An Economic Perspective on the Use of Data

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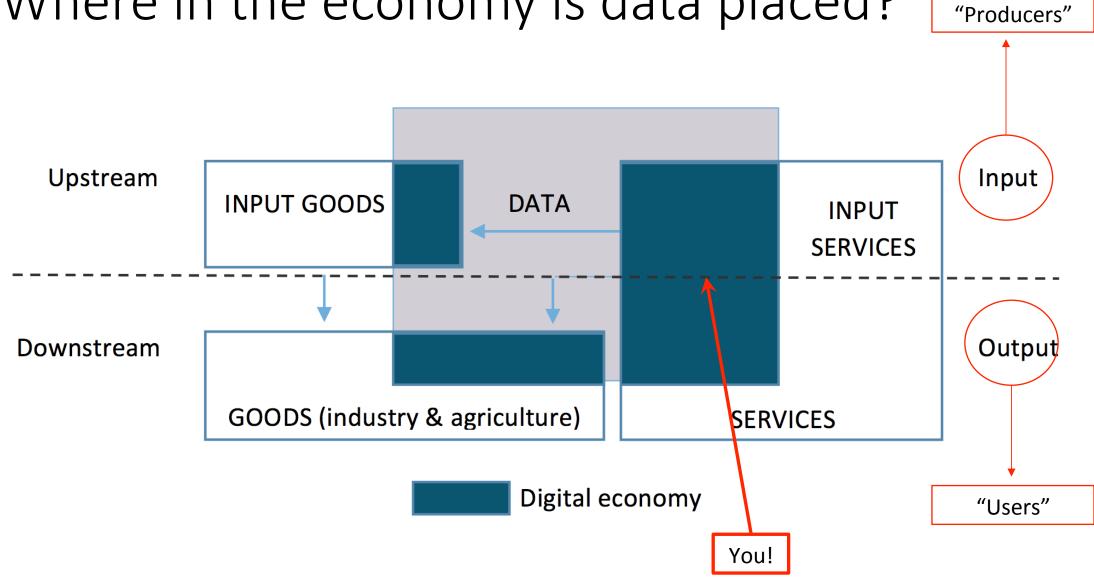
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Outline

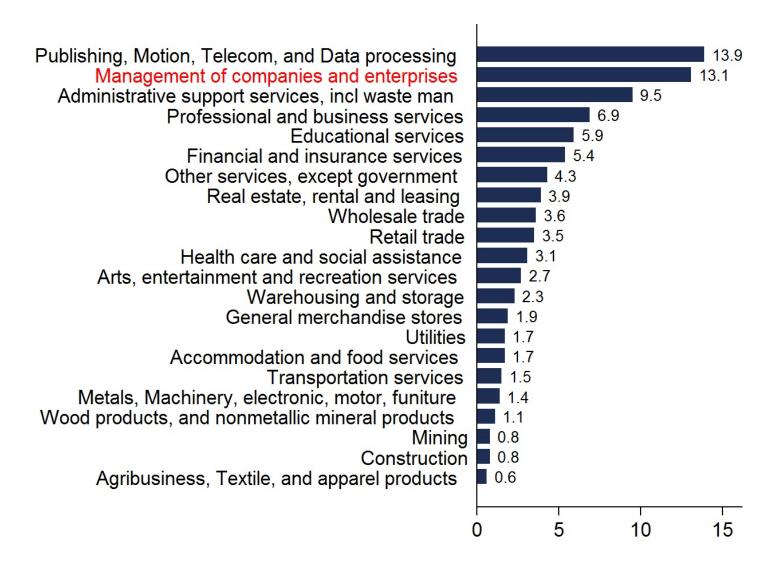
- Where in the economy is data placed?
 - Who are the producers and users of data?
 - Google, Twitter and Facebook
 - Note only...
- Production and Trade in data
 - Why so important, economically?
 - What barriers could prohibit efficient production and trade in data?
 - What are their effects?
- Russia example of how it could harm the economy



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Not only Google, Twitter, and Facebook...



Why so important?

