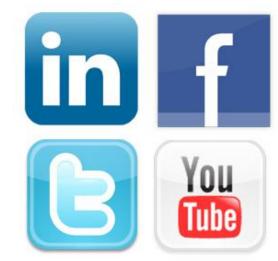
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# Groupon – SNS, and the Age of Social Commerce

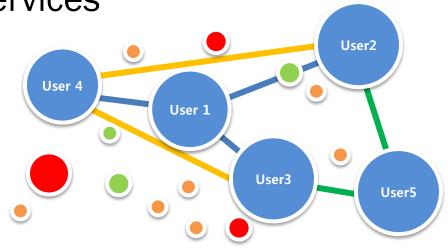


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## What is SNS(Social Networking Services)?

- SNS → online services that deal with building and reflecting social networks or relations among people.
  - User Representation (Profile)
  - Social links (Network)
  - Variety of additional services



#### Social Networking Services

- Mostly web-based
  - Interaction via email, instant messaging(IM), online communities
  - allow users to share ideas, activities, events, and interests within their individual networks
- Mobile-based Social Network
  - Gaining popularity as smartphone market grows.



#### History of SNS

• Computer networked social interaction was suggested early on.

- Early stages
  - · LISTSERV Email Service
  - **USENET** Bulletin Board System
  - **ARPANET** Packet Switching network



#### History of SNS

- Prototype social networking sites & generalized global online communities
  - · AOL, Prodigy, CompuServe
  - Theglobe.com, Tripod.com, Geocities (1995)
    - Tried to bring people together through chatting and persuade them to share info. and idea via personal webpages



#### History of SNS

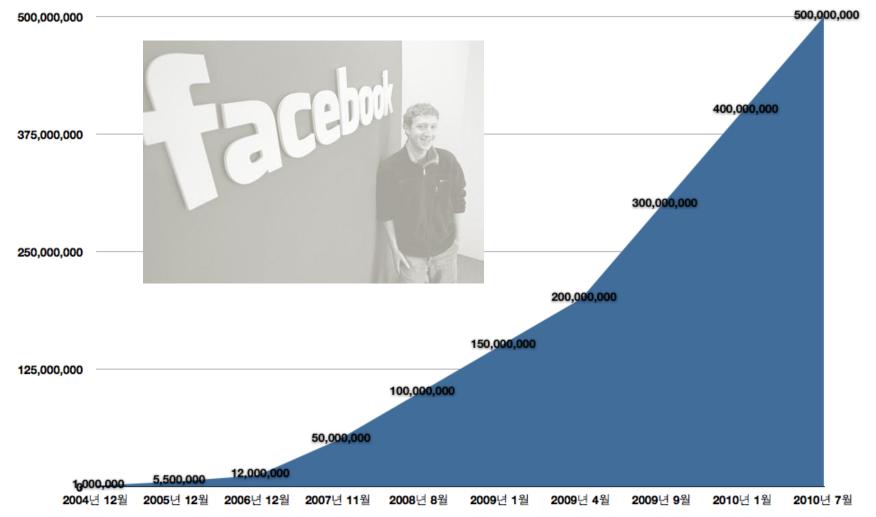
- In the late 1990s, user profiles becomes central feature
  - Allow user to find friends with similar interest
  - Many sites began to offer more advanced friends search and management system
- 2000-Present
  - · Facebook, Twitter, Myspace
  - Over 200 active sites and services





#### **SNS Popularity & Growth**

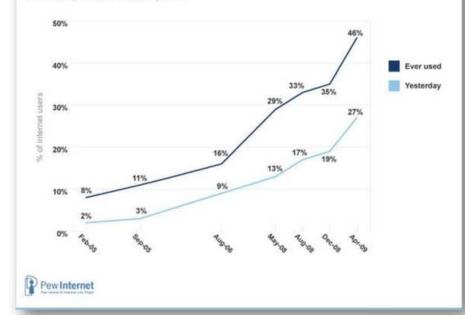
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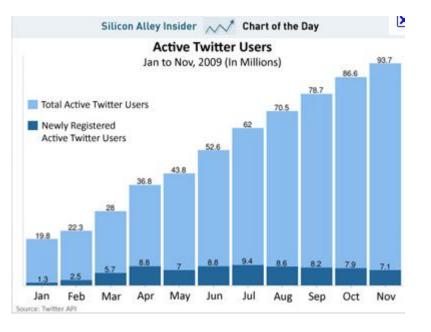


#### **SNS Popularity & Growth**

#### Growth in Adult SNS Use, 2005-2009

46% of online American adults 18 and older use a social networking site like MySpace, Facebook or LinkedIn, up from 8% in February 2005.





#### **SNS and Applied fields**

- Business application
  - SN connects people at low cost
  - Networks work as a CRM tool
  - Advertising in text ads and banners
  - Way to connect businessmen
- Dating application
- Educational application
- Financial application
- Media application
- Government application

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#### **E-Commerce**

- E-Commerce The production, advertising, sale and distribution of goods and services online over the Internet.
  - Amazon.com
  - Ebay.com
  - Dell.com









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#### So What is Social Commerce?

- A combination of E-Commerce & SNS
  - Social interaction and user contribution supported
  - \*\*Use of social network in the context of ecommerce transaction
    - customer ratings and reviews
    - User recommendation
    - Social shopping
    - Social advertising



### Groupon CEO – Andrew Mason

- Group + Coupon =
  Groupon
- Deal-of-the-day website that features discounted gift certificates at local/national companies
- Forbes Magazine Groupon is "on the pace to make \$1 billion in sales faster than any other business, ever."



#### **Groupon – How it works**

Assurance Contract & Risk Reduction

A Certain number of people must sign up for a certain offer for it to be valid

- Coupon System
  - Customers buy discounted items for local stores to use
  - Approximately half of the sales goes to Groupon
  - Sales Promotion

#### **Groupon Website**



Salad Creations Multiple Locations



Panther Family Laser Tag,... Multiple Locations



Rumba Cafe Adams Morgan



Neibauer Dental Care On Location



Beloved Yoga Multiple Locations



Cafe Taj McLean



Nova Vein Clinic Multiple Locations



Mattress Discounters On Location



Glynn Jones Salon Dupont Circle

#### **Groupon – Information**

- Groupon serves 500 markets in 44 countries
- Has many competitors that are interested in group-purchase SNS commerce
  - Facebook Deal
  - Google Offer
  - LivingSocial Woot!
- Mobile Application





#### Korean "Groupon"

- T-Mon
- Coupang



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#### Groupon: IPO

- Groupon's 2011 estimated revenues are in the \$3 billion to \$4 billion range.
  - October Yahoo! tries to acquire Groupon for \$3 Billion
  - November Google tries to acquire Groupon for \$5.3 billion
- After rejections, Groupon proceeded with its own IPO. (Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - After reaching a high of \$29.52 (50% more than original offer price)
  - By Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, stock price fell below IPO.



#### **Groupon – What now?**

- Faces concerns about the viability of its business models
  - Merchants complain about losing money
  - Businesses hope to retain customers, but customers usually do not stay when there are no deals/discounts
  - Customer Service Issues
  - Ton of Competition
- May prosper long-term, but it may fall much more.

#### Future of Social Commerce

- Clearly play a bigger part in commerce in the future
- Possibilities of social commerce
  - Social Currency
  - Share purchases before buying
  - More personalized recommendation
  - Social loyalty/benefit programs
  - Facbook.

#### Thank you

• Any Questions?