

# The Intersection of Cloud and Metadata

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*Some initial thoughts*

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It's *just* metadata

Fine! It's metadata, so what?

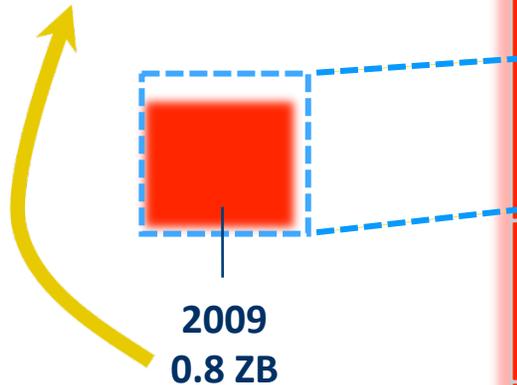
OK, *now* what?

# The Growing Digital Universe

## In 2009

About 117 GB/person in the world

If we put all of this information in typical books, we could have 53 separate stacks that each could reach the sun



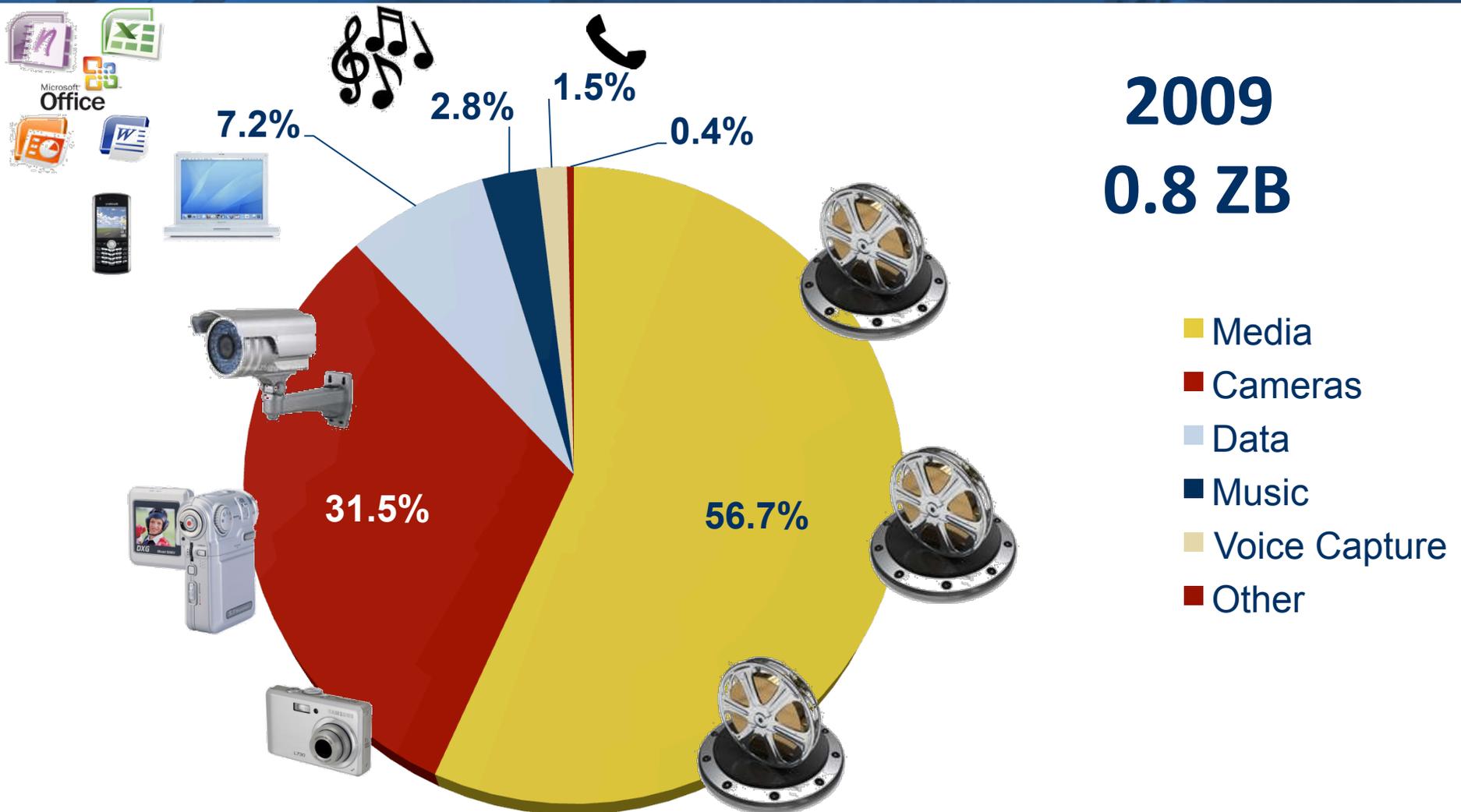
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**35 ZB**

