



IBM Software

# Lotus<sup>®</sup> Connections

Social software that's ready for business



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 **innovation**  
that **matters**

# Making sense out of Web 2.0 and Social Software

A word cloud centered around 'Web 2.0' and 'Blogs'. The words are arranged in a circular pattern around these two central terms. The largest words are 'Web 2.0' and 'Blogs'. Other prominent words include 'Social Networks', 'MySpace', 'Facebook', 'Mash-ups', 'RSS', 'Wiki's', 'Social Computing', 'Communities', 'Digg', 'AVATARS', 'AJAX', 'REST', 'del.icio.us', 'folksonomy', 'Video Sharing', 'bookmarking', 'LinkedIn', 'Consumerization', and 'Social'. The words are in various sizes and orientations, creating a dynamic visual effect.

del.icio.us

folksonomy

REST

Tags

Mash-ups

AJAX

Web 2.0

Video Sharing

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Why should my business care?

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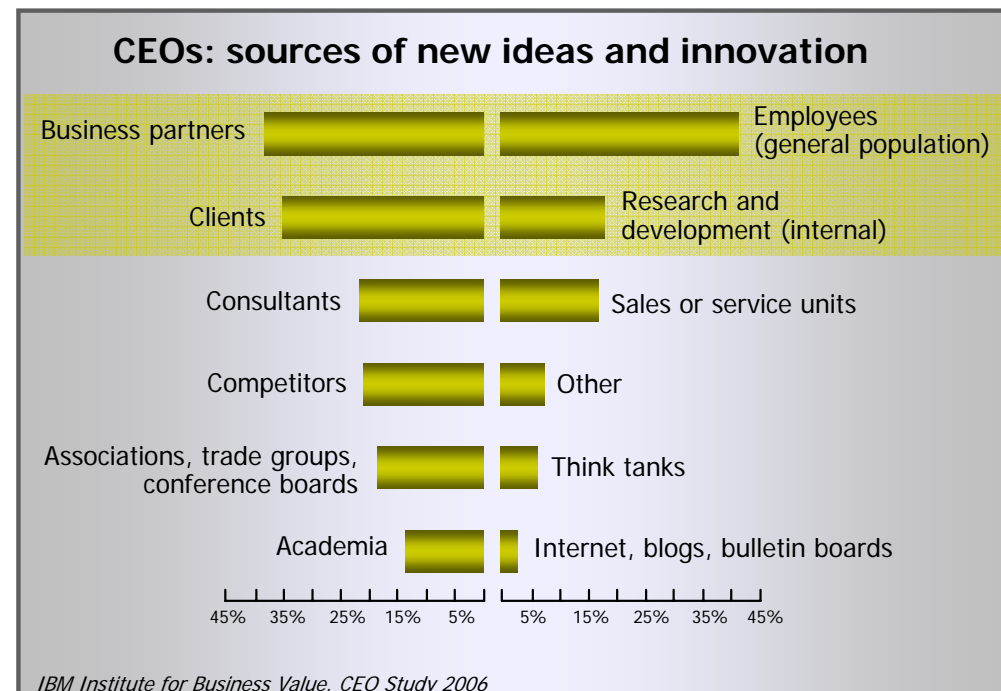
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# Demand for Growth Drives Social Software Adoption

- Survey show innovators grow faster
- 75% of CEOs indicated that collaboration was important to innovation
- Top sources of innovation were business partners, employees and customers
- To thrive in this environment companies must:
  - ▶ Weave communities into the product development process
  - ▶ Execute those innovative ideas quickly



# The Changing Nature of Work Drives Adoption

- Human capital is replacing physical capital is a measurement of organizational value
- Work environments are more complex
  - ▶ Matrixed organizations
  - ▶ Organization changes
  - ▶ Mergers/Acquisitions
  - ▶ Global companies
  - ▶ Telecommuting
- Work is increasingly collaborative
  - ▶ Specialization
  - ▶ Ad hoc projects
- Work demands more social capital

