

# Adoption Strategies for Social Computing



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#### Agenda

Business value

Cultural challenges

End user priorities

Sponsor considerations

Recommendations for IT

Summary of 10 essentials

SharePoint 2010's advantages

Customers' adoption strategies

#### **Business Value of Social Computing**

- Find and connect with experts
- Address generational shifts
- Break down organizational barriers
- Promote end user innovation
- Improved business agility

BUT...

#### Cultural Challenges

- Fear by management over loss of control
- Fear by employees over loss of personal value
- Confusion over the business impact of new social tools
- Hesitant about change and breaking away from existing conventions

#### Challenge: Loss of Control



#### Challenge: Loss of Personal Value



#### Challenge: Confusion



#### Challenge: Breaking Convention



#### **End User Priorities**

- Personalization
- Easy access
- Ease of use
- Have clear objectives
- Dynamic, fresh, engaging content
- Management's support of its use



#### Personalization



#### Easy Access



#### Ease of Use



#### Clear Objectives



#### Management's Support of its Use



#### What are the top things to know about Live@edu?

Here are what I consider to be the five most important things to know about the Live@edu initiative:

- Live@edu is one of the most integrated, broadest reaching offerings at the company. It
  has Exchange as its core for mail and calendaring but it also includes collaboration,
  storage, blogging, photos, etc. with Office Live and Windows Live services not to mention
  mobile support. Various engineering teams across the company are building lots of the
  glue and helping to make it easier for customers to go from signing a deal to actually
  provisioning accounts. So all in all, Live@edu is the result of four major product divisions
  working together! It's always more complicated to deliver something that has cross group
  dependencies, but there's a lot of excitement and enthusiasm to do this well and build an
  experience that can't be matched.
- At the same time, we are fighting a tough battle against Google in the education sector.
   Google has really honed in on the education opportunity and as a result they've become very strong in the space making it extremely easy for universities to sign up for their offering (Google Apps For Education). The @edu is our major push to win back the space





#### Sponsor Considerations

- Identify champions at the executive and early adopters level
- Address legal, compliance, and security issues early
- Define the governance policies
- Encourage grassroots ownership
- Brand your solution

