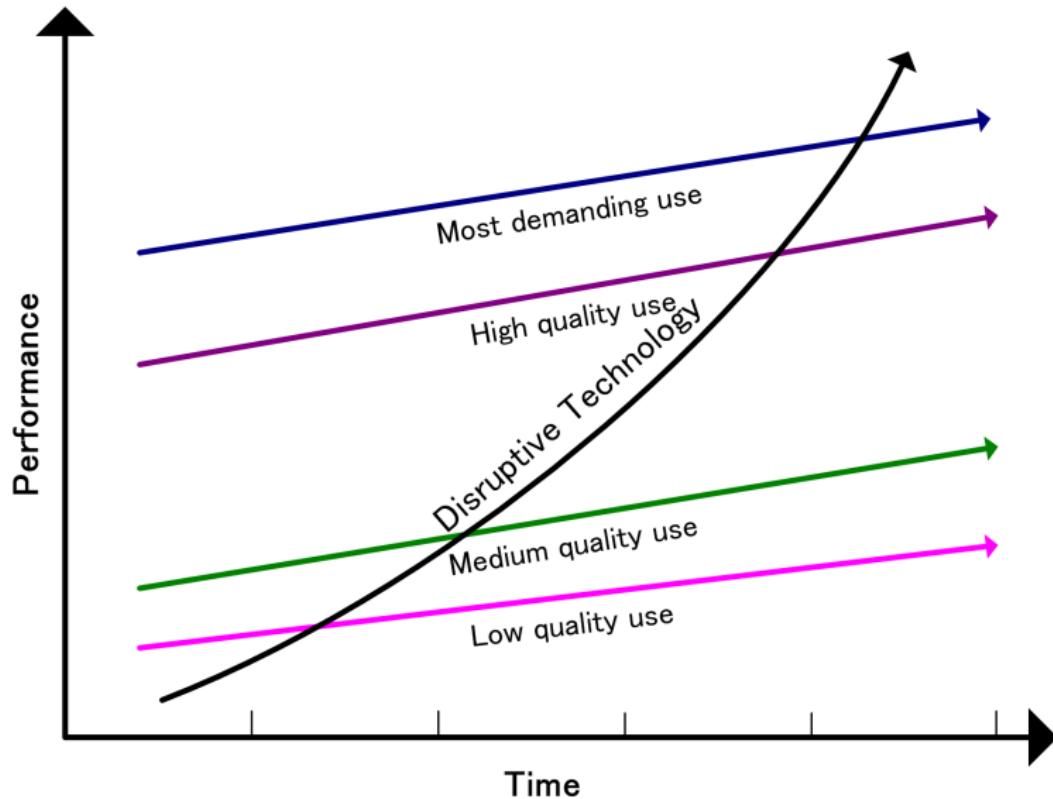
When to market a disruptive innovation? How good an innovation needs to be to gain adoption?



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Disruptive Innovations (Christensen, 1997)



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The Innovator's Dilemma (Christensen, 1997)

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Should a firm disrupt itself?



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- ▶ Can slow further innovations
- ▶ Can kill some businesses (established ones depending on the design, new ones like start ups)



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Assessing an Innovation's Value (Kim and Mauborgne, 2000)

- The “Buyer Utility Map” is a scorecard to assess value/utility
- 6 stages of the buyer experience cycle:
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  - ② Delivery
  - ③ Use
  - ④ Supplements
  - ⑤ Maintenance
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# The 4<sup>th</sup> Industrial Revolution

## Exercise

### Group Work

Pick an innovative technology-based product or service and estimate its value for customers.



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