

# Green Software Design

Strategien für Energie effiziente Lösungen

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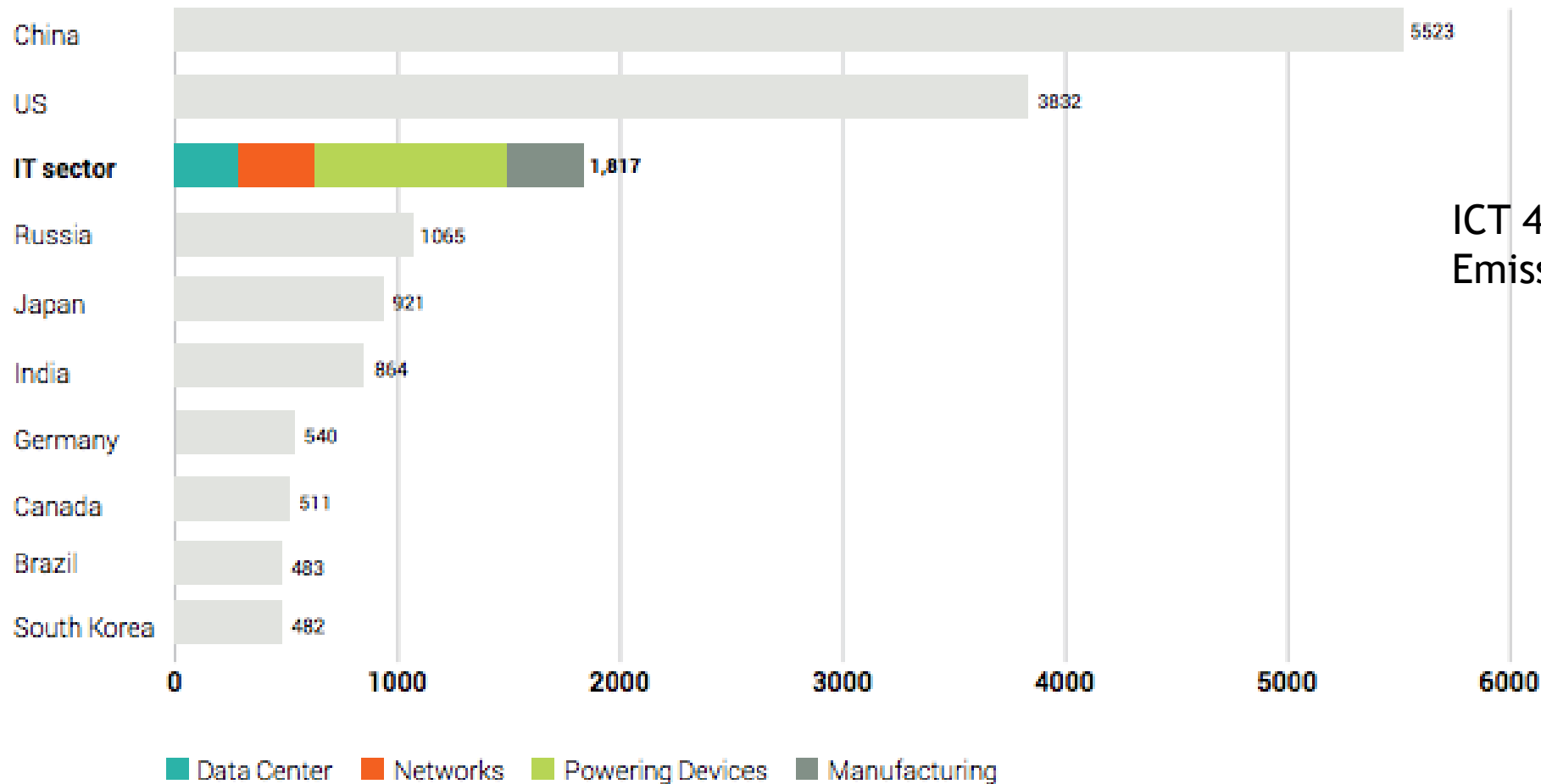
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# Motivation

## 2012 Electricity Consumption; Countries Compared to IT Sector in billion kWh



ICT 4% aller CO<sub>2</sub>  
Emissionen

Source: *Emerging Trends in Electricity Consumption for Consumer ICT*, Peter Corcoran and Andres Andrae (2013) and *CIA World Factbook*. China/Russia/Canada figures are from 2014.

