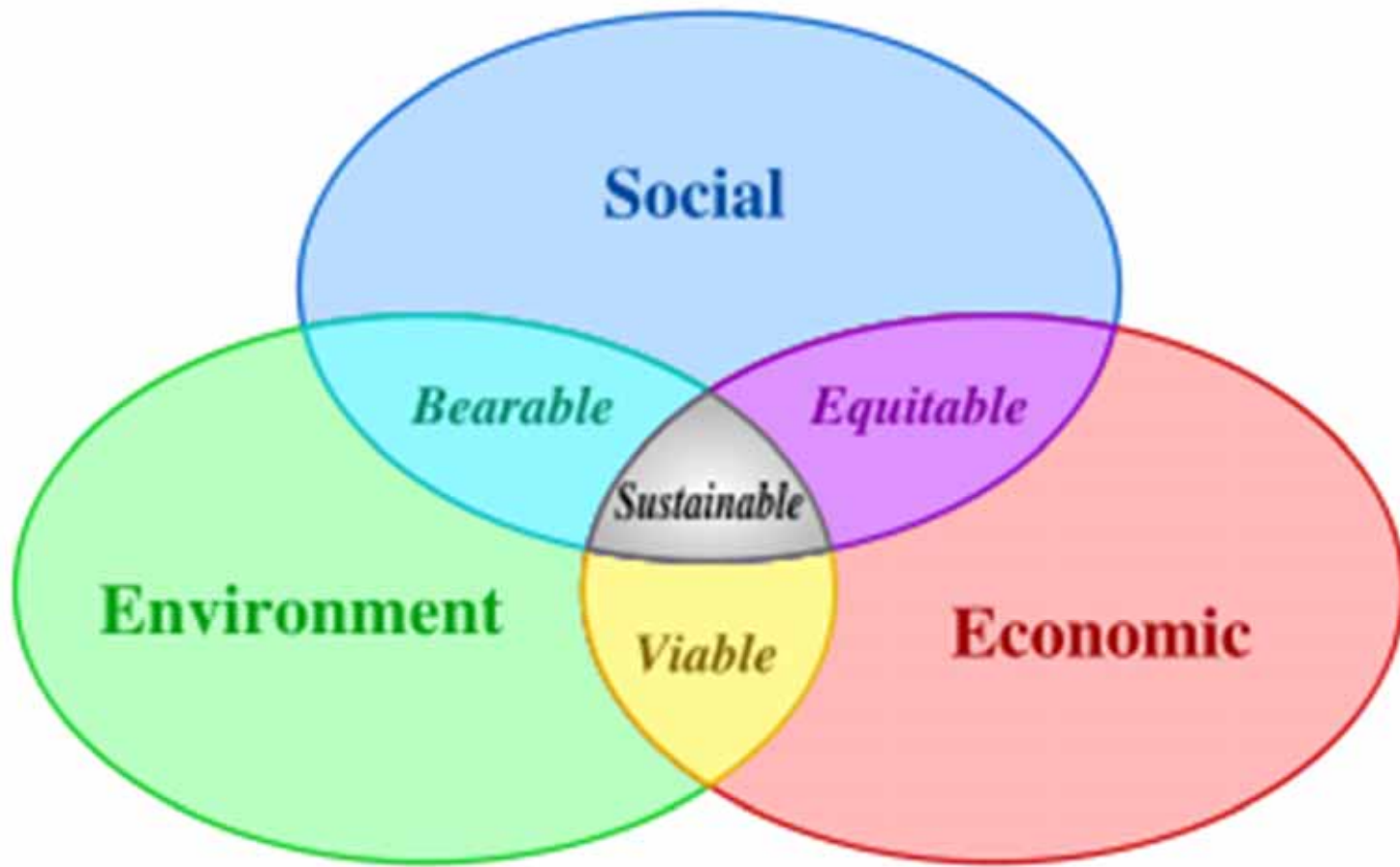
