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The Great Convergence – of Content, Telecommunications and Business

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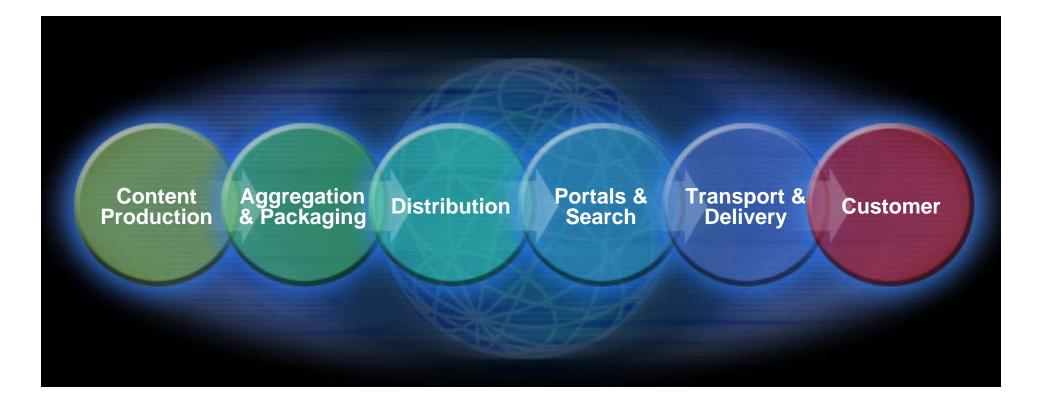
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The rise of the digital content market

Digital convergence is blurring boundaries among telecom, Internet and media and is spawning an emergent "telemedia" industry

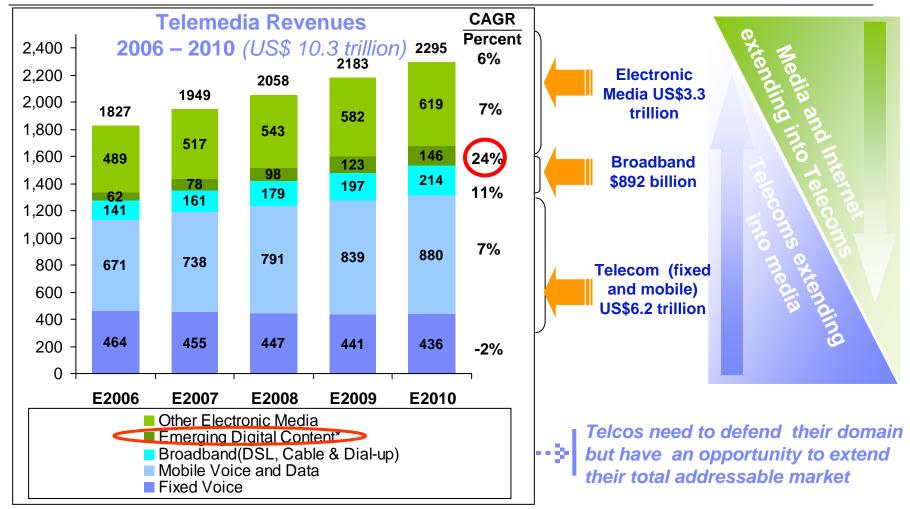


expanding the addressable market for service providers to include areas that were once beyond their reach

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The rise of the digital content market

Expansion in the addressable market is driven by high growth in digital content and represents opportunities and risks for the future value of telcos



Sources: Ovum, "Total Voice Revenue Forecast by Region" and "Mobile Regional Forecasts", November 2006; PricewaterhouseCoopers, "Global Media and Entertainment Outlook: 2006-2010"; Ovum, "IPTV Forecasts," August 2006; Datamonitor, "Broadcast TV to mobile," December 2005; Informa Telecoms & Media, "Advertisers Turn to Mobile Channel," September 7, 2006 Press Release; Veror is Suhler Stevenson, "Communications Sector Forecast 2004-2009"; Yankee Group, "Video Games Are the Next Frontier for Advertisers," March 2006; and IBM 3 Institute for Business ValueServalings: a Future in Content | May 3rd 2007

