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## IP3.0: Unlocking the Value of Good Ideas

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## Introductions who's here?



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#### **Chris Jones**

Guest Speaker - Charlotte, NC Author; Consultant in Technology & Organization Change

#### **Participants**

from domains of Library Sciences, Competitive Intelligence, KM, Innovation

#### **Learning Objectives**

Key trends in IP & KM Accelerating collaboration Understanding "solution language"

## **AGENDA**



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Baseline :10

The Value of Good Ideas :30

**Evolution of Ideas** 

IP1.0 Ideas as Property | IP2.0 Commons Era | IP3.0 Possibilities

**Evolution of Markets** 

IP3 Building Blocks (for a Knowledge Economy)

Culture | Trust | Intention | Structure & Flow | Diverse Roles

**IP3 Solution Language** 

Can KM Play?

Historical Challenges | KM Evolution

**Synthesis** 

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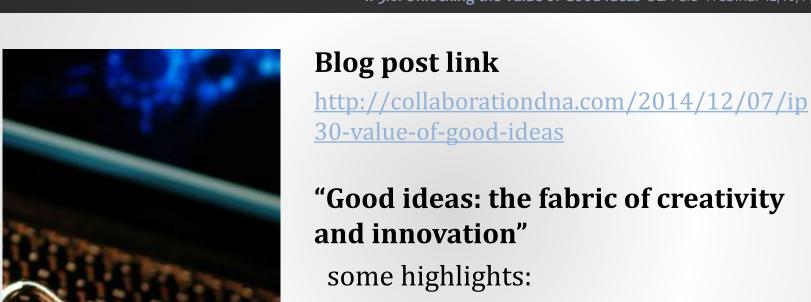
Can We Change the Rules?

Actions | Ideas | Q&A | Resources

# Baseline some background framing



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- Three eras of IP past, present and future
- Evolution, from Jefferson to Steven B. Johnson (or full circle?)
- Five forces
- KM challenges & opportunities
- Building blocks

## Baseline working definitions



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## **Intellectual Property**

Legal framework to assign ownership rights to creators of content (aka ideas) in the arts & sciences

## **Competitive Intelligence**

Research discipline associated with locating relevant ideas in the market to enhance stakeholder value (e.g. competitive advantage)

## **Knowledge Management**

Business discipline promoting the study, development and reuse of ideas in an organization

"The limits of my language (are) the limits of my world."

- L.Wittgenstein

## Baseline working .. to connect the dots ..



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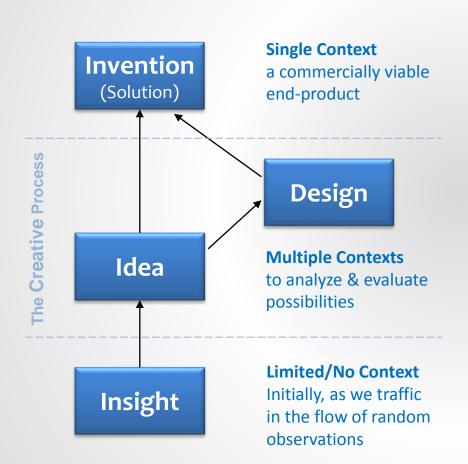
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## Baseline .. aided by a visual version



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## A picture\* and some thoughts on the creative process

Inventions evolve from humble beginnings

- Insight as raw material
- Idea as an insight developed and evaluated in multiple contexts; a working abstraction
- Design as generalization, how might the idea work?
- Invention: the final commercial solution

## **Evolutionary Forces**



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# Evolution of Ideas IP1.0 Ideas as Property (Control)



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#### In Historical Perspective

- Legal underpinnings first appeared and developed in 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century England
- Built on natural rights principles of John Locke
- Included in the U.S. Constitution
- Jefferson offered alternative views (to no avail)
- Further evolved in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Commonplace globally in the 20<sup>th</sup>

#### **U.S.** Constitution

Article 1, Sec. 8.

