A background network diagram consisting of numerous grey nodes connected by thin grey lines, forming a complex web of connections across the entire slide.

The Evolution of TBM: From IT Cost Transparency to IT Value Transparency

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MANAGING **IT** LIKE A BUSINESS
OUR **INTEGRATION** STORY

WHAT WE BELIEVE

CULTURE+
CODE

MANIFESTATION OF CULTURE & CODE

A young boy with dark skin and curly hair is wearing large, green and white headphones. He has his eyes closed and a wide, joyful smile, with his mouth open as if singing or dancing. His right arm is raised in the air. He is wearing a blue and green long-sleeved shirt. The background is a blurred indoor setting, possibly a living room.

CULTURE



**HUMAN
CONNECTION**

CONTENT

COMMUNITY

CODE



PLATFORMS

DATA

TECHNOLOGY

DEVICES

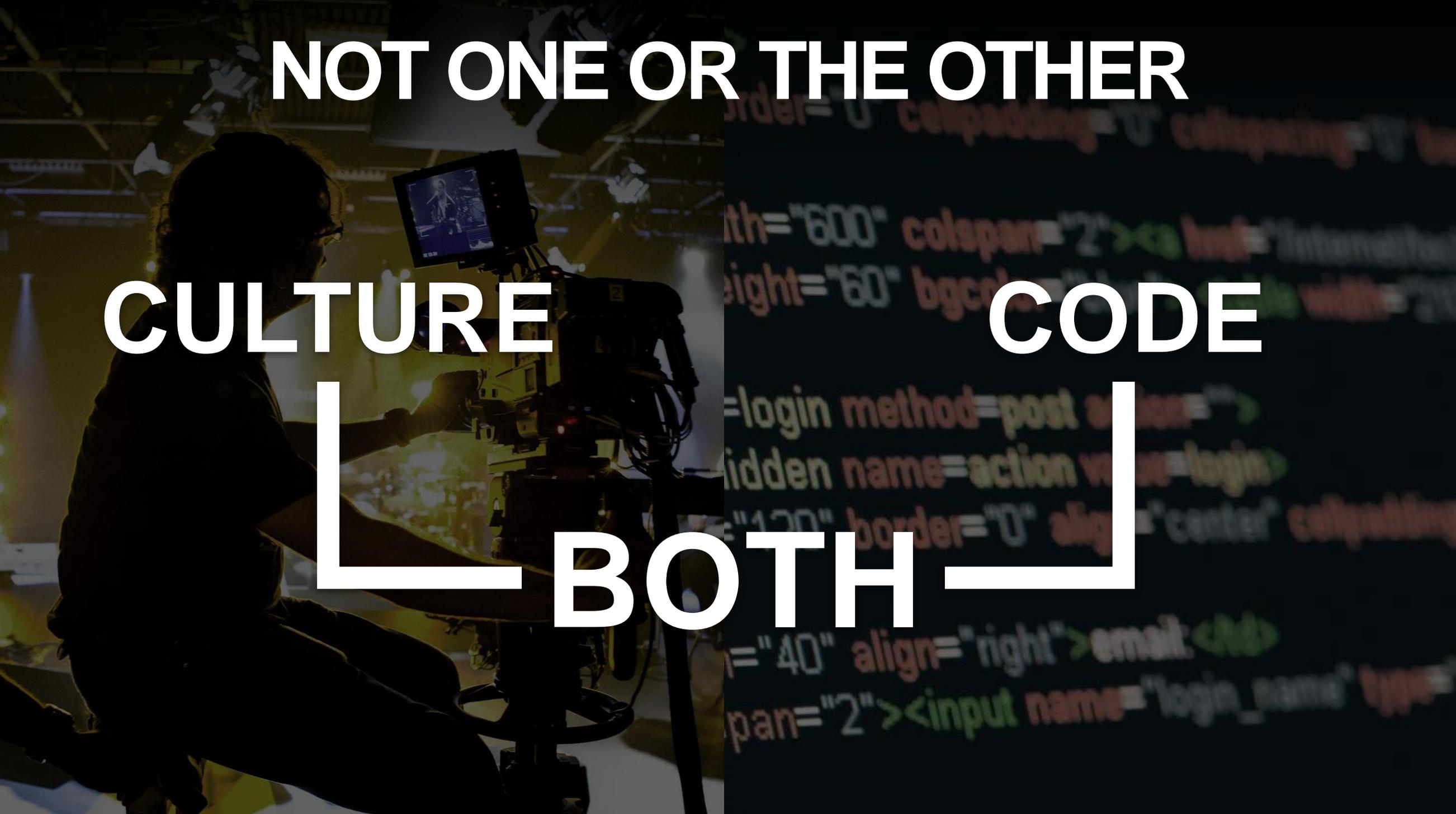
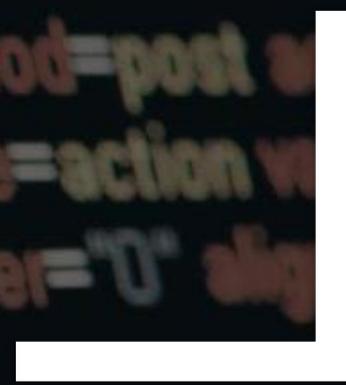
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CULTURE

