



**Department of  
Taxation and Finance**

# **2016 FTA Technology Conference and Exhibition**

**New York's Approach to Electronic Tax Collections and the Millennials**

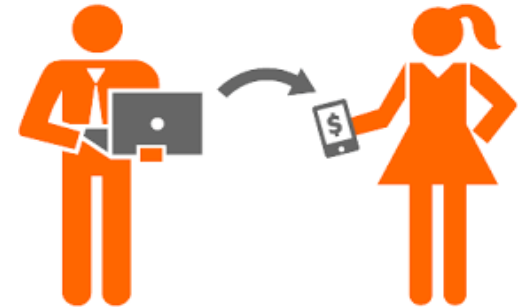
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# Goals and Objectives

- A taxpayer-friendly, electronic payment solution with a single contractor accessible on multiple devices
- Support ACH Debit, ACH Credit, Fed Wire, and Credit Card Payments
- 22 tax programs, including five high-value PromptTax programs
- Support 10.4 million annual electronic payments totaling \$84.6 billion in annual revenue



# Goals and Objectives

- All electronic payment processing and taxpayer services (e.g., help desk, interactive voice response, taxpayer view, and payment cancellation) and data transmission
- Integration with the Tax Department's secure Online Services and legacy systems
- Real time and batch processes
- Future expansion to additional tax programs and customers

# Project Timeline

Overlapping implementation approach because multiple tax programs were affected:

- accommodated various tax programs and payment methods; and
- allowed for design, coding, and testing to occur simultaneously for different tax applications.

Dates	Activity
January 2014 – August 2014	Joint design sessions to gather requirements and make design decisions
February 2014 – November 2015	Design documentation and coding
December 2014 – December 2015	Customer acceptance testing
June 2015 – January 2016	Phased production implementation



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Implementation  
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January 2014

January 2015

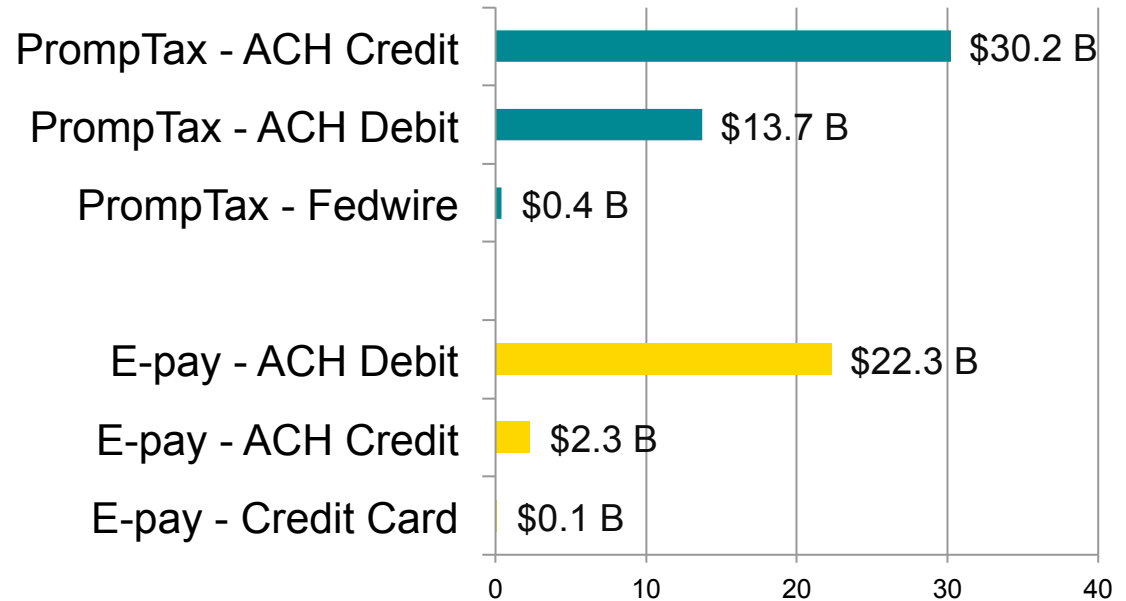
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# Electronic Payments

