# Social Media

Competitor Analysis

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# The Players

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApps	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
General	World's default social network.	World's default professional online network.	White label social networking	White label social networking	Bought by AOL in 2008 for \$850 million	ITV paid £175 M. Sold to DC Thomson for about £25M. CC review.	Bought by News Corp in 2005 for \$580 million	Mobile social networking / micro- blogging
Ownership	Private	Private (M. Andreessen is an investor)	Private	Private (Founded by Marc Andreessen)	Public	Public	Subsidiary of News Corp Public	Private
Markets (Based)	Worldwide (US)	Worldwide (US)	US & UK	US, UK	UK, Ireland, NZ.,US, Europe	UK, Oz, NZ, SA	Mostly US	Worldwide
Investment	\$716 M	~ \$80M	?	~ \$130M	?	Public	?	~ \$60M
No. of Users	350,000,000	50,000,000	?	40,000,000 (1.8M Ning networks)	80,000,000	20,000,000	125,000,000 (mostly in US)	?
Focus	Consumer - everything	Professional	B2B2C	B2B2C	Consumer - Entertainme nt	Consumer - Travel	Consumer - Music	B2C
Slogan	Giving people the power to share & make the world	Relationship s matter	Social & Media Apps On Demand	Create your own social network for anything	Sign-up Upload Invite	Get in touch – Share your life with your friends	A place for Friends	None

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApps	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
	more open & connected							
Business Model	Advertising Referral marketing	Subs (Premium) Advertising	PPA (Activity) Advertising	PPA (Activity) Advertising	Advertising	Advertising Re-seller (travel)	Advertising Adsense	Eyeballs
Revenue	\$300 M	\$17 M	?	?	?	?	\$500M	\$2M
Call Centre	None	None	None	None	None	None	None	None

## **Routes to Market**

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Direct	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
In-Direct	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

# **Features**

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Platform Deve	loper Related							
Social Graph API	Y	N	Y	Y	?	?	Y	N
3 <sup>rd</sup> party App API	Y		N	N	Y	?	Y	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup> party Device API	Y	Y	?	?	?	?	?	N
Simple URLs	Y	Y	Y	?		No	Y	Y
Back Office		'				•		
Set up UI	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Set up Member Profiles	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Enable users to view & edit own profiles	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y
Public & Private	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
settings								
Moderate users & actions before publishing	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
SEO with tagline, description & keywords	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Social Graph Engine	Y	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Manage Advertising	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	No advertising on site
Branded video players on web	?		Y	Y	?	N	N	N
User Dashboard			Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Omnipresent .	Features							
Nav Bar	Y	Y	Y		Y	Y	Y	Y

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Search	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Instant Messaging	Y	N	Y	Y	Y (AOL IM)	Y	Y	N
Advertising	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (Banner Ads)	Y	Y Google (Adsense)	N
Pages								
Ноте	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Profile	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Friends / Connections	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Inbox	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Events		Y				N	Y	N
Groups		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Jobs		Y				N		N
Places						Y		N
Games					Y		Y	N
Books					Y			N
Local							Y	N
Schools						Y	Y	N

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Forums							Y	N
Blogs							Y	N
Home Page						-		-
Status Update	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Friends Update	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
RSS IN	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	N
RSS Out	N	?	?	?	?	?	?	N
Photos	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Separate page	N
Photo Tagging	Y	N	N	N	Y	?	Y	N
Links	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	?	Separate page	N
Video	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Separate page	N
Notes	Y	N	?	?	?	?		N
Groups	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Separate page	N
Events	Y	N	?	?	?	?	Separate page	N
Widgets	N	N	Y	Y	Y	?	Y	N
Ratings	N	N	?	?	?	N	?	N

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Comments	Y (wall)	N	?	?	Y	N	Y	N
Company pages	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N
Forums	Y (for devs only)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Separate page	N
Blogs	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Separate page	N
Recommend ations	N	N	N	N	Y	N		N
Profile	-							
Page Decoration	N	N	Y	Y	Y (Skins)	N	Y (Skins)	N
Account Type	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Profile Settings	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Personal Information	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Email notifications	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SMS notifications	Y	N	?	?	Y	N	N	Y

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Privacy Settings	Y	Y	?	?	Y	Y	Y	N
Homepage settings	Y (Application settings)	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N
Feedback	Y (Suggestions)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Connections	•		•					•
Friends / Connections	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Find Friends	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Friends Online	Y	?	?	?	Y	?	Y	N
Browse	Y	?	?	?	Y	?	Y	N
Invite Friends	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Phonebook	Y		N	N	N	N	N	N
Remove Friends	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Recently Added	Y		N	Y	N	N	N	N
Recently	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N

Player/ Feature	Facebook	LinkedIn	KickApp s	Ning	Bebo	Friends Reunited	MySpace	Twitter
Updated								
CRM		Y (Profile Organiser)	N	N	N	N	N	N
Friends' Friends	N	Y	?	?	Y	N	Y	N
Top Friends	N	N	?	?	Y	N	N	N
Requests made	Y	Y	?	?	Y	N	N	N
Inbox								
Email	Y (Messages)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y (username@ myspace.com)	N
Sent	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Archived		Y	?	?	Y	N	Y	N
Delete	Y	Y	?	?	Y	Y	Y	N
Compose	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Mark Read	Y	Y	?	?	?	N	Y	N
Mark Unread	Y	Y	?	?	?	N	Y	N
1 <sup>st</sup> party Apps	N	N	N	N	N	Y Genes	N	N

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						Reunited Dating		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Apps	Y	Y	Y	Y OpenSocial	Y OpenSocial	Y Bingo (Foxy) Holidays (TC)	Y Open Social	Y
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Devic	ces							
Mobile	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	?	Y	N
Games Console		N	N	N	N	N		N
Content Distri	bution				•			
Platform					Open Media Platform		N	N

### **Analysis**

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Social Networks
Subscription Based Content Distribution
B2C
TV, News, Sports, Music, Games, Gambling, Poker, Concerts, Movies
B2B
Finance
Education (Secondary & Tertiary)
Advertising
Devices
TV, PC, 3G Mobile, Wireless Mobile/E-Reader
Personal Commerce
Electronic Commerce
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Figure 1: Social Media Eco-system

#### Introduction

There are a number of players in the space of Social Media

- Branded
- White label service provider

#### Branded

Facebook Friends Reunited MySpace Bebo

LinkedIn

## **Technology Service Providers**

Ning KickApps ONEsite

### Conclusion

No competitor offers a service linking advertisers to web publishers for a combined web search and tele-sales campaign.

Tomahawk could be the foundation of a personal commerce network bridging the worlds of digital marketers and technology providers to provide customers, like Sky, with a solution that directly links their web search strategies to the operational features of customers' web

sites.