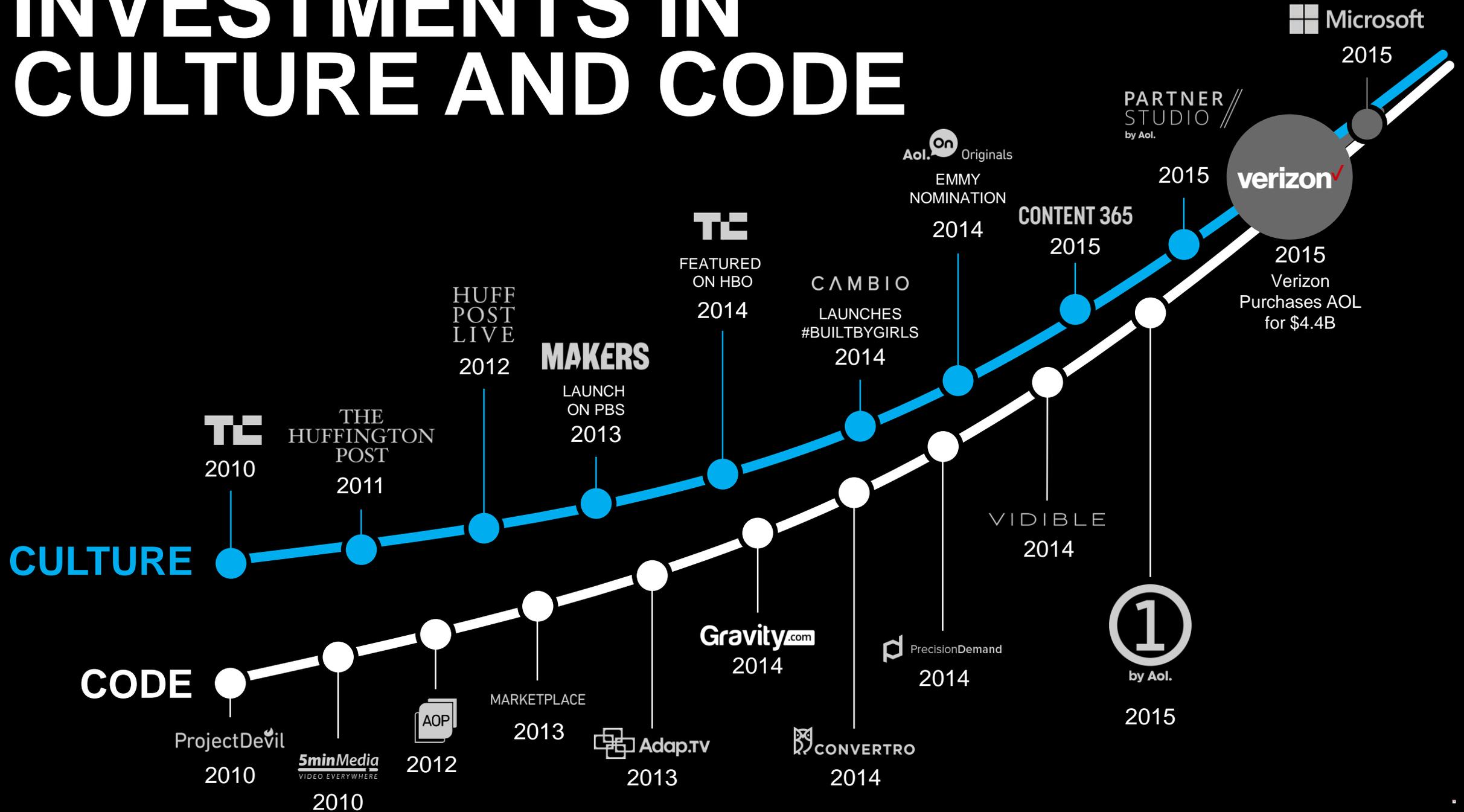
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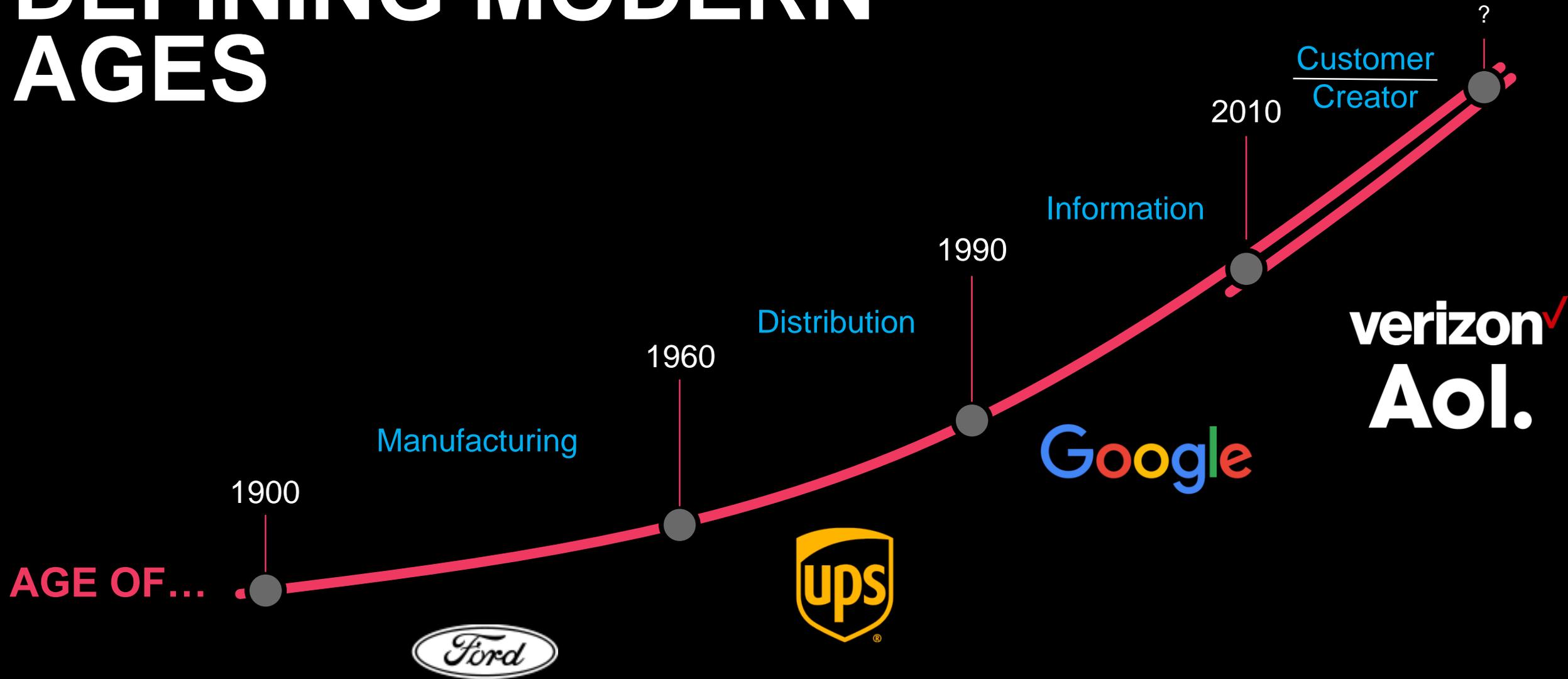
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INVESTMENTS IN CULTURE AND CODE



