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A Look at Some Dynamics of Social Networking : Following the Jobs Ecosystem

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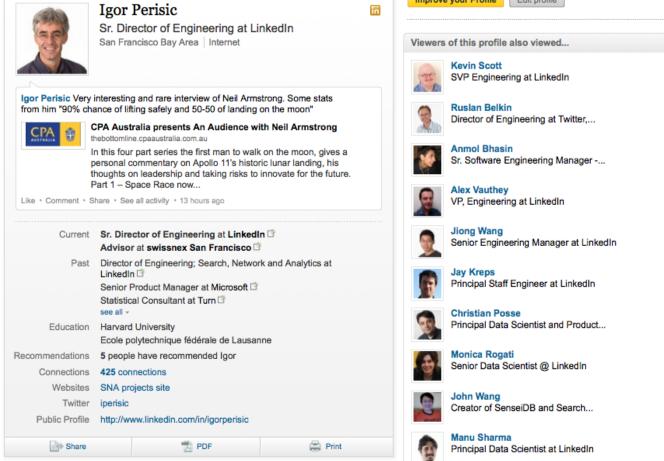
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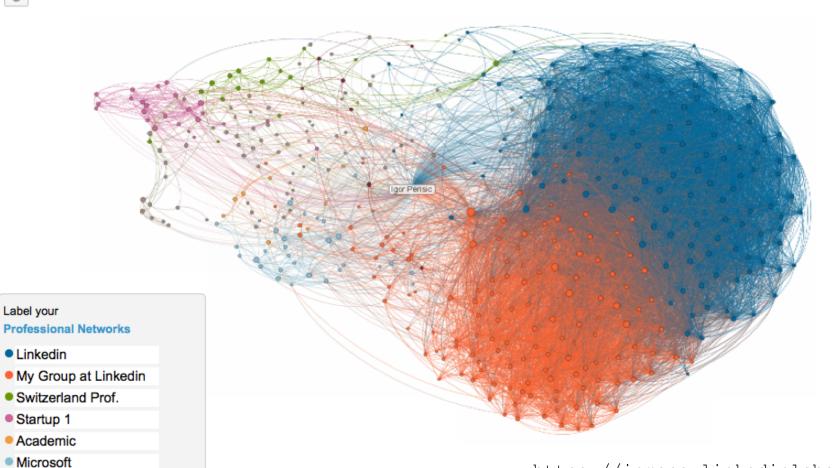






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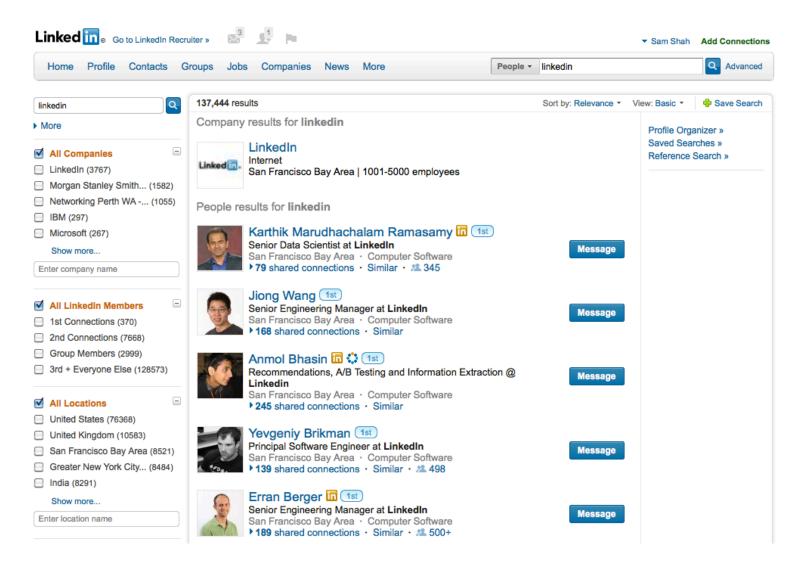