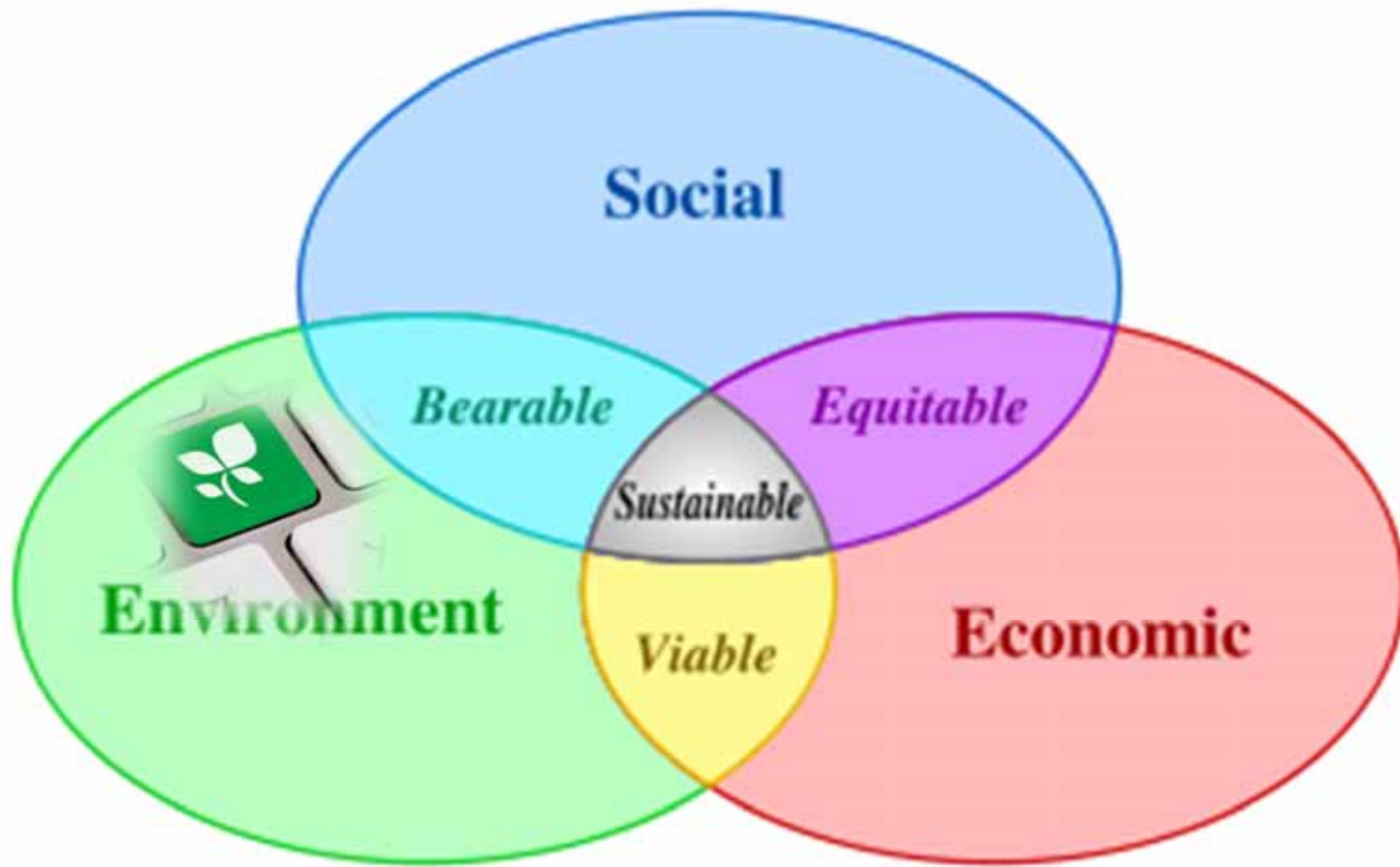