Payments from implementation through June 2016 (\$69 billion total)

Promptax payments  
\$44.3 billion  
(from October 2015)

E-pay payments  
\$24.7 billion  
(Phased in from June 2015  
through January 2016)



# Taxpayer Experience

- Responsive to all devices
- Single sign on with authentication through the Tax Department's secure Online Services
- Seamless navigation to the vendor site created by evoking a web service leveraging Security Assertion Markup Language (SAML) technology to transmit taxpayer-specific information to complete the payment transaction
- Consistent design that mirrors the Tax Department's website
- Ease of use, secure, and 100% electronic, debit or credit payment



# New York's Experience

- Positioned for the millennials immersed in the mobile e-world
- More than 100 data exchanges using one common record layout
- Consolidated services decreased contractor dependency by:
  - streamlining credit card process (from 4 contractors to 1)
  - storing all credit card information on one contractor's site
  - making contractor subject to Payment Card Industry (PCI) compliance and data security regulations; and
  - insourcing enrollment application.
- Ability to expand credit cards to additional tax programs

# Communication Efforts

- Targeted taxpayer outreach – ACH Credit / Debit Changes
  - 1.5 million taxpayer notices (one million electronic and 500,000 paper)
  - Manual outreach to taxpayers and payroll service providers after implementation on 65,000 misdirected payments
- Form instructions and publications
- 30 public web pages
- Online informational messages
- Staff training tutorials
- 43 staff e-News messages



# Post-Implementation Experience

- January – June 2016 successfully processed:
  - 6.3 million transactions; and
  - \$46.4 billion in revenue
- Transitioned from a large project staff to now a small number of subject matter experts for systems monitoring and issue resolution
- Minimal number of help desk tickets
- Weekly and monthly meetings

# Electronic Payment Tax Programs

Promptax Programs	
Withholding	Metropolitan Commuter Transportation Mobility Tax (MCTMT)
Sales Tax	
Prepaid Sales Tax for Motor Fuel	Petroleum Business Tax
Batch Tax Programs	
Assessments Receivable	Highway Use Truck Mileage Tax
Corporation Tax	Highway Use Registrations and Renewals
Cigarette Tax	MCTMT
Beverage Container Tax	Unemployment Insurance
Tax Preparer Registration Fee	Withholding
Personal Income Tax	International Fuel Tax Agreement Fuel Tax
Waste Tire	International Fuel Tax Agreement Renewal
Taxicab	Petroleum Business Tax
Sales Tax	

# NYS Tax on Social Media



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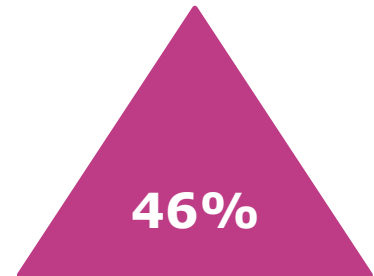
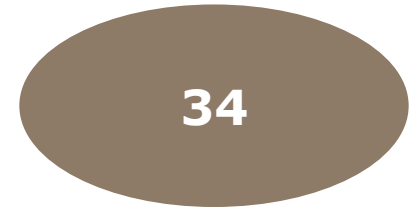
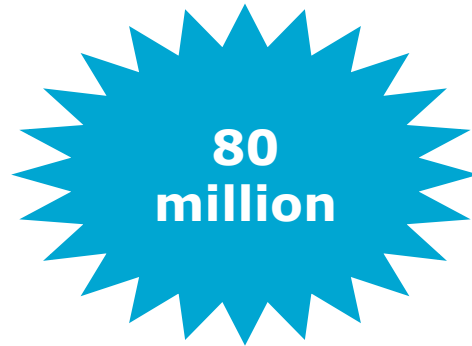
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# The Millennials are coming?



