# The Santa Barbara County Business Network

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by Mixed Grill Mark Sylvester and Kymberlee Weil A public/private Alliance is being formed to develop The Santa Barbara County Business Network

Initiated by the SB County Department of Housing and Community Development

Focused on Business to Business Connections

Created to retain and grow business in the entire County of Santa Barbara Specifically designed to reduce revenue leakage out of the County







A Rich Internet Application designed by an Alliance of business leaders and service providers

Takes concept of Business Directories to a new level of interactivity

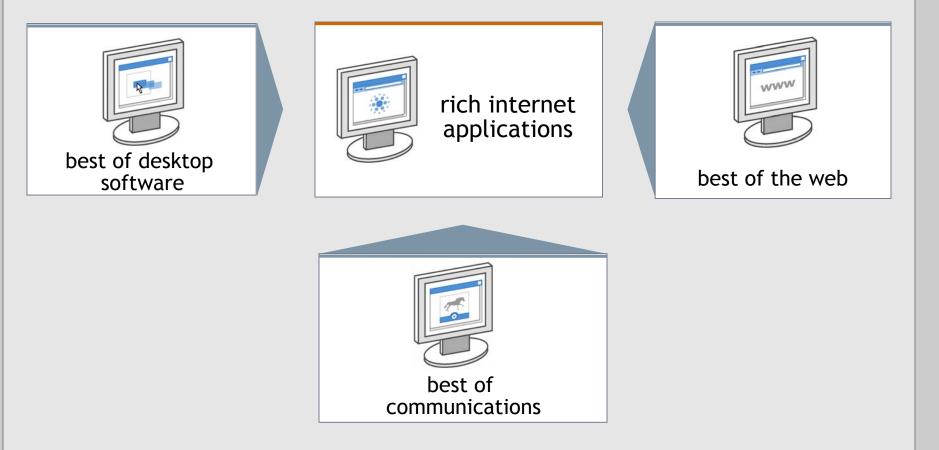
Free to all businesses in the County

Funded by sponsors 3 levels of participation Includes Premium subscriptions enhancing visibility



**Project Description** 







**Rich Internet Applications** 



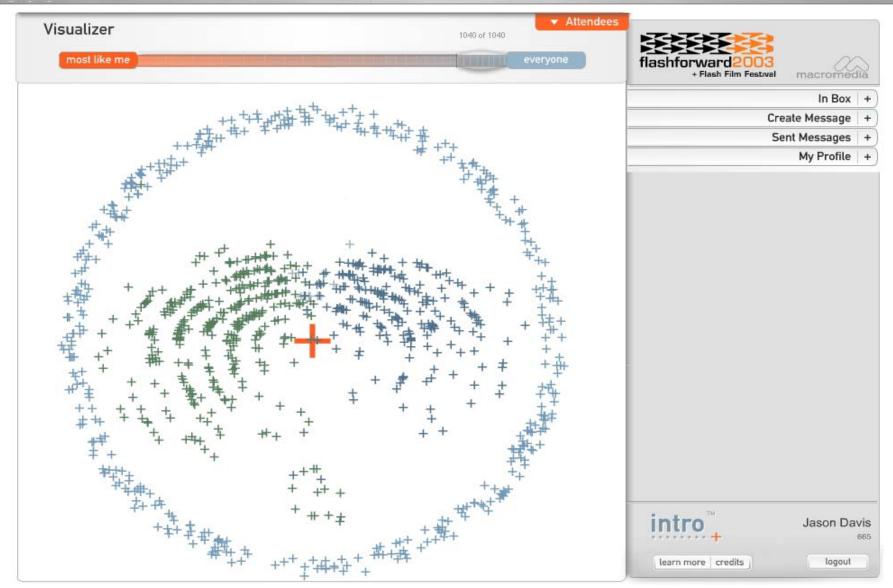
# The Award Winning Technology Behind the Project

# Some highlights of the application...





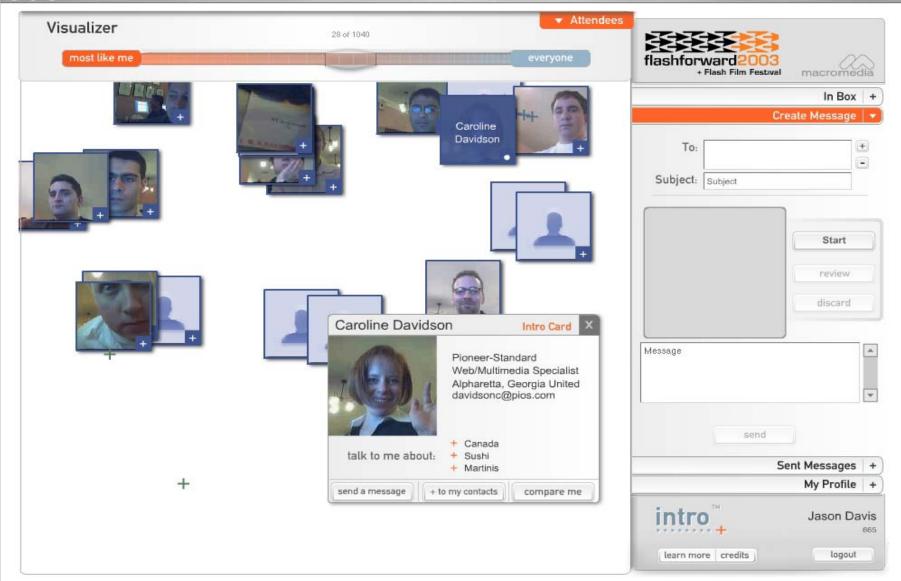
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### Visualizer - see entire database in single view

