

### UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER IN PERSPECTIVE

Universities have a lengthy track record of providing dynamic environments for generating new ideas and spurring innovation, and for moving advances in knowledge and technology into the commercial stream where they can be put to work for the public good; these endeavors collectively are referred to as "technology transfer." Given that public investment in research has been an explicit national priority for more than six decades, and given the level of that investment, universities arguably have an obligation to organize themselves effectively to facilitate the transition of knowledge into practice. This transition takes place through a variety of mechanisms,<sup>3</sup> including but not limited to

- 1. movement of highly skilled students (with technical and business skills) from training to private and public employment;<sup>4</sup>
- 2. publication of research results in the open academic literature that is read by scientists and engineers in all sectors;<sup>5</sup>
- 3. personal interaction between generators and users of new knowledge (e.g., through professional meetings, conferences, seminars, industrial liaison programs, and other venues);
- 4. firm-sponsored (contract) research projects involving firm-institution agreements;
- 5. multi-firm arrangements such as university-industry cooperative research centers; and
- 6. personal individual faculty and student consulting arrangements with individual private firms
- 7. entrepreneurial activity of faculty and students occurring outside the university without involving university-owned IP, and
- 8. licensing of IP to established firms or to new start-up companies.

Of the eight mechanisms of technology transfer listed above, the first seven offer significant contributions to the economy, yet it is the eighth (licensing of  $IP^7$ ) that is more often discussed, measured, quantified, and debated than the other mechanisms combined.<sup>8</sup>

"It's the people, stupid!"



Moreover, most inventions—even those that have high social value when put into practice—do not generate significant licensing revenue. For example, in the past 40 years, Stanford's Office of Technology Licensing has received more than 8,000 invention disclosures. Half of these have resulted in patents, and onehalf of those have been licensed. However, less than 1 percent of the Stanford disclosures have generated \$1 million or more in cumulative royalties. Furthermore, many highly successful "Stanford startups" involved the participation of Stanford faculty, staff, and students, but not the licensing of any university intellectual property in order to launch the start-up. Examples include CISCO, Sun Microsystems, Rambus, Yahoo!, and VMWare.<sup>32</sup>



## UW CSE Entrepreneurship: A Snapshot of People





Brian Pinkerton, as a UW CSE Ph.D. student in 1994, developed *WebCrawler* – the first successful full-text full-page Web search engine, which he took to AOL and later to Excite



Jeremy Jaech, co-founder of Aldus (invented desktop publishing with PageMaker), then co-founder and CEO of Visio (object-oriented constraint-based drawing)



Jeff Dean, Google Fellow, responsible for 4 generations of Google's crawling and indexing service, MapReduce, BigTable, etc.; Member of National Academy of Engineering



Loren Carpenter, created the first computer-generated film ("Vol Libre"), Chief Scientist at Pixar, Academy Award winner



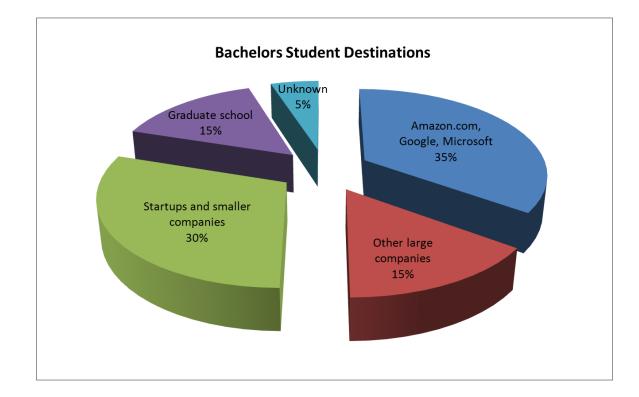
Udi Manber, Google VP of Engineering, world leader in search technology as a professor (Wisconsin, Arizona), then at Yahoo!, Amazon.com, A9, and Google



Rob Short, former Microsoft Corporate VP for Windows Core Technology, inventor of Plug and Play, head of 600-person group responsible for Windows XP design



