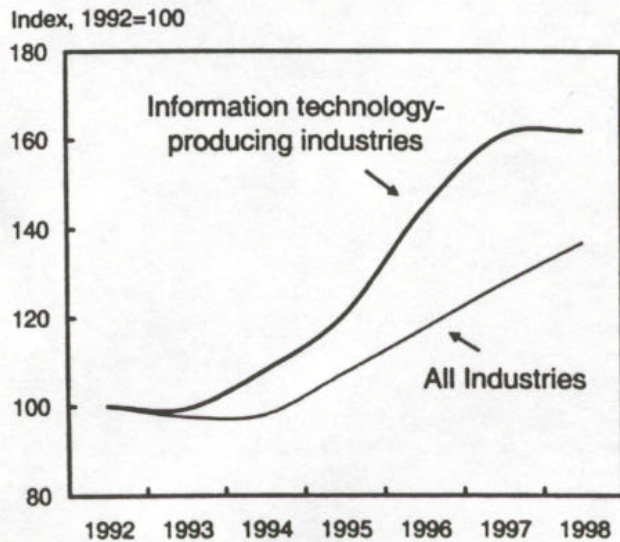


A host of measures show a surge in information technology activity since the early 1990s.

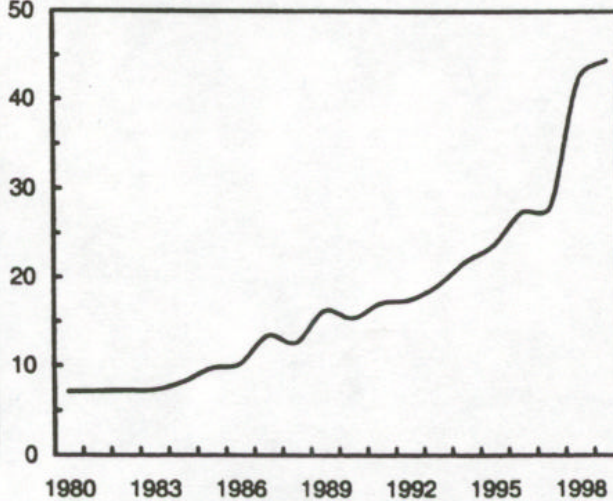
Chart 1-5 Indicators of Growth in Information Technology Activity

Real Company-Funded R&D Spending



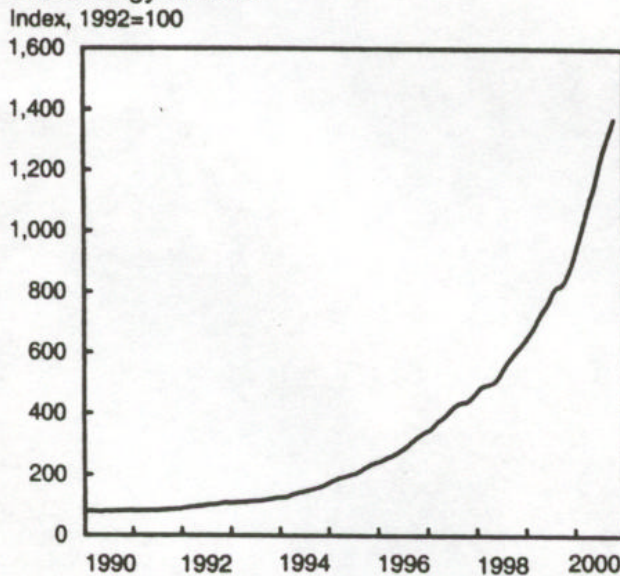
Source: National Science Foundation.

Patents Granted for Information Technology Applications
Thousands per year



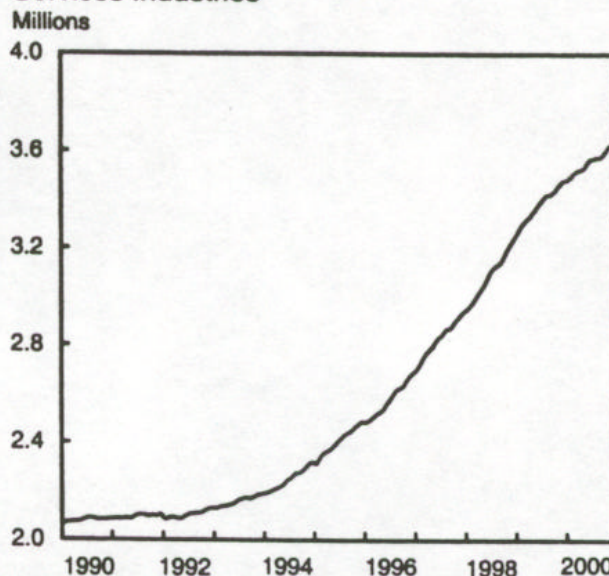
Source: Council of Economic Advisers, based on data from Department of Commerce (Patent and Trademark Office).

Industrial Production of Information Technology Goods



Note: Information technology goods comprise computers, semiconductors, and communications equipment.
Source: Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

Employment in Information Technology Services Industries



Note: Information technology services industries comprise computer and data processing services and communications services.
Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics).