# "Web 2.0 and Social Networking"

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#### What is Web 2.0?



(Andy Budd)

#### What Web 2.0 is Not

- The Semantic Web (though there are some crossovers)
- A new collection of technologies (though there are new applications of existing technologies)
- Just blogging, wikis, AJAX, mashups, and RSS

#### Web 2.0 is Happening

Logos of start-ups "claiming" to be Web 2.0



### So, What is Web 2.0? (1/2)

- Definition is still evolving...
- A marketing term, a buzzword, but moreover an <u>ATTITUDE</u>
- Shifts the focus to the user of the information, not the creator of the information
- Information moves "beyond" Web sites
- Information has properties and these properties follow each other and find relationships
- Information comes to users as they move around

### So, What is Web 2.0? (2/2)

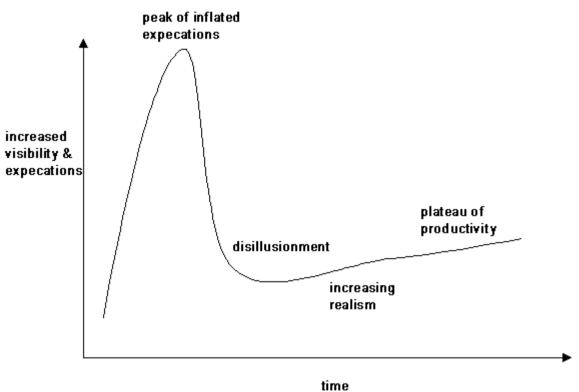
- Information is broken up into "microcontent" units that can be distributed over many domains
- Interaction is no longer limited to (X)HTML
- Users are able to control how information is categorized and manipulated
- User agent becomes a "fat" rather than "thin" client
- Requires a new set of tools to aggregate and remix microcontent in new and useful ways

## Web 2.0 By Example

Web 1.0	<u>Web 2.0</u>
Personal Web Sites	Blogs
Britannica Online	Wikipedia
Content Management Systems	Wikis
Directories (Taxonomy)	Tagging ("Folksonomy")
Screen Scraping	Web Services
Etc.	Etc.

## Is It Hype?

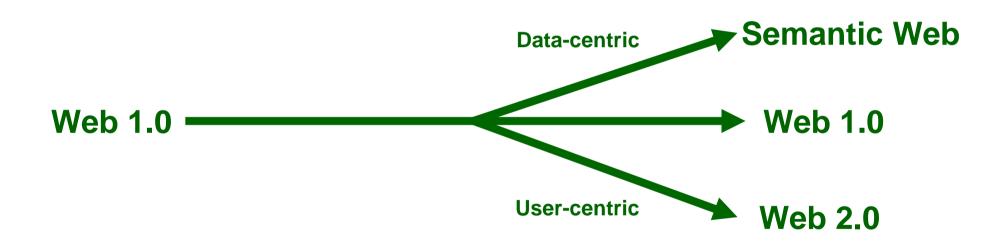
#### If so, where is it?



Source: The Gartner Group

(Hype Cycle of New Information Technologies)

#### Or Natural Evolution?



Web 2.0 Drivers - Technology

- Computing power
  - Still doubling every 18 months
  - PC-based data centers
- Connectivity
  - Low cost, broad reach Internet
  - Wireless, broadband access
- Device proliferation
  - PDAs, cell phones, etc.
  - Towards a digital devices decade
- Internet standards
  - XML-based integration
- User Interface
  - Many possibilities



#### Web 2.0 Drivers - Environmental

- The "dot-com" collapse forced a Web re-examination
- The "long tail" the collective power of small sites that make up the bulk of the Web's content
- The Web reached a critical mass of
  - (Good) information content sources
  - Use (and desire for reuse)
  - Trust
- Web users developed an expectation of fulfillment





## What is Web 2.0 Again? (1/2)

"Web 2.0 is a set of economic, social, and technology trends that collectively form the basis for the next generation of the Internet – a more mature, distinctive medium characterized by user participation, openness, and network effects"

----"Web 2.0, Principles and Practices," O'Reilly Media

## What is Web 2.0 Again? (1/2)

"The tool that makes this possible is the World Wide Web. Not the Web that Tim Berners-Lee hacked together (15 years ago, according to Wikipedia) as a way for scientists to share research. It's not even the overhyped dotcom Web of the late 1990s. The new Web is a very different thing. It's a tool for bringing together the small contributions of millions of people and making them matter. Silicon Valley consultants call it Web 2.0, as if it were a new version of some old software. But it's really a revolution."