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Green IT – Green Computing

- Design, manufacture, use, dispose computers with min environmental impact
- Use IT to empower other enterprise-wide environmental initiatives
- Use IT to promote the green agenda and green initiatives



Green IT: Helping to Create a Sustainable Planet

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As the world's climate heats up and more people become concerned about the environment, a new spotlight appears on information technology. IT affects our environment in many ways, but most people — including many IT professionals — don't realize this. Each stage of a computer's life, from production and use to disposal, presents environmental challenges. As businesses and governments try to balance growth with environmental risks, we're called upon to make IT systems and their use greener and, more importantly, to apply IT in innovative ways to address environmental problems.

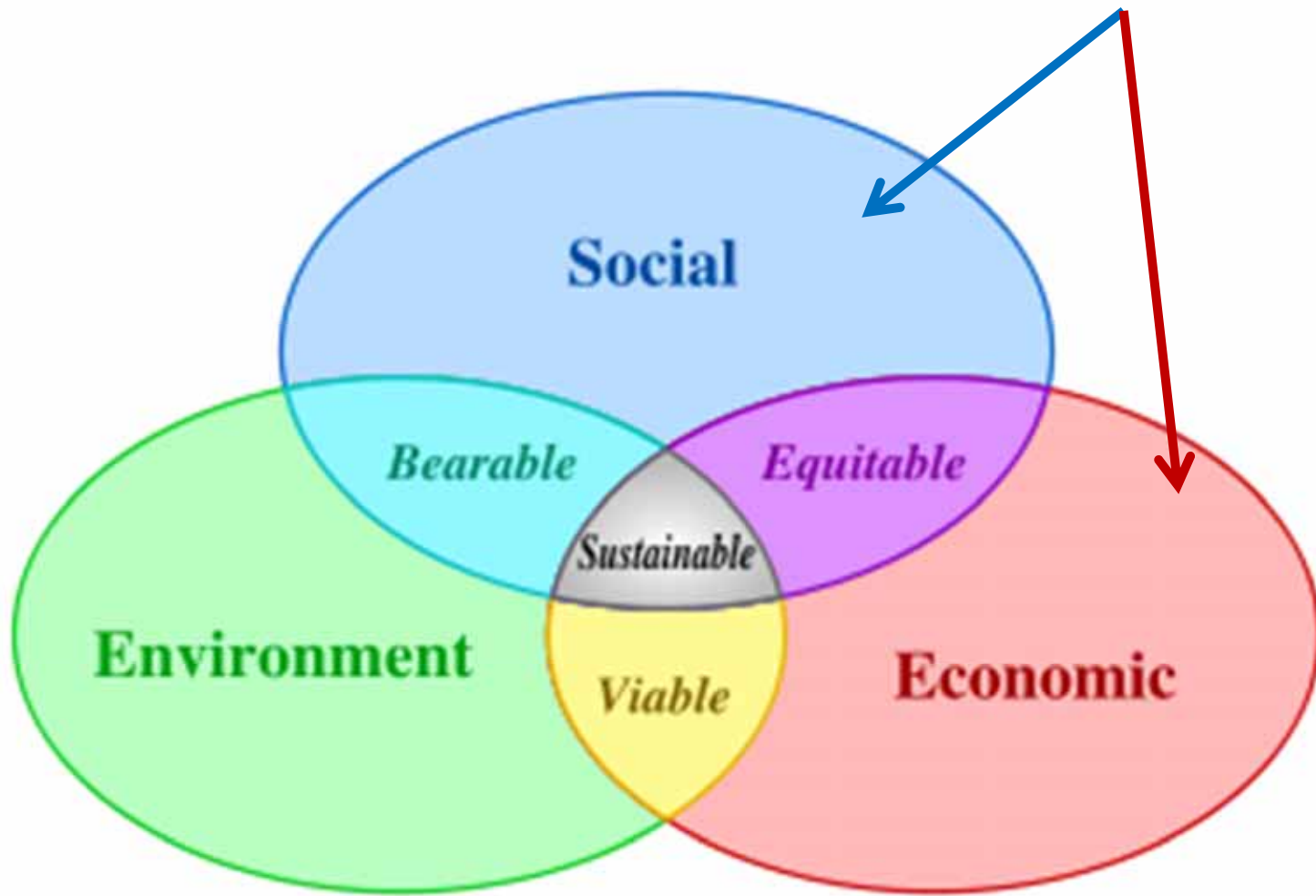
Green IT, also known as *green computing*, is an umbrella term referring to environmentally sound information technologies and systems, applications, and practices. It encompasses three complementary IT-enabled approaches to improving environmental sustainability:

- the efficient and effective design, manufacture, use, and disposal of computer hardware, software, and communication systems with no or minimal impact on the environment;
- the use of IT and information systems to empower — to support, assist, and leverage — other enterprise-wide environmental initiatives; and
- the harnessing of IT to help create awareness among stakeholders and promote the green agenda and green initiatives.

Green IT 1.0 and 2.0

The first wave of green IT — the Greening of IT, or Green IT 1.0 — was internally focused on reengineering IT products and processes to improve their energy efficiency, maximize their use, and meet compliance requirements. However, the vast majority of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions that deteriorate our environment come from non-IT sources; IT contributes only about two to three percent of global GHG emissions. So, to create significant energy savings and improve overall environmental sustainability, we need to focus our attention and efforts on other areas.

Greening by IT, also known as Green IT 2.0, is externally focused and empowers a range of other green initiatives aimed at reducing environmental degradation and reducing GHG emissions. This second wave is about IT-based sustainability innovations. For instance, in addition





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The Earnings Game

Everyone Plays, Nobody Wins

LAST FALL, S.R. ONE, THE IN-HOUSE venture capital unit of what was then known as SmithKline Beecham, was showing some very impressive paper gains on its biotechnology holdings. Figuring—rightly, as it turned out—that prices for biotech assets were at or near a cyclical peak, S.R. One president Brenda Gavin planned to sell the holdings and realize a tidy windfall for SmithKline, or rather, for its shareholders. Those plans, however, lasted only until Gavin's corporate masters heard about them. At that point, says Gavin, "The message came down from headquarters: 'Not another dollar of profit.'"

It may seem untimely for a company to turn down a surefire chance to make more money, but in fact, it's common in corporate America. Companies that are on track to "make their number"—that is, to report the quarterly earnings expected of them by securities analysts—

There's a tyrant terrorizing nearly every public company in the United States—it's called the quarterly earnings report. It dominates and distorts the decisions of executives, analysts, investors, and auditors. Yet it says almost nothing about a business's health. How did a single number come to loom so large?

by Harris Collingwood

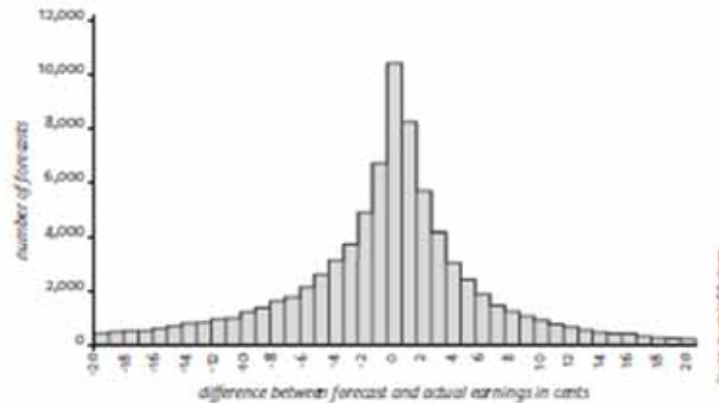
often steer clear of transactions that would bump those earnings up or down. Why? In this case, the bean counters at SmithKline headquarters had at least two compelling reasons to deliver the earnings per share analysts expected, and not a penny more or less. First, making the number would signal to the investing community that SmithKline's basic operations were proceeding with no major deviations from strategy or

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Great Expectations

The Statistical Evidence for Earnings Management

To test the frequency of earnings management, Harvard professor Richard Zeckhauser and his coauthors, François Degeorge and Jayendu Patel, compiled more than 100,000 quarterly earnings reports from 1974 to 1996 and compared them with analysts' expected earnings. They found that a preponderance of reported earnings per share exactly matched analysts' expectations (that is, reported earnings minus forecast earnings equaled zero) or exceeded them by one cent. The disproportionate number of earnings that exactly matched forecasts strongly suggests earnings management at work. Further evidence comes from the relative scarcity of earnings that miss forecasts by a penny (that is, reported earnings minus forecast earnings equaled -1). The disparity between the number of earnings reports that missed estimates by a penny and the number of reports that exceeded them by a penny suggests that companies that risked falling short of forecasts "borrowed" earnings from future quarters.



