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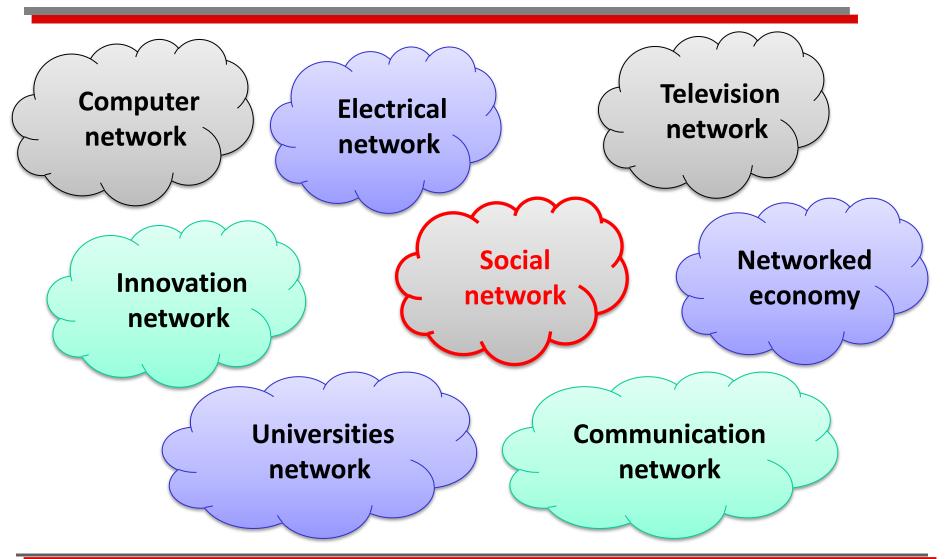
# ICT as a Contributor to Sustainability

Social Networking and Social Responsibility

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# **Networks are everywhere...**

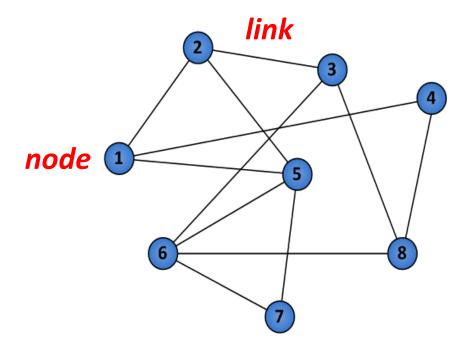




#### What is a Network?



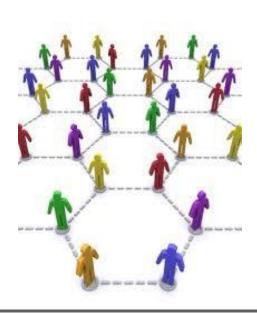
- a set of nodes interconnected via links
  - the purpose of exchange
  - various topologies



#### What is a Social Network?



- a set of actors interconnected via relationships
  - actors: people, groups of people, organisations
  - relationships: acquaintance, familiar bond, dislike, ...
- common interest connects involved actors
- based on actor profiles
- creating principle
  - explicit
  - implicit



# What is a Social Responsibility?



**Social responsibility** is an ethical ideology or theory that an entity, be it an organization or individual, has an obligation to act to benefit society at large. This responsibility can be passive, by avoiding engaging in socially harmful acts, or active, by performing activities that directly advance social goals.

Wikipedia

#### **Outline**



- social network services
- why responsible communities need social networking?
- examples of existing social network services for encouraging and enabling social responsibility
- (conclusion)

