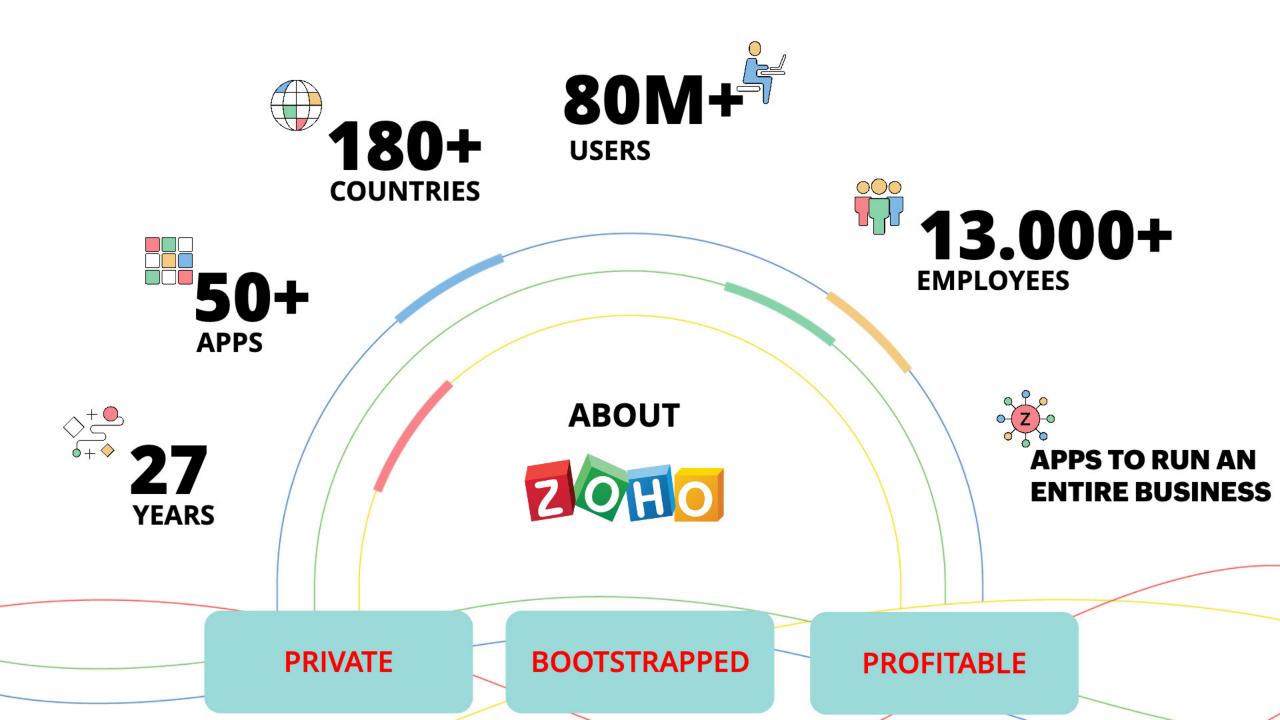
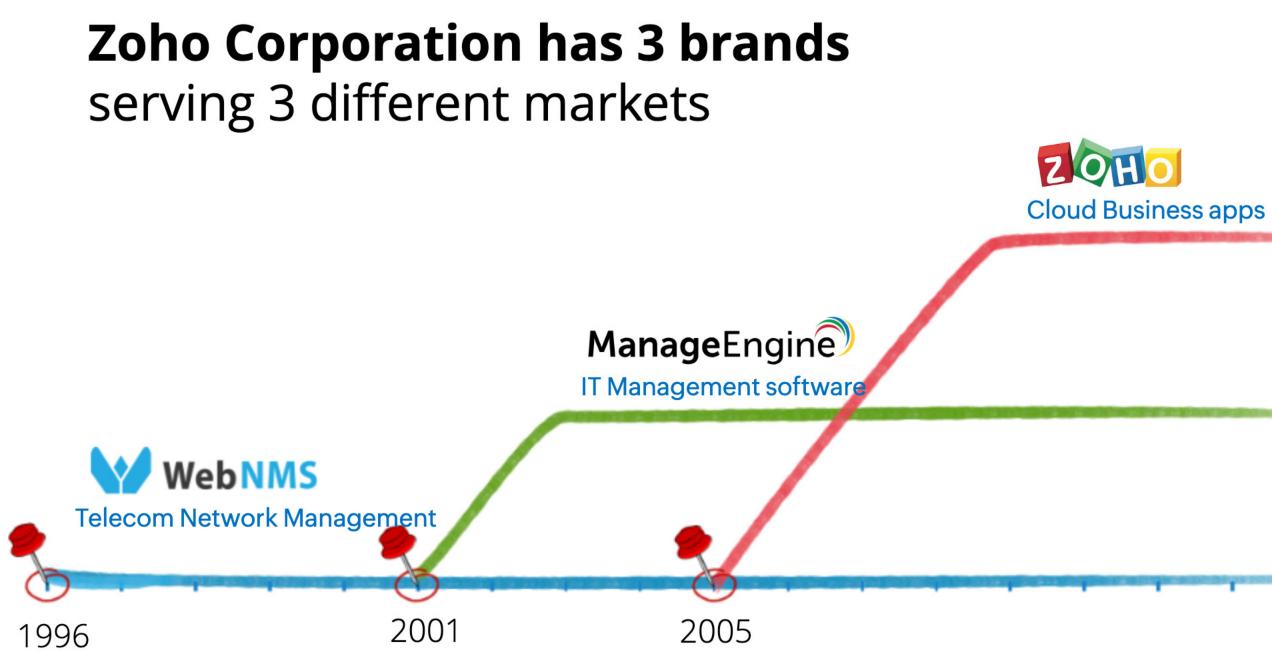
# Using Core values as your moat to build resiliency for the long term

