Google’s WorldWideWatch over the WorldWideWeb
Charting Google’s Internet Empire & Data Hegemony
Google’s Data Dominance is Vast, Purposeful, Lasting & Harmful

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• Google’s Data Dominance is:
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  – Purposeful
  – Lasting
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
Executive Summary Of Google’s WorldWideWatch
Google’s Internet Empire & Data Hegemony/Dominance

Google’s de facto WorldWideWatch.
• Sir Tim Berners-Lee invented the WorldWideWeb, a public and decentralized system to enable universal access to information online; Google’s Larry Page has invented, and is perfecting, Google’s de facto WorldWideWatch, a privately-controlled and hyper-centralized universal system to enable universal accessibility to information Google determines is “useful.”
• Google’s unique WorldWideWatch surveillance and data collection capabilities have created an unrivaled Internet empire and data hegemony, because Google’s data dominance is demonstrably vast, purposeful, and lasting.

Google’s Vast Internet Empire is Unique (and on path to corner most of the global data economy).
• Over half of all daily Internet traffic involves Google in some way, and Google Analytics tracks 98% of top ~15 million websites
• Google controls 5 of the top 6, billion-user, universal web platforms: search, video, mobile, maps, and browser.
• Google leads in 13 of the top 14 commercial web functions of the Internet data economy and is #2 in the 14th: #1 in data collection, search, tracking-analytics, digital advertising, mobile, video, location, browser, Internet Infrastructure, consumer-Internet of Things, Apps store, translation, & email; Google is #2 & #3 in social with YouTube & Google+.
• Google’s dominates Internet usage in most countries save for China, Russia, and South Korea, and it is the only entity offering multiple core services to most world Internet users in their native language.

Google’s Data Hegemony is Unique.
• Google’s WorldWideWatch surveils more people, in more ways, for more data, than the NSA, or any other entity.
• Google’s commercial surveillance syndicate tracks users via Google Analytics at the top 15m websites; Google pays 2m websites ~$12b yr to collect data on users’ behavior, interests and locations; and ~90% digital advertisers pay Google ~$58b yr to target users via data profiles.
• Google’s data dominance is purposeful. No other entity in the world has a stated omniscient mission; an obvious omnivorous information and surveillance appetite; a practically omnifarious repertoire of products/services to collect information; a near worldwide omnipresence; and practically omnipotent web ambitions.
• Google’s data dominance is lasting as its the only ecosystem in the world where: users/buyers can go for ~all information; publishers can go for ~all advertisers/readers/viewers; and advertisers/sellers can go for ~all users/buyers. No other entity can match Google’s data scale, scope, reach and capabilities.
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The Harms Google’s Data Dominance & Recommendations

Economic Harms: 1) Gatekeeper power to unilaterally dictate what online content most people discover, read, view & share; 2) Bottleneck power to unilaterally pick market winners and losers not on merit or competition; 3) Market power to dictate ad prices and advertising payouts to partners that provide half of all Google searches; 4) Market power to corner or manipulate markets from Google’s unique omni-perspective of supply, demand, prices, & inventory; and 5) Unregulated data-dealer/broker power to self-deal, anti-competitively discriminate, and hide conflicts of interest.


Recommendations:
1. Enforce the law. Don’t settle for less or for the special treatment that Google demands.
2. Maintain a realistic view of Google Inc. because their poor competition/data protection/settlement record warrants it.
3. Recognize Google’s: A) data dominance is the core source and epicenter of Google’s radiating market power; and B) competition and data protection abuses are inextricable and one in the same, requiring a holistic, not fragmented enforcement approach.
4. Require Google to: A) Get meaningful consent from users, companies, and property owners to use their private/confidential information and property for their commercial or other purposes, and if they do not, hold them accountable for the misappropriation. The difference between sharing and taking is permission. B) Follow the Golden Rule – to treat others they way they treat themselves. C)Be a honest broker in its dominant data dealer function by being transparent and open about any financial and business conflicts of interests Google has with users, customers and partners; and not self-deal.
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**Monetization**

*Only data monetizer enjoying near universal commercial-dependency*

Only entity where ~all: buyers can go for ~all info; publishers for ~all advertisers/readers/viewers; sellers for ~all buyers

Data gatekeeper power, economic bottleneck power, & unregulated data dealer/broker power to self-deal

**Commercial Web Functions**

Google leads in 13 of 14 top universal commercial web functions:

Data, search, analytics, advertising, mobile, video, maps, browser, Net Infrastructure, Internet of Things, app store, translation, & email

Competitive foreclosure via lock-ins/exclusions; serial acquisition of potential competitors & complements

**Users**

Google controls 5 of top 6, billion-user, universal web platforms:

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Leverage dominance with service lock-ins, data exclusions & insider metadata on competitors’ clients

**Data**

Unique universal mission/capability to organize world’s information

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When they do things, go places, get sick, have health, money, job problems...
Where people are, live, work, eat, sleep, gather, go, travel, vacation...
Why they do things, buy stuff, go places, vote for candidates...
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- **Information is power.** “Google’s mission is to organize the world’s information…” Tagline: “Powered by Google.”

