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# Economic Value of the Advertising-Supported Internet Ecosystem

# **Introduction & Agenda**

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# **Study Background**

- IAB has conducted the study "Economic Value of Advertising-Supported Internet Ecosystem" every four years since 2008.
- The most recent study was released in March 2017.
- For the third time, we wanted to understand contribution of the industry to employment and GDP at the national, state and congressional district levels.



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### Economic Value of the Advertising-Supported Internet Ecosystem

John Deighton, Ph.D. Baker Foundation Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School Twitter: @HBSMktg <u>An employment-based methodology</u> by identifying large firms in each layer of the internet and using a range of public and private sources to estimate each firm's revenue and employment as well as estimates of aggregates of small firms and self-employed people.

In addition, the report also uses <u>a top-down method</u> based on the U.S. Census Bureau's databases to decide how to allocate the employment to geographies at the state and congressional district level.

The study was conducted during the second half of 2016.



# The Infrastructure of the Internet

Mobile, video, e-commerce, on-demand Content sites including Commerce sites such as retailing, online online versions of platforms, user-generated content, traditional publications, travel agencies, airline digital publishers, music, booking, bank, and music. online games, review sites, financial services question and answer sites. eLearning and online video **Consumer Support Services** Verticals such as financial, e-learning, travel, healthcare, shipping, e-Advertising, Search, media planning, directories. government, programmatic ad networks. navigation measurement, marketing, attribution. and social media dashboards Soft Infrastructure Internet enabling services Enterprise IT is giving way to cloud and such as Web hosting, Web network services. Video and mobile conferencing, IT analysts, and IT consulting place new demands on the supply Internet software, chain. mobile software. software as a service Hard Infrastructure The infrastructure is evolving from backbone-and-branches to edge Hardware Transmission Connectivity Data Centers providers

#### **Consumer Services**

# New in the 2017 Study: The Integrated Firms





# The U.S. Runs on the Internet

The U.S. economy is increasingly an information economy, its fuel is data, and the internet carries the traffic.

Across three studies at four year intervals, we find that internet-related employment doubled, and then doubled again.

Directly and indirectly over <u>10 million</u> jobs rely on it, and that number is growing at an accelerating rate.





# **GDP Contribution over \$1 Trillion**

\$1.12 trillion contribution for the U.S. economy in 2016, more than double its previous contribution to the U.S. GDP.

The industry currently accounts for 6% of the U.S. GDP, markedly higher than when it was at 3.7% in 2012.

This growth represents a 20% compound annual growth rate from 2012 to 2016 far outpacing the overall U.S. GDP average of 4% over the same four years.



#### **GDP Contribution**



# The Internet is Still in its Take-off Phase

The pattern over the three IAB studies suggests that the Internet, though over 20 years old, is still at the take-off stage.





# **New Industries Have Appeared Since the Last Study**

#### **Online Video**

Most significant new source of internet traffic.

Over-the-top transmission gives consumers unprecedented control over what video to watch and when.

#### **User-Generated Content**

Beyond social networking, which has continued to flourish, an industry has emerged of YouTube celebrities, bloggers, and podcasters, their agents and distribution networks, finding application in influencer marketing.

#### **On-Demand Platforms**

They match workers to employers in a range of industries Uber, Lyft, Airbnb, Instacart are just a few.



# And Others have Boomed Since the Last Study

#### **E-Commerce**

Amazon grew more since 2012 than rival e-retailers. And so did individuals who sell on eBay, Etsy, and Craigslist.

#### **Cloud Computing**

Software as a service allows tech to be consumed more flexibly and without substantial fixed cost. Digital startups and mature businesses can tailor information technology costs to needs.

#### **New Infrastructure**

Much of the internet's data no longer travels on the backbone. Instead it moves on the edge of the network, from data suppliers to distribution nodes and on to homes.



# Jobs Growth Benefitted the Entire U.S.

The Bay Area of California accounted for 4% of the jobs.

Other tech centers – Manhattan, Seattle, Virginia, Boston – accounted for another 10%.

But 86% of the jobs are found spread across every state and county of the nation.





# **Not Just Large Firms**



**Large firms** made up a little over half of the internet's employment base in 2016.

Mid-sized and small firms accounted for 30%.

**Self-employed workers** such as sellers on Etsy individuals trading on eBay, Craigslist sellers, on-demand economy workers, and freelance individuals doing coding, content creation, and other services for web sites made up 14%.



# Many Benefits are **Free** to Consumers

Entrepreneurs have been building out a marketmaking infrastructure, including advertising tech.

As services move from analog to digital they often move from subscription to free.





# **IT Infrastructure is Accessible to Startups**

Small firms can now apply information technology resources once available only to global giants.

IT is evolving from enterprise software hosted on a firm's owned hardware to rented cloud-based services.

As the internet reduces dependence on scale, entrepreneurs with good ideas but limited resources become a force for disruptive innovation in the U.S. economy.



# This Pace of Growth is Only the Beginning

Larry Summers: "Data may be to the 21st century economy what oil was to the 20th, a hugely valuable asset essential to economic life . . ."

### **Prospects for 2020:**

The internet of things supported by artificial intelligence Especially in the auto industry Fintech in personal investment markets Tech-enabled healthcare markets



The Internet Promises...

# A coordinated world that is...



# ...than the world it is displacing



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Mission: Lead the advocacy efforts of IAB's membership as they engage all levels of government on key policy issues in order to ensure continued growth of the industry.

**Policies:** Privacy, Security, Taxes, Trade, Copyright, Education

**Stakeholders:** FCC, FTC, Congress, Administration, Foreign governments



# IAB Public Policy: Key Challenges

Pace of Innovation: Rapid changes in technologies and business models raise new questions and concerns

**Technology Literacy:** Demand for technical expertise in government

**Geographic Concentration:** Perception that relatively few regions stand to benefit from the ad-supported internet



# **Demonstrating State Impact**





# **Demonstrating District Impact**

# CALIFORNIA'S 19th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT







# **Interesting Local Findings**

- The annual growth rate of employment in the ecosystem is 19.6% from 2012 to 2016, far exceeding the U.S. total non-farm employment annual growth of 1.8% over the same four years.
- Every congressional district has at least 1,200 jobs created by the ad-supported internet.
- The highest growth in ad-supported internet employment of any state was in Alaska.
- Kentucky, the second largest coal-producing state, has three times as many jobs in the ad-supported internet as in the coal industry.



# **Advocacy Impact**





# **Frequently Asked Questions**



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