



HIGH FIVE!

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Social

Blurring between online and offline lives

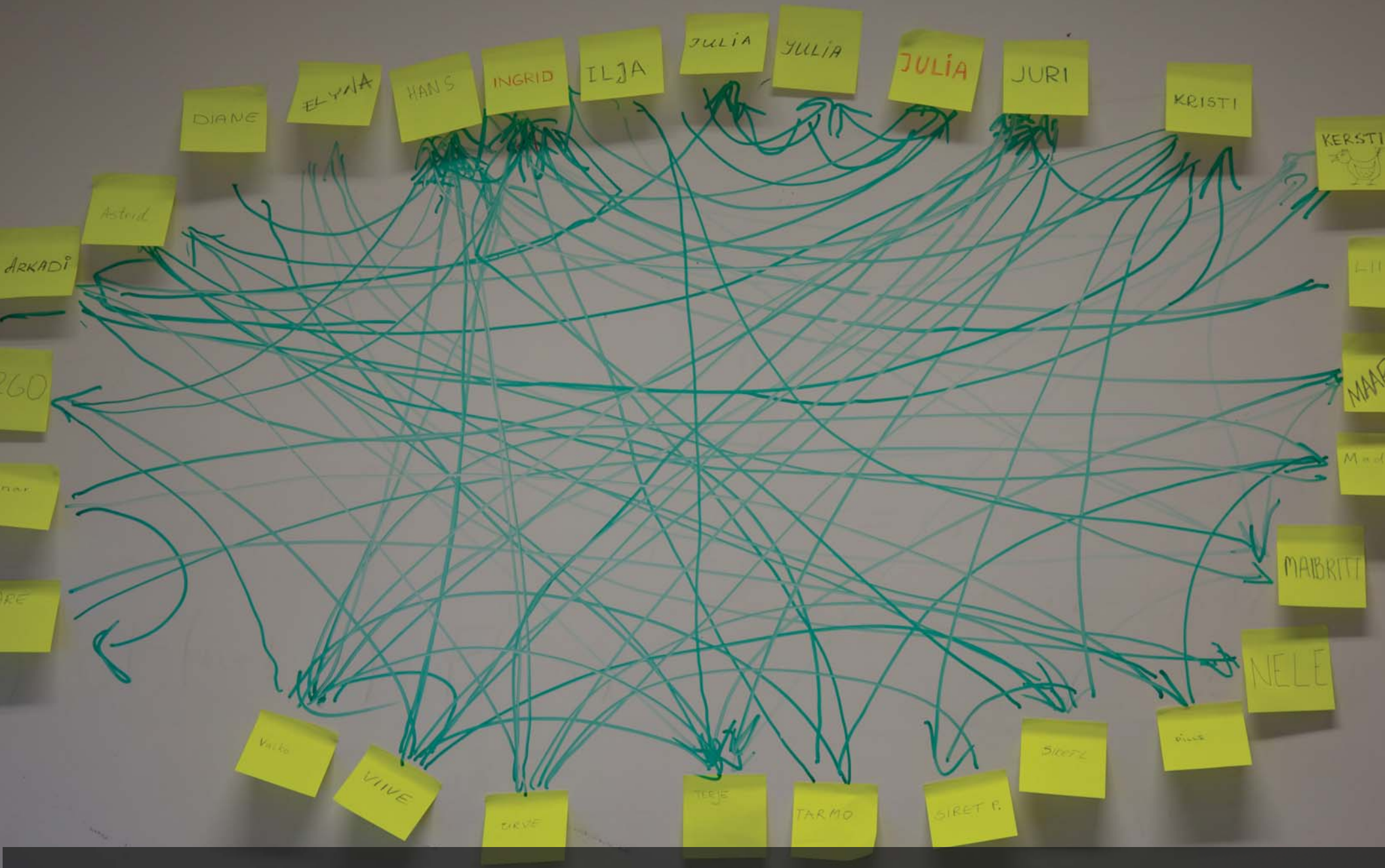
Economic

Barriers to entry for business have lowered

Technological

GPS, Wifi, and NFC is ubiquitous in devices

TRENDS



OPPORTUNITY GAP

To encourage people in shared physical spaces to engage in meaningful experiences with each other through interacting with their mobile devices

HUNT STATEMENT



USER RESEARCH

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“Lonely people with cell phones”

4 students

1 technology professional

Broad scope:

“Why do you talk to strangers?”

FIRST PHASE

“About a week ago a gentleman walking down Bayard Street near Craig stopped me and asked if I knew the owner of the Sunoco gas station, which I didn’t, then asked me if I knew the nearest gas station. I completely forgot about the gas station on Baum. Whoops.”

- Jeremy

INSIGHTS

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Find a venue where attendees are focused on meeting new people based on a common interest—such as conferences!

