HOW BUDDYPRESS WAS BUILT
OVER THE INTERNET

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WHAT IS BUDDYPRESS?

Converts WordPress into a social network with activity stream, groups, private messages, forums, extended user profiles, and much more.
BUDDYPRESS VITAL SIGNS

First commit: 25th March 2008
First release: 30th April 2009
Releases: 41
Commits: 7,132+
Support topics: 31,786+ & 120,223 replies
WORKING IN THE SAME OFFICE

- Easy to walk around
- Easy to arrange meetings
- Easy to record decisions
- Same timezone
- Easy to see each other
WORKING ON THE INTERNET

IMPOSSIBLE TO WALK AROUND

HARD TO ARRANGE MEETINGS

EASY TO RECORD DECISIONS

DIFFERENT TIMEZONES

HARD TO SEE EACH OTHER
LET'S TALK ABOUT COMMUNICATION

FORUMS, IRC, P2, SKYPE, WORDCAMPS.
COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

Forums
Great place for us to have group discussions with end users.

IRC
Ideal for near-realtime public group conversation; meetings, troubleshooting.
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P2 (theme)
Group blogging for short updates, like Twitter. Asynchronous, public.

Skype
Private, back channel. Also keeps us connected socially.
WHAT WE’VE LEARNT

Communication is oxygen. Secrets don’t strengthen your project. Recognise frequent contributors.
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Questions?