The Broadening of Computer Science

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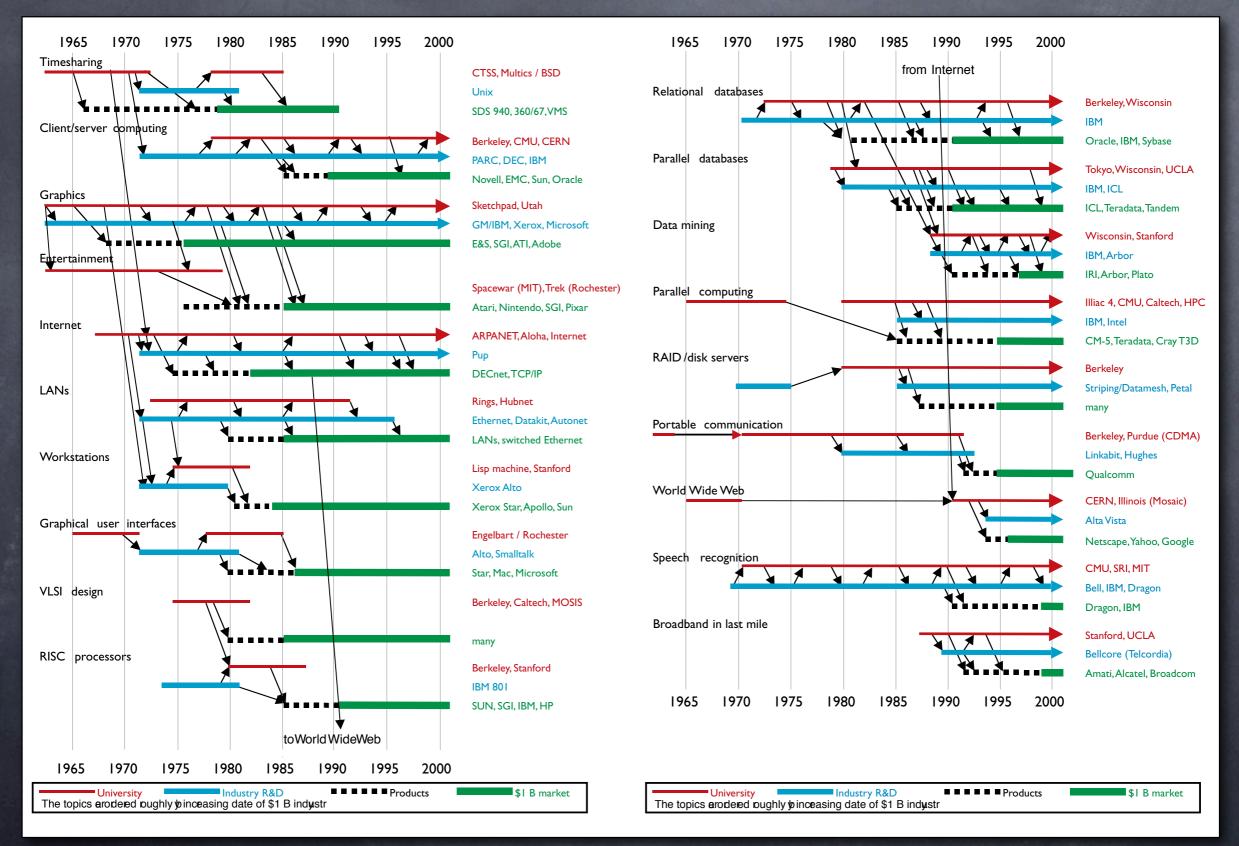






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Science scorned

The anti-science strain pervading the right wing in the United States is the last thing the country needs in a time of economic challenge.

and media. Those institutions are now corrupt and exist by virtue of deceit. That's how they promulgate themselves; it is how they prosper." It is tempting to laugh off this and other rhetoric broadcast by Rush Limbaugh, a conservative US radio host, but Limbough and similar voices are no laughing matter.

There is a prowing anti-science streak on the American right that could have tangible societal and political impacts on many fronts including regulation of environmental and other issues and stemcell research. Take the surprise ousting last week of Lisa Murkowski, the incumbent Republican senator for Alaska, by political unknown Joe Miller in the Republican primary for the 2 November midterm congressional elections. Miller, who is backed by the conservative 'Tea Party movement,' called his opponent's acknowledgement of the reality of global warming "exhibit X for why she needs to go".

The right-wing populism that is flourishing in the current climate of economic insecurity echoes many traditional conservative themes, such as opposition to taxes, regulation and immigration. But the Tea. Party and its cheerleaders, who include Limbaugh, Fox News television host Glenn Beck and Sarah Palin (who famously decried fruitfly research as a waste of public money), are also tapping an age-old US political impulse - a suspicion of elites and expertise.

