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"The world of the 21st century is a park in which everyone is a gardener": Transparency, mass media, social media and IT for information exchange and public education.

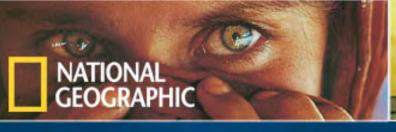






The world is a park and everyone is a gardener-the use of social media in this new era

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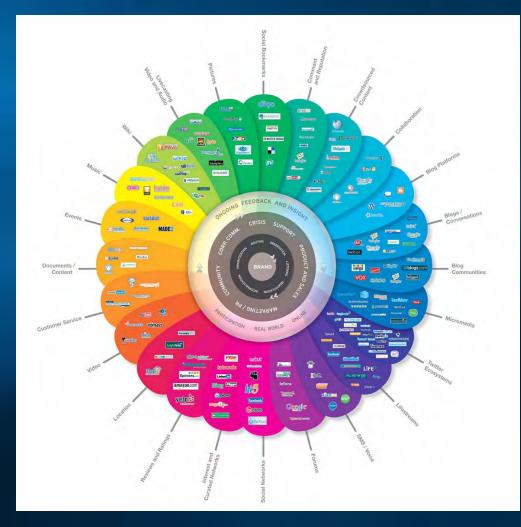








What is social media?



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Social media industry trends

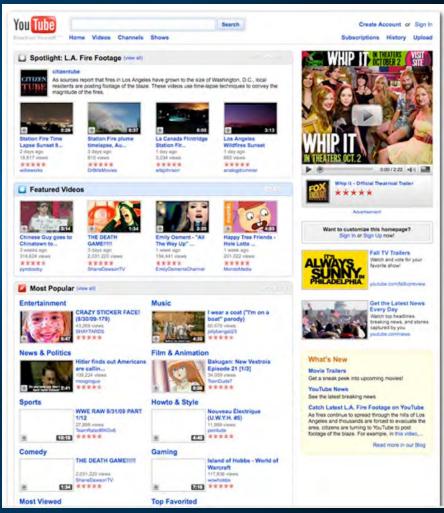
- Social networks and blogs are now the 4th most popular online activity ahead of personal email.
- Member communities are visited by 67% of the global online population.
- Americans spent 17% of all their Internet time using social networking sites. This was nearly triple the time spent a year ago.
- 23% (2 million people) of UK mobile web users visit a social network through their handset, compared to 19% in the US (10.6 million people).
- Worldwide people spend almost 6 hours a month on social media sites like Facebook and Twitter, an 82% increase over the year.

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By the numbers: YouTube

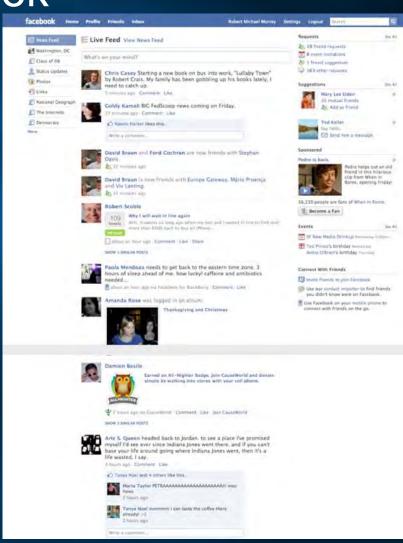
- If YouTube were a country, it would be the third most-populated place in the world
- 20 hours-worth of video is uploaded to the site every single minute
- comScore recently announced that the site had surpassed 100M viewers in the USA alone. They also reported that this US audience consumed over 6B videos at the beginning of this year
- According to Youtube themselves, over half of users visit the site at least once a week





