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Developments in Digital Media:

Innovation, Commercialization, and Why Media Products are Different

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*Global Media Snapshot

- *INTERNET DEVICES: 1 million 1992, 1 billion 2008, 5 billion 2011 ... 22 billion 2020.
- * SOCIAL NETWORKS: Facebook 800+ million users; LinkedIn 116 million;
 Twitter 50 million tweets daily
- *VIDEO GAMES: \$74 billion 2011 to \$112 billion 2015
- MOBILE APP: 10.9 billion downloads 2011 -76.9 billion downloads by 2014
- **MUSIC: Since 2000, sales/licensing from \$14.6 billion to \$6.3 billion
- ** NEWSPAPERS: Since 2000; 40% revenue lost to Internet
- *BOOKS: E-readers, 5 million 2009 to 12 million 2011
- ** FEATURE FILMS: Stronger than ever, \$32.6 billion 2011
- *TV: Broadcast viewing holding steady @ 29 hours/week

*Economy of Attention

- *Experience goods with subjective value
 - *do not solve practical problems but provide value through the creation of meaning.
- *Attention goods
 - * scarcest resource = audience's attention.

*Challenge of Product Visibility

- *Audience fragmentation
- *Audience engagement
 - *no longer spectators
 - *second screens
- *Short product lifecycles
- *Value propositions
 - critical success factors

*Product Innovation & Commercialization

- *Owning your audience through product differentiation strategies:
 - *Branded Entertainment
 - *Transmediation
 - *Cross-platform development

*Firm Level Challenges

- *Digital media producers are serial entrepreneurs
 - *Incentive = novelty
 - *Lack of support mechanisms
- *Market- and consumer-oriented NPD

*Product Innovation Scorecard

*Does your firm have...

- 1) An 'innovation mindset'?
- 2) A disciplined NPD process?
- 3) Necessary technological strengths?
- 4) A market-orientation?
- 5) An attractive target market?
- 6) A formalized "fuzzy front end"?
- 7) A unique and superior product?
- 8) Clearly articulated value propositions for new products?
- 9) On time and on budget product delivery?
- 10) A well-conceived sales and marketing plan?



- *Successful digital media firms:
 - *have high product visibility
 - *clearly articulate value propositions
 - *target well-defined, demanding market segments
 - *utilize product innovation & commercialization strategies

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