



Making Big Profits from Big Data

Opportunities and Challenges in Business



Google Knows You Better Than You Do

What Google Knows

Google compiles enough data to build comprehensive portfolios of most users—who they are, where they go and what they do—and the information is all available at google.com/dashboard. Here are just a few things WSJ reporter Tom Gara found out about himself.

GMAIL
134,966

All of Tom's emails since he first got a Gmail account in 2004. Google also stores his 6,147 chats.

CONTACTS
2,702

Google knows the people that Tom emails the most. At the top is a friend in Egypt.

GOOGLE SEARCH
64,019

Google thinks Tom performs most of his searches around 8 a.m. ET, but this is probably skewed by years spent outside the U.S.

ANDROID DEVICES
3

Google knows all of Tom's synched Android phones, including the old Nexus S phone that he gave to his mom.

WALLET
3

Credit cards (two expired) saved in Google Wallet, plus two shipping addresses and 13 itemized purchases since June 2009.

DOCS
855

Documents Tom has created, plus the 115 he has opened that belong to other people.

YOUTUBE
9,220

Videos Tom has watched, listed in chronological order, including a series viewed in June about canoes.

GOOGLE PLAY
117

That's how many apps Tom has downloaded from Google's store.

PASSWORDS
35

Number of website passwords saved in Google's Chrome browser.

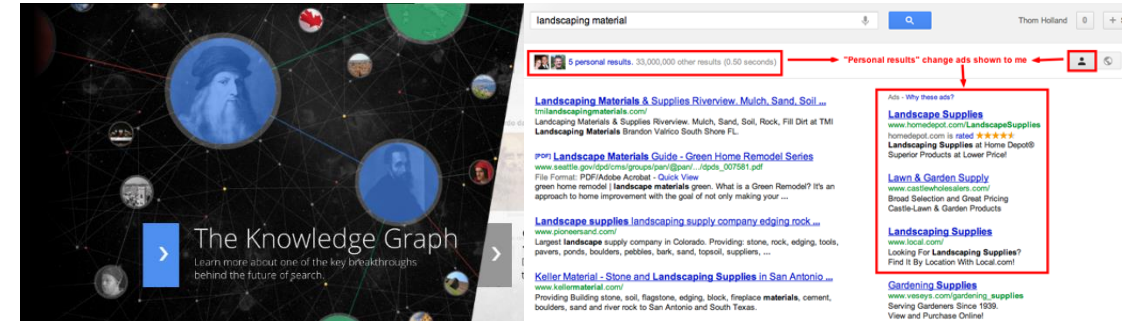
LOCATION

Willunga, South Australia

Due to an unknown glitch, Google bases Tom's location from one of his old Android phones, which he gave to his mother in Australia.

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Google
is watching



Personalized ads based on **YOUR** data



**Enhanced click-through rate =
MORE profits!**



Alibaba One Day Transaction (Nov. 11, 2014)



境外消费TOP 10



海淘热门商品TOP 5



手机



奶粉



箱包



女裙



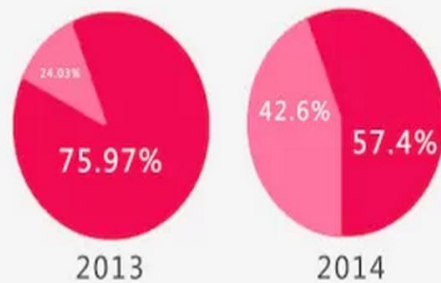
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(*海淘数据来自好奇心日报)

2014年双十一交易额



支付交易比例



无线交易增长





Brand Recommendation in Tmall.com (Alibaba)

天猫推荐总体情况

推荐产品 超过**40+** 推荐产品
每天服务 **10M+** 用户, 双11当天服务**36M+** 用户

推荐算法 User2Items Item2Items Personalized Ranking Others

推荐实体



品牌推荐



商品推荐



促销活动

等等



- Serving **10 million+** users every day, 36 million+ users at the busiest day
- **40+ recommended commodities for each user**
- Predicting user preferences from behaviors data