Congress shall have the power to .. promote the progress of science and useful arts, by securing for limited times to authors and inventors the exclusive right to their respective writings and discoveries;

#### **Thomas Jefferson**

Letter to Isaac McPherson Aug. 1813

- Stable ownership is the gift of social law, and is given late in the progress of society.
- If nature has made any one thing less susceptible than all others of exclusive property, it is the action of the thinking power called an idea ..
- He who lights his taper at mine, receives light without darkening me.
- That ideas should freely spread from one to another over the globe, for the moral and mutual instruction of man .. seems to have been .. designed by nature, like fire, expansible over all space ..

# Evolution of Ideas IP1.0 Ideas as Property (Control)



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#### In Practice

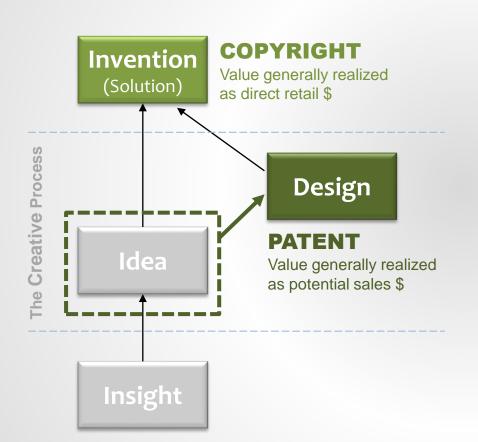
- Seeks to protect financial stake of content creator
- Creates a virtual monopoly for a limited period, as incentive to invest
- 4 commercial examples

Commercial IP Type	Period of Protection	Nature of Protection	Domain of Usage	Conventional Concerns	New Thinking
Patent	17 years	Exclusive right to use design	Manufacturing Pharma	Period too short to cover high R&D costs	Are we stranding our best ideas?
Copyright	70 years + author's life	Exclusive right to copy	Authors Artists	Period too long	
Trademark	perpetual	Exclusive right to use	Corporate Brands	Ability to mimic	
Trade Secret	perpetual	Anti-theft	Corporations	Ability to identify / label	

# Evolution of Ideas IP1.0 Ideas as Property (Control)



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## Our IP picture, updated in the property context

Value implied at different stages of development

- Tangible (financial) value applied at different stages of development
- Ideas in the pipeline linked to potential patents are closely controlled
- Upstream insights generally ignored

## Evolution of Ideas IP2.0 Commons Era (Intent to Share)



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## **General Approach**

- Promotes culture for sharing and "mash-up"
- Introduces alternative license structures to promote sharing

#### **Puts & Takes**

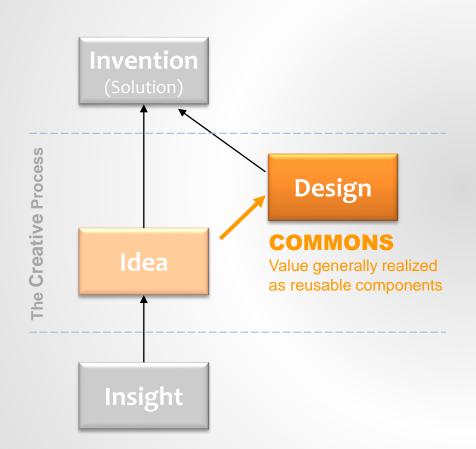
Momentum evident in key areas

Notable Initiatives	Approach	Examples of Usage	From	Concerns to Date
Creative Commons	License to share	© creative commons	2001	Still changing Lack of governance
Social Networks	Shared content	Wikipedia, WordPress Flickr	2006	Loss of attribution (who originally wrote this?)
Software	Sharable software OS & routines	GNU/Linux, Apache, BSD OSi, FSF	1985	Availability of support Legal enforcement
High Cost Research	Shared research results	Human Genome Project	1990	

# **Evolution of Ideas**IP2.0 Commons Era (Intent to Share)



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## Our IP picture, now in the context of the commons