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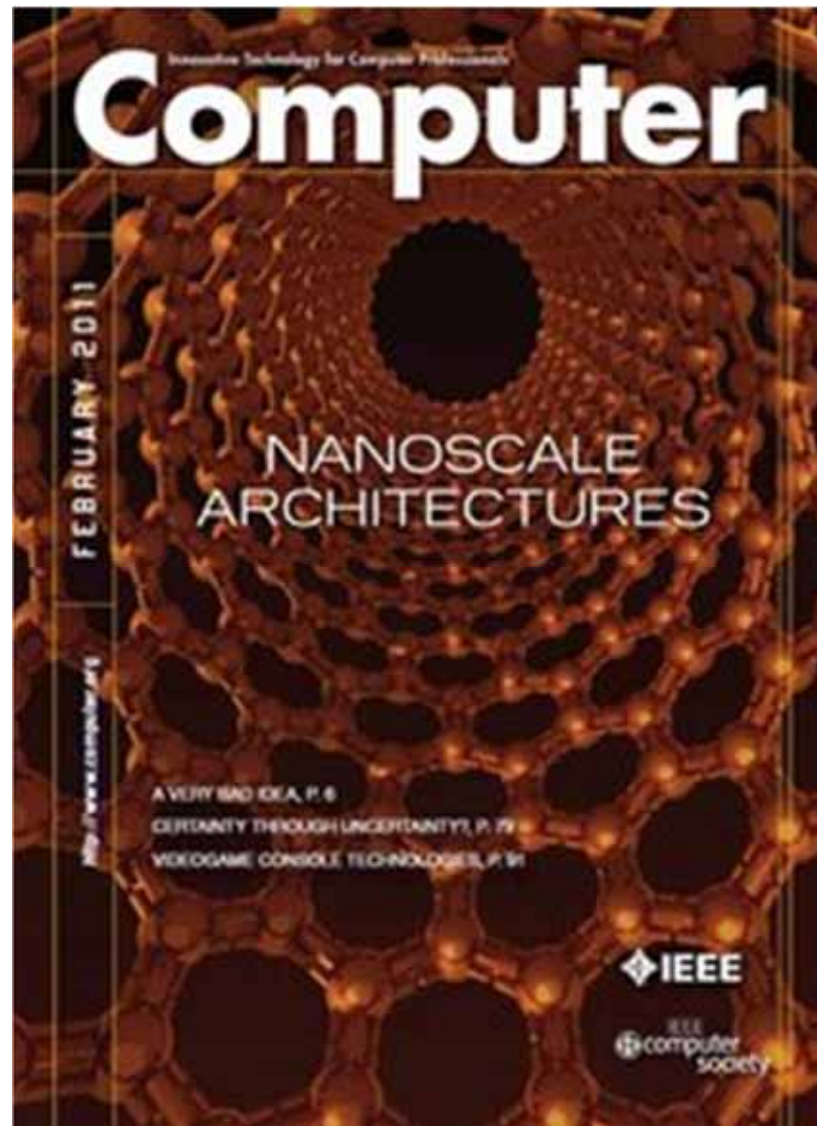


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- Do not manage earnings or provide earnings guidance
- Make strategic decisions that maximize expected value, even at the expense of lowering near-term earnings
- Reward middle managers and frontline employees for delivering superior performance on the key value drivers that they influence directly
- Require senior executives to bear the risks of ownership just as shareholders do

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THE KNOWN WORLD

A Very Bad Idea

David Alan Grier
George Washington University



The grand ideas that led to the 1991 High-Performance Computing Act shaped the modern Internet only as they sifted through layers of the vertical division of labor.

