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flickr	Photo Sharing Photo sharing websites, such as Flickr and Photobucket, are online social networks structured around digital photos. Besides sharing your photos with the online community, Flickr is often used as a place to store and tag photos for publishing and organization.	Flickr (Free) www.flickr.com Photobucket (Free) www.photobucket.com
You Tube Broadcast Yourself	Video Sharing Video sharing websites, like YouTube, are online communities organized around videos. You can search, tag videos, organize your favorites, create play lists, post comments, join groups and flag inappropriate content. You can also produce your own video, upload it, publish the link and/or embed the video on your website or blog.	YouTube (Free) www.youtube.com Metacafe (Free) www.metacafe.com Yahoo! Video (Free) www.video.yahoo.com Google Video (Free) www.video.google.com
facebook	Social Networks Social Networks are interactive, web-based communities of users (individuals or groups) that build connections around particular subjects e.g. geography, photos, information, links, or videos. Popular examples are Facebook, MySpace and Ning, which recently introduced the ability to create your own social network.	Facebook (Free) www.facebook.com MySpace (Free) www.myspace.com Ning (Free) www.ning.com

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