The Public Media Stack

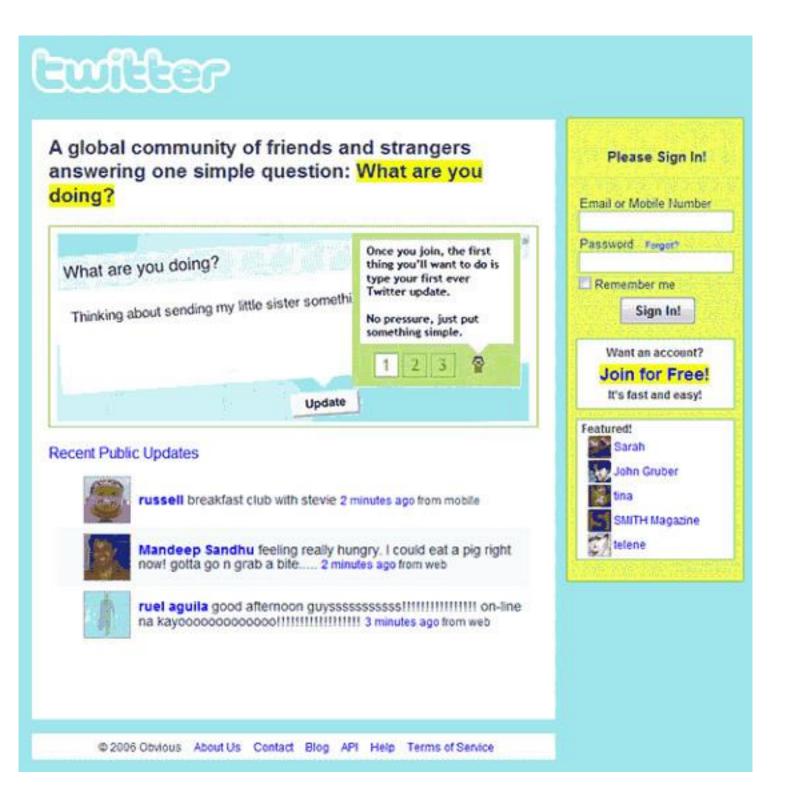
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"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now."





Tomski.com - Tom Loosemore's Blog

Required verbage: These are my personal views and not those of Channel 4, my employer.

The BBC's Fifteen Web Principles

We developed these as part of the <u>BBC2.0 project</u>. I've been meaning to publish them for a while since they were signed off by the BBC board. They're perpetually draft.

- 1. Build web products that meet audience needs: anticipate needs not yet fully articulated by audiences, then meet them with products that set new standards. (nicked from Google)
- **2.** The very best websites do one thing really, really well: do less, but execute perfectly. (again, nicked <u>from Google</u>, with a tip of the hat to Jason Fried)
- **3. Do not attempt to do everything yourselves:** link to other high-quality sites instead. Your users will thank you. Use other people's content and tools to enhance your site, and vice versa.
- **4. Fall forward, fast:** make many small bets, iterate wildly, back successes, kill failures, fast.
- **5. Treat the entire web as a creative canvas:** don't restrict your creativity to your own site.
- **6. The web is a conversation. Join in:** Adopt a relaxed, conversational tone. Admit your mistakes.
- **7. Any website is only as good as its worst page:** Ensure best practice editorial processes are adopted and adhered to.
- 8. Make sure all your content can be linked to, forever.

