

# Information Economics, Big Data and the Art of the Possible with Analytics

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# AGENDA

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- The Economics of Information
- Big Data Challenges and Strategy
- The Art of the Possible with Analytics



# The Economics of Information

# Everyone agrees. Nobody agrees.

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Information is one of our greatest corporate resources.



**CEO**

Information is one of our greatest performance weapons.



**COO**

Information is one of our greatest enterprise risks.



**CFO**

Information is one of our greatest pains in the asset.



**CIO**

# Where are information assets on the balance sheet?

	2010 US\$m	2009 US\$m
<b>Noncurrent assets</b>		
Goodwill	3,412	3,125
Other intangible assets	1,233	1,189
Property, plant, and equipment	451	479
Investments in associates	243	332
Deferred tax assets	176	13
Trade and other receivables	8	5
Available-for-sale financial assets	33	26
Other financial assets	88	61
<b>Current assets</b>		
Inventories	3	4
Trade and other receivables	800	738
Current tax assets	4	17
Other financial assets	27	21
Cash and cash equivalents	175	129
Assets classified as held for sale	25	-



# What is an asset?

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Webster

A single item of ownership having exchange value or convertible into cash. Total resources of a person or business such as cash, notes, and goodwill.

American Institute of CPAs

Any economic resources (tangible/intangible) that can be owned or produce value. Assets have a positive economic value.

Financial Accounting  
Standards Board

A probable future economic benefit obtained or controlled by a particular entity as a result of past transactions or events.

International Accounting  
Standards Board

A resource controlled by the enterprise as a result of past events and from which future economic benefits are expected to flow to the enterprise.

*An asset is more than just “something of value.”*

# Why even bother to think about and manage information as an asset?

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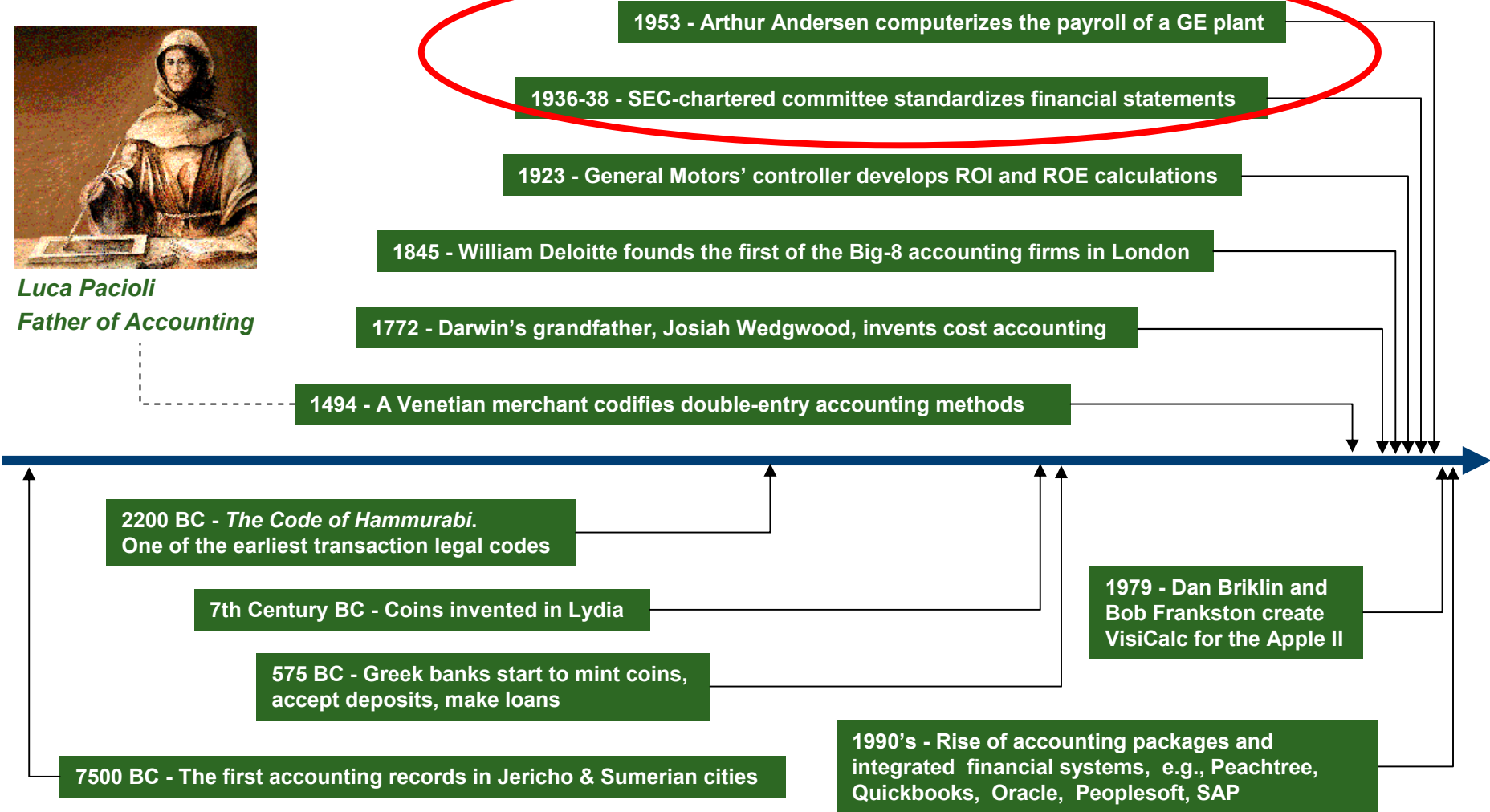
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Revenue</li><li>• Growth</li><li>• Expenses</li></ul>	<p><b>Squeezing more value out of information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimizing and eliminating business processes</li><li>• Improving business performance</li><li>• Trading information for goods and services</li><li>• Strengthening business relationships (partners, employees, customers, and suppliers)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Risk</li><li>• Compliance</li><li>• Valuation</li></ul>	<p><b>Managing information effectively</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Optimizing availability versus quality</li><li>• Balancing accessibility versus security</li><li>• Improving information supply chain performance and integration</li><li>• Adhering to regulatory issues regarding information</li></ul>

*An asset mindset about information leads to wringing more value from it*

# A brief history of accounting innovation



Luca Pacioli  
Father of Accounting





**Infonomics is the economic theory of information as new asset class, and the discipline of accounting for, managing and deploying information just as any other enterprise asset.**

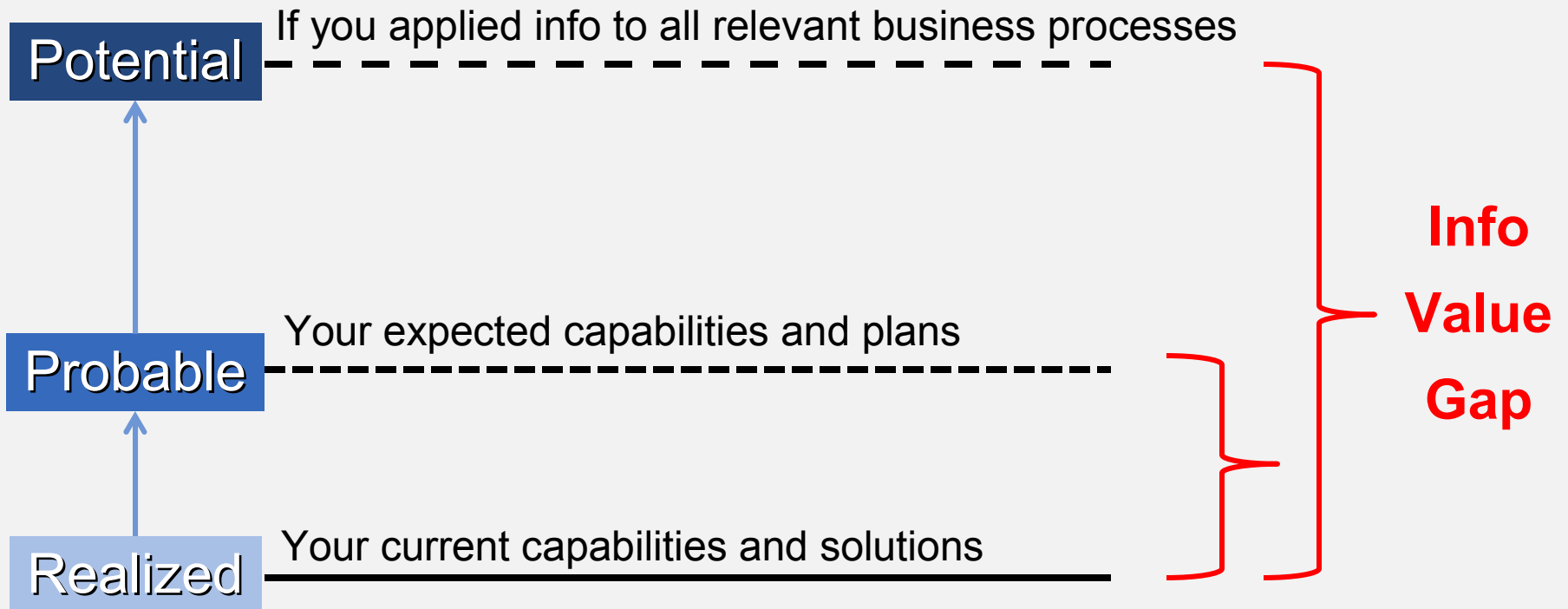
# Principles of Infonomics

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- 1. Information is an actual asset (if not a recognized asset class)**
- 2. Information has both potential and realized value**
- 3. Information's value can be quantified**
- 4. Information should be accounted for as an asset (internally)**
- 5. Information's realized value should be maximized**
- 6. Information's value should be used to help budget IT and business initiatives**
- 7. Information should be managed as an asset**