Once again, value is recognized at differing stages

- Reusable components are most commonly recognized and useful at the Design stage
- Ideas are often abstract, and difficult to quantify or capture, even if to be "given away"
- Copyright continues to provide the basis for sharing e.g. "some rights reserved"
- Upstream insights continue to be ignored

Adapted from: Taxonomy of Collaboration Outcomes

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# Evolution of Ideas IP3.0 Possibilities (Collaboration)



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## **Framing the Future**

- Market Integration redefining commercial competition in segments that do not require it
- Public-Private Partnerships, Consortiums creating ecosystems spawning common ground for innovation, for mutual benefit (OSi, HGP)
- Commons Era Successful, and Expanding stabilizing & refining; adapting
- Smaller Scale embracing agility over critical mass

#### **Collaborative Networks**

- Blogging Community venue for exchange of ideas
- Twitter venue for exchange of insights (and ideas, via links)

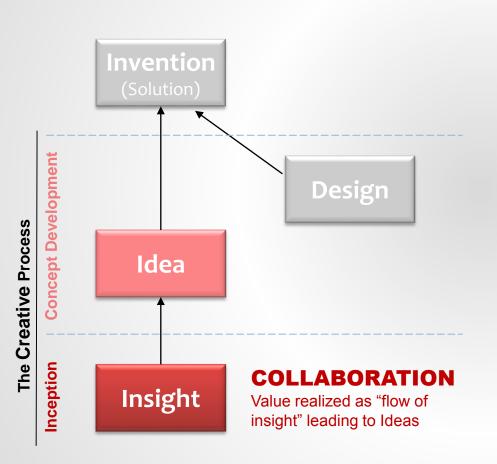
## **Toward a Knowledge Economy**

- Trading of Insights & Ideas redefining value; creation of knowledge markets
- Insights as Currency new measures of value, mechanisms to transact

# Evolution of Ideas IP3.0 Possibilities (Collaboration)



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## Our IP picture, updated in the collaborative context

Value delivered at the earliest stages of development

- Moving the creative process upstream
- Acknowledging where true exchange of knowledge takes place (people working together)
- While difficult to monetize, gains are real, intuitive, and often rapid

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## **Evolution of Ideas**IP trends show fundamental shifts



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## IP1.0 Controlling

Win-Lose model
Basic commercial
construct

Baked into current org culture and mindset

Thrives in commoditized (pie slicing) environments

**Pervasive** 

## IP2.0 **Sharing**

Win-Win Model, but Risk-Taking required

Starts shift in culture & mindset

Acknowledges mutual benefit, common ground

Sets stage for change (step improvement)

## IP3.0 **Collaborating**

Collaboration as priority

Requires new culture & mindset

Re-valuation of knowledge w/ new currencies

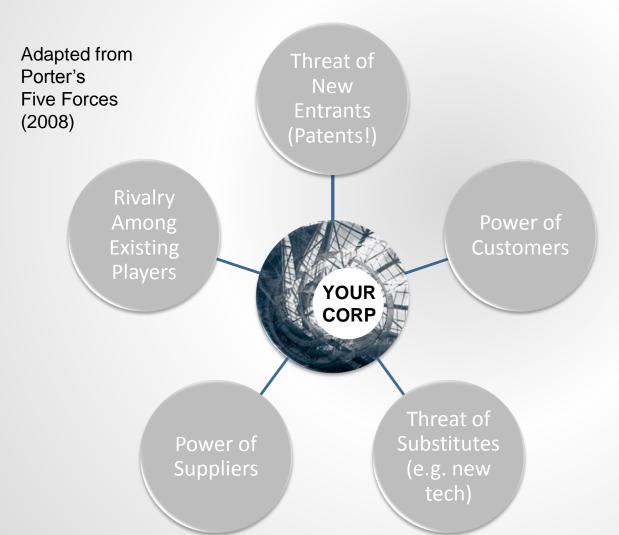
Trust is fundamental

Unlocks learning & innovation

## Evolution of Markets How do we model them?



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## Porter - a traditional model for competitive factors

