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Humanity's biggest problems

Extreme poverty

 Billions don't have clean water, sanitation, food, micro-nutrients, shelter, education, opportunity

Disease

 Billions will die from malaria, cancer, HIV, TB, cholera, diarrhoea or be crippled by polio, Alzheimer's, arthritis, river blindness, etc

Unsustainable growth and finite resources

 Fossil fuels, rainforests, mined fertilizer, rare earths – even uranium won't last forever

Keys to solving them

Money

Obviously. Pays for wages, equipment, resources

Cheap clean energy

 Fixes major problems – can desalinate seawater, irrigate deserts, extract minerals from oceans or asteroids, capture CO2, end climate change

Emerging tech

 Next-gen drugs, solar cells, turbines, cars, aircraft, engines, meta-materials, fusion reactors, biotech, genetics, robotics, nanotech, smart grids, Al

So a \$2Tn supercomputer might help

- Over two billion interconnected PCs
 - Each 10x more powerful than Deep Blue, the IBM supercomputer which beat Garry Kasparov
 - Typically over 95% idle at any given time
- Over two billion mobile devices
 - Each more powerful than a PC from ten years ago
 - Spend most nights just watching a battery charge
- Over \$1Bn of computing wasted daily
 - Even at trivial price of 1c/hr per machine

How to harness it?

- Offer to buy the surplus compute power
 - Been tried, doesn't work for home users a few pennies per day doesn't impress anyone
 - PC power only valuable en masse, not individually
- Ask for volunteered resources
 - Only works for popular science projects
 - Growth is flat; all the science fans are taken
 - New projects dare not compete for volunteers

Over \$2Bn-worth of PC time already donated to science in last decade











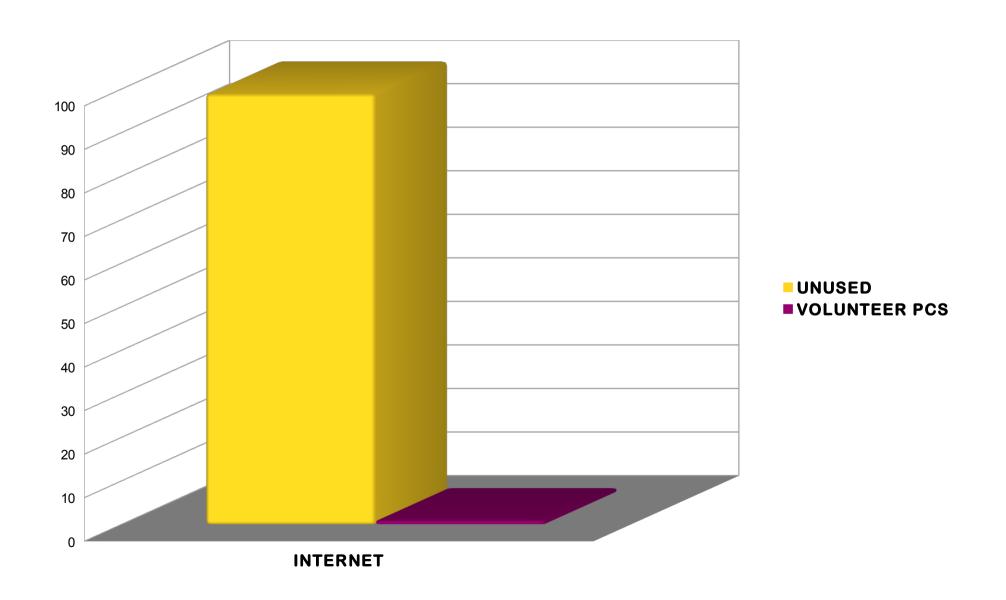








By less than 0.1% of PC owners



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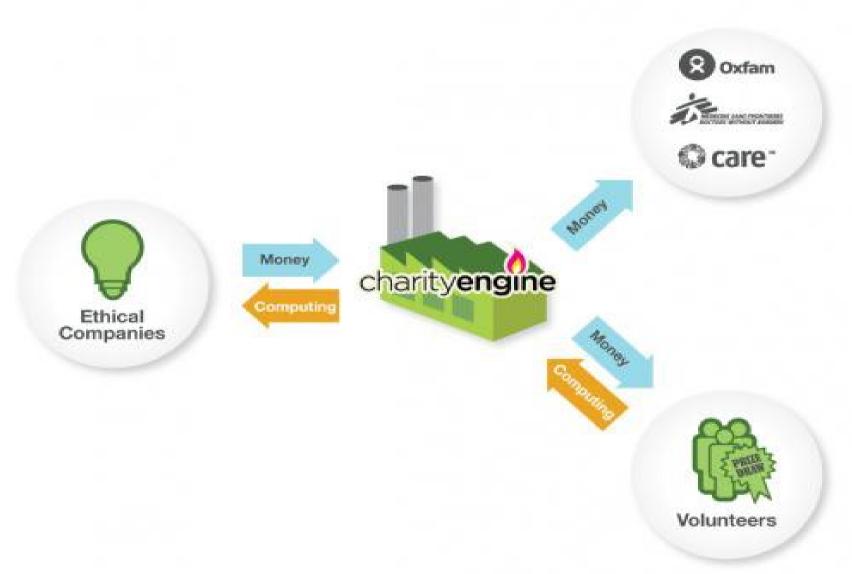
How to persuade the other 99.9%?



