

# **Social Software – Creating Value Today**

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## Some Initial Thoughts

*“When it comes to using Web 2.0 collaboration tools, the momentum is behind wikis, blogs, and social networking, though primarily among co-workers. **Some 70% of InformationWeek 500 companies say their employees are using those tools this year, compared with 55% last year.**”*

InformationWeek 500, September 2008

“Trends Web 2.0, Globalization, Virtualization, And More”

[www.informationweek.com/news/management/trends/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=210601098](http://www.informationweek.com/news/management/trends/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=210601098)

*“**It will eventually be seen as essential to all large firms**, encouraging more open and transparent communications with staff around the world, and helping to improve relations with existing and potential customers.”*

Nikos Drakos, Research Director at Gartner, July 2008

“Study encourages businesses to embrace social networking”

[www.computing.co.uk/computing/news/2221395/study-encourages-businesses](http://www.computing.co.uk/computing/news/2221395/study-encourages-businesses)

# The Enterprise Of The Future Market Leading Organizations Will Be .....



**Hungry for change and ready for it**

Capable of changing quickly and successfully. It shapes and leads market trends instead of merely responding to them. Market shifts become a chance to move ahead of the competition



**Globally integrated**

Able to access the best capabilities, knowledge and assets from wherever they reside in the world and apply them wherever required in the world



**Innovative beyond customer imagination**

Deep collaborative relationships allow it to surprise customers with innovations that make both its customers and its own business more successful

# The Enterprise Of The Future

## How The Right Technology Can Help



**Hungry for change and ready for it**

Find the right experts

Work together without flying in for face to face meetings

Get new team members up to speed quickly



**Globally integrated**

Leverage worldwide sources of expertise, resources and assets

Utilize social connections within and across organizations

Insure all have the most current and accurate documents and information



**Innovative beyond customer imagination**

Connect everyone to the customer

Make offerings relevant to new markets and new potential customers

Use technology to anticipate shifts faster than the competition

## How would your organization answer these questions?

- **Does information flow smoothly across formal structure and thus allow your organization to leverage scale and expertise in product or service offerings?**
- **Is your organization overly focused on a few decision makers, roles, or experts that are invisibly but dramatically slowing the work and efficiency of many others?**
- **Is innovation spurred at key points by effective networks bringing together functions, offerings, or technical capabilities?**

**Once social networks become visible leaders can address these and other questions in ways that have an immediate impact on performance.**

**“Driving Results Through Social Networks”**

**Author Rob Cage**

# IBM Research Centre for Social Software

- The centre's mission

- Innovate and commercialise best practices in social networking
- Work with businesses to pilot and customise enterprise social networks
- Create jointly funded research collaborations with governments, academia, industry and venture capital participation
- Design IBM's future Web 2.0 collaboration profile
- Further social software governance
- Develop the science of social software