Denialism over global warming has become a scientific cause célèbre within the movement. Limbaugh, for instance, who has told his listeners that "science has become a home for displaced socialists and communists", has called climate-change science "the biggest scarn in the history of the world". The Ten Party's leanings encom- with both the media and politicians to help illuminate the pressing pass religious opposition to Darwinian evolution and to stem-cell science-based issues of our time.

the four corners of deceit: government, academia, science and embryo research — which Beck has equated with eugenics. The movement is also averse to science-based regulation, which it sees as an excuse for intrusive government. Under the administration of George W. Bush, science in policy had already taken knocks from both neglect and ideology. Yet President Barack Obama's promise to restore science to its rightful place" seems to have linked science to liberal politics, making it even more of "The country's future

a target of the right. that are all too real, and the country's education, science future crucially depends on educa- and technology." tion, science and technology as it faces

increasing competition from China and other emerging science powers. Last month's recall of hundreds of millions of US eggs because of the risk of salmonella poisoning, and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, are timely reminders of why the US government needs to serve the people better by developing and enforcing improved sciencebased regulations. Yet the public often buys into anti-science, antiregulation agendas that are orchestrated by business interests and their sponsored think tanks and front groups.

In the current poisoned political atmosphere, the defenders of science have few easy remedies. Reassuringly, polls continue to show that the overwhelming majority of the US public sees science as a force for good, and the anti-science rumblings may be ephemeral. As educators, scientists should redouble their efforts to promote rationalism, scholarship and critical thought among the young, and engage

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anonymity, it seems that little can be done ncertainty will remain until the investigainvolved must be presumed in nocent until uld report as quickly as possible without tiality and normal procedure. That is the s unfortunate affair.

Public allegations threaten the misconduct inquiries.

nvestigations into charges of scientific for all concerned. Emotions run high: As a consequence, it is crucial that all t and indirectly, behave with dignity and

But events around such an investigati troubling and damaging turn from such months. An unknown agitator using the g Berns is engaged in an e-mail and Intern medical researchers whom he accuses of

Berns's libellous messages are targeteand immunologist Silvia Bulfone-Paus, hold joint positions at the University



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Computing was at a crossroads...

- In the mid-2000s, NSF leaders and computing research leaders had similar deep concerns
 - The Federal commitment to research in general, and to computing research in particular
 - Public and policymaker perception that "computer science" is "yesterday's news"
 - Failure to articulate and coalesce around exciting research visions in computer science that could galvanize the public, policymakers, researchers, and students
 - Need to groom the future leadership of the field
 - Decrease in student interest

... So something was done about it...

- Increased focus by NSF leaders and computing research leaders in academia & industry
- A Computing Community Consortium solicitation & proposal
 - "[NSF] will support the CCC as a community proxy responsible for facilitating the conceptualization and design of promising infrastructure-intensive projects..."
 - The purpose of the CCC is to provide a voice for the national computing research community. The CCC will facilitate the development of a bold, multi-themed vision for computing research and education... [communicating] that vision to ... major stakeholders."

...NSF asked CRA to create a "CCC"

- To catalyze the computing research community to consider such questions
 - To envision long-range, more audacious research challenges
 - To build momentum around such visions
 - To state them in compelling ways
 - To move them towards funded initiatives
 - To ensure "science oversight" of large-scale initiatives
- A "cooperative agreement" with NSF
 - Close coordination

The CCC Council: a broad slice

- Director: Erwin Gianchandani
- Chair: Ed Lazowska
- Terms ending 2013
 - Randy Bryant
 - Lance Fortnow
 - Hank Korth
 - Eric Horvitz
 - Beth Mynatt
 - Fred Schneider
 - Margo Seltzer
- Terms ending 2012
 - Stephanie Forrest
 - Chris Johnson
 - Anita Jones
 - Frans Kaashoek
 - Ran Libeskind-Hadas
 - Robin Murphy

- Terms ending 2011
 - Bill Feiereisen
 - Susan Graham (vice-chair)
 - Dave Kaeli
 - John King
 - Bob Sproull
- Ex-officio
 - Andrew Bernat
- Rotated off
 - Dick Karp, 2010
 - Andrew McCallum, 2010
 - Dave Waltz, 2010
 - Greg Andrews, 2009
 - Peter Lee, 2009
 - Karen Sutherland, 2009

Presentations

The Computing Community Consortium: Stimulating Bigger Thinking

Ed Lazowska

Bill & Melinda Gates Chair in Computer Science & Engineering University of Washington

Chair, Computing Community Consortium

Tapia Conference Career Workshop April 2009

http://www.cra.org/ccc/





- Presentations
- Articles

viewpoints

Viewpoint Envisioning the Future of Computing Research

Advances in computing have changed our lives—the Computing Community Consortium aims to help the research community continue that lineage.