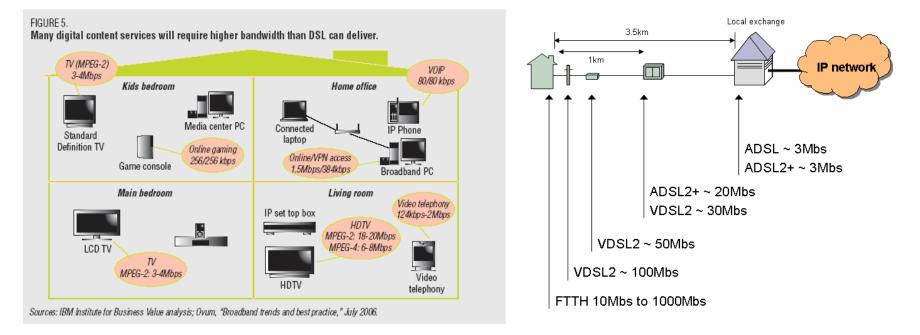


The investment case for entering the digital content market

IPTV is not sufficient and advanced multimedia services such as HDTV require higher bandwidth not available in much of today's access networks

Household Bandwidth Requirements

Decreasing Loop Length, Increasing Bandwidth



Even with advanced compression rates such as MPEG4, operators will need to provide more bandwidth to deliver advanced video services

Source: Ovum, Future of Broadband November 2006, IBV Analysis,

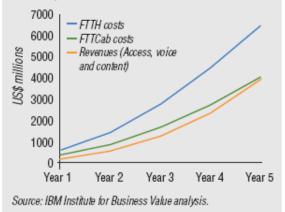


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The investment case for fibre, however, is critically dependent on achieving high penetration rates (30 - 50 percent) but is this realistic?

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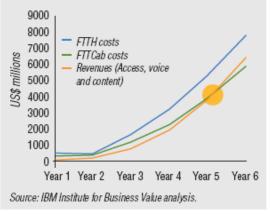
Telecom operators are unlikely to recover investment in optical fiber with a penetration rate less than 20 percent.



Telcos investing in FTTCab could break even at a penetration rate of 30 percent, but the business case is dependent on revenues from digital content.

FIGURE 9.

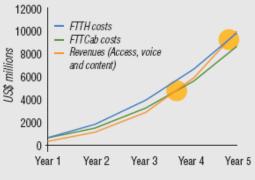
Telecom operators investing in FTTCab could break even with a penetration rate of 30 percent, but those investing in FTTH will find it a challenge.



At current deployment costs, a telecom operator investing in FTTH would need a 50 percent penetration rate to break even within five years

FIGURE 10.

A telecom operator investing in FTTH would need to achieve a 50-percent penetration rate to realize a return on its investment.



Source: IBM Institute for Business Value analysis.



Value beyond delivery - Trend towards flexibility choice and control

Beyond delivering rich multi-media content consumers are demanding new experiences namely: *flexibility*, *choice* and *control*