- The Center's URL is

- <http://www.research.ibm.com/social/>



# The benefits of Networking are significant to the Individual as well as the Organization

## Individuals, It's about:

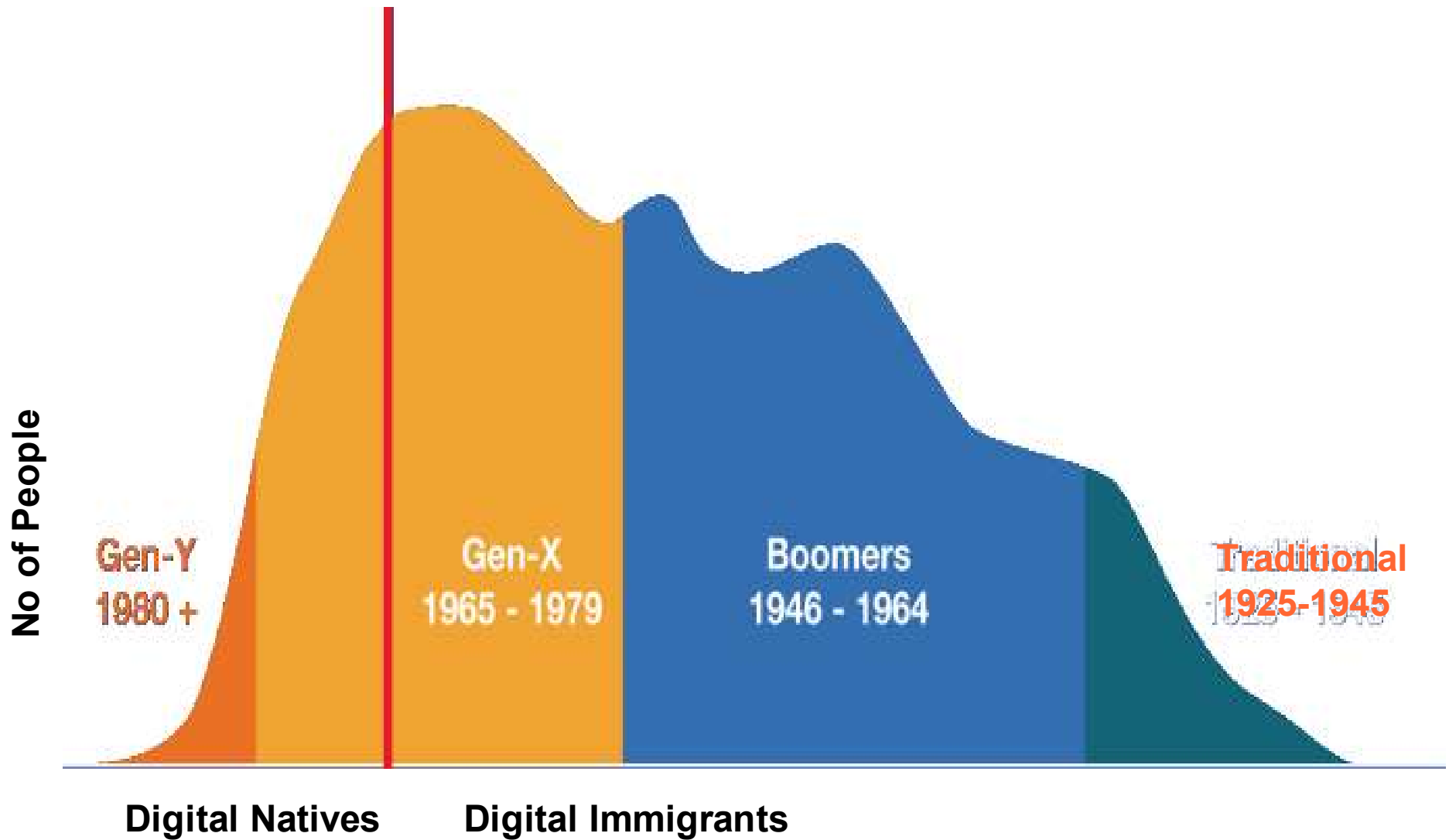
- Being and staying “in the loop”
- Being “top of mind” for special projects, interesting work (Statistics show that more than 70 percent of jobs are found and filled through networking)
- Increased visibility, efficiency & productivity
- Improved opportunities to contribute
- Being efficient by tapping into other's expertise as mentors or consultants
- Innovation through brainstorming and collaboration

## Organizations, It's about:

- Improving the productivity of knowledge workers – since their work is highly collaborative and social
- Getting everyone involved in innovation through collaboration
- Making everyone's talent accessible to the organization
- Improving efficiency by leveraging the expertise of everyone
- Improved social capital
- Creates a dynamic environment that will provide sustainable business advantage through employee satisfaction & retention



