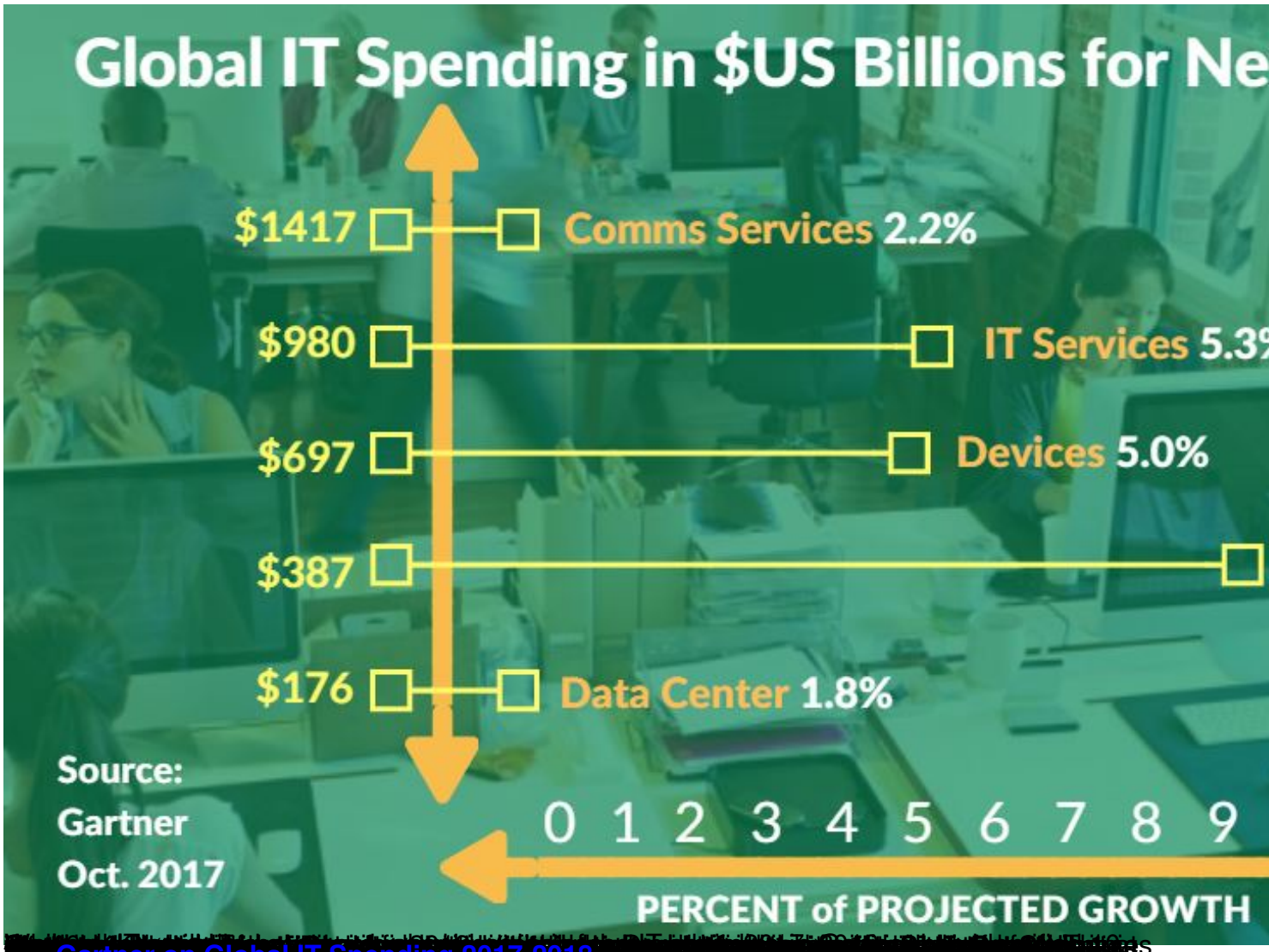
Yes, global IT spending will be up in 2017 and again in 2018-- even reaching an estimated spending of $3.5 trillion according to the latest forecast by Gartner, Inc. But the IT buying landscape is changing.

Enterprise software and **IT services** continue to exhibit strong growth, with **communications services**
continuing to drive the majority of spending.
Software spending
is projected to grow 8.5% in 2017, and it will grow another 9.4% in 2018 to total $387 billion.
IT services
spending is on pace to grow 4% in 2017 to reach $931 billion, and increase 5.3% in 2018 to reach $980 billion.

The **devices segment is expected to exhibit growth for the first time in two years** with an increase of 5.3% in 2017 and 5% in 2018. Increased average selling prices for premium phones in mature markets, partially due to the introduction of the iPhone 8 and 10, along with an underlying demand for PCs from businesses replacing their machines with Windows 10 PCs is driving the growth in this segment, says the research company.



Gartner on Global IT Spending 2017-2018