On Leveraging Social Media

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Tim Finin, Akshay Java & eBiquity folks! .. collaborations with IBM, NEC, JHU and others



Social media describes the online technologies and practices that people use to share opinions, insights, experiences, and perspectives with each other.

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Social media describes the online technologies and practices that people use to share opinions, insights, experiences, and perspectives *and engage* with each other.

Wikipedia 07

- Engagement protocols defined by platforms;
 - Blogs, Social Networks, Wiki, Micro-blogs
- around content types;
 - text, audio, video, read-write Web, avatars
- instantiated by applications;
 - Live Spaces, YouTube, Wikipedia, flickr
- enabling online communities.

- Pew (2007): 55 percent of American youth age
 12 to 17 use online social networking sites
- Hitwise (February 2007): 6.5% of all Internet visits for social networking sites
- Andrew Tomkins at ICWSM 2007
 - Professional vs. Personal (Social) Content
 - 4GB/day vs. 5-10GB/day (minus songs/videos)
 - 90% vs. 10% clicks
 - good ranking vs. crazy good ranking

Efforts best described by published papers in 3 workshops (2004, 2005, 2006) and at ICWSM 2007

A simple experiment...

Social Media: 2004, 2005, 2006

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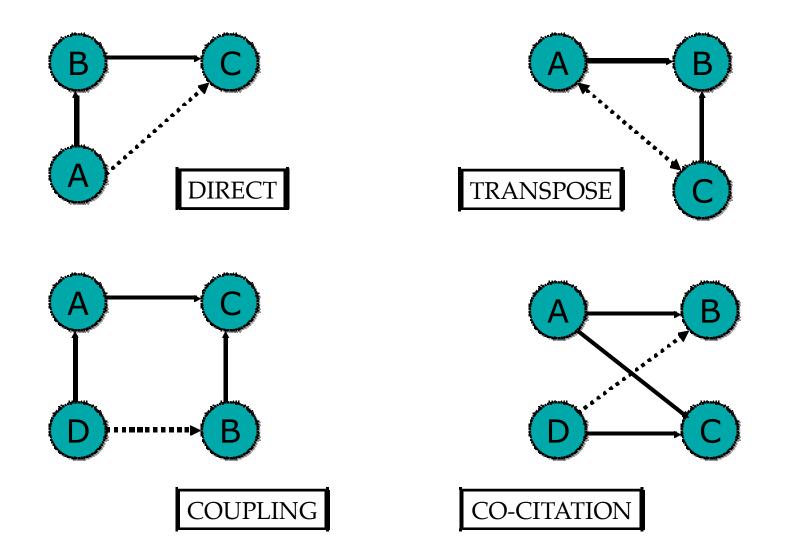
LINK-POLARITY IN BLOGS

" ... Michelle Malkin's brilliant analysis of the immigration bill is right on the mark. As usual, the moonbats on the left are all over the place. Check out Atrios' idiotic and corrupt argument for supporting the fatally flawed bill. ..."

LINK-POLARITY IN BLOGS

- Exploit argumentative and unedited nature of blog posts
- Represent the opinion (and strength) of source blog about destination blog by analyzing a window of text around post hyperlink; [-1,+1]
- Belief Matrix (B) as opposed to Transition Matrix
 (T)
- Enables leveraging existing work in the area of "Trust Propagation in Networked Environments"

BIAS (TRUST) PROPOGATION



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- R. Guha's Trust Framework
- A small number of expressed trust/distrust allows predicting trust between any two individuals with high accuracy
- Incorporating trust propagation
 - $Ci = a_1 * B + a_2 * B^T*B + a_3 * B^T + a_4 * B^B^T$
 - a_i {0.4, 0.4, 0.1, 0.1} represents weighing factor
- Trust Matrix (M) after ith atomic propagation
 - $M_{i+1} = M_i * C_i$

IDENTIFYING MSM BIAS

























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Ewitter

MICRO-BLOGS

A global community of friends and strangers answering one simple question: What are you doing? Answer on your phone, IM, or right here on the web!

Look at what these people are doing right now...



