

One Laptop per Child

Connectivity & Collaboration

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Principles

Learning happens by interacting as much as it happens by teaching => child2child as important as child2internet



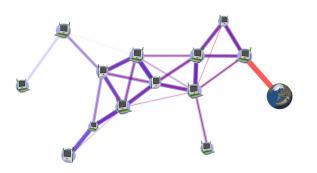
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Our approach

- Standard WiFi network adapter
- Mesh Networking built on top of that



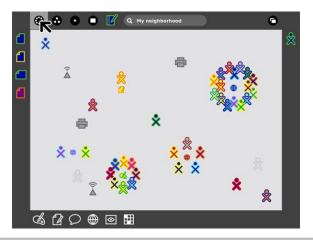
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Our approach

 Collaboration software (middleware, applications and UI)

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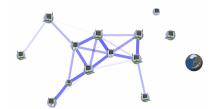


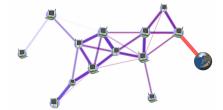
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OLPC Mesh Design Goals

- low power consumption
- as transparent as possible to applications
- based on standards
- Connectivity/Range

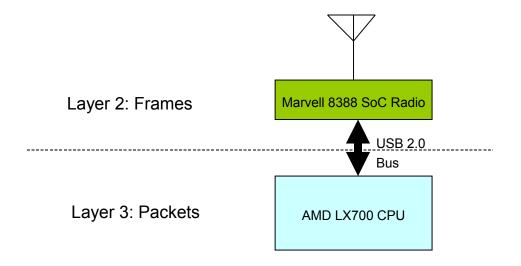




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XO Networking Architecture

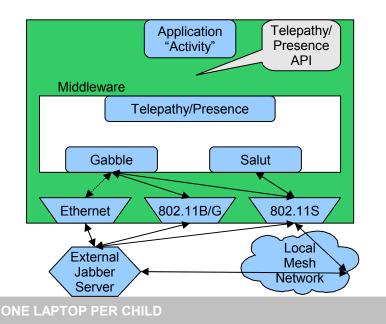


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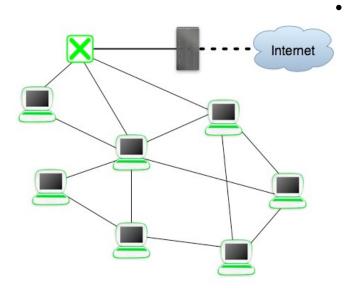
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OLPC Collaboration Middleware

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Mesh Network Gateways (portals)



Mesh portals connect laptops to servers and an Internet connection

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Collaboration

- The ability of students to share documents and directly interact with one another
- Requires a network connection between the student's laptops:
 - Traditional Wireless (802.11b/g)
 - Mesh Wireless (802.11s)
 - Possibly long distance

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Mesh vs. WiFi

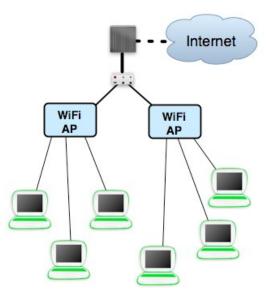
- The wireless mesh (802.11s) is an extension of traditional WiFi (802.11b/g)
- Both use the same radio spectrum
 - 3 usable channels around 2.4GHz
- Wireless mesh devices (the laptop) interoperate with WiFi devices
- Mesh does not replace WiFi (it extends it)
- WiFi should be used at Schools





School WiFi

One or more WiFi (802.11b/g) access points, connected to a central switch and school server



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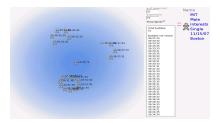
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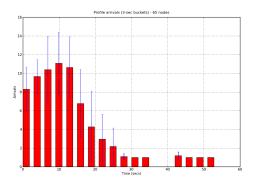
- Presence is the ability of students to "see" if other laptops are connected to the network
- Collaboration is the ability of students to share activities and documents they've created.
- Presence and Collaboration work over any network, not just a Mesh network





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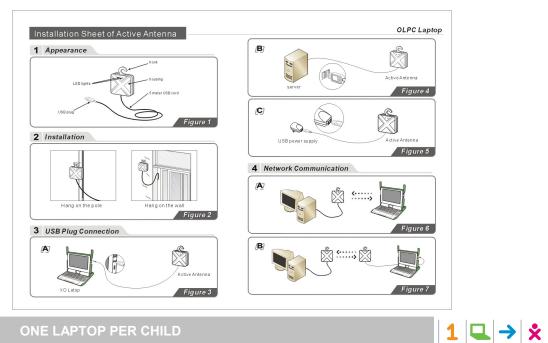




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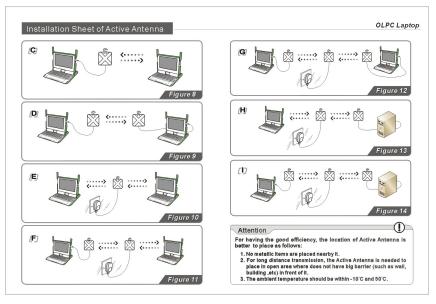


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