- Google has acquired more information, both public and private, and has invented more ways to use it, than any entity in history. The evidence here shows Google has the real and latent power to organize, influence and control an ever-increasingly large portion of the Internet, and much of the offline world, in its image.

- **Google is the only platform in the world** where: users can go for ~all information; publishers can go for ~all advertisers; and advertisers/sellers can go for ~all users. As such, Google is the only entity that can record/track most all: user online traffic and demand for content; advertiser supply of advertisements and their exact target demographics; and what exact content is viewed by whom, when, where and how much.

- The unique value of this analysis is it holistically charts the size and scope the Google Internet Empire and Google’s data hegemony for the first time.

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Google’s Global Data Dominance by Country Search Share

For the Top 31 Countries by # of Internet Users

“Search is critical. If you are not found, the rest cannot follow.” Google Exec Santiago de la Mora  NYT 8-09

-Sources: ReturnOnNow 2013, Google & Reuters
What Data Google’s WorldWideWatch “Universally” Collects/Centralizes

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“Ultimately our goal at Google is to have the strongest advertising network and all the world’s information.” Google’s Schmidt

Centralize “the World’s Information”
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Trillion+ web-pages crawled/copied regularly
>25,000 sources crawled by Google News
>20 million books copied by Google Books
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Uniquely comprehensive view of user demand
Unique complete view of publisher ad inventory
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Lone access to non-public Google Trends info
First to see new trends/fads/growth inflections
Unique access to unregulated inside info
Unique knowledge of online ad market pricing

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WiFi, SSID & MAC addresses via WiFi wardriving
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Face-print recognition via Google+, Photos, YouTube
80 Languages identified via Translate/Voice/Video
Home info: Maps/Earth/StreetView/Android/Play
Personal info via Apps/product/service registrations
Social Security/passport/license #s: Desktop Search
Credit card & bank info: Checkout/Shopping/Wallet
Health identifiers by Search, Google+, Gmail, Books
Click-print IDs via analysis of multiple web histories

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Android GPS tracks location when no apps running
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Hangout/Maps/Calendar signal destination plans
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Behavioral advertising profile for targeted ad-serving
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Financial interests: Search/Finance/Shopping/Wallet
Private drafts via Gmail, Docs, Groups, Desktop Search
Plans via Google+/Calendar/Gmail/Voice/Talk/Docs
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Friends: Google+/Picasa/Gmail/Hangouts
Gathering places: Earth, Maps, StreetView, Android

Centralize Most Market Info/Analytics
Google’s Maximal Data Collection & Centralized Storage Monetization

Most Centralized System
Most private metadata generated
Single user sign-in for ~all services
Unified privacy policy
Unified sharing via Google+
Unified Big Table database
Most synchronized data centers

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Google's WorldWideWatch is Dominating the Consumer “Internet of Things”
Only Google Has Acquired Most of the Piece-parts Necessary to Construct & Control a Universal Consumer Internet-of-Things Surveillance Network to Maintain its Data Dominance
Google has acquired 166 companies 2001-2014; and 26 in first 8 months of 2014 [Wikipedia]

Google's Internet-of-Things WorldWideWatch

Android Internet-of-Things Surveillance Platform Secretly Watching ~Everything On the Move... ...At Home/Work

Wearables: Glass & Contacts Facial Recognition Watch Google Fit

Android Devices: Smart-phones Tablets Chrome-books Chromecast Android TV

Boston Dynamics + 6 companies Military Robotics Androids

Google Self-Driving Vehicles Connected Car Vehicle OS

Google Street View Vehicle Surveillance Mapping

Nest Energy Mgmt. Thermostats Detectors Appliances Sensors

Dropcam WiFi Continuous Video & Audio Surveillance & Sensors

Note: red= acquisitions

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Google’s Unique Centralization of Language Translation in Commerce & Society

% of World Population Google “universally” Reaches in One’s Native language

# of Languages Google Offers by Service

![Bar Chart]

- Search: 123
- Translate: 80
- Gmail: 71
- YouTube: 61
- Blogger: 55
- Earth: 45
- News: 29

Source: Google.com
Users: Google Controls 5 of Top 6, Billion-User Web-Platforms

“Platforms are where the aggregated value occurs... The way the industry creates wealth is creating platforms.” Google’s Schmidt 6-13

“Almost nothing, short of a biological virus, can scale as quickly, efficiently or aggressively as these technology platforms and this makes the people who build, control and use them powerful, too.” Google’s Eric Schmidt 12-12

“Google+ is the fastest-growing network thingy ever. More than 500 million people have upgraded” in 18 months; Google Blog 12-12

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Google leverages its dominance in data, search & advertising with anti-competitive lock-ins of services & exclusive data rights to rapidly extend its dominance into all core web functions: video, mobile, maps, browser & social (Google + has >540m users.)

