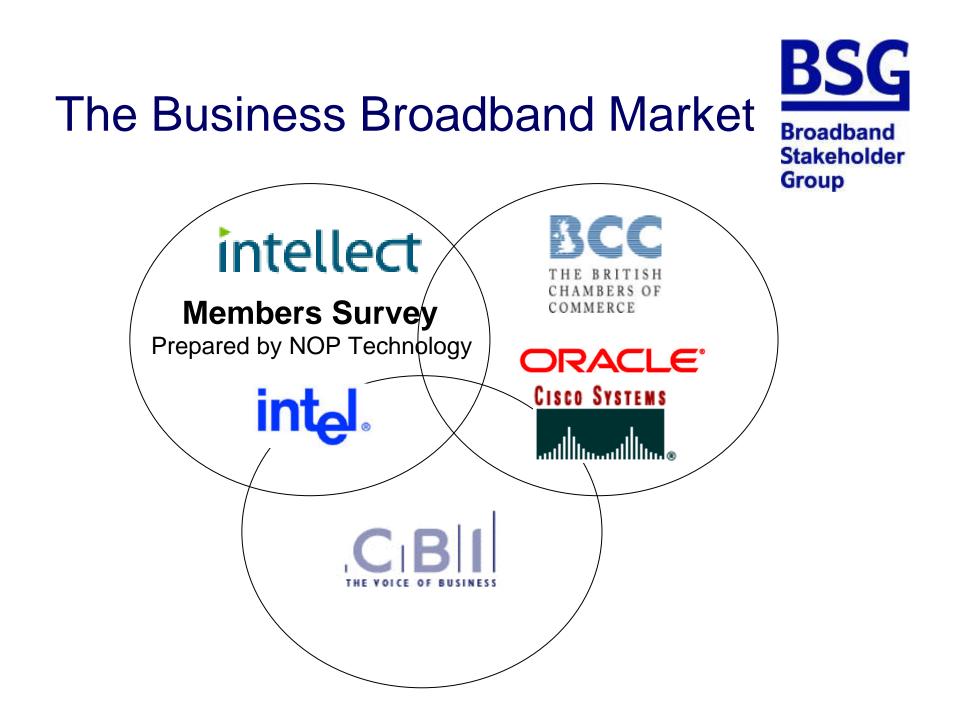


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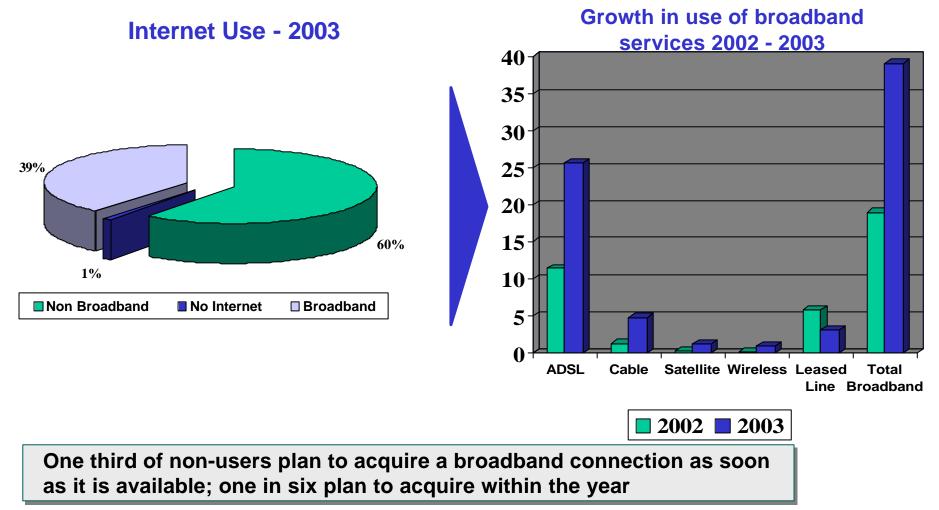
## The Business Value Proposition