Ability to influence these forces defines potential for profitability in a given industry

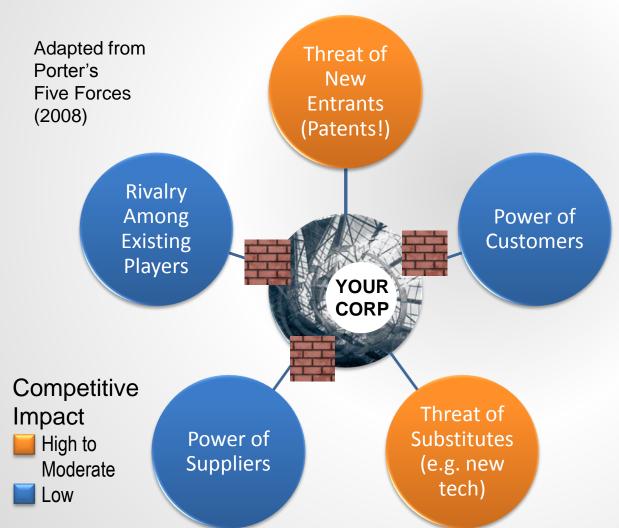
Intuitive, time tested

- To explore trends over time, let's look briefly at all 5 forces that might impact the competitive advantage held by a company
- We'll call it "Your Corp"

# Evolution of Markets 20th Century (then)



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#### Historically ..

- Relying on barriers to entry (e.g., patents) was effective
- Corporate Information hidden behind brick walls, helped protect IP



 Suppliers, Competitors, (often Customers!) in the dark; interface via sales, orders and POs

## Evolution of Markets 21st Century (now)



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#### More recently ..

- Information exchange lets suppliers, customers & competitors know more
- Opportunity for substitutes follows relentless climb
- Relying on past barriers to entry (patents) less and less valuable
- Firewall replaces brick wall for competitors, but more external stakeholders can peer inside for a better look



## IP3 Building Blocks



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# Core Elements keys to an emerging Knowledge Economy

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- Culture (change)
- Trust
- Intention
- Structure & Flow (Adaptive)
- Diverse Roles (Adaptive)

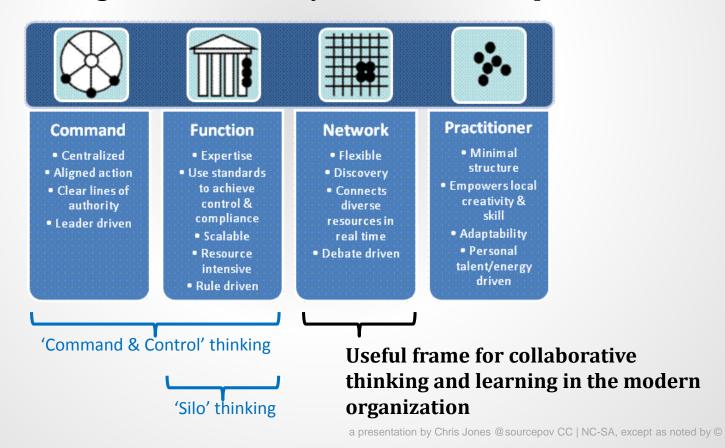


## **Culture** key organizational dynamic



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**Organization & Industry Culture** take many forms. These four archetypes (adapted from Handy, 1980) are visible in most large enterprises and organizations. Can you think of examples?



# Culture key challenge for unlocking flow



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# The Silo-based Model drives many of the isolationist behaviors in the modern organization.

