

# Fintech, Blockchain and Software's Impact on Banking

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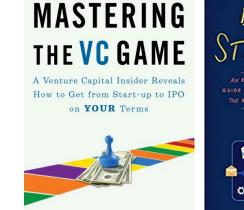
How machines are taking over Wall Street



# A **Banker's** Life?



- General Partner at Flybridge Capital Partners, earlystage VC firm based in Boston and NYC
  \$700m raised across 5 funds and 4 pre-seed funds over 17 years
  \$120+ portfolio companies (e.g., MongoDB, Codecademy, Splice)
- Senior Lecturer at HBS Launching Tech Ventures, RVP
- Former entrepreneur
  - Cofounder Upromise (acq'd by SallieMae), Exec team at Open Market (IPO '96)
- Author: Mastering the VC Game
- Author: Entering StartUpLand
- Blog: SeeingBothSides.com



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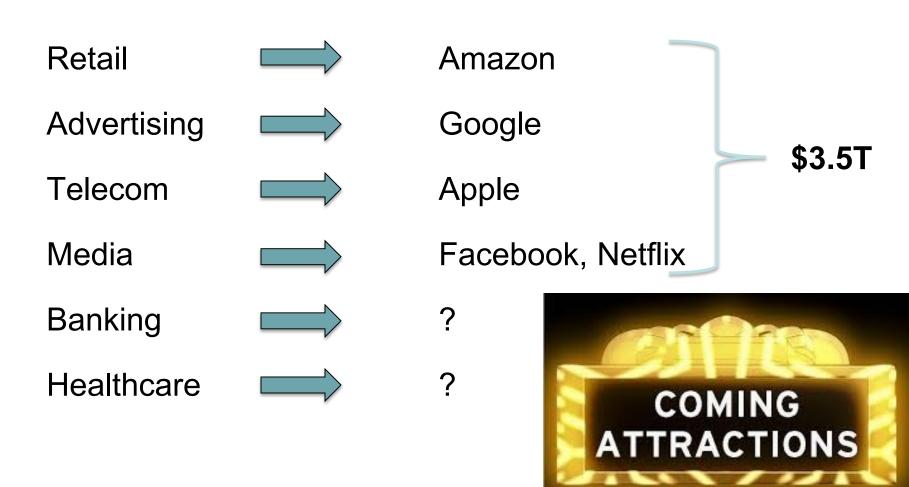




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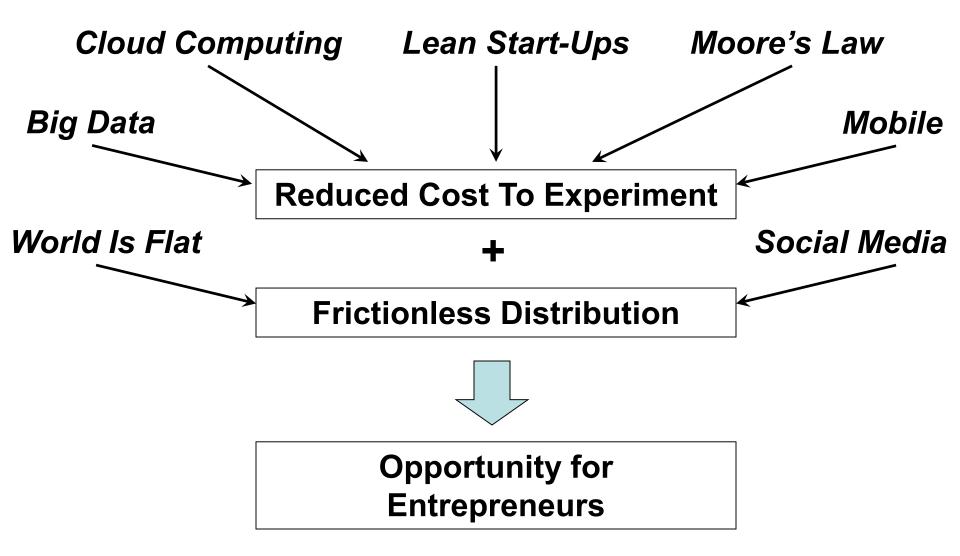