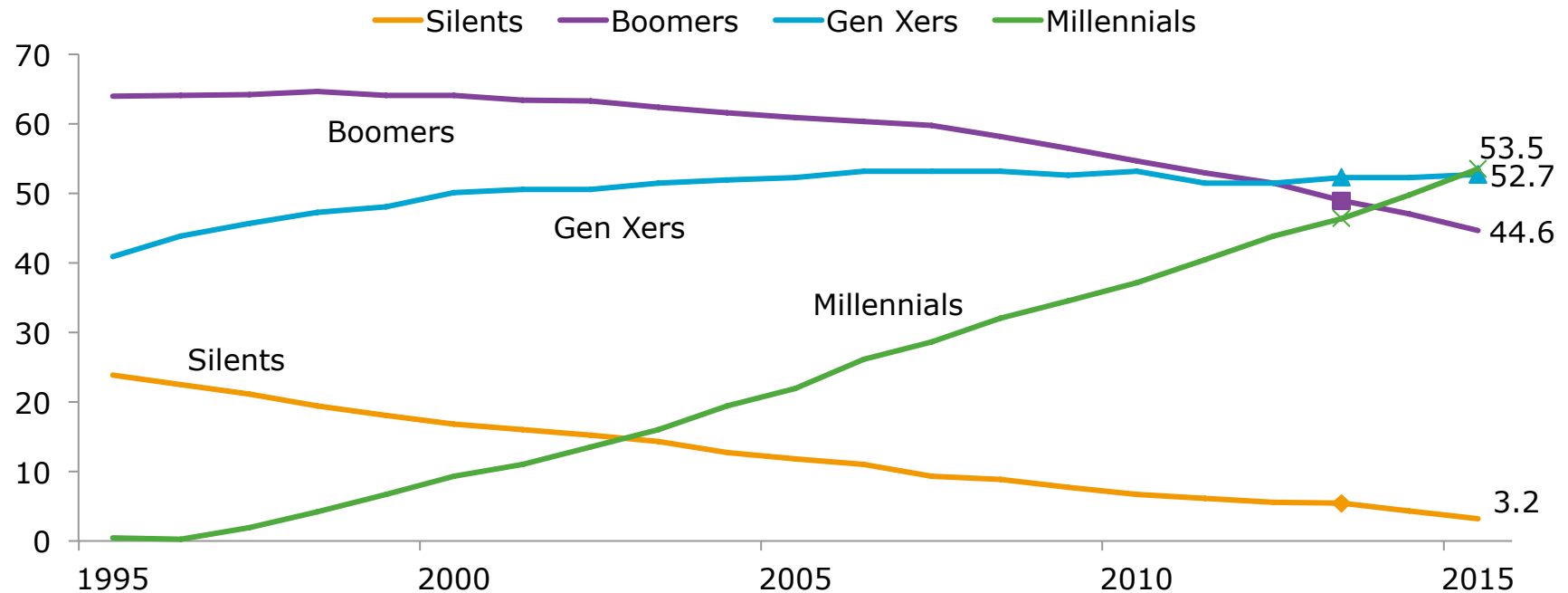
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# Emerging no more...



## U.S. Labor Force by Generation, 1995-2015

In Millions



Note: Annual averages plotted 1995-2014. For 2015 the first quarter average of 2015 is shown. Due to data limitations, Silent Generation is overestimated from 2008-2015.