Due to better models, the revenue of Tmall.com increased by 20%+



Alibaba Big Data Competition

User behavior data from Tmall.com (Alibaba)

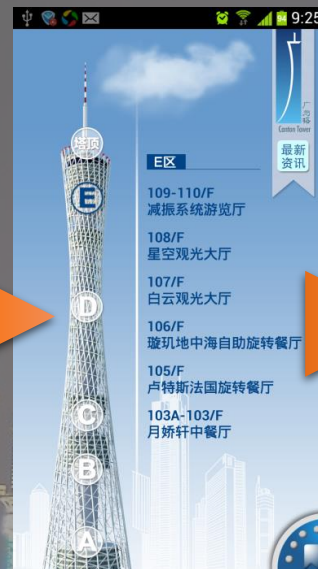
User	Brand	Date	Behavior
Alice	Lenovo	2014-04-18	Click
Bob	Sony	2014-04-20	Click
Bob	Sony	2014-04-20	Buy
...

- Alibaba organizes a competition to look for **even better prediction models**
- Given the log of user behaviors (including **CLICK**, **BUY**, **BOOKMARK**, and **ADD-TO-CART**) of a certain period
- Predict which users **will buy** which brands at a later time

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每天凌晨更新（第一赛季周排行榜只展示TOP500的成绩，更多成绩请至个人中心查看）						
队名	所在组织	F1评分	准确率	召回率	最优成绩提交日	排名
HKUST	香港科技大学	8.02%	8.13%	7.91%	2014年04月20日	1
StayAwake	中国科学技术大学	7.86%	7.83%	7.88%	2014年04月18日	2
Goahead	中国科学院大学	7.82%	7.65%	8%	2014年04月18日	3
wuyang	香港科技大学	7.79%	7.62%	7.97%	2014年04月18日	4
只有这点程度吗	复旦大学	7.77%	8.31%	7.29%	2014年04月20日	5

We are the No.1 out of 7000+ teams in season 1.

Smart Tour in Canton Tower



A mobile phone app with **augmented reality**



Smart Shopping Mall

Your smartphone will accompany you go shopping

- Indoor navigation
- Personalized and location-based recommendation
- Finding your cars in big parking lots



Better shopping experience with very low cost!



Fraud Detection for Automobile Insurance



- It is estimated that there are **more than 2500** false insurance claims each year in UK.
- **Each** false claim could cause a loss of **up to \$300,000 HKD**.
- In the market, there are **old and expensive** anti-fraud solutions by FICO, SPSS, etc.
- Our solution uses **new machine learning technologies**.

Our solution detects more frauds while cuts the cost by more than a half.



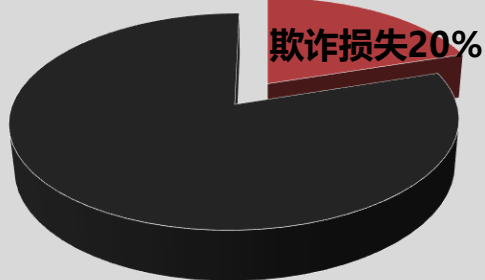
Fraud Detection for Automobile Insurance