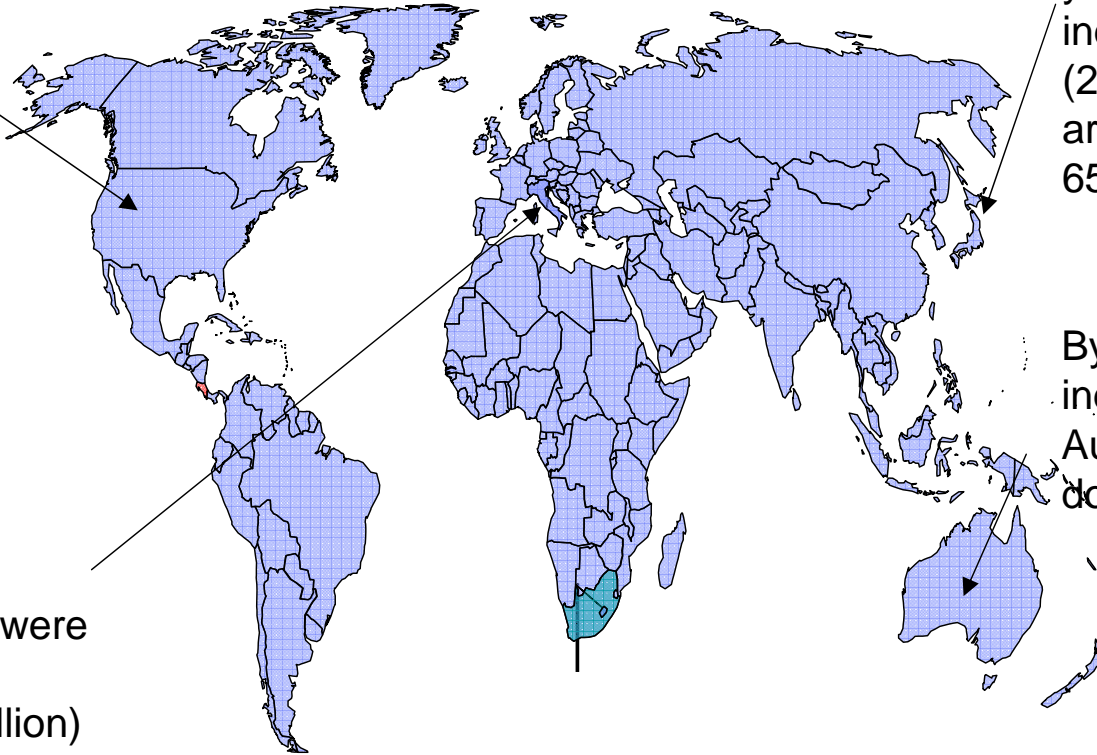
**"Today, more than 85 percent of a typical S&P 500 company's market value is the result of intangible assets. For many companies, the bulk of these intangible assets is its people, its human capital. It is no longer what you own that counts but what you know..."**

*—Craig Symons, Forrester Research, Inc.*



# Changing Demographics Drives Adoption

19% of the entire American workforce holding executive, administrative and managerial positions will retire in the next five years



In the year 2000, there were more people receiving pensions in Italy (22 million) than people working (21 million)

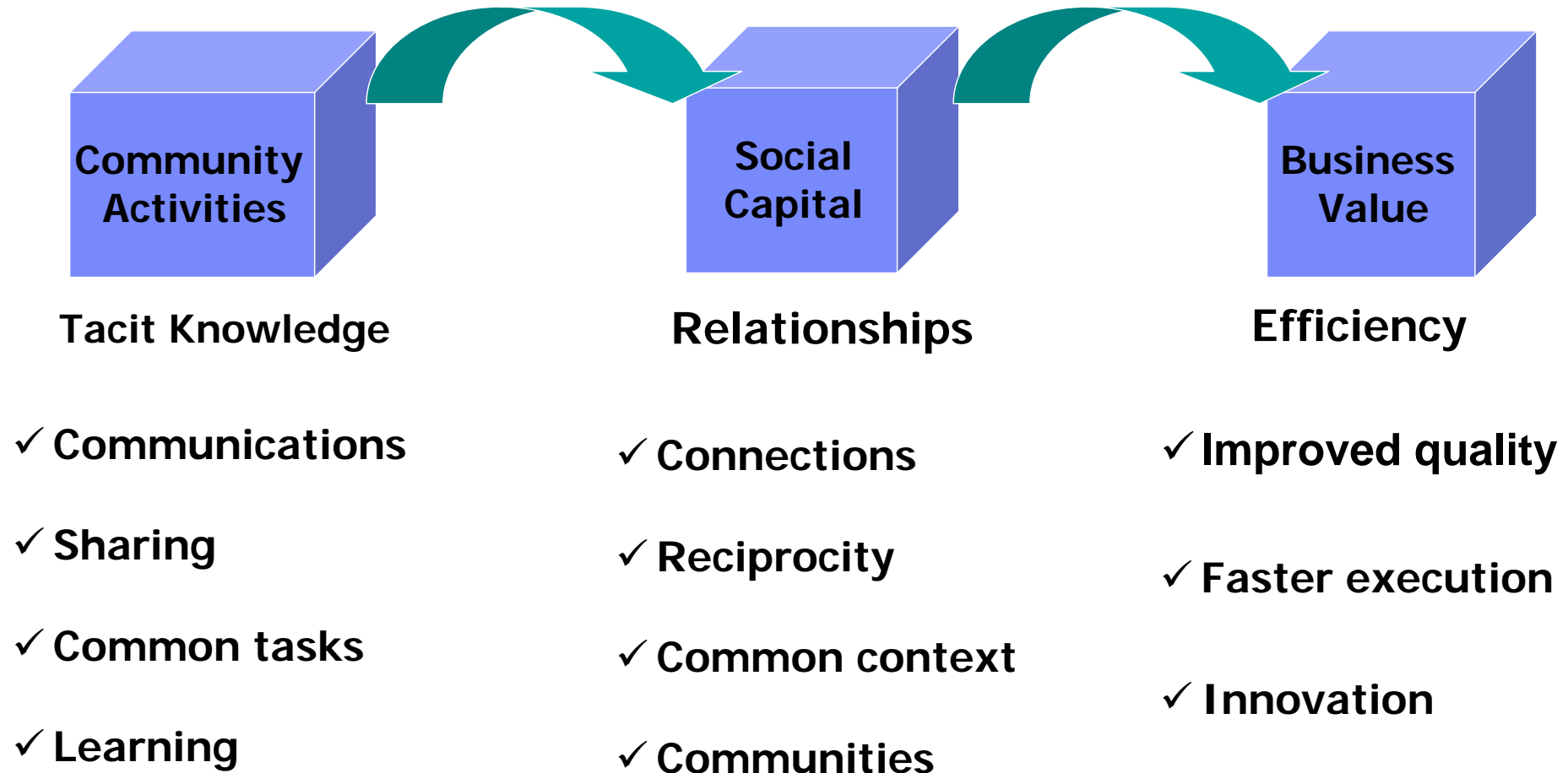
Within the next seven years, over 33 million individuals in Japan (26% of the population) are expected to be over 65 years old.