Jenny Searle Business Development Director Oracle Corporation UK

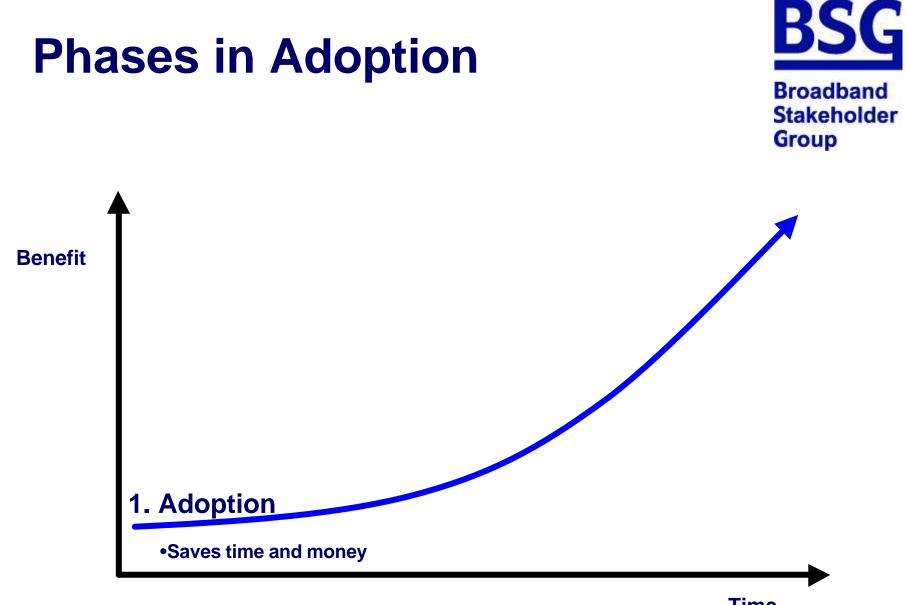


# Broadband use has more than doubled in the past year











#### **Case Study: the buyer**



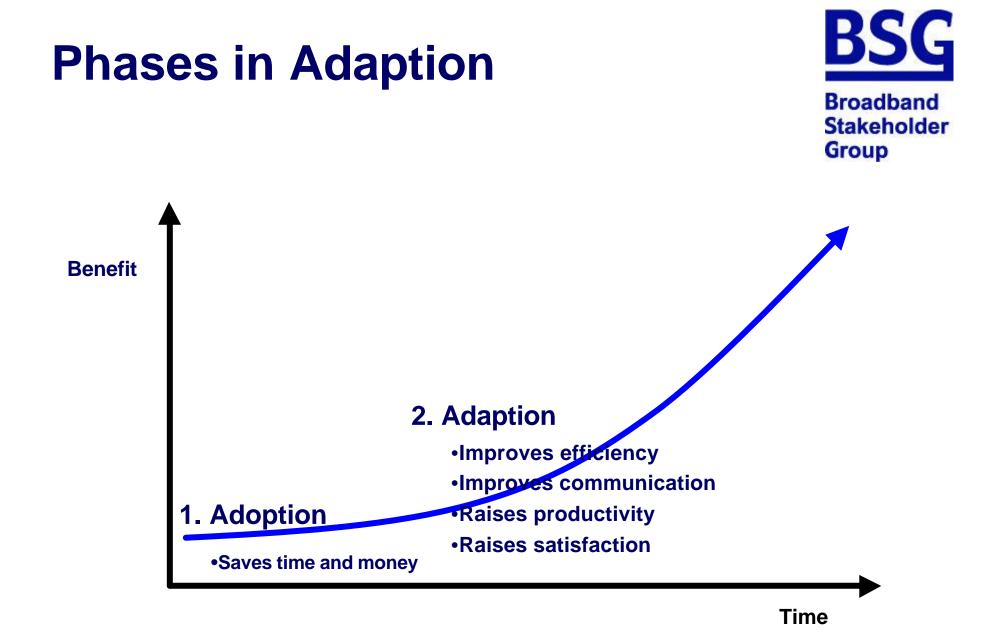
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The savings we make are not simply a question of getting better prices. - it is also important to find a reliable source quickly. A component that costs 20p may be holding up the manufacture of an entire circuit board.

..... Overall I would say our broadband connection has the potential to save us £30,000 - £40,000 per year.

Howard Thompson, Electronics Buyer, Zot Engineering



### **Impact on Productivity**



10 7% 9 7% 8 26% Mean: 6.8 7 28% 6 5% 5 19% 4 5% 3 2 2% 1 2%

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*"I could toggle between* 10 windows, looking for bits of information, pull graphs from websites, copy things, whatever. The fact is that now I can do it faster. It's like having 5 or 6 telephone lines talking to 6 people at the same time."