B B C Personal Data Experience

It's your data The experience of personal data

BBC, Autumn 2006 livelwork

FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTS

Yours - it belongs to the users, not the BBC

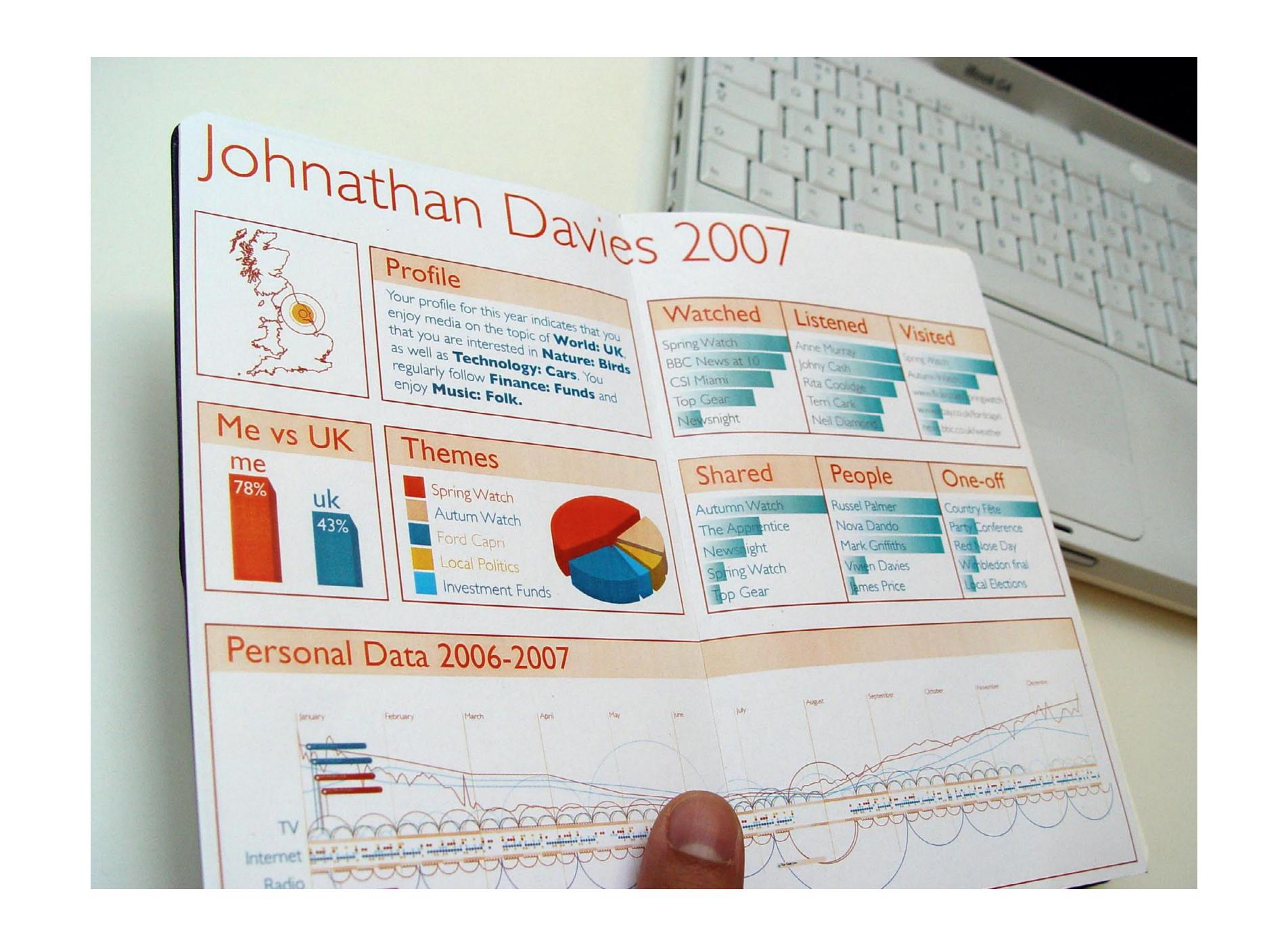
Visible - you can easily find out what data you are creating

Tangible - you can sense when you are creating data in interactions, and use this feedback to guide your interactions.

Tradable - you can use your own data in different contexts, either social or commercial

Disposable - you own your data, and can clear it at any time

Faceted - you can choose which parts of your data you use in which context



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Bruce Sterling on Why It Stopped Making Sense to Talk About 'The Internet' in 2012

ALEXIS C. MADRIGAL DEC 27, 2012

Five simple reasons: Apple, Google, Amazon, Facebook, and Microsoft.

