



Software Engineering Vs. Moore

A composite image showing a portion of the Earth on the left, the Moon on the right, and a stack of many thin, white rectangular pieces of paper in the center. The stack of paper is oriented vertically, with its top edge pointing towards the Moon and its bottom edge pointing towards the Earth. The background is a dark space filled with stars. The text 'A question...' is centered above the stack of paper.

A question...

...how many times would one have to fold a piece of paper in order for the thickness to reach the moon?

Answer

Just **42** folds

103 folds - as thick as the width of the known universe

Exponential growth - human brains think linearly...

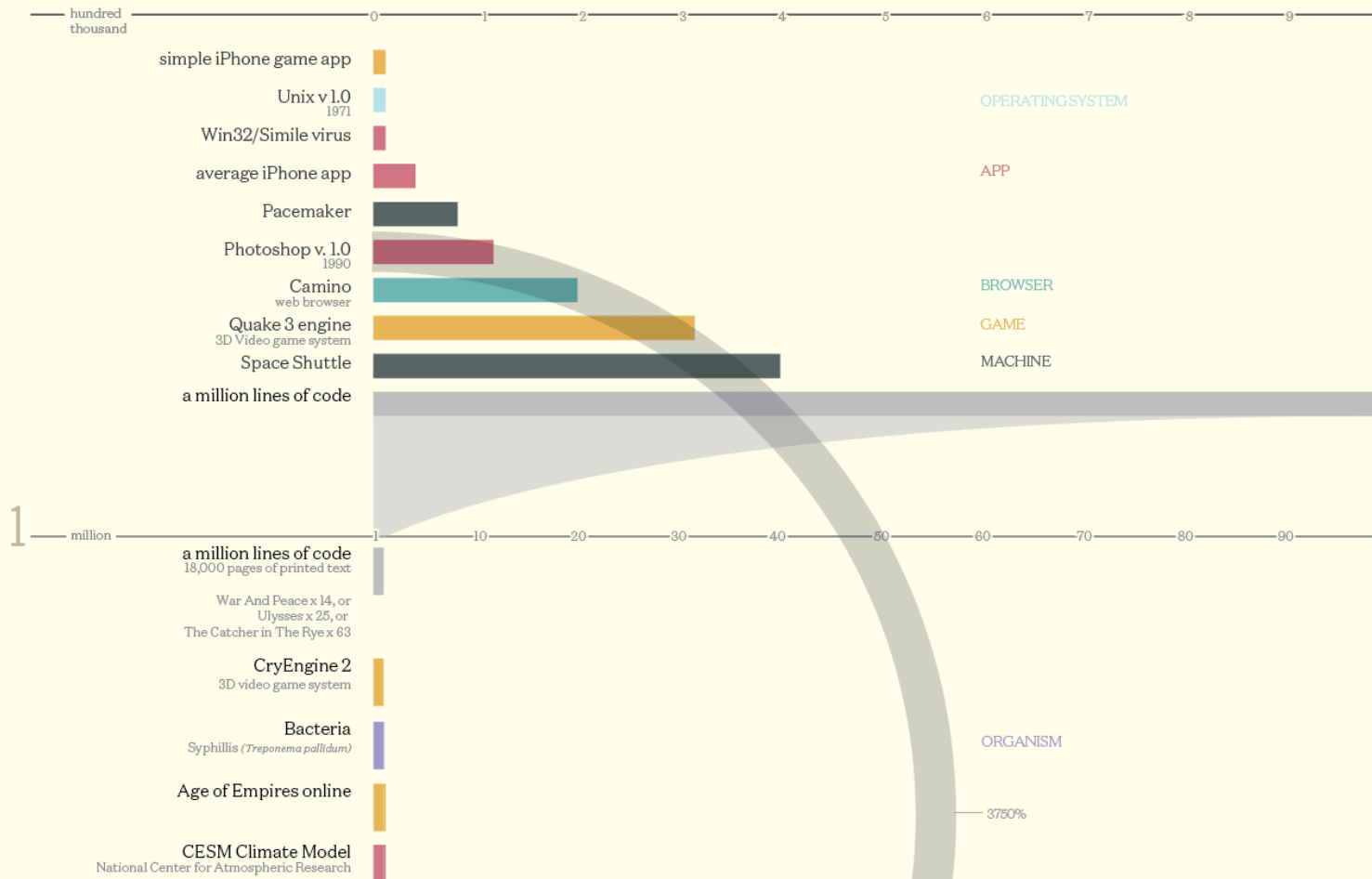
There is a well known exponential law in our industry