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Note: Facebook generates $10.0b in annual revenues vs. Google’s $65.1b

Sources: Google, Business Insider
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Serial acquisitions of potential competitors/complements helped extend Google’s dominance beyond search
Bloomberg Research ranked Google #1 corporate acquirer globally over last 3 years 2-14; (166 companies 2001-2014)

Google’s data/search dominance enables it to identify emerging demand & competitors for acquisition before triggering antitrust attention

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Acquisitions: DeepMind Technologies 2014; Metaweb 2010; Wavii 2013; Jetpac 2014

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4. Mobile Android OS >1b users

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5. Location Maps/Earth >1b users


6. Browser Chrome ~1b users

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Acquisitions: Urchin 2005; Measure Map 2006; Trendalyzer 2007; DoubleClick 2007; Postrank 2011; PittPatt 2011; Viewdle 2012; Waze 2013; Nest 2014; Titan Aerospace 2014; Skybox 2014; Dropcam 2014

8. Advertising >2m display ad-websites

Acquisitions: Applied Semantics 2003; Sprinks 2003; dMarc Broadcasting 2006; DoubleClick 2007; AdMob 2009; Teracent 2009; Invite Media; AdMeld 2011; Adometry 2014; mDialog 2014

9. Apps Play offers >1.3m apps

Acquisitions: Appurify 2014

10. Translation 80 languages, 97% world pop.

Acquisitions: Phonetic Arts 2010; Quest Visual 2014;

11. Internet of Things (consumer)


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13. Internet Infrastructure


14. Social >540m Google+ users

Acquisitions: Usenet 2001; Pyra Labs 2003; Genius Labs 2004; Picasa 2004; Dodgeball 2005; YouTube 2006; Panoramio 2007; Aardvark 2010; Slide.com 2010; Jambool 2010; Angstro 2010; Plannr 2010; Picnick 2010; Like.com 2010; SocialDeck; Punchd 2011; Dealmap 2011; Zave Networks 2011; DailyDeal 2011; fflick 2011; Postrank 2011; Fridge 2011; SocialGrapple 2011; Katango 2011; milk Inc. 2012; Interactive Targeting 2012; Wildfire Interactive 2012; Behavio 2013;
Monetization: The Data Dealing Dominance of “Googlenomics”

Exclusion Fosters Google’s Self-Reinforcing Feedback Loop of Data Monetization Dominance

“So more users more information, more information more users, more advertisers more users, more users more advertisers, it’s a beautiful thing, lather, rinse repeat, that’s what I do for a living. So that’s … ‘the engine that can’t be stopped.’” Jonathan Rosenberg, Google Sr. VP 2-08

Only platform where users can go for all information/data
(Google excludes search competitors from accessing key info: YouTube, Books, Maps, etc.)

Google’s Dominant User Network & Data

Googlenomics Self-Reinforcing Feedback Loop of Data Dealing Dominance

Only platform where advertisers can go for all users/data
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Google’s Dominant Advertiser Network & Data

Only platform where publishers can go for all advertisers/data
(Google requires partner websites to offer only Google search/maps as default.)

Google’s Dominant Publisher Network & Data

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Over the Global Data Economy’s Data Supply, Demand & Distribution

"The seller of an incomplete database...cannot compete effectively with the seller of a comprehensive product."  DOJ vs. Google Book Settlement

**SUPPLY DATA:**
“All the World’s Information”/Data
Web Index, clicks, maps, video, books, inventory media, “+” user: identity, intentions, associations, location, etc.

**DEMAND DATA:**
All of World’s Largest Constituent Networks
Users, advertisers, publishers, developers, consumers, businesses, merchants, creators, media, etc.

**DISTRIBUTION:**
Most Complete Web Platform/Data
Search, maps, video, mobile, social, apps, docs, cloud, translation, shopping, payments, communication, etc.