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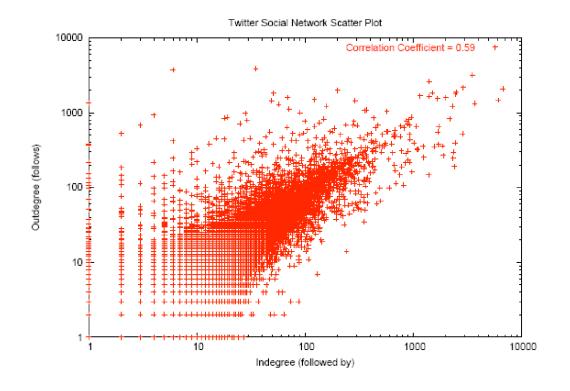
AMBIENT INTIMACY

"Ambient intimacy is about being able to keep in touch with people with a level of regularity and intimacy that you wouldn't usually have access to, because time and space conspire to make it impossible."

- Leisa Reichelt

Twitter, Flickr and other Social Media sites.

NETWORK STATISTICS

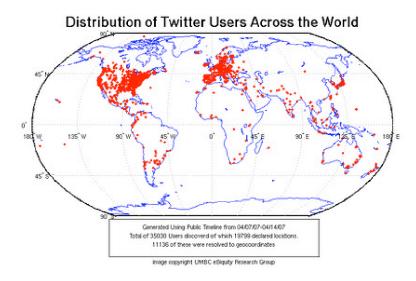


Network Statistics

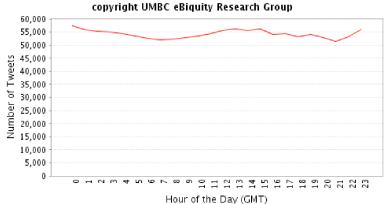
Property	Twitter	WWE
Total Nodes	87897	143,736
Total Links	829247	707,761
Average Degree	18.86	4.924
Indegree Slope	-2.4	-2.38
Outdegree Slope	-2.4	NA
Degree correlation	0.59	NA
Diameter	6	12
Largest WCC size	81769	107,916
Largest SCC size	42900	13,393
Clustering Coefficient	0.106	0.0632
Reciprocity	0.58	0.0329

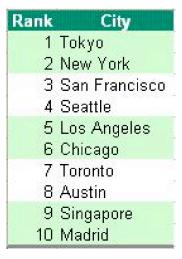
higher reciprocal linking and clustering coefficient indicates mutual acquaintance.

TWITTERMENT



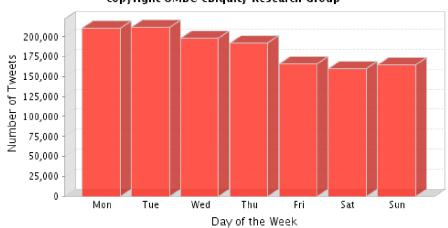
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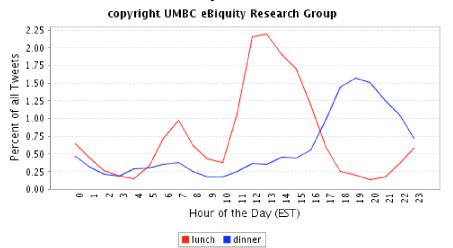
Number of Tweets Per Day

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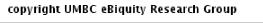


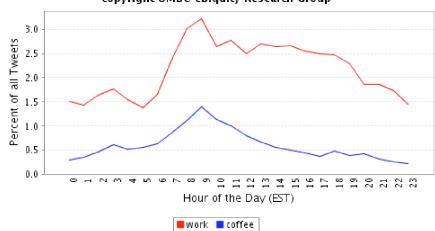
TWITTERMENT

Hourly Trends

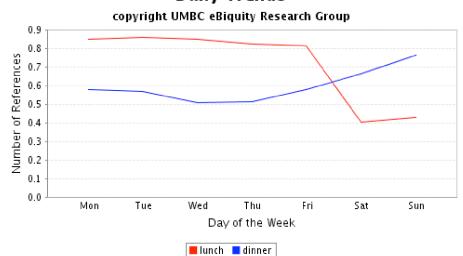


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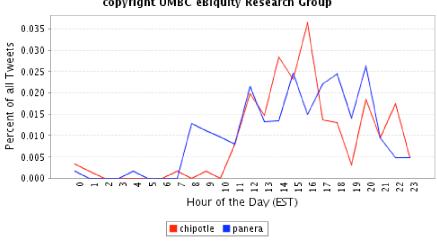


