

The Strategic Technology Planning Process



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- When you think about the term “technology” do you think of it as:

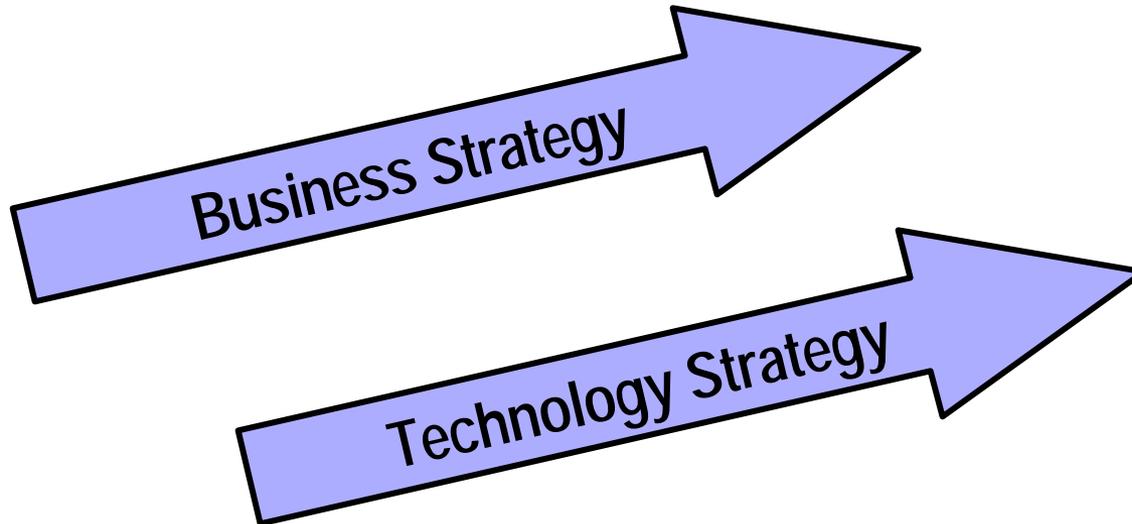
“The people that run our computers.”

“A way of doing things.”