Only web platform where “all the world’s information”/data can be accessed by most

Only web platform where “all the world’s information”/data can be accessed in the most ways

Only web platform which can distribute all the world’s info/data via most all formats, devices, & applications

Only web platform which can distribute to most everyone via most all formats, devices, & applications

Only web platform where most everyone can access “all the world’s information”/data

Only web platform where most everyone can distribute whatever via most complete web platform

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#### Vertical Leverage of Insider Data, Search & Ad

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| Transportation | Only entity where ~all: buyers can go for ~all info; publishers for ~all advertisers/readers/viewers; sellers for ~all buyers |
| Delivery Services | Data gatekeeper power, economic bottleneck power, & unregulated data dealer/broker power to self-deal |
| Energy Services | Google leads in 13 of 14 top universal commercial web functions: |
| Satellites   | Data, search, analytics, advertising, mobile, video, maps, browser, Net Infrastructure, Internet of Things, app store, translation, & email |
| Military     | Competitive foreclosure via lock-ins/exclusions; serial acquisition of potential competitors & complements |
| Artificial Intelligence | Google controls 5 of top 6, billion-user, universal web platforms: |
| Robotics     | Search, video, mobile, maps, and browser |
| Health Care  | Leverage dominance with service lock-ins, data exclusions & insider metadata on competitors’ clients |
| Genomics     | Unique universal mission/capability to organize world’s information |
| Wearables    | “Google’s mission is to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful” |
| Monetization | Data gatekeeper power, economic bottleneck power, & unregulated data dealer/broker power to self-deal |

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GOOGLE’S PURPOSEFUL DATA DOMINANCE
In Their Own Words:

Google’s Global Data Hegemony Ambitions

• “Google’s mission is to organize the world’s information and make it universally accessible and useful...” Google
• “Search is critical. If you are not found, the rest cannot follow.” Google Exec Santiago de la Mora NYT 8-09
• “We are very early in the total information we have within Google.” Google Chairman Schmidt FT 5-07
• “Anything that you see in the real world needs to be in our database” Google Map’s Evgeny Morozov Slate 5-13
• “Our goal is to put together a sort of digital mirror of the world.” Google Maps Exec Dan Sieberg Telegraph 9-13
• “Our map... is the world’s map. ... Maps are an expression of culture.” Google Earth’s Rebecca Moore SEL 6-12.
• “Ultimately our goal at Google is to have the strongest advertising network and all the world’s information.” Google Chairman Eric Schmidt ZDNet 8-06
• “Our goal is to put computing everywhere.” Google SVP Sundar Pichai Quartz 7-13
• “Our goal with Android is to reach everyone.” Google Chairman Eric Schmidt ATD 4-13.
• “There is a real desire for YouTube to be a global classroom and a global town square, not just a global living room.” Google Exec Hunter Walk, per Bloomberg 10-12.
• “In genomics, there’s a massive amount of information in which you can look for patterns and develop insights.” Google Ventures Head, Bill Maris. WJS 10-12
• "Our model is just better... Based on that, we should have 100% share“ Google Chairman Eric Schmidt 12-09
• “Google’s “goal is to change the world, and monetization is a technique to do that.” Eric Schmidt Wired 12-08
• "The entire industry is organized around this mobile transition and who gets there first is going to be both the economic winner and the influence winner," Google Chairman Schmidt CNBC 4-14
In Their Own Words

Google’s Global Data Hegemony Strategy

• “It’s obvious what our strategy should be. It’s to work on problems on a scale no one else can.”
  – Sergey Brin, Wired 6-09.

• “I think what we’re about is using large-scale kind of technology.”
  – Google co-founder Larry Page Wired 4-12

• “Launch first, correct later.”
  – Google Chairman Eric Schmidt FT 6-10.

• "Platforms are where the aggregated value occurs... The way the industry creates wealth is creating platforms.”

• “We are in the information business.”
  – Google Chairman Eric Schmidt FT 6-10.

• "Scale is the key. We just have so much scale in terms of the data we can bring to bear."
  – Google Chairman Eric Schmidt Bloomberg 10-09.

• "We don’t have better algorithms than everyone else; we just have more data."
  – Google’s Chief Scientist Peter Norvig ECPM Blog 3-10

• “We start by cloning what we have until we master the new medium.”
  – Google’s Brad Abrams Forbes 11-12

• “Anything that benefits the Internet ecosystem will benefit Google.”
  – Google’s Peter Greenberger Philly.com 3-10

• "Selling ads doesn’t generate only profits; it also generates torrents of data about users' tastes and habits...“
  – Google-YouTube Chief, Susan Wojcicki Wired 5-09.

• "The power of individual targeting—the technology will be so good it will be very hard for people to watch or consume something that has not in some sense been tailored for them."
  – Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, to WSJ, 8-14-10
Google Explains the “Googlenomics” of Data Hegemony

Google Chief Economist Hal Varian explains Google’s “datarati” power to “harness supply and demand” to Steven Levy of Wired in “The secret of Googlenomics, data-fueled recipe brews profitability” 5-22-09

• “Googlenomics actually comes in two flavors: macro and micro. The macroeconomic side involves some of the company’s seemingly altruistic behavior, which often baffles observers. Why does Google give away products like its browser, its apps, and the Android operating system for mobile phones? Anything that increases Internet use ultimately enriches Google, Varian says. And since using Google is like dining at In-N-Out without ordering a hamburger, more eyeballs on the Web lead inexorably to more ad sales for Google.” [Bolds added for emphasis.]