## **Software Is Eating The World**

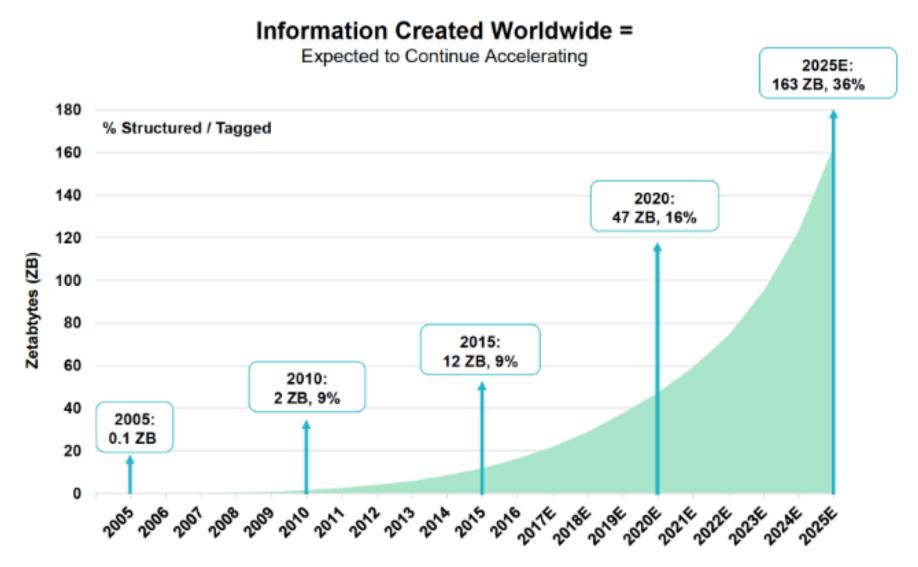




#### **Why Now? Contextual Forces**



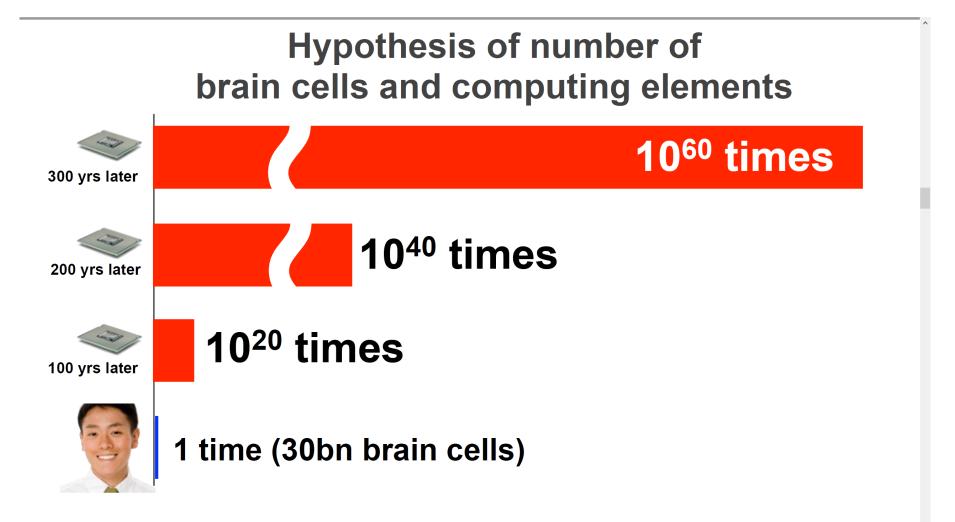
#### Data Volume Growth Continues @ Rapid Clip... % Structured / Tagged (~10%) Rising Fast...





