

Notes on Animation and Wi-fi in Exeter 24 Nov 03

There are several bits and pieces that may come together early or late next year, so these notes are a draft and by way of introduction for people shown for distribution. Please pass this on if it makes any sense.

Current inspiration is that Exeter has been publicised as a centre of wi-fi activity. Intel survey reveals high number of sites per head of population. Actually there is not much use so far, but Feb animation festival could be a time to experiment. The Phoenix Arts Centre has been looking at getting public web access. Hyperactive Café still has eight PCs that could be used as well as wi-fi. There will be a day for games during the festival – 15 Feb and there is an awareness of the digital aspects of animation.

Exetreme offers web design and was once based at Hyperactive. Psand offers many web services and is developing satellite broadband and wi-fi. Psand has worked at festivals over the two previous summers. I work mostly on Acrobat Services, promoting PDF in a wider context. There has been a potential application for eTEN linking wi-fi and PDF. The connection is between content and distribution. There could be a similar process in Exeter with animation as the focus for the content. One idea for eTEN is BUS – Breitband und Satellit, a touring vehicle with satellite and wi-fi. As BBC Devon already does this the project is no longer innovative so some animated fiction could be a better option.

There is a Careers Day on the 16th Feb that includes presentations from colleges etc. We could get a table at a reasonable cost. I am thinking of fronting this as Acrobat Services, trying for an educational rate. It might be seen as commercial if BT or Mycloud want some leaflets included. There would be a link to Amazon but this is a public service really. I am also working on an archive of print-to-web artefacts and hard copy. There is an animation aspect to this that could be developed.

The Amazon link could feature Joss Stone. MP3s available but there is not much promotion in Devon if Exeter is anything to go by. Short Quicktime video possible?

Skills required cover all aspects of digital and streaming media ; networking such as LANs and wi-fi ; also satellite. Assuming there actually is a large number of people in Exeter who use wi-fi the real benefit would be in rural locations away from ADSL and/or cable.

February would be a chance to raise some issues and make some contacts. There could be a tour later with whatever material is generated. Also visits later in the summer by people with more knowledge on what wi-fi could lead to.

I have started a blog at <http://wifiExeter.blogspot.com>
(the capital E is significant, btw)

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See next page for contact details

Links

<http://www.internet-magazine.com/news/view.asp?id=3811>

<http://www.hyperactive-cafe.co.uk>

<http://www.btopenzone.com>

<http://www.mycloud.net>

<http://www.animatedexeter.co.uk/>

<http://wireless.psand.net/?section=home>

<http://www.exetreme.com>

<http://www.acrobat-services.com/eten/>

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