I was a terrible idea—I will admit that much. I normally don't like to mark anniversaries as I think they tend to focus on the wrong ideas. However, I decided that this one was different.

The anniversary in question marks 20 years since the passage of the High-Performance Computing and Communication Act of 1991. That piece of legislation was such a milestone for the Internet that I couldn't let the opportunity pass. More than any other effort, it moved high-speed networks from laboratory to market.

Before the 1991 act, we had ARPANET, NSFNet, and CSNet. After that, we had the Internet. That one bit of legislation was the link that connected the ideas of one group of people to the aspirations of another.

AN UNSALVAGEABLE INTERVIEW

The core of my bad idea was the notion that I would have the sponsor of the 1991 legislation provide a comment for this column. It's not that I knew the sponsor, a former US senator from Tennessee, but I know someone who knows someone who knows the sponsor's chief aide. That's how things work in Washington. You never really move out of your own sphere, but you have a chain of links that provide a path to your desired target. It makes a good example for an elementary data structures class. My collection of links isn't that strong, but it's usually sufficient for what I need to do.

I obtained a phone appointment with the former senator's chief of staff. We started with the basic pleasantries, and then I tried to describe what I wanted to do. I was hoping to get some kind of statement that would link the world in which the senator crafted policy with the current world of Internet commerce and social networks. Perhaps he'd seen something interesting in a visit to one of the 1980s supercomputer centers and suddenly envisioned how this technology could create an information superhighway.

The other end of the line was quiet as I explained my idea. This wasn't a good sign. I may have heard clicking keys that suggested more interest in an e-mail message than in the conversation at hand, but I may have misread things. I paused and added a comment about a well-circulated quote concerning the senator's role in creating the Internet.

Before the words were out of my mouth, I realized that I had made a mistake. If the chief of staff was not engaged before, he was certainly engaged now. I got a lengthy description of how the senator had never claimed to invest the Internet but that an enemy of the senator had fabricated the quote and circulated it through the malicious channels of cable TV news.

I tried to get the conversation back to the place I wanted it to be, but I could see that the damage was done. I wasn't going to salvage this interview. I made one last effort to connect the computer science of networking to the policy that had led to the Internet.

"Was there any connection between the two?" I asked.

The aide was polite but curt. "Policy doesn't work that way," he said.

ORGANIZATIONAL LAYERS

Of course, I knew that was true, but I had hoped that there might be an exception in this case. When viewing policy decisions, we have a tendency to project our thoughts and activities into the work of the policy makers. In fact, policy is made in layers, with each layer concerned with a certain set of problems that are only loosely connected to those in the layers above and below.

I had even seen the layering in an organization for which I worked. About five or six years ago, several of