- Fundamental in Western scientific & academic thought
- Core to engineering & manufacturing practice (break down problems, create functional experts, control process to degree possible, eliminate variance)
- Core to our common organizational "mental model"
- Working synonym for bureaucracy
- Only model that functions with scale
- Leads to calcification (self-sustaining behaviors)
- While not a "wrong" model, it can be limiting to innovation and highly resistant to change

## Trust mandatory for deeper engagement



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# TRUST is the basis for long-term, open and productive working relationships

Covey's model in "Speed of Trust" (2006) is based on 4 pillars

And his powerful grounding metaphor:

- "Trust is like a bank account"
- We make Deposits
- We make Withdrawals



## Intention from risk-averse to risk-enabled cultures



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#### Ensure clarity of intended change - classic Kotter, step 3 of 8

A simple **old vs. new** frame can be a highly effective tool for change initiatives or to enhance basic collaborative problem-solving (as input, to guide thinking .. or to help frame outputs, to ground and explain outcomes ..)

# Silo Thinking (old behavior) Information is hoarded Don't ask, don't tell Communicate only through channels Protocol trumps insight sharing Fear of crossing boundaries



## Structure & Flow seeking a balance point



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- Both are needed
- Structure guides and focuses effort
- Flow enables emergence of new, unexpected results
- Entire process is flexible, adaptive, non-restrictive
- Structure needed (at end) for synthesis to "harvest the fruit" aka takeaways

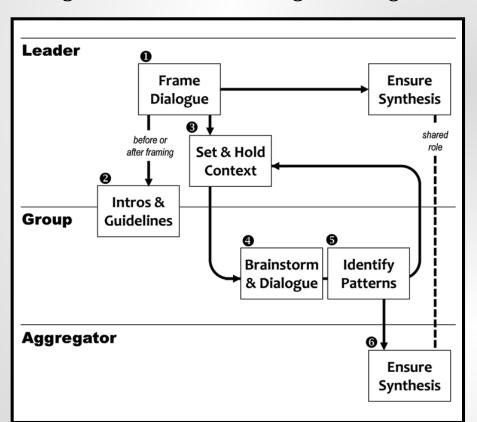


For some related thinking, see also: Kurt Lewin re: Action Research (1946) ("unfreeze, change, refreeze" model .. a "spiral of steps")

# Structure vs. Flow Emergent results need an adaptive process

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**This light-weight PROCESS for problem solving** reduces reliance on structure and provides more flexible "loop back" mechanisms. *The group can change course as new insights are gained.* 



Contrast this with a **factory model**, which seeks to produce precisely the same result each time, with minimal variance.

The models are opposed ..
Yet so often we interchange them.

Light-weight Collaboration Process from FIGURE 21 | © 2012 The DNA of Collaboration

# Diverse Roles mix contributions for unique outcomes



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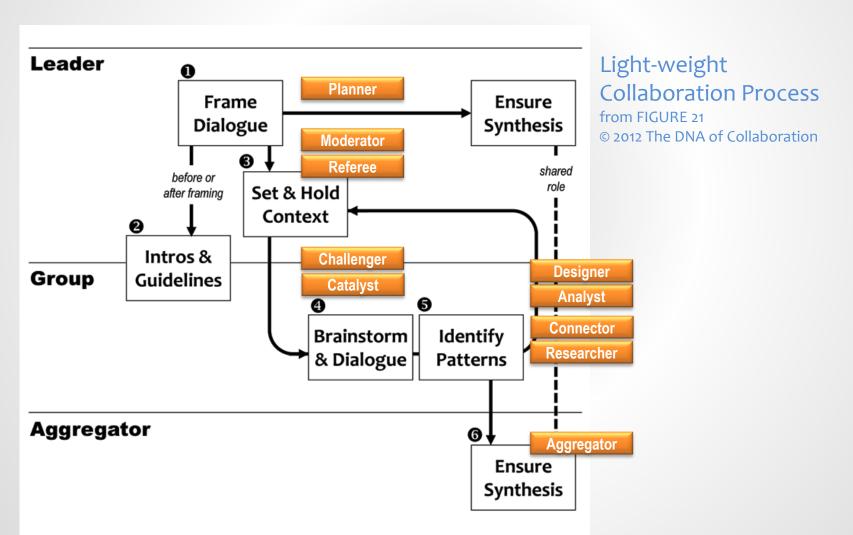
Several **collaborative ROLES** serve to fuel, advance & redirect flow of discovery, with key benefits: *everyone participates* and *common ground* increases with visibility to shared roles.



