The 2012-2017 Worldwide Game-based Learning and Simulation-based Markets

Key Findings from Recent Ambient Insight Research

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Agenda

- Introductions - Research Taxonomy
- Worldwide Game-based Learning and Simulation-based Learning Revenues
- Worldwide Game-based Learning Revenues Buying Patterns, and Trends
- All Roads Lead to Mobile
Partial List of Ambient Insight’s Clients

Ambient Insight is an integrity-based market research firm that uses predictive analytics to identify revenue opportunities for suppliers.

- Adobe
- Amazon
- Amplify
- Apple
- BlackBerry
- Blackboard
- British Council
- Chungdahm Learning
- Dell
- Deutsche Telekom
- Disney
- Hasbro
- Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
- IBM
- John Wiley & Sons
- McGraw-Hill
- Macmillan
- Microsoft
- Oxford University Press
- Pearson
- Qualcomm
- Rosetta Stone
Ambient Insight’s Learning Technology Research Taxonomy

Seven International Regions

- North America
- Latin America
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Asia
- Africa
- The Middle East

Have Eight Buyer Segments

- Consumer
- PreK-12
- Higher Education
- Corporations - Businesses
- Federal Government
- State - Local Government
- Associations & Non-Profits
- Healthcare

That Buy Eight Types of Digital Learning Products

- Self-paced eLearning Courseware
- Digital Video, Text, & Audio Reference
- Collaboration-based Learning
- Social Learning
- Simulation-based Learning
- Game-based Learning
- Cognitive Learning
- Mobile Learning

From Six Types of Suppliers

- Packaged Content
- Custom Content
- Cloud-based Tools & Platforms
- Value Added Services (VAS)
- Installed Tools & Platforms
- Learning Devices

These six supplier types map directly to the six subcategories of learning technology products
Game-based Learning is a Subset of the Learning Technology Industry

Ambient Insight’s 2013 Learning Technology Research Taxonomy

- Ambient Insight defines Game-based Learning as one of the eight distinct types of learning technology products.
  - *We do not approach Game-based Learning as a subset of the global videogame industry.*

- In the context of the worldwide learning technology market, isolating Game-based Learning products is relatively straightforward

- There is only one hardware-based learning technology product type and that is Personal Learning Devices (PLDs)
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2012-2017 Global Market Forecasts for Game-based Learning and Simulation-based Learning

- Ambient Insight separates Game-based Learning revenues from Simulation-based Learning revenues.
- There are distinct pedagogical differences between Game-based Learning and Simulation-based Learning.
- Our definitions of Simulation-based Learning and Game-based Learning are based on the research done by Alessi and Trollip.

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Pedagogical Definition of Game-based Learning

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Ambient Insight’s 2013 Learning Technology Research Taxonomy

- Game-based Learning is a knowledge transfer method that utilizes "gameplay," which includes some form of competition (against oneself or others) and a reward/penalty system that essentially functions as an assessment method.
  - Game-based Learning products (edugames) have explicit pedagogical goals.
  - A user "wins" an edugame when they achieve the learning objectives of the gameplay.
Pedagogical Definition of Simulation-based Learning

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Ambient Insight’s 2013 Learning Technology Research Taxonomy

- There are four types of Simulation-based Learning:
  - Physical Object and Environmental
  - Process
  - Procedural
  - Situational

- Allessi and Trollip compressed these four into two instructional strategies: learning about something (physical and process), and learning to do something (procedural and situational).
Gamification Versus Game-based Learning

- Game-based Learning versus Gamification (via SpongeLab):
  - **Gamification is the application of videogame rules, mechanics and conventions to a non-gaming situation.**
  - Put simply, if a student is playing a videogame and learning from it, we aren’t witnessing gamification - the student is experiencing game-based learning. An educational game hasn’t been “gamified” - because it’s a game already!