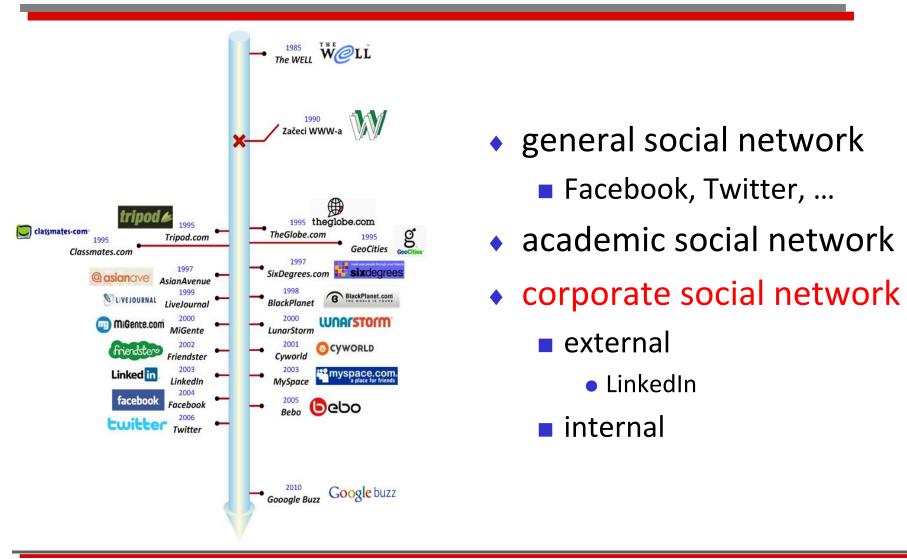


# Social Network Services

#### **Social Network Services**

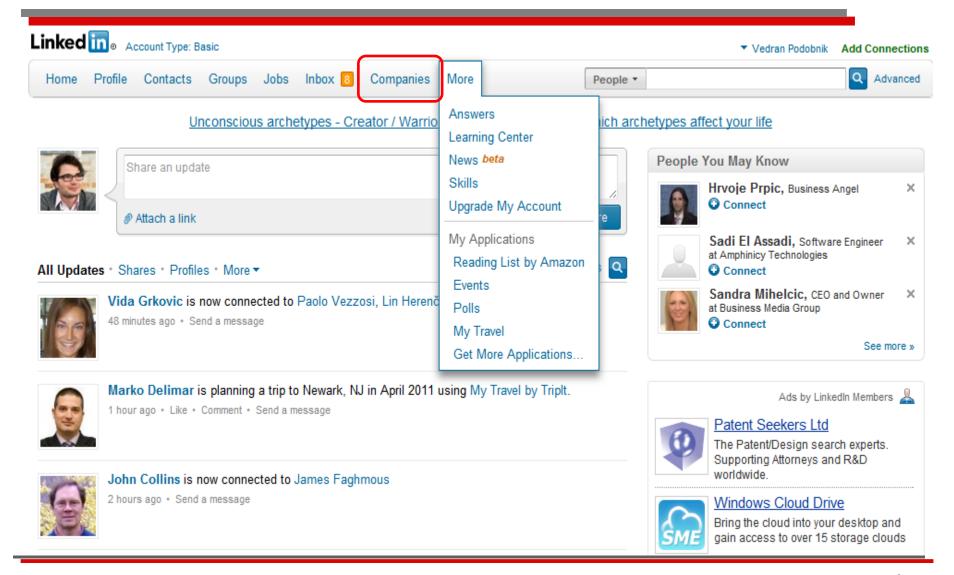
#### Social networking enabled by ICT











Internal CSN – a definition



- Internet vs. intranet
  - external CSN vs. internal CSN
- Internal CSN (community/employee network)
  - "social intranet"
    - identifying and encouraging "star" employees
    - maintaining the corporate knowledge pool
    - sharing company and employee news and press releases
    - stimulating ideation (idea generation)
    - improving communication, transparency, trust and empowerment of employees by flattening company hierarchy

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*Internal CSN – examples* 



- 24% companies already have internal CSN (\*)
  - competitive advantage
  - "it's all about the people"
- Google Moma
- Yahoo! Backyard
- IBM Beehive
- Microsoft Web + Townquare

\* 2010 Intranet 2.0 Global Study

Part of a comprehensive responsibility strategy



- effectively communicating organization's efforts
- maximizing the return on organization's initiatives
- sharing organization's commitment and results
  - an easy and inexpensive way to
    - effectively target interested audience
    - shape a specific message around the results your company is achieving

#### http://apps.facebook.com/godisnjak



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# Why responsible communities need social networking?