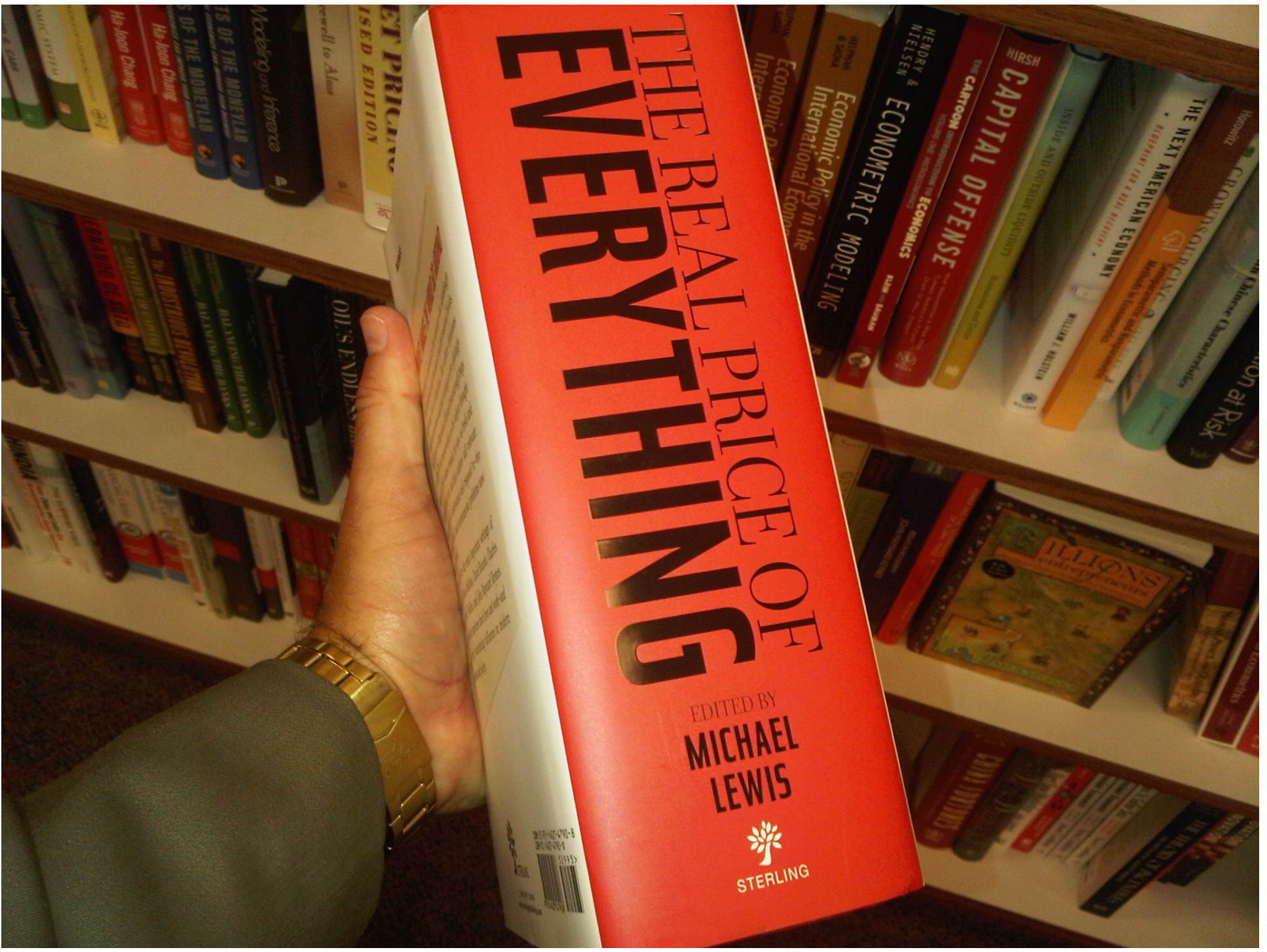
# Three Degrees of Information Value



***The availability of Big Data dramatically widens the gap between the actual and possible value for most organizations. Strategies and initiatives to close that gap are paramount.***

# THE REAL PRICE OF EVERYTHING

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# A variety of information valuation models

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## NON-FINANCIAL MODELS

**Intrinsic Value of Information (IVI):**  
*How good and easy to use is the data versus how likely are others outside the organization to have it also?*

**Business Value of Information (BVI):**  
*How applicable to the business or a particular business process is it? How quickly can we get fresh data to the point of the business process?*

**Performance Value of Information (PVI):** *How much does having a unit of information incrementally contribute to moving closer toward all n KPI targets over a given period?*

$$EVI = \sum_0^t (R_i - R_c) * T/t - (AcqExp + AdmExp + AppExp)$$

## FINANCIAL MODELS

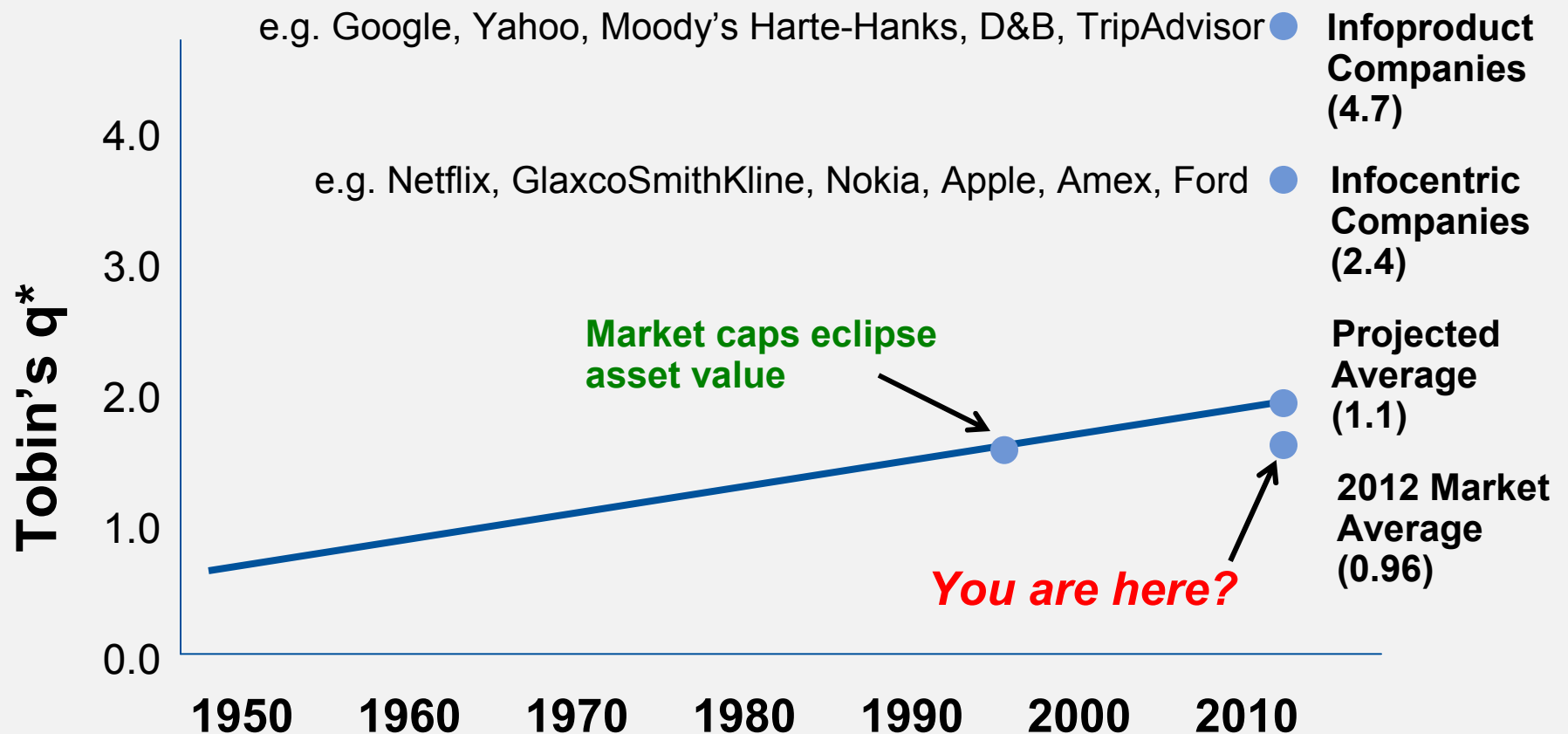
**Cost Value of Information (LVI):**  
*What would it cost to replace the data, and what is the financial impact to the business if the data were lost over a given time period?*

**Market Value of Information (MVI):**  
*How much is a business partner (p) willing to pay for access to this information?*

**Economic Value of Information (EVI):** *The Performance Value of Information (PVI) for a revenue metric, less the cost of acquiring, administering, and applying the information.*



# Infocentric Corporate Valuation Premiums



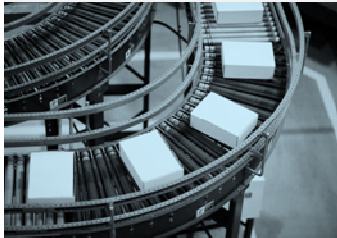
***Financial markets see something in companies that are serious about information***

