

The Energy Impacts of the internet

- It's now reasonable to project that half of the electric grid will be powering the digital-Internet economy within the next decade.
- The global implications are enormous. Intel projects a billion people on-line worldwide.
- That's \$1 trillion in computer sales—and another \$1 trillion investment in a hard-power backbone to supply electricity. One billion PCs on the Web represent an electric demand equal to the total capacity of the U.S. today.

“Dig more coal—the PCs are coming”

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