• “The microeconomics of Google is more complicated. Selling ads doesn't generate only profits; it also generates torrents of data about users' tastes and habits, data that Google then sifts and processes in order to predict future consumer behavior, find ways to improve its products, and sell more ads. This is the heart and soul of Googlenomics. It's a system of constant self-analysis: a data-fueled feedback loop that defines not only Google's future but the future of anyone who does business online.” [Bolds added for emphasis.]

• “…Varian believes that a new era is dawning for what you might call the datarati— and it's all about harnessing supply and demand, "What's ubiquitous and cheap?" Varian asks. "Data." And what is scarce? The analytic ability to utilize that data.” [Bolds added for emphasis.]

• “Varian, of course, knows that his employer's success is not the result of inspired craziness but of an early recognition that the Internet rewards fanatical focus on scale, speed, data analysis, and customer satisfaction.” [Bold added for emphasis.]
In Their Own Words

Google’s Biggest Data Hegemony Warnings

• “...we expect that advertising funded search engines will be inherently biased towards the advertisers and away from the needs of the consumers. Since it is very difficult even for experts to evaluate search engines, search engine bias is particularly insidious.” ... “...we believe the issue of advertising causes enough mixed incentives that it is crucial to have a competitive search engine that is transparent...” Google co-founders Larry Page & Sergey Brin, 1998 Research Paper
• “There was 5 exabytes of information created between the dawn of civilization through 2003, but that much information is now created every two days, and the pace is increasing... People aren't ready for the technology revolution that's going to happen to them.” Google Chairman Schmidt 8-10.
• “In the future, there’s going to be no hidden people.” Google Ideas Director Jared Cohen CNN 5-13.
• "If you have something that you don't want anyone to know, maybe you shouldn't be doing it in the first place;" Google’s Eric Schmidt CNBC 12-09.
• "Show us 14 photos of yourself and we can identify who you are;" Google Chairman Eric Schmidt Techonomy 2010.
• "We know where you are. We know where you've been. We can more or less know what you're thinking about." Google’s Eric Schmidt Atlantic 10-10.
• “In this new future...We will know your position down to the foot and down to the inch over time;" Google’s Schmidt Techcrunch 9-10.
• “Virtually everything that we want to do, I think, is somewhat at odds with locking down all of your information for uses you haven’t contemplated yet...” Google CEO Larry Page 10-18-12
• "Maybe you don’t want to ask a question... Maybe you want to just have it answered for you before you ask it. That would be better." Google CEO Larry Page 7-14.
• “The impact of the data revolution will be to strip citizens of much of their control over their personal information....The communication technologies we use today are invasive by design, collecting our photos, comments and friends into giant databases that are searchable and, in the absence of regulation...[it is all] fair game”  Google Chairman Eric Schmidt CSM 5-13.
• "Anything that increases Internet use ultimately enriches Google... more eyeballs on the Web lead inexorably to more ad sales for Google." Google Chief Economist Hal Varian Wired 5-09.
• Google is "the biggest kingmaker on this earth." Google Ranking Head Amit Singhal Telegraph 6-10.
• "I don't believe society understands what happens when everything is available, knowable and recorded by everyone all the time," Google Chairman Eric Schmidt WSJ 8-10.
• “Almost nothing short of a biological virus, can scale as quickly, efficiently or aggressively as these technology platforms and this makes the people who build, control and use them powerful too.” Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, per WebProNews 12-12. “
• We’re still 1 percent to where we should be...what I’m trying to do is... really scale our ambition.” Google CEO Larry Page, Fortune 12-12.
• “...show me a company that failed because of litigation. I just don’t see it. Companies fail because they do the wrong things or they aren’t ambitious, not because of litigation or competition.” Google CEO Larry Page Wired 1-13
In Their Own Words