\*ratio of market value to tangible assets

# What we can borrow from traditional asset management practices?

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## Material



- Raw materials
- Inventory
- Finished goods
- Unfinished goods
- Storage

- Maintenance (planned & unplanned)
- Replacement
- Standardization

- Transportation
- Resource training
- Safe handling
- Security
- Disposal

## Financial

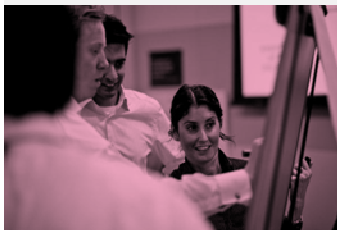


- Accounting
- Investment
- Acquisition

- Leverage
- Credit
- Valuation
- Portfolio

- Factoring
- Liquidity
- Volatility

## Workforce



- Recruiting
- Hiring
- Training
- Staffing

- Roles
- Teams
- Performance reviews

- Reduction in force
- Termination
- Outsourcing
- Temporary workers

*Apply your org's expertise in asset management toward info asset mgt*

# Benefits of Infonomics

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- Improving the management of information
- Creating a common language for IT, business leaders and CFO to communicate
- Becoming a more info-centric business (optimizing, eliminating, innovating)
- Justifying and proving benefits of IT initiatives
- Leveraging one of the enterprise's most underutilized resources
- Driving improved corporate market valuations



# Big Data Challenges and Strategy

# Big Data is #1

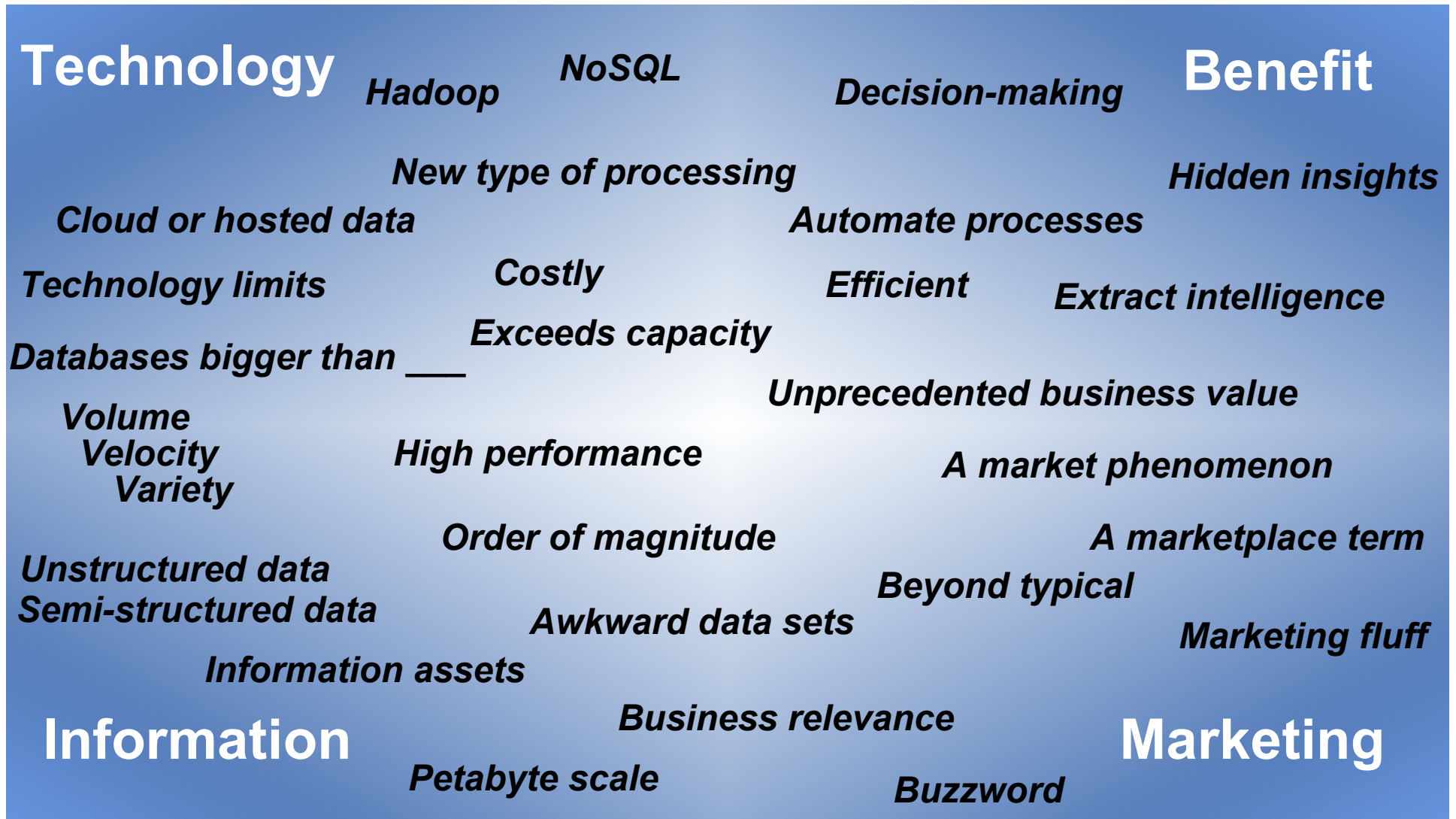
on the 2012 list of most ambiguous terms

-*Global Language Monitor*

most searched term among clients

-*on Gartner.com*

# Big Drama in Defining Big Data

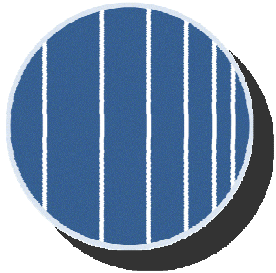


# Big Data Characteristics

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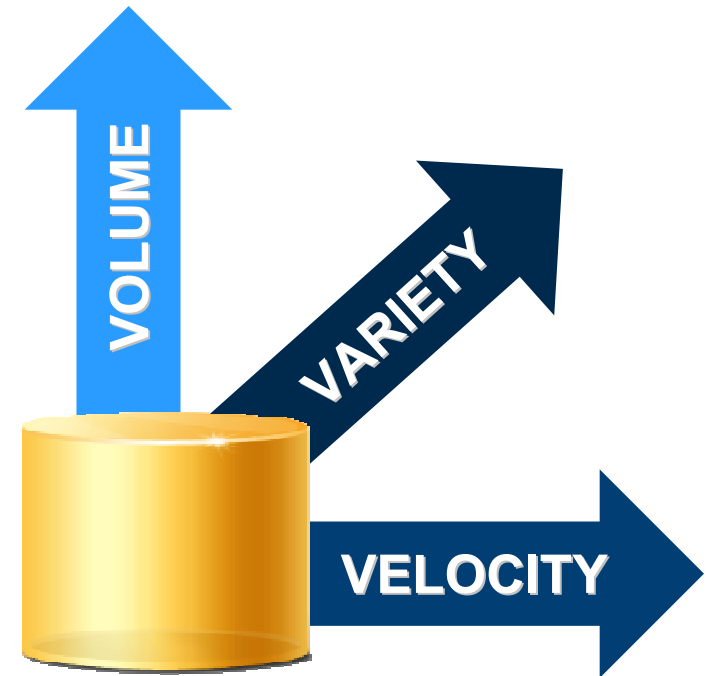
**Growing quantity of data**  
e.g. social media, behavioral, video



**Quickening speed of data**  
e.g. smart meters, process monitoring



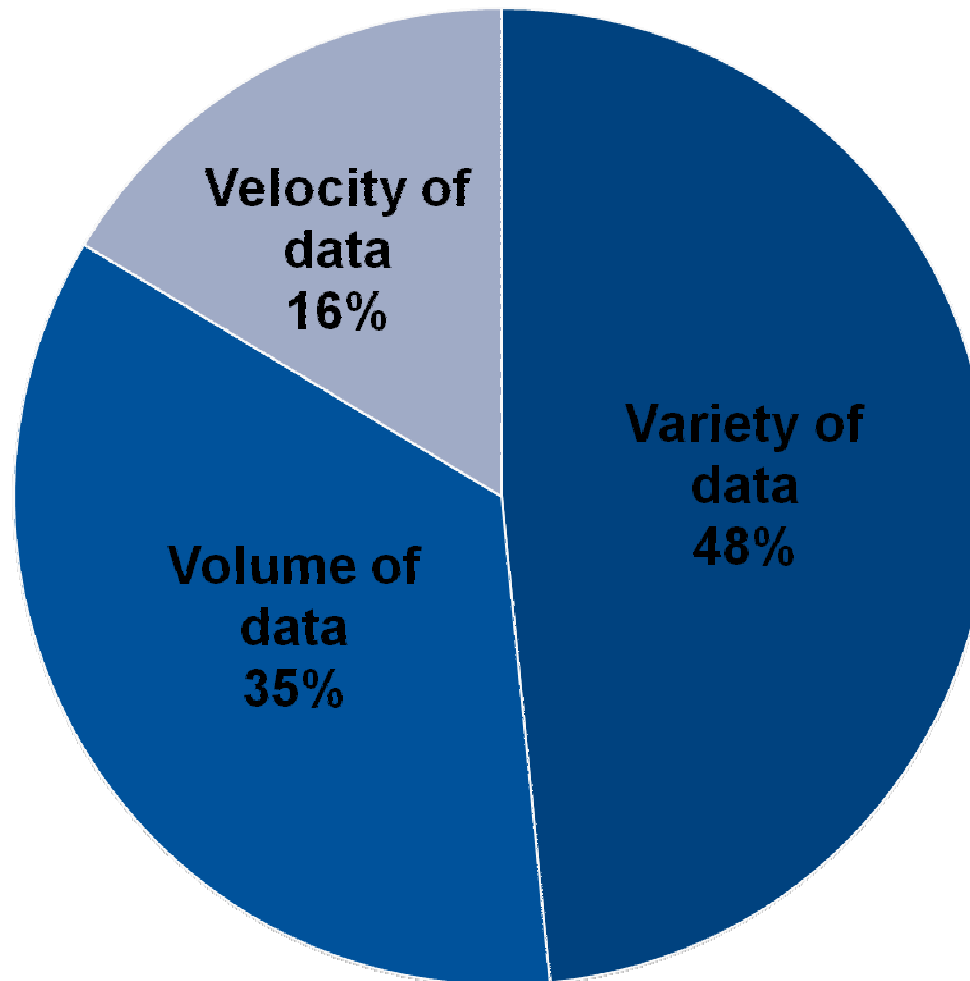
**Increase in types of data**  
e.g. app data, unstructured data



Gartner, Feb 2001

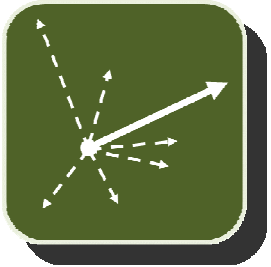
# Which Big Data characteristic is the biggest issue for your organization?

