

## Voice: A Strategic Weapon for IP Services

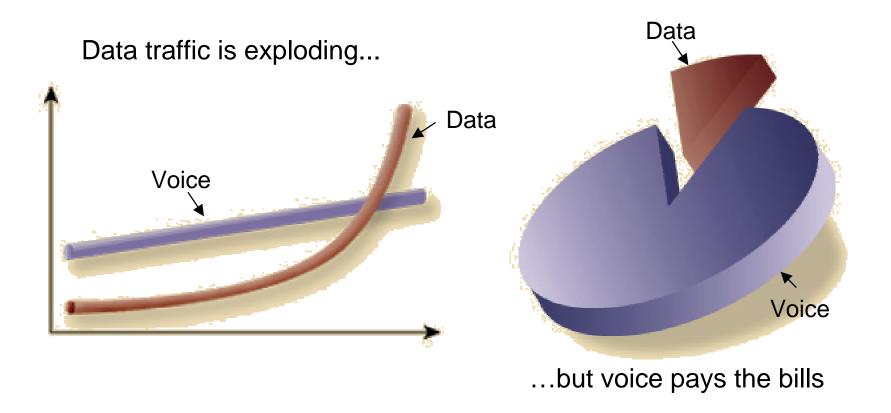
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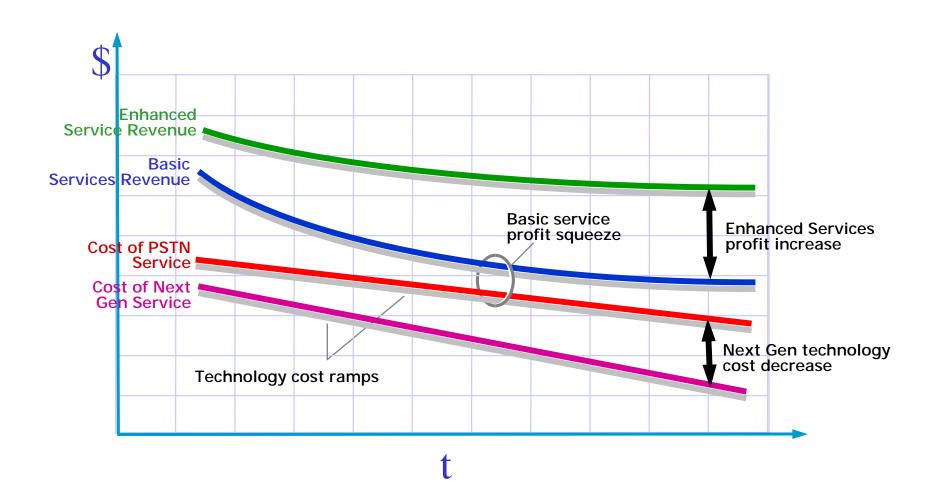
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## Voice: The Fundamental Opportunity