Google’s Culture of Unaccountability

• “Google’s leadership does not care terribly much about precedent or law.” top Google lawyer in In The Plex 4-11.
• “If we could wave a magic wand and not be subject to US law, that would be great;” Google Co-founder Sergey Brin Guardian, 4-12,
• "Google is melding a positive office culture with minimal accountability controls." The company's goal is "to think big and inspire a culture of yes" Google Chairman Eric Schmidt before the Economic Club per WID 6-08.
• “Sergey and Larry almost always decided to take the risk. They were pretty fearless.” Doug Edwards Googler #59 Telegraph 7-11.
• "We try not to have too many controls." "People will do things that they think are in the interests of the company. We want them to understand the values of the firm, and interpret them for themselves." Nikesh Aurora, Head of Google European Ops FT 9-07.
• “People don’t want to be managed” Google CEO Larry Page in In the Plex 4-11.
• “The word ‘control’ is not such a strong word at Google.” Google Chairman Eric Schmidt per the Telegraph 7-10.
• “In most cases... the [Google] default is not to use the most secure form because it slows everything down. ... Ultimately we are not going to do anything that disadvantages speed,” Google Chairman Schmidt YouTube 9-08.
• "We do not guarantee that Android is designed to be safe; its format was designed to give more freedom. When they talk about 90% of malicious programs for Android, they must of course take into account the fact that it is the most used operating system in the world. If I had a company dedicated to malware, I would also send my attacks to Android." Google Android Chief Sundar Pichai, Frandroid 2-14.
• "Google has a “healthy disrespect for the impossible.” Vic Gundotra, Google Sr. VP Social, FT 6-12.
• “At Google, we give the impression of not managing the company because we don’t really. It sort of has its own borg-like quality if you will. It sort of just moves forward.” Google Chairman Eric Schmidt in Gigaom 5-11.
• “No harm, no foul.” Google CEO Schmidt on Google Street View’s secret snooping on private WiFi BBC 5-10.
• "It’s important to distinguish between “worry versus harm” when it came to privacy online." Larry Page, BBC 5-10.
• "It's every man for himself... In the end, it seems every machine has to defend itself. The internet was designed that way." Vint Cerf, Google Internet Evangelist and co-founder of the Internet, Guardian 9-08.
GOOGLE’S LASTING DATA DOMINANCE
“Inter-Network Effects” Make Internet Competition/Antitrust Different
Google’s Leveraging Internet’s Viral Nature & “Winner-take-all” Dynamics

“Anything that benefits the Internet ecosystem will benefit Google.” Google’s Peter Greenberger 3-2-10

“Inter-Network Effects”

- First Mover Advantage: innovation/acquisition
- Strong market relative valuation advantage for sector leader
- IP is the fastest & most universal global standard ever adopted
- Uniquely minimal global border friction or inefficiency
- Switching costs & user stickiness from integration, mash-ups, bundling, cookies, passwords, etc.
- Moore’s Law: processing costs halve every 18 months
- Metcalfe’s Law: value of network is the square of its nodes
- Gilder’s Law: bandwidth triples every year
- Economies of scale means falling average fixed costs
- “Inter-Network effects: “ strong get stronger faster feedback loops
- Full-line forcing market power
- Scope integration efficiencies mean near zero marginal cost of adding features & free products, services
Google’s Cross-Leveraging Inter-Network Effects for More Dominance

Cross-Leveraging Search, YouTube, Android, Maps, Chrome, Play, Google+, & Gmail

Maintains Google’s Data/Advertising Dominance, Extends it to Adjacent Markets

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TV & On Air

YouTube

>1b users

~80% of viewers

Search

1.3b users

~80% Share

Android

1b users

~80% share

Hang Out

News (#1)

Chrome

~1b users

Maps

Used by 1.2 m sites

Google+

540m users

Gmail

425m users

Play

1.3m Apps

Shopping & Wallet

Chrome

~1b users

Google+

540m users

Gmail

425m users

Search

1.3b users

~80% Share

Android

1b users

~80% share

YouTube

>1b users

~80% of viewers

TV & On Air

Hang Out

News (#1)

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Google’s Surveillance Syndicate Reinforces Google’s Data Dominance

Google’s Leveraging Million-plus Exclusive Search Syndication Deals to Exclude Competitors from Competing for Half of Google’s Searches/User Data

Half of all Google searches originate from websites other than Google per Google’s CBO Nikesh Arora, ATD 2-13. This means Google pays its “partners” ~$12b annually to make Google their default search engine and to contractually exclude search competitors from competing for half of Google’s dominant search share.
GOOGLE’S HARMFUL DATA DOMINANCE
The Economic Harms of Google’s Extreme Centralization of Global Information Power & Data Dominance

• **Gatekeeper power** to unilaterally dictate what online content most people discover, read, view & share
  – “Search is critical. If you are not found, the rest cannot follow.” Google Exec Santiago de la Mora [NYT 8-09]
  – "We won't (and shouldn't) try to stop the faceless scribes of drivel, but we can move them to the back row of the arena.“ Google SVP Rosenberg [2-09]

• **Bottleneck power** to unilaterally pick market winners and losers not on merit or competition
  – Google is "the biggest kingmaker on this earth." Google Ranking Head Singhal [Telegraph 6-10]
  – "Anything that increases Internet use ultimately enriches Google... more eyeballs on the Web lead inexorably to more ad sales for Google.“ Google Chief Economist Hal Varian [Wired 5-09].