REFOCUSING

SXSOCIAL

LANYRD
the social conference directory

facebook®

the SOCIAL
COLLECTIVE

meetup

COMPETITIVE ANALYSIS

8 conference attendees
2 event planners

Narrow scope:

**Understand if and how conference attendees find
others to share knowledge and collaborate**

SECOND PHASE

“I was looking for work, so it’s a great networking opportunity. I don’t know, networking is a bit of a strong term. I like socializing more even though it doesn’t have that official sounding connotation. At CHI I did, but it was a job fair, and I kinda gave up.”

- Zac

INSIGHTS

People want to network

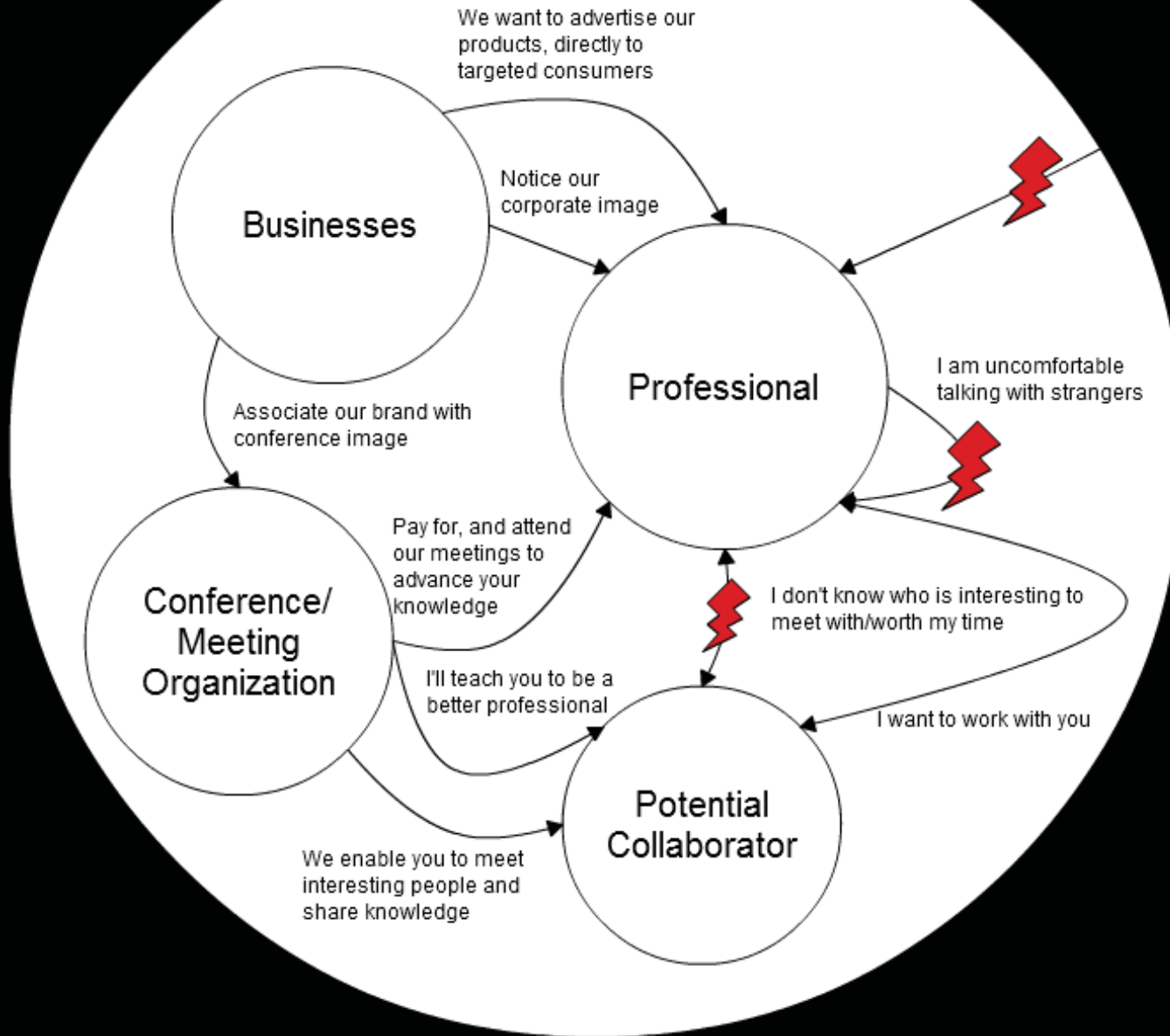
**People walk to talk to others with shared goals,
interests.**

The larger the event, the harder it is to find people

No good way to carry contacts into the future

INSIGHTS

Pervasive Cultural Influences



CULTURAL MODEL

JIM MORRISON
Knowledge Seeker

WANTS TO:
Go to interesting sessions

Learn successes and mistakes from
people with similar experiences

Find experts for future consultation



PERSONAS

MICHELLE TOMLIN
Networker

WANTS TO:
Get a job!

Find like-minded people to
collaborate on a start-up



PERSONAS

USERS PROVIDE:

Interests and background

Location

Schedule

Opinions on sessions

CO-CONSTRUCTION OF VALUE

**Design a service that introduces
people at conferences to the most
interesting people around them**

**But what if the most interesting people do not want
to be bothered?**

MOVING FORWARD