Daily Trends



Hourly Trends

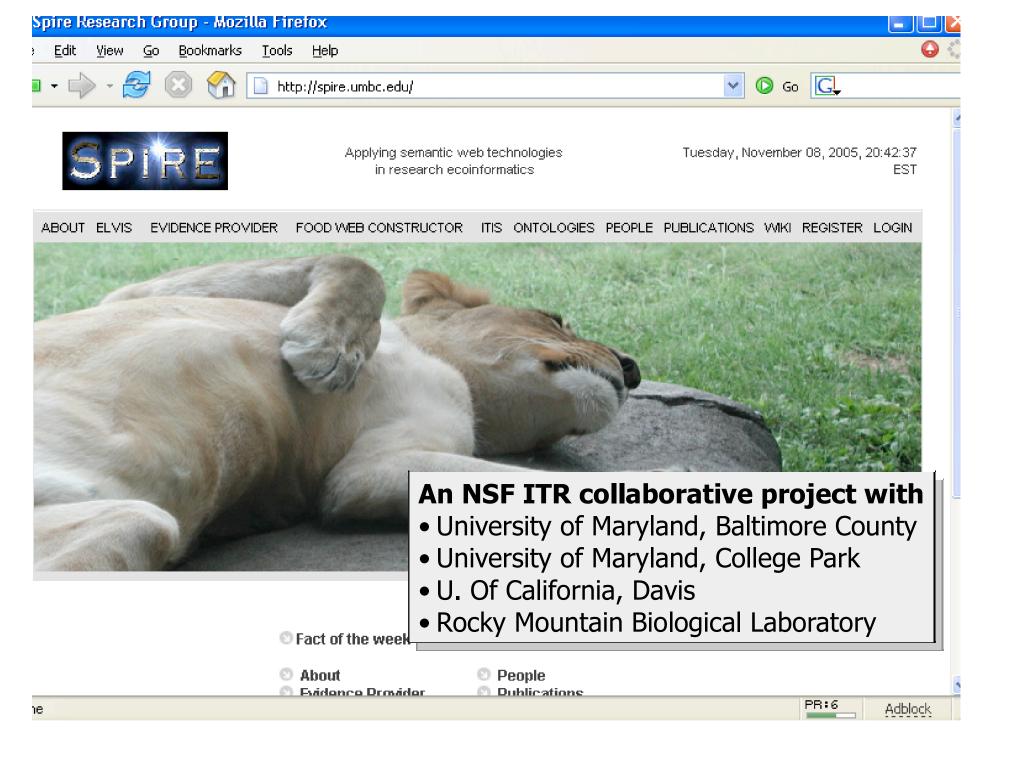




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SEMANTIC WEB

- Many are exploring how Semantic Web technology can work with social media
- Background of our work on the Semantic
 Web -- Swoogle
- Social media like blogs are typically temporally organized
 - -valued for their timely and dynamic information!
- Maybe we can (1) help people publish data in RDF on their blogs and (2) mine social media sites for useful information



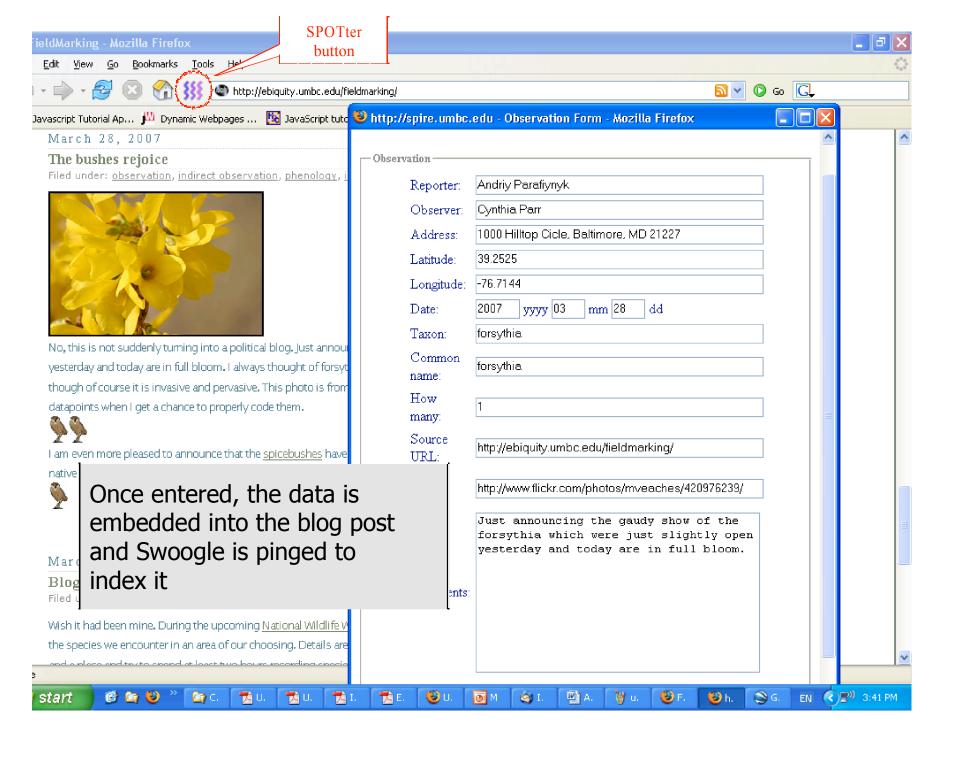
INVASIVE SPECIES

 Nile Tilapia fish have been found in a California lake.