DEFINING MODERN AGES



AGE OF

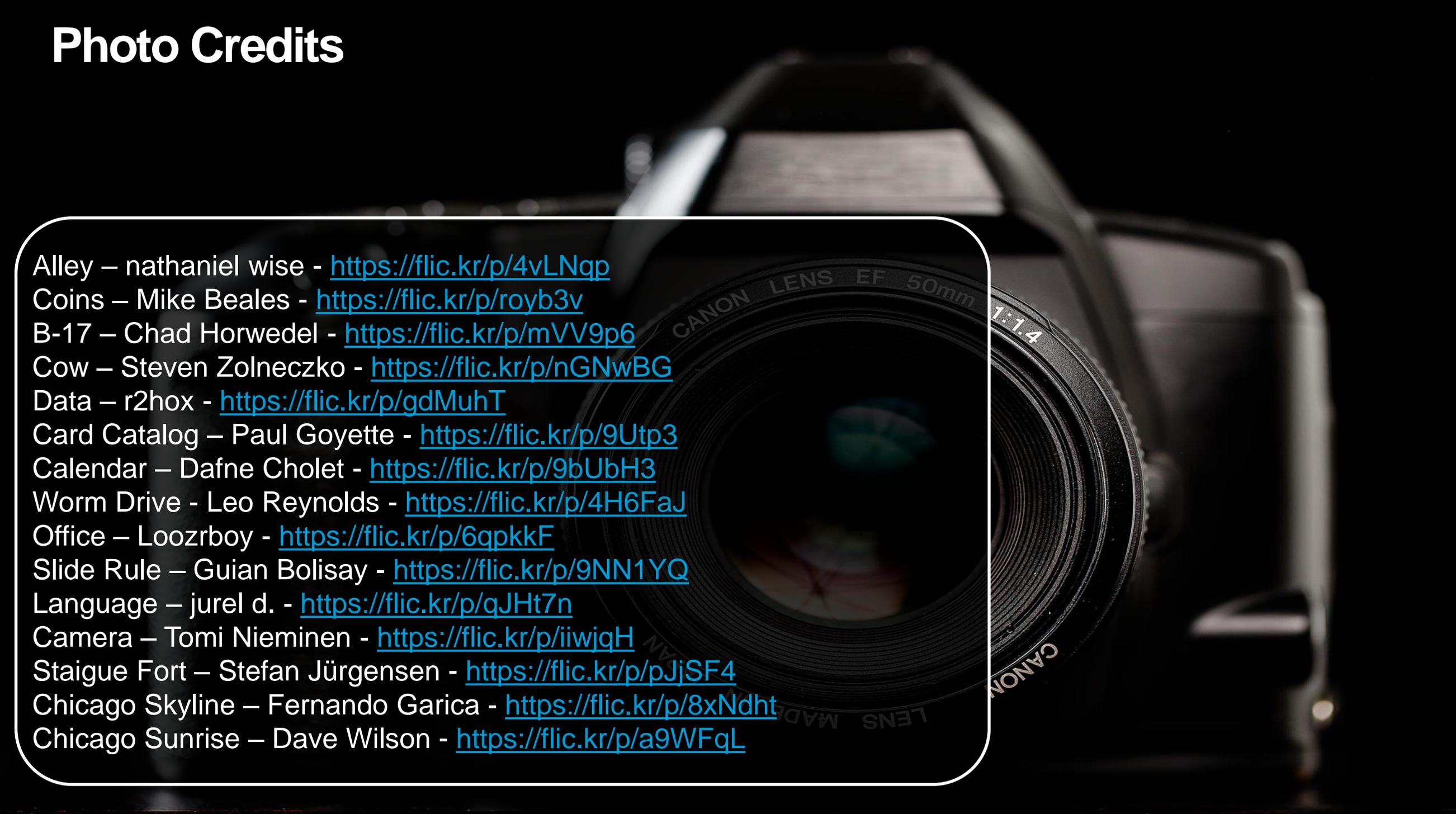
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AGE OF CREATOR

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WHAT WE DO



350+
Editors

35K
Guest Editors

4
Emmy
Nominations

NBCUniversal
Partnership

CONTENT

DISTRIBUTION

MONETIZATION

**THE
HUFFINGTON
POST**

Pulitzer-Prize
Winning

3,600
videos to be
created this year

1,700
pieces of content
produced daily

250K
contributors
& bloggers

500
Live events
annually

20+
O&O Sites

NBCUniversal
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THE HUFFINGTON POST
Most shared news site on Facebook

2,000
Premium video partners

~400M
Global UVs

DISTRIBUTION

MAKERS
Linear TV

Aol. On
17 OTT Devices

2M
Video clips in the AOL library

#THEHIVE
Social amplification

TE
SiriusXM Radio

93%

comScore
accuracy

Device Linking

Real Multi-screen
Targeting

CONTENT

100M+

unique users matched.
Data beyond devices

DISTRIBUTION

1 ID

People-based ID,
reach audiences
on any device w/
matched pool

MONETIZATION

350+

Data
integrations

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by Aol.

Forrester Research
leading DSP

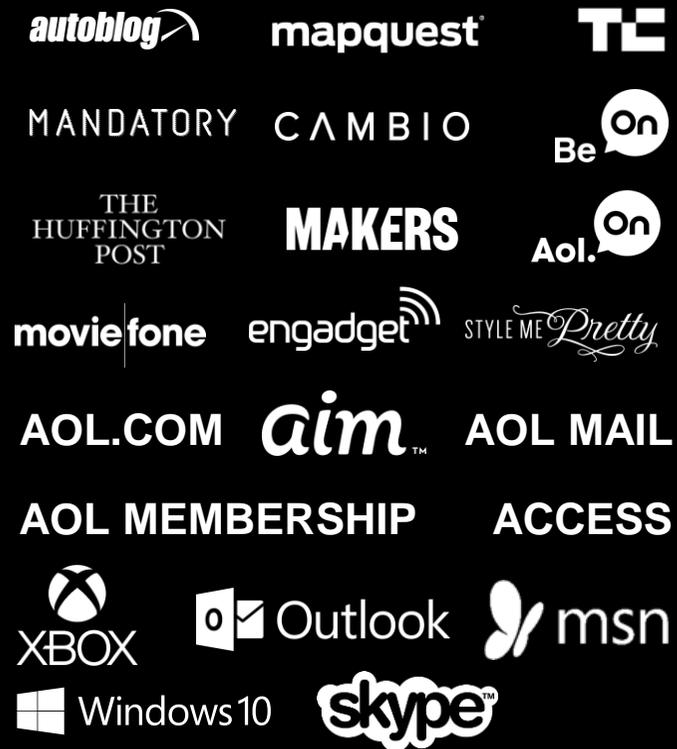
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HOW WE CONNECT

