

Ten Years Later: A Look Back at the 2010s in Tech



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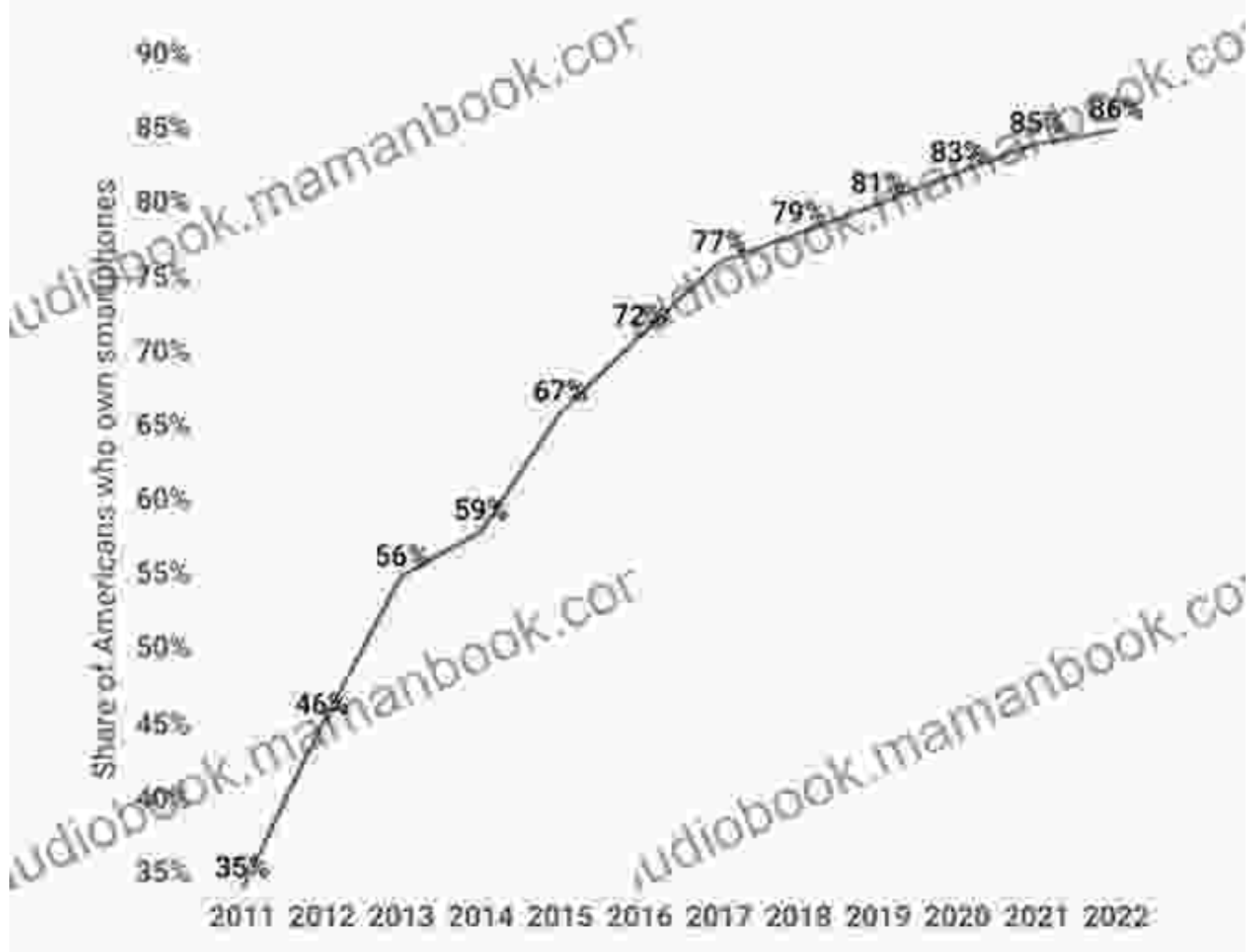


A decade has passed since the 2010s, and the tech landscape has changed dramatically. Here's a look back at some of the most significant trends and developments from the past ten years.

