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# Google, Competition and Openness



Today's Headlines...

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"One company [is] now the world's chief gateway to information" (Boston Globe, 6/22/08)

> "Google, Apple, Intel: The Next Competition Targets?" (TechDaily, 1/11/08)

"So when do we get over with it and declare Google a monopoly?" (CNET News.com; 7/22/08)



### ... Have a Familiar Ring

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Just a few years ago...

### YAHOO!

"The most successful company ever spawned by the World Wide Web. Yahoo! has won the search-engine wars and is poised for much bigger things." (Fortune, 3/2/98)



"<u>AltaVista was the Google of its era</u>. [...] By 1997, AltaVista was truly <u>king of</u> <u>search</u>." (*The Search*, 2005)



"For a short period in 1999, Lycos became the most popular online destination in the world." (*The Search*, 2005)

### The Lesson:

Search has always been a highly competitive space – and companies can't get too comfortable



## Claims on DoubleClick deal not born out





| Claims made in 2007                                   | Reality (2009)   |
|---|--|
| Display advertising prices will increase              | Display advertising prices have<br><u>dropped 53%</u> since FTC approved<br>Google-DoubleClick deal (Source: PubMatic Ad<br>Price Index, January 2009)   |
| Consumer privacy will be harmed                       | Ads preference manager hailed as<br>"giant leap for privacy," offering<br>"unprecedented level of choice and<br>control" (Berin Szoka, Progress & Freedom Foundation; Rebecca<br>Lieb, <i>ClickZ</i> ) |
| Consolidation would reduce innovation and competition | New display formats released; AOL's<br>Platform-A leads in display ad reach;<br>Yahoo #2, ValueClick #3, Google #4<br>(Source: comScore Ad Focus, Feb. 2009)   |



# A Reality Check on Size

| · · ·                 | Microsoft      | e at&t         | verizon       | An international and an analysis of the second seco | Google       |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|--|--------------|
| Revenues              | \$60 billion   | \$118 billion  | \$93 billion  | \$98 billion   | \$21 billion |
| Gross<br>Profits      | \$48 billion   | \$61 billion   | \$55 billion  | \$41 billion   | \$13 billion |
| Operating<br>Expenses | \$38.3 billion | \$98 billion   | \$77 billion  | \$85 billion   | \$16 billion |
| Market Cap            | \$184 billion  | \$148 billion  | \$90 billion  | \$113 billion  | \$99 billion |
| Employees             | 91,000         | 309,050        | 228,315       | 386,000  | 20,123       |
| PAC<br>Donations      | \$1.7 million  | \$4.9 million  | \$1.7 million | N/A  | \$287,000    |
| Lobbying<br>Budget    | \$6.8 million  | \$11.7 million | \$13 million  | \$5.3 million  | \$2 million  |

Sources: Reuters, 2008 annual earnings reports, OpenSecrets.org

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## **Openness and Competition Principles**



- Help other businesses be more competitive.
- 2. Make it easy for users to change.
  - Open is better than closed.
- 4. Competition is just one click away.
- 6 Advertisers pay what a click is worth to them.



Advertisers have many choices in a dynamic market.



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# Help other businesses compete



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# 2 Make it Easy for Users to Change

- Google
- "Data Liberation Front" team of engineers building data export functionality into Google products



| Product                   | Export Formats   | Product                | Export Formats                   |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Google Analytics          | PDF, CSV, XML,<br>TSV  | Ja Google              | CSV                              |
| E Blogger                 | RSS, Atom  | iGoogle NEW 3          | GadgetTabML                      |
| Google<br>calendar 8 BETA | XML, iCal  | Google"                | HTML                             |
| Google                    | CSV  | Google<br>Reader Stern | OPML                             |
| Google Docs               | HTML, Word, PDF, RTF,<br>OpenOffice, Text, CSV,<br>Excel, Powerpoint | ta                     | XMPP                             |
| Google.<br>Finance BETA   | OFX  | You                    | MP4<br>(Currently limited basis) |
| GMail<br>by Cloogle BETA  | POP, IMAP  | Web History            | RSS                              |



# Open is Better than Closed

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| Open  | Closed   |
|---|--|
| <ul> <li>Enhances competition</li> <li>Encourages innovation</li> <li>Interoperable</li> <li>Source code available to outside developers</li> <li>User data can be moved</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Reduces competition</li> <li>Discourages innovation</li> <li>Not interoperable</li> <li>Source code locked down</li> <li>User data trapped</li> </ul> |
| Mozilla<br>Firefox  | Windows<br>Internet<br>Explorer 7  |



### Open source and open standards

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- Google has opened up more than <u>one million</u> <u>lines of code</u> and more than <u>100 software</u> <u>projects</u>
- Hosting more than <u>150,000 open source</u> <u>projects</u> developed by non-Googlers
- <u>Chrome</u>: Open source browser
- <u>Android</u>: Open source mobile OS (T-Mobile); 800 apps







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Google Chrome





4. Competition is One Click Away



 Jan 31 Malware incident: Yahoo! queries <u>doubled</u> over normal levels during Google search error

| Google "inbound marketing"  | Search Advanced Search<br>Preferences   |  |   |
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Source: Wall Street Journal, 3/17/09



# Most consumers willing to switch



Source: JP Morgan survey, January 2009

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# Search: Innovations and Investments

### YAHOO! SEARCH

- SearchMonkey (open developer platform)
- BOSS (Build Your Own Search Service)

"[Yahoo and Microsoft] have invested heavily to catch up in search and online ad auctions."