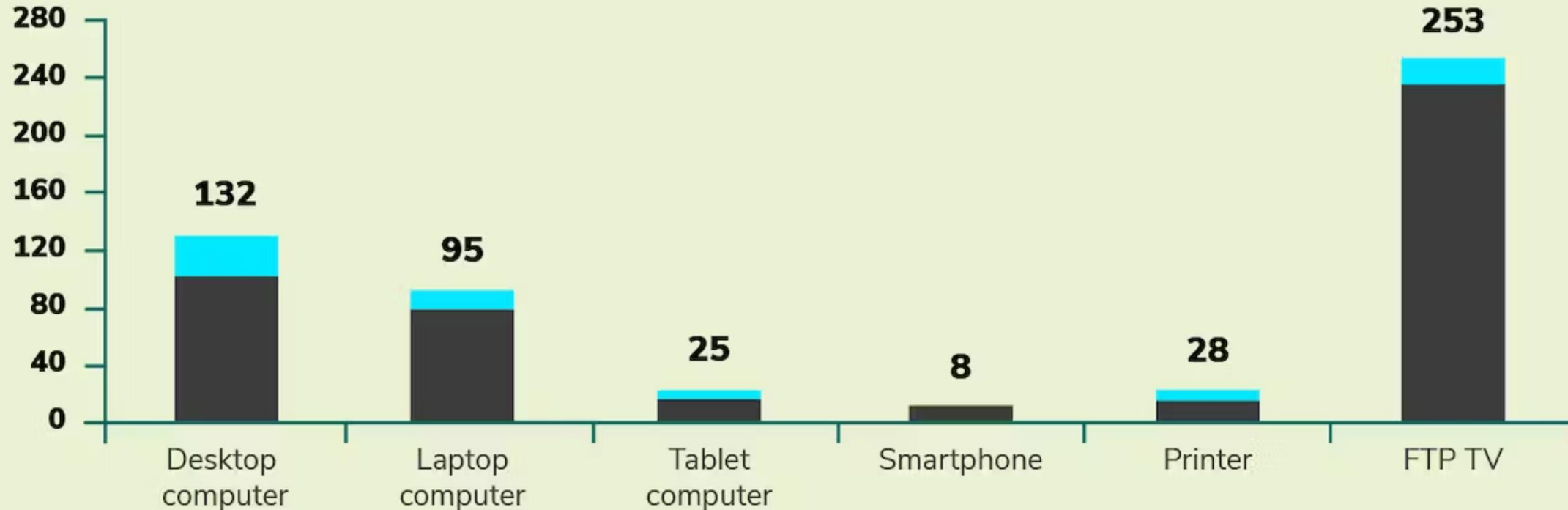
# DIRECT EFFECTS

USE

PRODUCTION

CO<sub>2e</sub> emission per ICT end user device

kg CO<sub>2e</sub> / year



## REDUCTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT FROM PRODUCTION BY

- Reduction of the number of devices (e.g., through lifetime extension, fewer devices per person)
- Increase in energy and material efficiency in production

# Bereiche mit dem grösstem Impact



**HARDWARE**



**DATA CENTERS**



# Green Software



Application that emits less carbon.

## Carbon Efficient

Changes the software / architecture of an application so it is responsible for emitting less carbon.

## Carbon Aware

Changes the behaviour of application so it is responsible for emitting less carbon. E.g. charge laptop when there are lots of renewables.

## Energy Efficient

Using less energy to do the same job.

## Hardware Efficient

Using less hardware to do the same job.



# Zuerst Messen...

## Was

- Gebundenerer Kohlenstoff (Hardware)
- Energie und deren Quelle
- Unsere Software
  - Hot Paths
  - Rechenintensive Operationen
  - Build Pipelines
  - Long Running Transactions

## Wie

- **Regelmässig**
- Wattstundenzähler
- Cloud / ISP Daten

# Hosting

- ▶ Präferiere Cloud über On-Prem
  - ▶ AWS Lambda & Azure Function
  - ▶ Cloud Providers haben Net Null versprochen
- ▶ Führe ein Dialog mit Hosting Partner bzgl. Sustainability
- ▶ Hosting Kosten  $\approx$  CO<sup>2</sup> Ausstoss
- ▶ Höhere Auslastung  $\approx$  Effizienter
- ▶ Power Usage Effectiveness (PUE)
  - ▶ 1.5 = 1 für Compute, 0.5 für Kühlung, etc.