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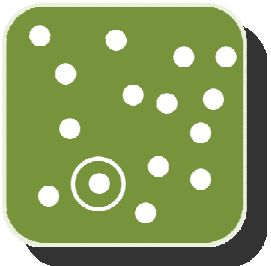


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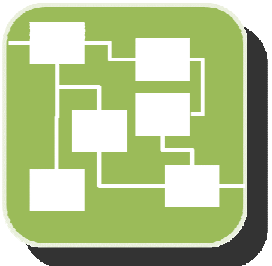
# Big Data Opportunities



**Making better informed decisions**  
e.g. strategies, recommendations

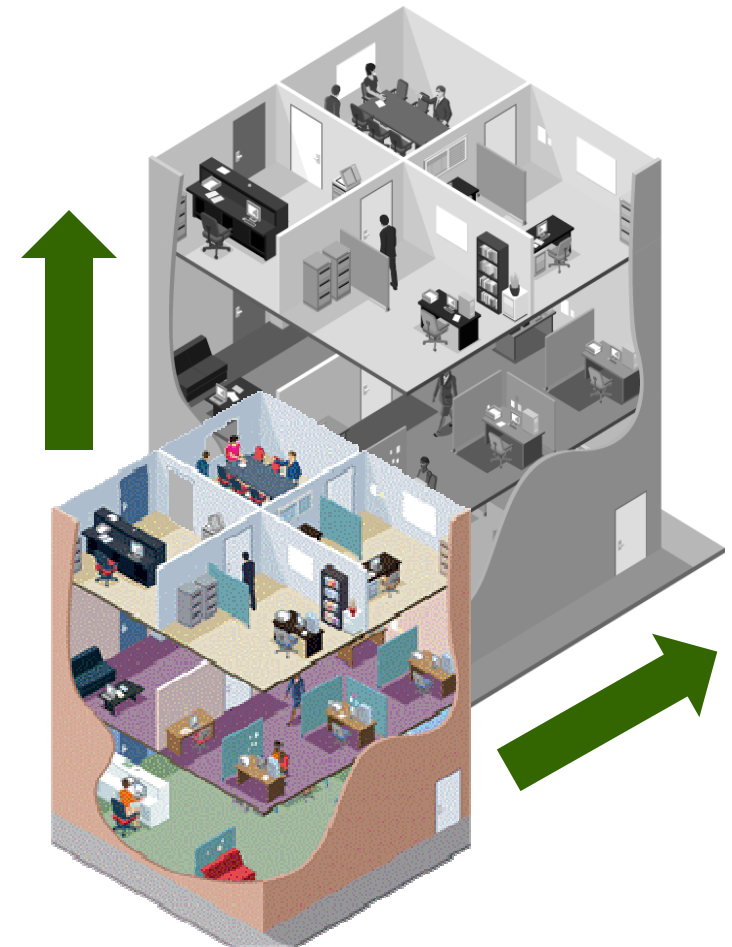


**Discovering hidden insights**  
e.g. anomalies forensics, patterns, trends



**Automating business processes**  
e.g. complex events, translation

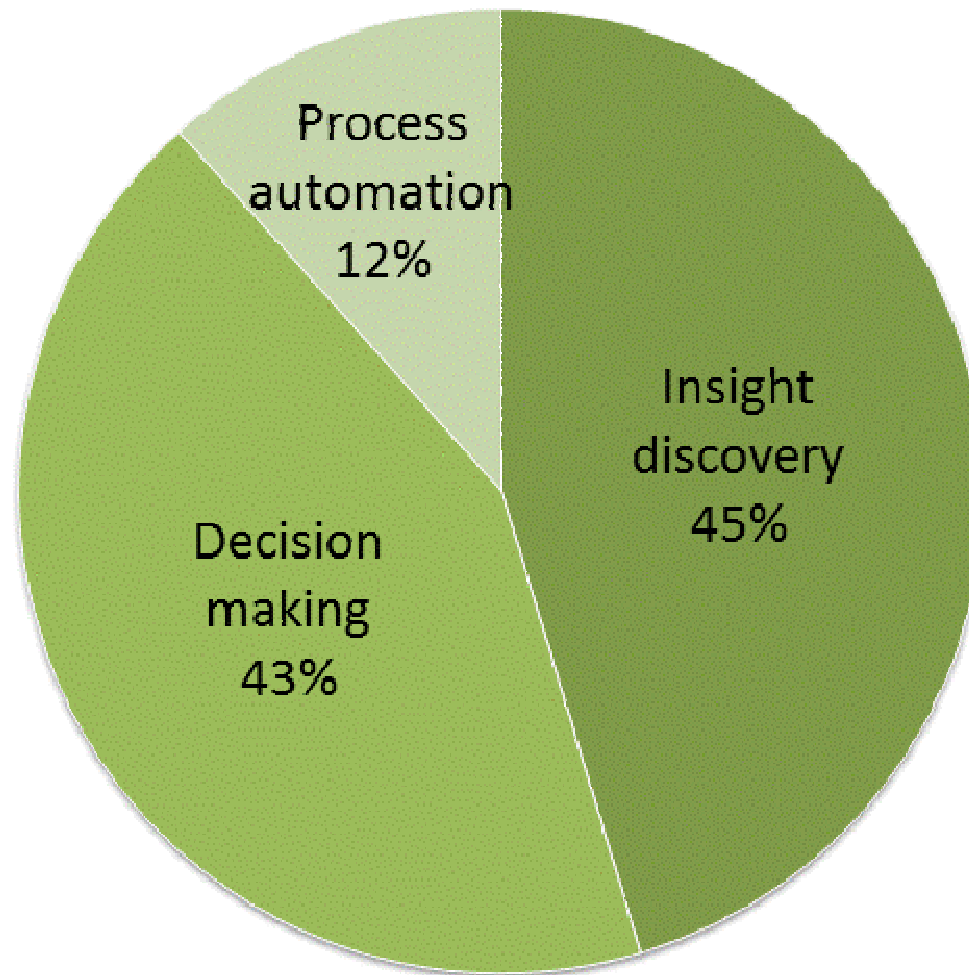
## Business Amplification



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# Which is the biggest opportunity for Big Data in your organization?

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# Big Data is Centered on Challenges and Opportunities

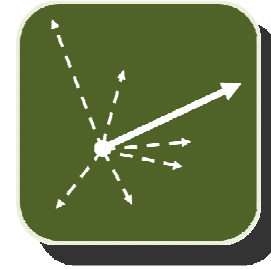
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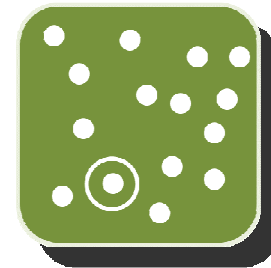
← Defined in 2001