By 2016, the number of individuals aged 60-64 in Australia is expected to almost double

Source: Beazley, et. al, *Continuity Management*, Mackay, Alan. "Mature Age Workers: Sustaining Out Future Labor Force." An Ageless Workforce - Opportunities for Business' Symposium Conference Paper. August 27, 2003. [www.ageing.health.gov.au/ofoa/wllplan/aawpapers.htm](http://www.ageing.health.gov.au/ofoa/wllplan/aawpapers.htm), Time to act quickly on aging." The Japan Times Online. August 23, 2002 [www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?ed20020823a1.htm](http://www.japantimes.co.jp/cgi-bin/getarticle.pl5?ed20020823a1.htm), A. Paulli, "Pension systems and gradual retirement in Italy", September 2000, p.17

# What is Social Software?

Social Software accelerates the creation and use of social capital



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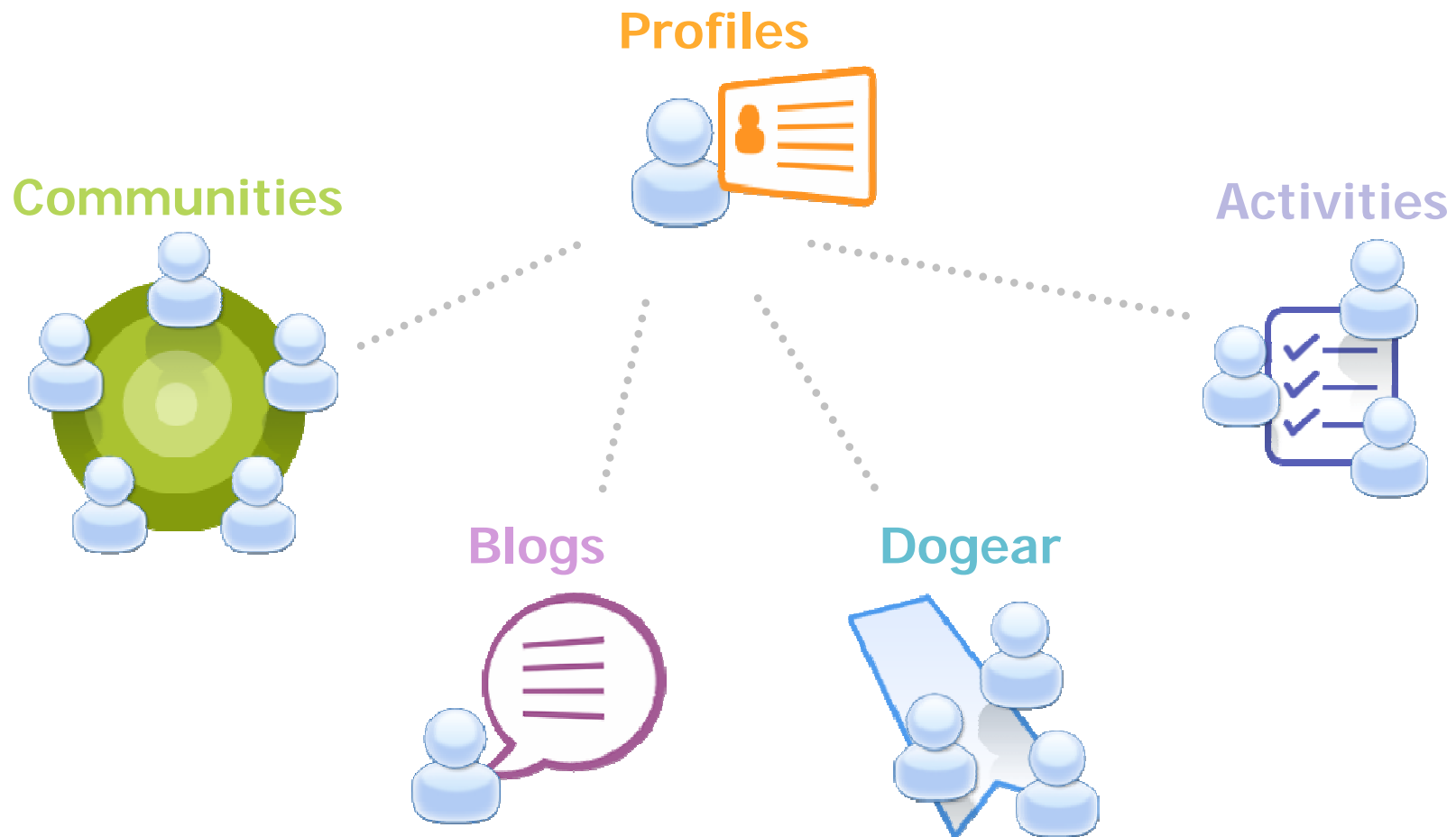
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# Introducing IBM Lotus® Connections

Lotus Connections is social software for business that empowers you to be more innovative and helps you execute more quickly by using dynamic networks of coworkers, partners and customers.



# Lotus Connections has 5 Services



## Profiles

Quickly find the people you need by searching across your organization using keywords that help identify expertise, current projects and responsibilities



## Communities

Create, find, join, and work with communities of people who share a common interest, responsibility, or area of expertise



## Blogs

Use a weblog to present your idea and get feedback from others; learn from the expertise and experience of others who blog



## Dogear

Save, organize and share bookmarks; discover bookmarks that have been qualified by others with similar interests & expertise



## Activities

Organize your work, plan next steps, and easily tap your expanding professional network to help execute your everyday deliverables, *faster*

# Profiles

Find people by name, expertise, or keyword to locate someone with the experience and knowledge you need