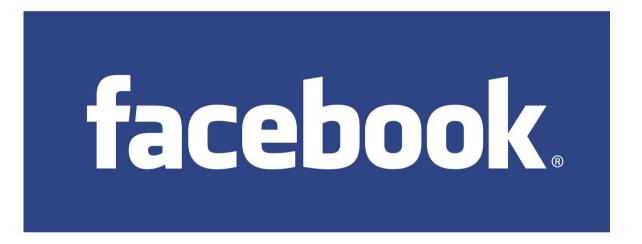




Charity Engine sells the surplus PC time, then shares the profits as charity donations and random prizes



Huge cash rewards for helping the world's top charities, no effort required – what's not to like?



503,187 like this

Even if the user doesn't win a prize, they're always computing for good













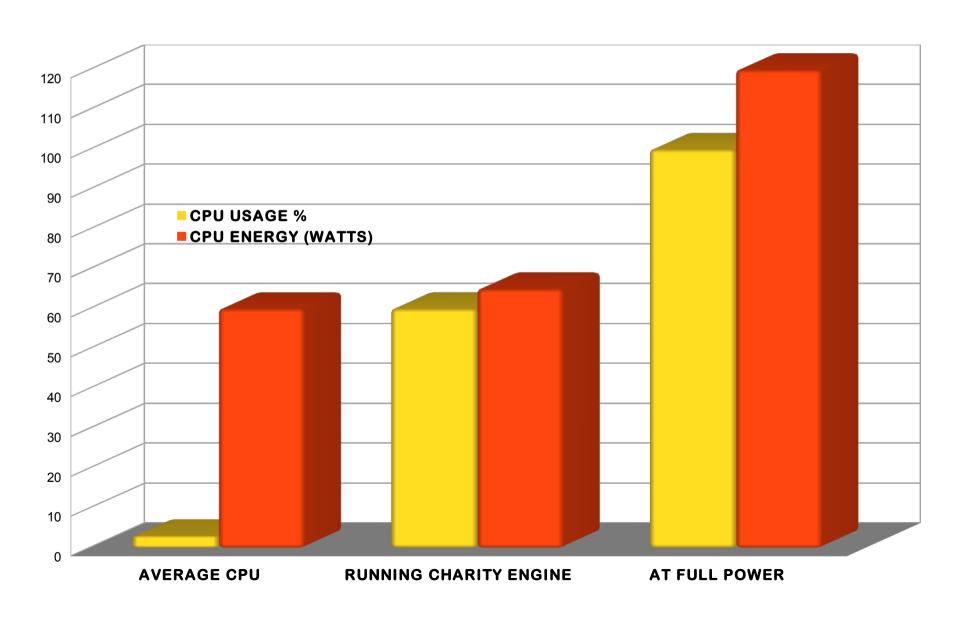




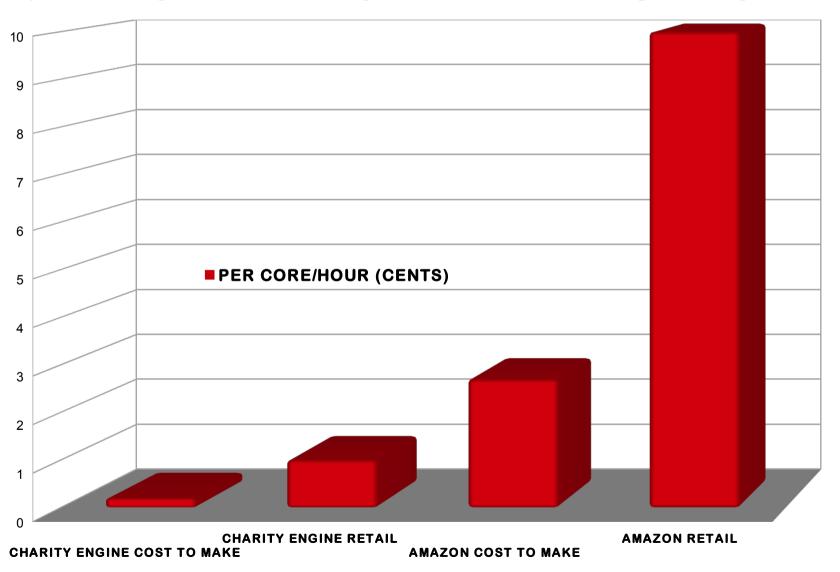




Silent, low-energy background task – about same as charging two phones



Result: world's cheapest, greenest computing platform – all from spare capacity nobody was using anyway



Tech press already aware





The 'greenest' volunteer grid of them all?



Idle home PCs could raise cash for Charity

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By Mark Ward







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Charity Engine: The **Ethical Supercomputer** That Can Win You \$10,000

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- Prof Stephen Wolfram, Wolfram Research
- Anil Hansjee, ex-head of M&A, Google EMEA
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 Smarta 100 Award, Accelerate 250, CTC Best Cloud Pitch, Member of International Desktop Grid Federation, HPC UberCloud Experiment and Cloud Advisory Council

Current situation

- Partnered with two Asian grids of several million office PCs each, more supply than we can handle
- Distributed storage feature coded for us by UC Berkeley, will backup huge datasets (eg. Wikipedia) and power a CE-branded peer-to-peer CDN
- Mathematica being ported with Wolfram Research,
 CE to be trialled as a Windows 8 'live tile' on Dell PCs
- Android version just coded, will allow CE to harness over 500m idle smartphones when charging at night
- Two secret sauce apps that guarantee earnings from any unsold capacity: Project ce3 makes 0.75c/hr on GPUs, Project ce5 makes 0.25c/hr per CPU core

Next steps

- The killer app: a distributed web-crawler
 - "If everyone starts running a distributed indexing system, searching would certainly improve drastically." - Brin & Page, 1998
 - Perfect low-CPU task for mobile
 - Multiple IP addresses can crawl anywhere
- Go big on the marketing
 - Every PC guaranteed to earn, time to grow
 - Need 1000s more public PCs