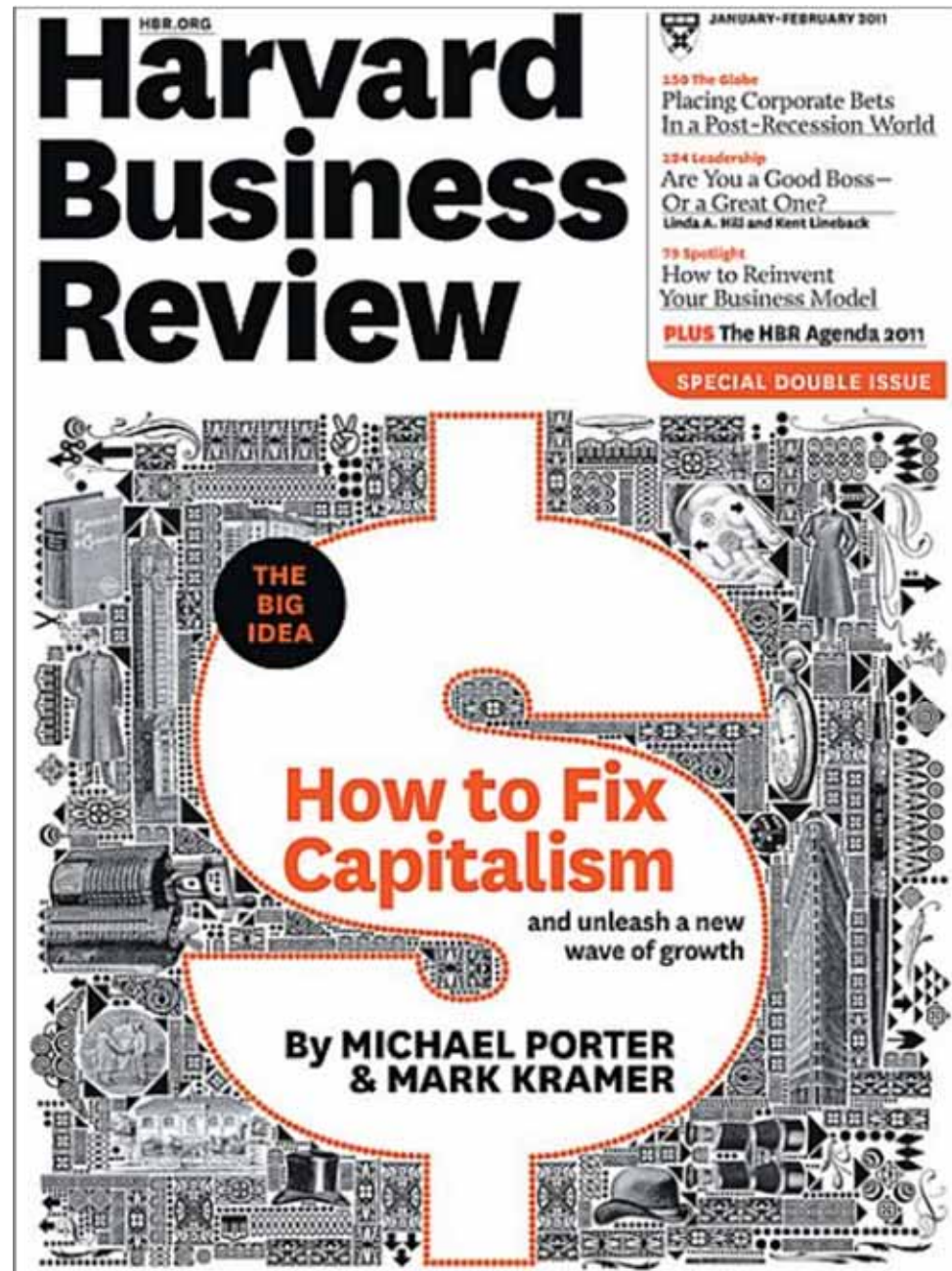
the various layers have such a difficult time talking with one another. One reason that those of us in technology sometimes have trouble with the vertical division of labor is that we confuse it with the layering process of system development, which also helped produce the modern Internet.

The vertical division of labor separates operations from coordination, coordination from planning, and planning from organization.

"Layering," wrote Internet historian Janet Abbate, was one of the "essential characteristics of the ARPANET." It became central to all subsequent network development. However, network layering builds upward from fundamental ideas to complex ones to create increasingly sophisticated technology. "Each higher-level function builds on

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How to reinvent capitalism—and unleash a wave of innovation and growth by *Michael E. Porter and Mark R. Kramer*



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The concept of shared value—which focuses on the connections between societal and economic progress—has the power to unleash the next wave of global growth.