2013 年保费收入居于前 5 位的商业保险险种

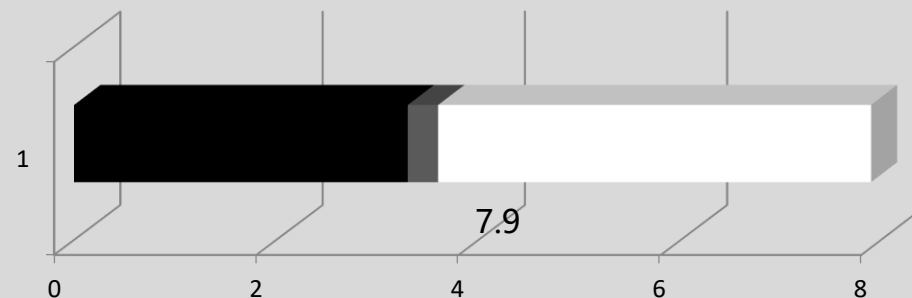
单位: 万元

保费排名	险种	保费收入	保险金额	赔款支出	未到期责任准备金	未决赔款准备金	分险种利润表承保利润
1	机动车辆保险	350,583.42	38,410,740.36	196,578.28	145,825.68	108,060.02	-3,285.97
2	企业财产保险	49,429.71	119,063,252.44	31,968.74	16,444.05	299,200.00	-5,059.11
3	责任险	48,294.09	21,807,720.77	12,459.24	15,574.38	35,403.74	2,326.12
4	意外险	39,322.31	5,164,595,780.71	8,713.03	8,384.49	8,363.93	-2,101.88
5	货运险	35,933.58	84,998,679.25	13,896.63	2,737.79	17,618.38	3,577.47

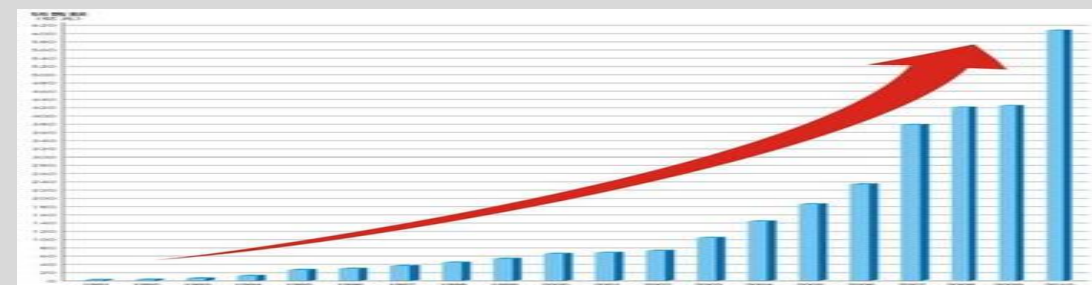
An auto insurance company had compensation expenses **1.97B**, with net loss **33M** in 2013



CIRC statistics show that about **20%** of claims are fraudulent



Save up to **78M** from the loss of 390M fraud



With 3M system cost, the company made profit of **42M**

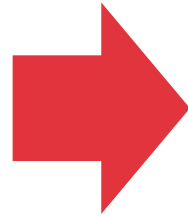
Fraud detection rate increased by **20%**, you can change from a loss of **9.4 %** to **12.2 %** profit
Benefitted from **Big Data**, the company becomes **profitable!**



T-Mobile Uses Big Data to Retain Customers

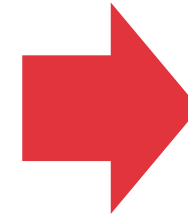
User Data

Age、 Sex、 Job
Type of Phone
Phone Log
Traffic Statistics
Complaint Record
Home Zone
Location
Network Time
Payment Record
.....



Customer
Loyalty
Prediction
Model

Personalized
Customer
Service



In Q1 2011,
customer drop out
rate reduced by
50% in the US



T-Mobile Uses Big Data to Retain Customers

Mobile Internet allows real-time communication with the Internet

- Always connected
- Greater user stickiness
- Longer access time
- Lower cost of participation

Significantly change to user behavior





Data-as-a-Service: Revitalizing Payment Transaction Log

FB: \$16B

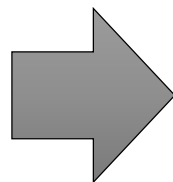
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New IT Business



Data Center Infrastructure



Smart Shopping Mall



Data-based Precise Marketing



Microfinance Companies



Credit Scoring Service

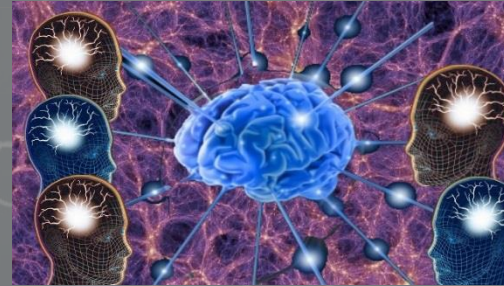
It requires new information technologies



Big Data Collection



Large-scale Data Mining



Advanced Machine Learning



Data



Knowledge



Insight

The point of Big Data is to make sense of it





Challenges of Harnessing Big Data for Business Value

Data Collection

- Extracting siloed data
- **Understanding metadata**
- Mixed structured and unstructured data
- Data cleaning
- **Data calibration**
- Data integration
- ...