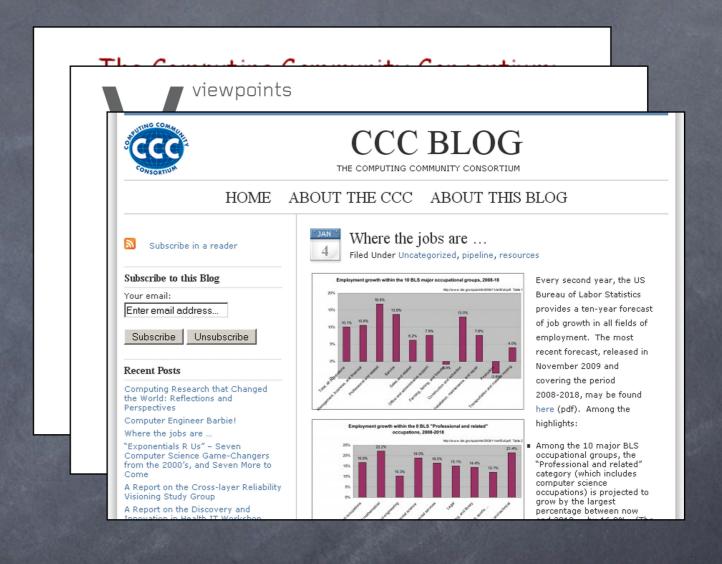
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try: timesharing, computer graphics, networking (LANs and the Internet), personal workstation computing, windows and the graphical user interface,

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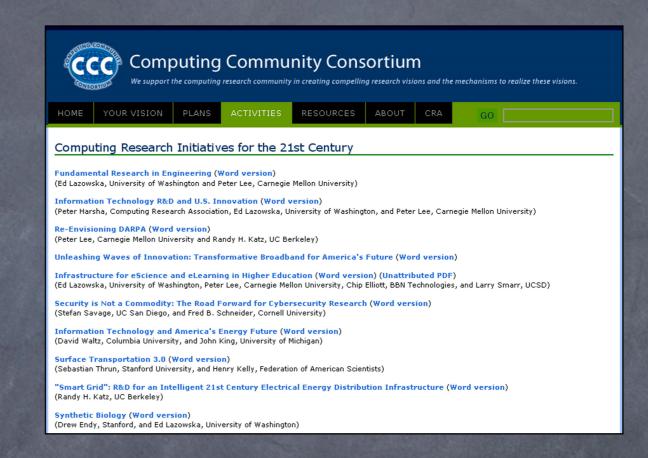
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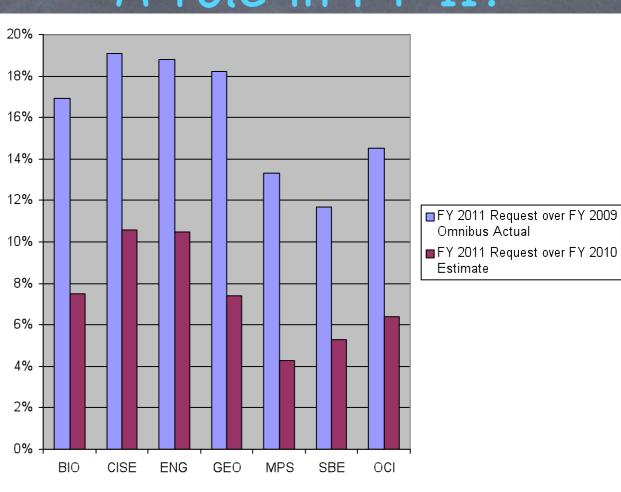
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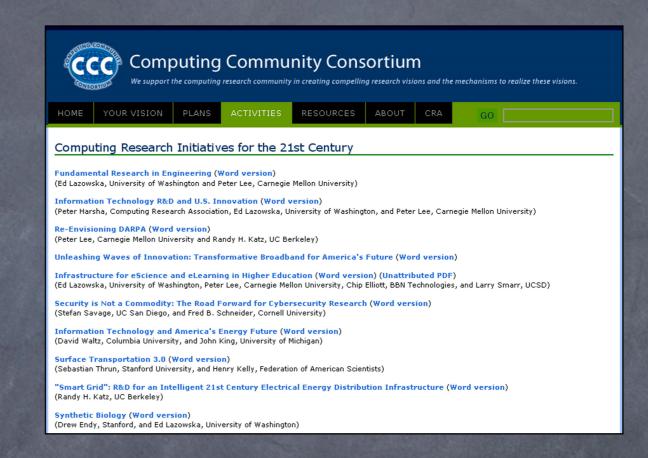
- Sensed and seized an opportunity to influence Federal science policy through the Presidential Transition Team
 - 19 papers produced in late 2008 & early 2009
 - 30 separate authors
 - Many highly influential:
 - Re-envisioning DARPA -- Peter Lee, Randy Katz
 - Infrastructure for eScience & eLearning/Unleashing waves of innovation -- Ed Lazowska, Peter Lee, Chip Elliott, Larry Smarr
 - Security is not a commodity -- Stefan Savage, Fred Schneider
 - Synthetic biology -- Drew Endy, Ed Lazowska
 - Big-data computing -- Randy Bryant, Randy Katz, Ed Lazowska
 - The ocean observatories initiative -- John Delaney, John Orcutt, Robert Weller
 - Cyber-Physical Systems -- Janos Sztipanovits, Jack Stankovic

A role in FY 11?