- Game elements are often “bolted on” to legacy training products
  - Badgeville sells gamification add-ons for corporate training
  - Course Hero has online courses with game mechanics from the Bunchball platform
  - Oxford University Press uses SecretBuilder’s game platform
2012-2017
Worldwide Simulation-based Learning Revenue Forecasts
The global growth rate of the Worldwide Simulation-based Learning market is 23.0%. Revenues reached $2.3 billion in 2012. **Revenues will grow to $6.6 billion by 2017.**

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2012-2017 Worldwide Simulation-based Learning Five-year Growth Rates by Region

2012-2017 Growth Rates by Region

- North America
- Latin America
- Western Europe
- Eastern Europe
- Asia
- Middle East
- Africa
2012-2017
Worldwide Game-based Learning Revenue Forecasts
The Worldwide Game-based Learning market reached $1.5 billion in 2012. The global growth rate is 8.3% and revenues will reach $2.3 billion by 2017.

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2012-2017 Worldwide Game-based Learning
Five-year Growth Rates by Region

2012-2017 Growth Rates by Region

North America 10%
Latin America 20%
Western Europe 5%
Eastern Europe 20%
Asia 10%
Middle East 25%
Africa 10%
Game-based Learning Catalysts

- As of January 2013, Apple had app stores in 155 countries, up from 90 countries the year before
- December 2012 – Microsoft opens app stores in 37 more countries – most of them in developing economies
- Paid Android apps now available in Google Play stores in 134 countries as of March 2013
- Amazon App stores operational in 7 countries as of March 2013 – *expanding to over 200 in 2013*
- *May 2013 - Amazon is the first Western company to offer a platform for paid Android apps in China*
- The telecom advantage: direct billing via telecoms is the only viable payment method in many countries.
  - Samsung, Nokia, Microsoft, BlackBerry, and Google have direct billing agreements in Latin America, Africa, and Asia
2012-2017 North America Edugame Forecast: Robust Custom Content Services Growth

- Revenues for packaged mobile edugames reached $307.5 million in 2012. The growth rate (CAGR) is 8.4% and revenues will reach $459.9 million by 2017.

- The growth rate for custom edugame content development services is 18.8% and revenues will more than double to $122.0 million by 2017.

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Packaged Edugames | $307.58 | $459.95 | 8.4%
Custom Content Development Services | $51.60 | $122.05 | 18.8%

**Total** | **$359.18** | **$582.00** | **10.1%**
Worldwide Game-based Learning Market Trends

Who is the Buyer?
Buying Patterns: Game-based Learning
Buying Behavior is Different in Each Country

- The top buying countries for mobile edugames in 2012 were the US, Japan, South Korea, China, and India, respectively.
- By 2017, the top buying countries will be China, the US, India, Indonesia, and Brazil.
- Early childhood learning are the top selling mobile edugames in most countries in the world
  - Almost all of learning apps designed for young children include gameplay
- App-based Brain trainers have recently become popular in the majority of countries across the planet
- Leapfrogging the Digital Divide – All Roads Lead to Mobile
Consumers dominate the global Game-based Learning market

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Revenues concentrated in edugame **content**

Revenues concentrated in custom **services**

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Buying Behavior is Different in Each Buyer Segment

- Gaming consoles still banned in China
- Consumers gravitate to edugames for young children and brain training games for adults.
- Massive adoption of tablets in the schools across the planet is a major catalyst for Mobile Learning
- In the US, Game-based Learning is ubiquitous in the early grades but starts to taper out in middle school
  - Pearson shuts Alleyoop in March 2013 after one year of operation
  - MineCraftEdu has sold over 700 licenses in the last year
  - Glass Lab will launch SimCityEdu in late 2013
  - Amplify to bring 35 edugames across the PreK-12 curriculum in late 2013
Longitudinal Analysis: The Global Game-based Learning Market Enters Mature Phase

Data based on Ambient Insight’s Game-based Learning reports from 2006 to 2013.