#### When to Focus on Adoption

Social Computing Initiative Phases

Concept Design Plan Pilot Evaluate Launch/ Monitor

Adoption Strategies and Practices Subtext

**Business value** 

Success metrics and definition/

Phased implementation

Training, promotion

Strategic and Cultural Subtext

Change management, cultural transformation, bridging generation gaps

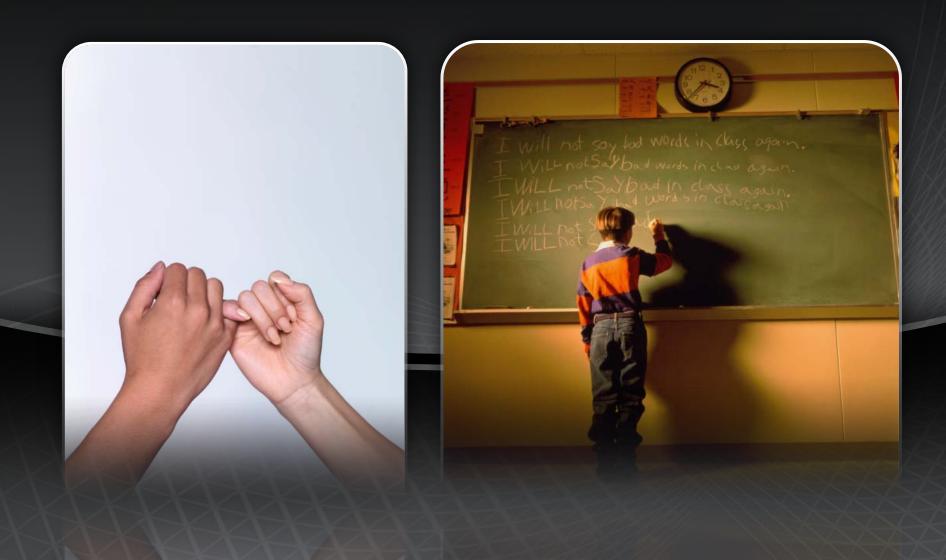
#### Have Champions



#### Legal, Compliance, and Security



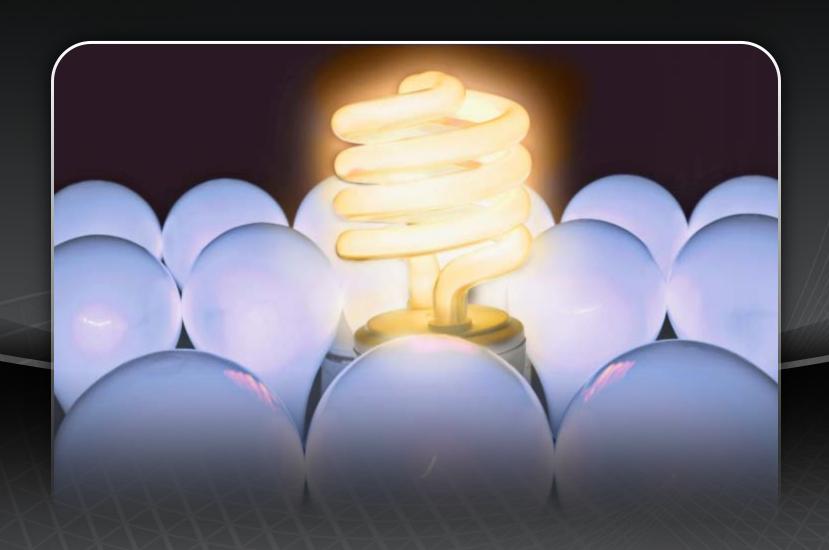
#### Governance Policies



#### Grassroots Ownership



#### **Brand Name Solution**





#### Recommendations for IT

- Phased approach don't overwhelm the users
- Implement improvements/new features regularly
- Make governance policies easy to find

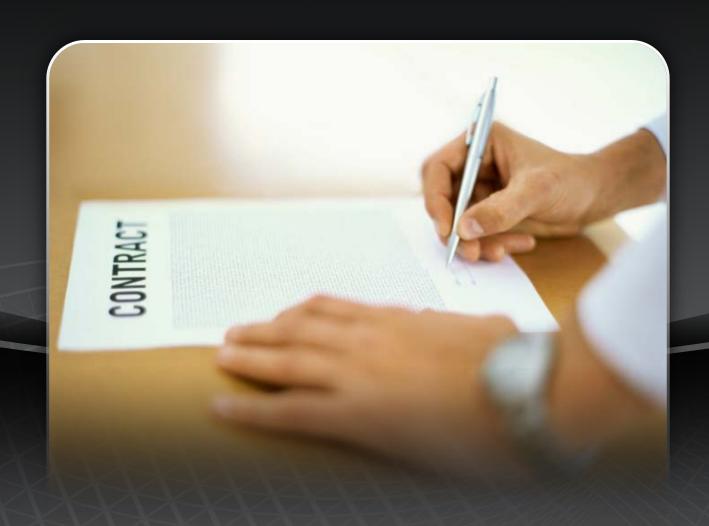
#### Phased Approach



#### Implement Improvements



#### Governance Policies



#### 10 Essentials for Social Initiatives

- 1. Be ready to invest time, resources, and money
- 2. Get champions to help you with roll-out
- 3. Think about adoption strategies early on
- 4. Pay attention to the usefulness, usability, and design of your solution
- 5. Make sure your solution is compatible with existing systems
- 6. Start gradually with small deployments/numbers
- 7. Promote the solution and provide training if needed
- 8. Implement improvements based on end user feedback
- 9. Manage expectations not all the goals can be achieved at once
- 10. Train people that it's coming and that you need to get on the train

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#### SharePoint 2010's Advantages

- Social connections
- Usability and attractiveness
- Integrate with familiar tools
- Participation anywhere





### **Customer Story**

### Electronic Arts

Bert Sandie Director of Technical Excellence EA University

#### Introduction



#### Post-Launch Adoption Strategies

- Viral growth
  - Viral marketing campaign used with emails sent to teams, communities of practice, etc
  - Subsequent adoption driven by team and community leaders
- Baked into new-hire orientation about "Setting up your profile"
  - In-progress across all of EA
- Provide FAQ posters around different buildings/locations
  - Advertised on many of the EA internal portal sites through banner ads or direct link to profiles
- Excitement video
  - During launch of EA Knowledge 2.0 in July 2009 viral video sent out with over 1500 employees watching it in 3 days
- Provide regular improvements so there is always something new to try
  - Major releases have been about 1 per quarter and minor releases more frequently
- Use the surveys/feedback and really improve the system to expectations
  - User surveys used to drive initial requirements and directions