Easily link to a person's communities, blogs and bookmarks

Reporting chain view to see the structure of your organization

View experience, skills and past projects

# Communities

Tools for finding, joining and creating communities

See what communities are new, popular, or active

Tags help you find the community you need by filtering content

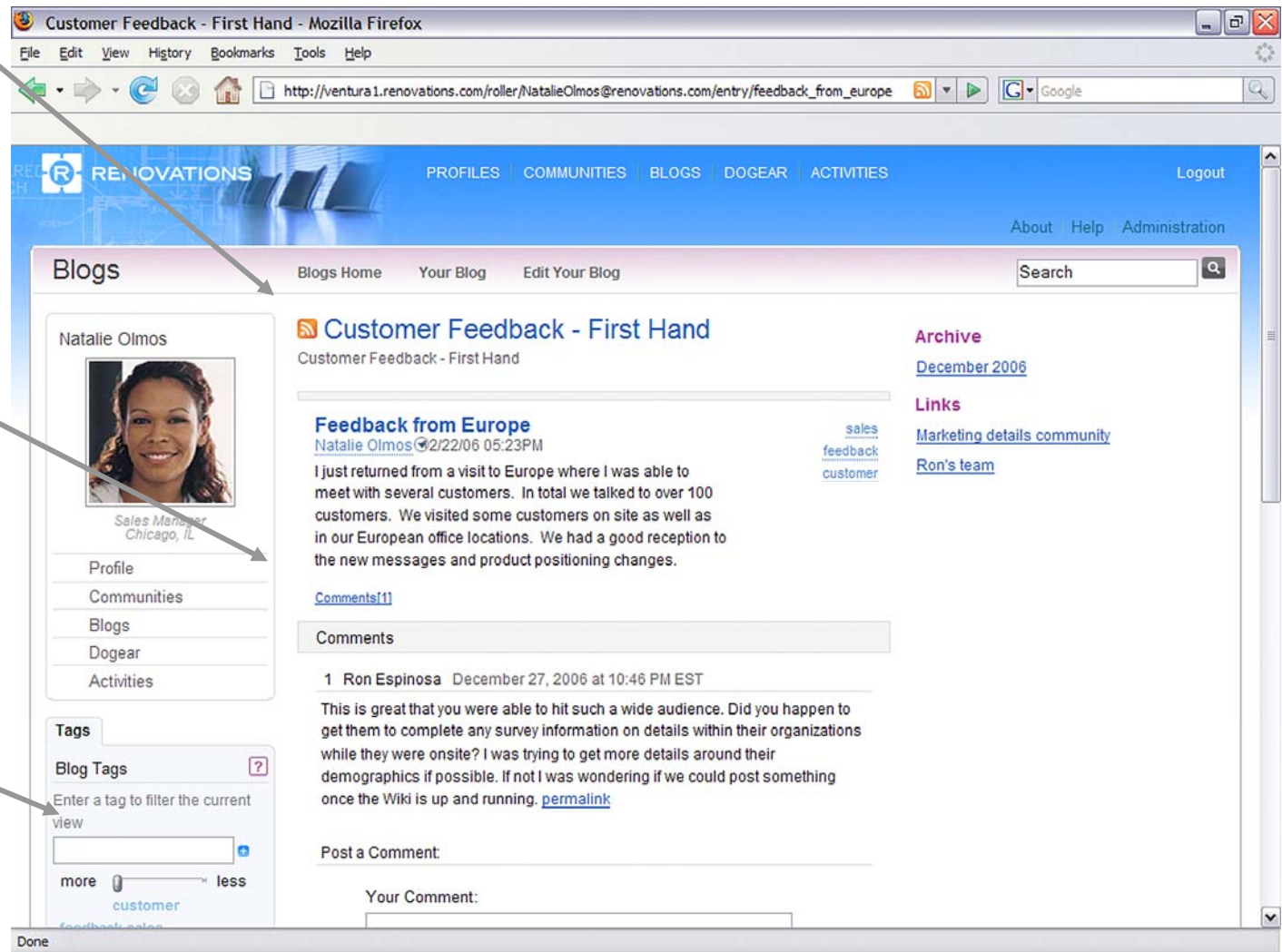
The screenshot shows the 'Communities - Mozilla Firefox' browser window. The address bar displays 'http://ventura1.renovations.com/tango/service/html/allcommunities'. The website header includes 'RENOVATIONS' and navigation links for 'PROFILES', 'COMMUNITIES', 'BLOGS', 'DOGEAR', and 'ACTIVITIES'. A user 'Heather Reeds' is logged out. The main content area is titled 'All Communities' and shows a list of community entries. The first entry is 'Team Asia' with 6 members, updated on Thursday, December 28, 2006. The second entry is 'It's all about the customer' with 3 members, updated on Thursday, December 28, 2006. A user profile for Natalie Olmos, Sales Manager in Chicago, IL, is shown on the right. The left sidebar contains a 'Start a Community' button, a 'Recent' filter, and a 'Community Tags' section with various tags like 'asia', 'benefits', 'customers', etc.