Wen-Hann Wang, VP Intel Labs, architect for Intel P6 and Xeon families



## UW CSE Entrepreneurship: A Snapshot of Startups





Farecast



Global leader in RFID technology

Airfare price prediction (acquired by Microsoft as the foundation of Bing Travel)

Cloud computing for enterprise IT

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Concurrent software quality assessment tools



Home energy monitoring (acquired by Belkin)

### UW CSE Entrepreneurship: A Snapshot of Technologies







First successful full-text full-page web search engine

Foundation of Intel's "Hyper-Threading"

Photo collection navigation



Public transit usability software

# UW CSE Entrepreneurship: More Startups













1980 Computer system performance analysis software Closed 2007

1986 VLSI CAD software and VLSI components Acquired by Cypress Semiconductor, 1994

1996 Computer-generated pen-and-ink illustration Closed 2000

1996 Intelligent comparison shopping Acquired by Excite, 1997

1996 Image creation and search Acquired by Microsoft, 1999

1997 Enterprise application performance management Acquired by Tonic Software, 2003



















1998 Online advertising effectiveness assessment Acquired by Media Metrix, 1998

1998 Understanding unstructured information Acquired by Thomsen Reuters, 2007

1999 Embedded system design tools Acquired by Intel, 2003

1999 Data integration Acquired by Actuate Corp., 2003

2000 Network security appliances Closed 2002

2000 Global leader in RFID technology Active

2000 Website performance analysis Acquired by Mercury Interactive, 2003

2002 Biomedical laboratory automation software Closed 2010













2003 Airfare price prediction Acquired by Microsoft, 2008

2004 Searching the deep web Acquired by Google, 2006

2006 Cloud computing for enterprise IT Active

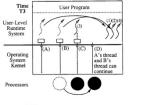
2008 Concurrent software quality assessment tools Active

2009 Home energy monitoring Acquired by Belkin, 2010

2010 Consumer electronics price prediction Active

## UW CSE Entrepreneurship: More Technologies















#### 1989/1992

Scheduler Activations and Lightweight Remote Procedure Call (LRPC) Used in most modern operating systems

#### 1994

First successful full-text full-page web search engine AOL, Excite

#### 1995

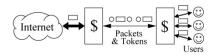
Dramatic processor performance enhancement Intel, Compaq, IBM, Fujitsu

#### 1994

First successful web meta-search engine *Go2Net, InfoSpace* 

1997 x86 binary rewriting *AMD* 

1998 Detour routing Akamai, Limelight











OneBusAway







#### 2000

Network link optimization through de-duplication Key element of the \$1B WAN accelerator business of Riverbed, Citrix, Cisco, Bluecoat, Perabit, Juniper

2007 Photo collection navigation *Microsoft, Google* 

2007 A strategic BitTorrent client *Millions of downloads* 

2008 Lost device tracking

2008 Public transit usability service Metro Transit, Seattle Children's Shuttle, Sound Transit, Washington State Ferries, Google

2008 Website reader for the vision impaired 40 languages worldwide

2009 Private peer-to-peer data sharing Tens of thousands of active users throughout the world

2010 Community discourse on political issues *Washington State ballot measures* 

### UW CSE Entrepreneurship: A tiny sampling of alumni companies





1976 CP/M Acquired by Novell, 1991

1984 Invented desktop publishing Acquired by Adobe, 1994

1984 Computer telephony Acquired by Intel, 1999

1989 Macintosh software Active

1990 Object-oriented constraint-based drawing Acquired by Microsoft, 2000

2000 Advanced avionics for experimental and sport aircraft Active











DOYENZ CLOUD-BASED DISASTER RECOVERY







2001 Highly scalable network-attached storage Acquired by EMC, 2010

2004 Macintosh software Active

2005 A social network for local businesses Acquired by Reply! Inc., 2010

2006 Highly scalable clustered database system Active

2007 Cloud-based disaster recovery Active

2008 Enterprise-class parallel computing software (Hadoop) Active

2010 A network for non-profits Active

2010 Large-scale data analytics Active