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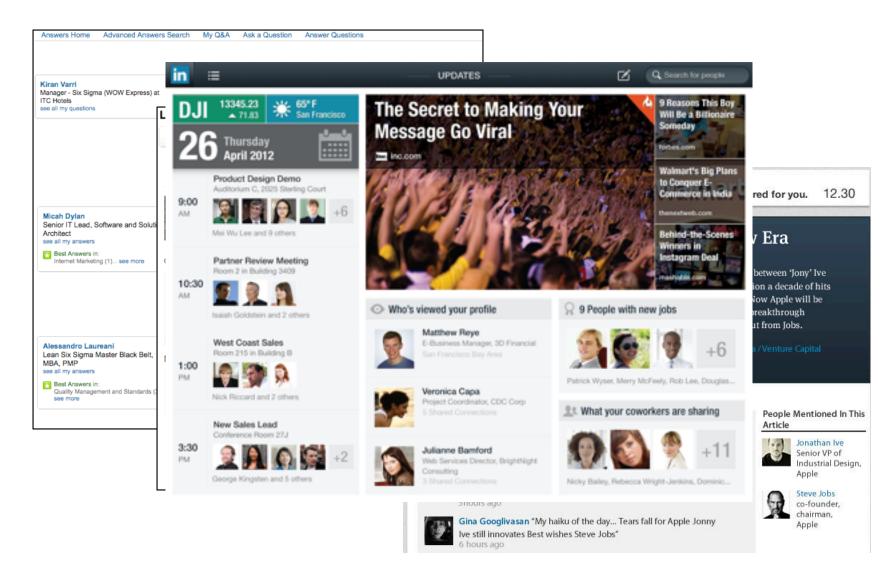


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It is also



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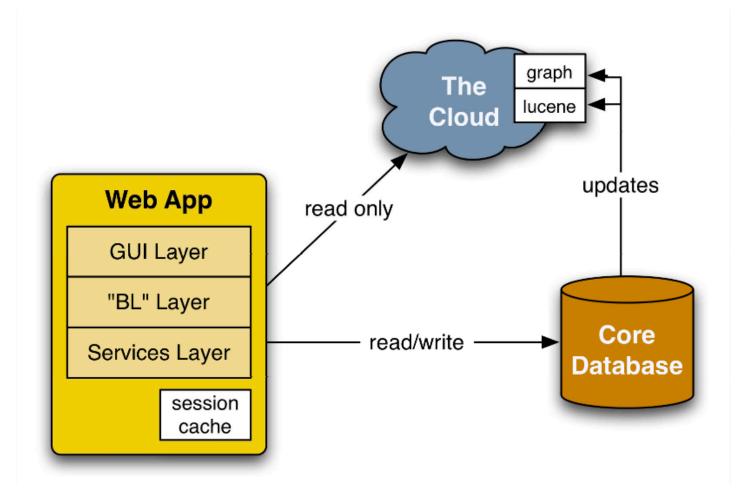
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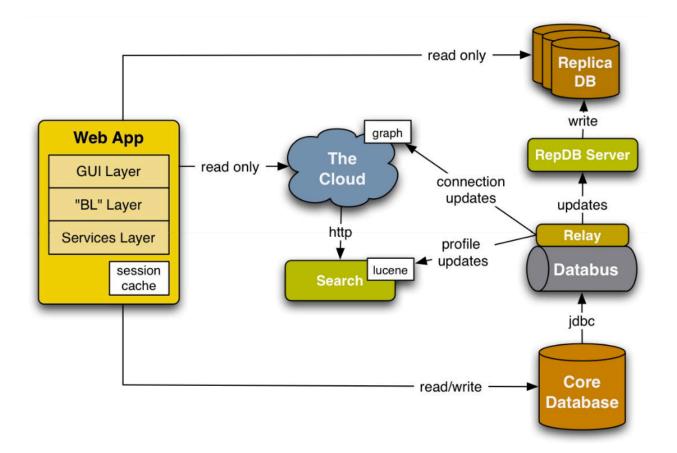