Source: Pew Research Center

# Millennial Payment Practices

WELLS  
FARGO

21%

have never  
written a check  
to pay a bill<sup>1</sup>



91%

have at least one  
debit card<sup>2</sup>



62%

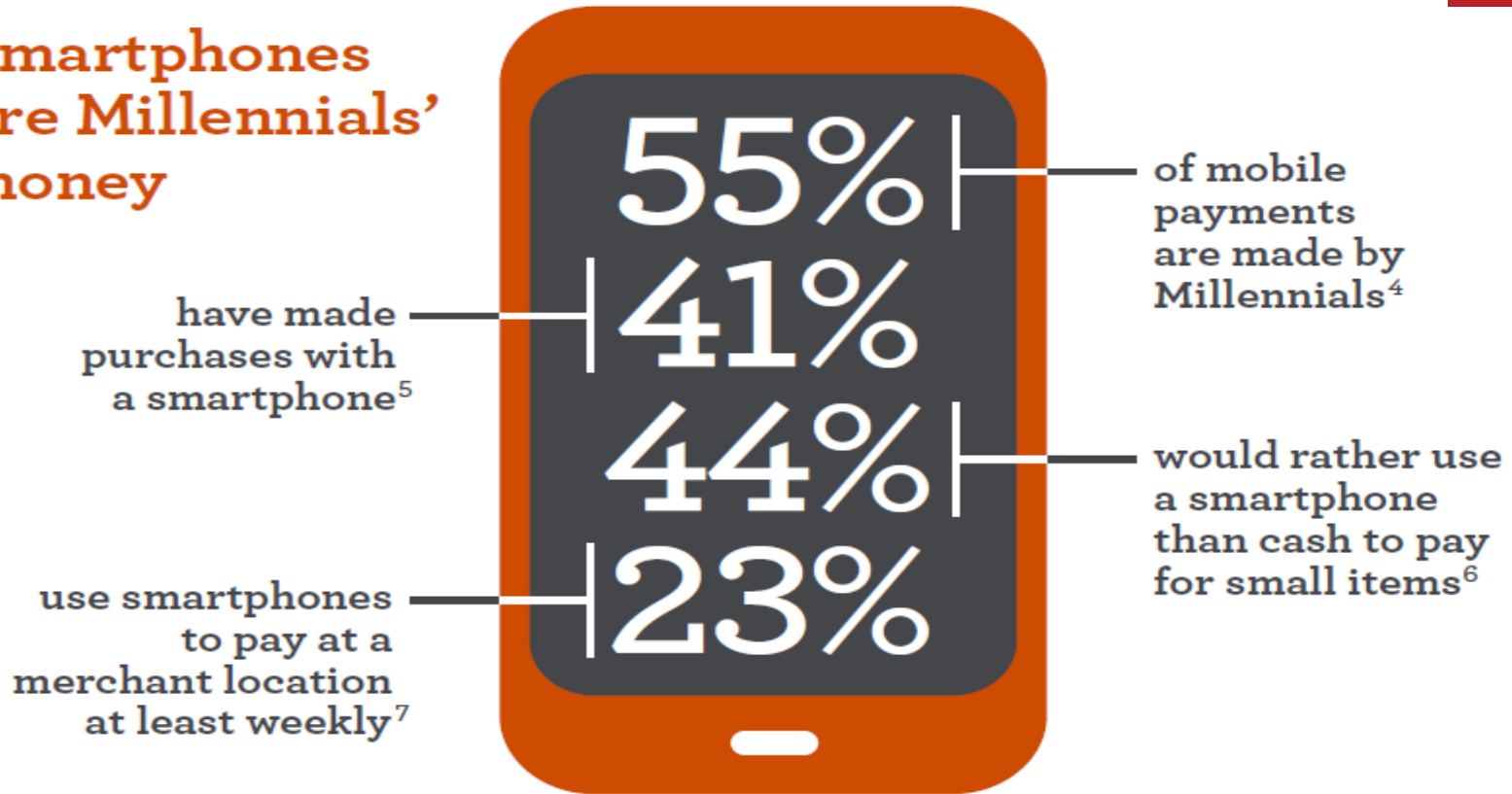
are comfortable  
connecting payment info  
to a retailer or service app  
they use often<sup>3</sup>