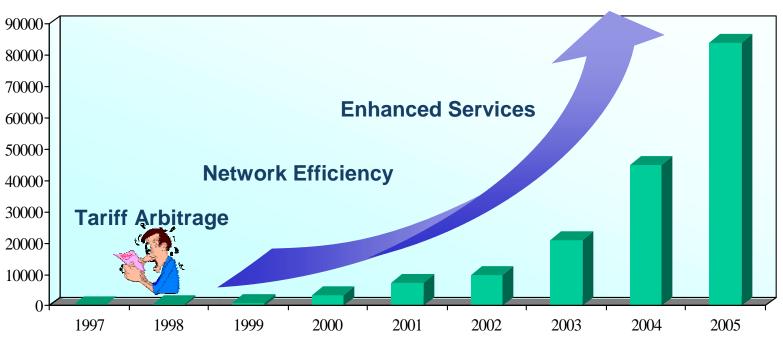


### The Economics



### **Market Evolution**

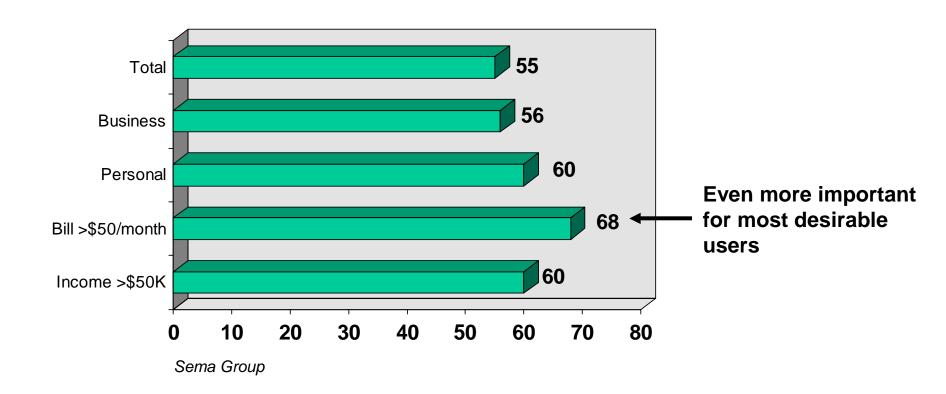




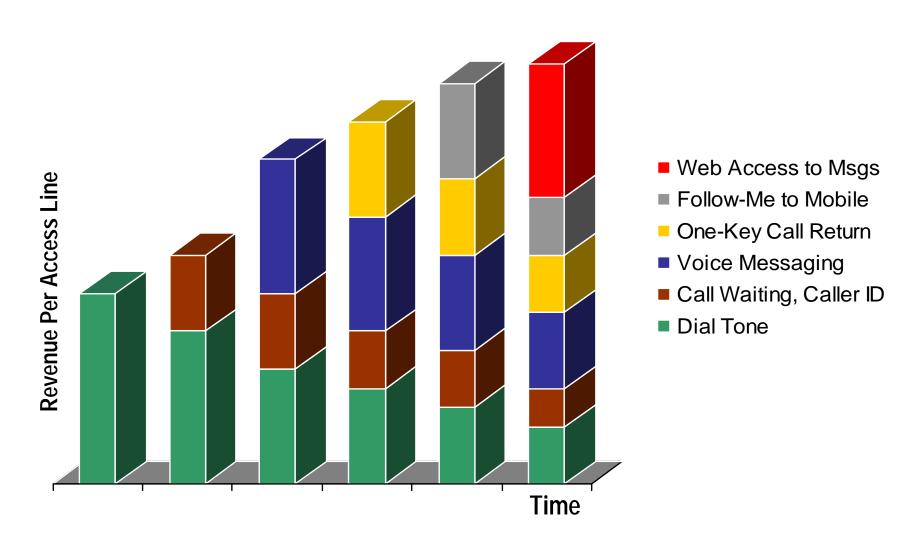
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#### **Enhanced Services**

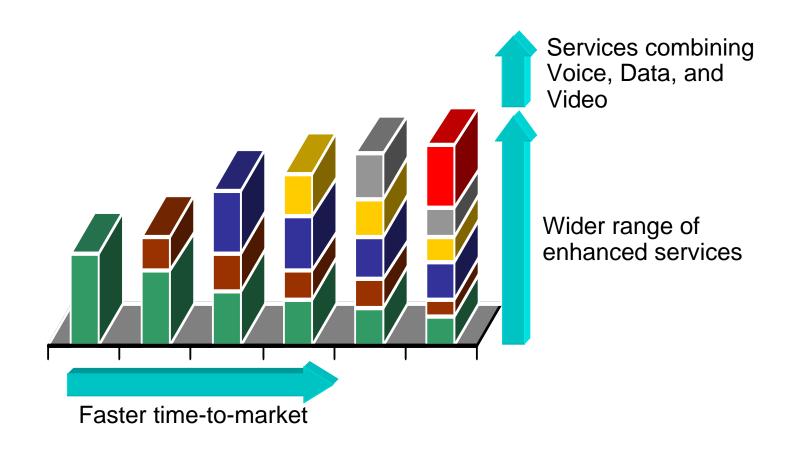
Rank high as factor in choosing service provider



### **Build Revenue and Profit**



## **Competitive Opportunities**



### Where Should Services Come From?

- Carrier in-house
- "Switch" provider
- Third-parties



### In-House

- Small pool of developers
- Limited range of ideas



# Only a partial solution

## **Equipment Provider**

- Should provide "basic" services
- Enhanced services not their primary business
- Want to avoid vendor lock-in



#### **Third Parties**

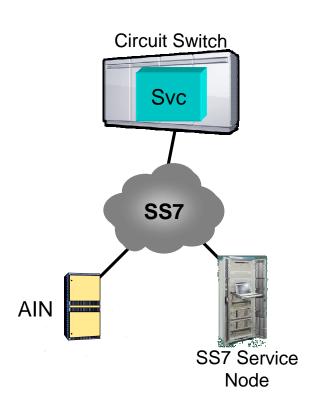
- Experience in voice market has not been impressive
  - Small number of applications
  - Relatively simple applications
  - Slow pace of application development



#### Contrast With the Internet

- Large number of applications to choose from
- Rapid innovation
- Fast time-to-market
- Many opportunities for differentiation