The Rise of Smartphones

One of the most significant tech trends of the 2010s was the rise of smartphones. In 2010, only about 35% of Americans owned a smartphone. By 2020, that number had grown to over 80%. Smartphones have become an essential part of our lives, allowing us to stay connected with friends and family, access information, and manage our finances.

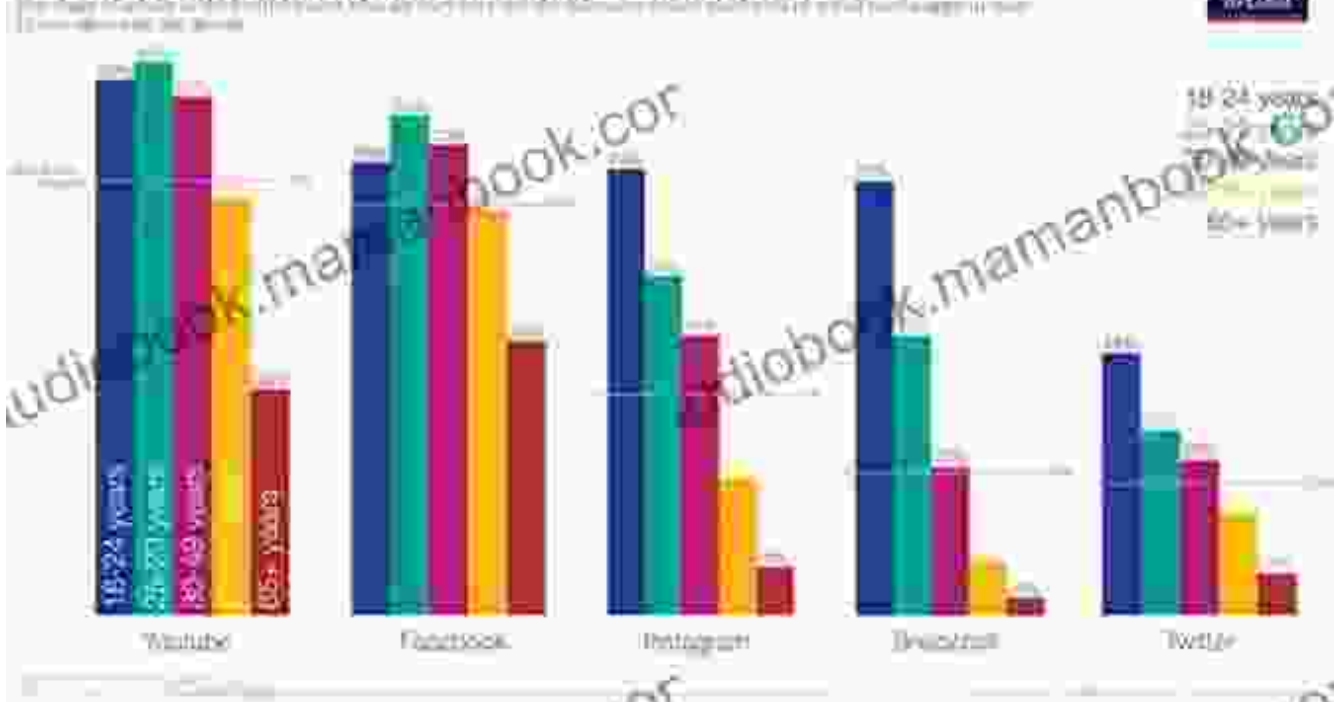
US SMARTPHONE OWNERSHIP OVER TIME



The Explosion of Social Media

Another major tech trend of the 2010s was the explosion of social media. In 2010, Facebook had about 500 million users. By 2020, that number had grown to over 2.8 billion. Other social media platforms, such as Twitter, Instagram, and Snapchat, also saw significant growth during the decade.