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# Millennials and Mobile

## Smartphones are Millennials' money

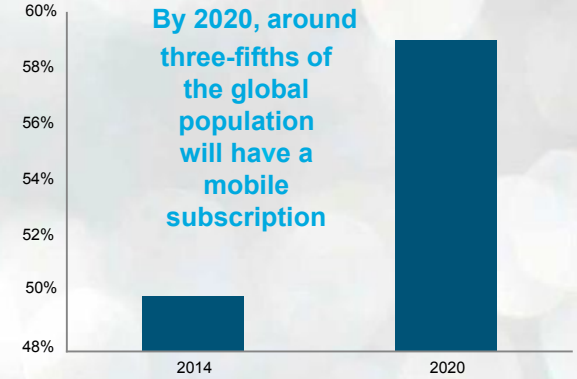
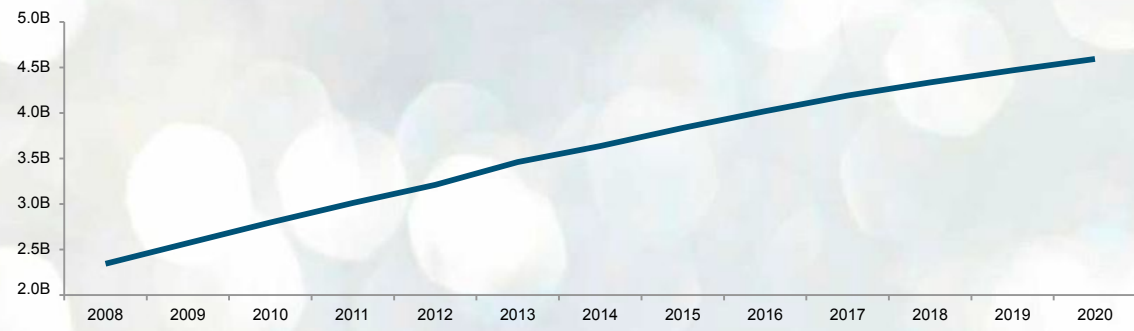


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# Mobile is Setting the Stage for App Usage - significant room for mobile uptake & adoption

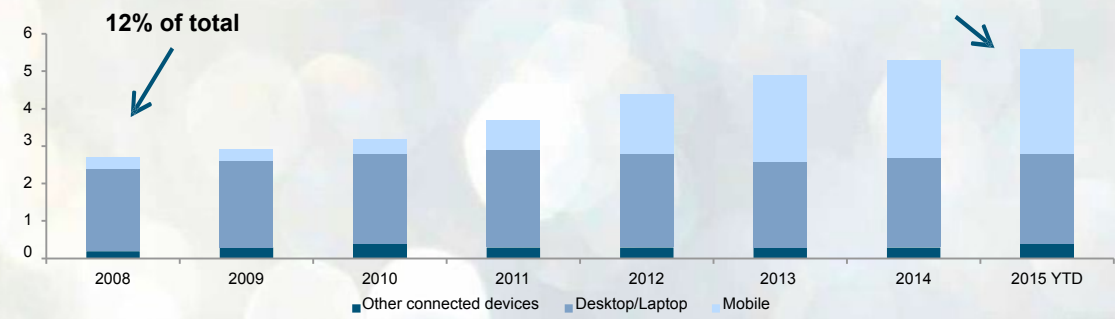
The global mobile subscriber base increased by ~5% in 2014 Penetration now at HALFWAY point<sup>1</sup>

Unique mobile subscribers globally <sup>1</sup>



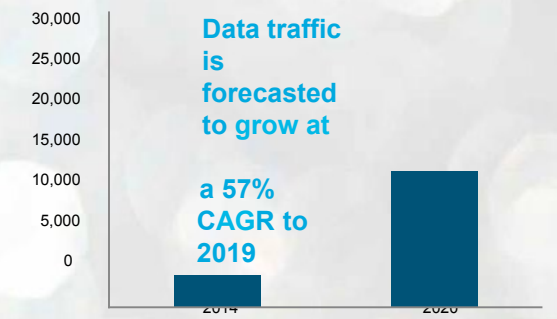
## Mobile devices leading the way to spend time online