By the numbers: Facebook

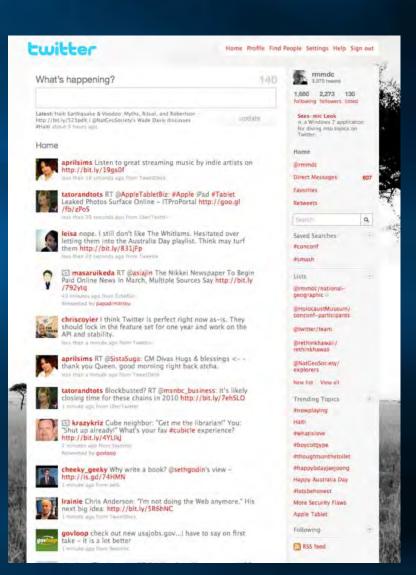
- Facebook has more than 400 million active users,
 50% of which login at least once each day.
- More than 5 billion pieces of content (web links, news stories, blog posts, photos, videos, etc.) are shared each week
- The average user has around 130 friends and spends 55 minutes on the site per day
- Every single month, more than 3 billion photos are uploaded to the site
- More than 30M active users accessing the site through mobile devices; mobile users are almost 50% more active than non-mobile





By the numbers: Twitter

- More than 50 million tweets are sent per day; more than 600 tweets per second
- According to Sysomos, 5% of Twitter users account for 75% of all activity and that 72.5% of all users joined during the first five months of 2009
- Sysomos also found that over 50% of all updates are published using mobile and Web-based tools, other than Twitter.com's own website
- Hitwise recently reported that one out of every 350 website visits in the UK is via Twitter, but barely 5% of users currently go to an online retail service through the medium





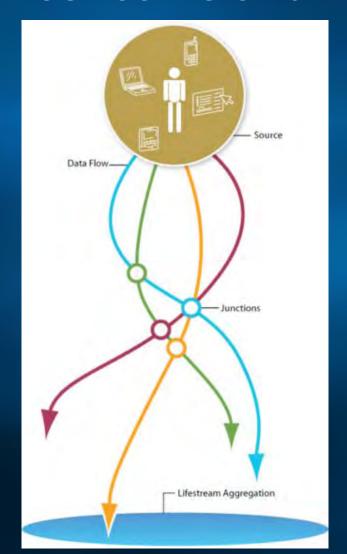
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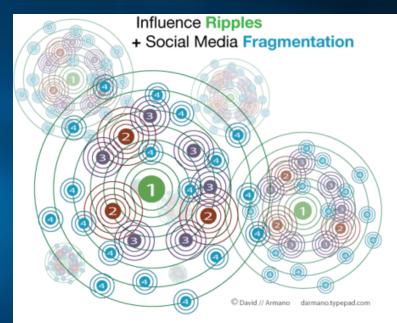
- Define our object; keep iterating
- Define our verbs; share, rate it, comment, et cetera
- Make the objects shareable, actionable
- Turn invitations into gifts; grow network by creating value
- Facilitate and participate in the exchanges and conversations





Lifestreams and influence





Social Media, similar to traditional media is experiencing **fragmentation**.

There are **multiple networks** in which user generated content can be shared, distributed and disseminated.

A ripple is formed each time content is distributed. Many small ripples can lead to larger ones. Both have value. Larger ripples are fewer in number but greater in reach. Smaller ripples can be greater in number but more targeted.

Level 4 Ripples

distribution through individuals (e-mail lists, etc.)

3 Level 3 Ripples

distribution through "closed" networks (Facebook, MySpace, etc.)

Level 2 Ripples distribution through "open" networks (blogs, sites, feeds, widgets etc.)

Level 1 Ripples distribution through mainstream media outlets (digital + analog) (press, influencers, etc.)







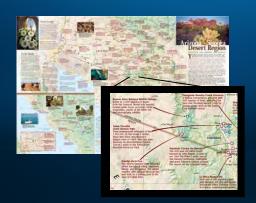




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Rhode Island Governor Donald Carcier (left) jokes with CSD Director Jonathan Tourtellot while signing the Geotourism Charter.



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