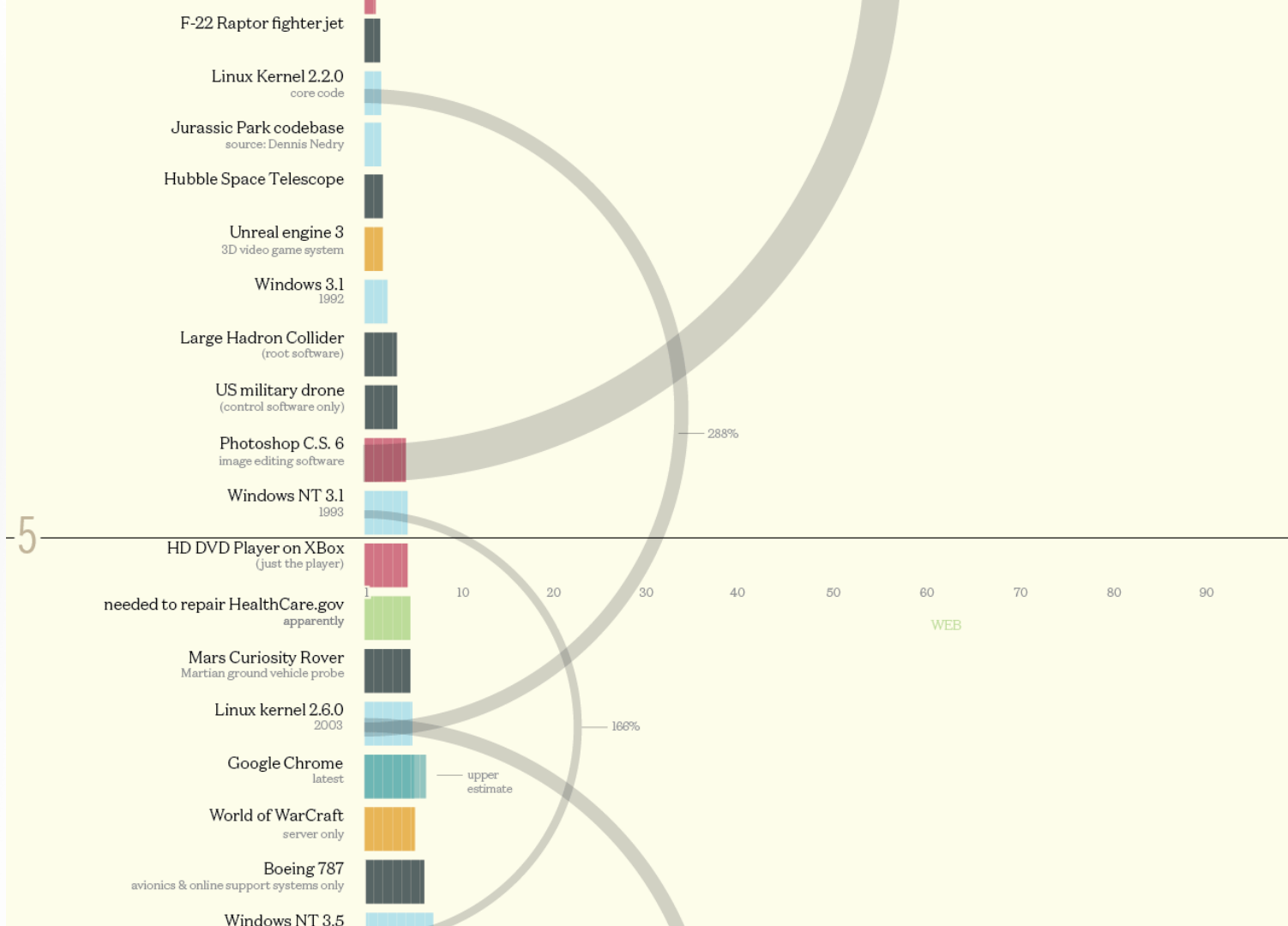
Moore's law

The exponential growth in compute power allows us to build today what was impossible yesterday