Present

Supplier-determined experiences

Centralized content production

One-size-fits-all content aggregation

Authenticated distribution channel

Content tethered to a network/device

Walled user information

Releases by channel

Form factor limitations

Emergent and Future

User-determined experiences

Decentralized production, user participation

Personalized content filters

Authenticated users

Content following users

Confederate of user information

Simultaneous street dates

Automatic conversion by screen

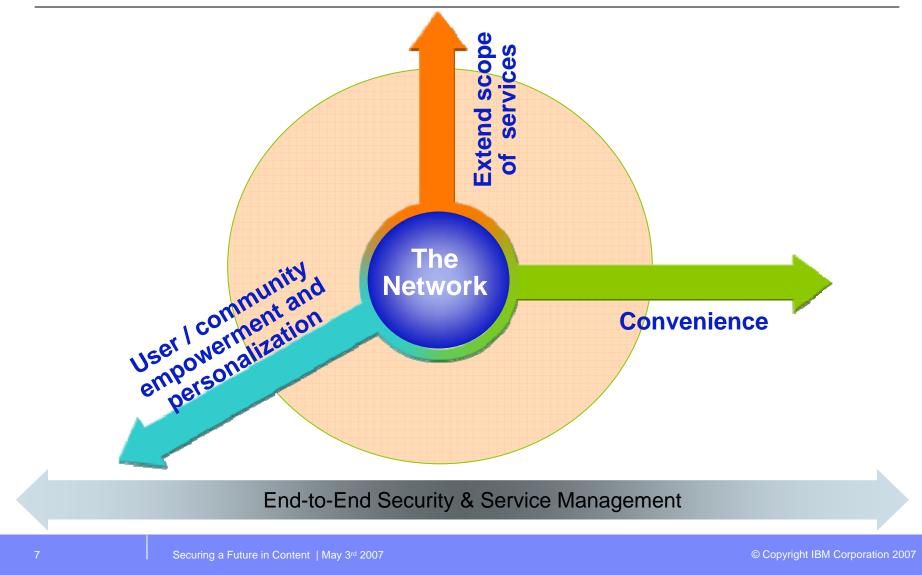
In the future, user-centricity – not network or device-centricity – prevails

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Value beyond delivery - Trend towards flexibility choice and control

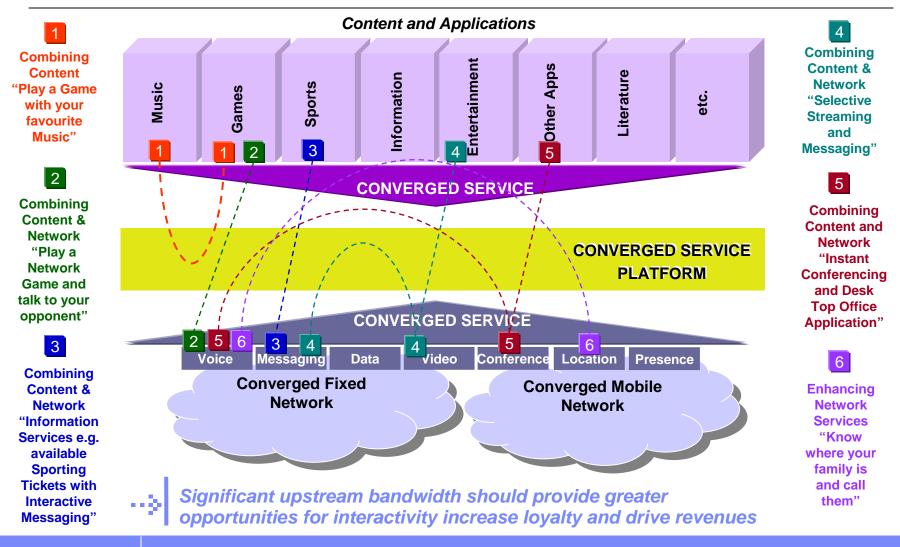
To be successful telecom service providers must deliver enhanced choice, flexibility and control underpined by security, service reliablity & assurance





Value beyond delivery - Extending scope of services

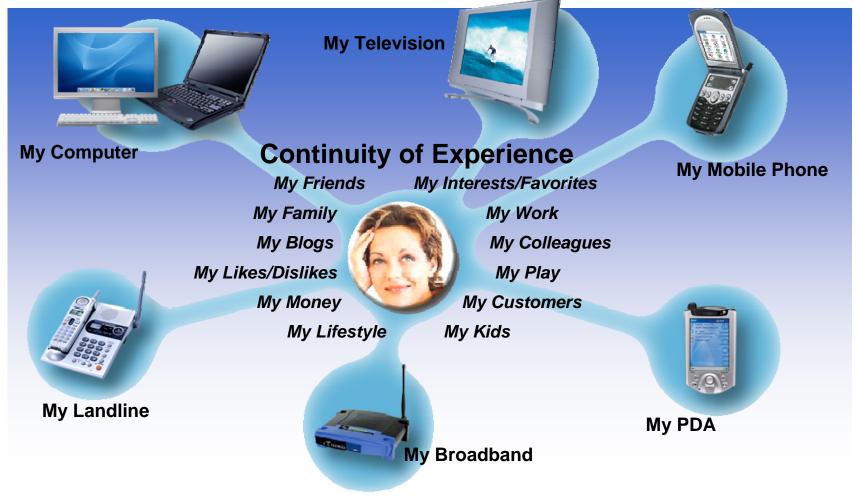
Content services can be enhanced by combining user-centric applications with network-based functions to provide the optimal consumer experience