BRANDS



PLATFORMS



verizon

OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT



AOL
+ VERIZON / DMS
+ MICROSOFT

VERIZON

MASSIVE SCALE POWERED BY VERIZON / DMS

109M

NETWORK CONNECTIONS

70M

ADDRESSABLE DEVICES

6M

FIOS STB SUBSCRIBERS

MARKET DYNAMICS

61%

OF GLOBAL POPULATION TO HAVE
A MOBILE DEVICE BY END OF 2015

84%

SMARTPHONE TIME SPENT
IN-APP

73%

OF PROJECTED 2016
MOBILE AD SPEND TO
BE IN APP

AOL + VERIZON

**UNLOCK
MOBILE
POTENTIAL**

**SINGLE VIEW
OF USER**

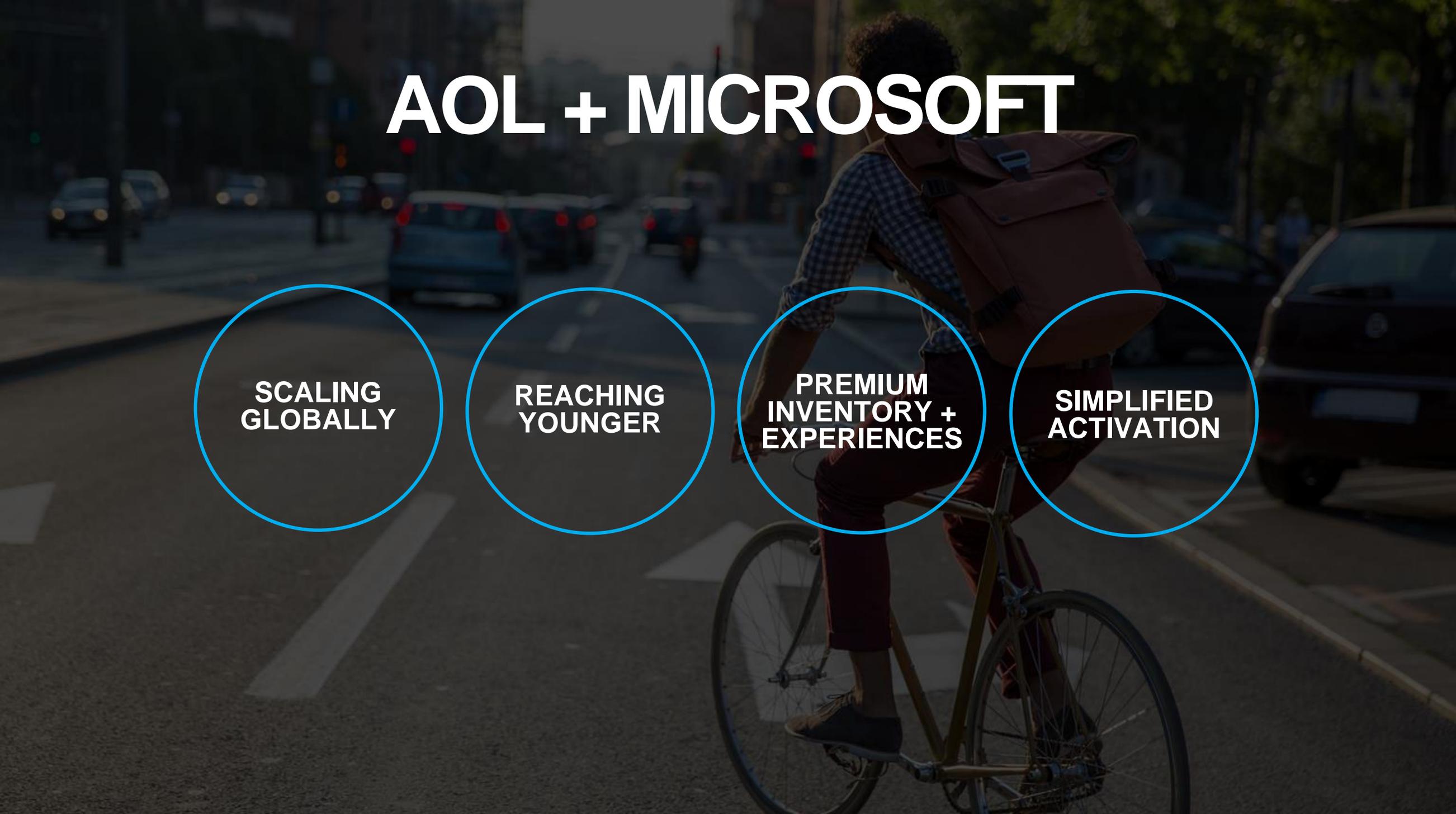
**CROSS
CHANNEL
ACTIVATION**

**POWERING
PREMIUM
CONTENT**

**CONVERGENCE
OF TV &
DIGITAL**

MICROSOFT

AOL + MICROSOFT



**SCALING
GLOBALLY**

**REACHING
YOUNGER**

**PREMIUM
INVENTORY +
EXPERIENCES**

**SIMPLIFIED
ACTIVATION**

SCALING GLOBALLY; REACHING YOUNGER

231M

GLOBAL UVs

52%

**GLOBAL MILLENNIALS
REACHED**

PREMIUM INVENTORY + EXPERIENCES



THE NEW AOL

1,000
content partners
with MSN

350+
Editors

35K
Guest Editors

4
Emmy
Nominations

ESPN
FOX **Disney**
CHANNEL
NBCUniversal
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Partnership

VDMS powers
12 hours of video
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monthly unique
mobile global
users

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3rd party data
partner integrations

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DISTRIBUTION

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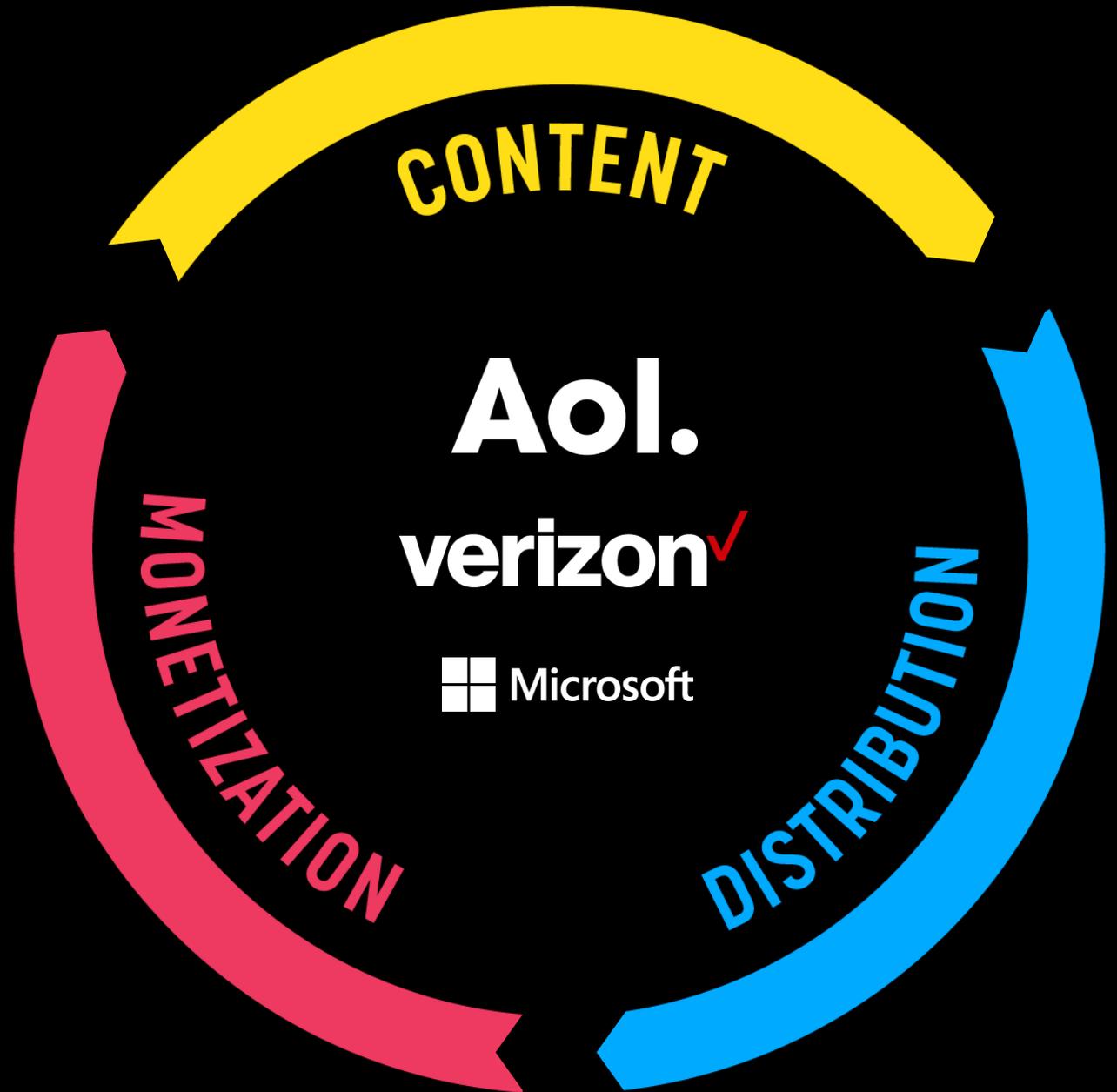
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“THE GENIUS OF THE AND.”

