



Sat Web 2.0: Compact Definition?

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I said [I'm not fond of definitions](#), but I woke up this morning with the start of one in my head:

Web 2.0 is the network as platform, spanning all connected devices; Web 2.0 applications are those that make the most of the intrinsic advantages of that platform: delivering software as a continually-updated service that gets better the more people use it, consuming and remixing data from multiple sources, including individual users, while providing their own data and services in a form that allows remixing by others, creating network effects through an "architecture of participation," and going beyond the page metaphor of Web 1.0 to deliver rich user experiences.

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According to Tim O'Reilly's "compact" web 2.0 definition, NetMesh is most certainly a "Web 2.0" company...

[Ben Bangert](#) [10.02.05 10:05 AM]

That's a great definition, though it also seems that many people pushing various web technologies (AJAX) seem to think that's a Web 2.0 thing even though its been around for years. Your definition is the most accurate for what I'd consider the "true" Web 2.0 applications (del.icio.us, Upcoming, etc.)

[Lee Bryant](#) [10.02.05 01:43 PM]

Good definition - thanks. It captures the most interesting elements of what we are all feeling our way towards. Actually, it is more like a mini manifesto than a definition ... in a good way.

[Ross Mayfield](#) [10.02.05 08:06 PM]

Web 2.0 is made of people!

[Dan Zambonini](#) [10.03.05 01:11 AM]

Although I don't really subscribe to the nomenclature of Web 2.0, I'd agree with Ross:

Web 1.0 was about connecting computers and making technology more efficient for computers.
Web 2.0 is about connecting people, and making technology for efficient for people.