

#### From Keyboard to Surface: Touch Technology

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• 35 Years perspective of the IT industry Era:





#### Companies associated during era of

- Hardware: IBM, HP, Univac, ICL, Digital etc
- Software : Microsoft, Oracle, CA etc
- Comms (Internet) Cisco, Nothern Telecom, Ericson etc
- eCommerce: Amazon, eBay etc
- Of late: Facebook (IPO for >USD 100Billion),
  Whatsapp (acquired at USD20Billion)



### What is the next emerging winner? Difficult to guess

## IT Industry is not about technology. It is about lifestyle



 Business or enterprise usage of IT is more or less mature

 Consumer market is growing demand for IT



The consumer demand is for Touch technology

 Today, very young people from 2year old to very senior consumer easily use touch screen interface to use IT



 No need to go through regimented training process when using touch screen in IT

Example: ATM Machine – when 1<sup>st</sup> introduced, usage rate was low because young and old were afraid of pressing buttons



- Touch screen is not a new technology. It has been around 25 years ago, introduced by HP
- But, it did not take-off
- Steve Job and Apple made it popular
- And now, lifestyle has changed with young or senior can use IT through touch technology



- Adoption of Touch Technology was very widespread
- Example: Information Kiosk, Point of Sales System etc
- Mobile phone manufacturers hardly produce anymore keyboard type of product.
- Notebooks and laptops are undergoing big changes, primarily to incorporate touch technology



- Eventually, home electronics such as TVs will be Touch Screens
- When the Touch screen converges with the TV, it will become a computer
- Being a computer, it can be used to control lighting, air-conditioning, security etc, enabling digital home



 In the near future, keyboard and mouse will be obsolete

 Touch technology user interface will replace keyboard and mouse



 Beyond that, maybe "Iron-man 3" producer could be right:

Gesture, Voice Recognition, Beaming Technology will replace physical touch technology



# Thank you