

Lecture 6: Foci

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3/3: Foci and the design of technical systems



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Inside Google+ — How the Search Giant Plans to Go Social

<https://www.wired.com/2011/06/inside-google-plus-social/>



THE REAL LIFE SOCIAL NETWORK

Hi everyone, thanks for coming.

[https://www.businessinsider.com/
heres-the-presentation-that-inspired-google-2011-7](https://www.businessinsider.com/heres-the-presentation-that-inspired-google-2011-7)

More about Google Plus:

- ▶ Paul Adams *Grouped: How Small Groups of Friends are the Key to Influence on the Social Web*
- ▶ “Google Plus: a \$585 million dollar mistake”:
<https://slidebean.com/blog/startups-google-plus>
- ▶ “Looking back at Google+”:
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/10/08/looking-back-at-google/>
- ▶ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Google%2B>

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- ▶ Watts, Chapter 5. (Available from Canvas)
- ▶ Lee, N.H. (1969). *The Search for an Abortionist*: Preface, Chapter 1, and Chapter 5. (Available from Canvas).

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