# Architecture

## Jetzt

- ▶ Mandantenfähigkeit
- ▶ Autoscale (up and down)
- ▶ Layers reduzieren
- ▶ Micro Services (!)
- ▶ Priorisiere Workloads

## Zukunft

- ▶ Time Shifting
  - ▶ Carbon Aware async Jobs
- ▶ Demand Shaping
  - ▶ Full Features mit grüner Energie

«Always on is unsustainable» ~Paul Johnston

***“There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.”***

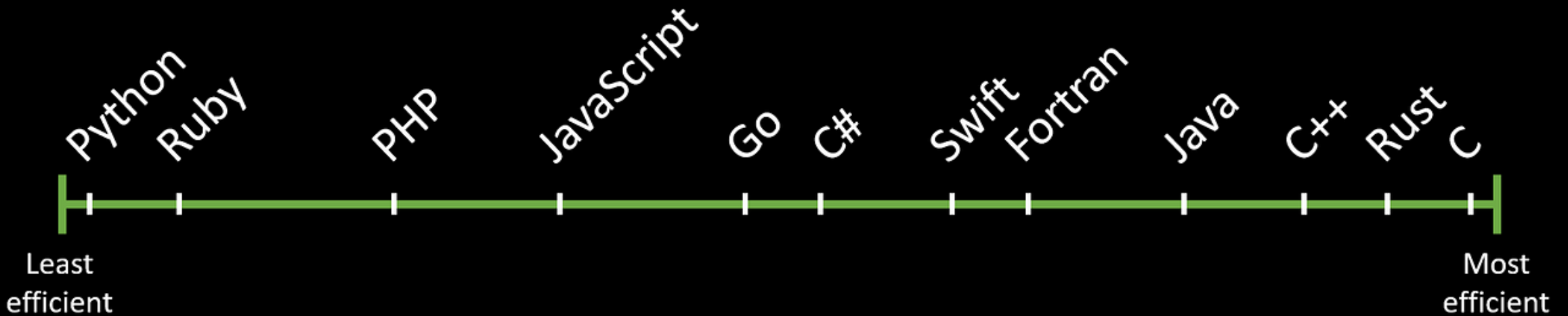
*~ Peter Drucker*

# Design

- ▶ Rückwärtskompatibel
- ▶ LTS > 10 Jahre
- ▶ Auslastung erhöhen
  - ▶ Cloud
  - ▶ Asynchron
  - ▶ Multi-threading



# Energy efficiency of programming languages



# Optimieren

Ziel:

**Möglichst wenig Energie aus fossilen Brennstoffen**

- ▶ Skalen Effekt
- ▶ Custom Code < Libraries < Better Libraries
- ▶  $f(\text{cpu cycles}) \approx f(\text{energy})$
- ▶ Minimiere die benötigte Hardware
- ▶ Achtung
  - ▶ Jevons Paradox
  - ▶ Dev Productivity Hit
  - ▶ Kosten!



# Build (if you must)

Ändere die  
Anforderungen

Custom Code <  
Bibliotheken < Bessere  
Bibliotheken

Optimiere  
Speicherung und  
Daten Abfragen

Reduziere Netzwerk  
Verkehr

Push-to-Client

Benutze  
performantere  
Programmiersprachen

- AI
  - Carbon
  - Energy
- Cloud based
  - AWS
  - Azure
  - Google
  - Multicloud
- Code based
- General purpose
  - Emissions
  - Energy
- OS based
  - Android
  - Linux
  - Web
  - Windows

# Tools

<https://github.com/Green-Software-Foundation/awesome-green-software/tree/dev>





## Fazit

- ▶ Verlängere Lebensdauer von Hard- und Software
- ▶ Erhöhe Auslastung der Server
- ▶ Reduziere Anforderungen an Performance und Datenhaltung



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