# Blogs

Easily create blogs posts to share knowledge with a wide audience

Exchange viewpoint and share perspectives to increase innovation

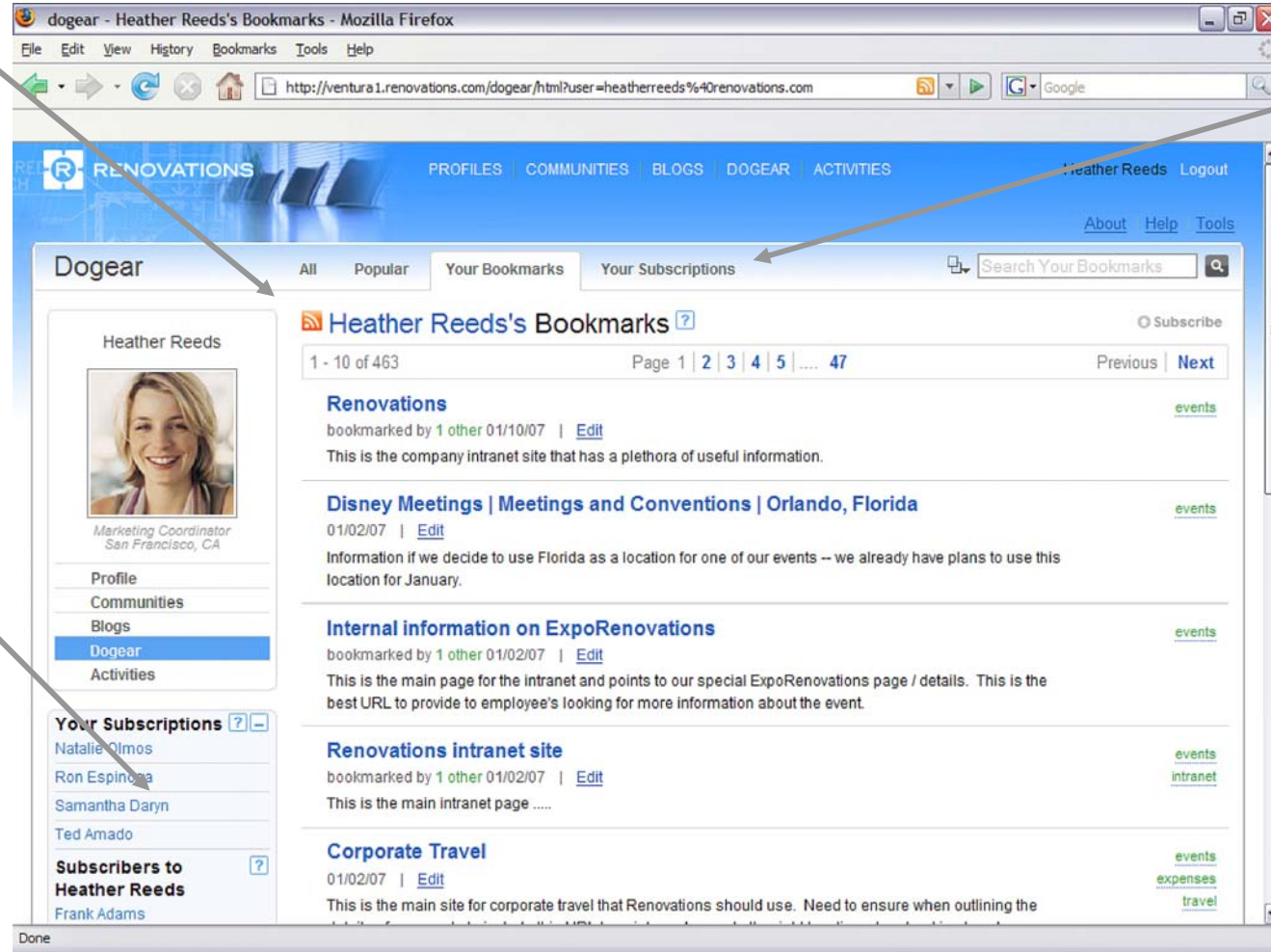
Keywords can be used to search within a blog or across multiple blogs