NSF budget numbers, by Directorate

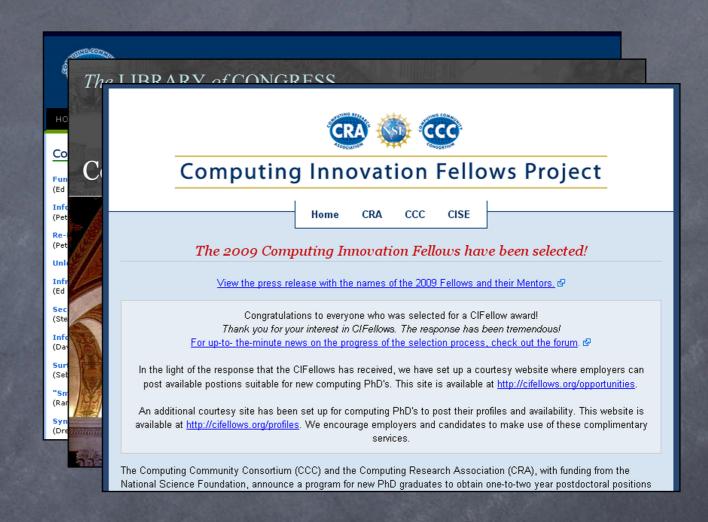
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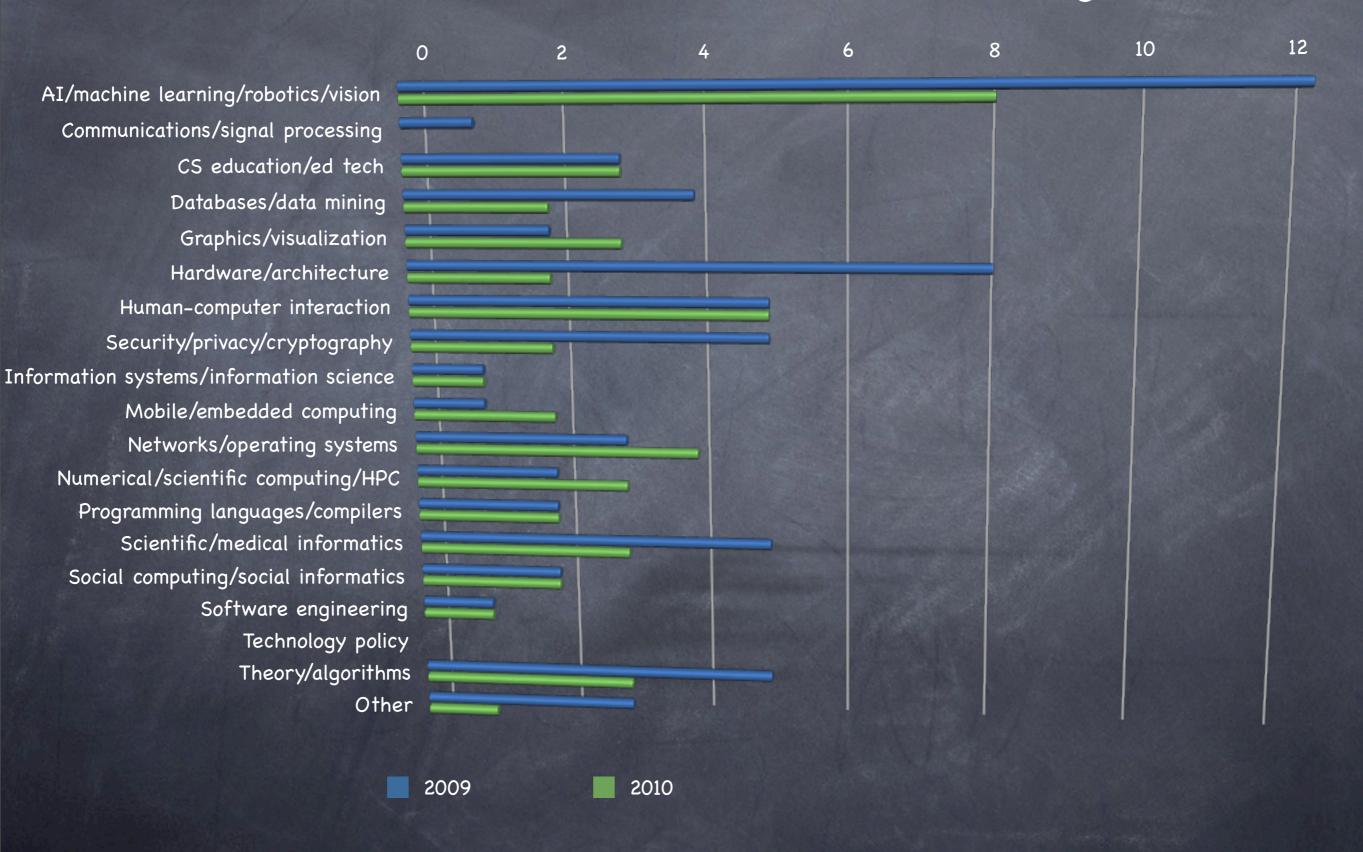
