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Activity #4: An emerging picture

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Instructions:

Using your researched information from activities 1-3, fill out the following, comparing the current state of the art with what you think new (software) innovations could bring to the community.

Covering the orientations	
Compare the left-hand column of the document "Technology configuration inventory" table with the right-hand column of the document "Community characteristics & orientation" table. What do you notice about the match (or mismatch) between your dominant community orientations and the current configuration of tools?	
How well does the technology inventory cover the orientations? What themes emerged from both the community orientations and the technology configuration from your colleagues' notes	<p><i>(Assuming colleagues note's are referring to my own investigation notes vs. that of other students taking this project course)</i></p> <p>The current technology configuration particularly supports the Content and Individual Participation community orientations; the relationship between the current configuration and community orientation may just be because the only tools available on the market enforce such orientations.</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> Are you almost there? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Are there big gaps?	<p>The current configuration is not supporting more progressive orientations of Community Cultivation or Service Context.</p> <p>As noted in the previous activities, I believe an orientation shift, or the inclusion of tools to support a broader orientation, would be beneficial to the community.</p>
What is the range of skills? If their interests and/or skills are diverse, could it cause conflict or distraction?	The community of meal planners is diverse, there's no doubt of the existence of software-savvy persons developing planning tools. However, the community is not highly composed of technology-savvy people: those persons developing tools for the community are far more profit-led than education-led, and so the use of skills is currently separate from developing sustainable practices.
Achieving integration	
Look at all the pieces of your configuration	
What level of integration and interoperability has been achieved?	The most prominent trend in the technology configuration is that of proprietary software: prominent meal planning platforms do not integrate or inter-operate with one another. Some platforms interoperate with corner services such as other tools which track calories (i.e. Weight Watchers account) or devices (i.e. FitBit).

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