 Can this invasive species thrive in this environment?

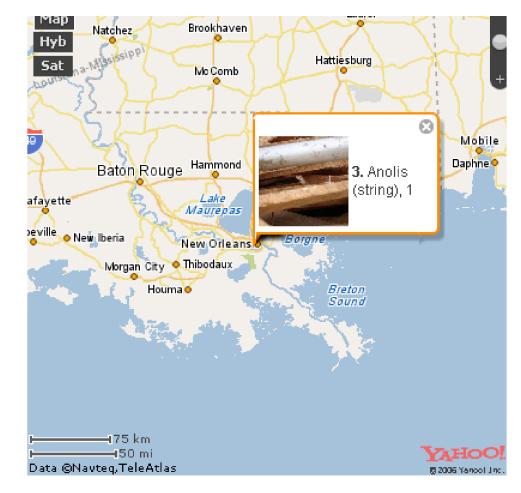
 If so, what will be the likely consequences for the ecology?

We got \$*@%!&^\$# Nile Tilapia in a lake!



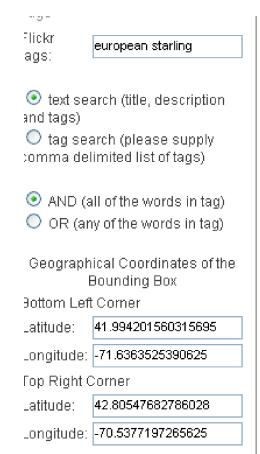


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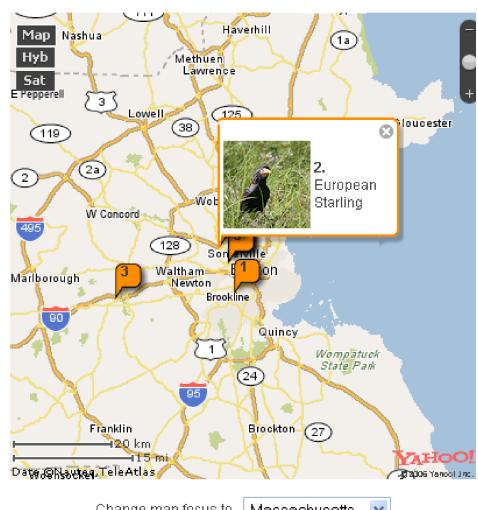
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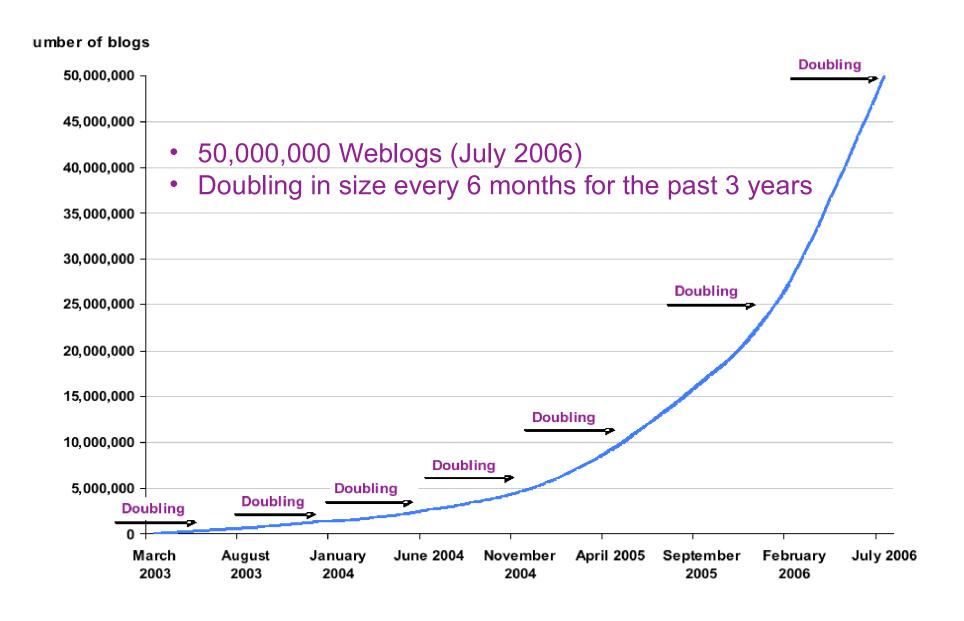
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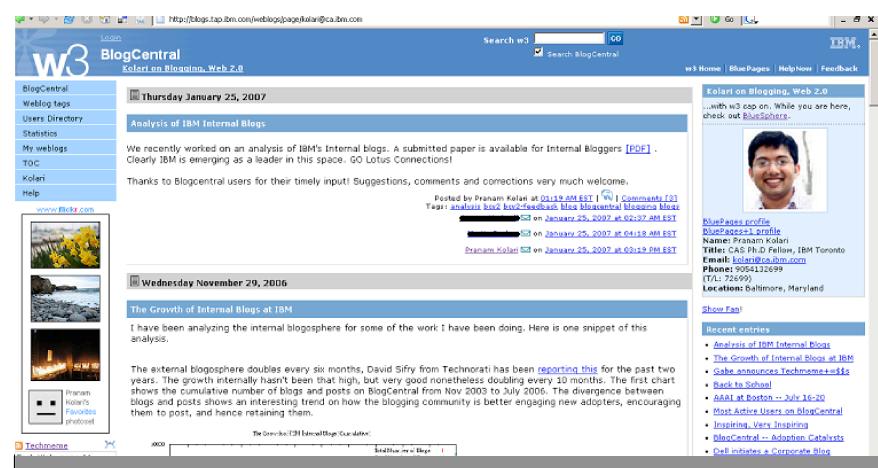
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GROWTH OF BLOGS

