# The Evolving Communications Landscape

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## **AT&T Highlights**

- Largest number of mobile subscribers and the largest international coverage of any U.S. wireless carrier.
  - AT&T's domestic digital voice and data network covers more than 298 million people with 72.9 million customers as of 2Q08.
  - Customers can make calls on six continents and in more than 200 countries – with wireless data-roaming in more than 150 countries for laptops, PDAs and other data services and third-generation (3G) service in 60 countries.
- One of the world's most high-profile rollouts of IPTV technology with deployment expected to reach approximately 30 million living units across 22 states by the end of 2010.
  - AT&T is the only U.S. national service provider to offer a 100-percent IP-based television service
  - Innovative features include: a robust High Definition channel lineup; Web and Mobile Remote Access to the DVR; the ability to record up to four programs on a single DVR simultaneously; an integrated online photos channel, AT&T Online Photos from Flickr; customizable on-screen weather, sports, stock and traffic information from AT&T U-bar; YELLOWPAGES.COM TV; AT&T Yahoo! Games and more.

- One of the world's most advanced and powerful global backbone networks,
  - Carries 15.6 petabytes of data traffic on an average business day and includes nearly 879,000 fiber route miles worldwide.
- AT&T is the premier provider of broadband service and the largest Wi-Fi provider in the U.S.
  - More than 14.7 million high speed Internet subscribers as of 2Q08.
  - AT&T offers high speed Internet access to businesses in more than 55 countries.
  - AT&T Broadband via Satellite (provided by WildBlue) in AT&T's local service areas where AT&T High Speed Internet service is not available.
  - Wi-Fi connectivity from more than 17,000 hot spots in the United States alone; and from more than 71,000 locations around the world (including both company-owned and thirdparty hot spots).



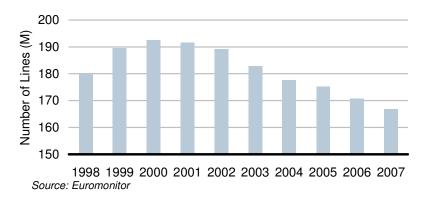
# Technological Trends in the Past 10 Years



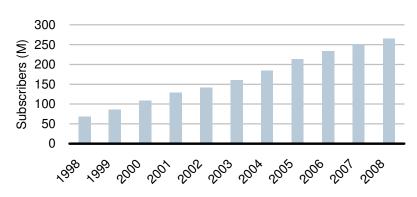
# The Rise of Mobility

- Mobile telephone subscriber numbers have increased from 69 million in 1998 to over 266 million in 2008
- The number of fixed telephone lines in use has decreased from a high of 192 million in 2000 to under 167 million in 2007
- As a percentage of telecoms revenue, mobile telecoms revenue has increased from 14.9% in 1998 to 46.2% in 2007
  - Text messaging has skyrocketed from 12.2 million texts sent per month in 2000 to over 72 billion in 2008

#### Telephone Lines in Use

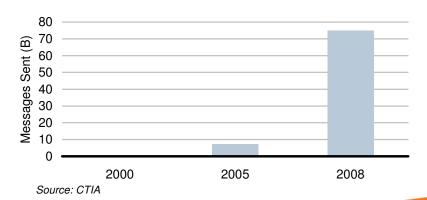


#### Mobile telephone subscribers in the US



Source: Euromonitor

#### Text Messages Sent Per Month in the US

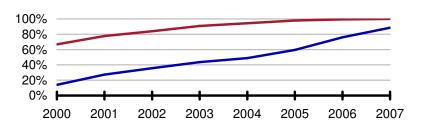




#### The Rise of Broadband

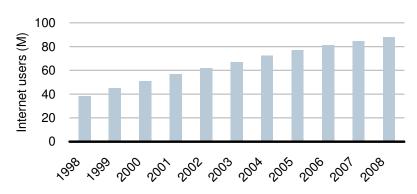
- The number of internet subscriptions in the US has increased from 38 million in 1998 to over 87 million in 2008
- Broadband internet subscriptions has also increased as the number of dial-up subscriptions has decreased
  - Broadband internet subscription numbers increased from less than 1 million in 1998 to over 74 million in 2008 while dial-up subscriptions have steadily decreased since a high of 42 million in 2001 to 13 million
- The percentage of high-speed internet coverage across the US has also greatly improved

Percent of high-speed internet coverage by zip codes in the US



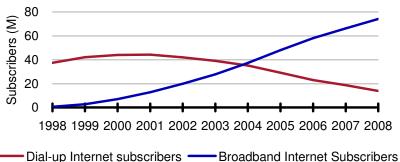
Percent of Zip Codes with 1 or More High-Speed InternetProviders Percent of Zip Codes with 4 or More High-Speed Internet Providers Source: FCC

#### Number of internet subscribers in the US



Source: Euromonitor

#### Number of dial-up and broadband internet subscribers in the US



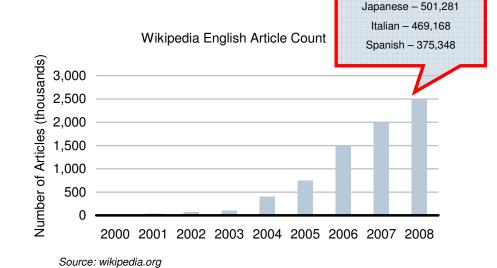
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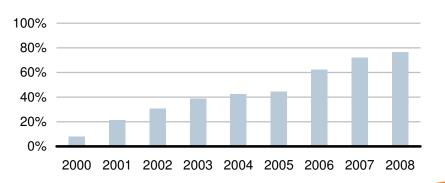
2008 country article count: German – 768,472 French – 677,172

### The Rise of the Pervasive Internet

- As internet availability has increased, so has usage and the different way consumers are utilizing the internet
  - There are currently 2.25 billion emails sent per day and 12 billion searches performed in July 2008
  - Facebook and MySpace each have over 100 million users, and Facebook overtook
    MySpace as the #1 online networking site in April 2008
  - Wikipedia has seen tremendous growth, as there are currently more than 2.5 million English articles on Wikipedia
- Growth is expected to continue as consumers increasingly watch online videos
  - User generated content such as YouTube will generate more than 73 billion streams or downloads in 2008 – delivering more traffic than the entire US backbone in 2000



Percentage of people in the US who used Google each month



Source: comscore.com



# In 1998 many common devices were in their infancy...

Analog cell phones were still widely used





Casio's new digital camera featured 1024 x 768 resolution

The most prevalent internet connection was a 56kbps dialup modem





The Powerbook G3 had a 300Mhz processor, zip drive and a 5.0 GB hard drive.

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Wi-Fi was still in its

The Walkman combined the ability to listen to tapes and the radio on-the-go.



Sony released their concept flat-screen

model TV in 1998.





DVDs were beginning to overtake VHS tapes but many families began purchasing

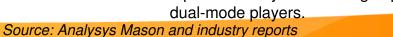


Stacked hard drives afforded computer users ample space to store files.



The first commercial bluetooth products began coming out only in 1998.

GPS products were still in their infancy.





### ...all of which are now incorporated into one device





# **Policy Lessons**