## In 2020

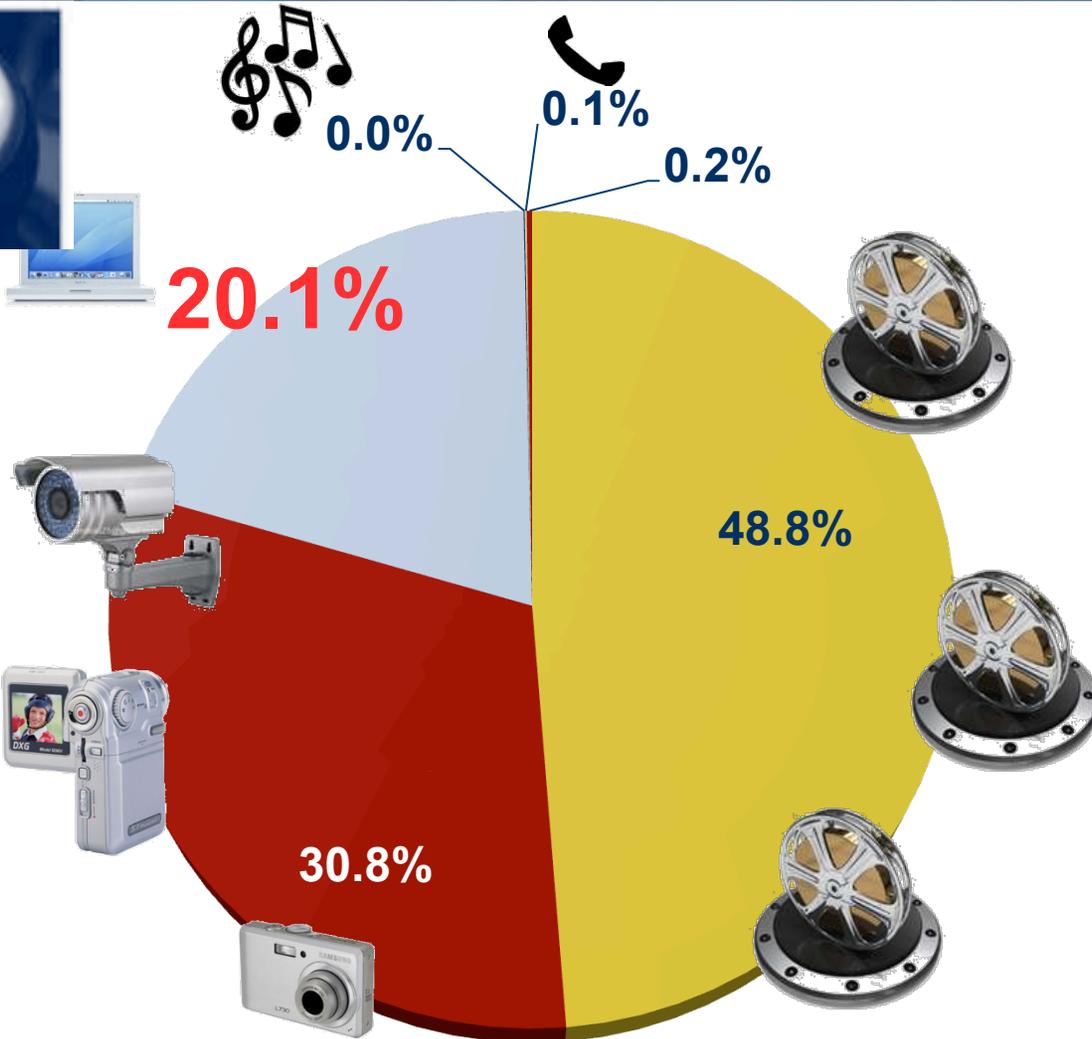
About 4.6 TB/person in the world

59 stacks of books from the sun to Pluto  
(in 2009, it was just 1.3 stacks!)

