



When Blogs and Wikis Don't Tell the Story: Expanding Relationships through Collaboration

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Don't Give Me a Summary, Tell Me a Story

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Steven's Story...



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Other Areas that Suffer from Summarization...

- *Immigrant Experience*
- *Terminal, Catastrophic or Chronic Illness*
- *Pets of Years Past*
- *An Old House or Neighborhood Hangout*
- *The Graduate School Experience*
- *The Social Innovation Experience*
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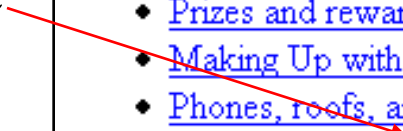
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<p>I was always willing to try new foods, and I would eat anything that Mom would eat. It was something we shared. I really liked cottage cheese on melba toast. I wanted to like tomatoes, 'cuz Mom did, but I just couldn't. One time I opened the refrigerator and found a container of cherry tomatoes. I figured that cherry tomatoes would be sweeter than other tomatoes, because they were smaller. So I picked one up, put it in my mouth, and took a bite. It completely disgusted me and I can still recall the sensation much better than I wish I could. I gagged like Jill did when she cleaned up milk off the kitchen floor.</p>		
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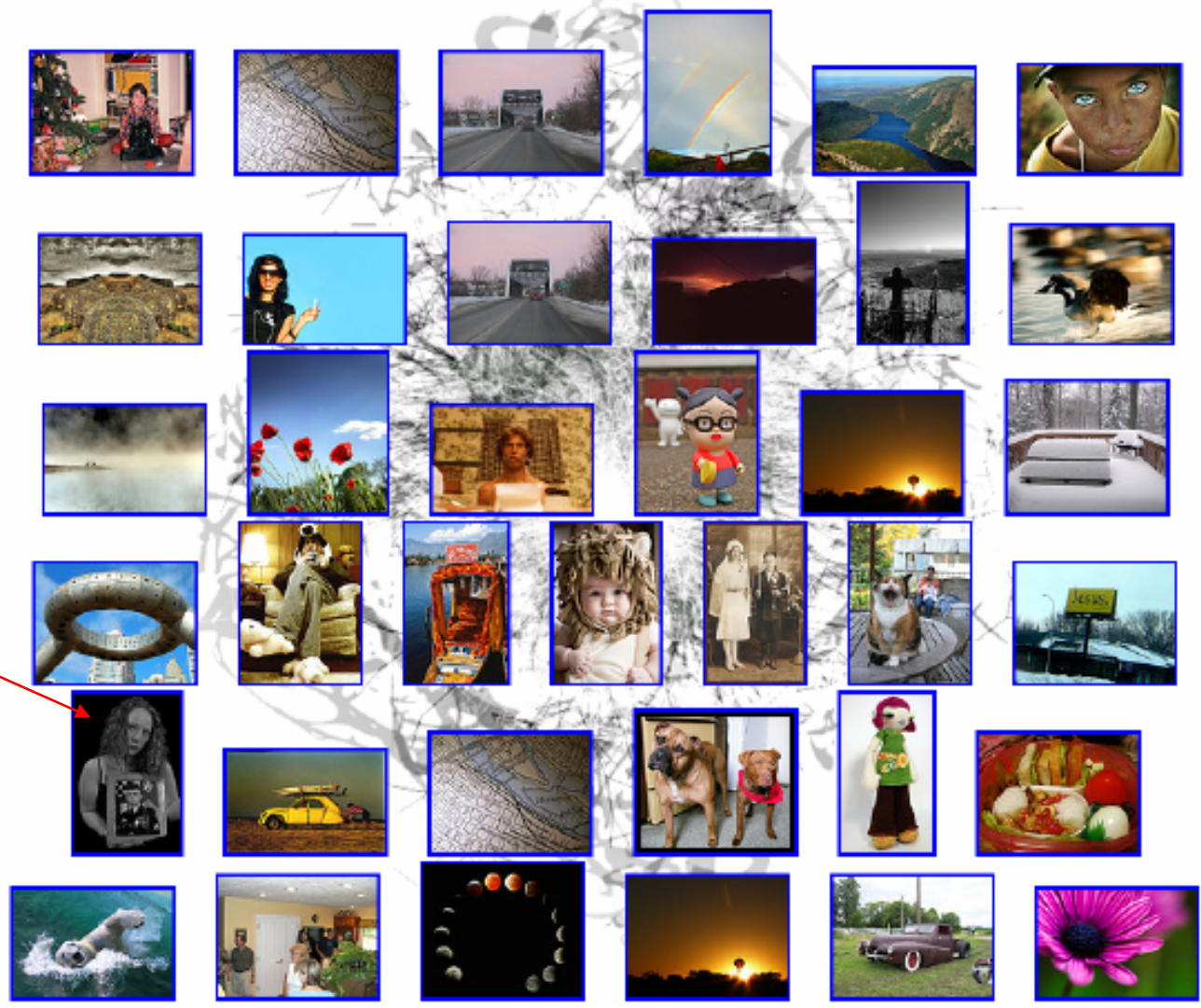
Biography Viewing: Text Cloud



