The Wiki Spot project

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Web 1.0
The beginning.

- VRML
- email
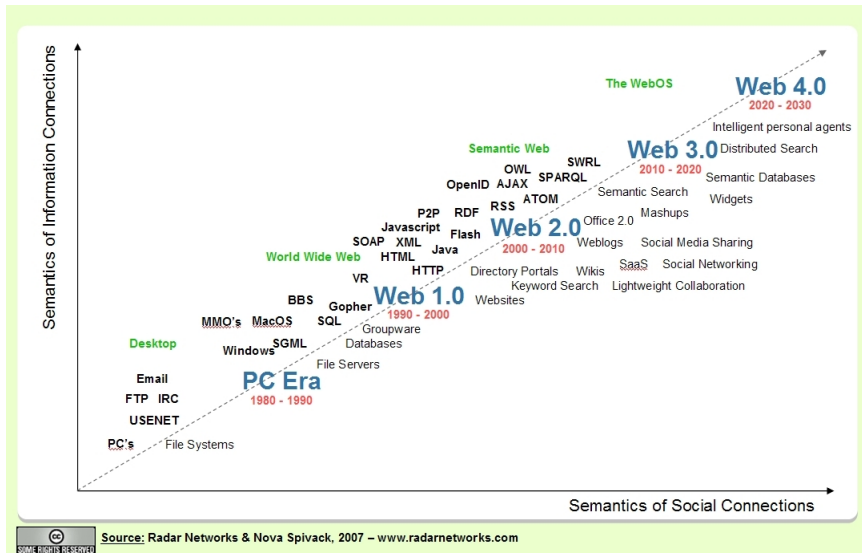- ecommerce

Web 2.0

- RSS
- blogs
- Web 2.0 technology

Web 2.5

- social networks
- wikis
- microformats
- folksonomies

Web 3.0

- widgets
- semantic mashups
- cluster analysis (kitten war)

Web 3.5

omitted due to time constraints

Web 4.0

Source: Radar Networks & Nova Spivack, 2007 – www.radarnetworks.com

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We just care about real people & communities.

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The concept

- A need for our community
    - Very transient
    - Beautiful, awesome little things & tricks everywhere! Wanted to record this
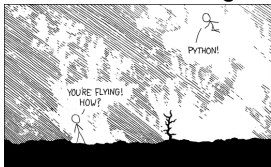   - Lots of smart people could help
- Motivation

Beginnings

- Mike & Philip
- Hacking, open-source
- Invite only, flyers
- Intensely slow
  - Built for our very initial needs so were never disappointed

- Software
  - Getting started quickly was most important
  - Mountains of changes, but slowly over time
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  - http://projectsycamore.org
- Systems
  - Laptop $\Rightarrow$ Tower in a closet $\Rightarrow$ \$10 crappy shared hosting $\Rightarrow$ Leased server $\Rightarrow$ Owned colocated server(s) $\Rightarrow$ Vast network of machines in the subterranean ossuary of Paris
- Community

Where we are now

- Most popular site for a range of things
- Organizational status
- Did we succeed?

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..and this is a wiki!?!

Why did we start Wiki Spot?

- Other communities' wants & needs
- Wanted goodness
- Could help!
- We're still super new

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  - We just call it "interwiki"

  - Demo
  - Examples
    - Interwiki Recent Changes
    - Interwiki Bookmarks
    - Interwiki Links

What sets us apart?

- Autonomy - communities know how to best govern themselves
    - Wanted to hand over Davis Wiki
    - All aspects of Davis Wiki that admins changed ⇒ automated & simplified
        - Customizability
        - Fine grained and easy-to-use security controls
        - Really important communities run their wikis

        Why?

- Features

some specific local focus & other random things

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sf.wikispot.org just getting started!

Some press, slow process

Why you need to help!

- Our communities need us
- We can all benefit from:
    - Safe, non-commercial home
    - Group of people working together to make wikis work for communities
    - Mutual benefit
    - Interwiki (interconnectivty)
- It's fun!

A wiki for your community

Help develop a wiki for your community!

http://wikispot.org