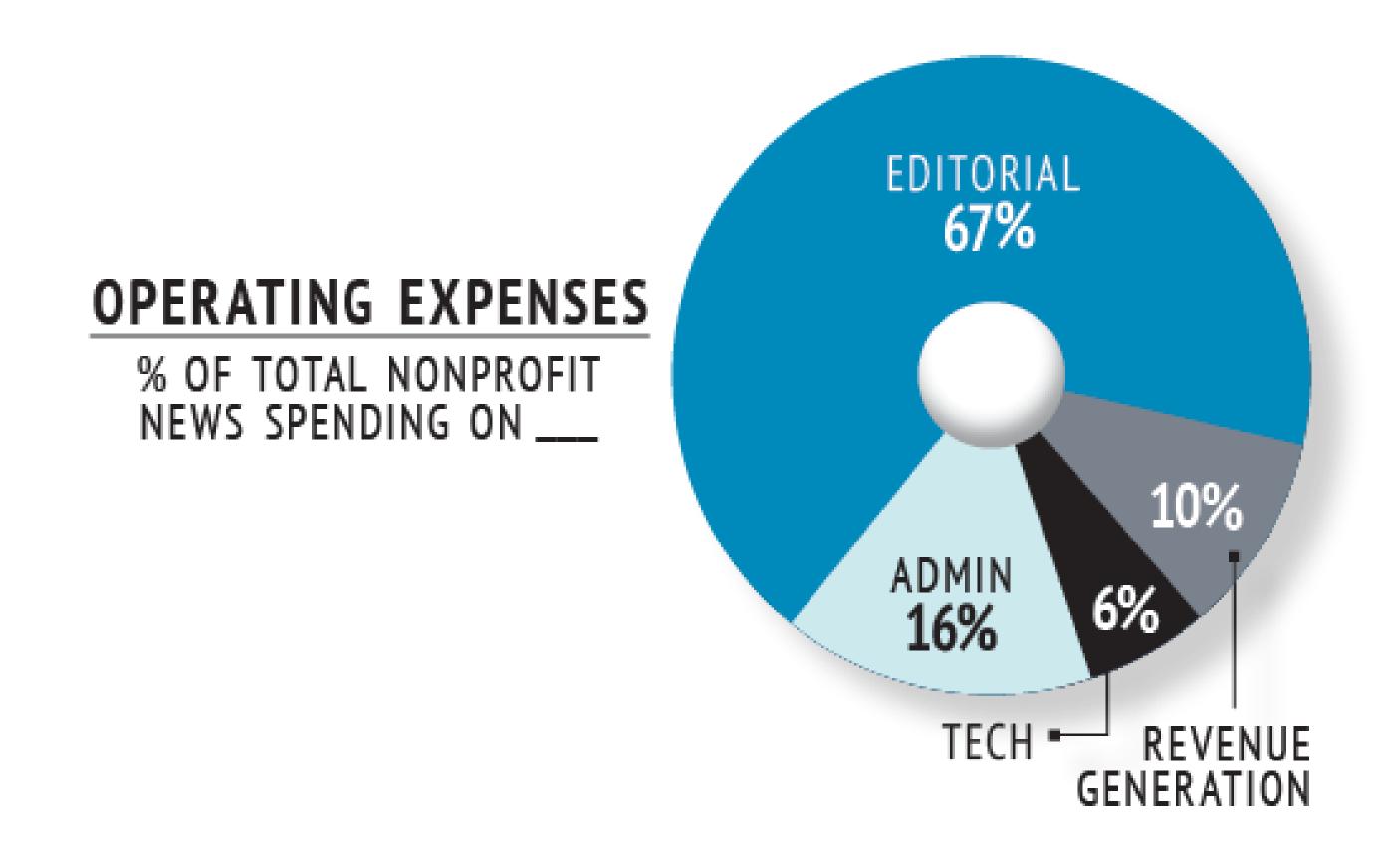


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Public Media is now discovered through social algorithms, consumed on mobile devices, and monetised by Google, Amazon, Facebook or Apple.

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"If we were building a new digital public media project today:

What would be the major issues for our technology strategy?
What do we need to think about?
What solutions are already out there?"





Public Media Stack- Mapping Technologies (Responses) 🦙 🖿









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Our three part strategy:

Map Assist Invest Map the existing ecosystems and evaluate individual services and products based on their suitability for public media projects

Survey Structure:
Financial
Technical
Strategic
Ethical

Assist public media projects with the practical issues involved in changing to more ethical and sustainable technology strategies

Invest and scale technologies that have the potential to become part of the 'public media stack'

Building stronger societies

A world where people and institutions





If we want public media to survive, we need to think about **ecosystems**, not just apps.

This is important, not just for the future of public media, but for **culture** and **society**.

We don't have the vast resources and investment of the FAANG stacks, but if we work together, we can make a difference.

We'll have the first map of the public media stack ready for April 2020.

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WHAT IS THE PUBLIC MEDIA STACK? HOW CAN I HELP? MEET THE TEAM Your ethical guide to public media technology.

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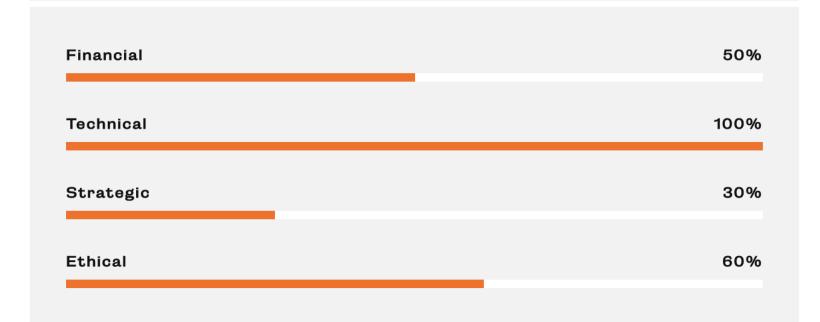
BIO

Description: Airtable is a spreadsheet-database hybrid, with the features of a database but applied to a spreadsheet.

URL: https://airtable.com/
Parent Company: N/A
Year founded: 2015

Type of company: Private company
Profit-making? No, loss-making

Funded by: VC investment, subscriptions **Market share:** One of the leading products



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- Open Source alternative
- Skills needed: Plug play

- N/A product roadmap

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My Pledge: to explore the idea of Public GLAM Stack project!

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Thanks!



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