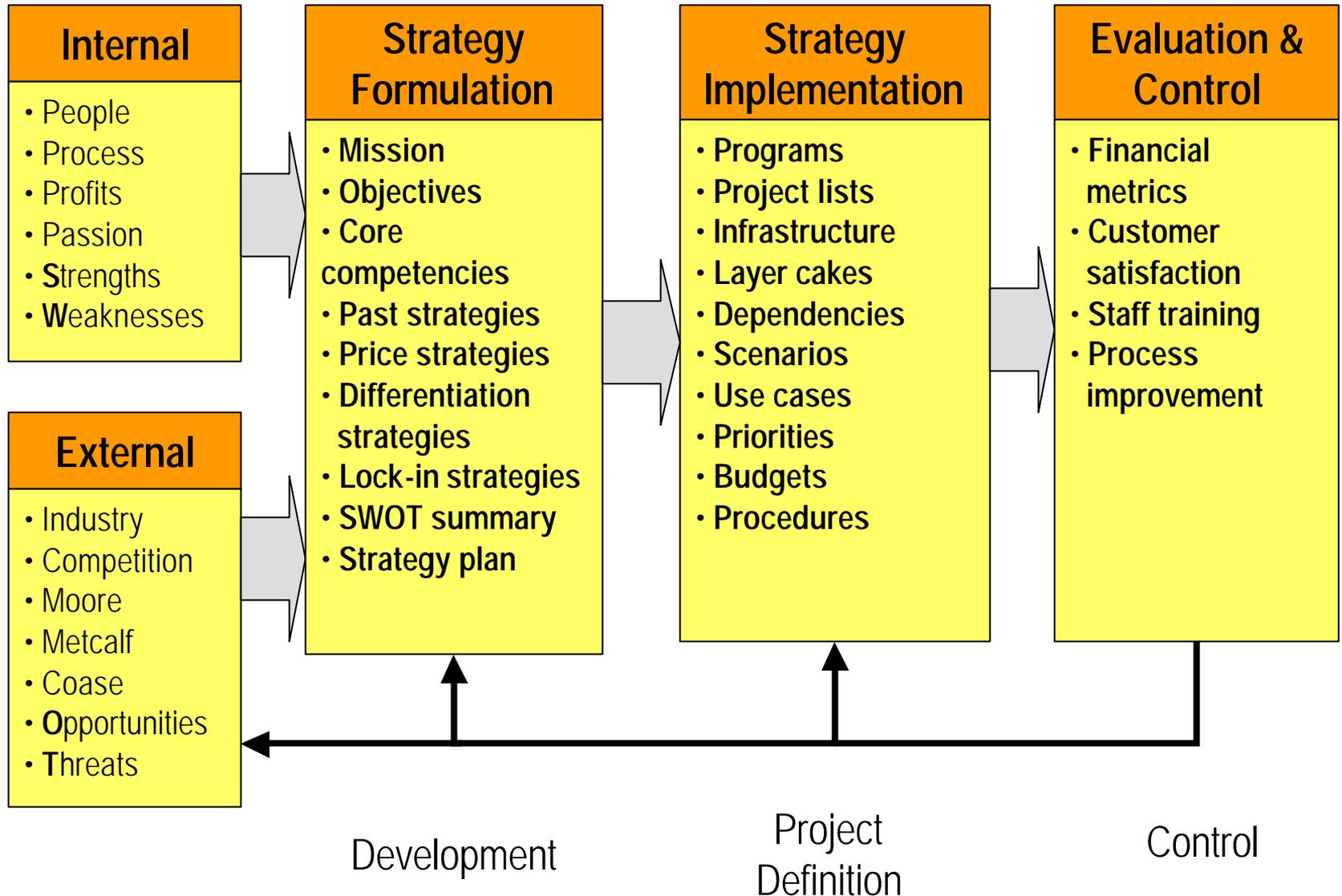


Technology Alignment

- Make sure that your **business** strategy and your **technology** strategy are in alignment.