Just seven years ago, Zuckerberg's Facebook did not even exist

"For connecting more than half a billion people and mapping the social relations among them, for creating a new system of exchanging information and for changing how we live our lives", Mark Zuckerberg was named TIME's 2010 Person of the Year





The importance of social networking in peoples' everyday lives (1)

- 47% of online adults use social networking sites (\*)
- 73% of teens and young adults are a member of at least one social network (\*)

 breaking the barrier of "borders, languages and cultures"

 social networking as a tool for fostering social responsibility

\* Pew Internet Project surveys



The importance of social networking in peoples' everyday lives (2)

 social networking consumes twice as much of our online time as any other activity

Rank	SubCategory	Share of Time June 2010	Share of Time June 2009	% Change in Share of Time
1	Social Networks	22.7%	15.8%	43%
2	Online Games	10.2%	9.3%	10%
3	E-mail	8.3%	11.5%	-28%
4	Portals	4.4%	5.5%	-19%
5	Instant Messaging	4.0%	4.7%	-15%
6	Videos/Movies	3.9%	3.5%	12%
7	Search	3.5%	3,4%	1%
8	Software Manufacturers	3.3%	3.3%	-0%
9	Multi-category Entertainment	2.8%	3.0%	-7%
10	Classifieds/Auctions	2.7%	2.7%	-2%
	Other	34.3%	37.3%	-8%

Popular social networks in numbers



#### Facebook

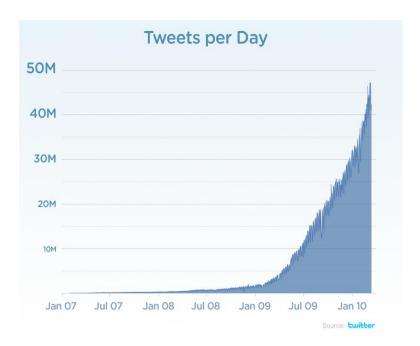
- 500+ million active users
  - the average user spends more than55 minutes per day on Facebook
- over 1.5 million business pages

#### Twitter

- 200 million registered users
- 150 million tweets (March 2011) sent per day
  - 1750 tweets per second

#### LinkedIn

■ 90+ million professionals, including all Fortune 500 companies





# Examples of existing social network services for encouraging and enabling social responsibility

# Examples (1)

#### Global Disaster Relief on Facebook



#### http://www.facebook.com/DisasterRelief

- a collaborative resource for individuals, non-profits, governments and industry to raise awareness for those in need around the world
- relief organizations can highlight their needs during times of crisis
- join by becoming a fan and by continuing to support relief efforts along with your friends
  - 500+ thousand fans





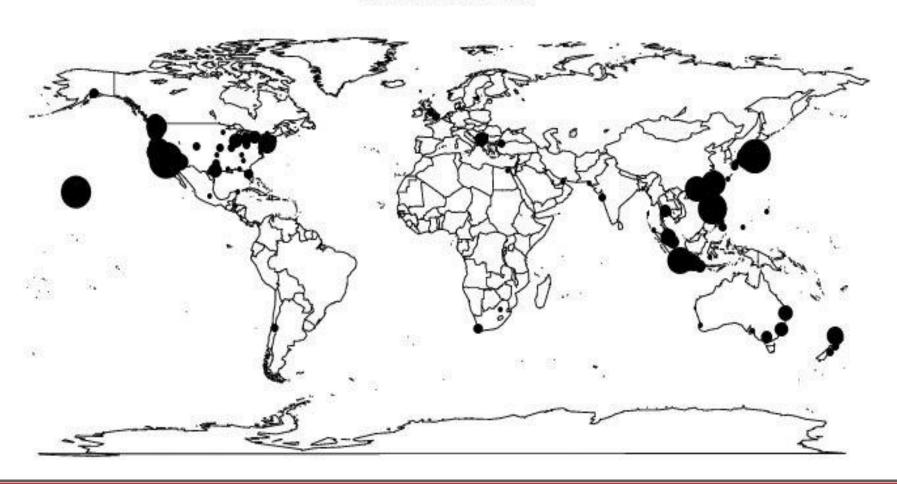
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (1)

- 4.5 million status updates from 3.8 million users across the world on March 11 that mentioned
  - "Japan"
  - "earthquake"
  - "tsunami"

- Most of these status updates shared news, reports and prayers
- For some, Facebook provided a way to quickly get in touch with loved ones in devastated areas

