

Diaspora Social Network

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What is Social Networking?

- Social structure.
- Made up of individuals.
- Connected interdependency such as friendship.

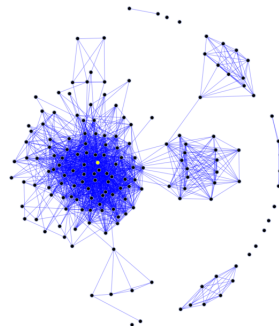


Figure: Social Networking Representation

Social Networking Service

- Online Service.
- Made up of individuals.
- Connected interdependency such as friendship.
- Contains representation of each user (profile).
- Social Links.
- Eg: facebook, twitter, google plus, diaspora, identi.ca



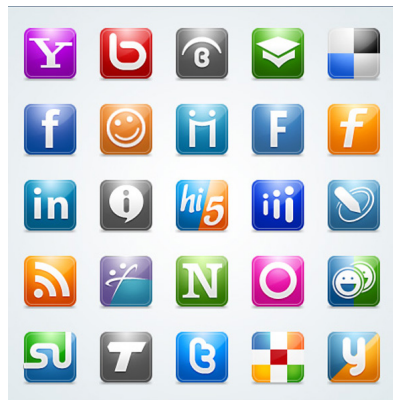
Centralized Social Networking

- All data stored centrally.
- Control of data lies with service provider.
- Centralized storage needs huge amount of computing power.



Issues in Centralized Social Networking

- Privacy issues.
- Lack of control over data.
- Potential for misuse of user data.
- Non portable.



Alternatives?



What is the alternative?

Distributed Social Networking

- No central control.
- Decentralized data storage.
- Distributed across different providers.
- Emphasis on portability and Interoperability.



It all started with Eben moglans talk

- Professor of law and legal history at Columbia Universit
- Friday Feb 5 2010 7 PM NYU
- Freedom in the cloud



Diaspora

- The privacy aware, personally controlled, do-it-all distributed open source social network
- Ilya Zhitomirskiy, Dan Grippi, Max Salzberg, and Raphael Sofaer - founders
- Released the code under GNU Affero GPLv3.
- Crowd Funded



www.joindiaspora.com

Privacy aware

- Privacy and connectedness do not have to be mutually exclusive
- Aspects
- Own your Data
- You are in control

Pods

- Each Diaspora installation is called a pod
- Anyone can own a pod
- Podupti.me

With all of the concerns over who controls the "Social Web" – regarding the Google+ name policy and other privacy issues, Facebook's questionable ethics, and the overall danger of controlled networks. I think it is extremely important for a more decentralized, more democratic, more open, and more free solution to succeed in the interest of personal freedom on the internet. And it looks to me like Diaspora is an essential part of that solution, so I'm endorsing it now, even though it's not entirely "ready".

You can help

- By Contributing Code
- By Packaging Diasopora
- By Running a pod
- By Documenting
- By Spreading the word

Links

- <http://diaspora-project.org/>
- <https://github.com/diaspora/diaspora>
- <http://podupti.me>
- <https://joindiaspora.com>
- <https://diasp.org>