JIM COLLINS & JERRY PORRA

The authors of *Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies*



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OUR TBM STORY

**TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT**

FRAMEWORK



**TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT**

FRAMEWORK

**MEASURING
MANAGING
COMMUNICATING**



**TECHNOLOGY BUSINESS
MANAGEMENT**

FRAMEWORK

**MEASURING
MANAGING
COMMUNICATING**

IT

**BUDGET
COST
CONSUMP
TION
VALUE**

WHY?

2/3 rds CIO

BELIEVE IT

ACCELERATES

BUSINESS

1
BUSINESS LEADERS
2

THINK
IT
HINDERS
BUSINESS

A photograph of a stone wall built from dark, rounded stones, curving through a lush green valley. The wall is the central focus, with rolling hills in the background under a bright sky. The foreground is a well-maintained green lawn.

**OFTEN
WORKING
FROM A
DEFENSIVE
POSITION**

EXPENSIVE

BLACK BOX

COST-CENTER

ALLOCATION

TAX

BURDEN

EXPENSIVE

BLACK BOX

COST-CENTERED

TRANSPARENCY

ALLOCATION

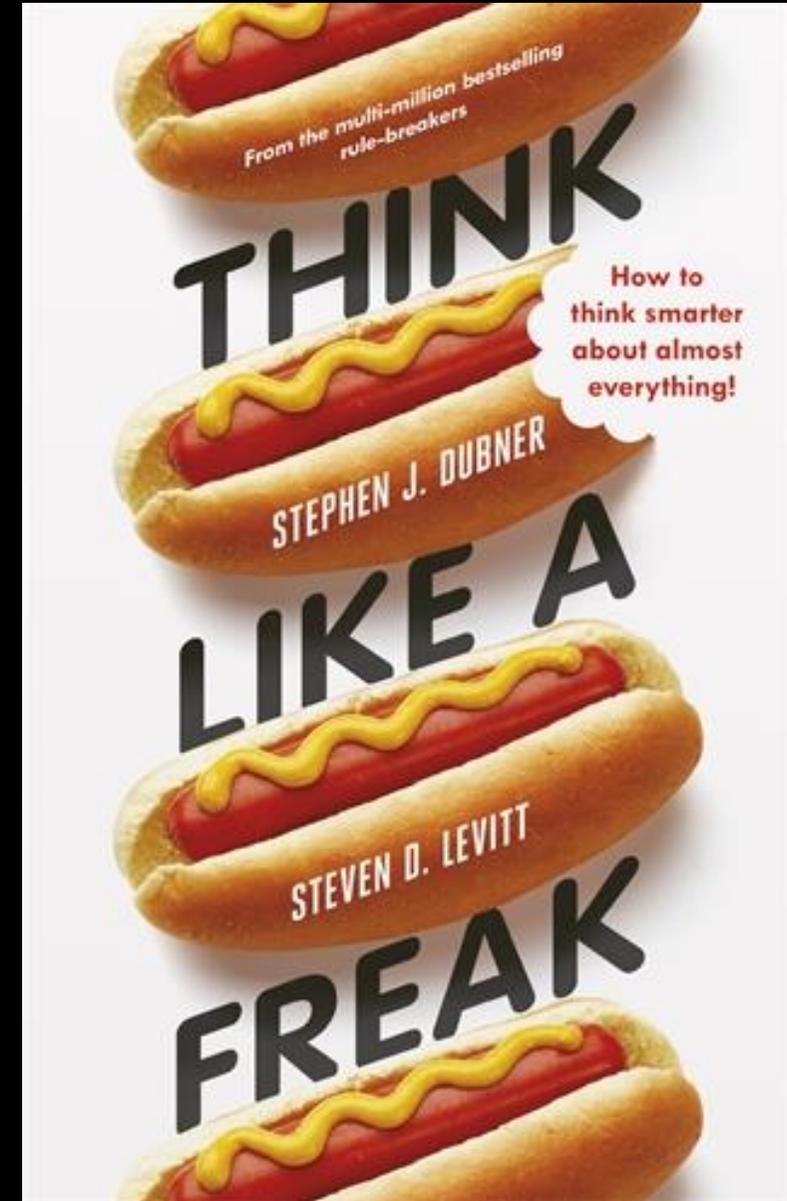
TAX

BURDEN



CREDIBILITY

“WHEN PEOPLE DON'T
PAY THE TRUE COST
OF SOMETHING, THEY
TEND TO CONSUME IT
INEFFICIENTLY”