Extended in 2012 →



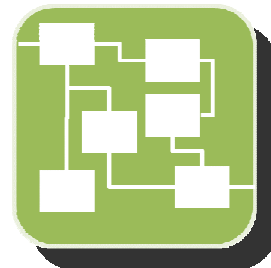
DECISIONS

VELOCITY



INSIGHTS

VARIETY



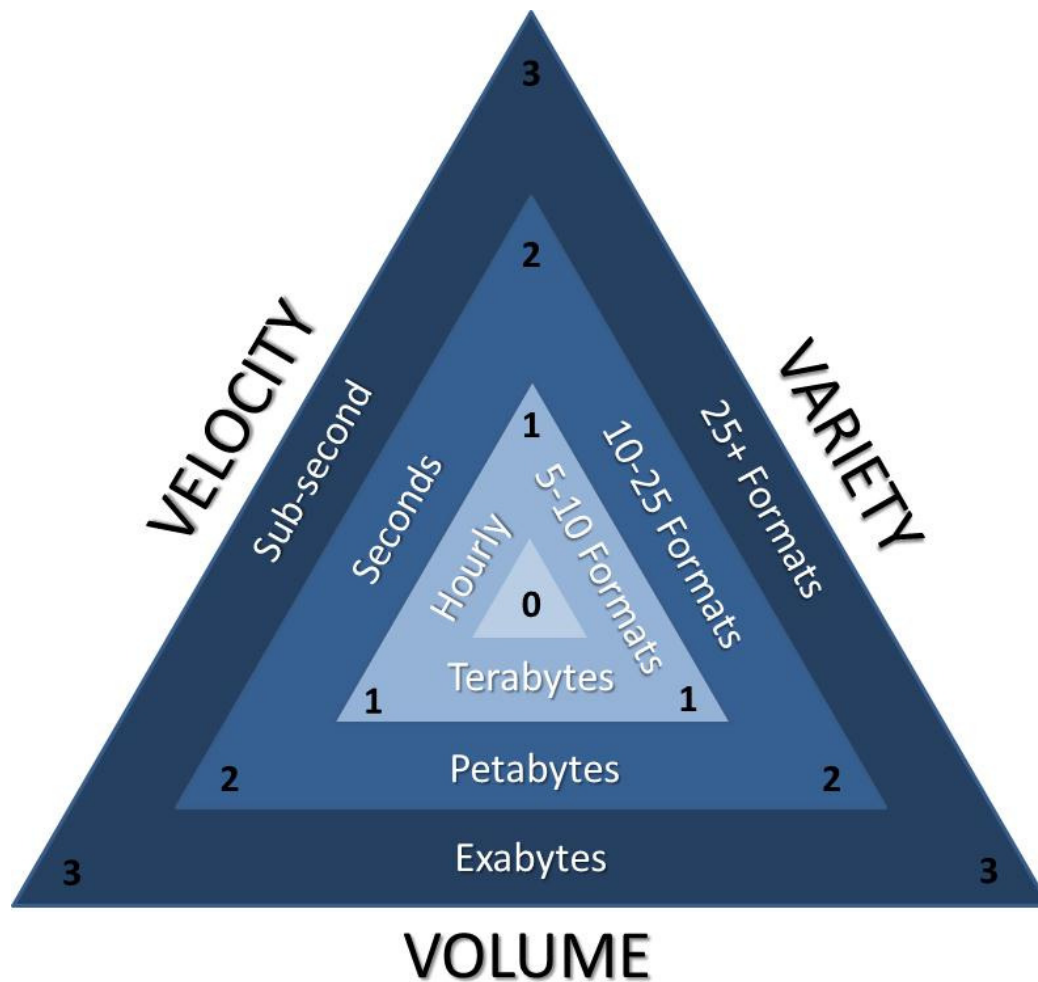
AUTOMATION



**Big data are high volume, velocity and/or variety of information assets which require cost-effective, innovative forms of information processing to enable enhanced insight discovery, decision-making, and process optimization.**

# How Big is Big?

## The Gartner Data Magnitude Index



Identify the scale of data you manage *and* process, for each dimension then sum them to determine your Data Magnitude Index (DMI).

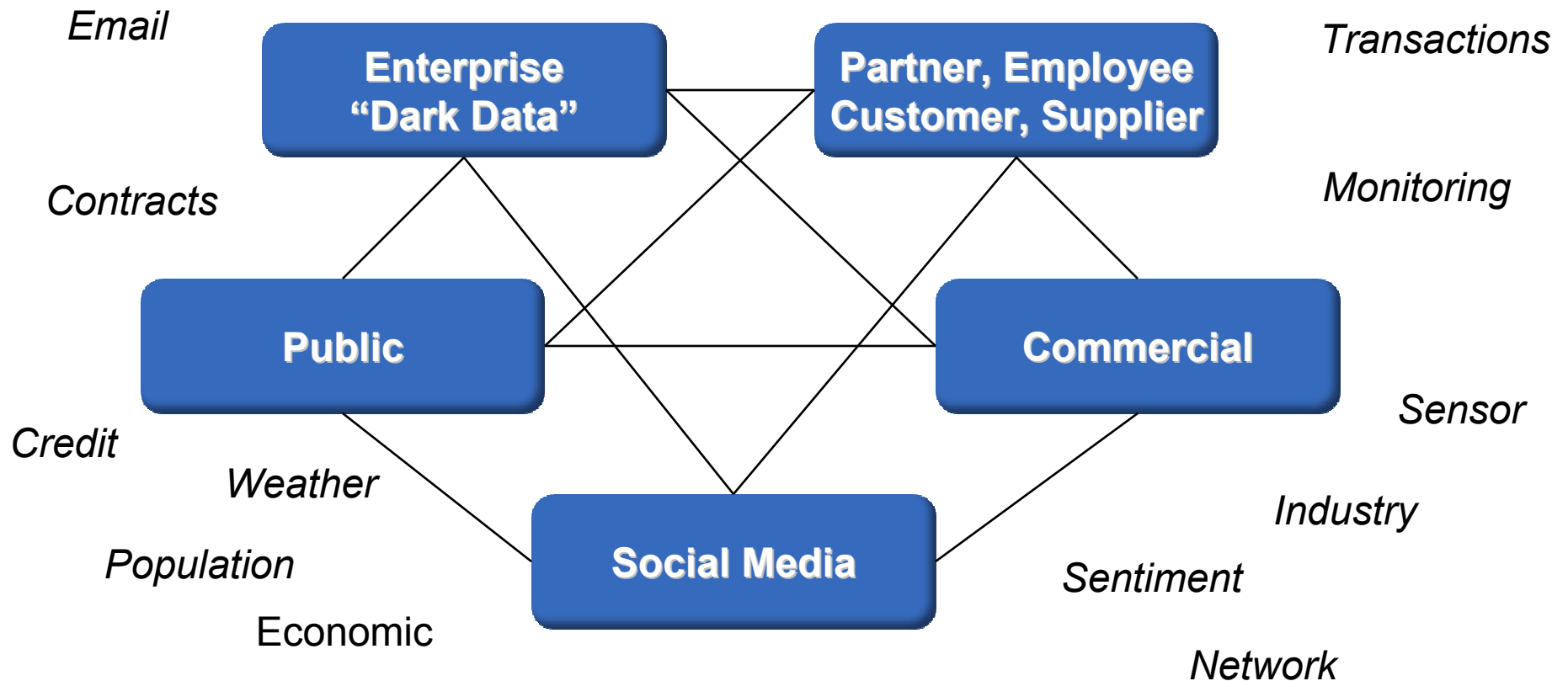
Technology Class:

DMI 1-3: Prior generation

DMI 4-6: State of the art

DMI 7-9: Next generation

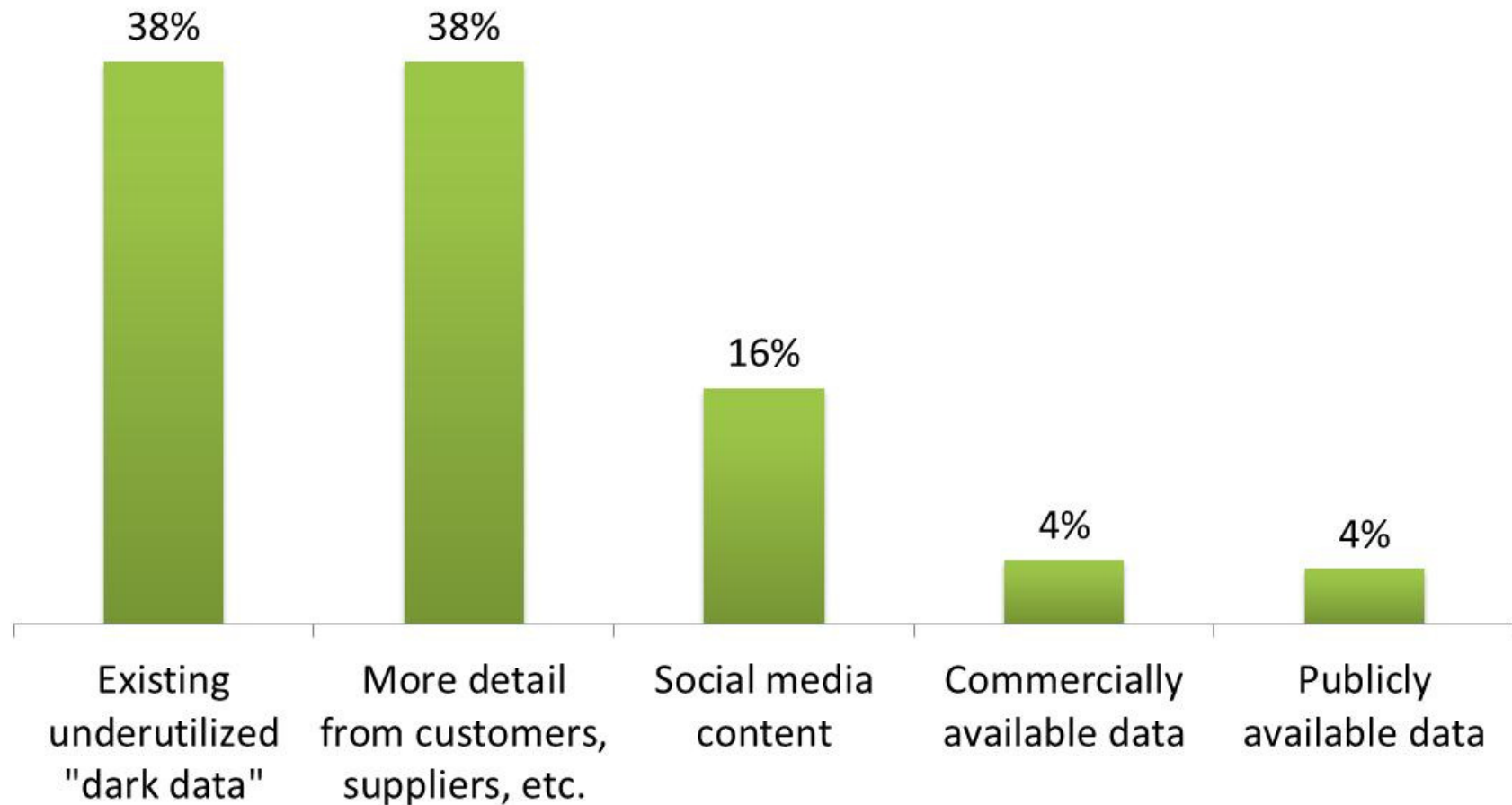
# Where does Big Data come from?