# The Workers are Changing.....



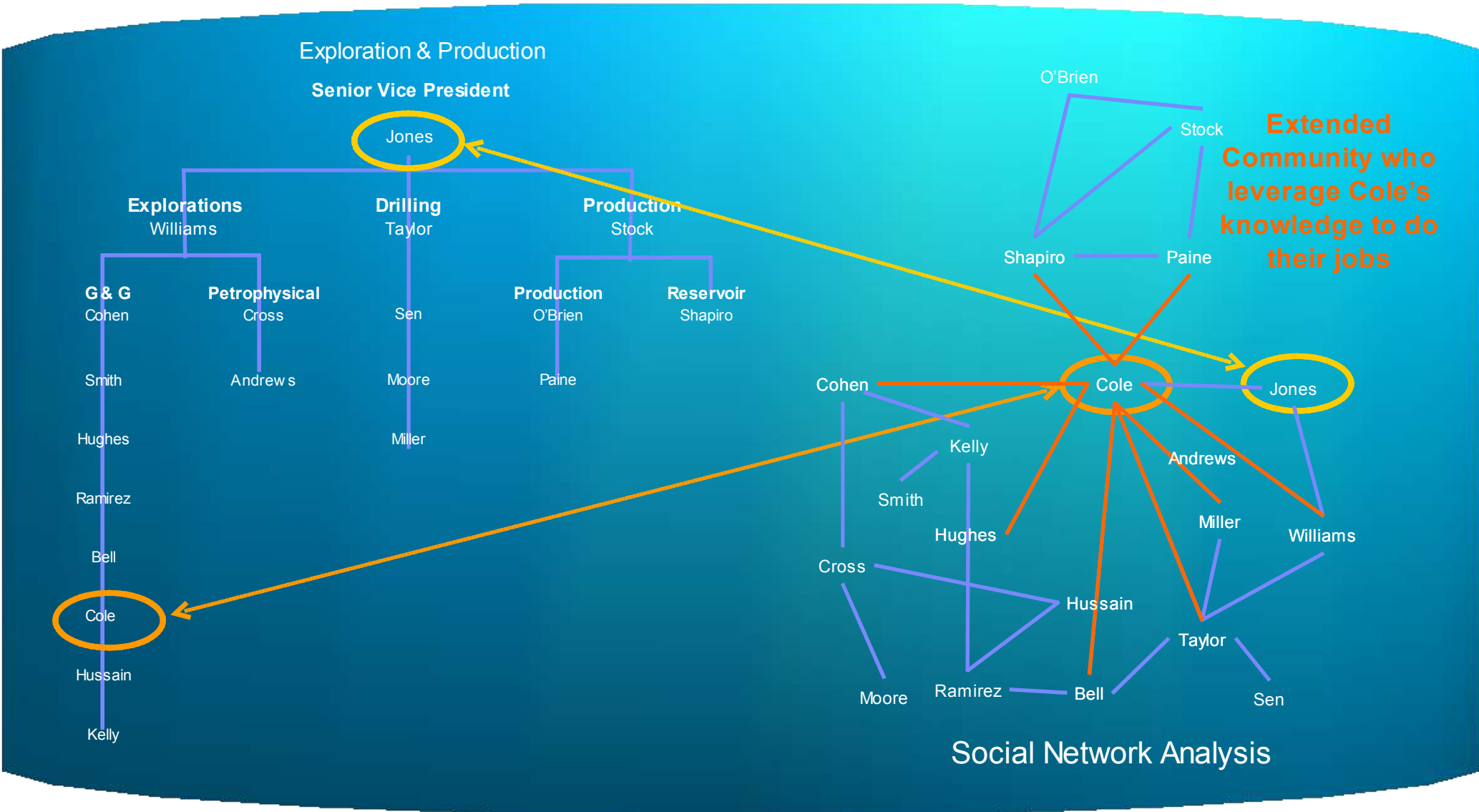
...and so is Business



# But workers use powerful applications at home



# And workers are driving different patterns of work



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## Pensioners' Saga Zone rivals Facebook, Bebo

By Harry Wallop, Consumer Affairs Correspondent  
Last Updated: 1:10AM GMT 07 Jan 2008

Silver surfers are behind one of the surprise hits of the internet, with a social networking site set up by Saga scoring top marks in a new report.

Saga Zone, specifically designed for those over 50, has already attracted 30,000 loyal customers since it was launched in October last year and its success is the latest proof that pensioners have become one of the driving forces on the internet.

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Which?, the consumer group, tested 10 of the most popular social networking sites - those where like-minded internet users can chat online, share photos and gossip.

While Bebo, Flickr and Facebook are the top three, Saga Zone is fourth and gets top marks for performance and is rated the best site for discussion groups.

Saga, the insurance and holiday group, set up the networking site after the success of its magazine, which sells 660,000 copies each month.

The site, though still in its infancy, has a loyal following, with its oldest registered user a 93-year-old man. The average age of members is in the low 60s.

Saga Zone has tapped into a group of people who

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## Money

Share your financial opinions and advice.

**Please note:** contents of discussions and comments submitted to the Zone forums are posted by individuals acting in their own right and do not necessarily reflect the views of Saga or the Acromas Group, who cannot take responsibility for the views expressed by participants on the site.