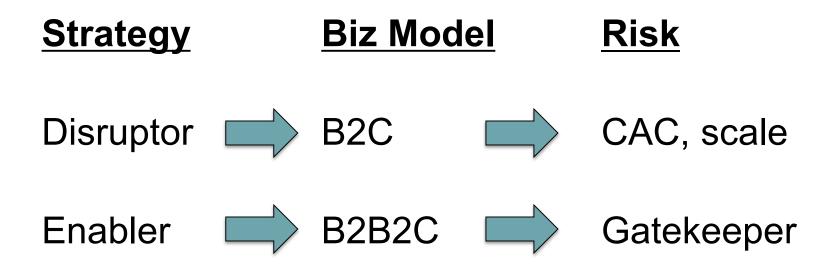


**The Rising Power of Computing** 





**Entrepreneur's Playbook** 









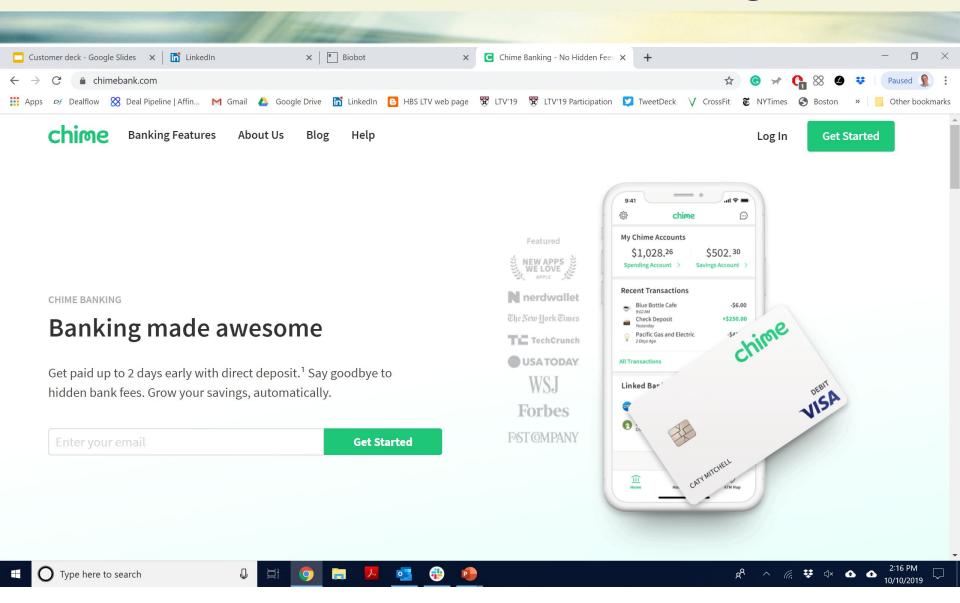
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# Disruptor Examples