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Story Viewing & Navigation: 1

Pigeon circa 1976 Garage, River North Ct. by Jeff Greenstein

We were in that gigantic Caprice Estate wagon, driving back down the hill where Dalrymple turns into Riverside Drive, when we hit a pigeon -- a sickening thud. When we pulled into the garage, the dead thing was pinned in the grille. Mom was too grossed-out to extract it, so she implored me to do so. I can see the mental image of that dead pigeon in the grille like it was yesterday.


Whenever I try to recall a story about my mother, one of the fir ...

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50-foot phone cord circa 1978 Atlanta by Steven Greenstein

Mom spent a lot of time on the phone. It never felt like too much, though. She used the kitchen phone most often. That's probably why a 50-foot phone cord was chosen for it.

I remember one time that I got I remember that she was sitting on the flight of stairs that went up to the top floor when Dad fell off the roof. I went looking for Mom's really upset, because my I came in to tell her, and I remember her telling the person on the other end of the line, "I gotta go. Lenny fell writings. I was trying to Mom hadn't planned ... off the roof." Or something like that. find out the name of a ...

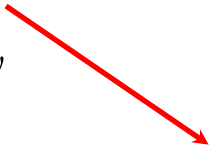
Sometime in the late 70s my brother vanished for about two years. Not kidnapped or anything, he just fell out of favor after numerous attempts at completing college. I think he showed up again in 1980, and while we w ... One of the things I like best about a Showtime series called Weeds is the theme song, Little Boxes. According to Wikipedia, Little Boxes is a song written by Malvina Reynolds in 1962 that "lampoons the development of s ... I have a gustatory memory of my mother. When she