---TIME magazine, 12/27/06



#### The Big Ideas of Web 2.0

- Fresh, useful data is the core
- The ability for other parties to manipulate that data
- "Living" applications that can be easily adapted
- Harnessing the collective experience
- "The Web as a platform," independent of user platform
- Primary focus of participation, rather than publishing
- Trusting of users to provide reliable content

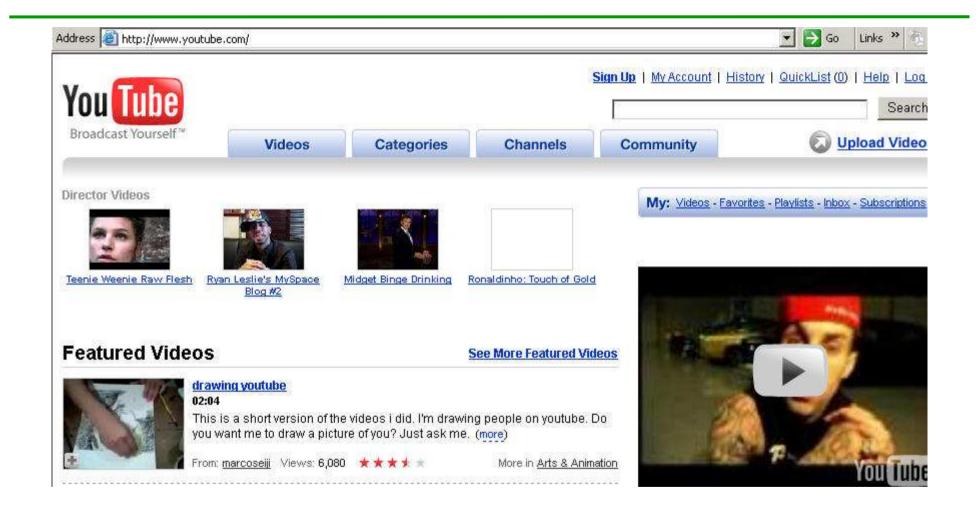
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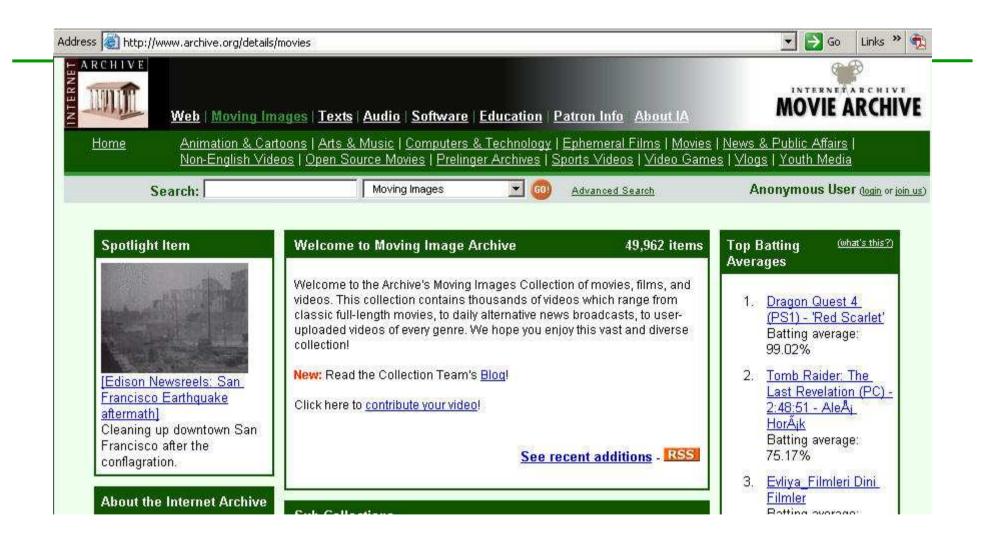
- Not to be confused with "social engineering!"
- A group launches a highly interactive service based on common interests between users
- Easy to use communications tools detail and promote those interests to others
- The group is expanded by invitation or "virally"
- B2C, C2C, B2B
- Networks of "credibility"
- Reinforces the validity of the theory of "six degrees of separation"