GOALS

IT:
**STRATEGIC
WEAPON**



**FINANCIALLY
TRANSPARENT**

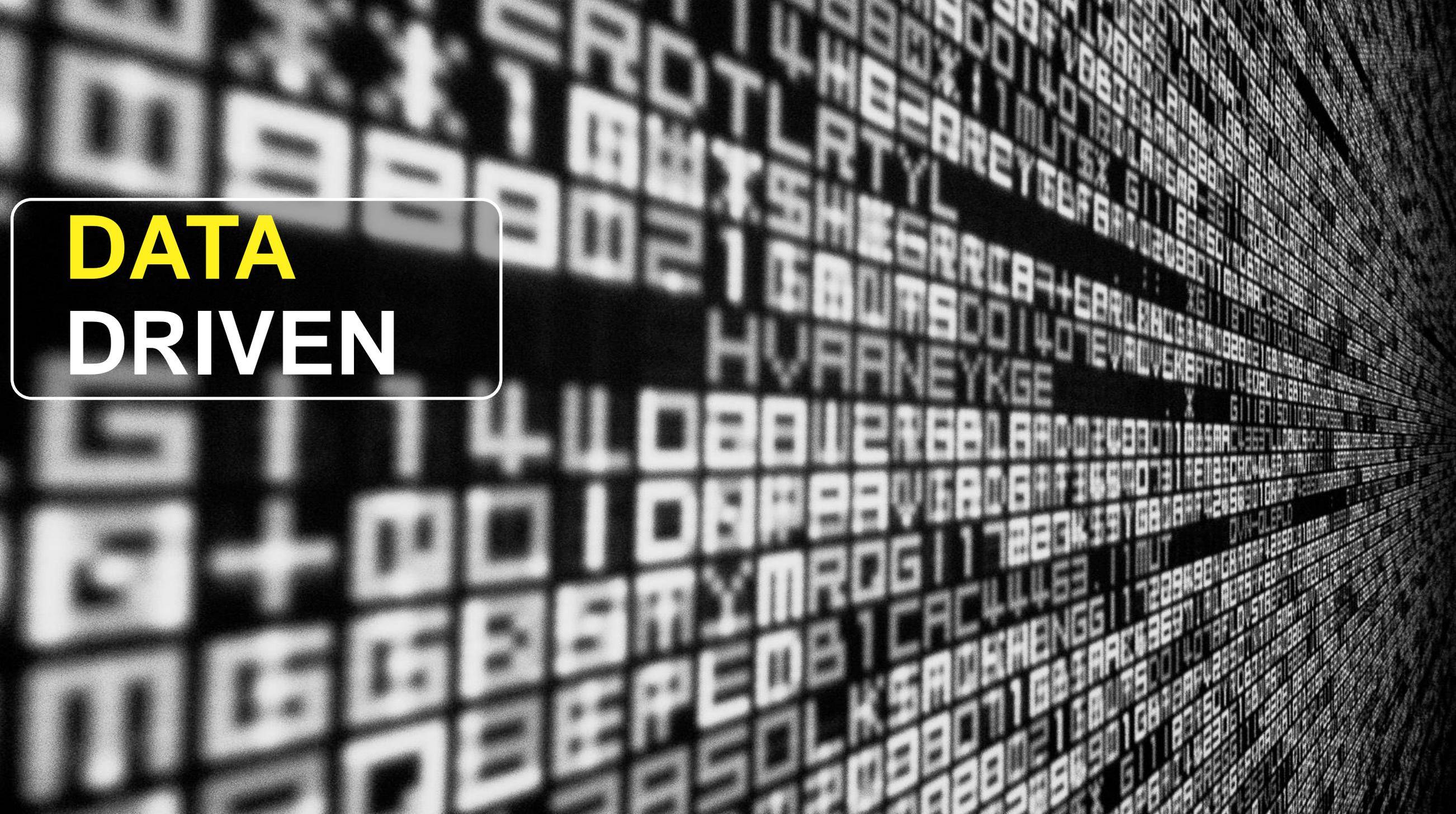




REPRESENT
REAL
COSTS



**DATA
DRIVEN**





**SERVICE
CATALOG**

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

30

29

28

A close-up photograph of several interlocking metal gears. The top gear is painted a bright orange color, while the others are dark grey or black. The background is dark, making the gears stand out. A white rounded rectangular box is overlaid on the lower half of the image, containing the text "DRIVE ACCOUNTABILITY".

**DRIVE
ACCOUNTABILITY**

HOW?

1

CONFIGURATION
MANAGEMENT
DATABASE

CMDB

2

DATA
COLLECTION

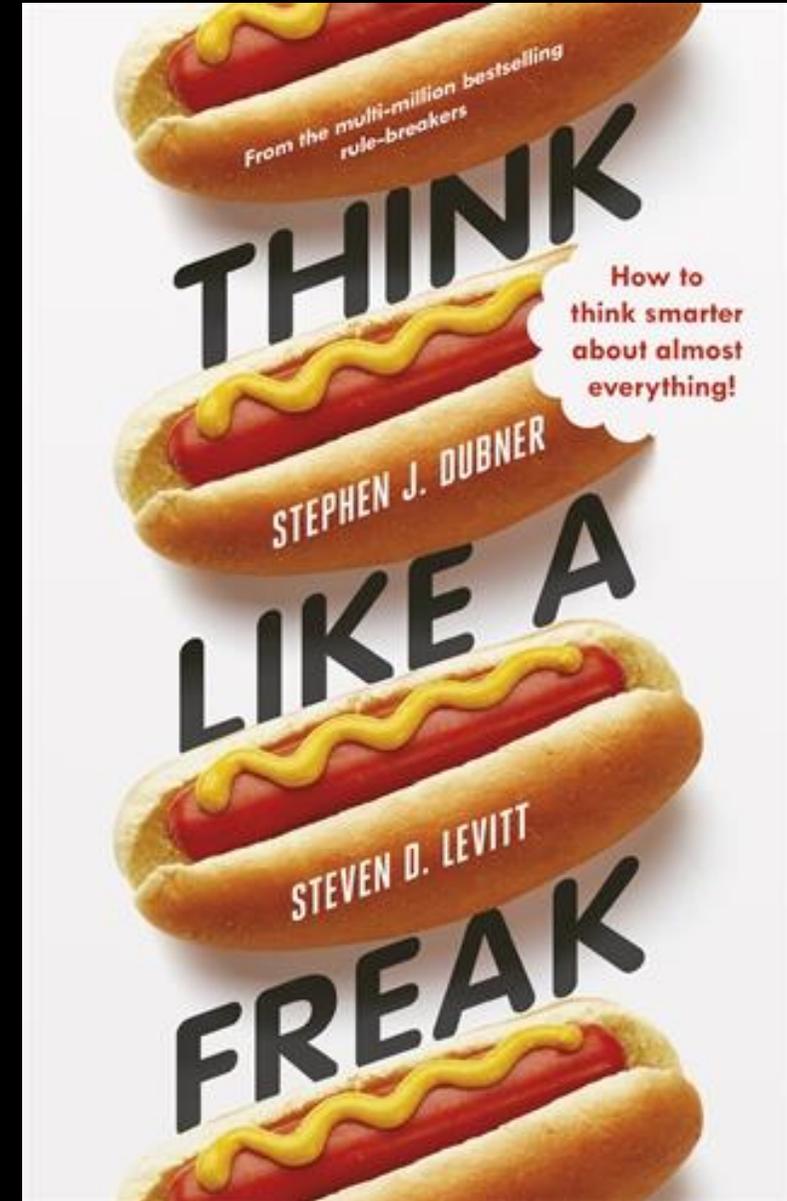
DON'T
WAIT TO
CLEAN
DATA

3

DEFINE RULES

ITERATE,
ITERATE,
ITERATE

“KNOWING WHAT TO MEASURE, AND HOW TO MEASURE IT, CAN MAKE A COMPLICATED WORLD LESS SO”