LinkedIn Product Architecture: 2003-2005



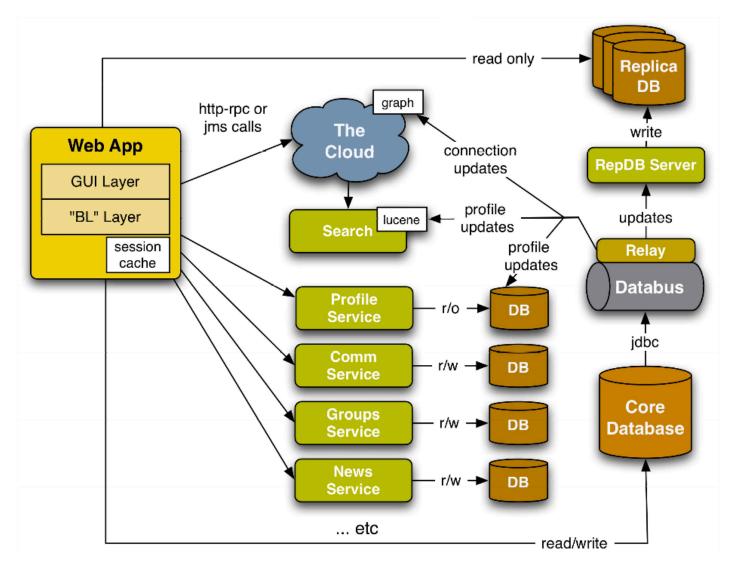


LinkedIn Product Architecture: 2006





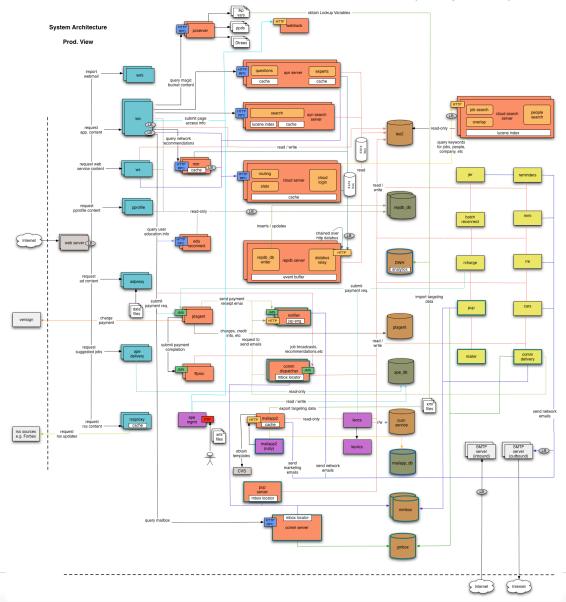
LinkedIn Product Architecture: 2008





LinkedIn Product Architecture: 2010 (simplified)

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Re-Imagination of Data...

THEN...

Store Everything Because We Can Do It Inexpensively

SOON...

Data Obesity / Data Quality Issues How To Find a Needle in a Haystack?





Mike Abbott, KPCB (Internet Trends, D10 2012)









"Big Data": 4 components

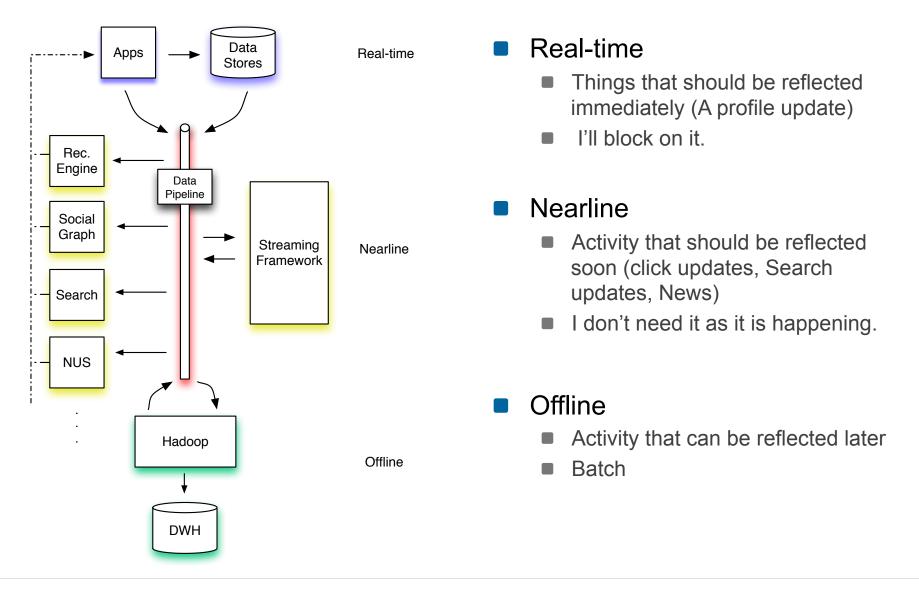
Data Pipeline

Data Flow is the "Food, Shelter and Clothing" of data-driven applications and analytics

- Data Quality
 - Garbage in, garbage out
- Data Processing
 - Hadoop is a centerpiece
- Data Democratization
 - Everyone has a needle to find
 - Abstraction of the complexity of accessing raw data
 - Providing access point to various levels of experience

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Big Data: it is really a Data Continuum



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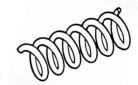


What is a Recommender System?

A Recommender system selects a "product" that if acquired by the "buyer" maximizes value for both the "buyer" and the "seller" at a given point in time

...Must make a strategic sense!





