IT education and IT industry in New Zealand

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Introduction

- New Zealand's IT industry is largely based on the development of software in niche industries
- IT education is comprehensive at the tertiary level
- More development is needed at the school level



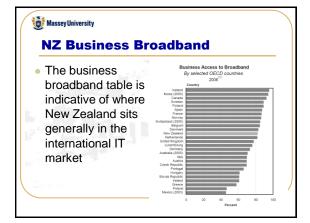
Tertiary IT Education

- 7 Universities
- 19 Polytechnics and Institutes of Technology
- All the universities offer degrees in IT subjects
- Nearly all of the polytechnics and Institutes of Technology offer IT degrees, diplomas and/or certificates



School IT Education

- Earlier this year NZCS released a report reviewing the current state of ICT-related NCEA Achievement Standards in schools. The highly detailed report, reviewed by a team of 13 senior ICT academics and professionals, found that none of the standards were suitable and recommended they be urgently reviewed and replaced.
 - New Zealand Computer Society, November 2008





Software New Zealand

- New Zealand's software industry spans a group of ten high-performing 'creative' sub-sectors, which include
 - Computer services
 - Publishing
 - Television
 - Film
 - Fashion design
 - Music
 - Advertising



Software New Zealand

- Vertical market applications include
 - engineering applications
 - Embedded software supporting electronic devices
 - creative industries
 - Special effects
 - Games
 - Broadcast support software



Particular Strengths

- Health
- 3D digital games
- Entertainment
- Internet & PC security
- E-learning
- Knowledge, document & image management
- Telemetry systems
- Mobile/Wireless



NZ as a Test Bed

- New Zealand is a beacon for advanced wireless and mobile internet innovation
- It is the world's ideal test bed for trial deployment of global fixed and mobile wireless technologies and applications
 - Most of the population live in 5 cities
 - Almost half the population live in one city (Auckland)



IT Industry Statistics

- Data from Statistics New Zealand is not current
- Detailed statistics are only available for 2002
- However these still give a idea of the importance of the industry today



IT is Important to NZ Economy

- New Zealand's software industry, as part of the broader ICT sector, has been identified as a hi-growth sector with the potential to more than double its contribution to the growth of New Zealand's economy. The ten high-performing 'creative' industries, including software, are currently growing at around 8.7% annually more than twice the country's economic average. The last five years' export statistics record a steadily increasing upward curve in sales of software and computer services. This figure barely scratches the surface as figures for the sale of software services are not included.
 - Source: Statistics on Information Technology (Statistics New Zealand and Ministry of Economic Development, 2002)

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IT Industry Profile

- 7,544 ICT firms with annual sales of less than \$5 million
- 171 with sales above \$5 million
- 84 companies with annual sales that exceed \$20 million generate approximately 75% of the sector's contribution to GDP and 64% is generated by 16 companies with annual sales that exceed \$100 million
- New Zealand-based activities of multinationals currently comprise approximately half of the 16 companies that have a turnover exceeding \$100 million per annum
- With a nominal GDP for 2002 of \$122,300 million, software sales amounted to \$822 million up 36% from \$604 million in 1998
- Exports of software comprised \$121 million of the 2002 figure