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- New York Times

### Uve Search

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- Planning \$100M ad campaign to promote search engine
- Jan. 2009 syndication deals with Dell, Verizon Wireless
- Cash back service to increase traffic
- Acquired Powerset, startup in semantic search



- 3-D search, other innovations in search results
- TV advertising campaign





# How to explain Google's success in search Google

### Economies of scale?

- Increased competition in data centers
- Search improvements based on 1% of queries

### Network effects?

Value of a search engine doesn't depend on # of people using it (like fax machines)

### "Learning by Doing"

- Economic theory developed by economist Kenneth Arrow in 1962
- The longer a company has been doing something, the better it gets at doing it
- Google has been doing search for 10 years, constant experimentation and improvement

# Many competitors in search and navigation Google

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### Technology models evolve quickly



### Advertisers pay what a click is worth to them Google

### Anatomy of a Google search result page



(ranked by algorithm)

Results



### How the Ad Auction Works

• Google's ad prices are set by competitive auction, ensuring that prices are market-driven



#### Create an ad

#### Nike Shoes

Shop Nike Shoes at Footlocker Nike Shoes. Casual, Retro, & More! www.FootLocker.com

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#### Choose keywords Nike shoes Nike sneakers Sports equipment Running shoes

#### 3

What is the most you would like to spend, on average, per day?

The daily budget O controls your costs. When the daily limit is reached, on average, your ad will stop showing for that day. (The budget controls the frequency of your ad, not its position.) Raise or lower your budget as often as you like.

| Enter your daily budget: \$  | 50   | )<br>)      |
|------------------------------|------|-------------|
| How will my budget affect my | ad c | erformance? |

#### 4

What is the maximum you are willing to pay each time someone clicks on your ad?

You influence your ad's position by setting its maximum cost per click (CPC) ()). The max CPC is the highest price you're willing to pay each time a user clicks on your ad. Your max CPC can be changed as often as you like.

 Can export campaigns to other platforms
 Pay the price of

Pay the price of next highest bidder

No exclusivity

No minimum

No fixed

duration

budgets

CPC bid: \$ 1

[Video]

# Quality Scores and "First Page" Bids

# **Quality Scores**



- Reflects predicted click
   through rate
- Ensure that users see most relevant ads -- not just the highest bidder
- Google, Yahoo! and Microsoft <u>all use quality scores</u>
- Algorithmic score reflects consumers' preferences
- Allows smaller companies to compete

#### Click through rate

- Historical CTR of ad and keyword
- CTR for entire account

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#### Relevance

- Relevance of keyword to ads
- Relevance of ad and keyword to search query
- Ad's performance in geographic region

#### Landing page quality

- Relevant and original content
- Transparent about nature of business
- Easy navigation

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## "First Page" Bids

Keyword Analysis: pr jobs washington dc

Your ad is showing for this keyword, and the keyword's Quality Score is See the 'Quality Score' tab for details.

#### Estimated bid to show on the first page: \$0.05

Your bid:

\$1.00 Max CPC

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- Replaced minimum bids in November 2008
- Based on quality score and competition for keywords
- Estimates necessary bid for ad to show on first page
- Helps deter low quality spam ads



## Cost per acquisition, not cost per click

- Cost per click less important to advertisers than the cost of acquiring a new customer
- Example: EvesAddiction.com (Raymond Galeotti)



|                                | Last Year                               | This Year<br>(Using Google ad targeting<br>and analytics tools) |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Bid                            | \$.50/click                             | se \$.80/click  |
| Sales conversion               | 2 new customers per<br>every 100 clicks | 4 new customers per<br>every 100 clicks                         |
|                                | <u>\$.50 x 100</u><br>2                 | <u>\$.80 x 100</u><br>4   |
| Cost of acquiring new customer | \$25 Decr                               | \$20  |

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# Advertisers have many choices

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U.S. advertising spending by medium, eMarketer







### Google share of all ads and online ads



### Google Has <3% of Total Ad Revenue



### Google Has ~30% of <u>Online</u> Ad Revenue



### Smart ad campaigns have many components

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## Online advertising is dynamic



### Major Media Firms Acquiring and Launching Ad Networks





### Conclusion



 Google welcomes competition because it stimulates innovation, makes us all work harder, and provides users with more choice

"I think Google's competition will come from the same place Google did. It will <u>sneak out of nowhere</u>...It will come from someone small enough, visionary enough, obsessive enough and ballsy enough to still do great things, without those great things being picked to death at the boardroom table."

> - Gord Hotchkiss, Search Engine Analyst (Enguiro Blog, 5/15/08)