## Adaptation alive & well in a process model



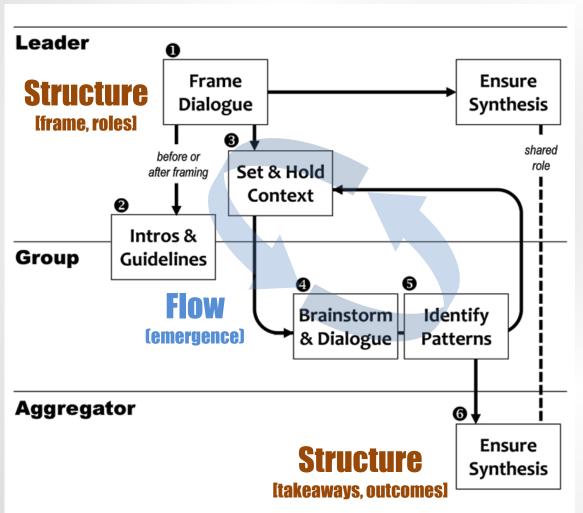
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## Structure & Flow within process models



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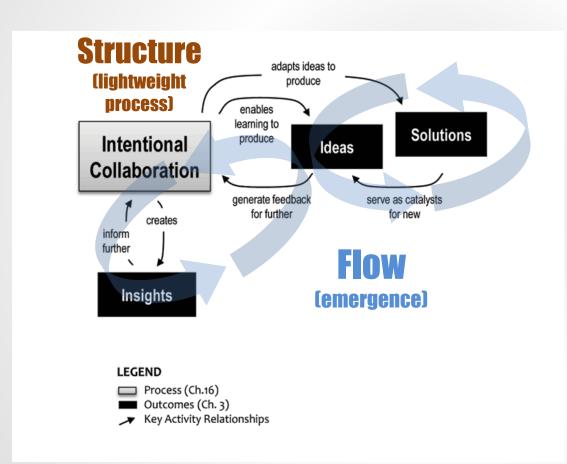


Light-weight
Collaboration Process
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## Structure & Flow within process models



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Visualizing the
Flow of Insights
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## Knowledge Management



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# KM Challenges historically bound by silo-thinking



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#### **OLD KM**

# Usually top-down & directed Birds of a feather the predominant meme Working In Silos

- PM
- Developer
- Engineers

#### **Specific focus**

- Content Accumulation
- Capture/Store/Codify/Share Knowledge
- Conversation / Lunch & Learn
- Seek to achieve Best Practice

## Catalog old ideas Quasi-productive, but limited in reach



**Bottom-up in nature** (generally self-organizing)

**Encourage cross-over**participation (NOT birds of a feather)

- Ecosystem
- Cross-functional (skunk-works)
- Addresses collaboration across silos

#### Diverse areas of focus

- Industry trends, capabilities, issues
- Industry transformation
- Seek to define best practice

Generate new ideas
Collaborative



# KM Process Evolution network model exposes new approaches



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Traditional KM	KN Convergence Zone	ENSURE FLOW	Social Networks
Taxonomy	Hybrid user driven extensions		"Folksonomy" & real-time tagging
IT-driven	Aligned w/ business functions		User-driven
Top-down	360 degree, top-down, bottom-up,		Bottom-up
	sideways		
Company-centric	Business Function-centric		User-centric
Departmental portals within	Integrated collaboration hubs as part of		People connect, share and make new
organizational domains	well-designed knowledge networks		discoveries
Primarily text	Multi-media		Rich media, graphics, audio & video
Static	<b>Dynamic</b> (static and interactive)		Interactive
Search KM repository	Integrated workspace with ability to		Inquire in company and personal
	search, aggregate links, and engage		network, social media, wiki, IM, email
People participate because	People seek and find insight in real time		People participate because it is
they are told to	organically as the need arises		rewarding
Knowledge is governed	Knowledge emerges via intentional collaboration, w/ light governance		Knowledge must be filtered, and trust
			relationships established
Knowledge is taken from	Knowledge is available via ubiquitous		Knowledge is built incrementally and
source and stored in a	and intuitive aggregation, with		opportunistically, as new inferences
repository	oversight by a curator		are made