Codebases

Millions of lines of code





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Windows NT 3.5
1993

Firefox
latest version

Chevy Volt
electric car

Intuit Quickbooks
accounting software

Windows NT 4.0
1996

Android
mobile device operating system

Mozilla Core
core code at heart of all Mozilla's software

MySQL
database language

Boeing 787
total flight software

Linux 3.1
recent version

Apache Open Office
open-source office software

F-35 Fighter jet
2013

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Microsoft Office 2001

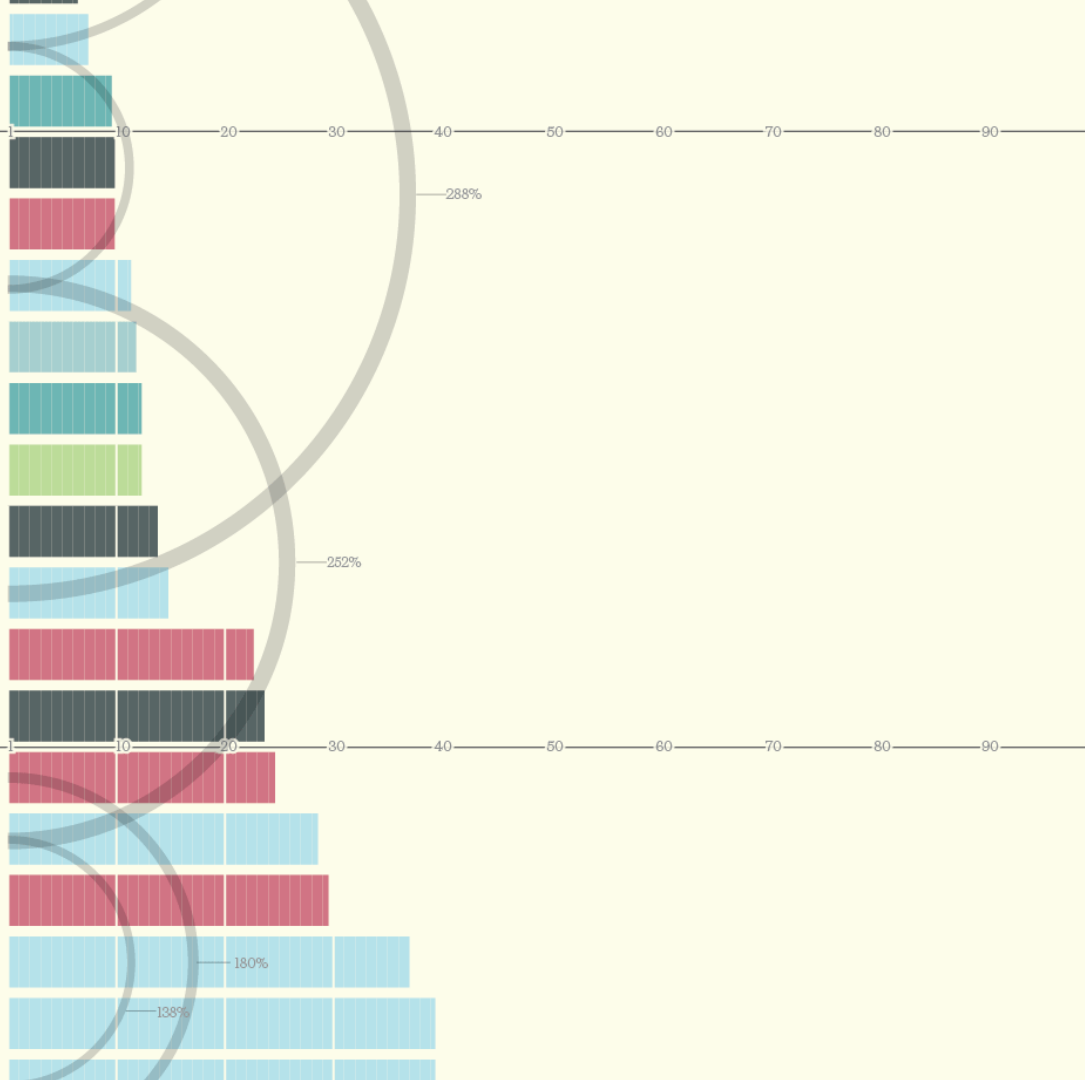
Windows 2000

Microsoft Office for Mac
2006

Symbian
mobile operating system

Windows 7
2009

Windows XP

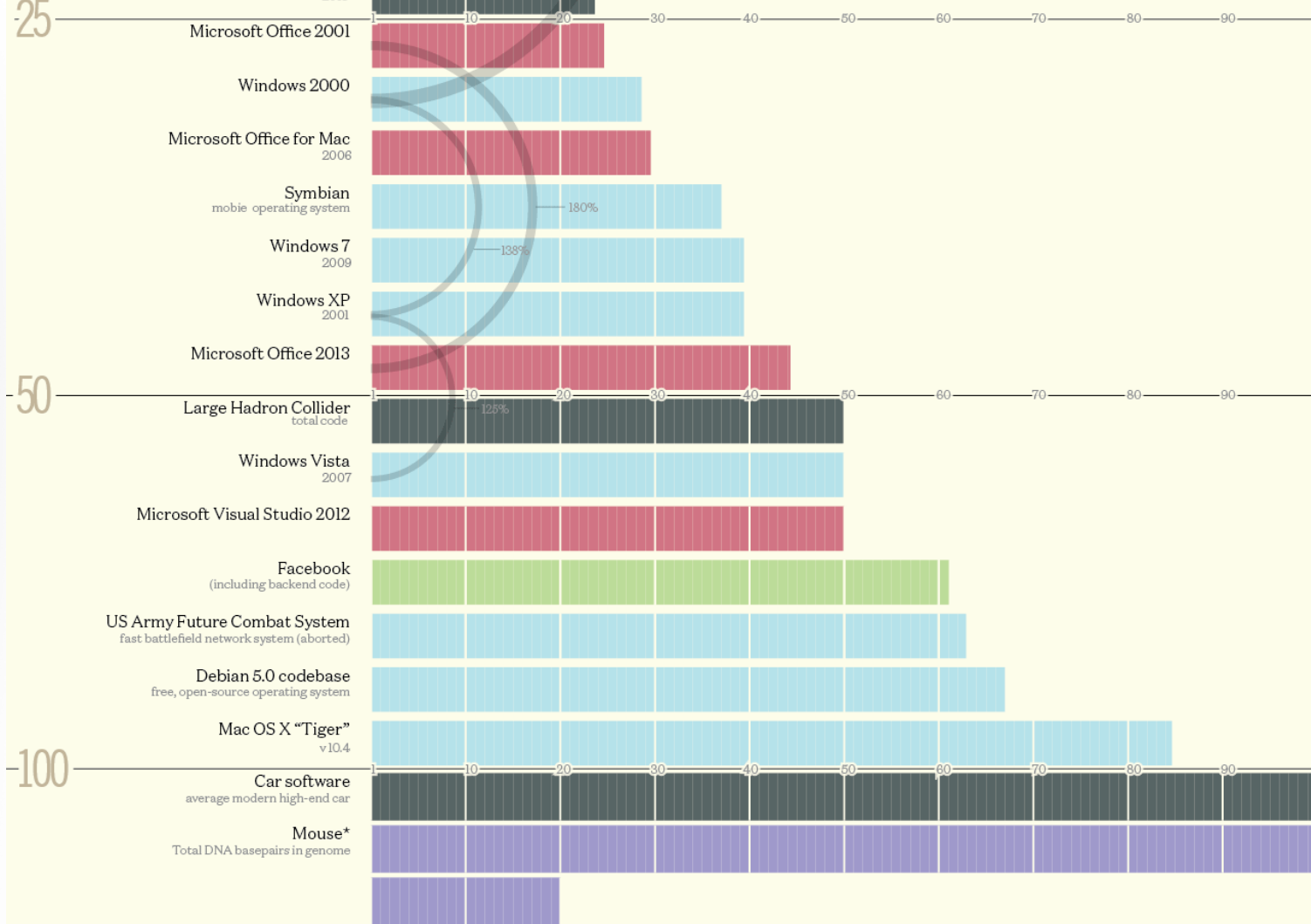


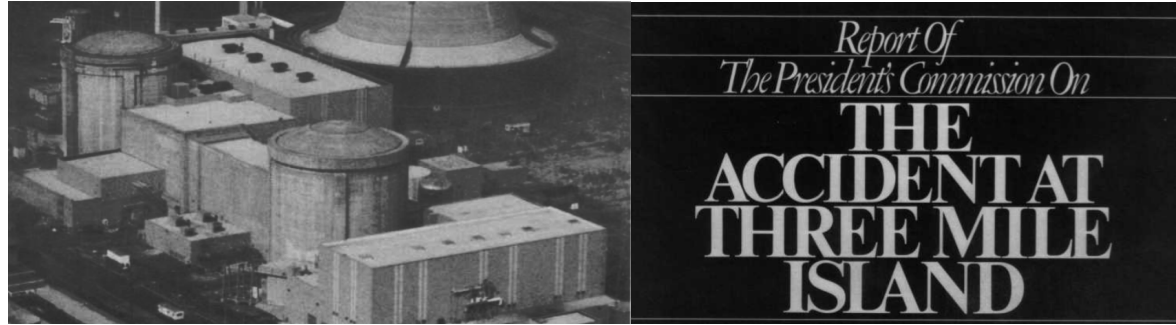
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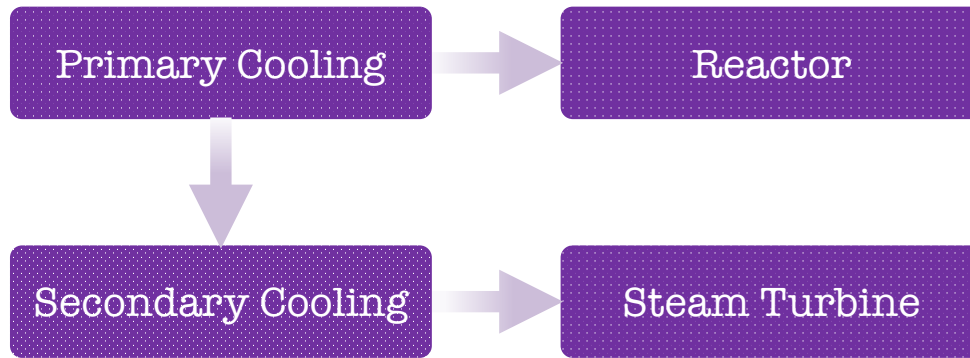
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Three Mile Island

What was the root cause?



Pressurised water reactors
A simple architecture does not
imply a simple implementation.

- »»→ Condensate polisher leaks water into pneumatic system
- »»→ Air pressure falls
- »»→ Main water pumps to secondary cooling close
- »»→ Loss of water from secondary cooling
- »»→ Backup water pumps start, but...
- »»→ No water as backup valves closed!
- »»→ Heat exchange with primary coolant stops
- »»→ Reactor "SCRAMs" - control rods dropped
- »»→ Primary coolant water overheats as fuel rods still hot