***Correlations and patterns from disparate, linked data sources yield the greatest insights and transformative opportunities***

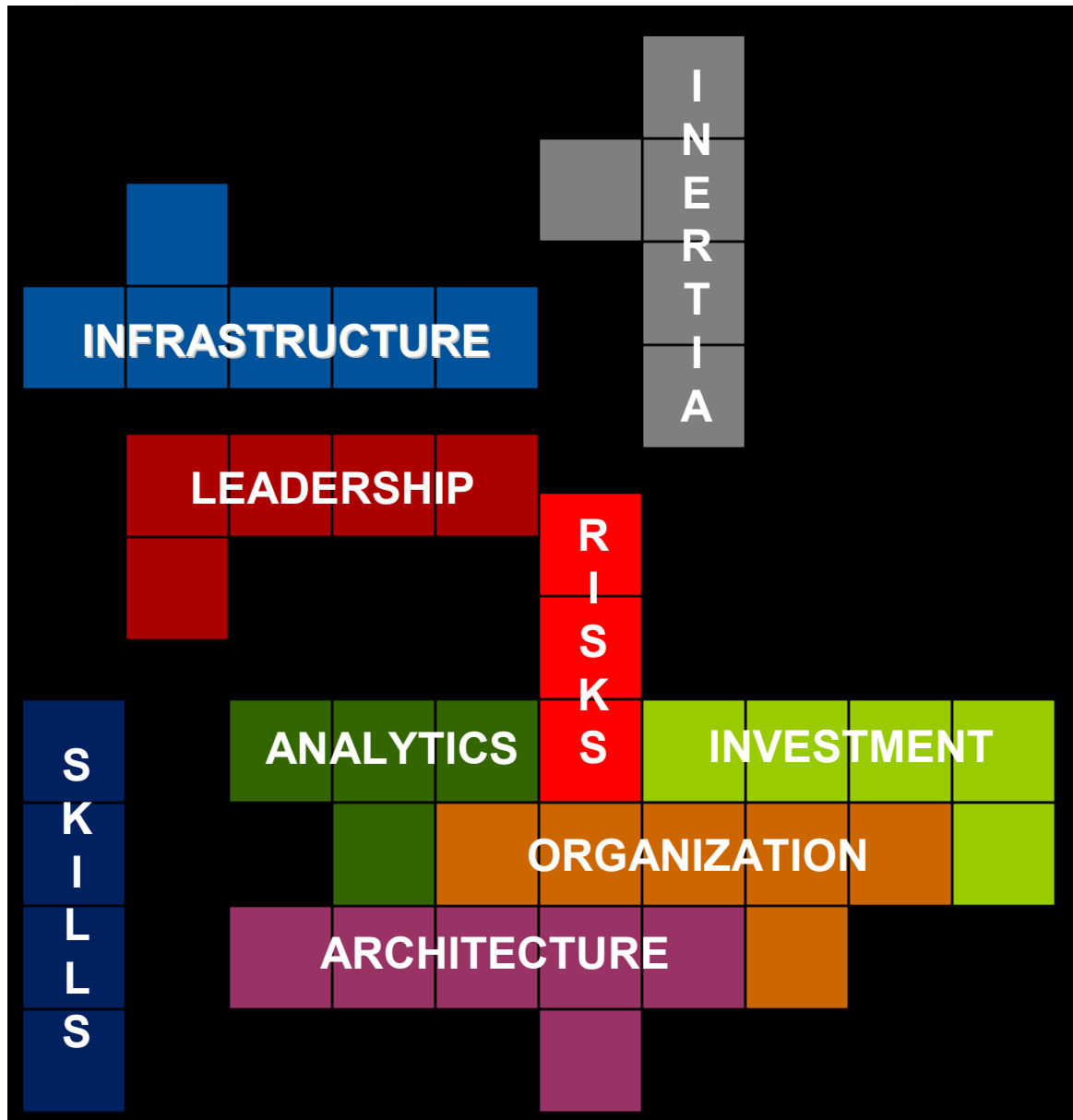
# Which source of data represents the most immediate opportunity?

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# The Big Data Challenge: Putting Together the Pieces Quickly and Efficiently



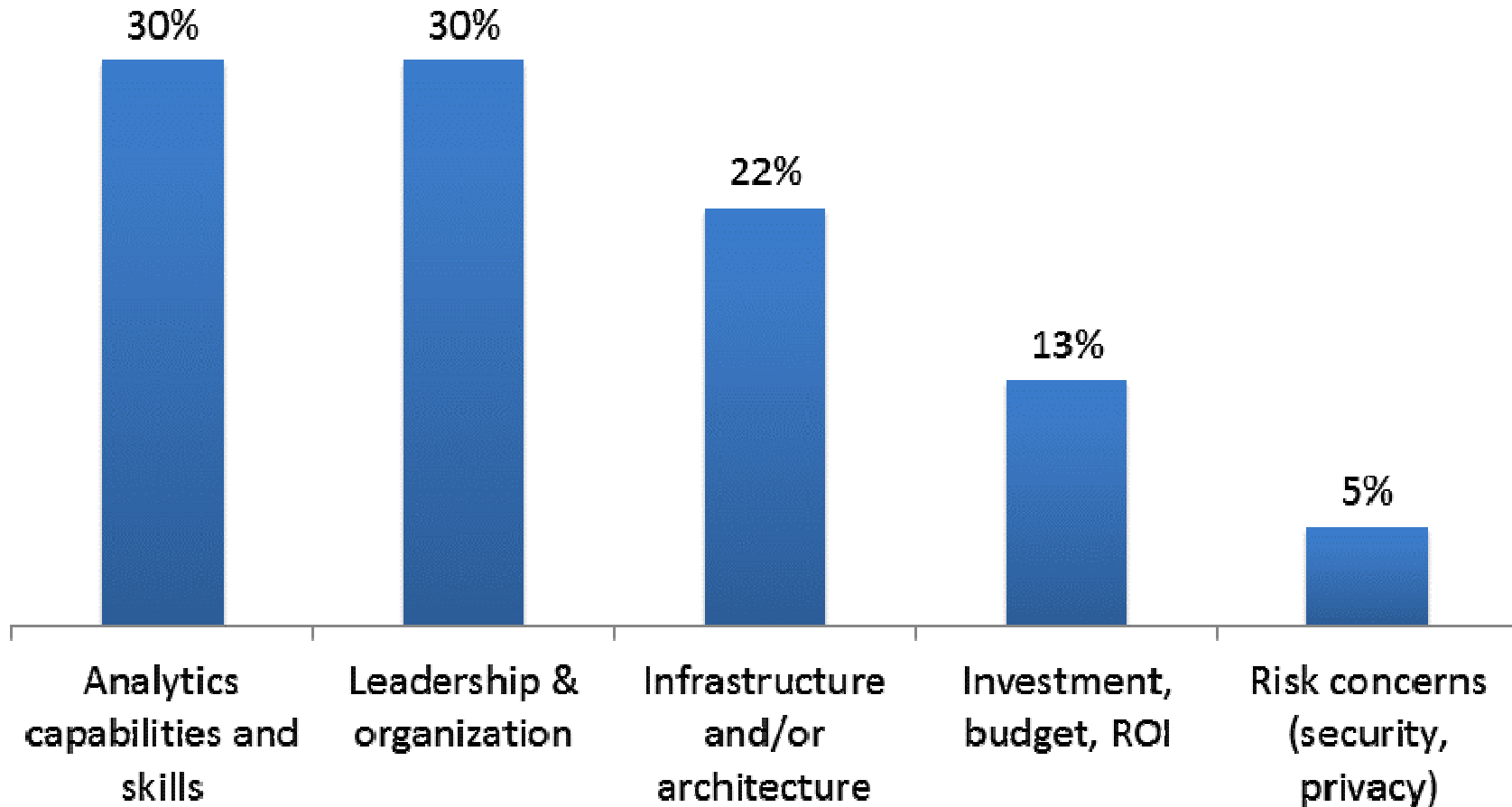
## Through 2015:

- 85% of Fortune 500 organizations will be unable to exploit big data for competitive advantage.

- Business analytics needs will drive 70% of investments in the expansion and modernization of information infrastructure.