# Dogear

Centrally store your bookmarks your own bookmarks and share them with others

Filter bookmarks by "tagging" them with as many keywords as you want

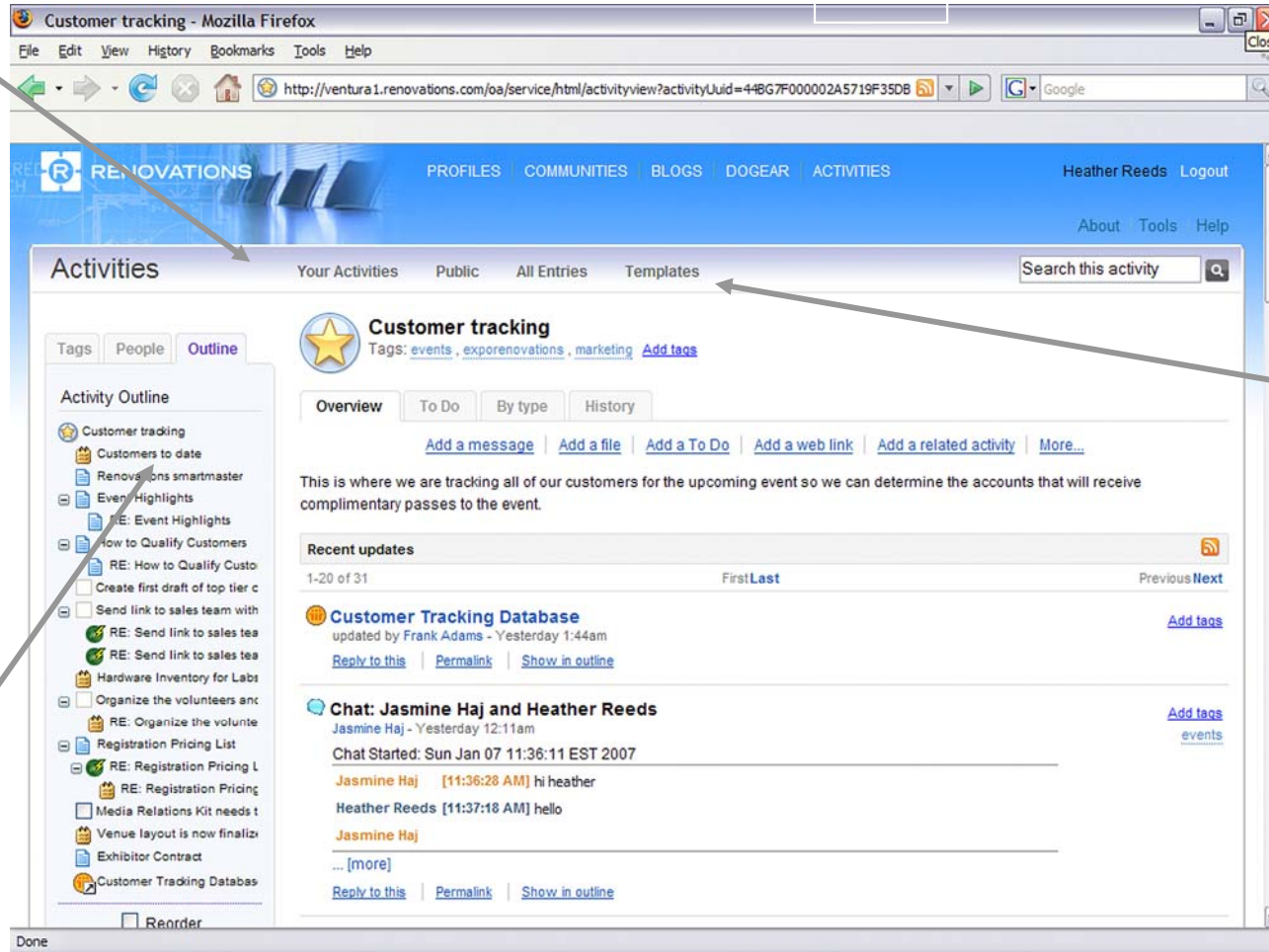


