Thames Valley Specialised Section
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Improving collaboration for split-site teams

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Thales Research and Technology (UK) has developed a Virtual Collaboration System to enable split-site teams to hold multi-way project meetings. It provides sufficient quality to replace a significant proportion of the usual face-to-face meetings required by engineering development teams, using standard broadband connections to the internet. As a result the amount of travelling is reduced and team members can meet as often as required.

This talk will describe the work being undertaken at Thales, the University of Surrey and some evaluation sites to realise the goal of a simple to use, combined audio, video and data collaboration system to replace some of the Thales group travel requirements.

It will discuss the use of existing technologies and standards, the human factors and marketing issues with gaining acceptance for this way of working and plans for using new technologies from a variety of partners to enrich the overall user experience.

If you want to know more, come along. All are welcome and no ticket is required. Simply turn up on the night. For more details please contact Dr Richard Mitchell at rjmitchell@theiet.org, or 0118 378 6790

Directions Enter the University at the main entrance from the A327 Shinfield Road. Follow the road until until it bends right, when you turn left and almost immediately right. Go straight on when the road goes to the left and park near the Palmer Building. See also http://www.reading.ac.uk/maps/whiteknights-struct.htm