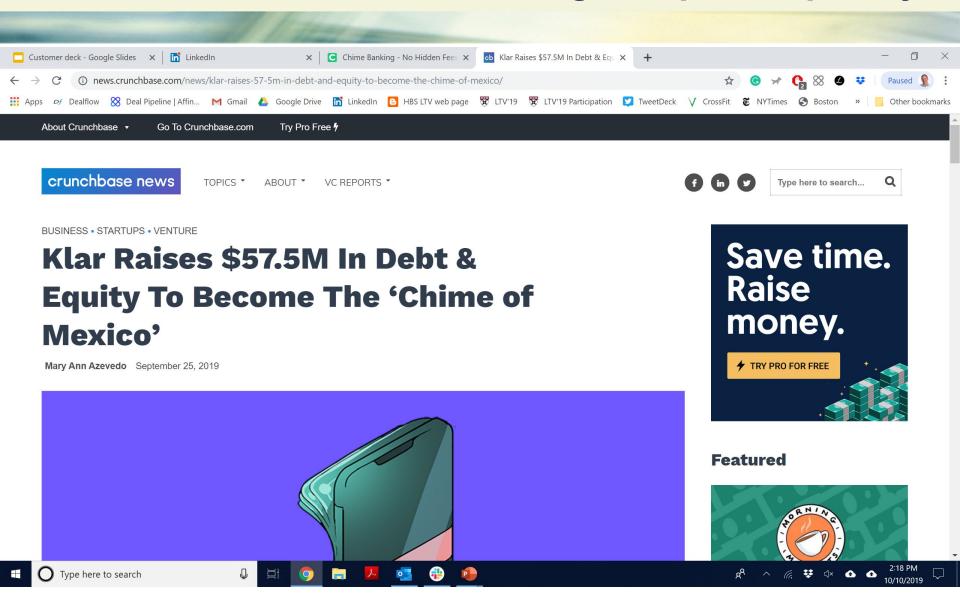


### **Chime: US-based "Challenger Bank"**



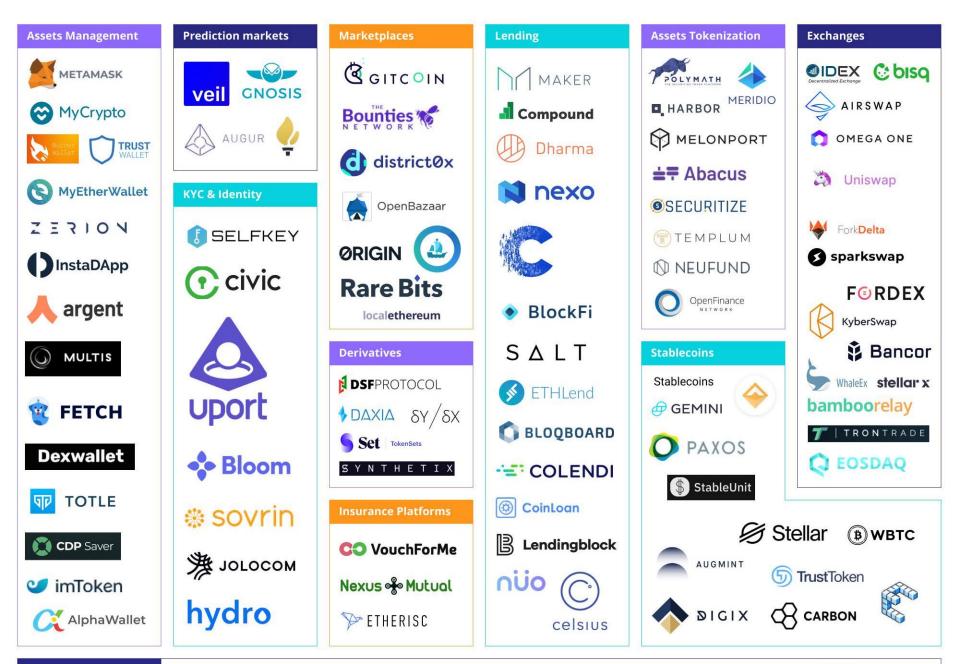


### Good ideas get copied...quickly



#### **Best DeFi Products**







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# Enabler Examples







# ZestFinance: Machine Learning Applied to Underwriting



Personal Loans

**Results:** 

↑ **51% increase** in approval rate

**\$1.5 billion** in additional credit



Mortgage

**Results:** 

↑ **30% increase** in approval rate

**\$6 billion** in additional credit

Auto

**Results:** 

↓ 22% decrease in defaults

**\$50 million** saved annually



#### **Credit Card**

**Results:** 

↓ **18% decrease** in default rate

**\$109 million** saved annually

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# ZestFinance and Freddie Mac: Improving Mortgage Underwriting

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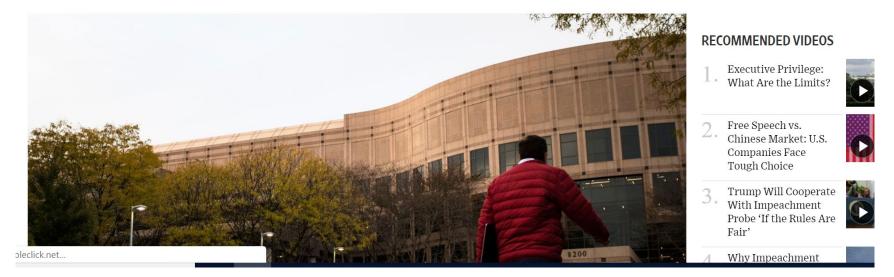


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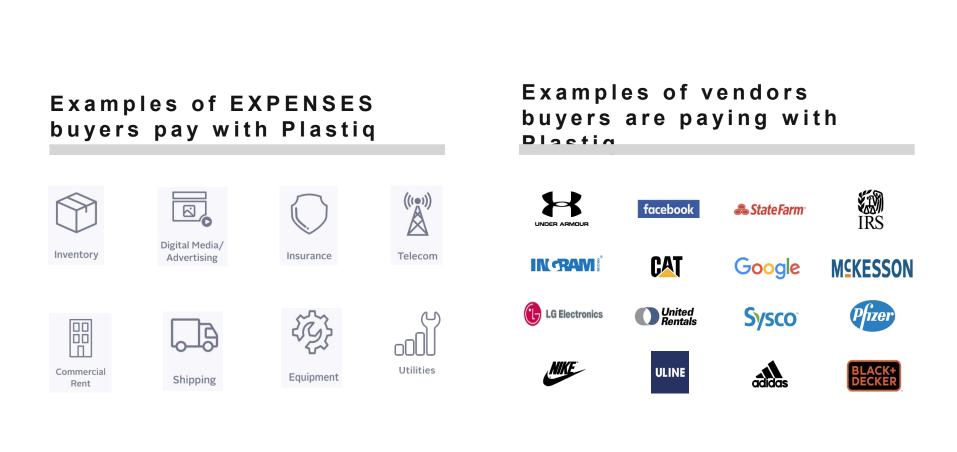
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#### Freddie Mac Tests Underwriting Software That Could Boost Mortgage Approvals