Hours per day per adult user with digital media, USA <sup>2</sup>



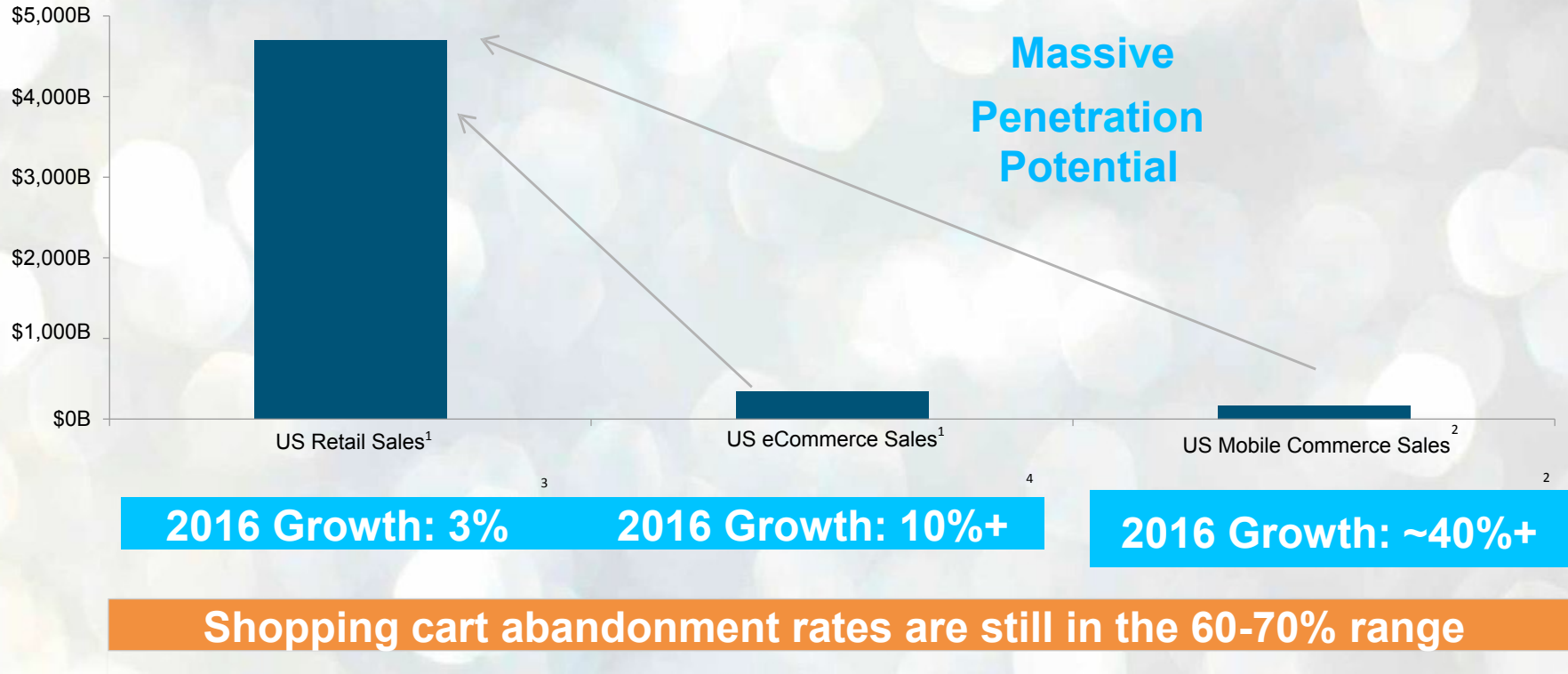
## Mobile data traffic will explode

Petabytes per month <sup>1</sup>



























## Mobile (continued)

Ample potential as mobile remains a small slice of the commerce pie



Source: 1) Department of Commerce, 2) "McKinsey on Payments", McKinsey, October 2015, 3) "NRF Forecasts Retail Sales to Grow 3.1% in 2016", NRF, February 10, 2016, 4) "Forrester Research eCommerce Forecast", Forrester, April 22, 2015, 5) "33 Cart Abandonment Rate Statistics", Baymard Institute, January 24, 2016.