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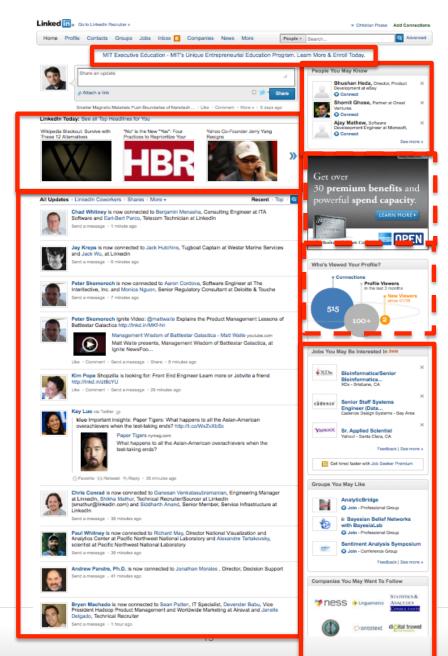
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Recommendations: The case of the Homepage

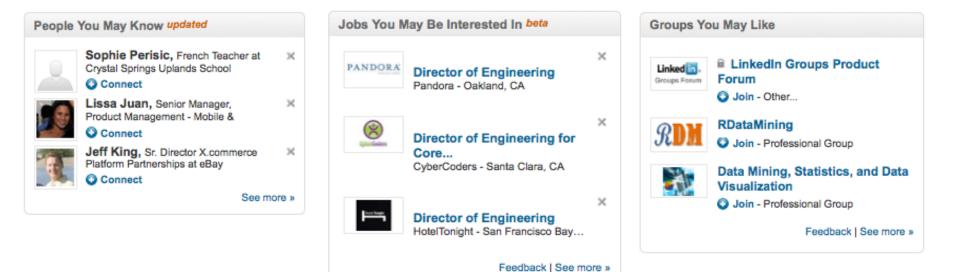




Recommendations: What are they worth? Think 50%

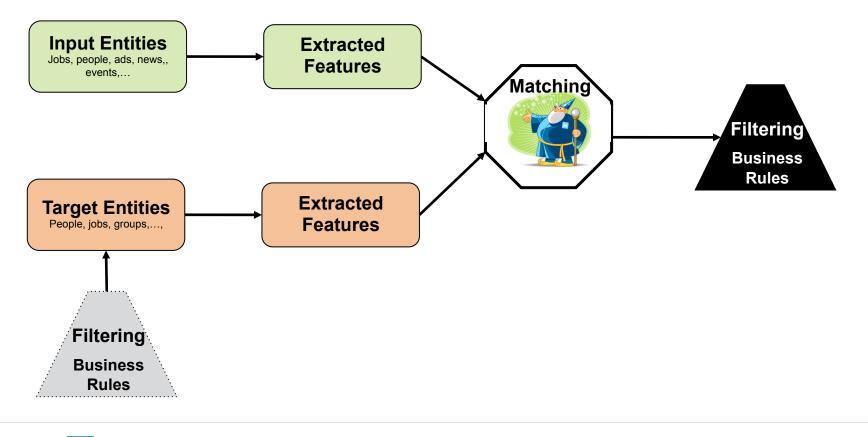
- > 50% of connections are from recommendations (РҮМК)
- > 50% of job applications are from recommendations (JYMBII)
- > 50% of group joins are from recommendations (GYML)

If done right they leverage the similar tech. components and in the case of social networks it also means results of large-scale graph mining



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Overview of the Recommendation Process: Really, really high level





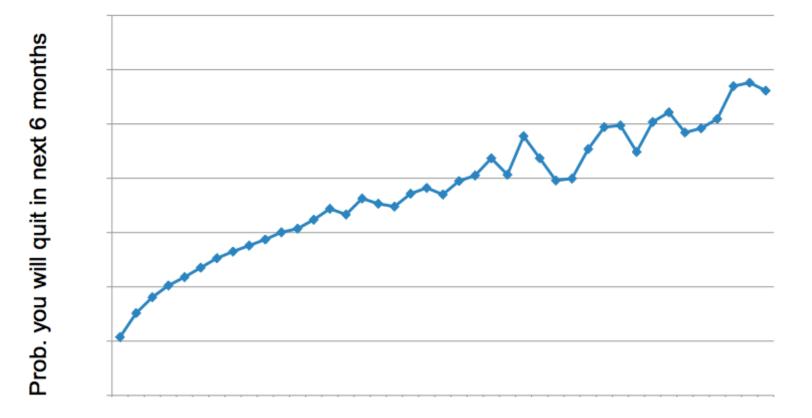
Jobs Recommendations





Jobs Recommendations:

Feature Engineering; Network Inertia (how likely are you to switch jobs?)