Use of social media platforms by age group in the US

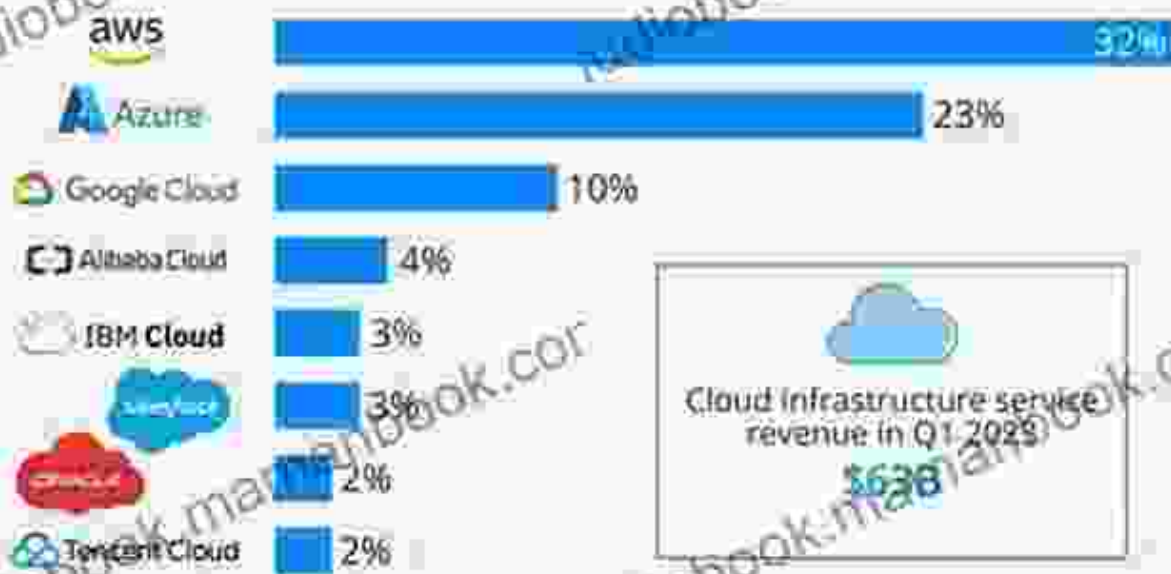


The Rise of Cloud Computing

The 2010s also saw the rise of cloud computing. Cloud computing is a model for delivering computing resources over the internet. This allows businesses and individuals to access computing resources without having to invest in their own hardware or software.

Big Three Dominate the Global Cloud Market

Worldwide market share of leading cloud infrastructure service providers in Q1 2023*



* includes platform as a service (PaaS) and infrastructure as a service (IaaS) as well as hosted private cloud services