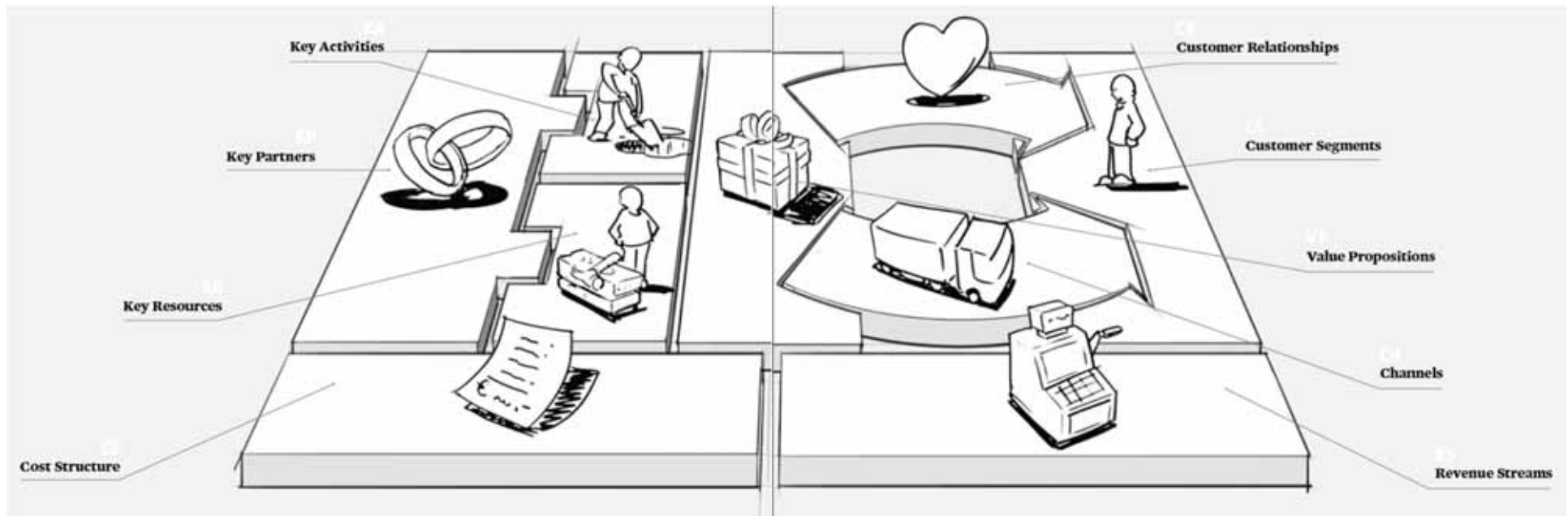
An increasing number of companies known for their hard-nosed approach to business—such as Google, IBM, Intel, Johnson & Johnson, Nestlé, Unilever, and Wal-Mart—have begun to embark on important shared value initiatives. But our understanding of the potential of shared value is just beginning.

There are three key ways that companies can create shared value opportunities:

- By reconceiving products and markets
- By redefining productivity in the value chain
- By enabling local cluster development

Every firm should look at decisions and opportunities through the lens of shared value. This will lead to new approaches that generate greater innovation and growth for companies—and also greater benefits for society.

Societal needs, not just conventional economic needs, define markets, and social harms can create internal costs for firms.



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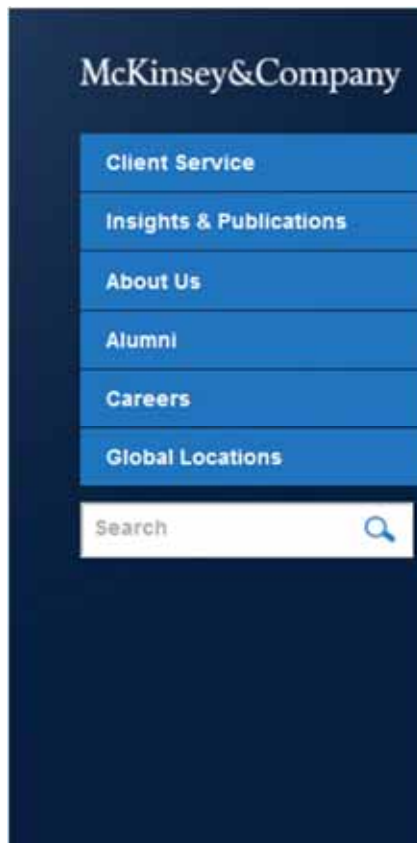
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