# What is your organization's biggest inhibitor to benefiting from Big Data?

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# Big Data Strategy Essentials for IT

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- Ensure infrastructure adequacy
- Consider alternate information architectures
- Anticipate and govern risks
- Expand your analytic capabilities
- Assemble necessary skills
- Alter IT organization structures



# Big Data Strategy Essentials for Business

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- Acknowledge how Big Data initiatives are unique
- Generate big ideas for Big Data
- Identify potentially valuable data sources
- Build business leadership belief in data
- Become even more pragmatic about investments

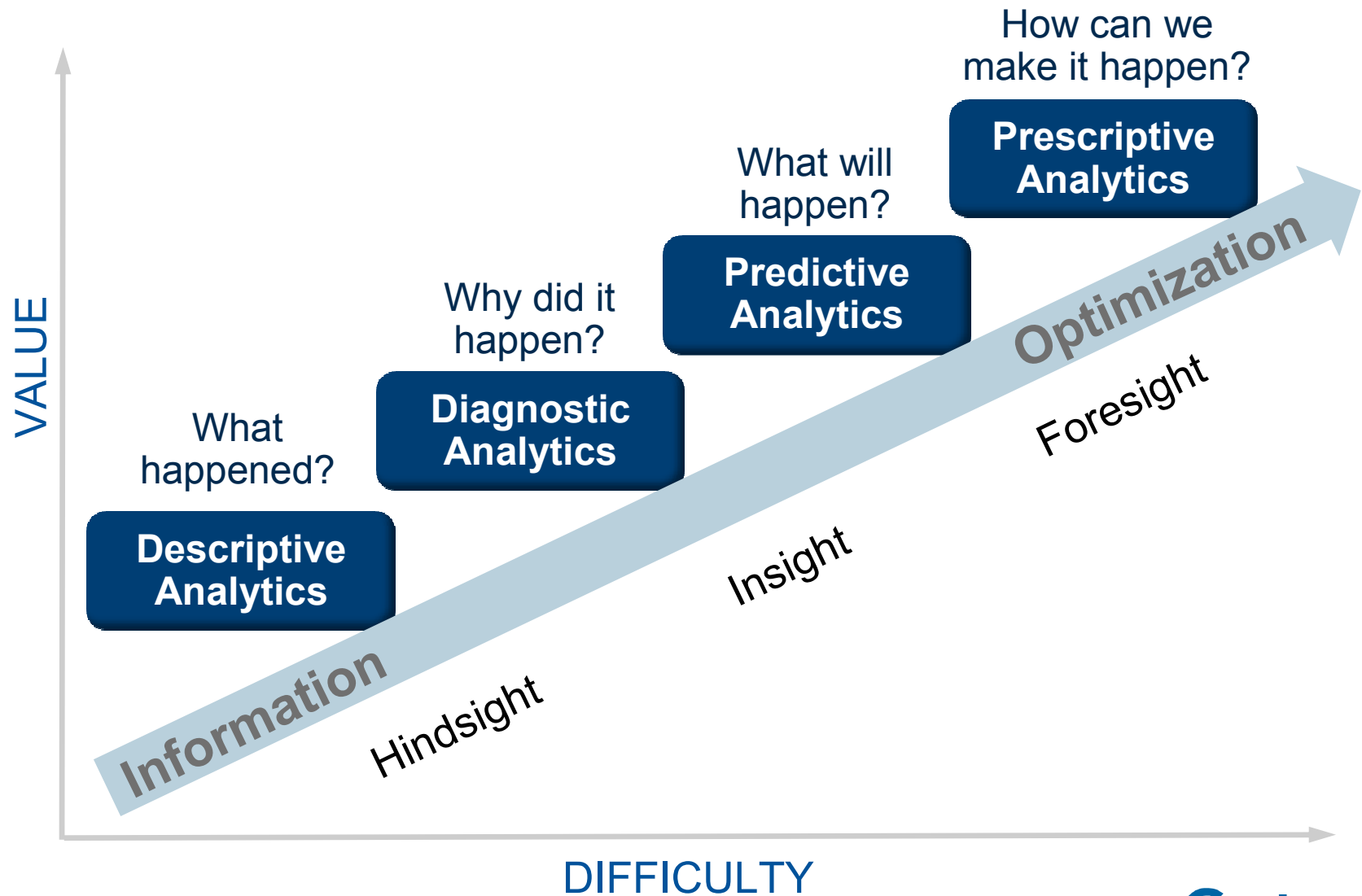




# The Art of the Possible

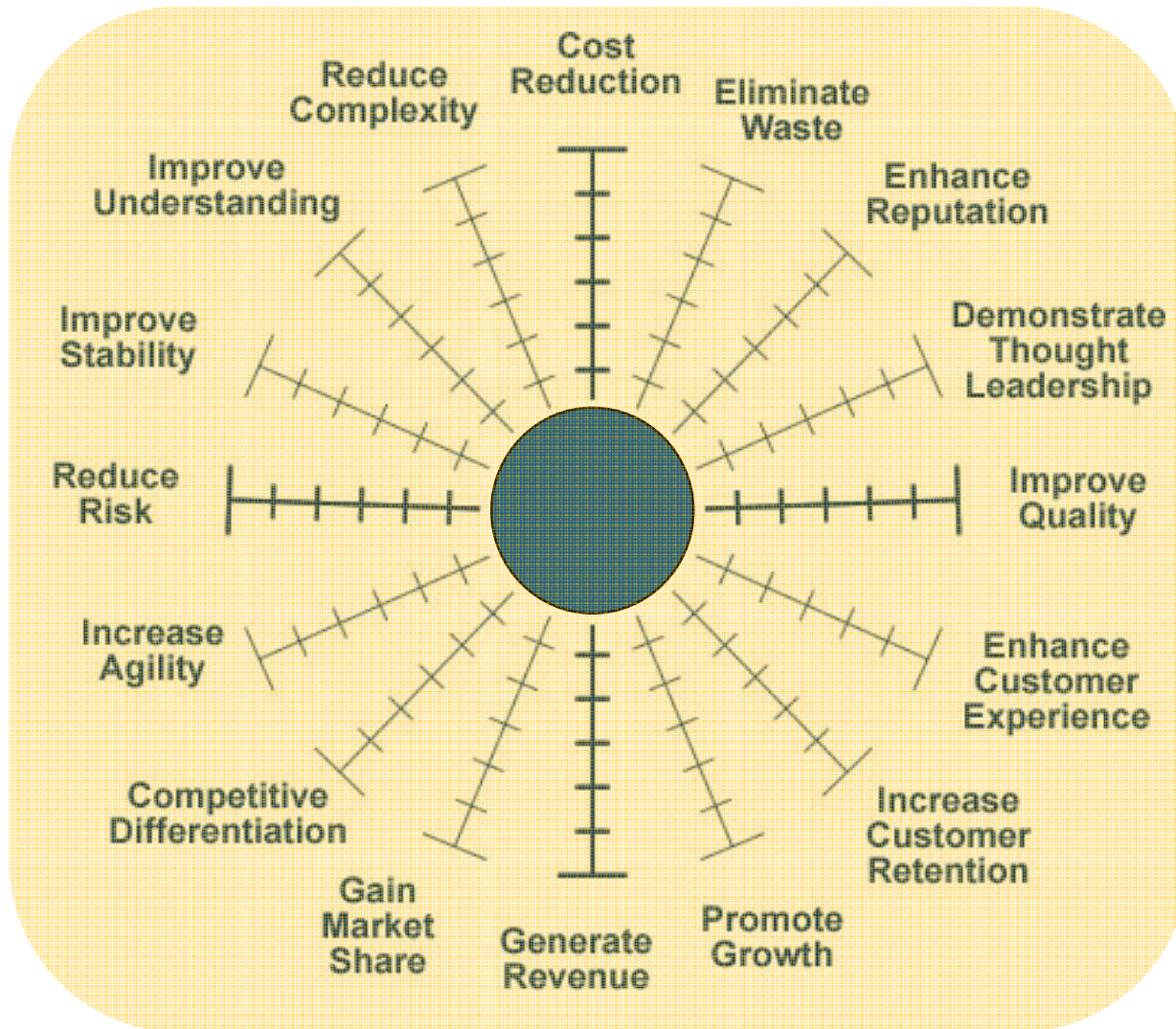
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# Gartner Analytic Ascendancy Model



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# Targeting traditional business drivers



**A focus on too many drivers can suboptimize overall business performance**

**A fixation only on traditional drivers can inhibit innovation and transformation**

# Grapes of Math

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- Opportunity
  - Advise vintners on Wine Spectator scores & competitions and how to improve winemaking
- Data & Analytics
  - Database of hundreds of thousands of wines including chemical analysis of 100+ chemical compounds
  - Proprietary method (pattern matching, machine learning) for sampling and analyzing grapes
- Results
  - Ability to predict Wine Spectator scores and simulate tasting notes
  - Winemakers improve wine scores, and optimize inventory, pricing and promotion

 Enologix

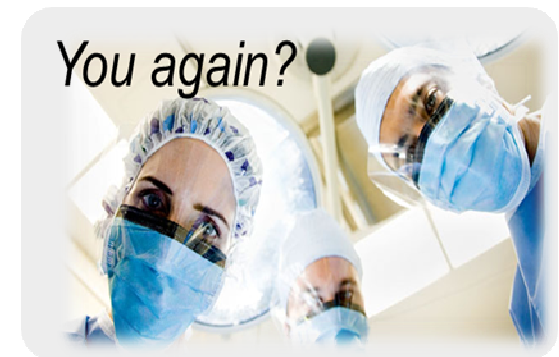


***How can you break years or centuries of tradition by collecting and analyzing data in new ways?***

# Playing games with people's lives

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- Opportunity
  - Improve health care and reduce medical costs
- Data & Analytics
  - \$5M open contest to predict which patients are most likely to be readmitted to a hospital in the next year, and for how many days
  - Over 10,000 participants and teams
- Result (TBD)
  - Identify advances in diagnoses, treatments, follow-up and release protocols

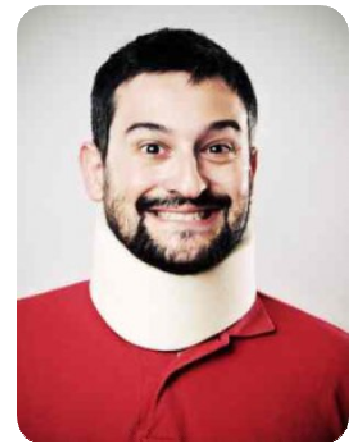


***How can you “gamify” information and analytics to accelerate discoveries?***

# Sniffing and snuffing insurance fraud

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- Opportunity
  - Save and make money by reducing fraudulent auto insurance claims
- Data & Analytics
  - Predictive analytics against years of historical claims and coverage data
  - Text mining adjuster reports for hidden clues, e.g. missing facts, inconsistencies, changed stories
- Results
  - Improved success rate in pursuing fraudulent claims from 50% to 88%; reduced fraudulent claim investigation time by 95%
  - Marketing to individuals with low propensity for fraud



