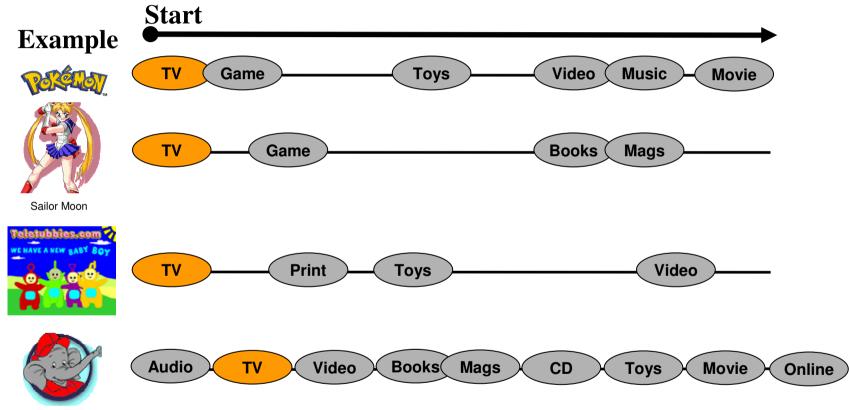
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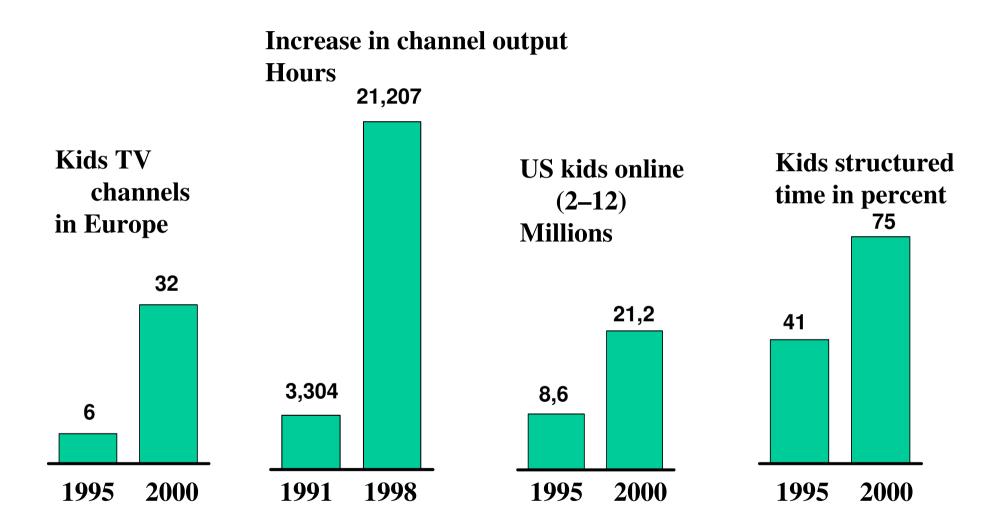
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INCREASING OPTIONS AND DECREASING "FREE" TIME



KIDS ARE GROWING OLDER YOUNGER

- Kids are moving out of dolls and action figures at an age of 6. This is 18 months sooner than kids in 1988
- "Children's TV" is only watched by kids being 8 years or younger
- Aggressive baby-boom parents press children to excel and enter into organised sports and summer camps
- "The mantra is: I want my kid to be ahead of the curve"



EVERYBODY NEEDS A CODE TO LIVE BY





At the time when children have historically been taught a code by parents, children are learning external codes from the media and consumer brands

Codes provide social capital to children who are learning how to behave in groups



A child cannot be part of a group if he or she does not know the code