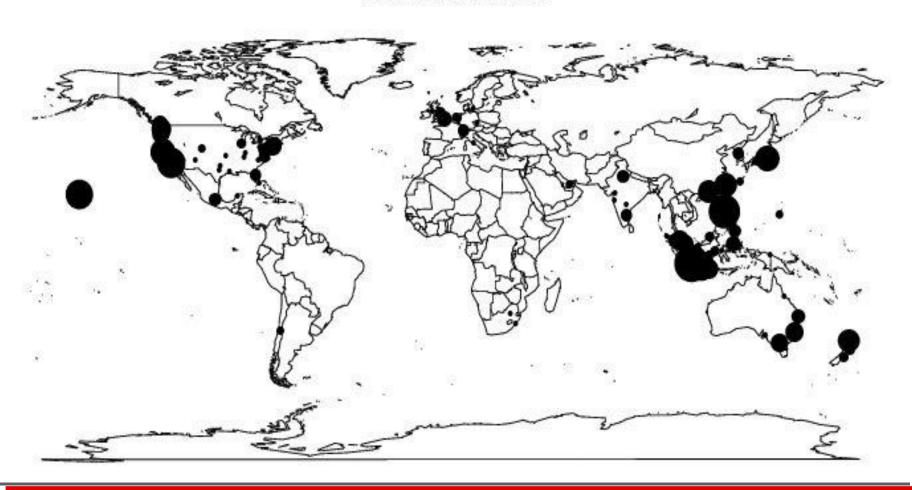
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (2)

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How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (3)

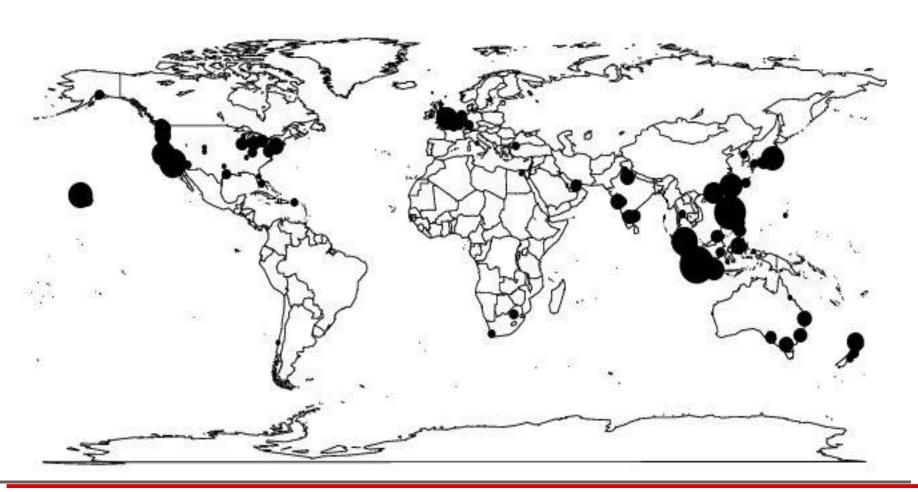
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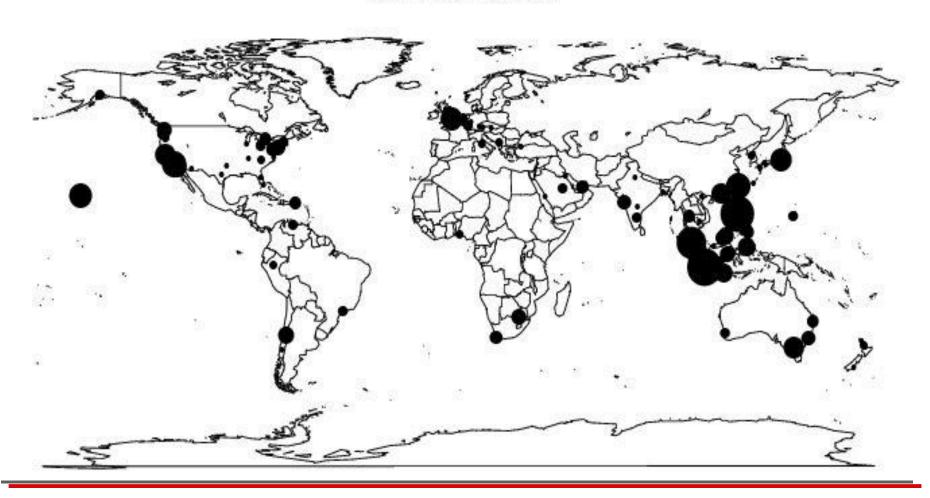
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (4)