Data Processing

- Data loading
- Building large indexes
- **Parallel algorithms design**
- **Fault-tolerance**
- Adapt to new hardware
- Data compression
- **Real-time response**
- ...

Data Mining

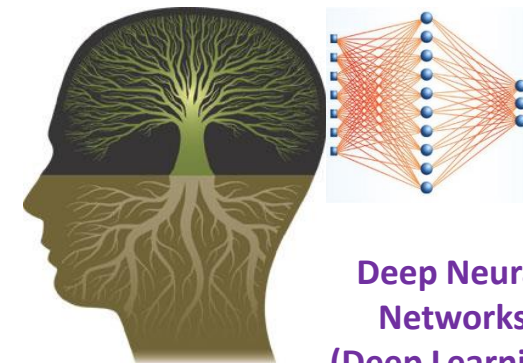
- Statistical analysis
- Data clustering
- **Predictive modeling**
- Ensemble of models
- Abnormal detection
- **Unsupervised learning**
- Data visualization
- ...



“Big Data is a Revolution that Will Transform How We Live, Work, and Think”

Winners in the Big Data era would be those who:

- Have **as much as possible data**
- Have a creative mind of what the data can do (**the value of the data**)
- Know how to **extract knowledge and gain insight from data**
- Have the computation resources and know how to **process huge amounts of data**

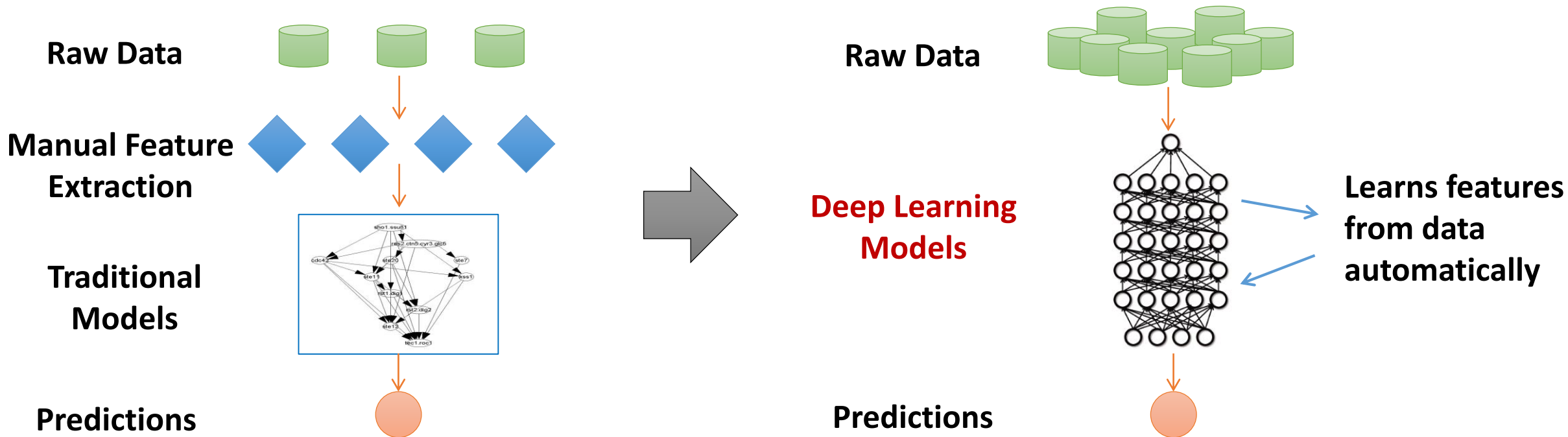


Deep Neural Networks
(Deep Learning)





Deep Learning: A Frontier of Today's Artificial Intelligence



Amazing accuracy (> 85%) for image recognition; yet many works remain to be done to apply it for business data.