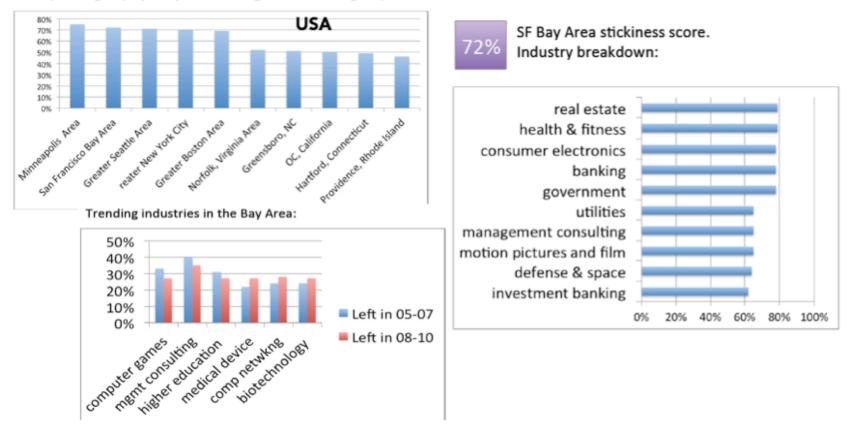
of colleagues in your network who left in last 6 months



Jobs Recommendations: Feature Engineering; where are you likely to stay?

Most vs Least sticky regions*

*what percentage of people stay in the same region when switching companies

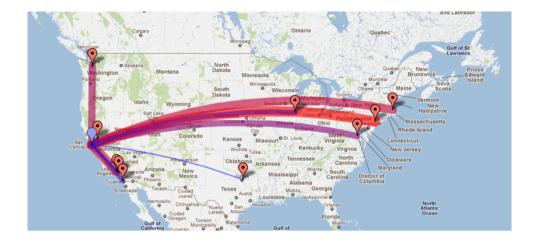




Jobs Recommendations:

Feature Engineering; where are you likely to go?

Region transition probability

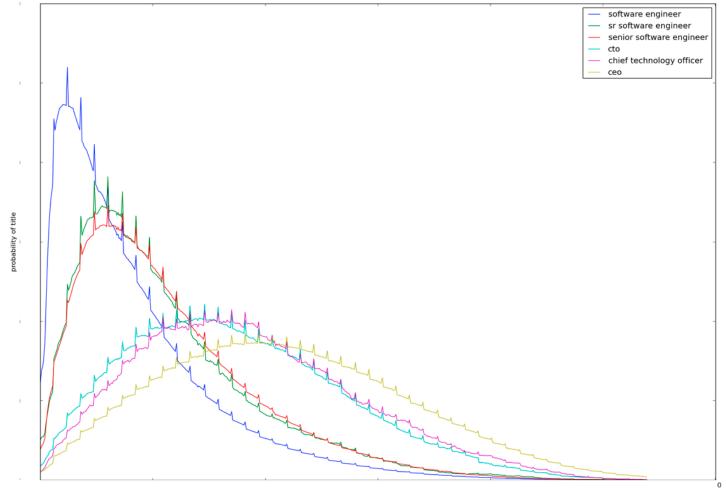


- Likely to Stay & Go predict individuals propensity to migrate and most likely migration target
- Impact on job recommendations
 - ~20% lift in views/viewers/applications/applicants

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Jobs Recommendations:

Feature Engineering; what should you transition to and when?



months since graduation (from first degree)



Feature Engineering:

What type of Job Seeker are you?

- Types
 - Active
 - Passive receptive
 - Not a job seeker

Note to recruiters: Please don't offer me a job. I already have the best job in the world at the best company in the world. **Note to engineers and**

- Modeling
 - Ordered logistic reg.

logit $[P(Y \le j | \mathbf{x})] = \alpha_j + \beta' \mathbf{x}, \quad j = 1, \dots, J - 1.$

- Impact
 - ~10x application rate between Active and Passive receptive



Job Matching: Some final remarks

- Most people aren't actively looking for jobs.
 - Many people are but most aren't
 - Complicates evaluation and training
- Important not to offend
 - JYMBII: I am more senior than that!
 - What is the price of a bad recommendation? (PYMK vs. JYMBII)
- You can't always get what you want
 - Every employer wants the hottest candidate.
 - The perfect candidate already works for you.