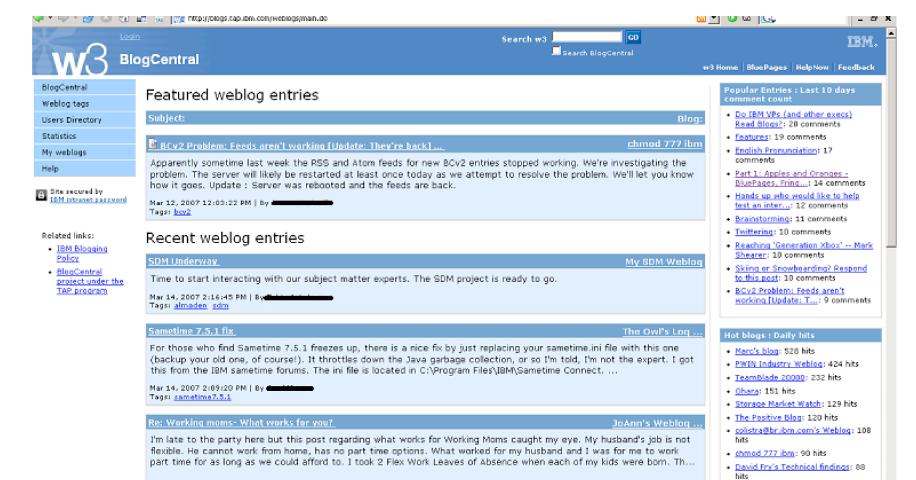


MOTIVATION

- What are the characteristics of Internal Blogs?
 - How are they growing?
 - Who uses them?
 - How would you quantify the nature of conversations?
- How does this map to Corporate Hierarchy?
- How best to exploit Internal Blogs?
 - Bottom-up competitive Intelligence
 - Emergence of Experts
- What next with tools for Internal Blogs?



- > Apache Roller Publishing Platform
- > Similar (less customized) platform used by Sun (Public Facing) Blogs http://blogs.sun.com/



Landing page lists recent entries, popular entries and *hot* blogs

Public Sector audience. Ian is part of the UK team which has really helped push IBM's presence in secondife. The charts can be found here; https://www.webahead.ibm.com/waki/download/attachments/705407/DecSLIH2.ppt It w...