Strategic Technology Planning Process

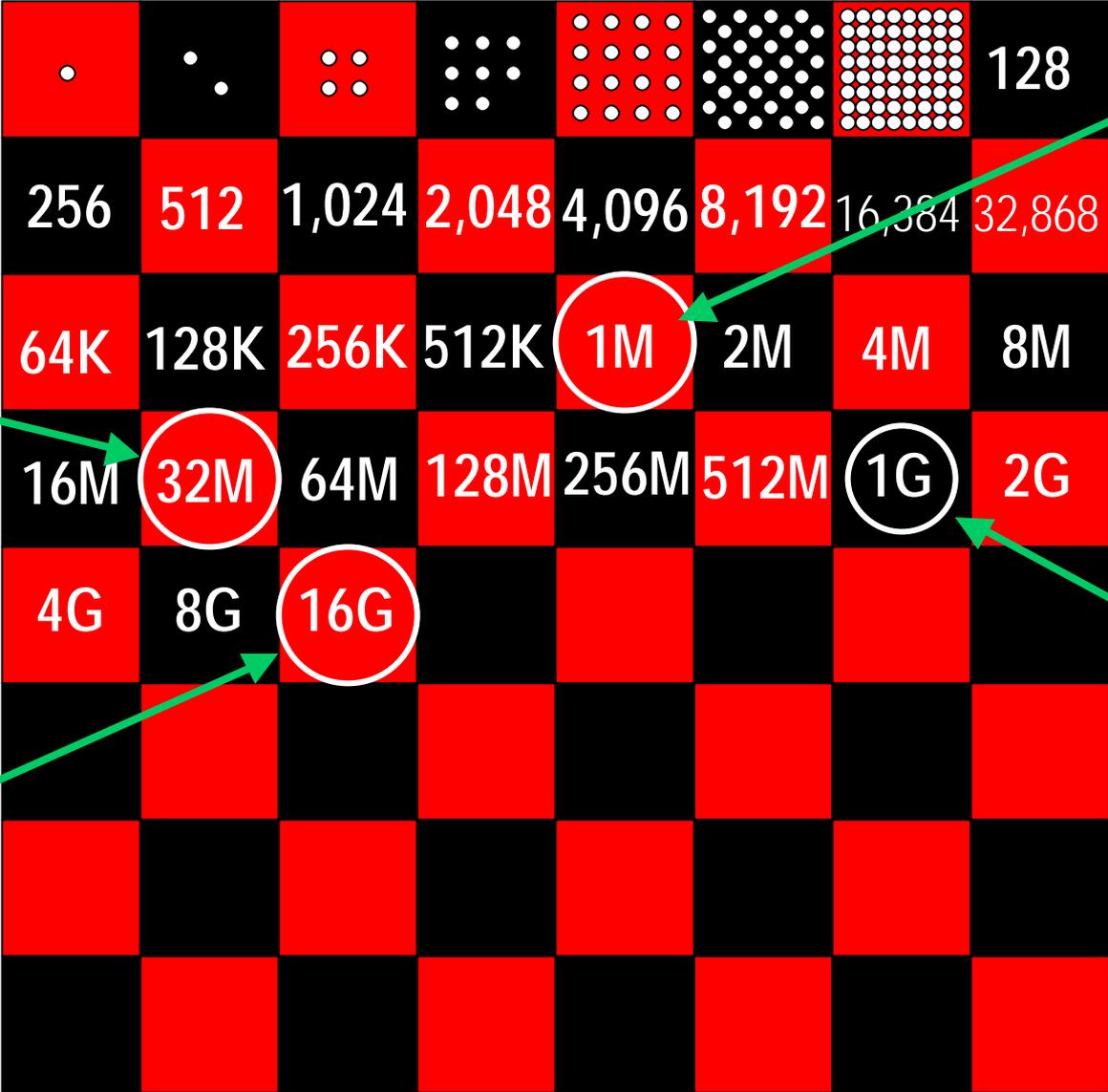


An ancient Chinese mathematician...

... did a great deed for the Emperor of China.
“You may have anything in my kingdom you wish.” said the emperor.

“All I ask is for one grain of rice on the first square of my chess board and double that amount on each square till the board is full.”



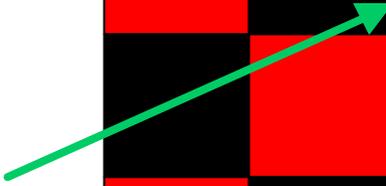


Number of Transistors on a Chip

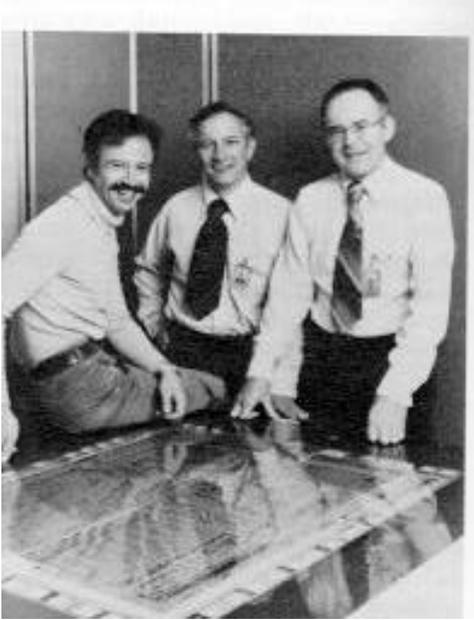
Cable Modem Speed (1Mbit/sec)

Processor Speed (1GHz)

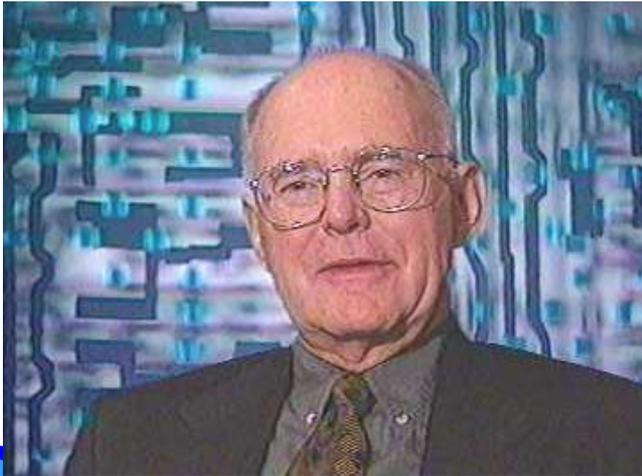
Hard Disk Size (Gigabytes)