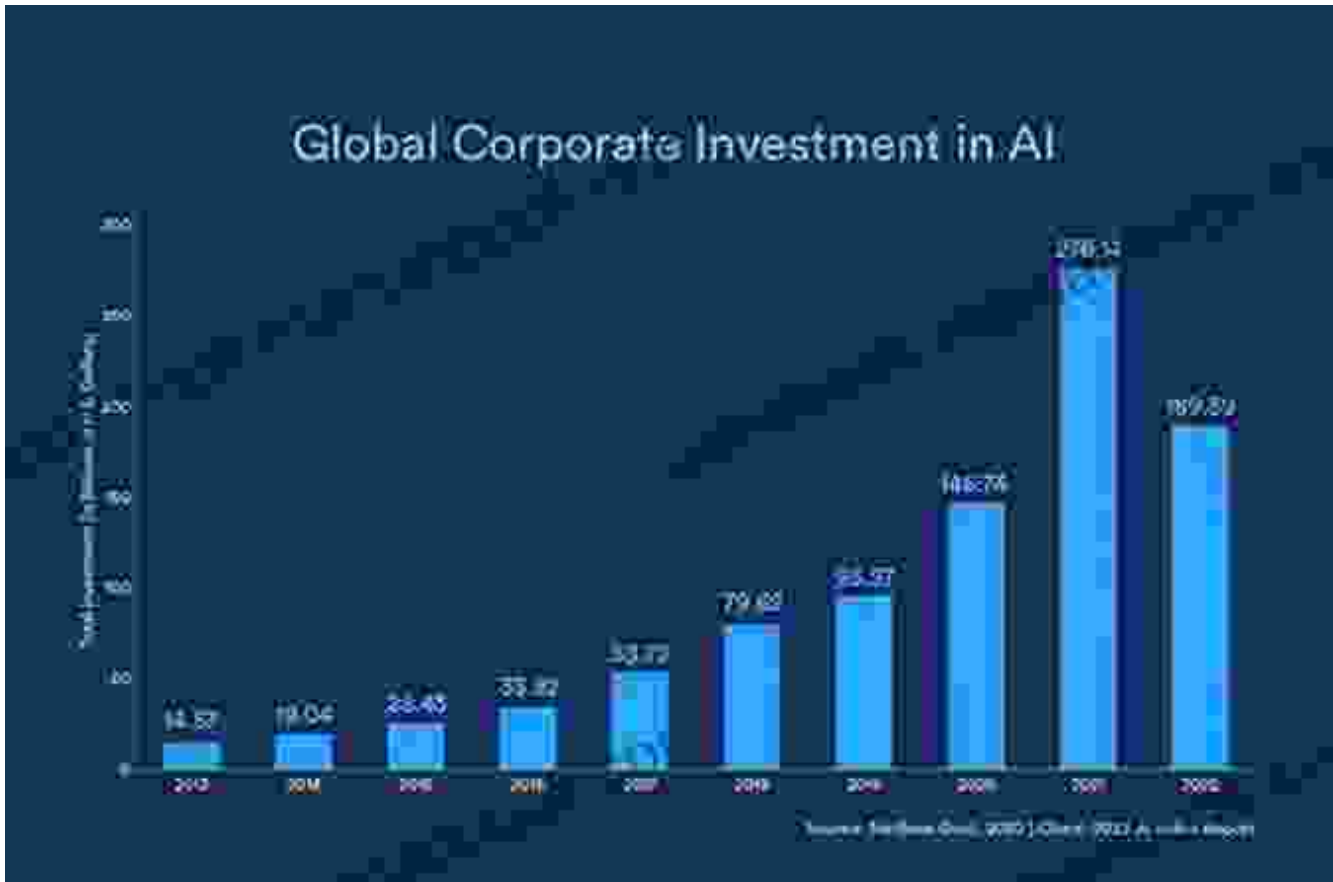
Source: Synergy Research Group



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The Emergence of Artificial Intelligence

The 2010s also saw the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI). AI is a branch of computer science that deals with the creation of intelligent agents. AI systems can perform tasks that would normally require human intelligence, such as recognizing speech, understanding language, and making decisions.



Looking Ahead

The 2010s were a decade of significant change and innovation in the tech industry. The trends and developments from the past decade will continue to shape the tech landscape in the years to come. Here are a few things to look for in the future:

- The continued growth of smartphones and other mobile devices
- The continued expansion of social media and other online communities
- The increasing adoption of cloud computing and other IT services
- The further development and application of AI

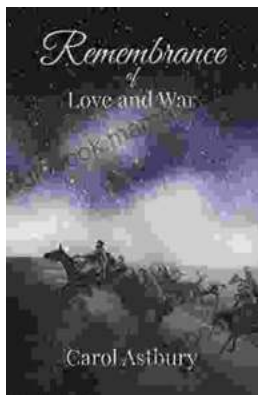
The future of tech is bright, and the next decade is sure to bring even more exciting changes and developments.



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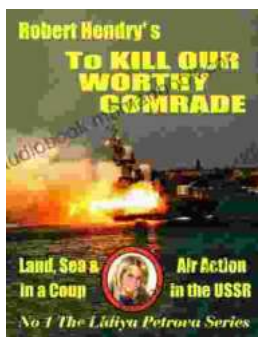
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