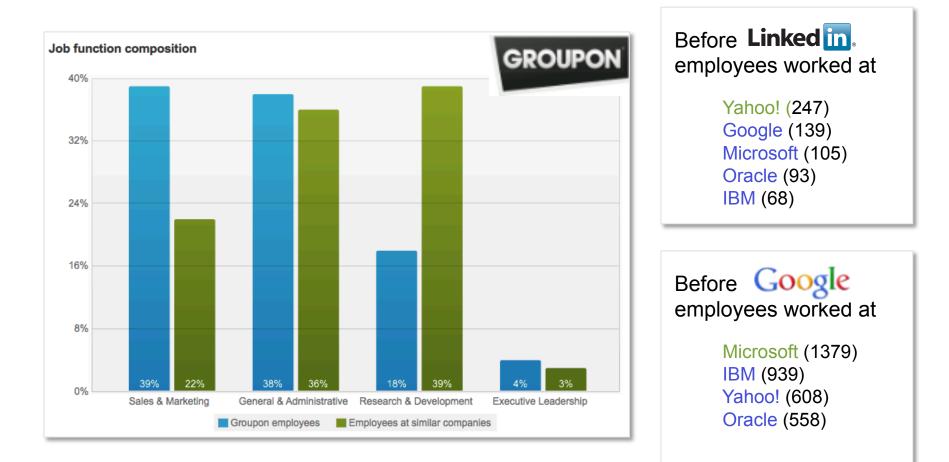
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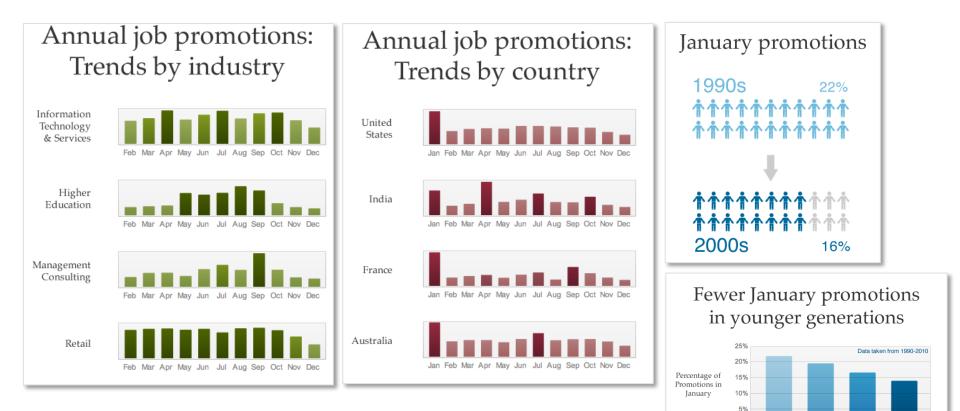
Insights: Power of Aggregation





Insights: Promotions when to ask?

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1980s

0%

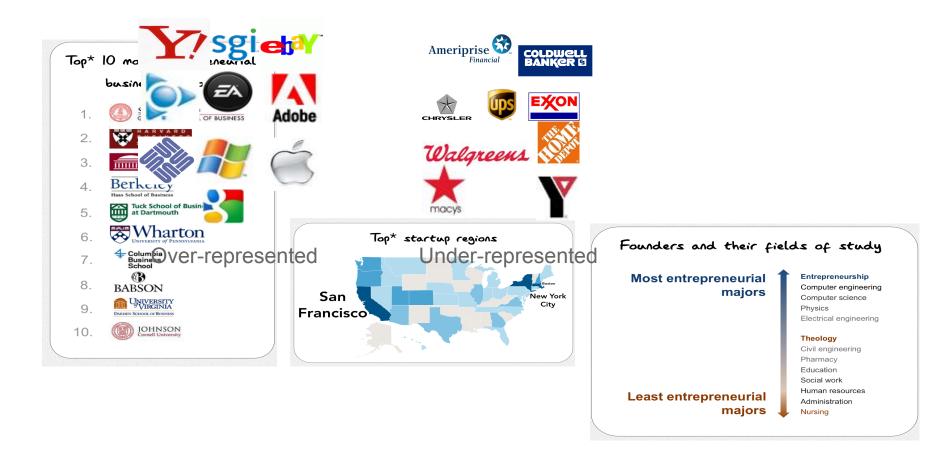
1950s

1960s

Date of Birth

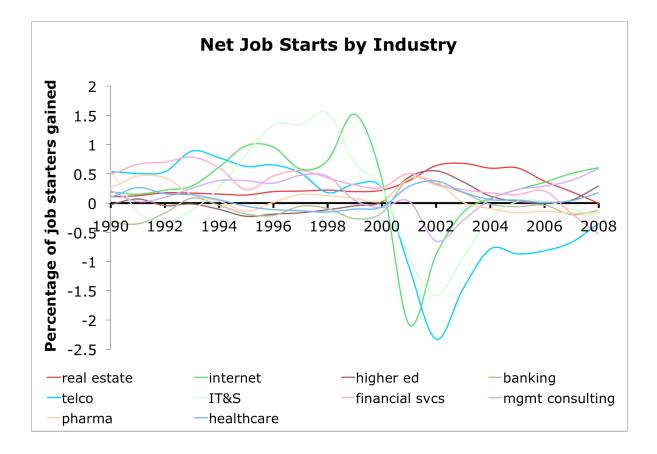
1970s

Where do Founders come from?