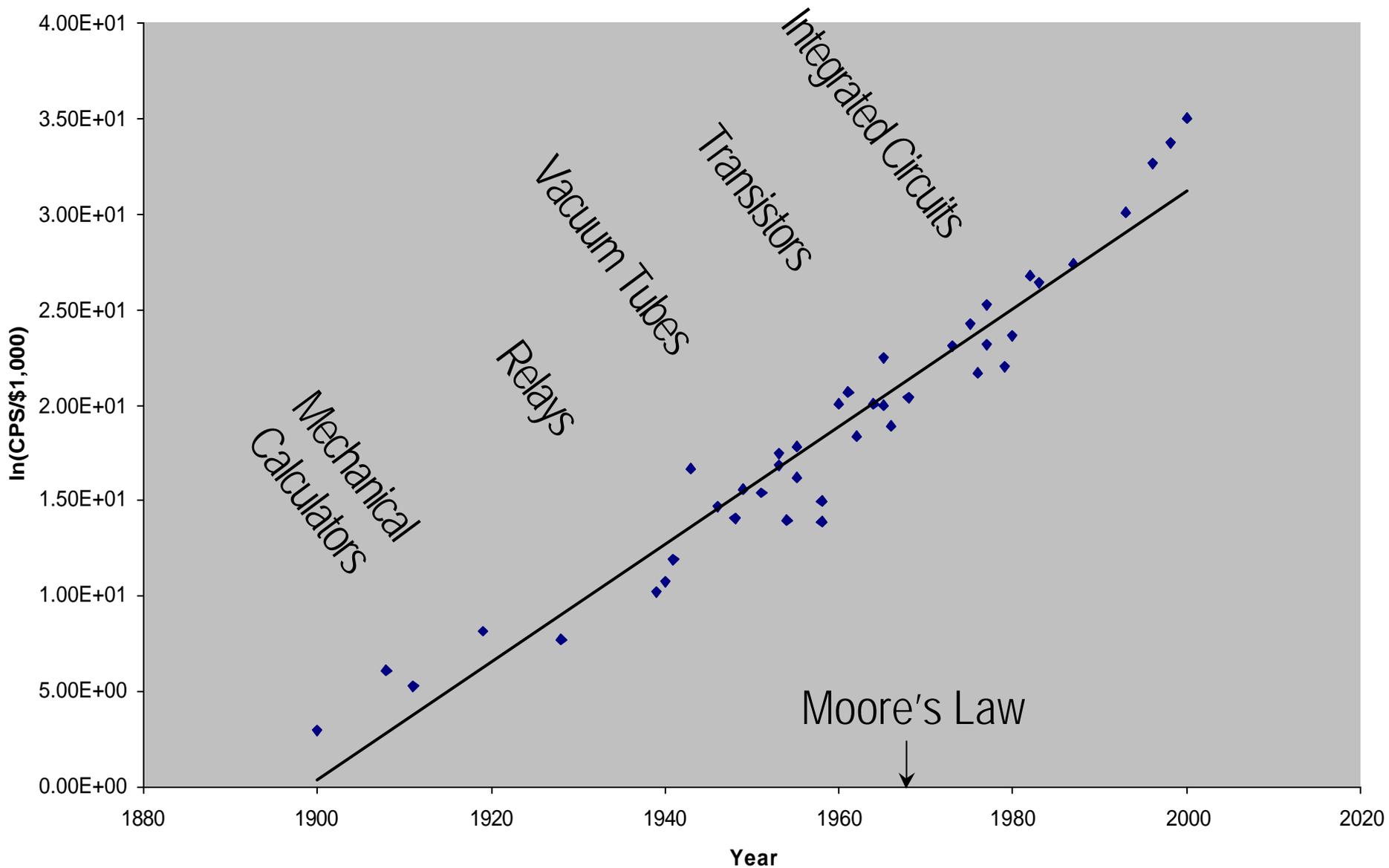
Moore's law



- First observed in 1965 by Gordon Moore, an engineer at Intel
- Density of integrated circuits was doubling every 18 months
- Computer chips dropped in price by 50% every 18 months
- \$1 has twice the purchasing power 1.5 years from now