# Mobile and the On-Demand Economy ...Driving a shift from cash and plastic to mobile payments

Sector	Sample On-Demand Players	Payments Implications
Transportation	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth in mobile and in-app payments, as on-demand players offer an integrated and seamless payments experience</li> <li>• Rise of developer-friendly payments API</li> <li>• Card issuers will continue seeking integration in mobile wallets to capitalize on shift to mobile payments</li> </ul>
Hospitality	 	
Food & Beverage	 	
Financial Services	 	
Home & Personal Services	  	
Logistics	 	
Events	 	
Healthcare Professional	 	
Services	 	
Other (e.g., Massage, Dog Sitting, Tutoring, Therapy)	   	



# eCommerce Access and Payment Methods Are Expanding

## eCommerce over a Broader Array of Connected Devices



### Computers

via web browsers

- Desktops
- Laptops
- Notebooks



### Mobile

via web browsers or apps

- Smartphones
- Tablets



### Internet of Things (IOT)

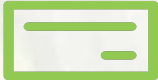
Diverse range of devices (e.g., cars, wearables, gaming consoles, vending machines) that use embedded technology to communicate and interact with the external environment via the Internet

## Methods of Payments Are Evolving

### Traditional Payment Cards



- Credentials key-entered at checkout
- Credentials stored as “card on file”



### Alternative Payments

Non card and non bank payment methods

#### eWALLETS

Consumer selects funding method from preregistered account



#### CARRIER BILLING

Charges added to wireless bill, typically small amounts



#### DEFERRED BILLING

Short-term transactional credit financing



#### VIRTUAL CURRENCY

Consumer tenders virtual cryptocurrency at checkout



#### CASH

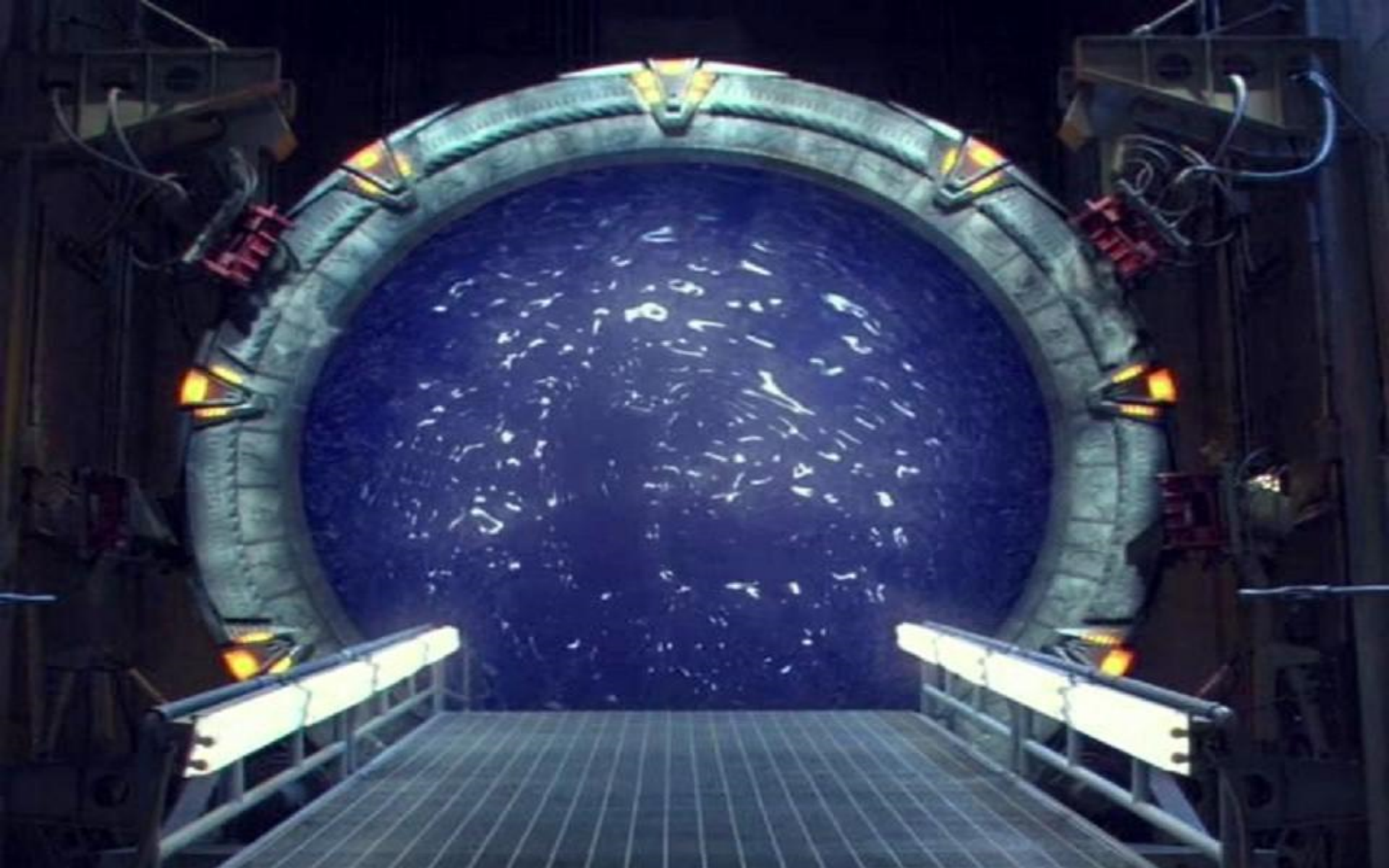
Consumer remits cash payment at local c-store to complete order