### Web 2.0 and Social Networking (2/2)

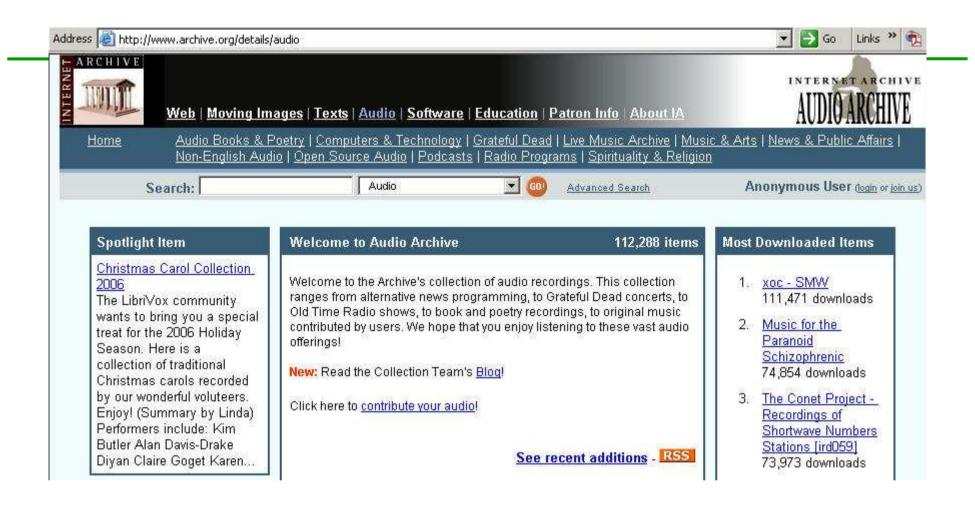
- People (not just Websites) can/have become entities on the Internet
- It's not just people using data, but people developing capabilities
- Provide a rich user experience/interface
- Blogs combined with aggregation tools
- Geographical mapping
- Comment systems
- Folksonomies
- etc., etc.