• **Market power** to dictate ad prices and advertising payouts to partners that provide half of all Google searches
  – “So more users more information, more information more users, more advertisers more users, more users more advertisers, it’s a beautiful thing, lather, rinse repeat, that’s what I do for a living. So that’s ... ‘the engine that can’t be stopped.'” Google SVP Rosenberg [2-08]
  – “Ultimately our goal at Google is to have the strongest advertising network and all the world’s information.” Google Chairman Schmidt [8-06]
  – “Our model is just better... Based on that, we should have 100% share" Google Chairman Schmidt [12-09]

• **Market power to corner or manipulate markets** from Google’s unique view of supply, demand, prices, & inventory
  – “There are many, many things that Google could do, that we chose not to do.”... “One day we had a conversation where we figured we could just try to predict the stock market... and then we decided it was illegal. So we stopped doing that." Google’s Schmidt Fortune [3-10]

• **Unregulated data-dealer/broker power** to self-deal, anti-competitively discriminate, and hide conflicts of interest
  – No duty to not self-deal, or to be an honest broker that discloses conflicts, or to operate fairly, transparently, & non-discriminatorily
Anti-competitive Harms of Google’s Data Dominance: Google has Market Power to: Disintermediate, Commoditize & Destroy Competitive Markets in >Half of the Economy

“What if we were the storefront ourselves?” Google asked an ecommerce competitor WSJ 8-14

“All the value add is going to Google and everyone else becomes a commodity.” a former Google competitor WSJ 8-14

Some Industries Vulnerable to Data Disintermediation:
- Software
- Cloud Services
- Storage
- Insurance
- Financial Services
- Retail
- Real Estate
- Transportation
- Delivery Services
- Energy Services
- Health Care
- Wearables
- Polling
- Campaigns

Some Industries Vulnerable to Data Disintermediation:
- Advertising
- Portals
- News
- Movies/TV
- Games
- Gaming
- Books
- Travel
- Hospitality
- Communications
- Satellites
- Drones
- Security Services
The Societal Harms of Google’s Extreme Centralization of Information Power

• **Single point of failure for data protection, privacy & security** *(Too big to not fail)*
  – “Global Internet traffic dipped by 40 percent when Google experienced a complete blackout [for less than five minutes], *web analytics firms have claimed.*” per [Search Engine Land 8-13](http://www.searchengineland.com)
  – Imagine the systemic risk to the financial system if one global provider held half of the currencies, stocks, bonds, loans & precious metals, and provided half of the world’s banking, brokering, and public exchange functions?
  – Or imagine the economic risk if one provider dominated global distribution of electricity, gas, oil, coal, water, etc.?

• **De-humanization of users**
  – Users are the product Google monetizes for advertisers/partners, not their claimed customer.
  – Google users are effectively inanimate data, to be tracked, mined, tested, profiled and influenced, not individuals with personal individual sovereignty, rights, privacy, dignity or real choice.
  – Google’s operating presumption of “innovation without permission” is essentially a Google imperial doctrine of “implied consent” of users who have no expectation of privacy, and who have no right to be forgotten, left alone, or be safe -- as Google subordinates security to speed and unfettered freedom.

• **De facto surrender of national sovereignty**
  – Enable a non-sovereign entity to increasingly dictate de facto, lowest-common-denominator, universal standards for online behavior, speech, civility, propriety, privacy, property rights, justice, news, ethics, business, politics, etc.
  – *If information is power, Google’s data/platform dominance is power to influence elections/candidates/parties*
  – "*It’s every man for himself... In the end, it seems every machine has to defend itself. The internet was designed that way.*" Vint Cerf, Google Internet Evangelist and co-founder of the Internet, [Guardian 9-08](http://www.theguardian.com/)

• **Mono-cultural-ization of the World in Google’s Image**
  – “*Our map... is the world’s map.*” Google Earth’s Rebecca Moore [SEL 6-12](http://www.asu.edu).
  – “*There is a real desire for YouTube to be a global classroom and a global town square, not just a global living room.*” Google Exec Hunter Walk, per [Bloomberg 10-12](http://www.bloomberg.com).
  – "*Maybe you don't want to ask a question... Maybe you want to just have it answered for you before you ask it. That would be better.*" Google CEO [Larry Page 7-14](http://www.larrypage.org).
RECOMMENDATIONS
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1. Enforce the law. Don’t settle for less or for the special treatment that Google demands.
   – Don’t ignore Google’s own admissions/warnings of its data dominance, ambitions, and culture.

2. Maintain a realistic view of Google Inc. because the record shows Google:
   – Is the single most dominant company competition authorities have ever investigated;
   – Is a serial violator and recidivist of competition law;
   – Is a serial violator and recidivist of data protection law;
   – Has a long and continuous history of data protection security failures with Android;
   – Has a poor and defiant track record with its many previous legal settlements;
   – Has operated as if Google is above the law; and
   – Fosters a business culture of unaccountability.