ACCEPTABLE 1st MODEL

TOTAL COSTS / TOTAL ASSETS = UNIT COST

X UNITS DEPLOYED PER UNIT COST
PRODUCT

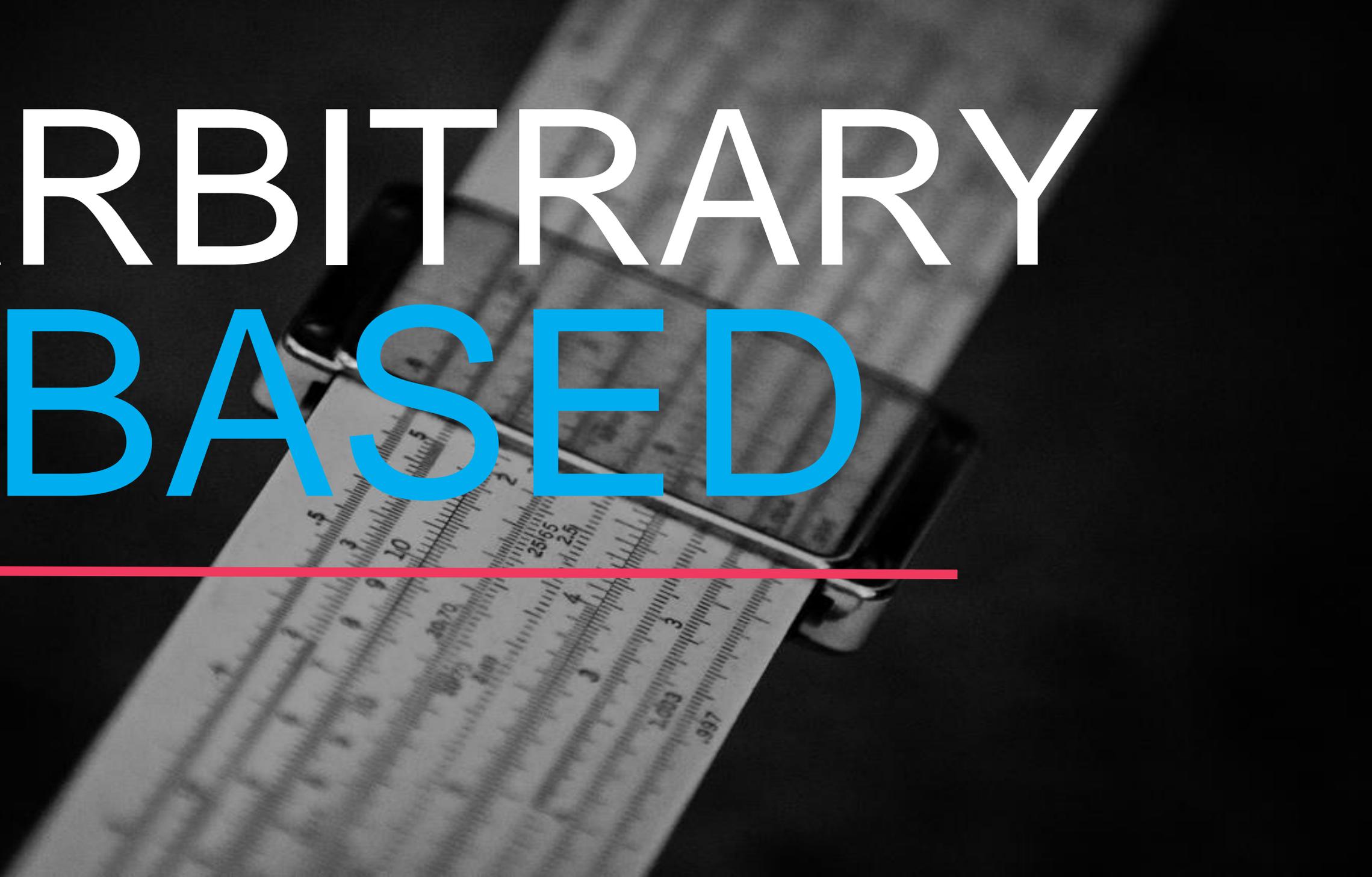
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Apptio TBM Unified Model

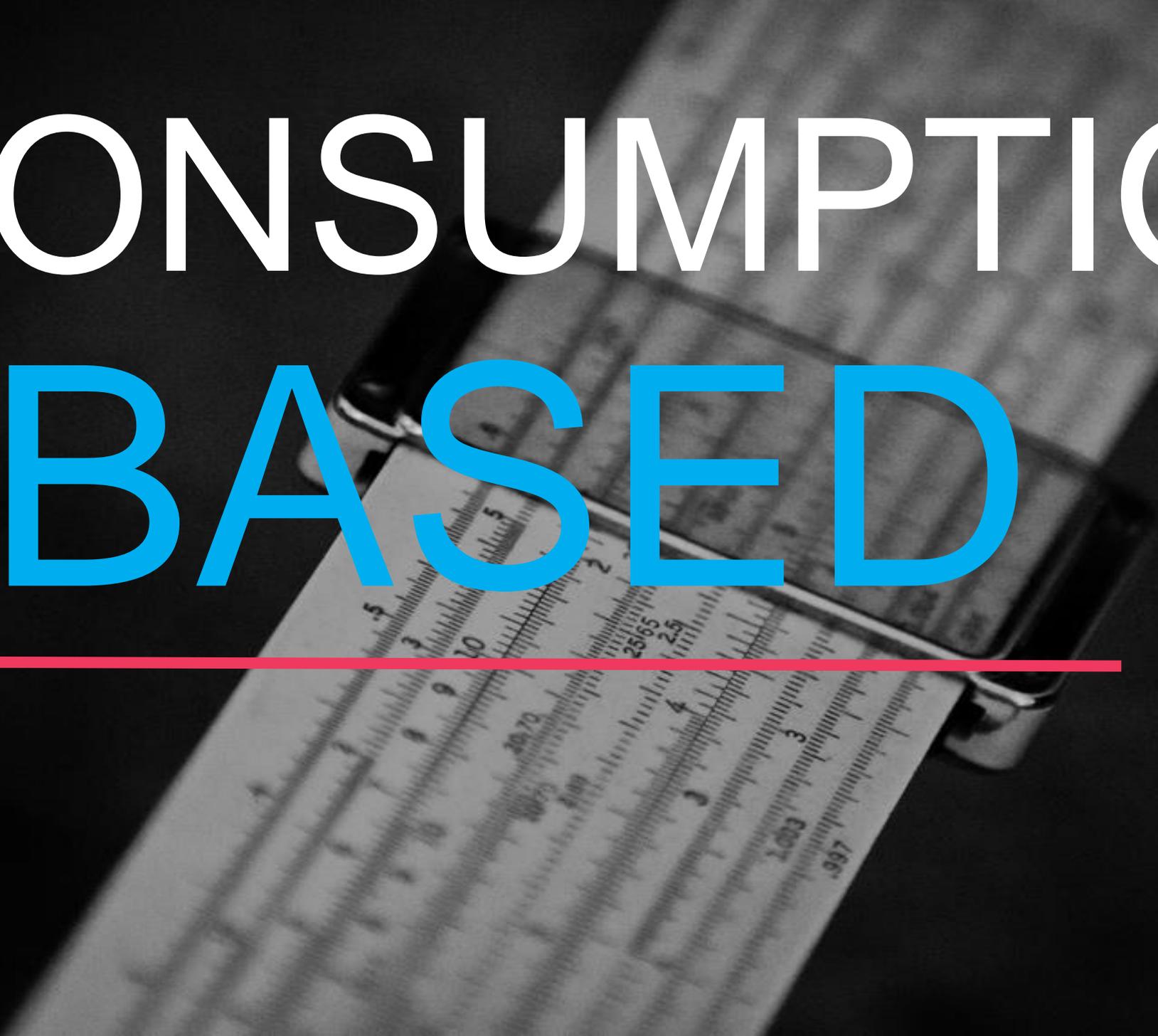
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DATA | TAXONOMY | MODEL