Reclaiming Relationships through Collaboration

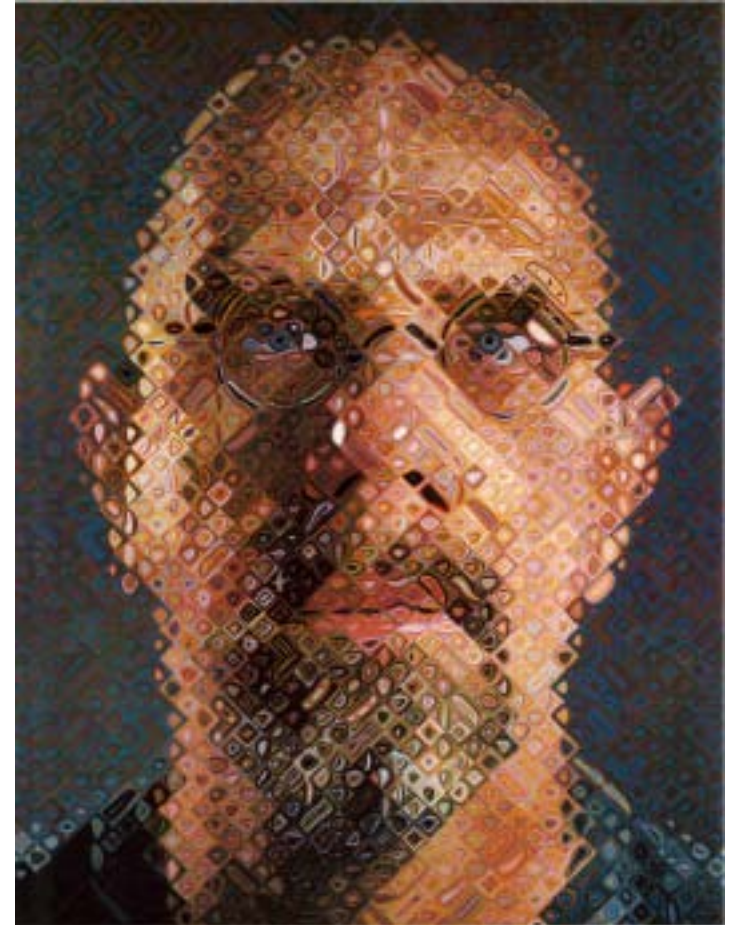
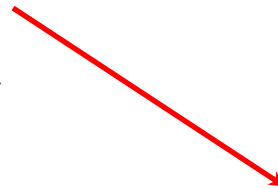
Artistic Metaphor



a single story



several stories



a collaborative biography

*It's like a
Chuck Close Painting*

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The Stories Images Let Us Tell



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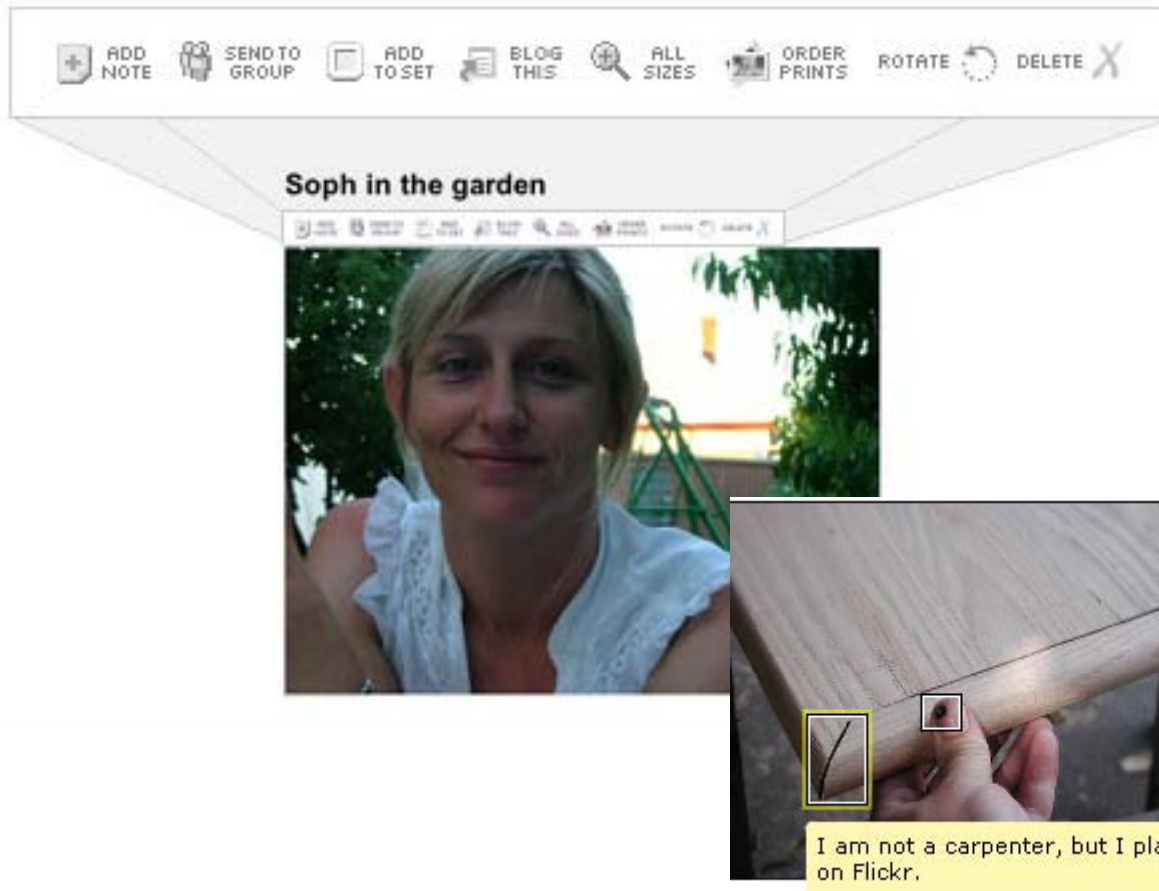
The Other Side of the Image