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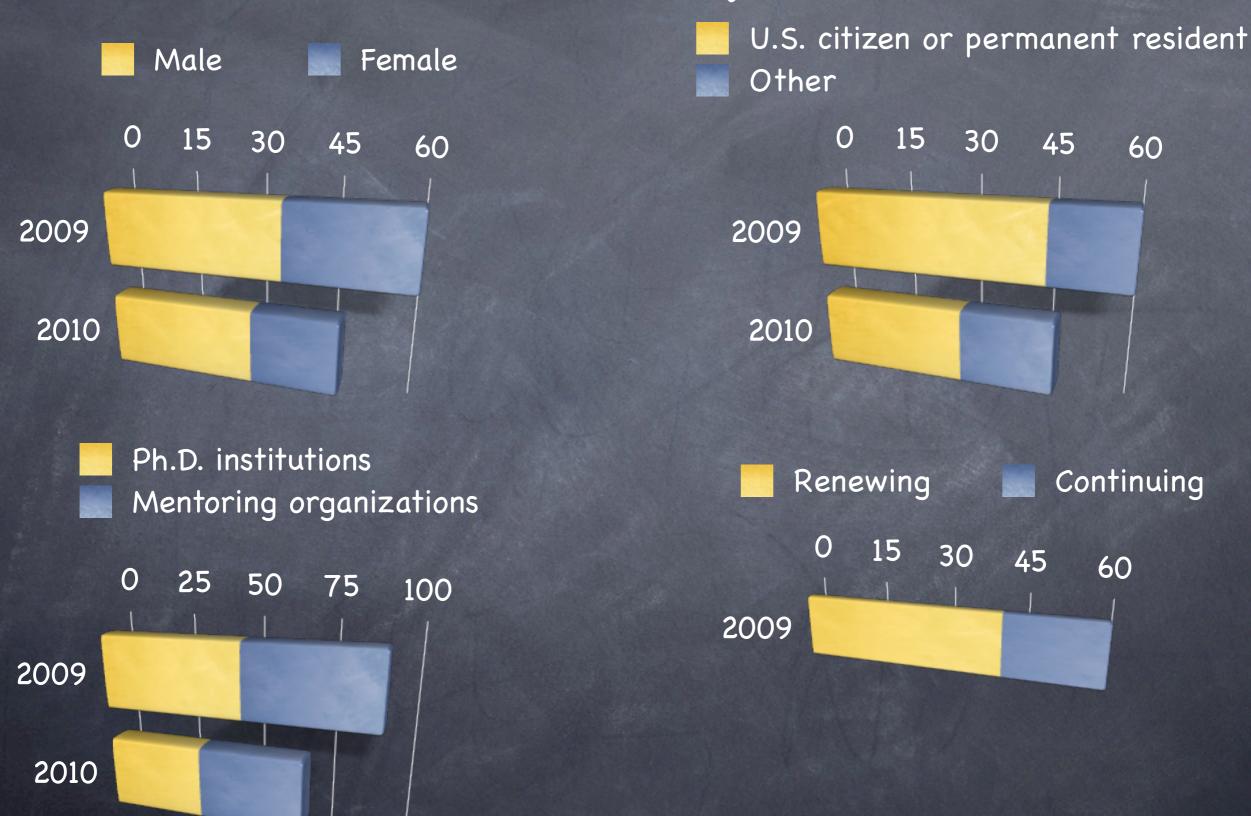
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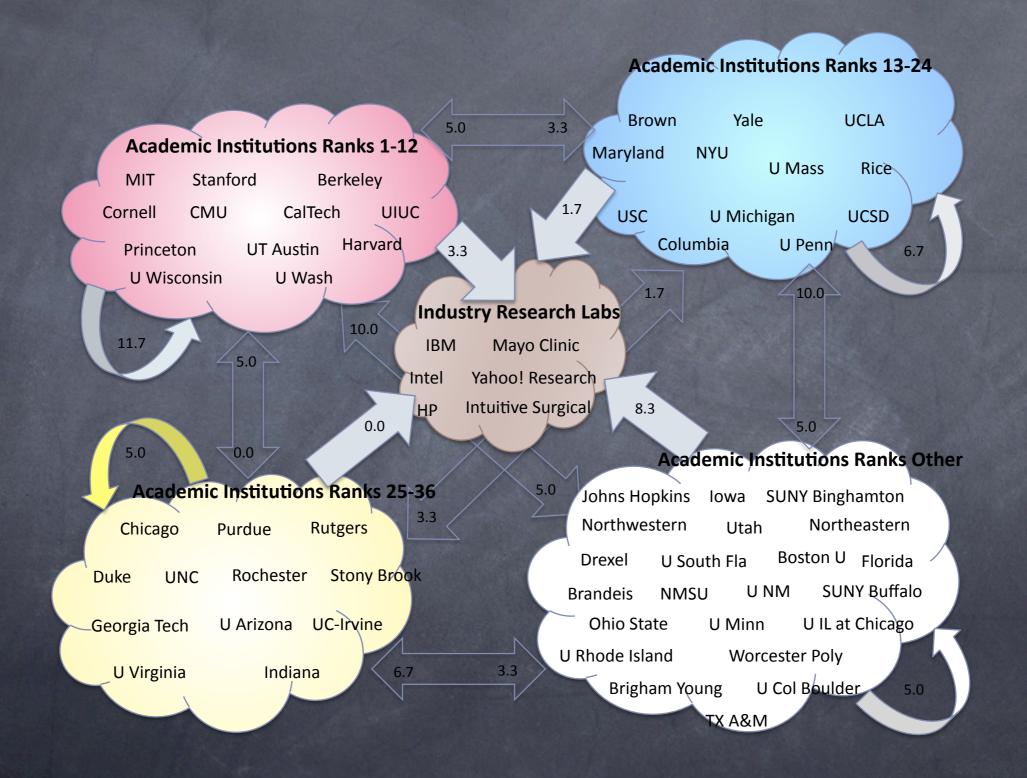
2009 & 2010 CIFellows Projects