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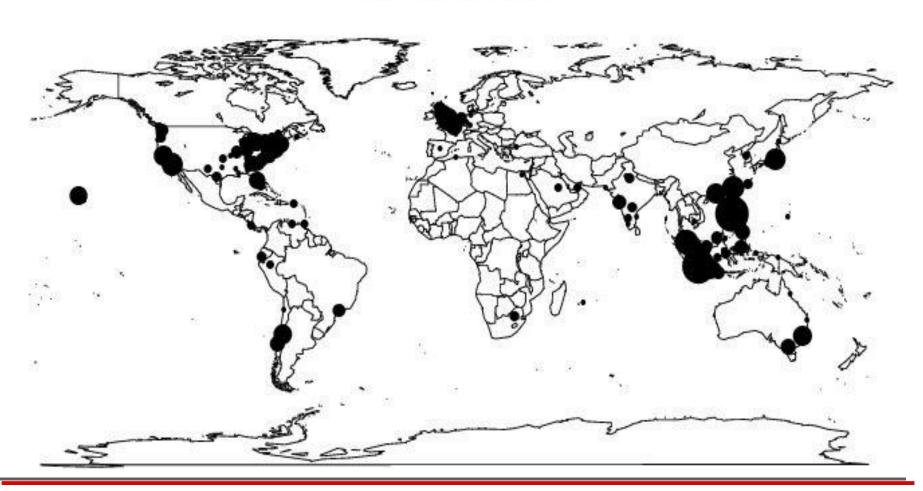
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (5)

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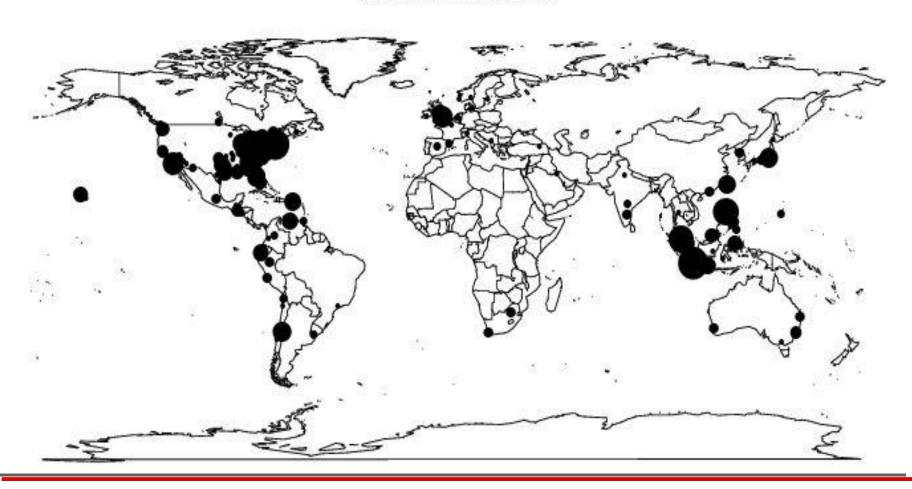
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (6)

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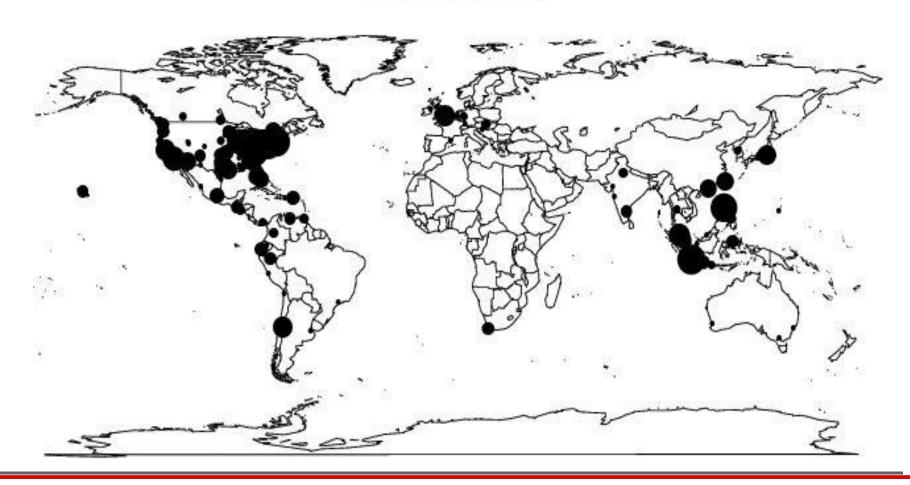
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#### 2011-03-11 05:16:52



