Online Tools

Introduction to Social Media







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Our Goals

- Explore the importance of social media in reaching online audiences and their appropriate uses
- Learn some basic workflows for common social media tools that you can use in your work
- Demonstrate a process framework for coordinating social media
- Answer your questions



Today's Agenda

- We're going to talk about:
 - Using social media as a tool
 - Compare common online communications tools
 - Social media workflows





What is Social Media?

- Online platforms that enable users to communicate, share, and collaborate with friends, friends of friends, even strangers
 - Social Media (YouTube, Flickr)
 - Sharing digital content
 - Social Networks (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn)
 - Having conversations
 - ▶ The lines blur :^)

What is Social Media Today?



- Conversations with people online
 - Social media
- Made for people, not organizations
 - It's not going to work perfectly
- Not your virtual megaphone





Advantages of Social Media

- Get Relevant News
 - Allows you to receive curated news from other people in your issue space
- Increase Exposure
 - Gives you easy access to new networks of people through sharing
- Generate Conversation & Feedback
 - Allows two-way conversations



Caveats of Online Tools

Can take a lot of time

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- Time = Money
- Big corporations who want your data
 - You are the product



- There are billion of tools
 - Which ones do we need?







Limitations of Online Organizing



- Digital Divides
 - Never forget who is left out by "e" strategies
- Trust relationships are best built in person
 - Online organizing is most effective when it leverages established social networks and communities
- Each community and campaign is different
 - Your mileage will vary



Social Media Housekeeping

- Lock down your virtual real estate
 - Reserve any accounts you could envision using now or in the future
 - Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Flickr
- Set them up to look like a family
 - Strive for name consistency, usually an organizational domain name







Facebook



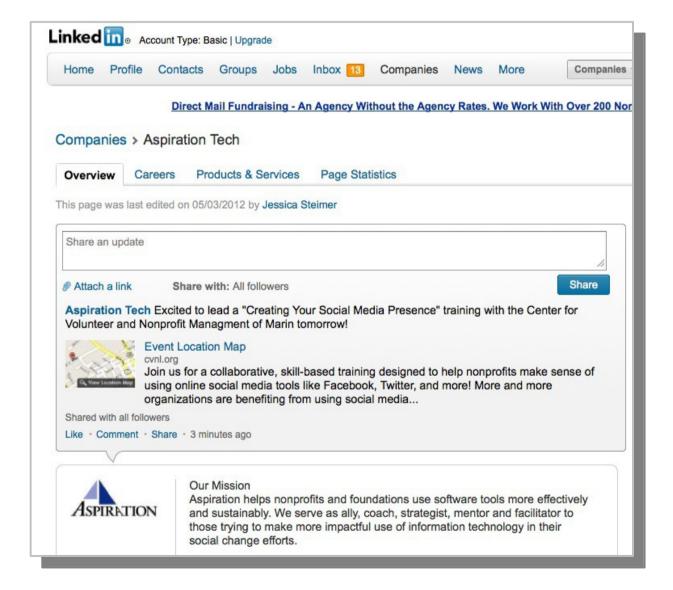


Twitter



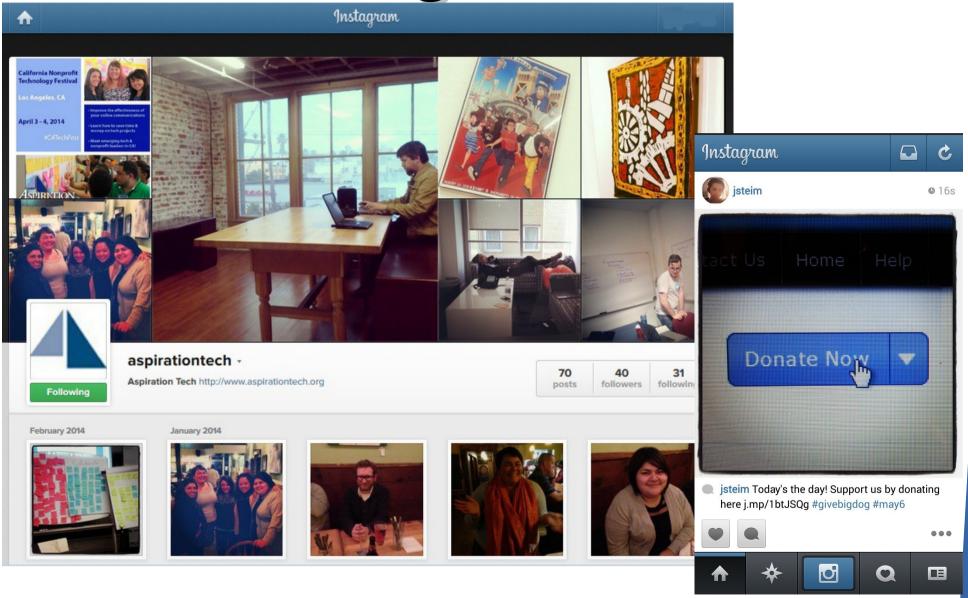


LinkedIn





Instagram





Recap

- Remember to define your social media goals to make the most of your time/resources
- Don't feel like you have to be on everything
 - Baby steps; Bite off as much as you can chew
- Think about which tool is right for your goals and audiences



Thank You!

Questions?

▶Comments?



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