Looking back to move your business forward
Media and Entertainment

With more time on their hands, Indonesians are seeking creative ways to spend time with their families while indoors. They are heading online to get their regular fix of information and entertainment.
New entertainment trends have emerged and favorite hobbies have resurged as people seek ways to stay engaged.

Rise in searches:

- "gaming" ▲ 210%
- "music" ▲ 240%
- "workout" ▲ 200%
- "podcast" ▲ 105%

- Growth in searches for “smart TV” 40%
- Jump in searches related to “hp gaming” 30%
- Spike in search queries for “game konsol” (game console) 80%

DID YOU KNOW?

Indonesian online shoppers spend 20% more of their personal time online per day even after the peak of lockdown has passed.

Hours spent online per day:

- 3.6 pre-COVID
- 4.3 During the pandemic

Sources: Google/Kantar, e-Conomy SEA Report as referenced in Google, Temasek and Bain, e-Conomy SEA 2020: At full velocity — Resilient and racing ahead, Nov. 2020; Google Trends Data
Indonesians love YouTube. They log on to the video-sharing and streaming platform to get their regular fix of information, gaming and entertainment.

- 200% rise in searches for recipes for desserts such as “cookies” and “kue” (cakes)
- 130% jump in search queries for “drama korea”
- 80% spike in watch-time for knowledge videos, such as how-to content, or topics related to business, history, law and science
- 50% growth in searches related to “multiplayer online battle arena” videos

Source: Google Trends Data
While nothing can truly replace in-person interactions, Indonesians are turning to online services to help them keep in touch and reconnect with loved ones while staying safely at home.

Ramadan was celebrated online in 2020, which brought along a 4x jump in searches for:

- “online get togethers”
- “aplikasi untuk video call”
- “silaturahmi virtual”
- “video call banyak orang”
- “cara video call”
- “main game bareng”
- “video call 8 orang”
- “buka bersama online”

Source: Google Trends Data
Gaming is still a hit, with COVID-19 and lockdowns accelerating the adoption of online gaming.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

PC gamers are upgrading. This year, searches for graphics cards (RTX 3060, 3070, 3080) grew significantly as gamers sought ways to improve visuals and get superior performance to hit that fine gaming spot while staying indoors.

110%

spike in searches for “MMO” (massively multiplayer online)

25%

rise in searches for “mabar - main bareng” (playing together) on YouTube

30%

growth in searches related to eSports, as more players tried competitive, organized video gaming

Source: Google Trends Data
The coronavirus has changed the way we use the internet. Both metro and non-metro Indonesians depend even more on their data quotas for their daily usage.

**“kuota internet”**
18% rise in searches, with highest search interest from the regions of West Papua, Aceh, Bengkulu, Riau and North Sulawesi, and the cities of Bandung, Medan, Palembang, Makassar and Semarang

**“kuota belajar”**
has seen significant growth in searches in the regions of West Sulawesi, Riau, West Sumatra, South East Sulawesi, Central Sulawesi

**“kuota multimedia”**
has seen significant rise in searches, while there’s been 150% growth in searches for “kuota streaming” in the regions of South Kalimantan, North Sulawesi, Bengkulu, Aceh and Yogyakarta

Source: Google Trends Data
35% jump in searches for “telco apps”

But they are all actively seeking out rewards and incentives to make their data packs last longer.

- **“bonus kuota”** (quota bonuses) **▲ 30%**
- **“promo kuota”** (data quota promo), in comparison to negative growth in the previous year **▲ 25%**
- **“kuota internet gratis”** (free data quota), in comparison to negative growth in the previous year **▲ 100%**

Source: Google Trends Data
Takeaways for brands

1. Ride the content wave to stay relevant.

The boom for the Media and Entertainment industry has created growth in gaming and movie content in the country. Ensure that you are tapping into this opportunity, even if you are not a Media & Entertainment brand.

**Gaming:** Reach out to diverse users by partnering with labels to provide co-funded, in-game perks or participate in gaming subcultures.

*Gojek* tapped into this opportunity by creating a viral campaign with Pevita Pearce and Joe Taslim, incorporating their GoPay x Google Play partnership into a game-like ad.

**Movies:** More important than showing up in consumers’ searches is delivering meaningful content when they’re searching for you.

OTT players could consider activations such as Search Partnerships or leverage Search’s “What to watch” feature, where users come for movie recommendations.

Telco players could highlight packages that help users watch their movies with buffer-free data packages, invest in Search Ads, and bid on arts and entertainment keywords related to movies.
Takeaways for brands

2. Continue to personalize your product offerings.

As consumption of content grows, consumers in metros and non-metros are relying on fast and reliable internet access more than ever. Yet, what Indonesians are consuming in these areas vary. Reach out to these consumer segments by creating hyper-local and separate internet quota packages that cater to the different consumption patterns.

3. Push for more entertainment through different hardwares.

With home entertainment being the main source of entertainment for Indonesians at the moment, consumers do not mind paying more for a better viewing experience. Capture this demand by marketing hardware products such as smart TVs, bigger screens, speakers, gaming mouse and headphones.
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