Subscribe to your coworkers' bookmarked web pages

# Activities

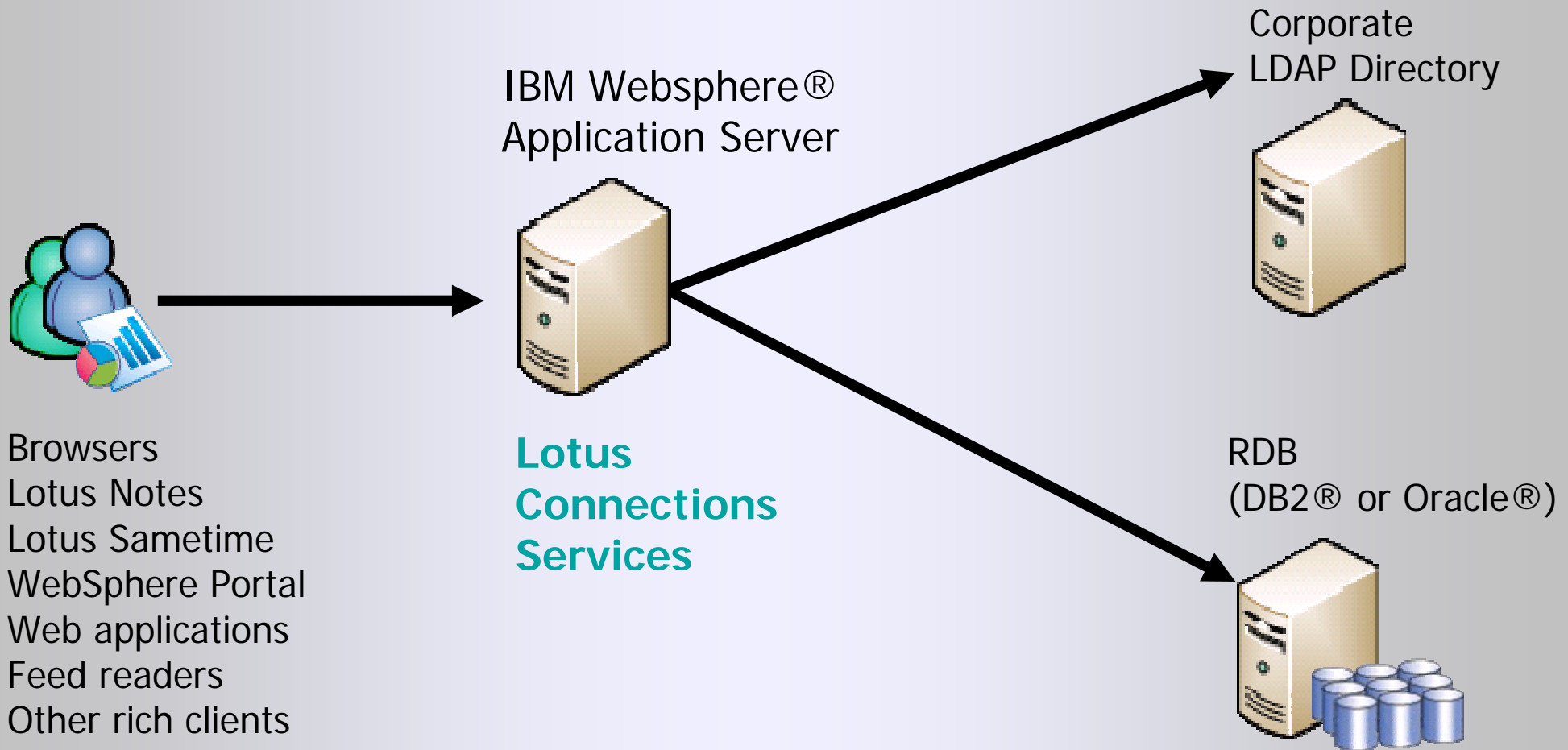
Organize and work with all your tasks, both individual as well as group projects, in a single place