- »»→ Pressure relief valve opens, but fails to close
- »»→ Pressure relief valve indicator seems to show closed!
- »»→ 13 seconds into accident, already in LOCA
- »»→ Emergency water is injected, but then shut off
- »»→ Primary coolant drains away
- »»→ Reactor core partially exposed
- »»→ Partial meltdown with hydrogen bubbles

Some Historical Trends – What's been happening

CODE VOLUME

1980s ~ 1M LOC monoliths
1990s ~ 1M LOC monoliths
2000s ~ 50K LOC SOA
**2010s ~ < 500 LOC
micro-services**

ITERATION TIMES

1980s (Waterfall)
~ 1 year
1990s (Early agile scrum)
~ 3 months
2000s (Agile XP et al)
~ 2 weeks
2010s (Extreme agile)
~ 1 day

RELEASE CYCLES

1980s ~ 2/3 years
1990s ~ < 1 year
2000s ~ 3 month
**2010s ~ 1 week and in
some cases
< 1 day**

Technology Enablers – What the disruptors do



CLOUD

- Capex, h/w lead times, capacity planning
- Compute power commoditized.
- All infrastructure is code, all costs are operational, capacity scales elastically



CONTAINERS

- Operations team
- The 'Runs on my machine' Problem – solved
- DevOps, continuous delivery pipelines, immutable deployments



ARCHITECTURE

- Monolith → SOA → micro-services
- Enabled by rapid deployment pipeline and elastic infrastructure
- Reduce the gap between development and production



LANGUAGES

- High ceremony, object oriented, closed source, specialist developers
- Low ceremony, dynamic languages, full stack polyglot developers
- Incremental application development
- Open Source

Inhibitors – What's stopping you?

1

Organizational and development inertia

- Use technology as a catalyst for organizational change
- 'Reverse Conway's'

2

Politics

- 'I don't see any role for our ops group going forward'

3

Language / platform religion

- Php / Cobol / Whatever is the best platform ever

4

Closed thinking – reluctance to adopt open source

- Re-inventing the wheel

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Fear of failure

- Failure is OK – fail fast and learn fast

nearForm – What we do



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Professional services company - specialize in helping large enterprises leverage disruptive technologies



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Doubled / Tripled revenues year on year since inception, now over 100 staff.
100+ projects shipped.



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Digital transformation-Consultancy, Training, and Co-Development

Innovation and Delivery



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NETFLIX

Innovation Delivery



Languages and frameworks



Accelerated development processes



Cloud, Containers & DevOps



Accelerated release cycles



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Summary



EXPONENTIAL COMPUTE GROWTH

Enables creation of
disruptive technology



EARLY ADOPTERS WIN BIG



TECHNOLOGY CAN DRIVE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE