

The Wiki Spot project

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Web 1.0

The beginning.

- VRML
- email
- ecommerce

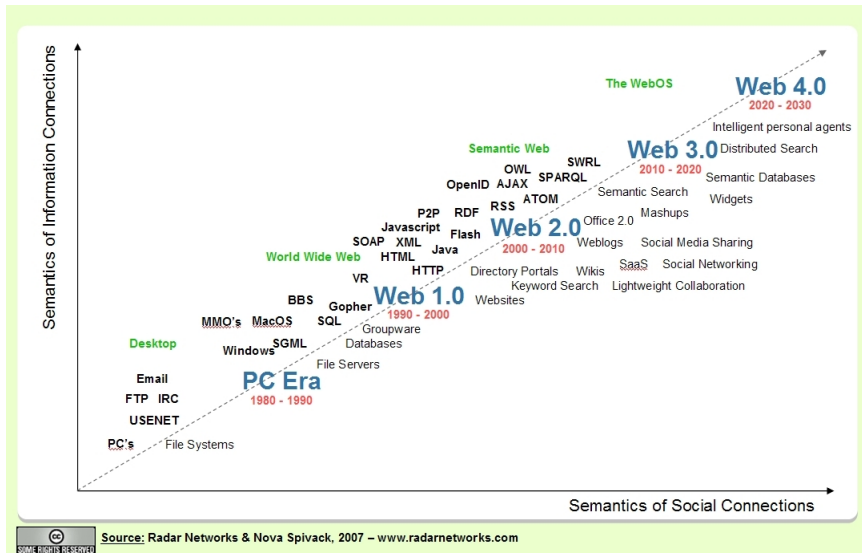
- RSS
- blogs
- Web 2.0 technology

- social networks
- wikis
- microformats
- folksonomies

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

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Web 4.0



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Okay, seriously

(We were kidding)

We just care about real people & communities.

Who are we?



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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

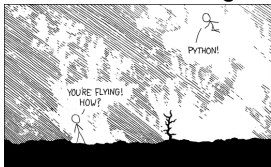
Beginnings

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

Development

- Software

- Getting started quickly was most important
- Mountains of changes, but slowly over time



- <http://projectsycamore.org>

- Systems

- Laptop ⇒ Tower in a closet ⇒ \$10 crappy shared hosting ⇒ Leased server ⇒ Owned colocated server(s) ⇒ Vast network of machines in the subterranean ossuary of Paris

- Community

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- 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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- Huge focus on interconnectivity
 - We just call it "interwiki"

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- 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 \Rightarrow 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!

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Wiki worlds flourishing for local communities

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Charles McLaughlin, 31, holds his laptop inside Mishka's Café on 2nd Street in Davis on Wednesday. He created the Sacramento Wiki in February, which is now packed with hundreds of pages of information. "That's what it's all about, everyone jumping in," McLaughlin said.

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Have you Wiki-ed today?

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 (interconnectivity)
- It's fun!

A wiki for your community

Help develop a wiki for your community!

<http://wikispot.org>