

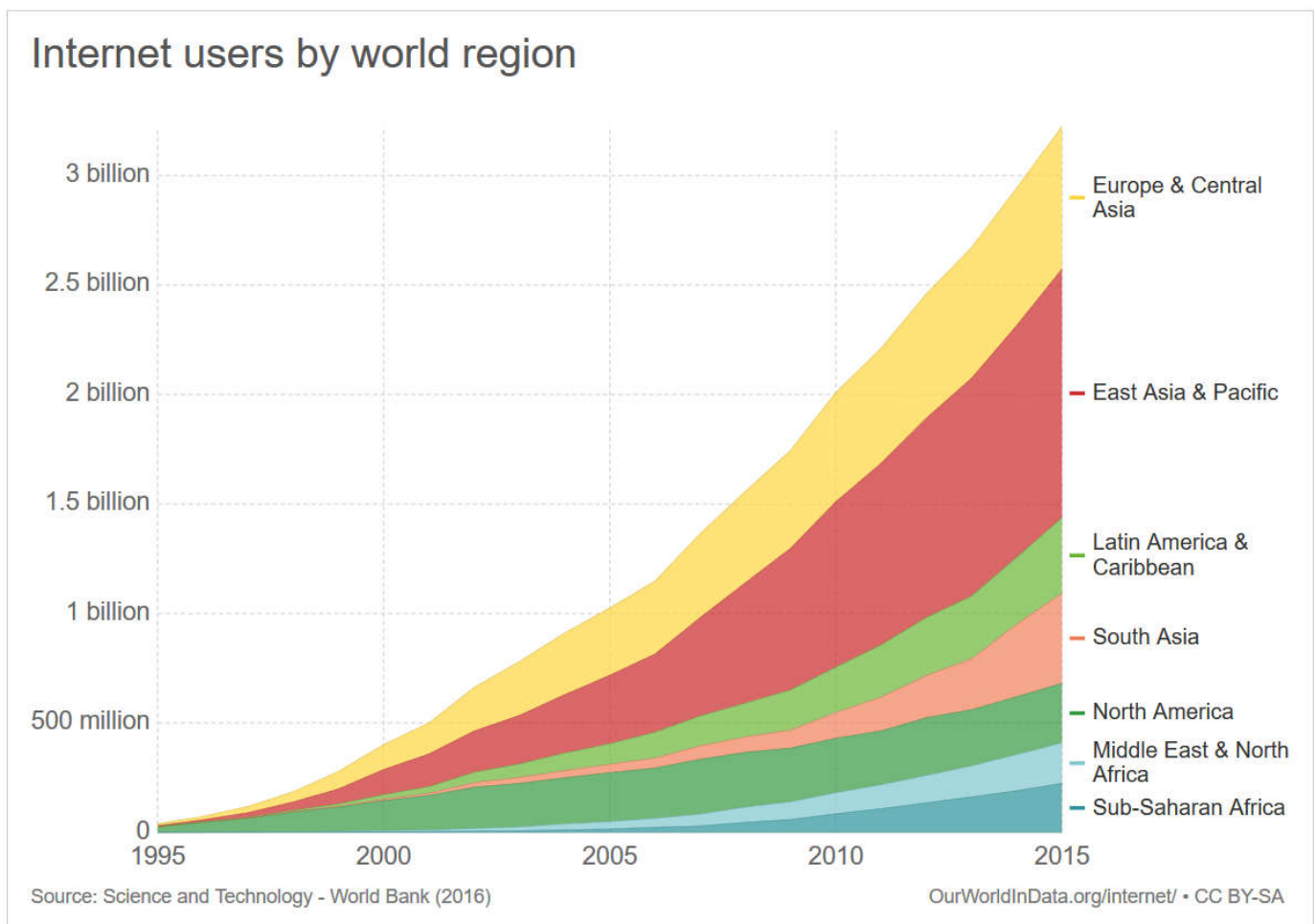
WORLD INTERNET ACCESS DATA

1. Growth of the internet

The number of Internet users worldwide has skyrocketed since the birth of the World Wide Web. On the 20 December 1990, the world's first website and server went live at CERN. The first ever website was published by the Internet's creator, Sir Tim Berners-Lee, on 6 August 1991 and in 1993 CERN made the World Wide Web available on a royalty free basis to the public domain. By 1993, there were 14 million Internet users worldwide and 130 websites.