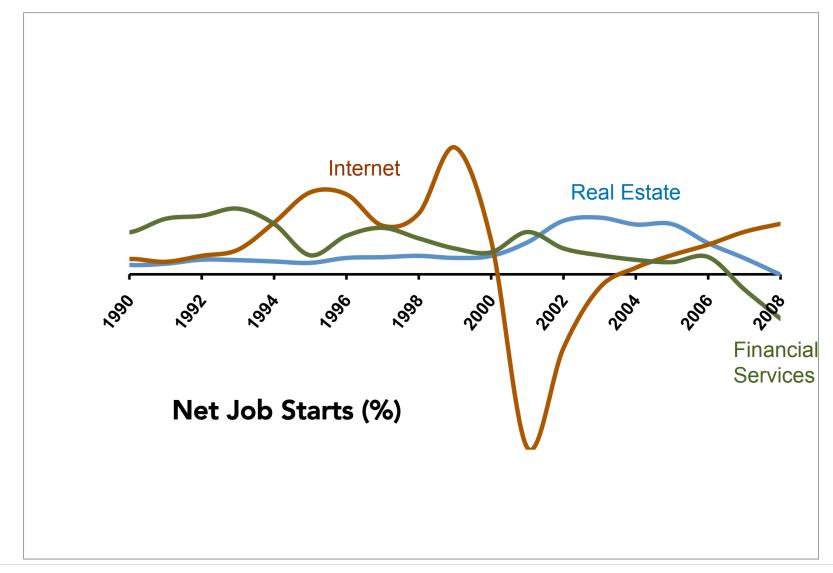


Job Market: Trends by Industry (1990-2008)



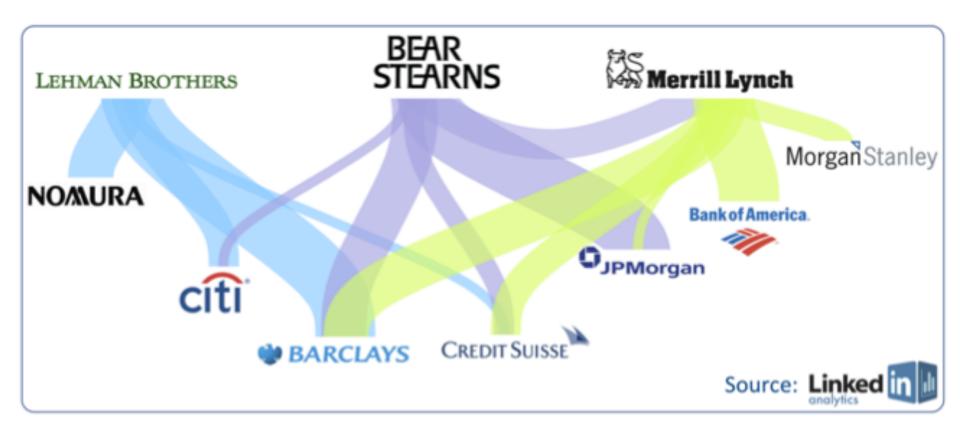


Job Market: Zoom in



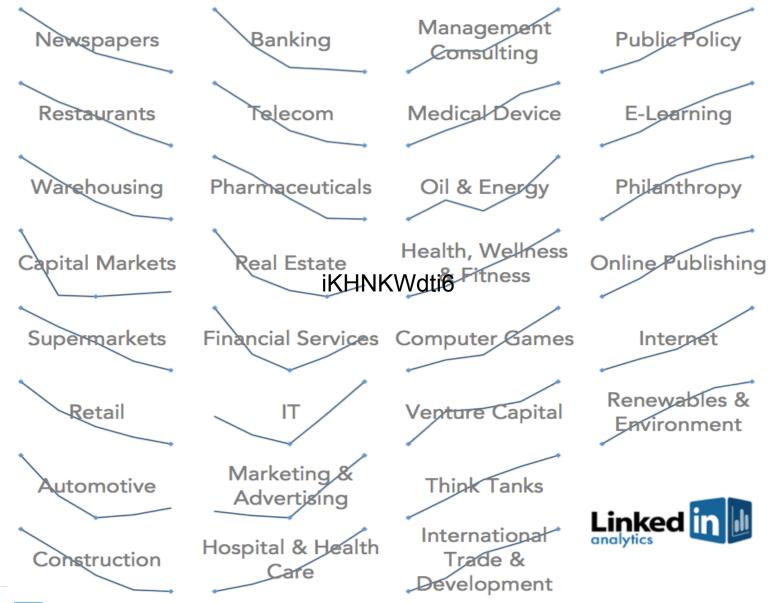


Job Market: Zoom further in (2008)