CIFellows Projects by the numbers



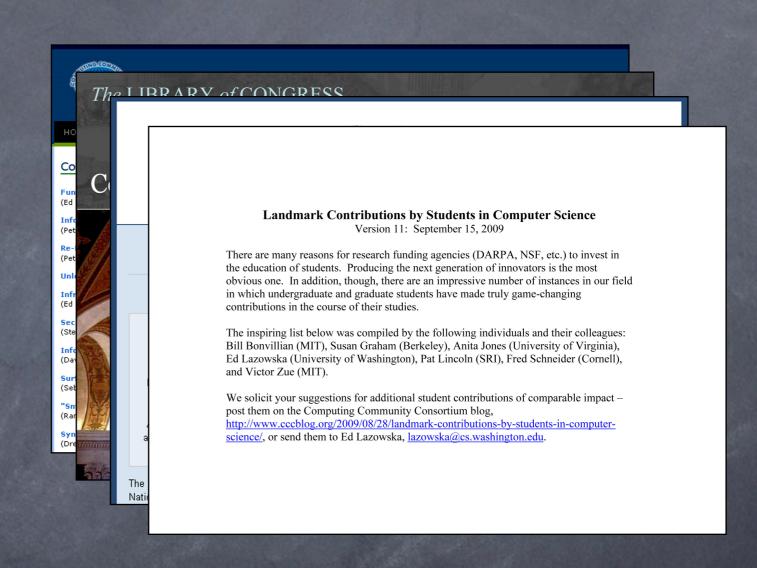
CIFellows Project I ('09) cross-flow



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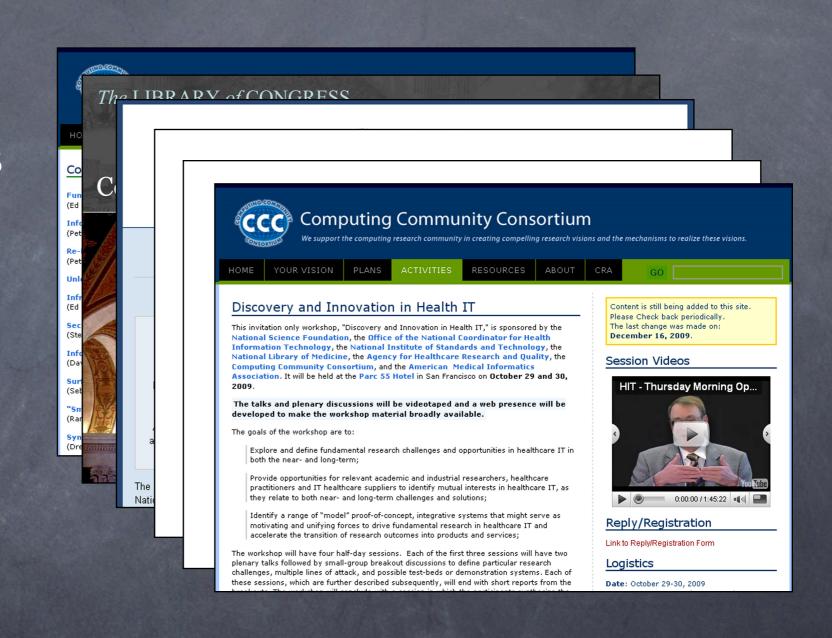
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...And lots of visioning activities

Community visioning activities	Participants	Organizations
NetSE	109	44
Cyber-physical systems	100	47
Robotics	141	79
Big data computing	81	46
Theoretical CS	39	26
Global development	56	37
Education technology	55	30
Health information technology	121	102
Cross-layer reliability	121	45
Free and open source software	42	35
Advancing computer architecture	New in 2010	
Interactive technologies	New in 2010	

What other topics should we cover? Tell us!

OSTP's FY 12 priorities...



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July 21, 2010

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

FROM:

Peter R. Orszag

Director, Office of Management and Budget

John P. Holdren

Director, Office of Science Technology Policy

SUBJECT:

Science and Technology Priorities for the FY 2012 Budget

Scientific discovery, technological breakthroughs, and innovation are major engines for expanding the frontiers of human knowledge and are indispensable for promoting sustainable economic growth, improving the health of the population, moving toward a clean energy future, addressing global climate change challenges, managing competing demands on the environment, and safeguarding our national security.