Christine had nothing on our grocery getter. Every time a charity would offer \$300 for your old vehicle we would plead and beg to give ours to the worthy cause!!!

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Tagging & Partial Referencing



The image shows a screenshot of a photo gallery interface. At the top, there is a toolbar with icons and labels for various actions: ADD NOTE, SEND TO GROUP, ADD TO SET, BLOG THIS, ALL SIZES, ORDER PRINTS, ROTATE, and DELETE. Below the toolbar, the title "Soph in the garden" is displayed. The main area shows a photo of a woman with blonde hair, wearing a white lace top, smiling. A smaller, zoomed-in photo of a wooden surface is overlaid on the bottom right of the main photo. This zoomed-in photo has two small square annotations: a yellow one on the left and a red one on the right. A yellow text box at the bottom of the zoomed-in photo contains the text: "I am not a carpenter, but I play one on Flickr."

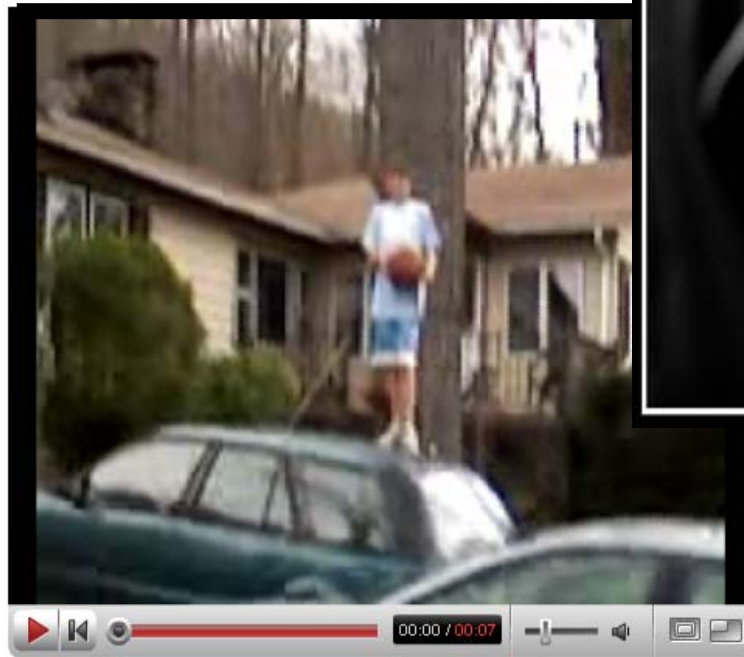
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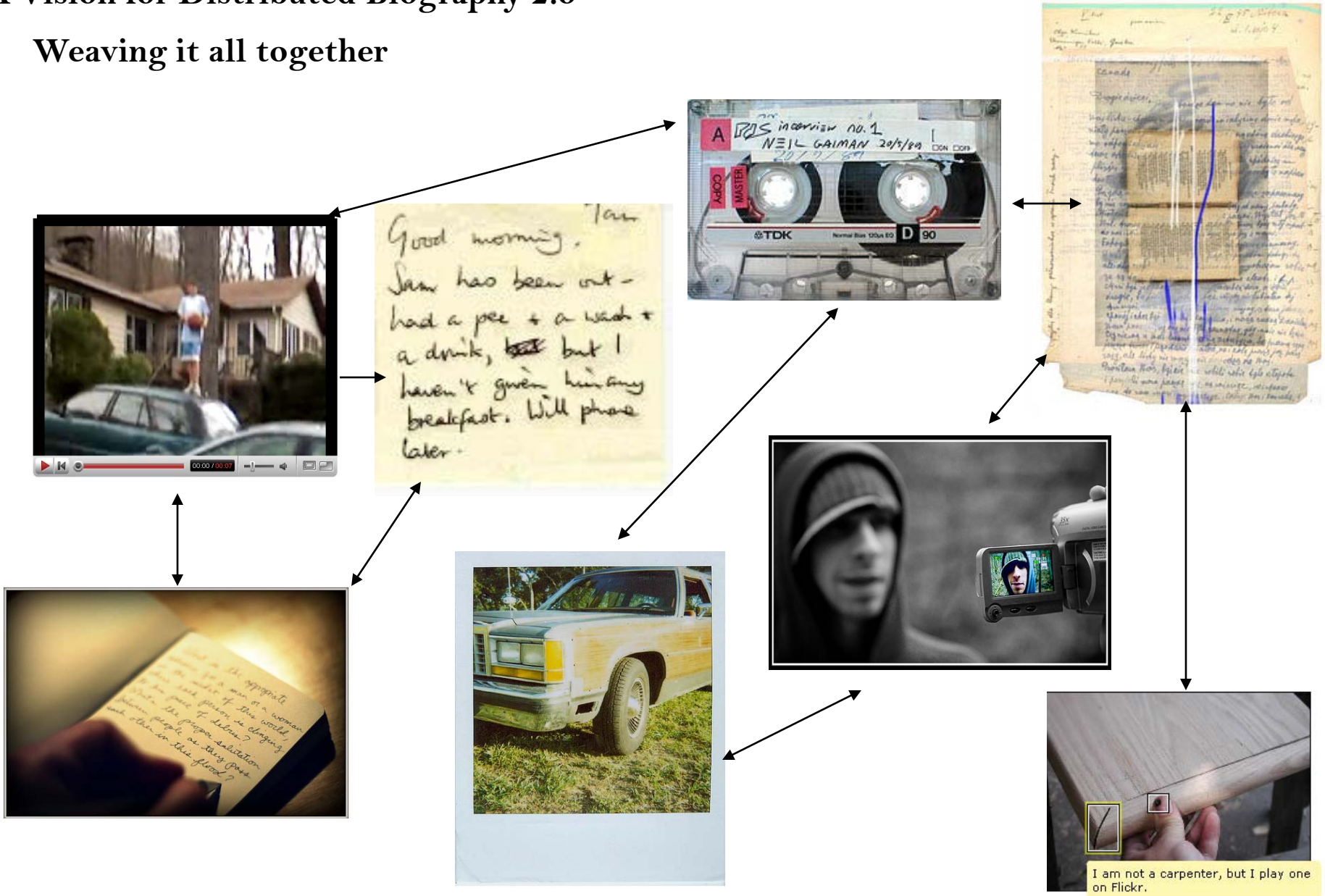
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Video Too