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#### The Digital Enterprise Management platform

Management for your IT infrastructures, applications & security



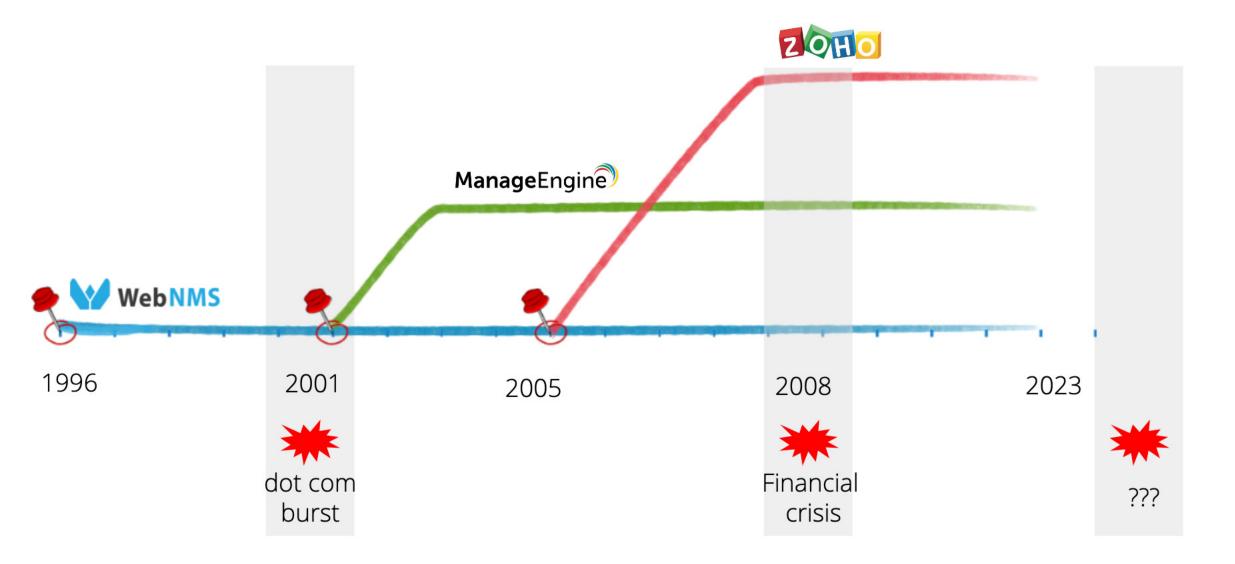


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Products for Enterprise IT Management 280,000 organisations as clients Fortune 100 companies use ManageEngine



### Navigated 2 bubbles, we are prepared for the next



### We are living through interesting times!



Organizations are being challenged by changing dynamics (external & internal).