This memorandum follows up on OMB Memorandum M-10-19 by outlining the Administration's science and technology (S&T) priorities for formulating FY 2012 Budget submissions to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). These priorities for research and development (R&D) investments and other S&T investments build on priorities already reflected in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the FY 2010 and 2011 Budgets, and key Administration policy guidance such as the President's Strategy for American Innovation. This memorandum also provides program guidance for S&T activities in Executive Departments and Agencies.

Prioritizing key S&T activities

...Aligning our activities





"In the 2012 Budget, agencies should focus on ... six challenges."

- Economic growth and job creation
 - NITRD -- "inferences from enormous quantities of data"
- Achieving better health outcomes
- Moving toward a clean energy future
- Impacts of global climate change
- Improved sustainability and biodiversity

National securityCybersecurity

Data analytics WPs
Big data visioning activity
NSF CDI

Health IT workshop ONC discussions NSF/CISE SHB NIH discussions

Multiple WPs

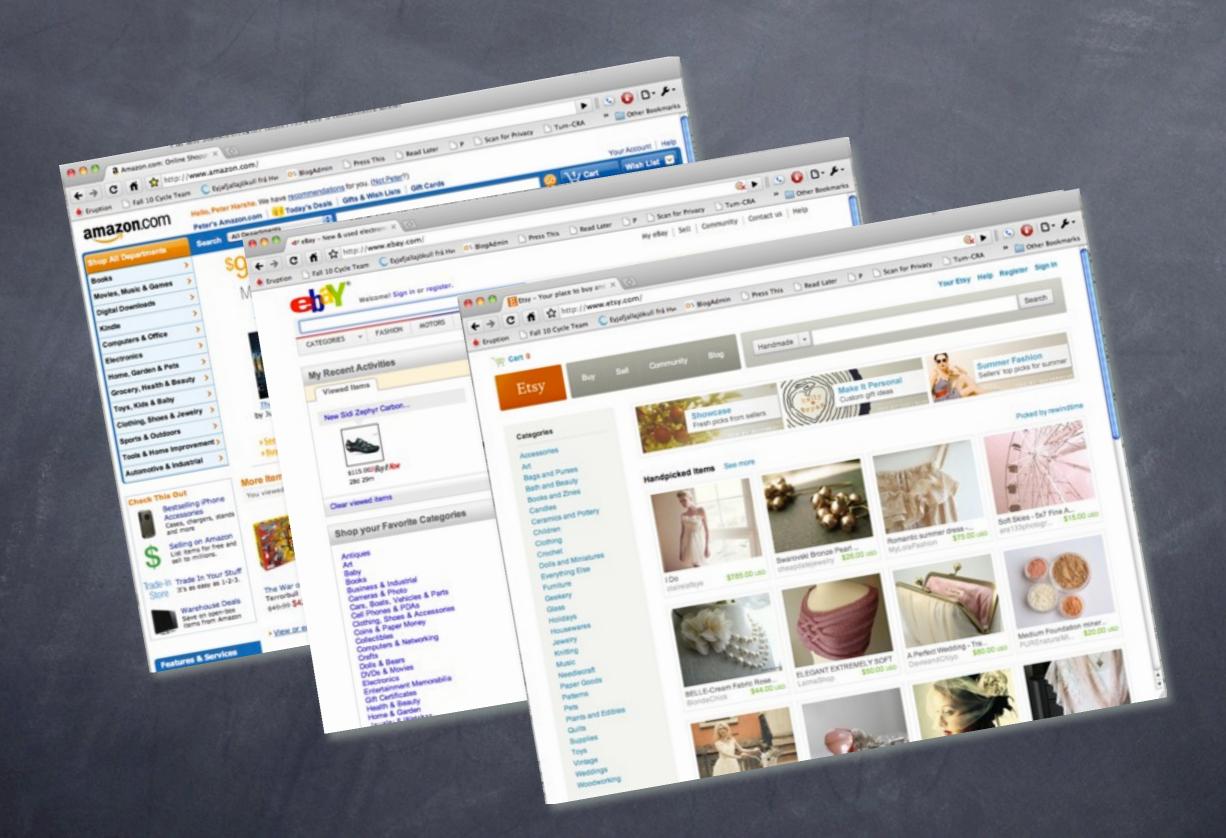
NSF CRI

NSF SEES

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Ultimately, basic research drives...

...how we conduct commerce...



...how we learn...