100 Years of Computing



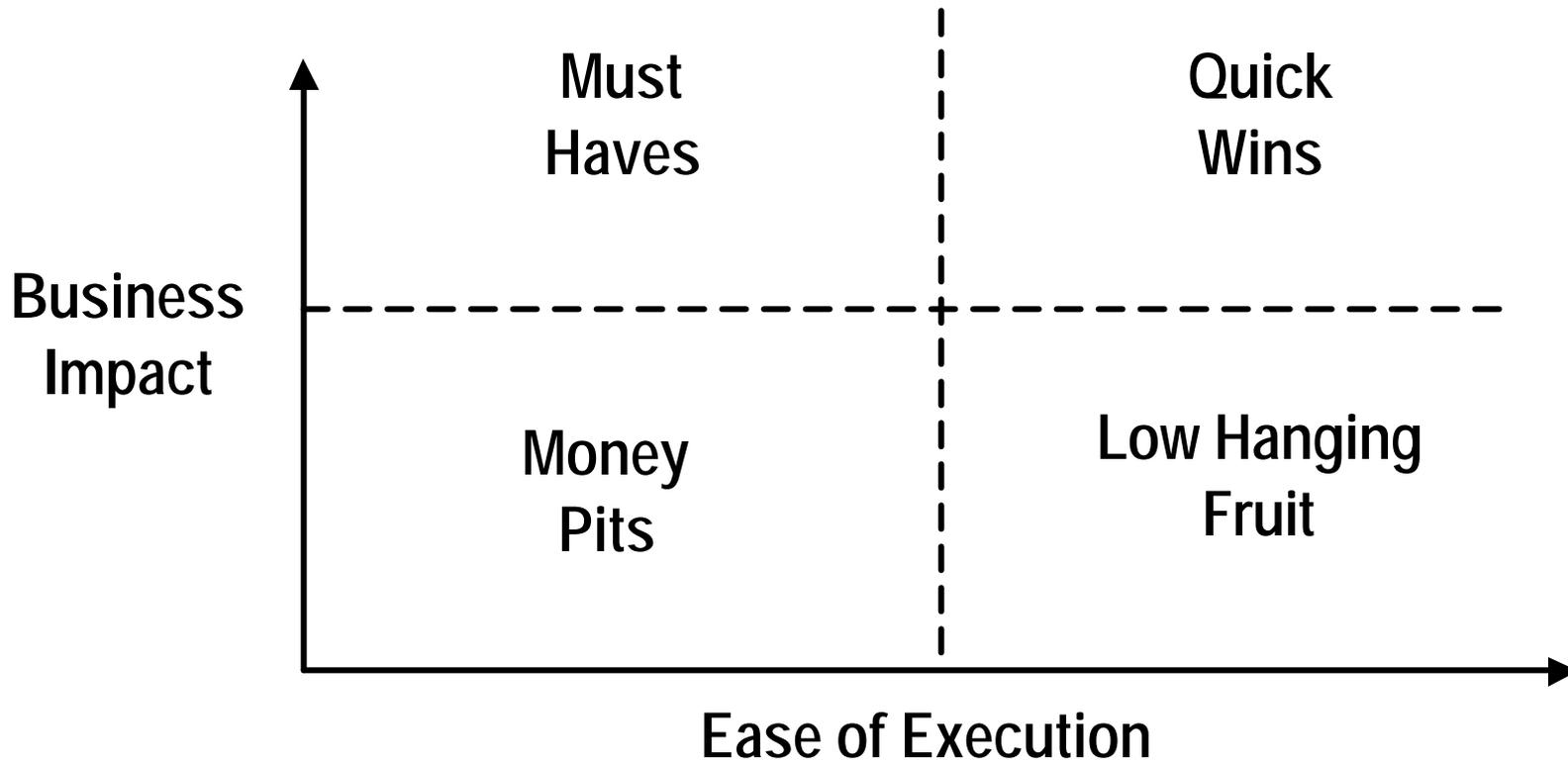


Metcalfe's law

- The value of a network increases **exponentially** the more people are using it
- Standards
 - FAX
 - Web: 1992 <1% to 1996 >90%
 - XML: technology for “spontaneous exchange of structured data between computer system”