How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (8)

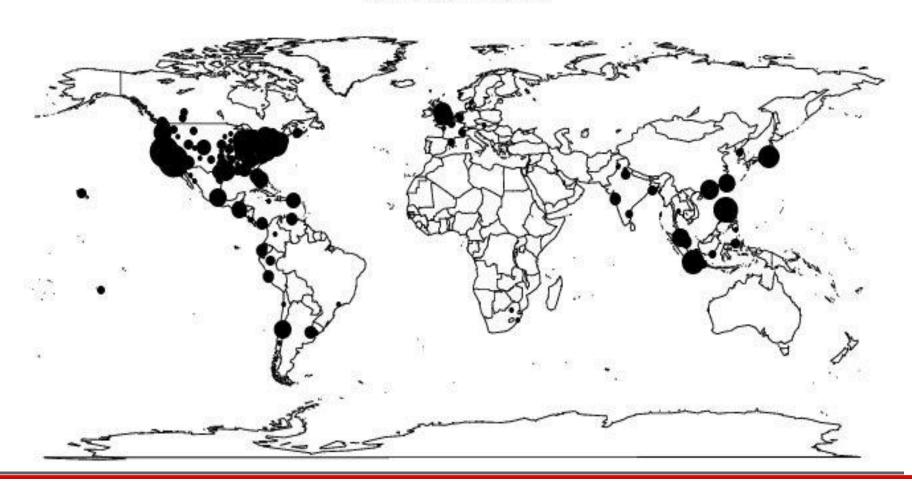
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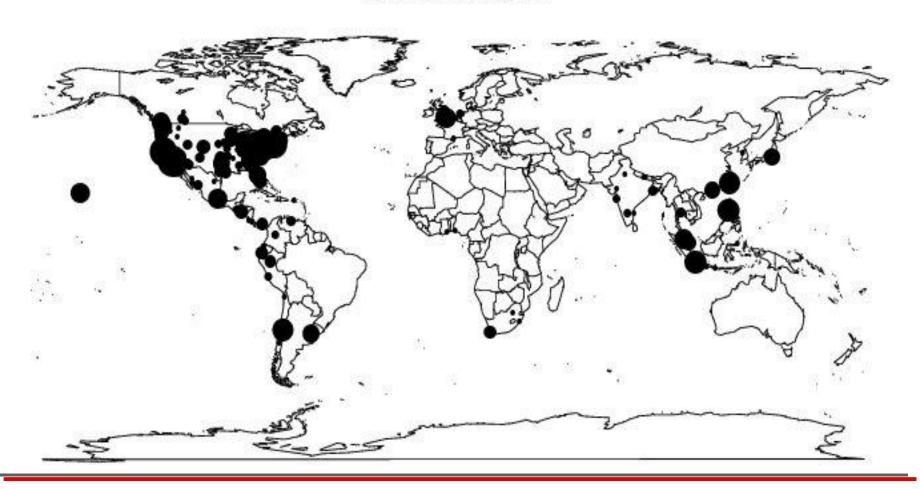
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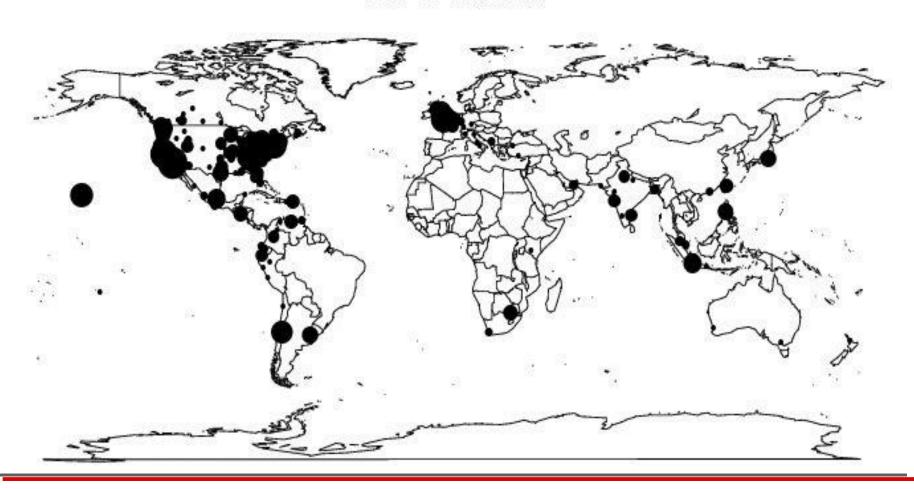
How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (10)

