In this type of finite collaboration, partners share data or other resources at the level of the organization. This means they must coordinate closely and have regular contact for the duration of the project.

Perhaps the best example of this type of collaboration to date is the Panama Papers, where participating organizations all had access to the same data and proprietary software and worked together to sort through it, but wrote different stories unique to the outlet that produced them and published on many different sites.

This is the least common type of collaboration, perhaps because it requires an intimate relationship among outlets that are normally competitors. In addition, when organizations are highly integrated for a collaboration, it generally requires buy-in from all levels.

But the payoff for such collaborations is great. Working together in this way allows journalists to do work that would be difficult or impossible for any single newsroom to tackle.

Examples:
- Panama Papers
- The Magnetar Trade
- CrossCheck

**Integrated Partnerships Typically Involve:**
- Shared data and/or proprietary software
- Regular contact between partners
- Close coordination at the organizational level

**Collaborations at This Level:**
- Were the least common model of those studied
- Require intimate relationships with competitive orgs
- Need strong project management skills

**This Collaborative Model is Especially Good For:**
- Projects handling large amounts of data
- Organizations with experience collaborating
- Organizations with buy-in at all levels

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