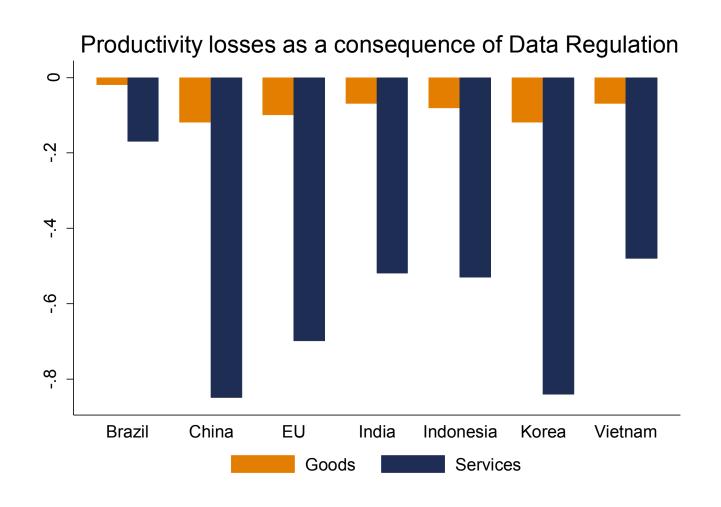
- Much data embedded into (mostly) services
 - In turn, services are most used in the wider economy (slide 1)
 - Up to > 70% percent of OECD GDP is services
 - Data plays an important story in production and trade

- But there is more...
 - Services have a clear link to productivity
 - Productivity is the engine of economic growth in our time
 - Barriers in data = your economy becoming "just less efficient"

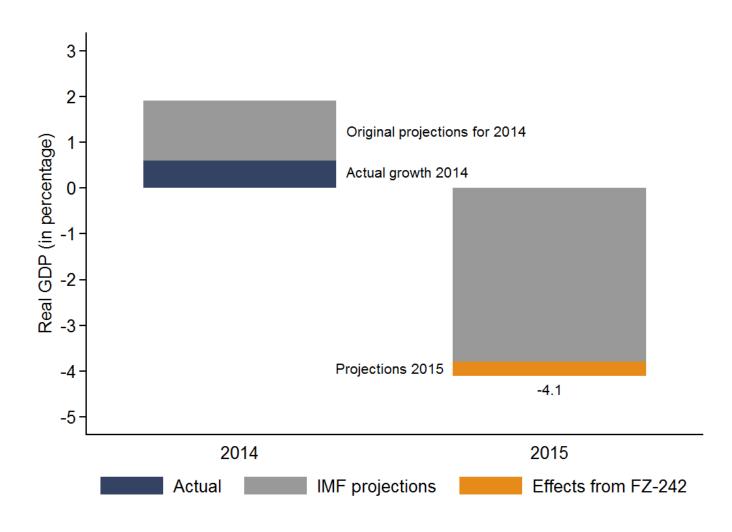
How do these barriers look like? E.g. GDPR

Regulatory measure	Outcome
Is there a data localisation requirement?	Yes / Limited / No
Is there a strict consent requirement for the collection, storage, dissemination of personal data?	Yes / No
Does the law provide users with the right to review their stored information?	Yes / No
Does the law provide users with the right to be forgotten/ deleted?	Yes / No
Is a notification of breaches towards the government/user obligatory?	Towards government / user / government & user
Are data protection impact assessments obligatory?	Yes / No
Is a data protection officer required?	Yes / No / Qualified Yes
Are there administrative sanctions for non-compliance? How high?	Varies according to height of sanctions
Does the government require easy access to companies' data?	Yes / No
Are companies required to retain data for a fixed period of time?	Yes / No

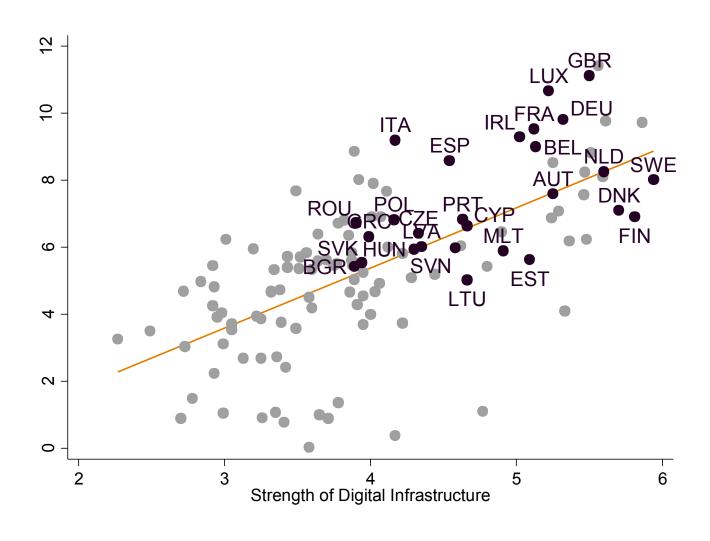
What are their effects?



Applied on growth in the case of Russia



An ideal Digital Single Market



Conclusion

- Data is everywhere!
 - But they are mostly embedded in services
 - Has a great knock-on effect on the entire economy
- Barriers in data are disruptive
 - For data-producers, but also users
 - Data localization most prevalent barriers
 - Effect on productivity; small change, compound effects
- Policy implication
 - Digital Europe? TTIP?