## "Web 2.0 Applications Address Basic Group Interactions"





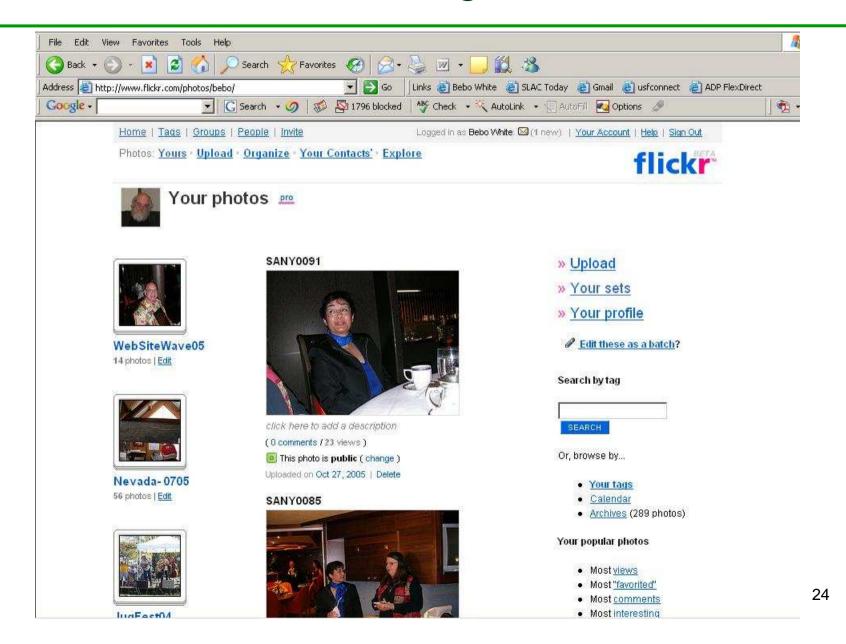




## ChipIn is a Fundraising Social Network

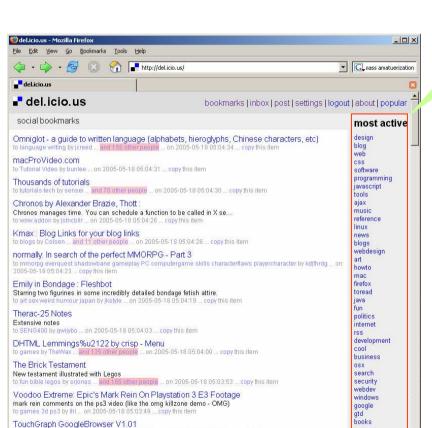


### Flickr is a Photo-Sharing Social Network



#### Del.icio.us is a Bookmark-Sharing Social Network

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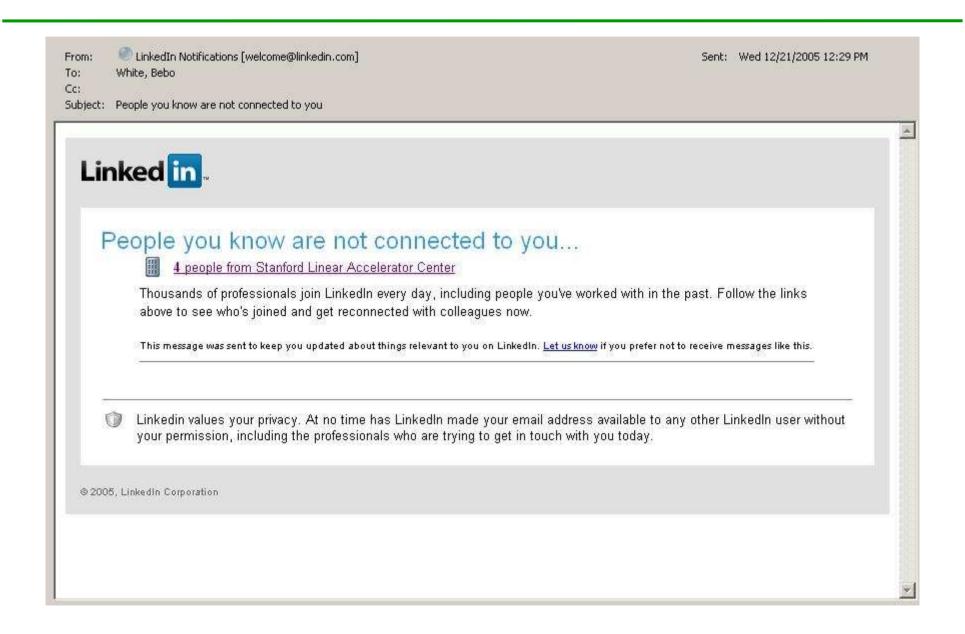
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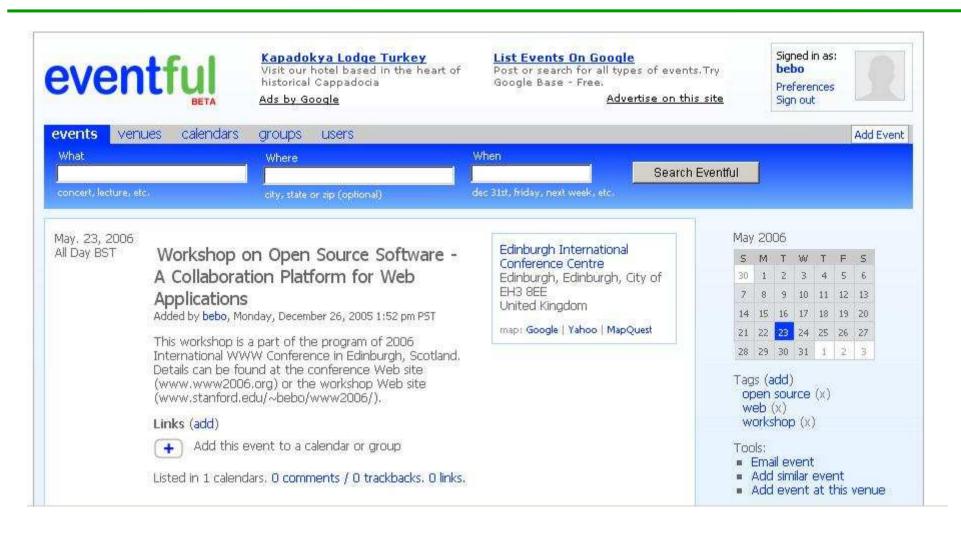
My Tags: Words I've used to describe links in a way that makes sense to me