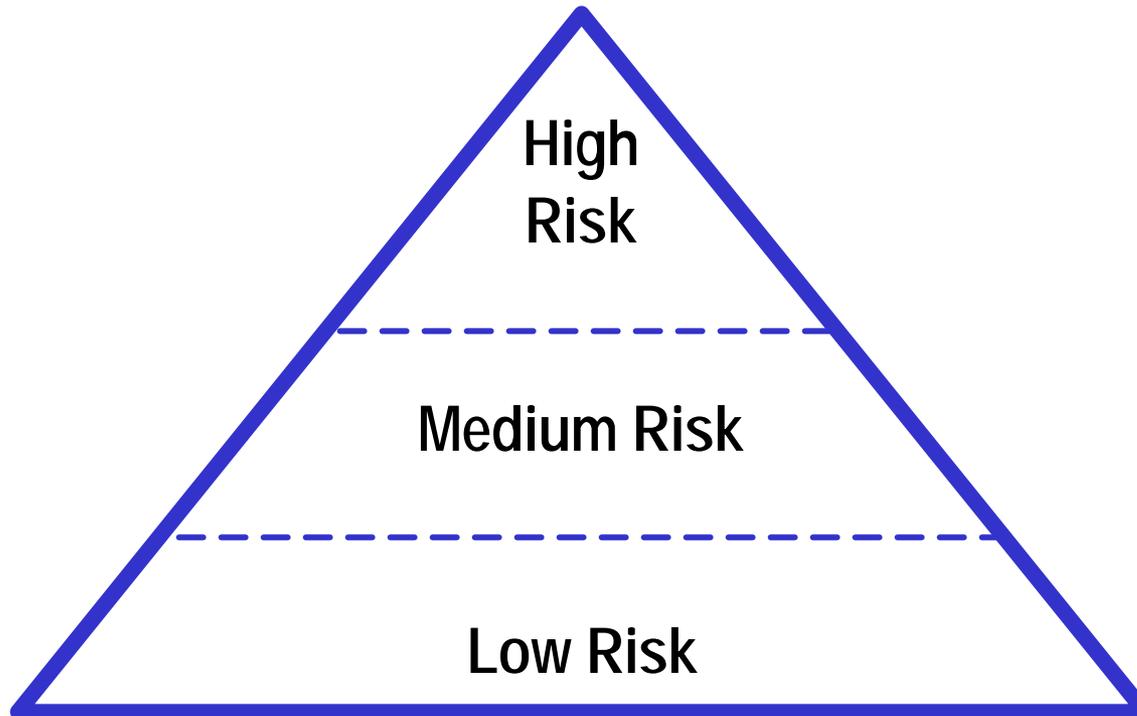
Project Prioritization Matrix



Source: Net Ready, Hartman et. al



Project Portfolio

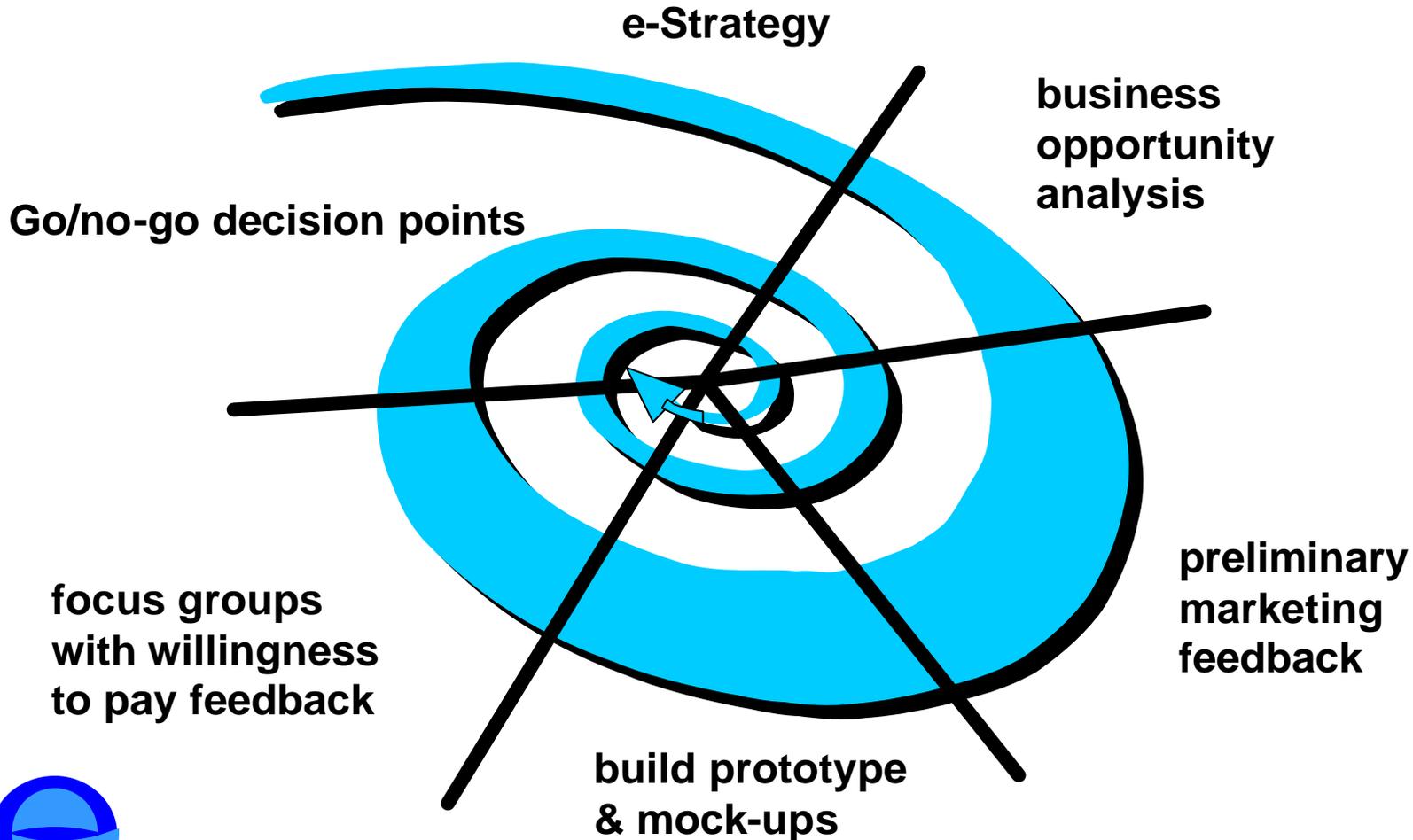


Layer Cake

Web Browsers		Desktop			PDA
Sales Force Automation			Customer Service		Public Web Site
GL-AP-AR	MRP	CRM	Document Mgmt.	Web Content Mgmt.	
Data Storage (RDBMS)		Information Storage		Messaging (e-mail, FAX)	
Network Devices (routers, firewalls, VPN)					
Physical Wiring (cables, hubs)					



Iterative Development Process



Balanced Scorecard

Financial

- sales volume
- revenue from new service offerings
- profitability by service type

Process

- sales pipeline
- order entry
- service set-up time
- call return time
- quality metrics

Customer Satisfaction

- web-based surveys
- customer suggestion box
- billing feedback
- customer retention

Staff Skills

- training
- certifications
- project management skills
- gap analysis
- future skill