Compound Annual Growth Rates by Seven Forecast Periods

- 2006-2011
- 2007-2012
- 2008-2013
- 2009-2014
- 2010-2015
- 2011-2016
- 2012-2017

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Buying Behavior is Different in Each Buyer Segment

- The use of edugames in the corporate segment has always been problematic
  - “We are here to work, not play”
  - There are seven other learning technologies used in the corporate segment that essentially “compete” with Game-based Learning
    - There is a lingering perception that simulation and Game-based Learning are very expensive in comparison to eLearning courses
  - Classroom is still the dominant delivery method in the global corporate segment
The vast majority of PreK-2 Mobile Learning content is game-based.
Buying Behavior is Different in Each Buyer Segment

- Federal agencies, particularly the military, are avid users of edugames
- Government agencies are increasingly paying developers to create edugames (web-based and mobile) for mHealth, literacy, and language learning initiatives
  - The US State Dept.'s Trace Word Soup game on the biNu platform launched in October 2012 and had over 1.4 million users in two months
- Healthcare edugames are usually designed for patient education, disease prevention, and behavior modification
- NGOs and Non-profits fund the development of mobile edugames relating to disease prevention, social engineering, and the environment
All Roads Lead to Mobile

“Mobile is an absolutely critical, if not ‘the' growth driver for the industry for the next several years.”

Frank Gibeau, President of Electronic Arts Labels
June 2013
The Convergent Catalysts in the Booming 2012 Worldwide Mobile Learning Market

- Rapid Uptake of Location-based Learning
- New Mobile Learning Tools and Platforms
- New Personal Learning Devices
- Integration of Educational Content in mHealth
- Explosions of Mobile Learning VAS
- Large-scale Tablet Adoption in Academia
- Consumer Demand for Mobile Learning

Telecoms’ new direct billing agreements with Nokia, Google, Microsoft, Samsung, and Blackberry are now major catalysts in developing economies.
Six Types of Mobile Edugames in Ambient Insight’s Research Taxonomy

**Ambient Insight’s 2013 Learning Technology Research Taxonomy**

- Ambient Insight forecasts revenues for six types of Mobile Edugames:
  - Knowledge-based games
  - Skills-based games
  - Brain training and cognitive fitness games
  - Language learning games
  - Location-based learning edugames
  - Mobile augmented reality edugames
- Mobile edugames have higher price points than non-educational games
- Consumers and schools are willing to pay more for pedagogically-sound early childhood learning games
2012-2017 North America Edugame Forecast: All Roads Lead to Mobile

- Revenues for mobile edugames reached $190.5 million in 2012. The growth rate (CAGR) is 15.3% and revenues will more than double to $388.2 million by 2017.

- In contrast, revenues for PC/Web/Console edugames are in relatively steep decline.

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What Sells?
Track the Top Selling Mobile Edugames by Country

- Free ranking sites track the top selling educational apps and games by country for:
  - Amazon Appstore, Apple App Store, BlackBerry World, Google Play Store, Nokia Ovi Store, Samsung Apps, Windows Phone Store, and Windows Store
  - There are often differences in app purchasing in different stores in the same country

- App Annie:

- Distimo:
  - [http://www.distimo.com/leaderboards](http://www.distimo.com/leaderboards)
Game-based Learning companies garnered $149.4 million in private funding in 2012.

Of the 33 Game-based Learning companies funded in 2012, 23 were mobile edugame companies.

Breakout by Target Customer:
- 23 were consumer facing, with 20 of them targeting early childhood learning.
- 5 were PreK-12 – all of them targeting the early grades.
- 3 were healthcare-facing edugame companies.
- And only one investment each made to higher education and corporate edugame companies.
Leading Indicators: Game-based Learning Private Investment Patterns

Number of Companies Funded by Target Customer Type

- Consumer
- PreK-12
- Higher Education
- Healthcare
- Corporate
Q & A

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