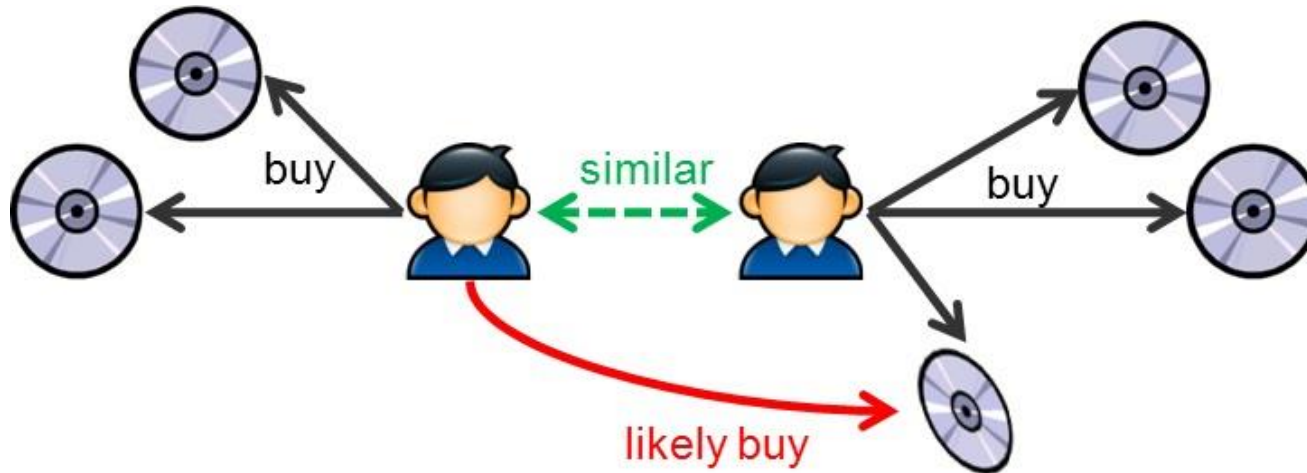
Alibaba Big Data Competition Revisited

Models are no secret

- They are all textbook knowledge.
- Alibaba even let the players know what models they use.

The point is how to well use them

- How similar is similar?
- How many similar users/brands to use?
- How to tune the parameters?
- ...



**Rocket science?
No! It's all art!**



What Companies Should Do

To collect more data

- “Data will become more valuable than you thought when you collect it.”
— Dr. Jian Wang, CTO of Alibaba Corp.

To profit from data

- Treating big data as profitable assets
- Figuring out how data will help the business

To hire experienced data scientists

- Data science is more of an art than a science.

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What Government Should Do

Build data center

- Not affordable to SMEs.

Collect more data

- Collect and publish public data.

Train more data scientists

- Preferential policies for Big Data initiatives
- More research funding in Big Data

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Big Data is a New Type of Infrastructure

Flow of people
(e.g., octopus data)



Taxi and bus GPS data



Weather and
environment data



Mobile phone
base station data



**Collecting and
providing data as a
public service**



City data centers



**Taking care of
privacy issues**



Business



Research



Public administration



Personal use



Traditional Enterprise Data Management: IOE

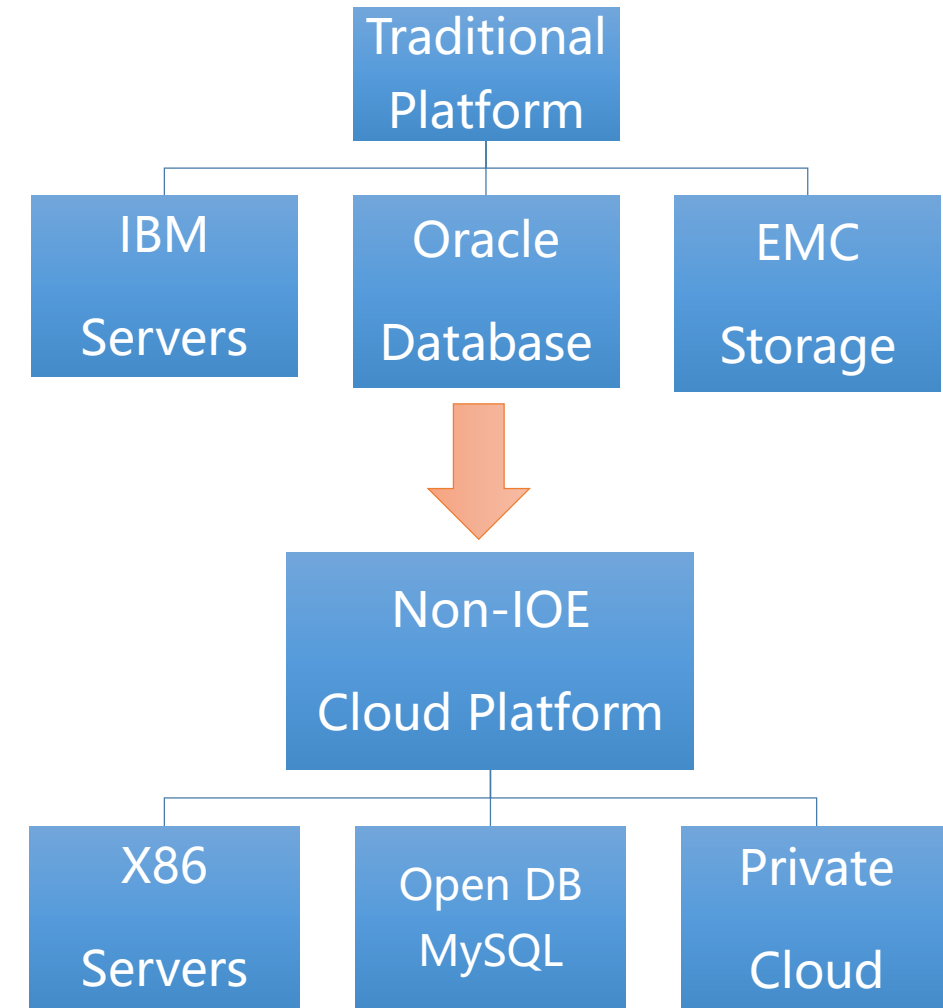
IBM servers, **O**racle database, **E**MC storage systems.

IOE have dominated the hardware and software of enterprises for data management, especially those big enterprises, financial companies in China.





Road to Non-IOE Era





Data-intensive vs. Computation-intensive

In the **past ten years**, Big Data is mainly about **data-intensive** processing.

Easy tasks, e.g., simple queries, building inverted index

Petabytes of (text) data

Thousands of commodity (cheap) servers with **lots of hard disks**



Example: Google's cluster for web search
More than 10,000 low-end servers

In the **next ten years**, Big Data may be more about **computation-intensive** processing.

Difficult tasks, e.g., training complex machine learning models

Relatively small amount of (feature) data extracted from raw data

Hundreds of powerful servers with **lots of processing units/cores**



Example: IBM Watson
Less than 100 high-end servers



Be Aware of the Traps and Pitfalls of Big Data

- Data are always biased, regardless of its size.
- In most cases, big data supports decision making; yet it is unwise or even dangerous to let data alone make decisions for us (human beings).
 - Correlation rather than causality
- Value big data, do not ignore “small data”.

Big Data: A young man, a conqueror, and a reaper, who still needs practicing, developing, receiving and understanding

- New technologies do bring other concerns, such as privacy. **We should face them and solve them, other than escape from them.**
- Technologies will move the world forward, and **there is no way back.**
- The history has told us that those companies **who overlook the technology advances will be out of business, faster than you thought.**



**Do You Still
Remember Kodak?**

Big Data Will Change Business

In the near future:

**Big Data Should Be and Could Be
A Core Competency of Your Enterprise**

Thank You !