### External factors challenging your business model

The pandemic... Followed by the monster bubble, Then inflation, war and energy crisis ... Staff shortages and now layoffs... Banks collapse...



## Clients demand a stronger value proposition

- A consistent experience across every digital medium
- Mobility without compromising on security
- Orchestrate end-to-end IT-business workflows
- Responding to threats at the speed of business



### What about the 'work environment'?



# The 'evolving' nature of work



Innovation

Top down -> Democratic



Collaboration

Physical rooms -> Real-time anywhere



Teams

Structured -> Self organizing



Mode

Manual -> Digital and AI-driven



### The team wants







A great workplace experience A resilient hybrid work environment Constant learning and engagement



# How can organizations keep up and stay ahead of the competition?



# Core values can be your moats (differentiators).

Stronger the moat, harder it is for others to compete.

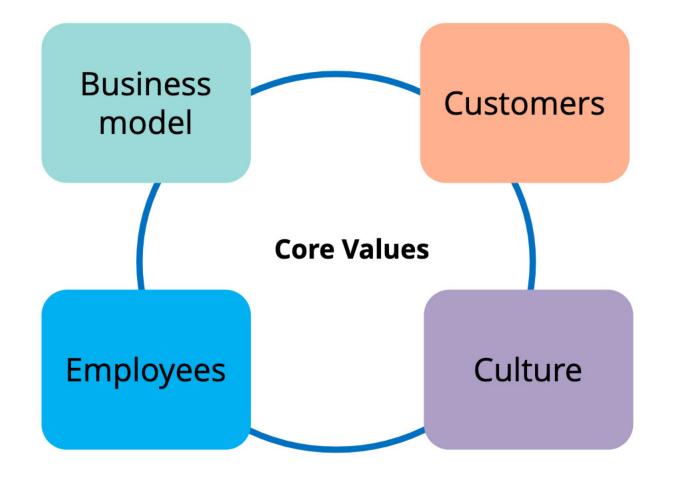


At Zoho, we have taken a path less traversed in the technology industry.

More often than not, challenging conventional wisdom.



### Thinking Long-term. Thinking Whole.





### **Business model**

# Product and Technology led-growth than a Sales & marketing led-growth.

#### Backed by a 'NO-EXIT' strategy.



Building **anything meaningful** requires time and patience, be it building skills, products or organizations.

It not just the end results that matter, the journey of building teaches you a lot. **THAT mindset is a core value.** 



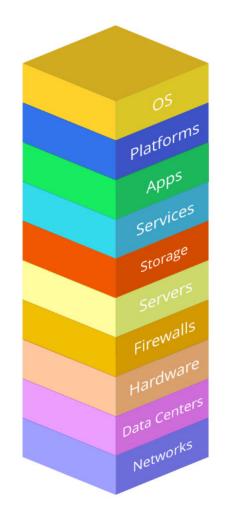
Continuously investing in technology & building capabilities.

Many are long term bets (10+ yrs in making).