# Where are you?



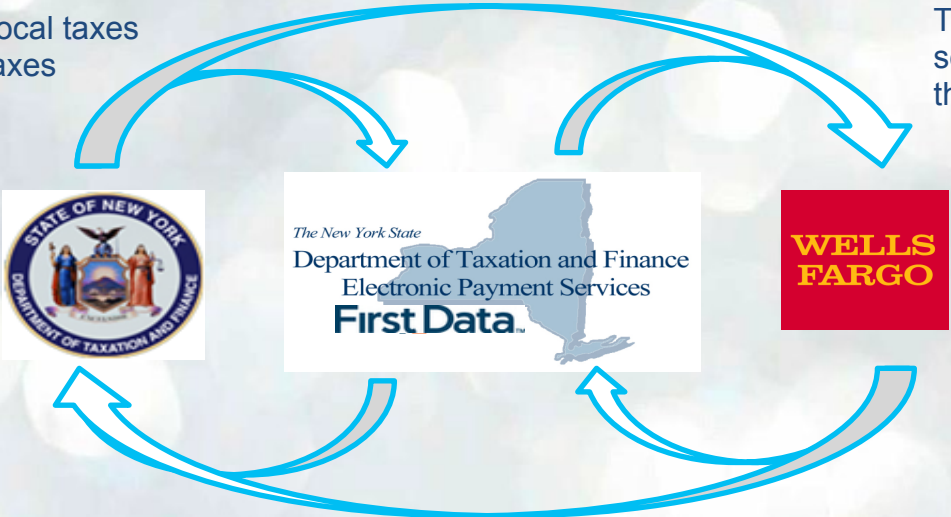
- Your constituents are changing, are you?
- How will you meet the Millennials focus on technology and client experience?
- Where is your organization placing it's spending bets?
- How are you monitoring your user experience?



# New York Department of Tax and Finance (DTF) Example

Administer 37 state and 9 local taxes  
Collecting ~69.1 billion in taxes

The growing Millennial population segment, to conduct virtually all of their tax business online



## Business Flow

- Fed Wire and ACH Credit Transmissions received by Wells Fargo
- ACH Debit and Credit Card Transactions received by First Data
- NACHA file created and submitted to Wells Fargo
- Fed Wire and ACH Credit transactions imported into First Data
- Reporting, research, and administration available to NY DTF
- Payment history and registration info available for taxpayers
- \*Deposit of funds to NY DTF

\*Same day ACH funding project in 2016

## Project Information and Technology Used

- Users can save their payment data for ACH Debit
- Users can view their payment history via Online Services Application
- Users can cancel a payment
- 4 Electronic Payment Options
- Project took 18 Months
- SAML – single sign on standards
- Responsive HTML Design
- Web Services

Mobile/Secure/Available/Easy

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