#### Commonly Asked Difficult Questions

- How do you measure "success"
  - Track monthly metrics: visits to site; number of content reads; number of searches; profiles completed; content added; etc.
- What is the magic number?
  - Ultimately everyone should strive for 100% many factors drive the magic number including size of company, geographic dispersion, age, culture, etc; our targets: Year 1 – 33%, Year 2 – 50%, Year 3 – 75%
- How often should you roll out new features?
  - Minimally every quarter during the first couple of years to adapt and meet needs; foresee less frequent releases after this as platform features stabilize
- How many "experts" should you enlist?
  - Two for every community of practice created; a steering committee of 3 to 7 for the overall solution
- What's the process for how you make the policy decisions?
  - Small steering committee; we are not really setting any policy decisions more guiding solution direction and usage

#### Lessons Learned From EA

- Profile your customers
- Solicit feedback from users
- Leverage experts

THINK: Usability, Aesthetics, and Functionality!



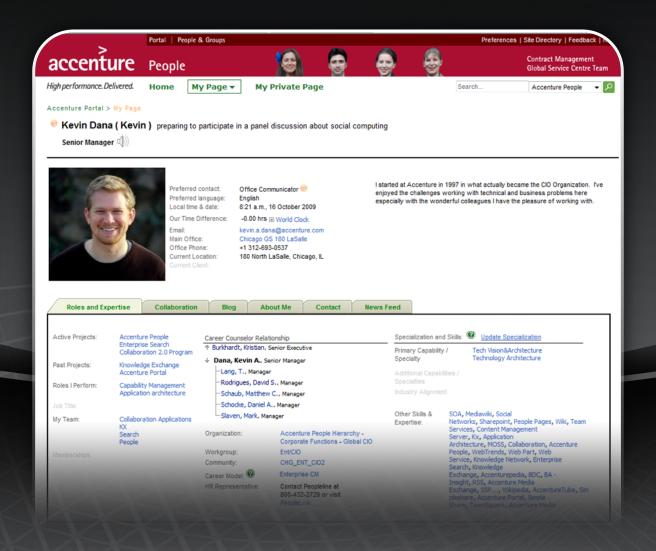


#### **Customer Story**

### Accenture

Kevin Dana
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#### Introduction



#### Post-Launch Adoption Strategies

- Sponsorship and approval from management
  - Senior executive send out communication to everyone within the company explaining the new solutions and why its important
- Viral marketing
  - Run contests and provide 'friends of' features like vanity urls for profiles (e.g. people.accenture.com/kdiddy)
- Embed use into training exercises and staff a information/picture booth
- Incorporate into employee related business processes mentoring, skills validation
- Leverage new media
  - Annually, at the company summit, the video was shown to generate excitement and pride in the company's innovation in this space
- Integrate social computing capabilities into daily project workflow