Tap your professional network to get things done



Create templates for repeated tasks to capture best practices

# Lotus Connections Basic Topology





# Using Lotus Connections from your daily tools



## IBM Lotus Notes®

Powerful activity sidebar



## IBM Lotus Sametime®

Community broadcasts  
Activities plug-in



## Microsoft® Office™

Post to activity



## Lotus Connections Services

### IBM WebSphere® Portal

Portlet integrates any /  
all services into portal  
pages / sites

### Web UI

Web application  
Browser bookmarklets

### Extensibility

Feed readers  
Business card  
Mashups  
REST APIs

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# Lotus Connections is already at work in IBM



## Profiles

IBM's internal BluePages application provided the basis for Profiles. BluePages holds 475,000 profiles and serves 3.5 million searches per week. It is the hub of both user requests and all applications authentication for IBM.

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## Communities

IBM Community Map hosts 700 communities. IBM Forums hold 36,000 entries.

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## Blogs

IBM's BlogCentral hosts 27,300 weblogs (420 group blogs) with 62,000 entries and 60,000 comments, and 10,800 distinct tags.

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## Dogear

IBM's internal Dogear system has 185,000 links from 3,425 users. One-third are intranet links and only 2.5% are private.

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## Activities

IBM's internal Activities service has seen all content and usage statistics grow by 2.5x over the second half of 2006 to 10,000 activities, 60,000 entries and 32,000 users.

## Example: Global Financial Services company

### Customer Needs

More efficient communications across global organization

Expertise difficult to identify across organization / geography boundaries

Difficult to staff new projects quickly and effectively



### Desired Capabilities

Locate experts (profile search/social network data)

Share information and expertise (blogs, bookmarks, communities)

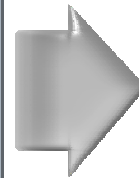
Filter and find valued research sources internally and on the internet

Collaborate easily on deliverables

## Example: Leading United States manufacturer

### Customer Needs

- Create a community to which users want to belong
- Gain insight into customer segments to sell more and increase loyalty and purchases
- Diversify revenue sources from their user community



### Desired Capabilities

- Enable community reviews of products, services, events, etc.
- Allow the company to poll user communities regarding new product ideas
- Help customers find and connect with other users and ask questions

# The Value of Social Software for Business

## *Empower People*

- Employees can tap the collective knowledge of an expanded and growing professional network
- Integrated and open services that you use as part of your daily work

## *Execute with Confidence*

- Groups can access task related information
- Exchanging ideas across the organization improves quality of deliverables
- Duplicate tasks are avoided

## *Complete Tasks Faster*

- Information from undiscovered subject-matter experts can be found quickly
- Research is faster using pre-qualified bookmarks
- Projects are staffed with the best people

## *Grow through Innovation*

- Customer and partner relationships are strengthened via communities
- New products/services spawned from those communities can be executed with efficient task management

Learn more about how

# Lotus Connections can work for You...



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Hindi Hindi

多謝

Traditional Chinese

ขอบพระคุณ

Thai

Спасибо

Russian

Gracias

Spanish

Thank

English

شكراً

Arabic

You

Obrigado

Brazilian Portuguese

多谢

Simplified Chinese

Danke

German

Grazie

Italian

Merci

French

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Tamil Tamil

ありがとうございました

Japanese

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Korean