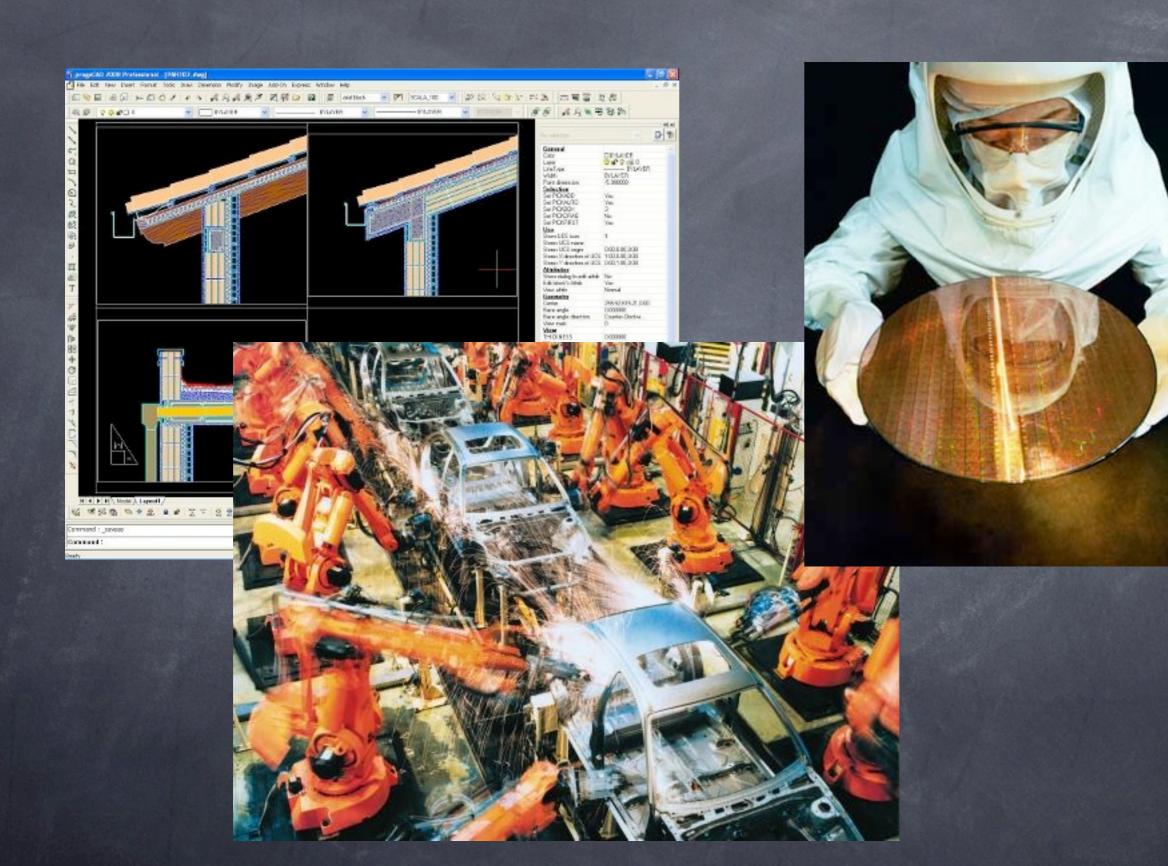


...how we work...

...how we care for ourselves...



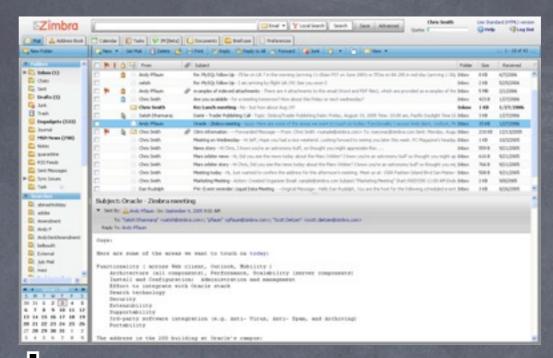
...how we manufacture...













...how we communicate...

...how we're entertained...



...and how we preserve our nation's security.

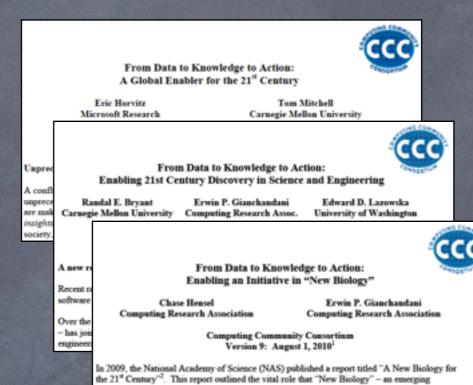


So we have to make a case for Federal investment in basic computing research...

Current ongoing activities

- Data analytics
 - Overview
 - eScience
 - Healthcare
 - Energy
 - Education technology
 - New Transportation
 - Intelligence
 - New Biology
 - Robotics & emergency response
- Ongoing visioning activities
 - Robotics
 - Collective intelligence/how the brain is engineered & functions
 - Energy
 - Computing at the margins/global development





interdisciplinary field incorporating computer science, mathematics, and engineering along with biology – will play in the future. The NAS report presents four areas of significant importance to

the wellbeing of our nation – food, environment, energy, and health – and describes how New Biology can catalyze change in each of them, ultimately improving the daily lives of all Americans. In each area, new data analytics approaches – i.e., new ways of data integration, analysis, and modeling – will be critical. Here we detail the importance of data analytics to the New Biology movement, and we provide specific recommendations for related

Federal investment in research and education

Last but not least...

...A call to service

- There's value to serving as a program officer
 - Some fields view this role in higher regard than others
- Learning how DC works can make us better scientists, researchers, and educators
 - We know what to propose and how to propose it
 - We know the skills set required of our graduates
- We must make sure there's a constant stream of people heading to DC -- they become "advocates" for the field
- Stay involved -- even if you can't make it to DC

Questions?

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