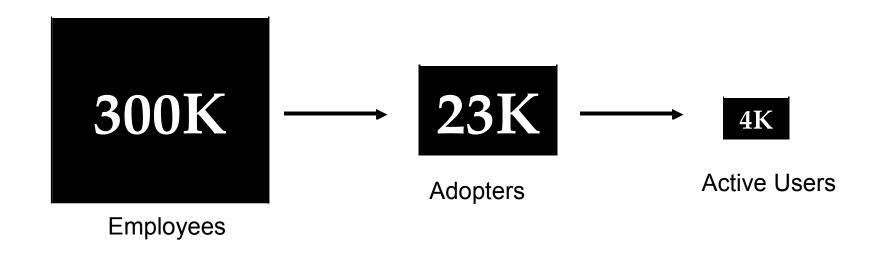
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- BLOGJAM: It's big it's heavy, it's wood; 66 hits
- Irregardless...: 59 hits

+ 27272Rocky: 87 hits

BACKGROUND



- Means to initiate collaboration
- Protection of ownership to ideas
- Platform for leadership emergence
- Audience to discuss work practices
- Asset to overall Internal Business Intelligence

WHAT GETS DISCUSSED?

Internal Blogs

External Blogs

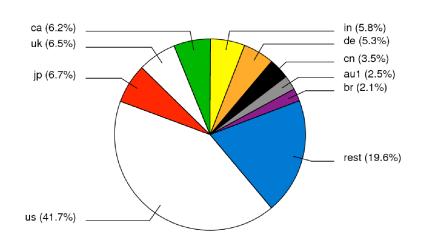
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journal, she, her, me, him, love, girl, lol, god, im, mom, school, shit, night, gonna, friend, tonight, eat, cry, guy, sick, happy

BACKGROUND

- Blog host database from November 2003 to August 2006
- ~23K blogs
- ~48K posts, ~48K comments/trackbacks
- Employee Database of around ~300K
- Support and Feedback from the highly enthusiastic internal blogging community

GEOGRAPHICAL SPREAD

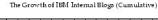


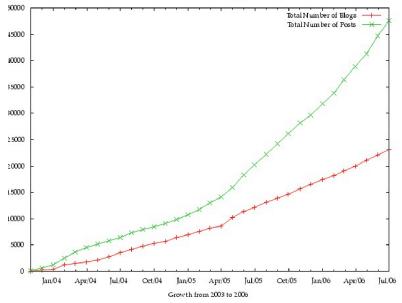
- US leads the pack
- UK, CA good adoption
- Japan highest in Asia
- Rest catching up

Distribution of Blog Users

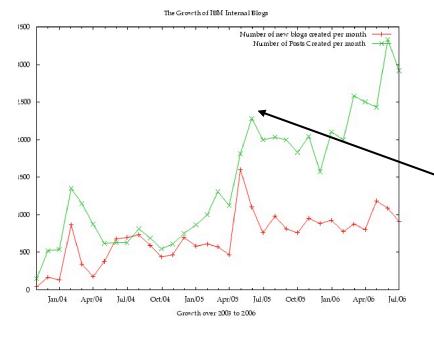
Adoption closely mirrors those seen on the external blogosphere

GROWTH





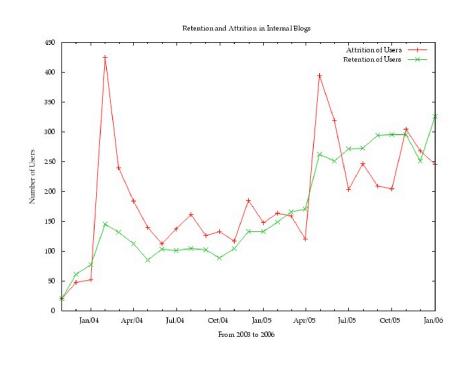
- Blogs double in 10 months
- Posts double in 6 months



Top-down guidance and organizational policies key to internal blogging adoption

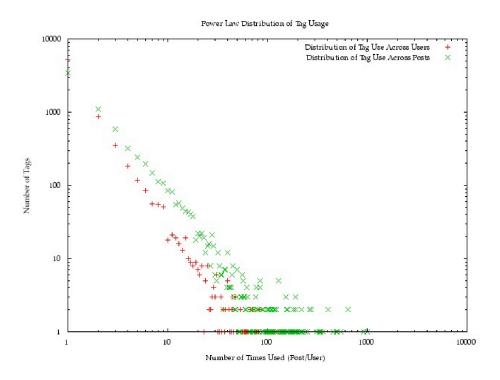
RETENTION/ATTRITION

Definition: A user who posted during a specific month is considered retained if he/she reposts at least once in the following x(6) months