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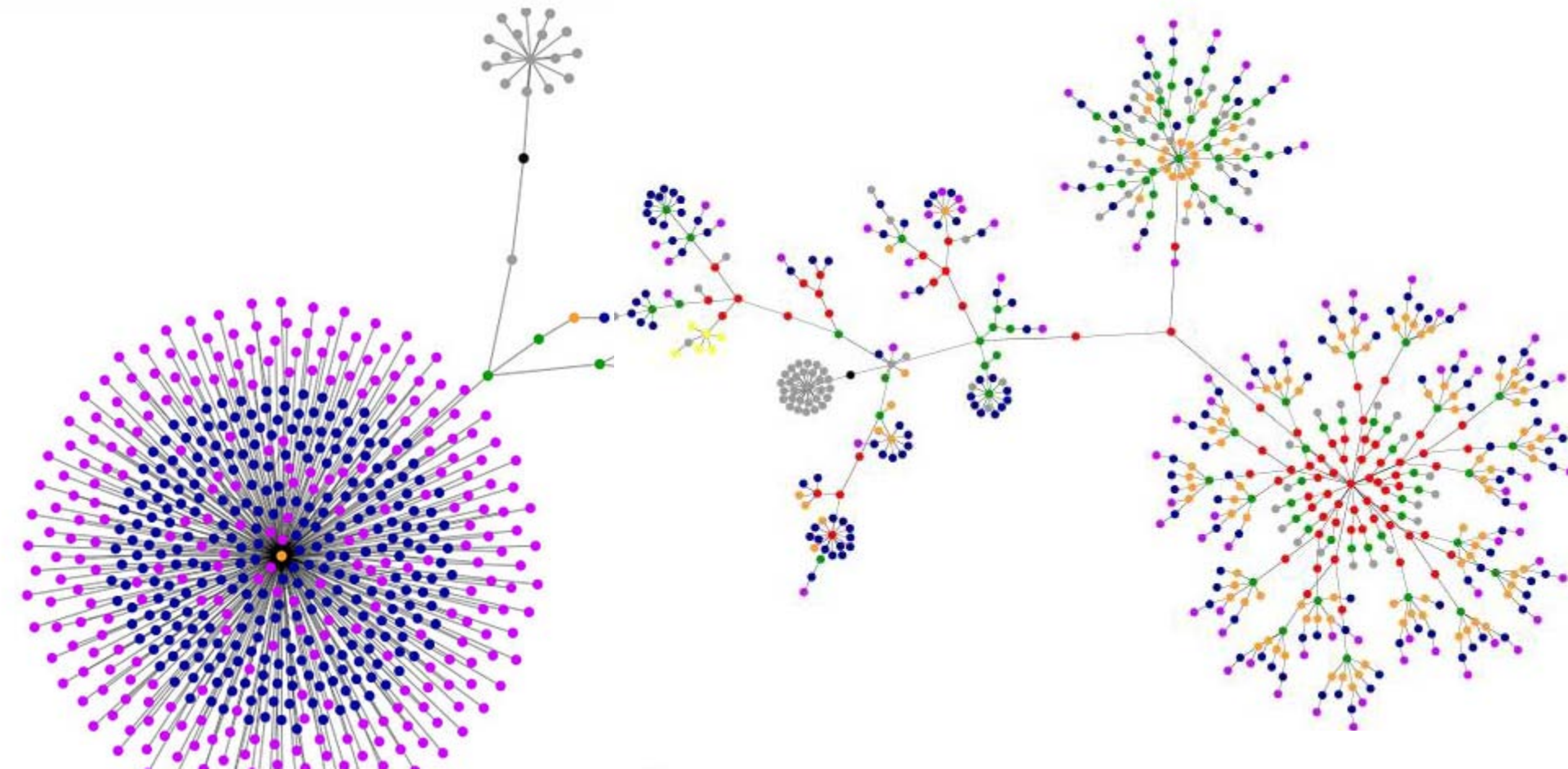
Weaving it all together



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Navigating Possibilities



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Getting There

	Version 1.0 (completed)	Version 2.0
Design / Redesign	35	50
Programming	260	1760
Testing	60	190
Implementation	25	100

**Denotes number of hours of collaborative planning, work or coding required/estimated*

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