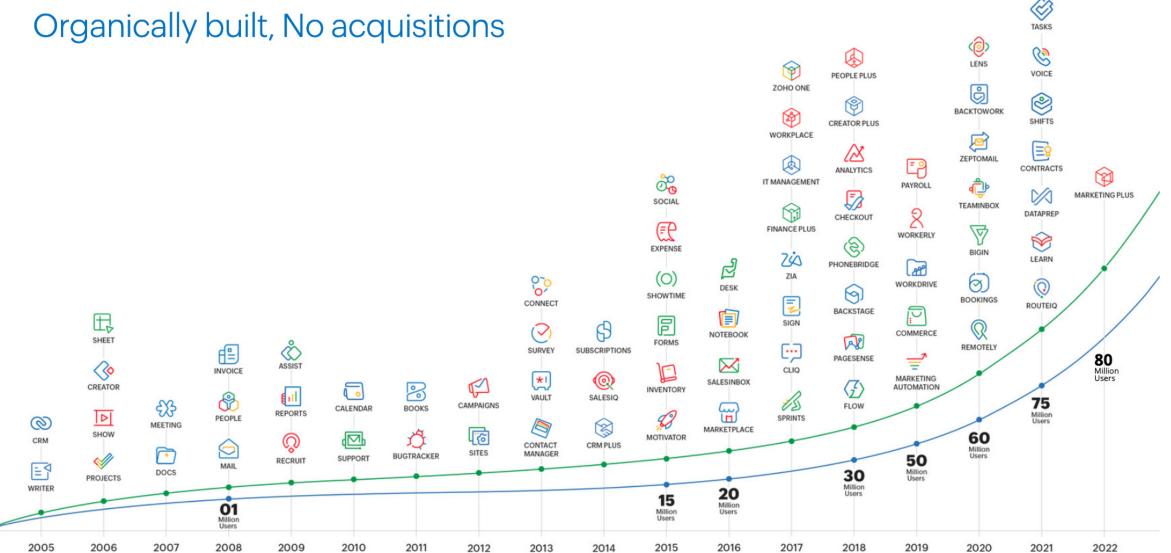
# 27 years of continuous R&D effort to build our tech stack & platform

- Security stack
- Privacy stack
- Storage stack
- AV stack
- AI/ML stack
- BI stack...

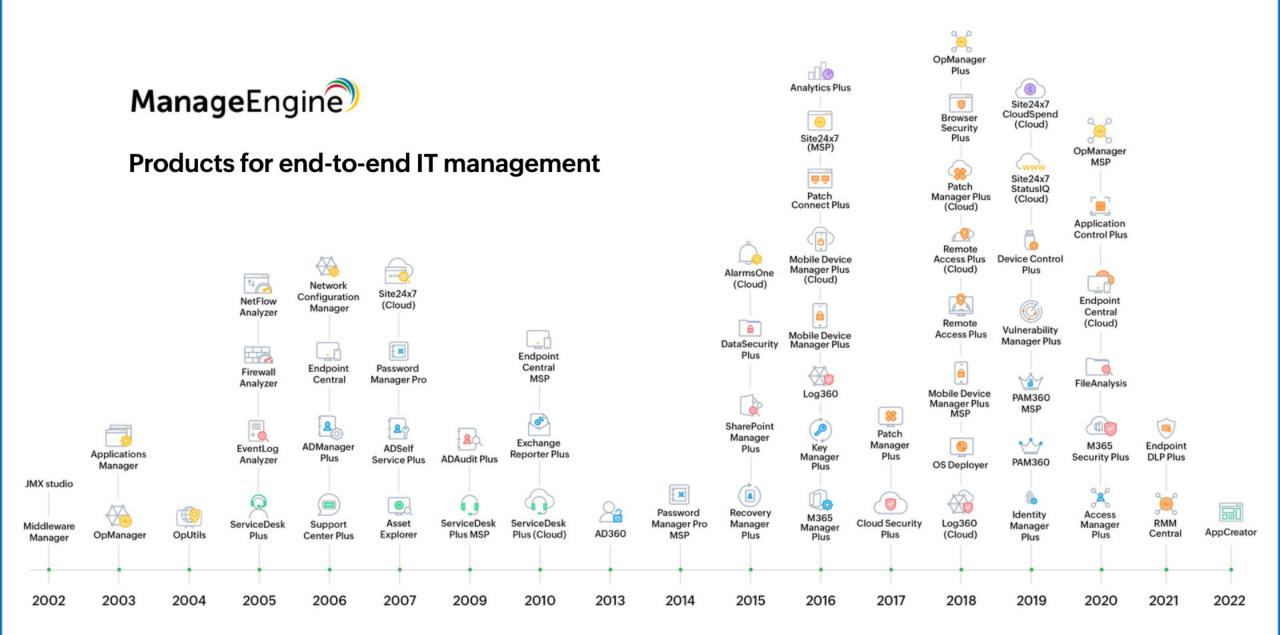








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### Customers

# Being a **trustworthy** and **viable partner** is the way to build up business for the long term

# Our business model does **not** depend on extracting maximum profits from customers.



# Products that offer unmatched value to customer.

#### Solving complex problems and yet stay **affordable.** Customers stay with us long-term.



### Controlling costs (where it matters)

- Spend on Product R&D v/s Sales and Marketing
- Frugal innovation (small incremental experiments)
- Cloud economics
  - We host the cloud apps we sell, on our own data centers
  - Ironic that many cloud companies don't own their own cloud
  - At our scale (80M users), this offers tremendous savings that we pass on to our customers