Regulator recently met with housing-finance giant and the fintech firm behind the software

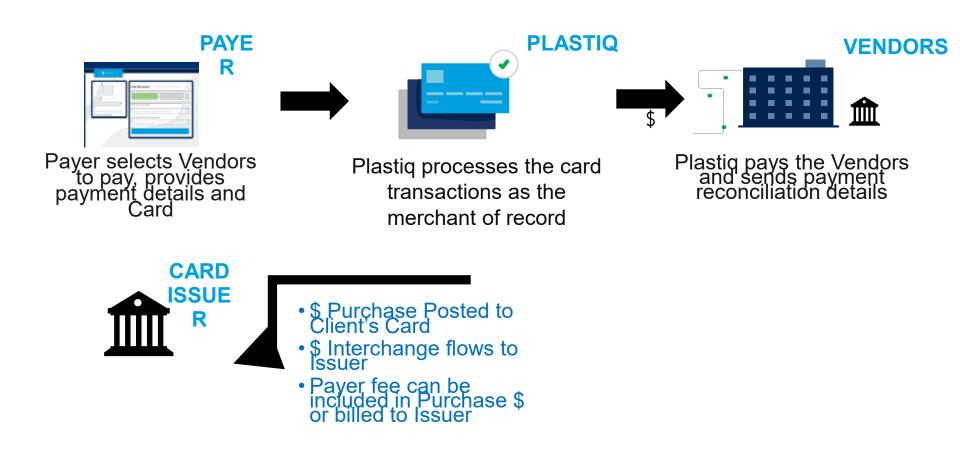


# Plastiq: Enable Businesses to Use Their Cards to Pay Vendors That Don't Accept Cards





### **How Businesses Use Plastiq**

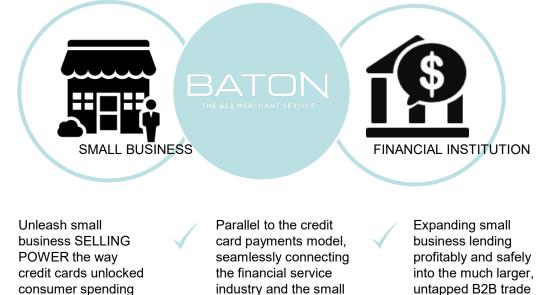




power.

# **BATON: Invoice Payments Network**

An Invoice Payments Network for the financial services industry, delivering a new structured financial solution capable of eliminating small business B2B trade credit in the way the card payments network virtually eliminated B2C trade credit.

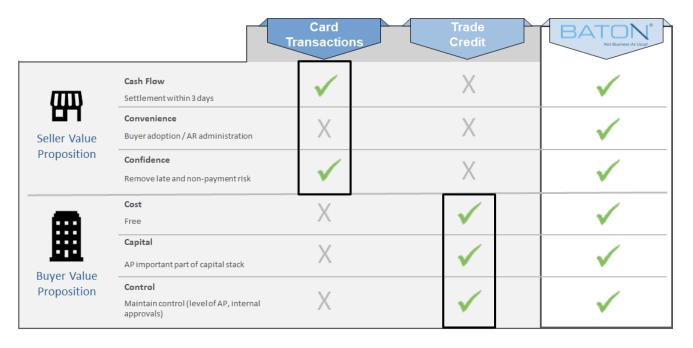


businesses it serves.

credit market.



# A New Platform For B2B Trade Credit



"If I use a baseball analogy, we're probably no more than in the second inning as it relates to the B2B opportunity around the world." – **Visa CEO Al** Kelly





Big Banks Approach To "Keeping Up"

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- Startup Liaison
- Venture Capital investments
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- Culture of experimentation (and failure)



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# Conclusion

- Unique and special time for entrepreneurship and technology innovation
- Banking industry is under attack from disruptors
- Banking industry can be helped by enablers
- The key is human capital management, creating a culture of innovation, and instrumenting your organization to allow for experimentation



# **THANK YOU!**

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