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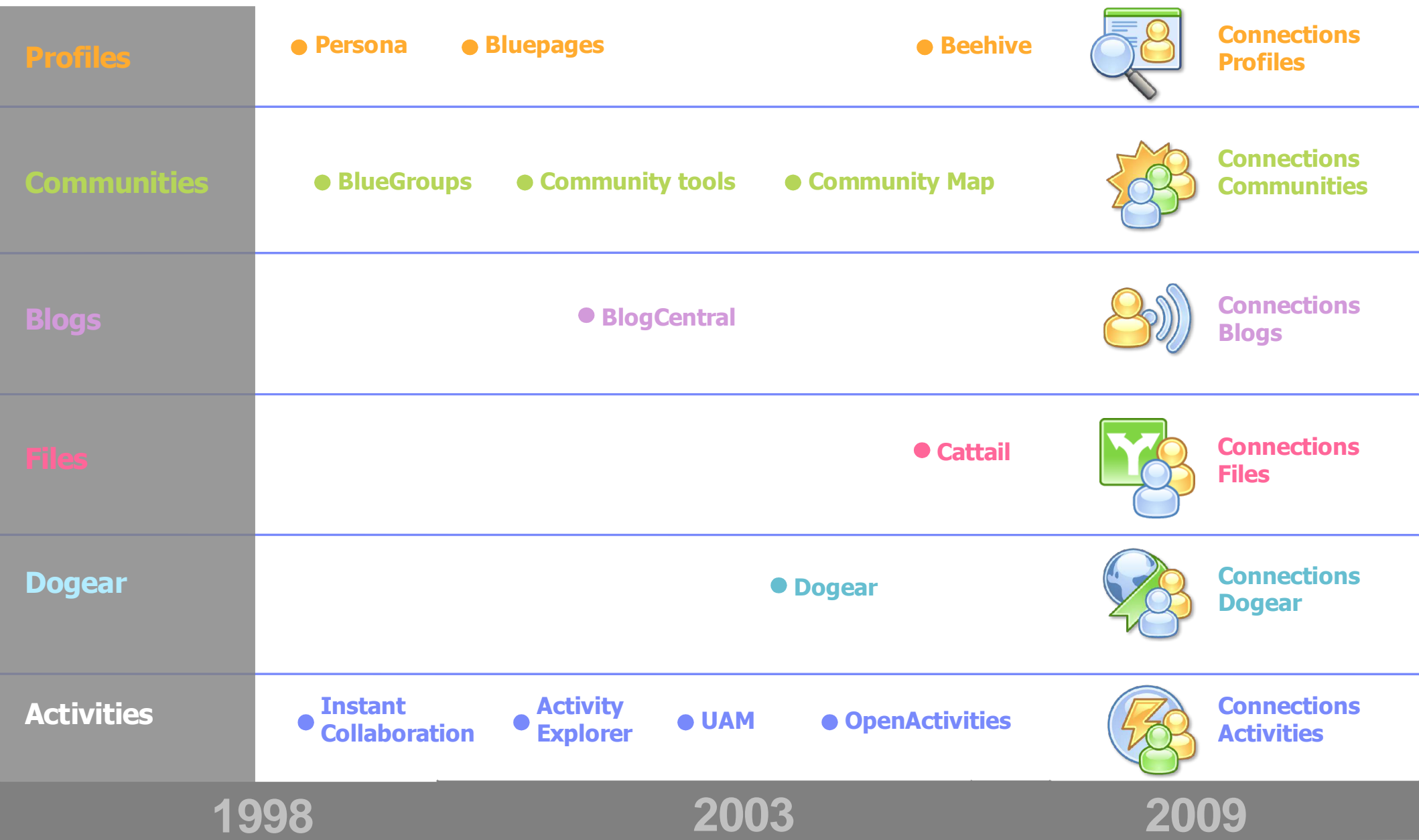
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# IBM's internal innovations



# IBM Lotus® Connections social software

Lotus Connections is social software for business that empowers you to be more innovative and helps you execute more quickly by using dynamic networks of coworkers, partners and customers.

## Lotus Connections



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## Profiles

Quickly find the people you need by searching across your organization and connecting to others.

## Lotus Connections

All your social software needs ready for business



## Communities

Create, find, join, and work with communities of people who share a common interest, responsibility, or area of expertise



## Dogear

Save, organize and share bookmarks; discover bookmarks that have been qualified by others with similar interests & expertise



## Blogs

Use a weblog to present your idea and get feedback from others; learn from the expertise and experience of others who blog



## Activities

Organize your work, plan next steps, and easily tap your expanding professional network to help execute your everyday deliverables, faster



## Homepage

Manage your attention by viewing relevant social data aggregated across your subscriptions, notifications, and network of colleagues.



## Files

Upload and share any type of file with colleagues and communities. Store versions and view downloads, comments and ratings.



## Wikis

Create wiki spaces for individuals, groups, and communities to coauthor pages. View changes across pages, ratings, and comments.

A Look  
at  
Lotus Connections 2.5

## Multiple Blogs & Wikis



Enterprise

Blog – About my Role

Wiki – Community Tasks



Community

Blog – My Ramblings

Wiki – Enterprise (e.g. Support)

Blog – About our Task

Wiki – Task Output



Team