***What “dark data” do you have just laying around that can transform business processes?***

# Harvesting optimum product configurations

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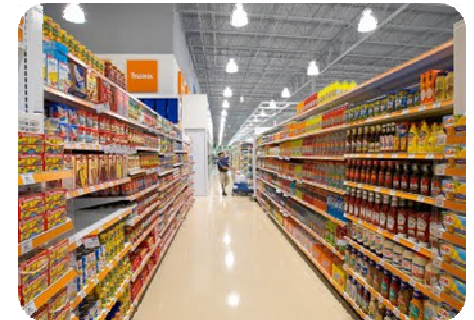
- Opportunity
  - High inventories, planning cycles, lead times and production costs for manufacturing agricultural equipment
- Data & Analytics
  - Manufacturing, sales, and inventory data
  - Thousands of configuration options of varying popularity and margin
  - Pattern analysis from to identify base configurations and realtime customer demand
- Results
  - Reduced product variety by 61% and slashed days of inventory by 81% while maintaining service levels



***How can you use advanced analytics to simplify your business for improved profitability and service?***

# Stretching analytic performance to measure price elasticity

- Opportunity
  - Business lacking the ability to react to market conditions and new product launches
- Data & Analytics
  - 8.9B sales line items, 1.4B SKUs, 1.8B rows of inventory, 3200 stores
  - Entire solution moved from mainframe to Hadoop
  - Calculating price elasticity over 12.6B parameters
- Results
  - Price elasticity now measured weekly against all data instead of quarterly against a subset
  - \$600K annual savings; 6000 lines of batch code reduced to 400 lines of PIG



***How can embracing new technology help amplify the business?***



# Smart Buildings on the Rise

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- Opportunity
  - Reduce building operation costs; green building designation
- Data & Analytics
  - Monitor and analyze dozens of continuous data streams such as personnel locations, sunlight, room temperature, HVAC performance, elevator/stairwell usage, water & electricity usage
- Results (varies)
  - Automatically adjusting lighting & blinds, and air/water temperature; optimizing elevator patterns
  - Enhancing building security and safety, and employee comfort and productivity. Saving money and energy; reduced maintenance; improving future building designs



***How can you enhance monitoring to drive a bevy of efficiency benefits?***

# An infamous retail tale

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- Opportunity
  - Target consumers with promotions based on their determined life situation
- Data & Analytics
  - Transaction receipts and other undisclosed information
  - Inference engine to predict future needs based on shopping and purchase pattern changes
- Result
  - Identified woman was pregnant; even estimated her due date
  - Woman was a pregnant teen; her father didn't know until coupons arrived
  - Coupons now sealed



# Making the grade by setting a new curve

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- Opportunity
  - Predict future financial performance, health, issues, risks better than industry standard methods
- Data & Analytics
  - Continuously crunch over 5 dozen publically-available factors to generate a hundred-point FHR (financial health scale) vs. subjective quarterly financial analyst ABC grades
- Result
  - Most financial analyst firms excited/blinded by MF Global hiring Jon Corzine, but RapidRatings saw its FHR score slide from 49 to 26, advising investors to run not hide

RapidRatings



***How can you change the rules of the game with new measurements and new analyses?***

# Does this data make my buns look good?

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- Opportunity
  - Move from manual to automated inspection of burger bun production to ensure and improve quality
- Data & Analytics
  - Photo-analyze over 1000 buns-per-minute for color, shape and seed distribution
  - Continually adjust ovens and process automatically
- Result
  - Eliminate 1000s of pounds of wasted product per year; speed production; save energy; Reduce manual labor costs



***Are you using all your “senses” to observe, measure and optimize business processes?***

# Steaking your reputation on it

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- Opportunity
  - Improve reputation, brand and buzz by tapping social media
- Data & Analytics
  - Continually scanning twitterverse for mentions of their business
  - Integrating tweeters with their robust customer management system
- Results
  - Saw tweet from a top customer lamenting late flight—no time to dine at Morton's
  - Tuxedo-clad waiter waiting for him when he landed with a bag containing his favorite steak, prepared the way he normally likes it with all the fixin's



***How can you listen, analyze and respond in real-time?***

# Listening to United Voices

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- Opportunity
  - Evolving from reactive to proactive responses to global issues
  - Developing and guiding assistance programs
- Data & Analytics
  - Mining social networks to predict job losses, spending reductions, or disease outbreaks within a region
  - Natural language deciphering
- Result (TBD)
  - Early warning signals to guide assistance programs for preventing regions from slipping into poverty, epidemics, or war

**United Nations**



***How can you tap social media to be proactive to emerging global issues?***

**Gartner**

# Projecting project success or failure

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- Opportunity
  - 20 years of unused “dark data” (archived emails) incurring cost without benefit
  - Consulting project issues reported after the fact; no way to anticipate and address them
- Data & Analytics
  - Identify project communications (emails) from prior successful vs unsuccessful projects
  - Mine emails for communication and sentiment patterns (time-of-day, CC/BCC, length, content)
- Result (TBD)
  - Early warnings of scope, budget, technical, personnel issues → improved project success
  - Productized project indicator benchmarks

## *Global Systems Integrator*



***What “dark data” can you use to create and deploy patterns for early warning signals?***

# Blowing Away Competitors with Big Data

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- Opportunity
  - Grow revenue through improved targeting and cross-selling yard care products
- Data & Analytics
  - Gartner recommended layering POS and warranty customer data with map data to identify customers that have large foliage coverage and large driveways
  - Identify new “DIY” customers to cross sell leaf & snow blowers or partner products
- Results (TBD)
  - Improve direct marketing campaign performance by focusing on customers with actual needs and specific behaviors; form higher-value partnerships, e.g. Scotts, Home Depot

***Lawn Care  
Products Co.***

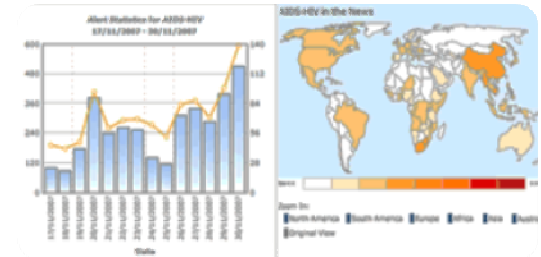


***What public data can you integrate to creatively target customers and partners?***



# Tomorrow's news, today

- Opportunity
  - Identify systemic, related or mounting health, geopolitical or financial issues
- Data & Analytics
  - Continually capture, translate, classify and analyze 40,000 local news reports in 43 languages from around the world
  - Custom charting, alerts, animated map visualization of categories or search terms
  - Predict and highlight emerging hot topics and trends
- Results
  - Enable politicians, insurers, investors, disease control institutions and global support groups to respond quicker to local or global issues



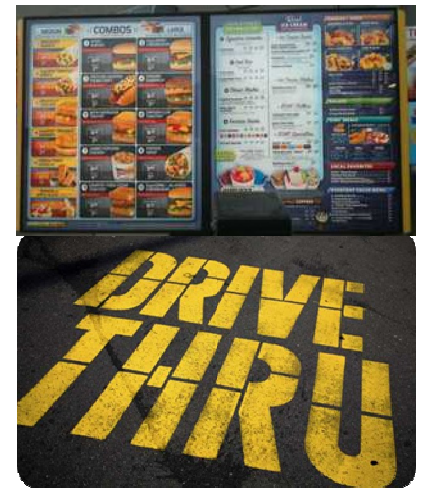
***What data is out there to help you see the future?***

# Yes, we know you want fries with that

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- Opportunity
  - Optimize customer margin and revenue
- Data & Analytics
  - Continuously analyze video from drive-through lanes *and* on the street to identify customer “drive-by” behavior and situations
  - Outsource credit card data to analyze pre- and post-visit customer behavior (in aggregate)
- Results
  - Update order boards as needed to feature more expedient versus higher margin items based on anticipated customer behavior
  - Dynamically updated pricing???

## ***Major Fast-Food Company***



***How can you dynamically optimize your offering mix based on real-time customer behavior?***

# A tale of retailing retail data

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- Opportunity
  - Gain free strategic advice on promotions, stocking etc. from CPG partners
- Data & Analytics
  - Place billions of rows of POS, inventory, promotion, and other data into a cloud-based data store for partners to analyze in an common spreadsheet-like format
  - Data hosting and analytic processing provided by 1010data
- Results
  - CPG partners (e.g. P&G) now pay for access. As a result Dollar General has a self-funding enterprise data warehouse and was able to eliminate its complex, expensive RDBMS-based EDW.



***How can you self-fund your analytic environment through sharing and monetizing it via partners?***

# Future, Summary and Recommendations

# Keeping eyes wide open to the future of information

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- Information banking
- Generally accepted information accounting principles (GAIAP)
- Information & algorithmic product lines
- Data science pools, executive companions and outsourcing
- Inter-enterprise data federation
- Intelligent linking and tagging
- Syndicated behavioral and emotional profiles



# Your Action Plan

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- ✓ Start valuing, managing and deploying information as an *actual* corporate asset
- ✓ Understand that Big Data isn't just about the size of data. Also recognize and address the challenges of data velocity and variety.
- ✓ Put in place strategies and mechanisms to address all the non-technical challenges of Big Data as well
- ✓ Identify under-utilized “dark data” opportunities including available public, commercial, social media and partner data
- ✓ Beg, borrow and steal analytics and Big Data ideas from other industries

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