Major effect on productivity

#### No effect on productivity

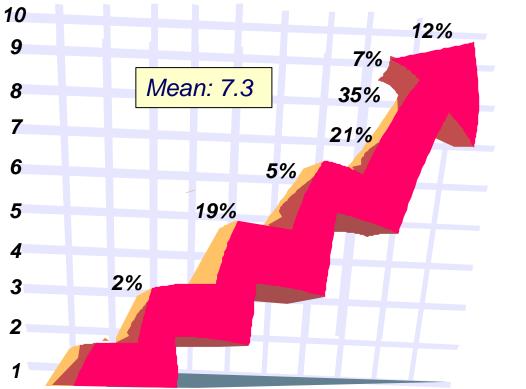
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### Impact on Satisfaction



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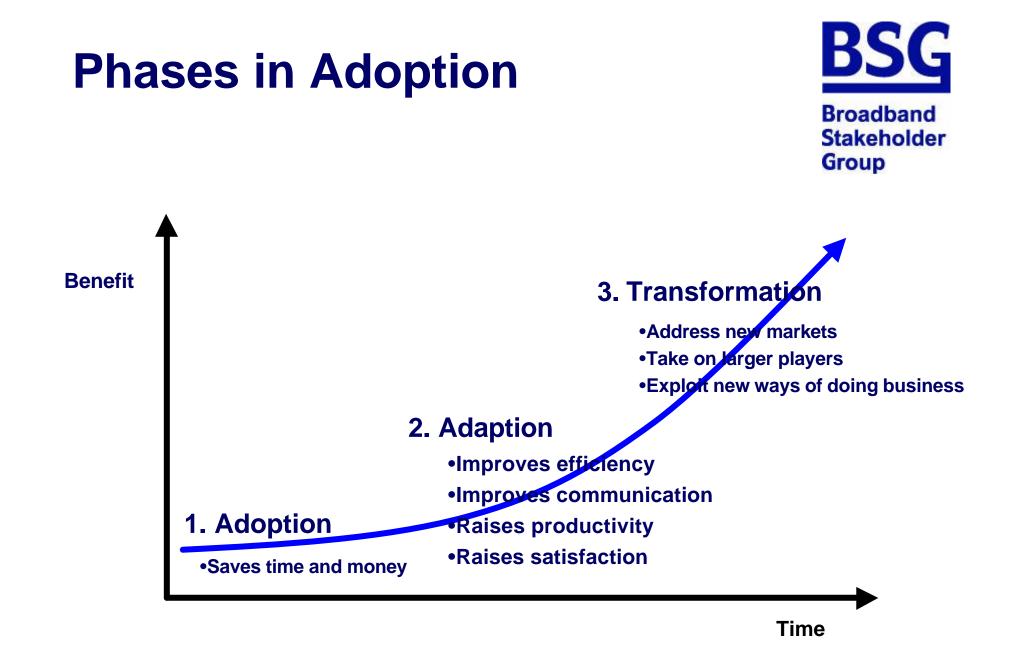


#### Major effect on satisfaction

"Even things like the ability for people to download and listen to *music whilst they* work...some of them will be listening to the Today programme as they come in and start and all of those help make our staff happy."

#### No effect on satisfaction

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### **New Ways of Working**



- Software and support over the internet
  Application Service Providers
- Use the internet as your private network
  Virtual Private Networks
- Work where you want when you need
  - Home working
  - Satellite Offices

### **Outsource Your ICT**



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- Application Service Providers will provide rented software over the internet
  - Management of Business Email
  - Accounting Software
  - Database Marketing
  - Company Diaries

#### ICT support itself can be outsourced

- Management of Internet Service
- Document Storage
- Backup

#### Broadband is increasingly perceived to be mission critical for business success



- 52% of all firms agree that broadband is critical for their business to succeed
- Pressure to use broadband-enabled applications in the next 5 years:
  - 61% expect customers to exert pressure
  - 48% expect suppliers to exert pressure
- 46% say broadband is important when choosing a business location

More effective communication is perceived to be the biggest benefit of a broadband connection





#### Conclusions



- Broadband is happening for business
- Early adopters are demonstrating the value
- Massive **Opportunity**:
  - For business performance improvement
  - For increased market opportunities
  - For more efficient and effective supply chains
- Commercial Pressures are building

### **Barriers to Broadband Adoption**



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Why have you not yet installed Broadband? Base: All not using Broadband: n=39 45% of non-adopters cannot see a clear business benefit to Broadband adoption

They are currently blind to the benefits enjoyed by those SMEs for whom Broadband is an essential part of the tool kit

This failure to recognise the potential of Broadband could see them fall behind...current Broadband users expressed a disinclination to deal with businesses *not using* the technology



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# Challenges:

How do we:

- Convince the 45%?
- Help companies to make the transformations which deliver greatest benefit?
- Encourage major purchasers to play their role in helping SME's into the broadband world?