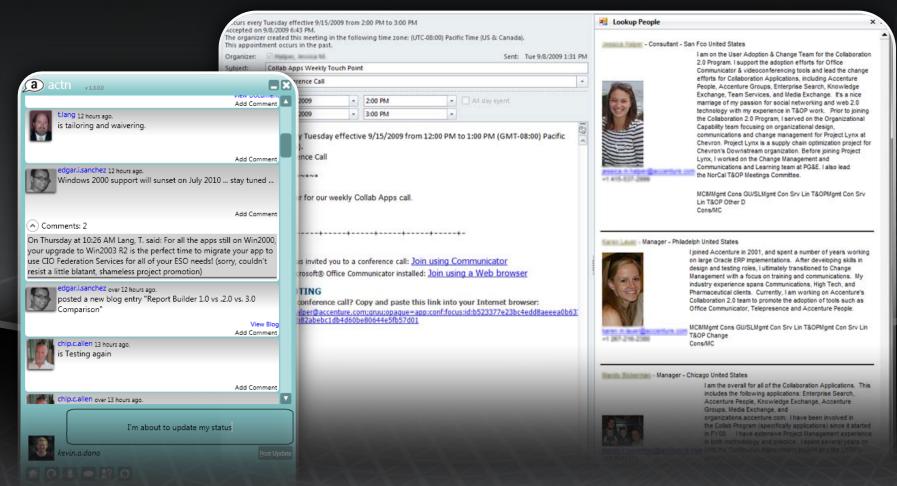
#### Commonly Asked Difficult Questions

- How do you measure "success"
  - We continually gather adoption and usage metrics and plot over time to see trends.
  - When other applications ask to leverage the capabilities
- What is the magic number?
  - Our honest answer is that we're still figuring that out. In part it depends on our workforce. Outsourcing, typically call center employees, have computers locked down making it difficult for them to upload. This has been a difficult audience to target adoption. Additionally, blogging for the sake of blogging won't get high numbers but applying blogging to Groups where you are congregating and sharing ideas/opinions would drive more of that type of activity
- How often should you roll out new features?
  - Monthly in the first year
- How many "experts" should you enlist?
  - We target evangelists by geography and workforce
- What's the process for how you make the policy decisions?
  - Make friends with data privacy and HR when this becomes a glimmer in their eye.
  - Focus on opt in
  - Leverage or create a Content and Collaboration Council of stakeholders who weigh in on decisions

#### Lessons Learned from Accenture

- Articulate the business benefits.
- Identify the appropriate data sources.
- Address data privacy policies globally.
- Present a rich user experience.
- Communicate the "What's in it for me?"
- Embed the user profile throughout the intranet.

#### Embed the User Profile Throughout the Intranet



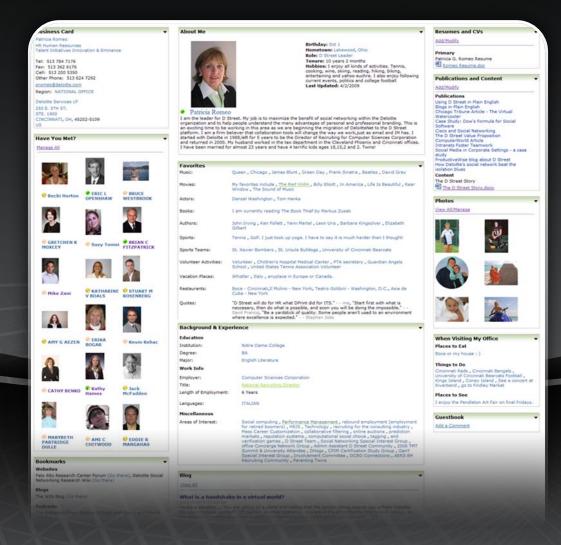


**Customer Story** 

## Deloitte

Patricia Romeo DStreet Leader

#### Introduction



#### Post-Launch Adoption Strategies

- Monthly technology enhancements with wow factors
- Blog discussions seeded throughout portal that connect to individual profiles
  - Heath & Fitness portal pages link to blogs of marathon runners, biking teams, etc
  - Diversity portal pages link to blogs that discuss diversity
  - Global deployment pages link to blogs of expatriates
- "I'm on D Street, Are You? Campaign
- Communications that enforce rule "A name is no longer a name, but a hyperlink to a profile."
- "Creating your profile and network" orientation module
- Connections to outlook calendar and IM to enforce rule, "No introductions, just links to profiles."
- Annual list of promotions provides hyperlinks name to profiles.
- Replace directories with search strings
- Email default internal signatures with links to profiles.
- Profile of the week campaign throughout the offices
- When travelling to local offices, CEO reviews local office profiles and talks about the interesting people and places he learned about on profiles.

#### Commonly Asked Difficult Questions

- How do you measure "success"
  - Frequent reporting process that tracks usage
- What is the magic number?
  - Our goals were based on several magic numbers:
    - 8 weeks after deployment 25% profile creation
    - 1 year after deployment 50% profile creation
    - 2 years after deployment 75% profile creation
- How often should you roll out new features?
  - We rolled out new features almost every month of the first 12 months
- How many "experts" should you enlist?
  - For the launch you should enlist the guidance of professionals from change management, communications, legal, employee relations and talent to assist with key decisions.
- What's the process for how you make the policy decisions?
  - We have a steering committee with representatives from each of the areas above.

#### Lessons Learned from Deloitte

- Make sure your leaders understand the value proposition of a social computing.
- Connect to as many other systems and processes as possible.
- Use authoritative data sources wherever possible.
- Combine the personal and professional into the profile.
- Embed the profile throughout the portal.
- Don't pressure people to use it.