Value beyond delivery - Convenience

Telcos are uniquely placed to manage the complexity of multichannel access to create a more convenient user experience



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Value beyond delivery - User / community empowerment and personalization

Rather than become traditional media distributors, Telcos should reinvent "walled experiences" and collaborate with aggregators and content owners

Reinvent content "walled experiences"

- Enhance social networking and collaboration through location and presence capabilities
- Provide third-party authentication amongst participants
- Add user and community contributions and incorporate non-traditional niche content
- Remote digital storage for video content

User/ Community Contribution **Reinvent Walled** New Platform Enable **Experiences** Aggregator Enable Content Source **Traditional Media** Take Brands "Open" **Company Starting** Position Produced by Professionals **Distribution and Proprietary** Open **Device Platform**

Media Business Models (2006-2010)

Collaborate with New Platform Aggregators (e.g. Second Life, MySpace)

- Enable services and application with network-based functions such as voice, SMS, IM, location and presence
- Identity management and authentication across networks
- Bridge virtual and real worlds through commucations e.g. voice, SMS, conferencing

Enable self-publishing and direct to consumer

Possible emergence of *virtual* video and digital content services provider and enabler of access to long-tail content

Telecom providers are well-placed to provide low-entry cost 'white label' digital content delivery platforms to enable retailers and content owners accelerate the deployment of direct to consumer digital content services

Content Owner Options Media Distributor Options

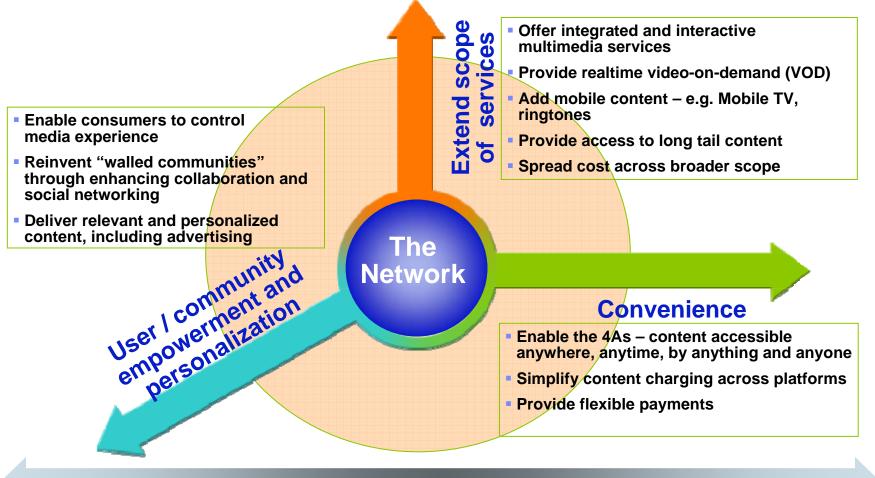
Source: Berman, Dr. Saul, Abraham Steven, Battino Bill, Shipnuck Louisa, Neus Andreas, "Navigating the media divide: Innovating business models with new and old partners"

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Value beyond delivery - Summary

Beyond content delivery, Telcos are well-placed to deliver enhanced customer experience by enabling choice, flexibility and control