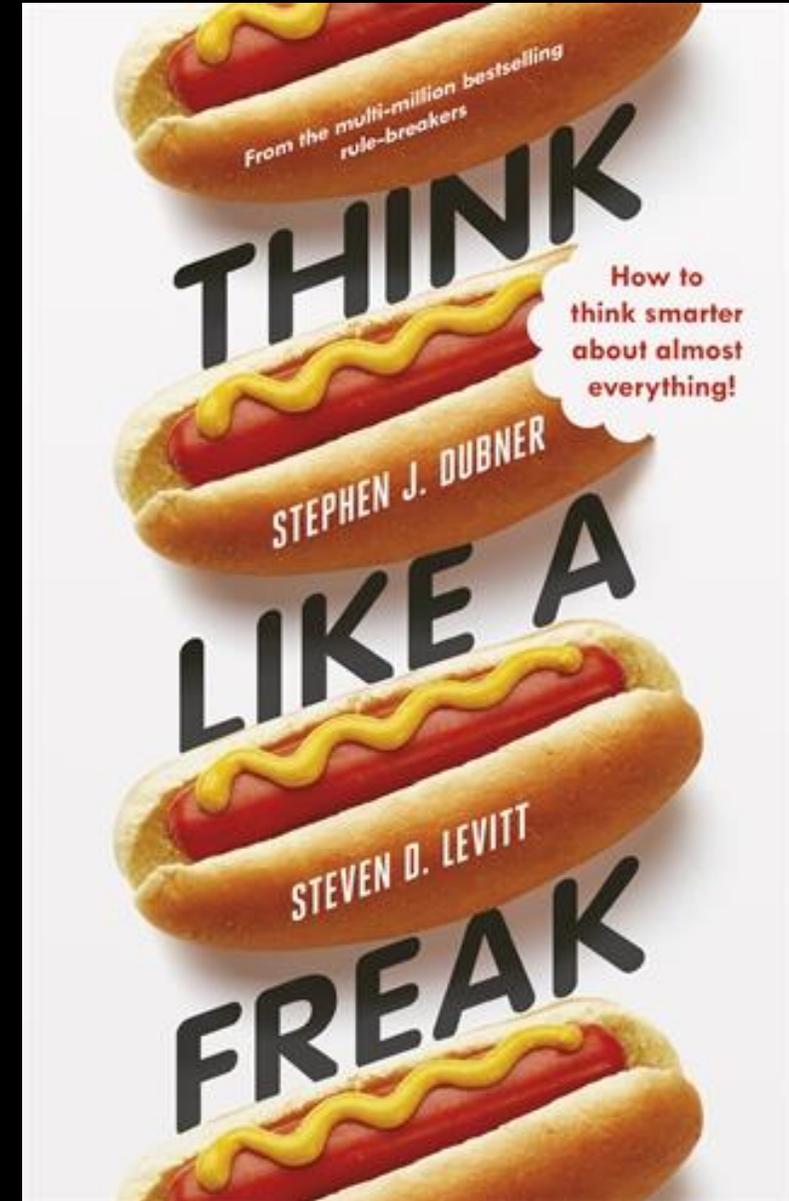
ARBITRARY BASED



CONSUMPTION BASED



“IT IS EASY TO GET
SEDUCED BY
COMPLEXITY; BUT
THERE IS VIRTUE IN
SIMPLICITY TOO”



7

MONTHLY
INVOICES



TBM OFFICE

MODEL OWNERSHIP
DATA INTEGRITY
ANALYSIS
EVANGELISM/TRAINING
MONTHLY CADENCE

RESULTS

DATA CENTER

STRATEGY

3 OF 5 YEAR

PLAN

-2 DATA CENTERS





**OCT.
1997**



**OCT.
2015**

MOVED

26,000

ASSETS

DECOMMISSIONED

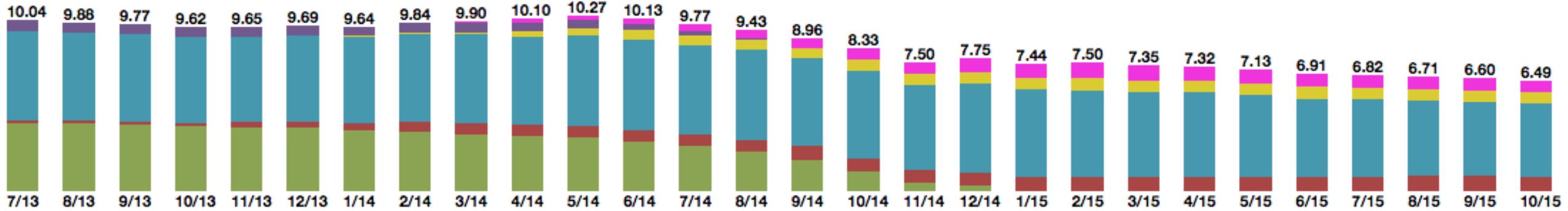
14,000 SERVERS

37% DROP

CARBON FOOTPRINT

Data Center Utilization (MW)

ATC DTC LCD MTC NTC SCD



AOL'S MODEL

OPEN SOURCING OUR IT FINANCIAL MODEL

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TBM ROADMAP

TOTAL TECH COSTS

TRANSACTIONAL COSTS OF
EVERY SUBSYSTEM

BENCHMARKING





THANK
YOU