## What Happens After the I.P.O.?

There have been about 2,400 technology, Internet and telecom I.P.O.'s since 1980. On the first day of trading, the average stock rose 32 percent above its offer price. But in the three years after that, most companies had negative returns, according to statistics compiled by Jay Ritter, a professor of finance at the University of Florida. Companies with higher values compared with their revenue before the I.P.O. have fared especially poorly.


Colors show the ratio of the company's value to its revenue in the 12 months before the I.P.O.


## HOW FACEBOOK COMPARES

At its offer price, Facebook's market value is \$tk billion, more han four times that of Google at its I.P.O. in 2004. Facebook had evenue of about 4 billion in the last year, meaning it will have one of the higher price-to-sales ratios, especially outside of the dot-com bubble.

## Return three years after the I.P.O.: The decliners ...


... and the gainers.


## Over the Long Haul

Performance after three years, however, is not necessarily indicative of a company's future. Yahoo skyrocketed only to plummet, while Apple took decades to rise. A look at how Facebook's current market value and revenue compare to five other notable technology I.P.O.'s.

Yahoo (1996 I.P.O.)
Valued above $\$ 125$ billion in early 2000, Yahoo was worth one-tenth that amount two years later.

## Google (2004)

Google currently has a price-to-sales ratio around 5. But in June 2005, it had values similar to Facebook's current levels.


## Microsoft (1986)

Although Microsoft's revenue has increased most years, its stock price has been relatively flat since it fell in 2000.


Apple (1980)
Three years after its I.P.O., investors in Apple had lost 25 percent. But nearly three decades later in May 2010, it surpassed Microsoft in market capitalization and it is now the largest company by market capitalization.


## Everyone

Sloeping, eating, working and watching television take up about two-thirds of the average day


## Use of the phrase "Irag" in past State of the Union Addresses



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