# Fueling the Digital Universe



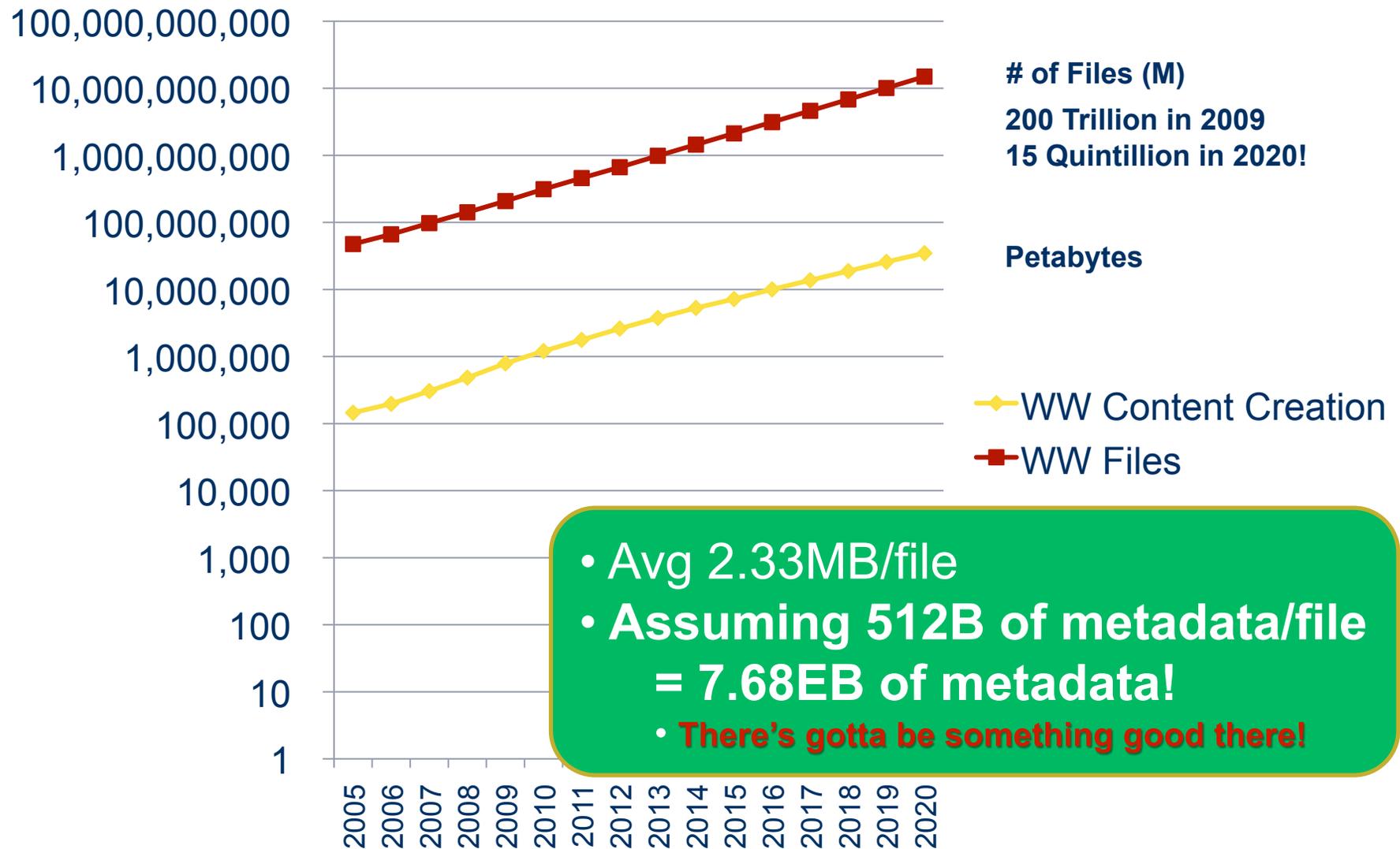
# Fueling the Digital Universe



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-  Media
-  Cameras
-  Data
-  Music
-  Voice Capture
-  Other

# Digital Universe Growth – Content vs # of Files



# Distinguishing between consumption and creation using the cloud

## Consumption

- Many device types

- DT / LT / NB

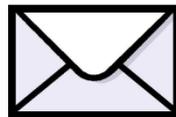
- Tablets

- Smartphones



- Loads of data types

- Emails



- Rich Content



- Social Networking



## Creation

- Fewer device types that can create all data types

- DT/LT/NB → Office Docs

- Specialized devices



- Office Docs



- Sensors



# Ways to leverage metadata

## Methodologies for leveraging metadata

- On-Premise to Cloud → Content Creation
- Cloud to On-Premise → Content Consumption
- Cloud to Cloud → Content manipulation

**MATURE**

**Emerging**



# Different Protocols

	<b>Proprietary</b>	<b>Industry Pervasive</b>	<b>Open</b>
<b>On Premise → Cloud</b>	Xdrive Backup to Cloud	Oracle Fusion	SNIA CDMI
<b>Cloud → On Premise</b>	Pogoplug	Oracle Fusion	SNIA CDMI
<b>Cloud → Cloud</b>	Google Apps Facebook	Oracle Fusion	SNIA CDMI



Val, you owe me 3 beers!

# Use cases for metadata

Use Case	Sample Use Case
Search & Retrieval	Salesforce.com
Referential	Google search Microsoft Bing
Relational	Facebook LinkedIn
Comparative	eDiscovery

# OK, that's nothing new ... Tell me something I don't know

Emerging use cases for metadata will come through cloud-to-cloud implementations

- Examples: Oracle Applications and vApps built on SpringSource

Very likely to be a mash up of multiple sources of data

Metadata will serve to enable a “*pre-query*” to understand whether a full query of the dataset is required or desired

Also very likely to leverage a combination of industry pervasive protocols with industry standard protocols

## For SNIA members ...

- Storage systems need to evolve beyond on-premise protocols (CIFS/NAS, FC, iSCSI)
- Storage systems will need a WAN interface that talks open industry standard “cloud” protocols (eg. SNIA CDMI)
- ... But the data packet has to be interpretable by industry pervasive platforms (eg. Oracle Fusion, VMware/SpringSource)
- Only then, will a storage system be able to be truly a “private cloud” content depot



Val, just make  
it a 6 pack!



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