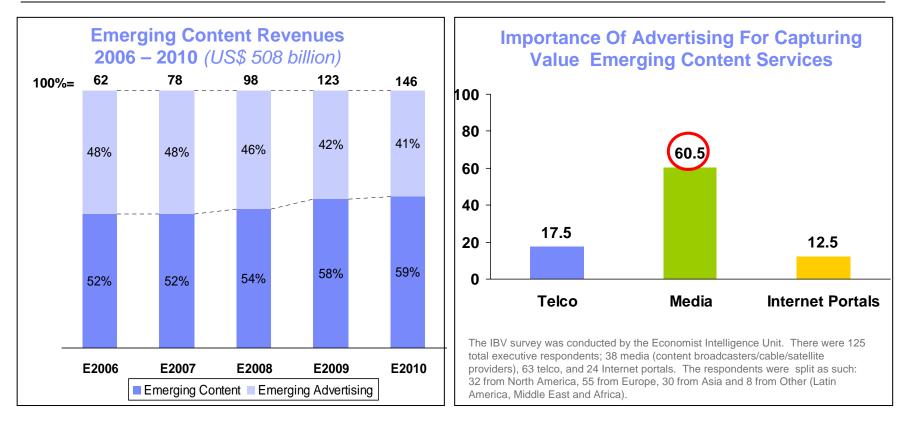


End-to-End Security & Service Management



The role of advertising

Advertising will become a significant source of revenue for digital online content however its potential is under-estimated by telecoms executives



"Mobile marketing could be phenomenally important, if you look at the penetration figures for handsets, and the passion for it... it ought to be phenomenally powerful, and through that lens, we ought to be spending 50% of our budget on it... James Eadie, Coca-Cola Marketing Manager December 2005

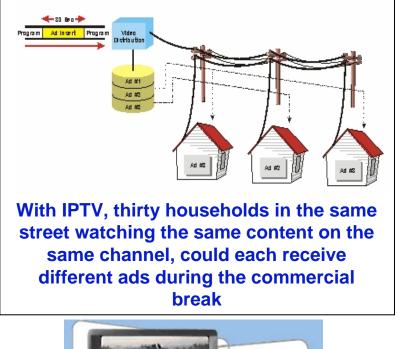
Source: IBV Analysis Mobile Marketing Magazine, December 2005

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The role of advertising

Telecom providers can combine location, presence and customer insights to extend reach and effectiveness of advertising





Telecom Assets for Advertising

- Network Intelligence
 - Presence, Location etc
- Interactivity
 - Two-way communication enabling real-time interactivity
 - Dynamic on demand *ad insertion and placement*, time shifting

Ubiquitous access and extended reach

- 4A –content accessible anywhere, anytime, by anything and anyone
- Multi-device access

Customer Information Insight

- Relationship with a large subscribers base
- Knowledge of customer activity and preferences
- Tracking and accountability

Relationship with advertisers

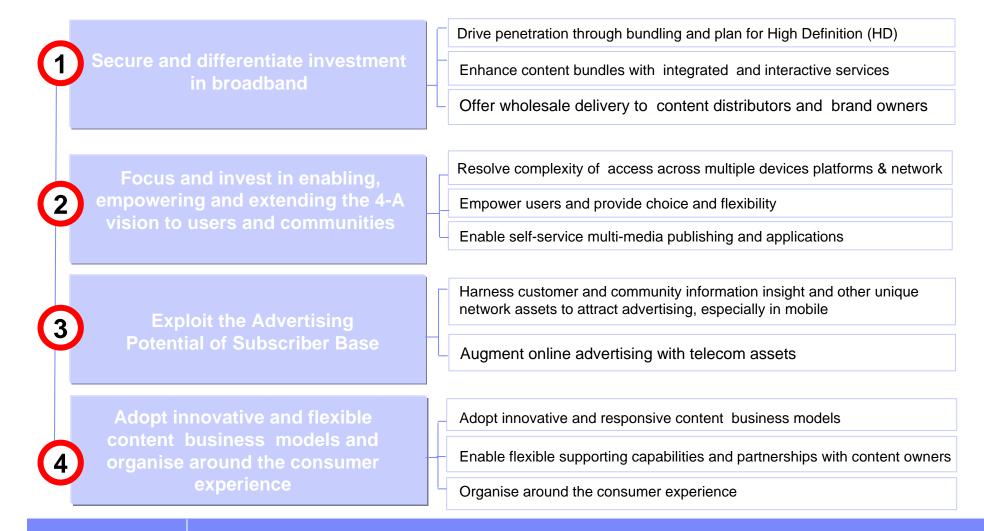
- Yellow pages relationships
- Mobile network
 - Telecom providers remain gatekeepers

Location, presence and personalisation are key to enhancing the consumer media experience



Imperatives for Telecom Providers

A Future in Conten(tion) - Imperatives and Recommendations





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Navigating the Media Divide – Innovating and enabling new business models



Primetime for Mobile Television



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