3. Recognize Google’s:
   – Data dominance is the core source and epicenter of Google’s radiating market power; and
   – Competition and data protection abuses are inextricable and one in the same, requiring a holistic, not fragmented enforcement approach.

4. Require Google to:
   1. Get meaningful consent from users, companies, and property owners to use their private/confidential information and property for their commercial or other purposes, and if they do not, hold them accountable for the misappropriation. The difference between sharing and taking is permission.
   2. Follow the Golden Rule – to treat others they way they treat themselves.
   3. Be a honest broker in its dominant data dealer function by being transparent and open about any financial and business conflicts of interests Google has with users, customers and partners; and by not self-dealing.
APPENDICES
Appendix A - Bio: Scott Cleland, President, Precursor® LLC

• **Bio:** Scott Cleland was the first analyst to foresee that Google would become a global monopoly with unprecedented market power and minimal accountability that would lead to severe competition, privacy, property, and security problems. He has written more Google antitrust, privacy, and accountability research than anyone in the world.

• Cleland is a precursor: a research analyst with a track record of industry firsts and a history of spotlighting harmful industry behavior and misrepresentation. He is President of Precursor® LLC, a Fortune 500 research consultancy focused on the future of Internet competition, privacy, security, property rights, and algorithmic markets. Scott Cleland is author of the book: *Search & Destroy: Why You Can’t Trust Google Inc.* Cleland also authors the widely-read [www.PrecursorBlog.com](http://www.precursorblog.com); and publishes [www.GoogleMonitor.com](http://www.googlemonitor.com).

• He served as Deputy United States Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy in the George H. W. Bush Administration. Eight Congressional subcommittees have sought Cleland’s expert testimony and *Institutional Investor* twice ranked him the #1 independent telecom analyst. Scott Cleland has been profiled in *Fortune, National Journal, Barrons, WSJ’s Smart Money, and Investors Business Daily*. Cleland’s Full Biography can be found at: [www.ScottCleland.com](http://www.scottcleland.com)

• **Scott Cleland’s Three Congressional Testimonies on Google:**
Appendix B: www.Googleopoly.net Research

Google-Android’s Data Protection Failures – August 2014
Google’s Privacy Rap Sheet – June 2014
Google’s Anti-Competitive Rap Sheet – April 2014

Googleopoly Antitrust Research Series:

- Googleopoly I: The Google-DoubleClick Anti-competitive Case – 2007
- Googleopoly II: Google’s Predatory Playbook to Thwart Competition – 2008
- Googleopoly IV: Google Extends its Search Monopoly to Monopsony over Info -- 2009
- Googleopoly V: Why the FTC Should Block Google-AdMob – 2009
- Googleopoly VI: Seeing the Big Picture: Google’s Monopolizing Internet Media --2010
- Googleopoly VII: Monopolizing Location Services – Skyhook is Google’s Netscape –2011
- Googleopoly IX: Google-Motorola’s Patents of Mass Destruction -- 2012
- Googleopoly X: Google’s Dominance is Spreading at an Accelerating Rate -- 2013
- Googleopoly XI: A Satire: Grading Google’s Search Antitrust Remedies in EU Test – 2013
- Googleopoly XII: Google-YouTube’s Internet Video Distribution Dominance – 2013

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This is the other side of the Google story—the unauthorized book that Google does not want you to read. In *Search & Destroy, Google expert Scott Cleland shows that the world’s most powerful company is not who it pretends to be.*

Google pretends to be a harmless lamb, but chose a full-size model of a Tyrannosaurus Rex as its mascot. Beware the T-Rex in sheep’s clothing. Google has acquired far more information, both public and private, and has invented more ways to use it, than anyone in history. Information is power, and in Google’s case, it’s the power to influence and control virtually everything the Internet touches. Google’s power is largely unchecked, unaccountable—and grossly underestimated. Google is the Internet’s lone superpower—the new master of the digital information universe. And Google’s power depends almost entirely on the blind trust it has gained through masterful duplicity. Google routinely says one thing and does another.

Cleland proves the world’s #1 brand untrustworthy. He exposes the unethical company hiding behind a “don’t be evil” slogan. He uncovers Google’s hidden political agenda. And he reveals how Google’s famed mission to organize the world’s information is destructive and wrong. Cleland is the first to critically examine where Google is leading us, explain why we don’t want to go there, and propose straightforward solutions.

Google’s unprecedented centralization of power over the world’s information is corrupting both Google and the Internet—a natural result of unchecked power. Google is evolving from an information servant to master—from working for users, to making users work for the Internet behemoth.

*Search & Destroy conclusively demonstrates that Google’s goal is to change the world by influencing and controlling information access. Ultimately, Google’s immense unchecked power is destructive precisely because Google is so shockingly-political, unethical and untrustworthy.*