2011-03-11 09:18:38



How news spread on Facebook via status messages? (11)

2011-03-11 12:45:07



# Examples (2)

#### Twitter as a go-to service in emergencies



- a real-time information network that connects users to the latest information about what they find interesting
  - find the most compelling public streams
  - follow the conversations
  - each tweet is 140 characters in length



- convenient service for emergency management
  - enables immediate and intense reaction

Citizens' reaction on Twitter





- Paris Munich

  108

  24

  Tokyo

  1200

  1188
- less than an hour after the quake
  - country's phone system knocked out
  - the number of tweets coming from Tokyo were topping 1200 per minute



Japanese Power Company creates Twitter account for nuclear plant updates

- Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO) has created a Twitter account for its nuclear power plants
  - keeping Japanese residents, and the rest of the world, informed about the plants that were damaged by the March 11 earthquake and tsunami
    - notifying people of power blackouts and radiation leaks
  - amassed almost 200 thousand followers in less than a day
  - TEPCO has sent seven tweets until March 18
- Japan's prime minister created a Twitter account after March 11 earthquake and tsunami, as well

# Examples (3)

#### Facebook Causes



#### http://www.facebook.com/causes

- empowering anyone with a good idea or passion for change to impact the world
  - individuals are enabled to
    - mobilize their friends for collective action
    - spread the word to friends of friends and acquaintances
    - launch movements that span local communities or even the globe
  - 20 million monthly active users



# Examples (3)

#### Facebook Causes – success stories



#### http://exchange.causes.com/resources/success-stories

- the largest cause "The Race to End Cancer"
  - started by Michelle Miles, a 19-year old girl from Arkansas who wanted to help her local children's hospital
  - over 5.9 million members
  - the community has donated over \$60,000
- "Love Without Boundaries Foundation"
- "The Alliance for Climate Protection"
- "Save Darfur Coalition"
- "Friends of the World Food Program"

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# Examples (4)

#### Facebook saved 4-year-old boy's life



- Philip Rice posted the photo of his son, Ted, on Facebook after putting him to bed with a rash
- A family friend, Dr. Sara Barton, recognized it as a symptom of acute lymphocytic leukemia and sent a message saying Ted needed to go to the hospital straight away
- Ted has now started a three-year course of chemotherapy

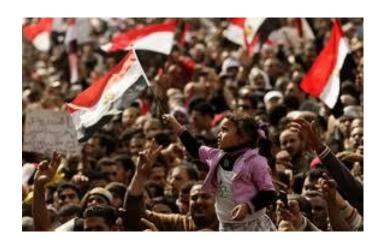


#### Examples (5)



How Facebook and Twitter supported the Egyptian revolution?

 the revolution in Egypt was driven by the use of social networks



- protests began on January 25
  - a flood of #Jan25 and #Egypt tweets was launched
  - creation of Facebook groups that gained hundreds of thousands of members and promoted the protests in Cairo
- the government blocked Facebook and Twitter and eventually shut down Internet access completely
  - Facebook and Twitter users found ways to work around the blackout

#### **Conclusions**



# No conclusions now, workshops are in front of us!