#### LinkedIn is a Business Contact Social Network



## Eventful is a Calendar/Announcement Social Network



### SaveMeSites is a "Begging" Social Network



Because asking for help should always be free

Home Site Listing Useful Sites Resources Hints and Tips

Sites

Webrings

<u>Designers</u>

<u>Commerce</u>

<u>Donations</u>

<u>Banner</u> Exchanges

Search Engines

Link Exchanges

#### **Individual Sites**

There are a lot of people out there on the web who need help. If you're looking for someone to help, this site can be a good place to start. If you're looking for help, you can look at some of these sites for ideas, link exchanges, and even moral support.

We're currently helping 16614 active sites. We've sent 412734 visitors to our listed sites and we've provided 3672 free pages for people in need.

You can also look at just sites that have debt or sites that have dreams.

The sites are currently in date order, you could see them by title too.

if you have already built your own site somewhere else, you can <u>advertise</u> it here for free. If you don't have your own site, but would like a page, you can <u>request</u> a free site on SaveMeSites.Com. The whole process should take less than 10 minutes.

#### SINGLE MOTHER OF 3 ON SSD NEEDS HELP!!!!!! (Debts)

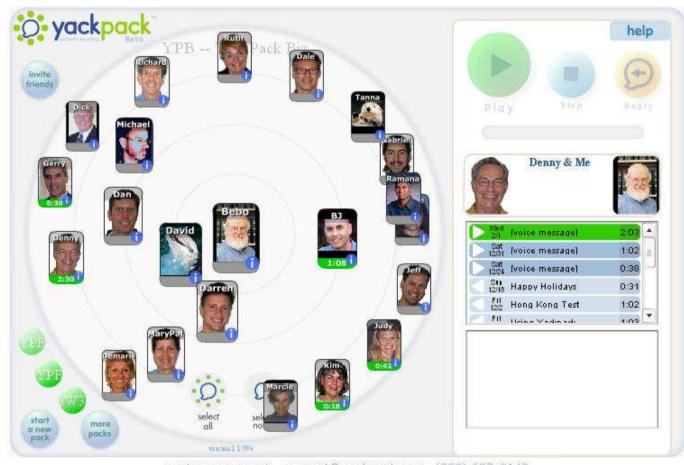
I am a single moher of 3, and I recieve \$674.00 on ssd a month. This is our only income for our family, and we are having a lot of problems right now making it on that because we rent a house out in the country that uses propane, and that is using all our 6 visitors from here since March 8, 2006

#### Invalid pensioner is tired of struggling to survive (Debts)

I have very serious chronic illnesses that will put me in a wheelchair. I have debt that I would like to clear and need some money in the bank to help with medical needs.

4 visitors from here since March 8, 2006

#### YackPack is a Short Message Social Network



customer support: support@yackpack.com (800) 687-2149
buy a microphone | put YackPack on your web page
yackpack web site | privacy policy | terms of service | report abuse

## YackPack (1/2)



- A free Web-based service supporting live discussions or audio messaging within a private group – www.yackpack.com
- Expressiveness of the human voice plus the management of e-mail
- Messages in a series (thread) can be played
- Messages in time sequence can be played
- Founded by B.J. Fogg of Stanford University
- Can be used "stand-alone" or embedded

#### Here We Are!



## YackPack (2/2)



- A "yack" is a unit of conversation
- A "pack" is the group
- "Yackcasting" is making a "pack" public
- How does "Yackpack" differ from
  - Podcasting?
  - Skype?
- Why is YackPack a Web 2.0 application?



Thanks for your patience!

**Questions? Comments?** 

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#### Demo

- Educational possibilities of YackPack
- Sending a yack
- Live conversations in YackPack