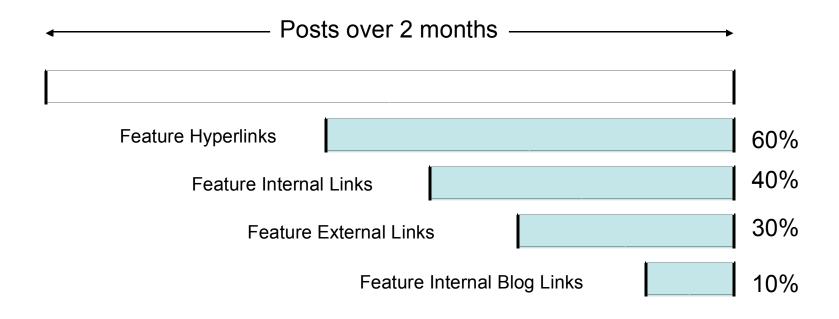
Ability of the community to engage and retain new users has improved significantly

TAG USE DISTRIBUTION



- Typical Power Law Distribution Some tags are popular with a long tail of less popular tags
- What can we draw from these two data points?
- Is this related to quality of a folksonomy?

LINKING BEHAVIOR

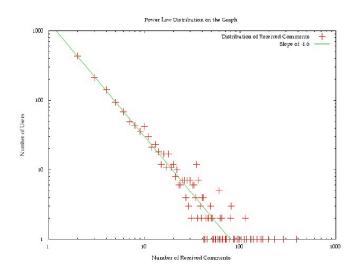


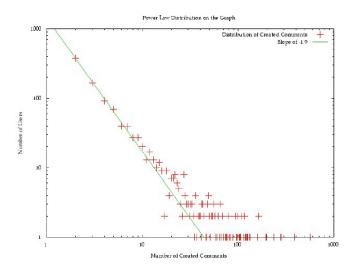
- Internal themes are widely discussed
- More conversations are through comments, few through trackbacks

NETWORK BACKGROUND

- G(V,E)
 - Every user u is in V
 - User u commenting/trackbacking on one or more posts by user v creates an edge (u,v)
- 75-80% of the nodes were disconnected
 - Created a blog with no post
 - Not commented on other posts, not a recipient of comments
- ~4.5K Nodes
- ~17.5K Edges

DEGREE DISTRIBUTION





- In-degree slope -1.6
- Out-degree slope -1.9

- Web (-2.1, -2.67)
- E-mail (-1.49, -2.03)

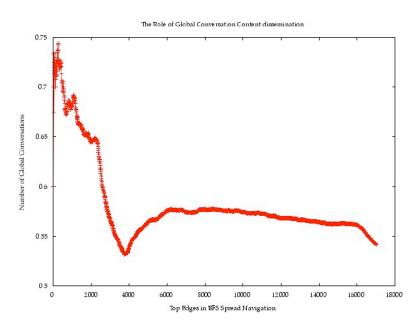
GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

← POST

	US	JP	UK	CA	IN	DE	CN	AU	BR
US	41.4	0.3	8.9	4.4	0.6	1.4	0.2	1.2	0.4
JP	2.1	4.3	0.5	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
UK	7.4	0.1	8.0	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.1
CA	4.3	0.1	1.2	2.6	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0
IN	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
DE	1.1	0.0	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.0
CN	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
AU	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3	0.0
BR	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2

COMMENT

GLOBAL CONVERSATIONS

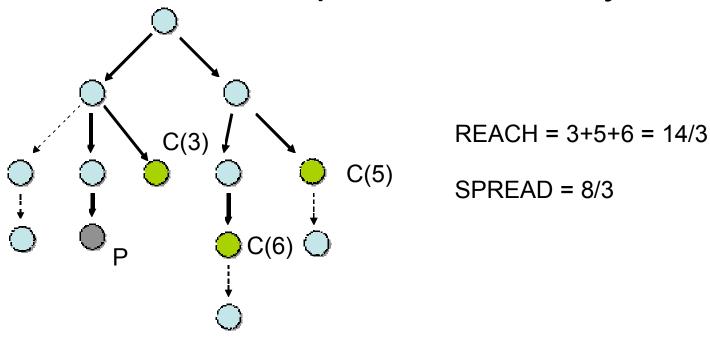


- All pairs shortest path
- Ranked Edges by Centrality
- Plot ratio of inter-geography conversations in top x edges

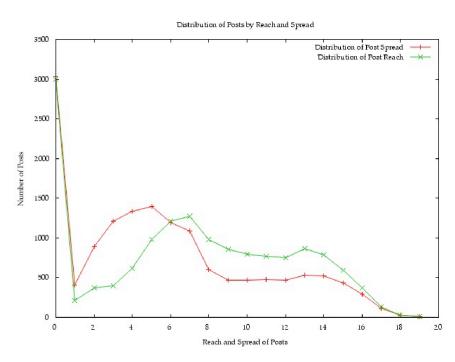
Conversations are still limited by language barriers, global conversations are key to information diffusion

REACH/SPREAD

"Reach" measures distance between all conversations on a post independently, while "Spread" measures them together – based on the corporate hierarchy.