Access to the Internet is almost universal in developed countries and although usage rates are much lower in the developing world, they are increasing. The chart below shows the increasing number of internet users.

What might the distribution tell us in terms of the geography of users and access to the internet?



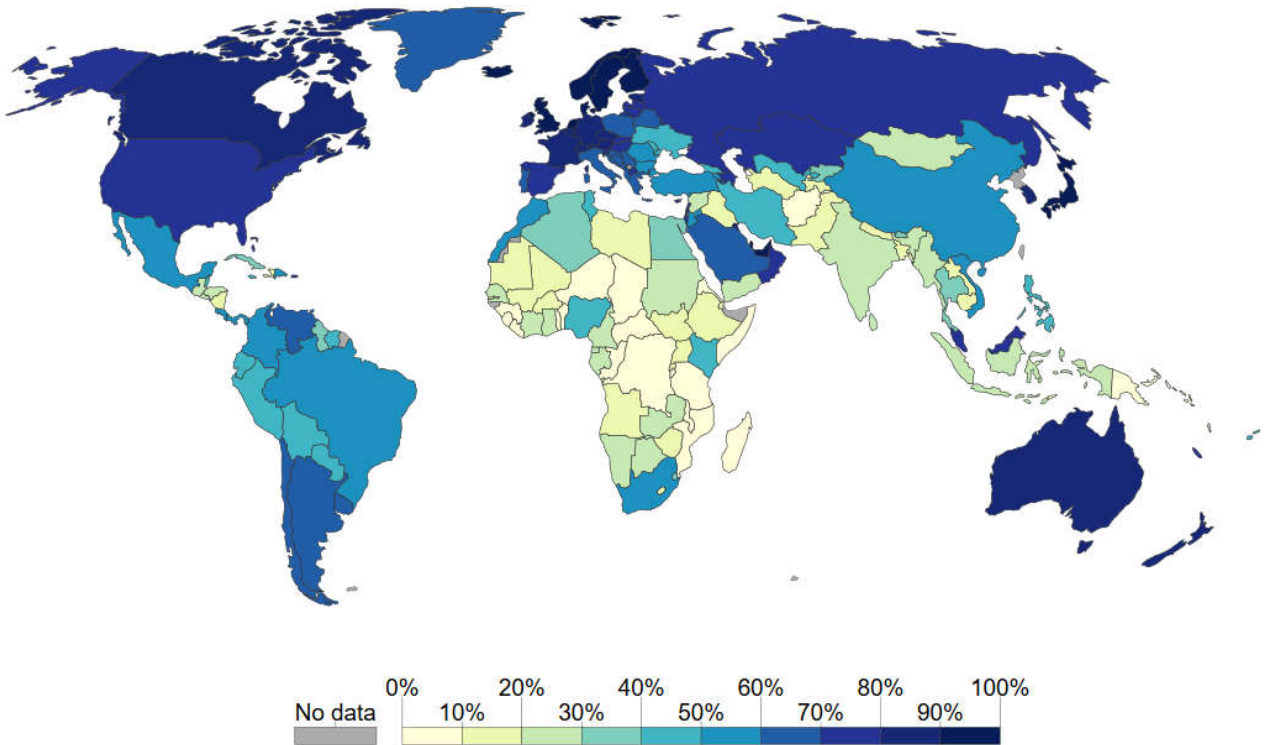
2. World Map of Internet Access

The map shows the share of the population that is accessing the internet for all countries of the world.

Share of individuals using the internet, 2015

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Share of individuals using the internet, measured as the percentage of the population. Internet users are individuals who have used the Internet (from any location) in the last 3 months. The Internet can be used via a computer, mobile phone, personal digital assistant, games machine, digital TV etc.



Source: World Bank – WDI

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