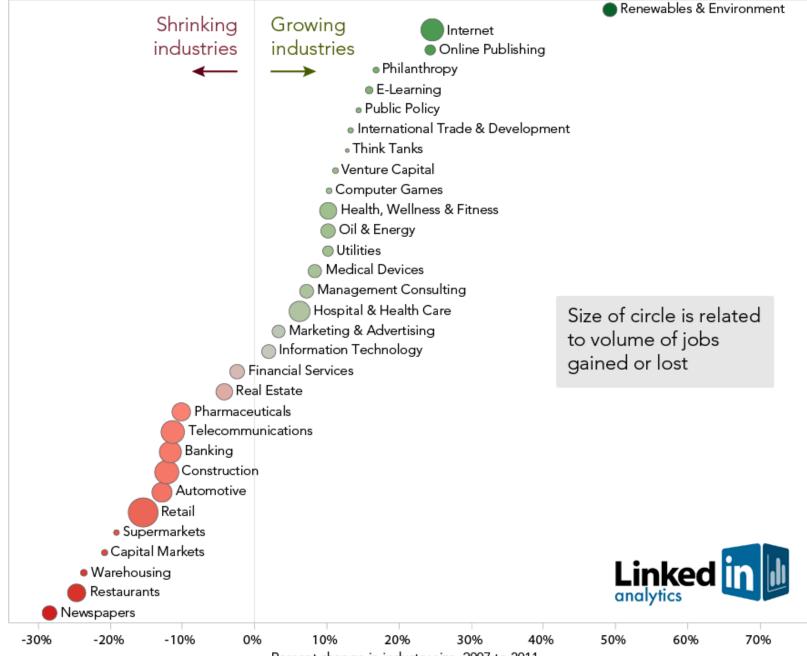




Fluctuations in industry size, 2007-2011

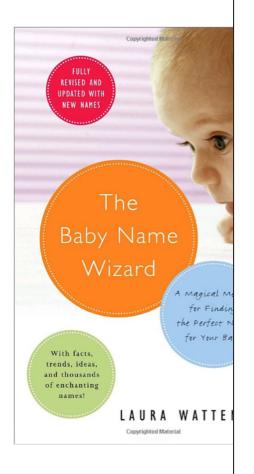


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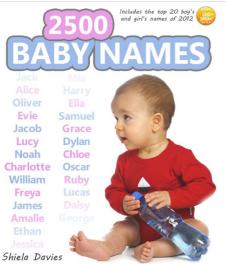
Percent change in industry size, 2007 to 2011

What is in a Name?

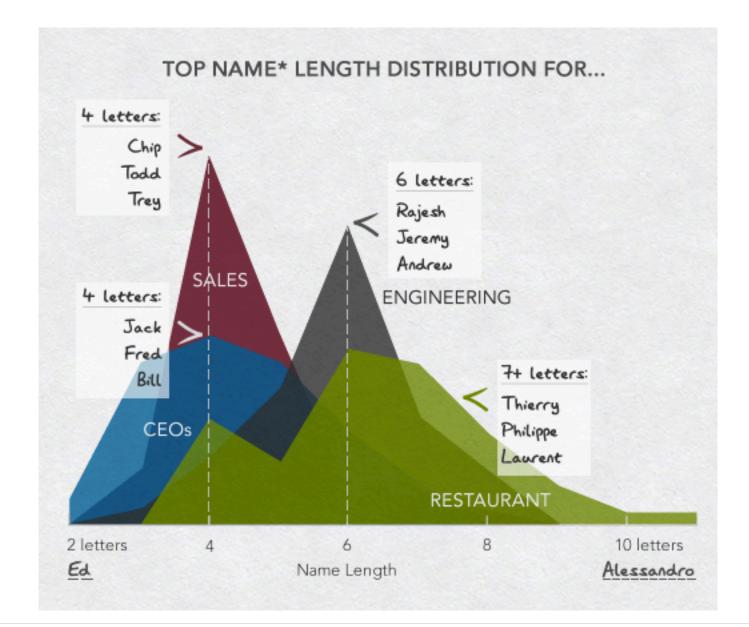


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