REACH/SPREAD



- Posts with spread = 1 (Employee/Manager) quite low
- Spread peaks around
 "4" showing intradepartment conversations

The notion of spread in addition to showing nature of conversations can also contribute to new metrics

DERIVED METRICS

Additional Ranking Measures

Meme Tracking: Overall Spread of Conversations on a Post

Trend Identification: Tags attached to high "meme" posts can correlate with emerging interests

Finding Experts: Authorities on topics by identifying meme and their topics

SOCIAL MEDIA RESEARCH

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WHAT IS SPAM?

- "Unsolicited usually commercial e-mail sent to a large number of addresses" – Merriam Webster Online
- As the Internet has supported new applications, many other forms are common, requiring a much broader definition

Capturing user attention unjustifiably in Internet enabled applications (e-mail, Web, Social Media etc..)



CSD publications, events, cryptographic standards and applications. Information on security testing, security management, and research initiatives. Includes links to the national vulnerability cyber

Source: csrc.nist.gov

Macromedia - Security Resource Center

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A Smarter Web - Tech Review on the Semantic Web

March 12th, 2007, by Tim Finin, posted in GENERAL, Semantic Web, Web

The current issue of Technology Review has a long article on the Semantic Web, A Smarter Web, with the theme

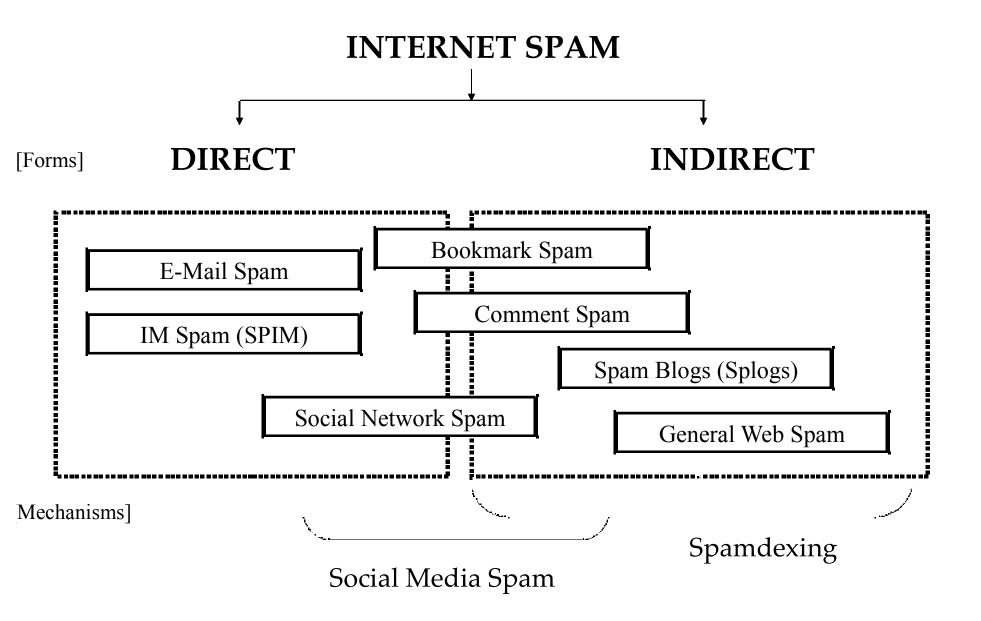
New technologies will make online search more intelligent-and may even lead to a "Web 3.0."

The article tells the Semantic Web story using Eric Miller's involvement as a thread and mentions many other neonle and companies along the way



View Reader Community (provided by MyBlogLog)

SPAM TAXONOMY



SOCIAL MEDIA SPAM

- Spam in social "microcosms" on the Web
- Spam on the Web
 - Spamdexing
 - Social Media Spam
- Social Media Spam serves two purposes
 - Local effects initially
 - Global effects subsequently (spamdexing)
- Detection efforts should address deployment contexts (microcosm, search)

conclusion

We are just at the beginning of deriving social capital from the Web!

- Interesting Challenges
- Endless Opportunities

lets engage! txt me, lol

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