### **PSTN Services**



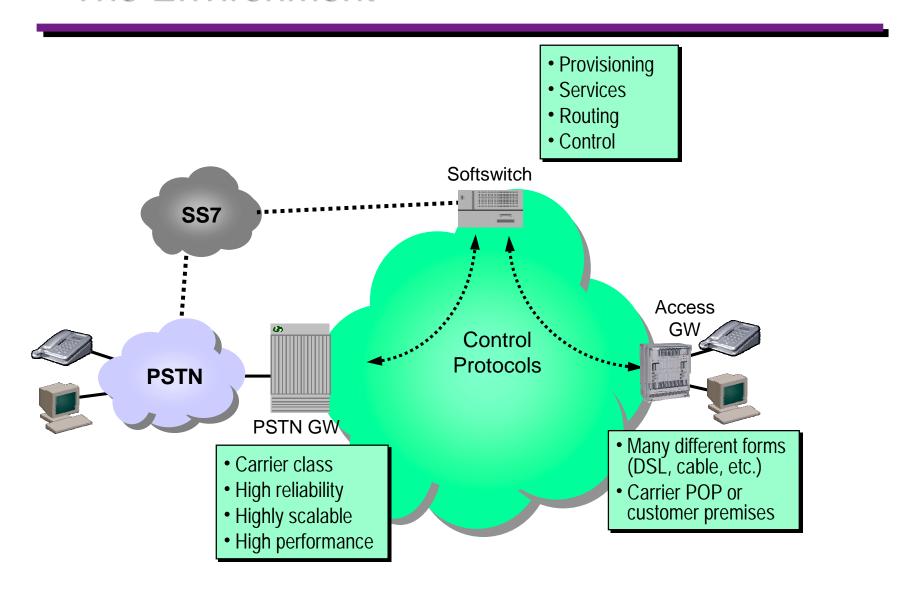
- Requires specialized skills
- Environment complex and proprietary (despite standards)
- Development difficult

#### The Solution?

- Enable voice applications based on standard, open environments
- Allow use of modern development tools
- Employ standard protocols and APIs

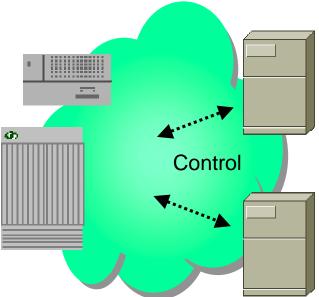
## Leverage the Internet!

### The Environment



### **Next-Gen Service Platform**

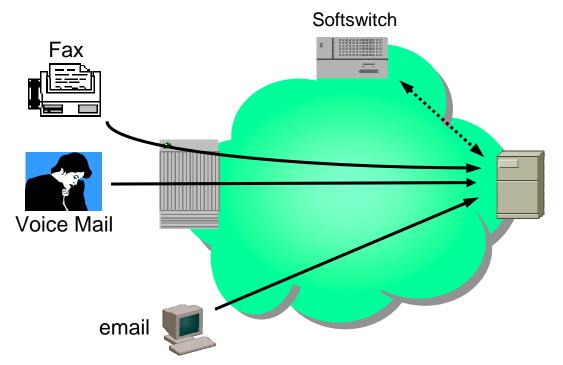
- Application Server
  - Standard HW/SW
  - Standard protocols (IP)
  - Internet application development tools
- Standard interface



## **Implications**

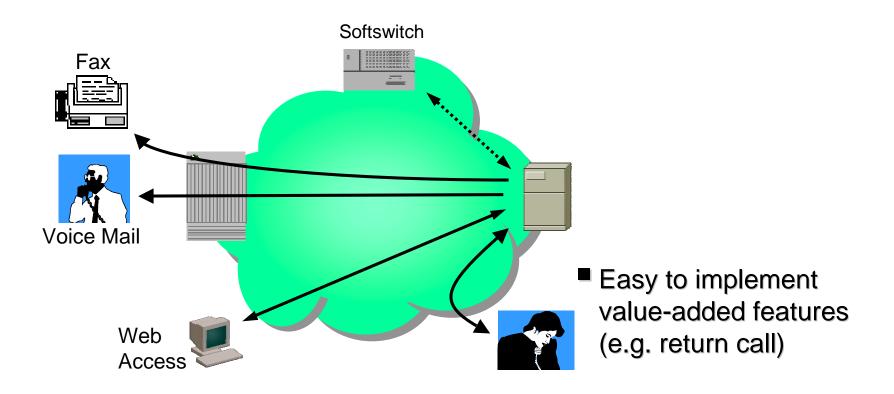
- Dramatically faster service development
  - Standard environments
  - Powerful Internet development tools
- Unlimited service possibilities
  - Voice-oriented
  - Data-oriented
  - Converged
- An explosive increase in third-party applications

## **Example: Unified Communications**



- Media uses highcapacity, low cost IP links
- Software-only (no specialized HW)
- Platforms similar to Web servers

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## Summary

- Next-Gen voice services are just as important as a Next-Gen network
- Services innovation and speed to market will be key
- Converged networks demand a more open, Internet-like services architecture
- New architectures will lead to explosive growth of third-party applications

#### Thank You

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