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## **IP3 Solution Language**



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## Solution Language in search of common ground



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## Visualizing change, we can both imagine and articulate a target future state

- Messaging is key to communicate intent
- Metaphor and visual frameworks can help us ground the more abstract ideas
- Solution language paints our new ideas on the future landscape
  - defining the solution what phrasing will best capture and convey the intent of our design?
  - o engaging new stakeholders
  - o creating common ground
  - creating good will

# Solution Language shaping a new Knowledge Economy



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Focus & Intention

#### Strong Relationships



Diverse Roles Structure & Flow





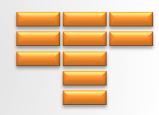
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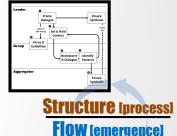
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Empathy

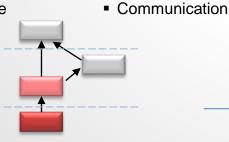
Listening







- Visualizing Change
- Messaging
- Solution Language
- Common Ground



- Culture (change)
- Scaffolding
- New Paradigms
- Metaphors
- Visual Metaphors
- Adaptive Models

- Critical Thinking
- Catalyst
- Designer
- Connector
- Moderator
- etc.

- Avoiding rigid solutions
- Flexible iterations
- Direction can evolve
- Seek to leverage diverse, shifting roles



## **SYNTHESIS**

## critical that we capture key insights



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#### **IDEAS**

- Evolution of IP >> IP3 = Collaboration >> Intellectual Capital?
- Structure & Flow >> Adaptation
- Solution Language
- KM Futures
- **!**?

#### **ACTIONS**

- How might these ideas be applied? enhanced?
- Next steps

## Q&A

#### **RESOURCES**



# Resources good reading on collaborative learning

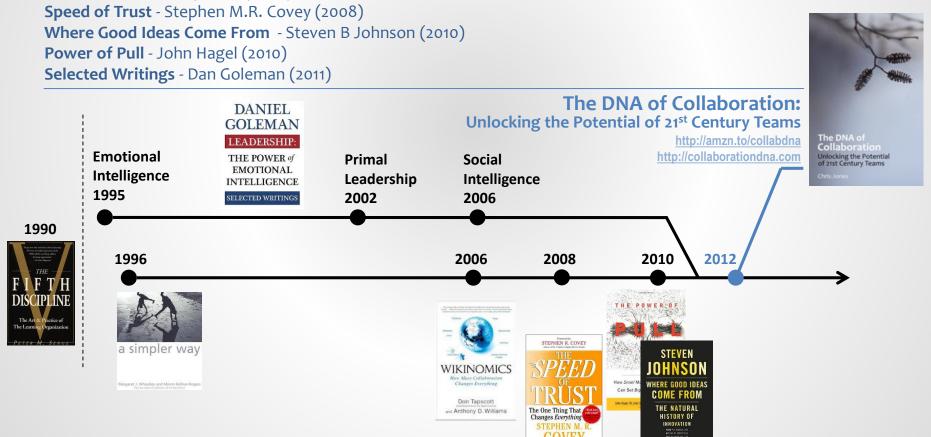


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Fifth Discipline - Peter Senge (1990)

A Simpler Way - Margaret Wheatley (1996)

Wikinomics - Don Tapscott (2006); focus on Ch.4 & Ch.6



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## **Don't Stop Exploring:**

"We need to put our question marks deeper down."

- Wittgenstein



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