- Zoho runs on Zoho : NO external software. The Zoho platform provides all the software we need to run our entire business.
  - Used by 13.000 staff across 30 offices to support 80M users globally



# We're committed to serve customers long term, **not to run away from them.**

We still support customers from 1999.



Friction-less way for customers to enter or leave.

#### No long-term lock in. No forced sales.



# A **Privacy-aware culture** that goes back 27 years.

#### Long before GDPR existed!



# People

# Take care of employees and they will take care of customers.

#### Both stay with us long term.



### Hiring for attitude and adaptability.

NOT specific skills, degrees or experience.



# We have always believed in **creating** our own talent and nurturing it.







Meaningful alternative to a conventional college education.

# We run Zoho Schools because it helps address a social problem while keeping us relevant.

#### **Debt-free education on us** 18 years in running!





- 15% of our engineers come from Zoho Schools and have never been to college
- Zoho Schools started as an experiment in 2005
- 12% of our employees have been with us for 15+ years



# Culture

### A decentralized company

#### where decision making is pushed down



# Agile culture with a can-do attitude





# A culture of **experimentation**

#### where failures are used as learnings

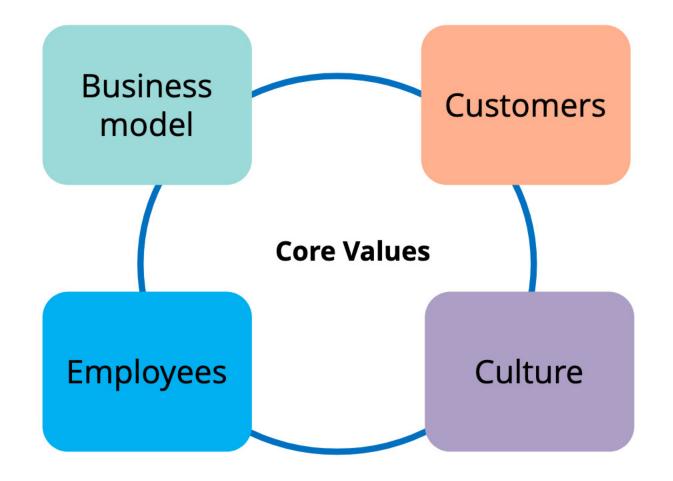


# Having the right core values can help build resiliency in your teams and organization.

to help you tackle challenges or bounce back from adversity



### They are all interconnected.





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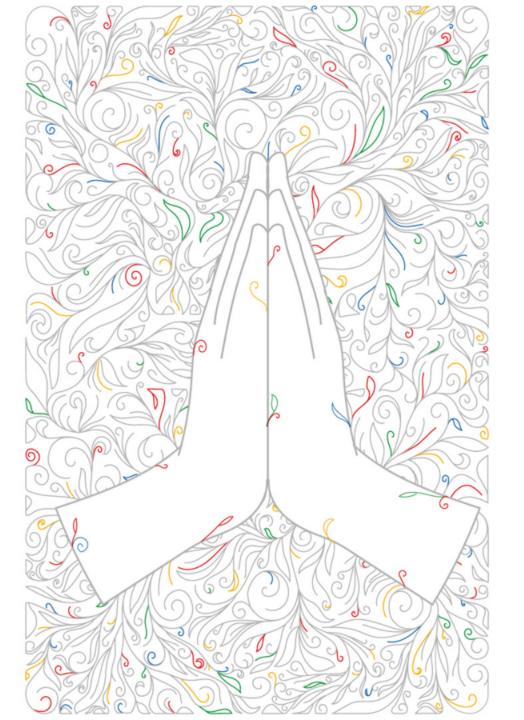


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