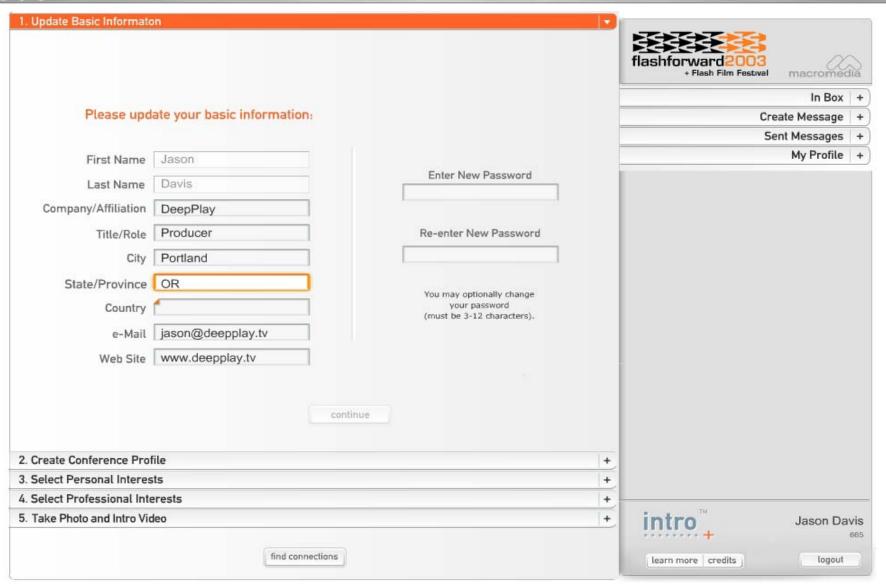
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#### Integrated Video, Text and Messaging Tools

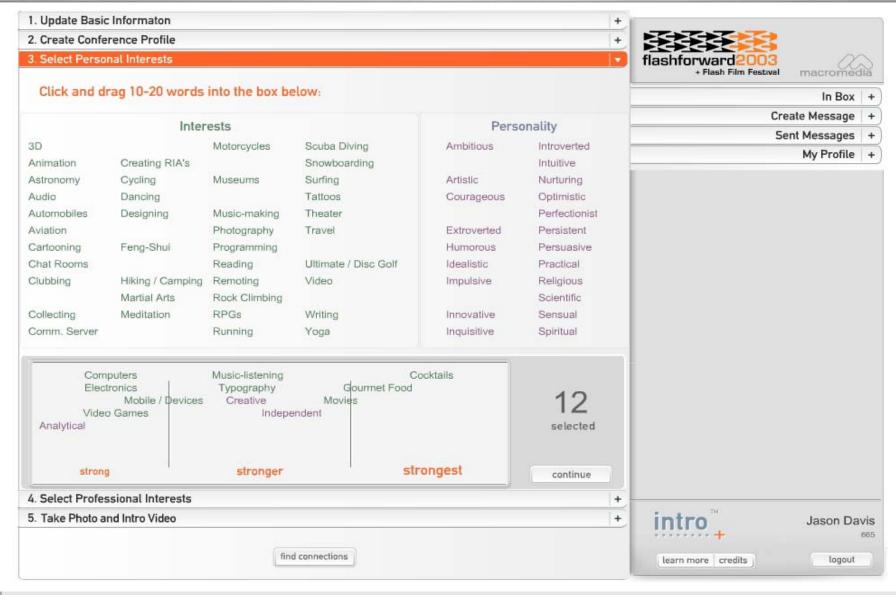
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#### Intelligent User Interface - reduces bandwidth



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#### Sandbox<sup>™</sup> Searching - efficient and fast

First project like this in the country - other Counties have standard text-based business directories

Participation in cutting edge solution for improving Economic Development

Extensive media coverage

Access to data collected

A Public/Private Alliance with the ability to influence the ongoing development of the project with broad support in the Business Community



Benefits to the County of Santa Barbara



- Financial Services
- Accounting / Legal / Insurance
- Real Estate
- Advertising / Public Relations
- Architects
- Computer and Internet
- Telecom and Utilities
- Organizations/Associations/Government
- All Media, Radio/TV/Print/Web

Suggestions are welcome for others...



Sponsor and Alliance Composition

# Rapid Development Process Project completed in 90 days

**Specifications** Complete Sept 12

Soft Launch Oct 31

Nov 31 Media Campaign Begins **Early November** 

Full

Launch

1<sup>st</sup> Review by Alliance Jan 31

> Quarterly **Reviews** ongoing



**Project Timeline** 



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