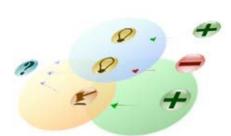


From gIBIS to MEMETIC

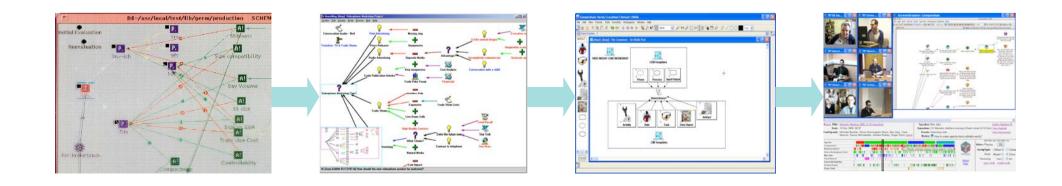
Evolving a Research Vision into a Practical Tool

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Argumentation-Based Design Rationale:

History...

Argumentation-based DR's intellectual roots...



Doug Engelbart:

Augmenting Human Intellect

Horst Rittel:

Wicked Problems and Argumentative Design

John Seely Brown

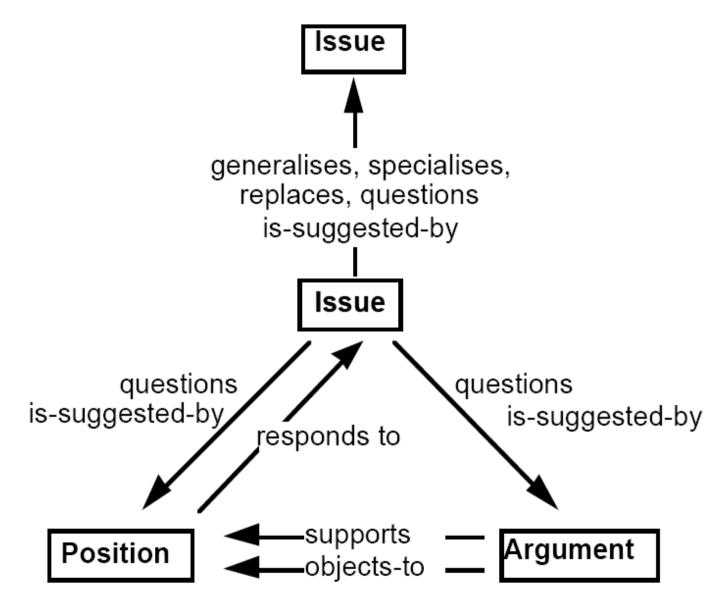
Cognitive tools that trace the evolution of ideas

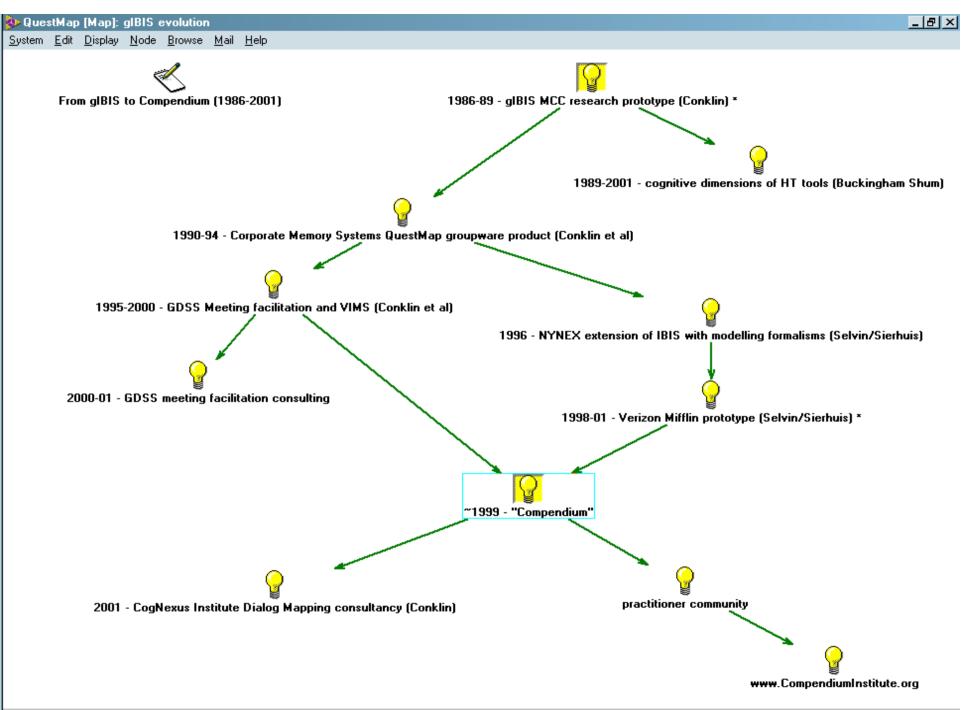
Karl Weick:

Sensemaking when confronted by socio-technical complexity

Rittel's IBIS: Issue-Based Information System



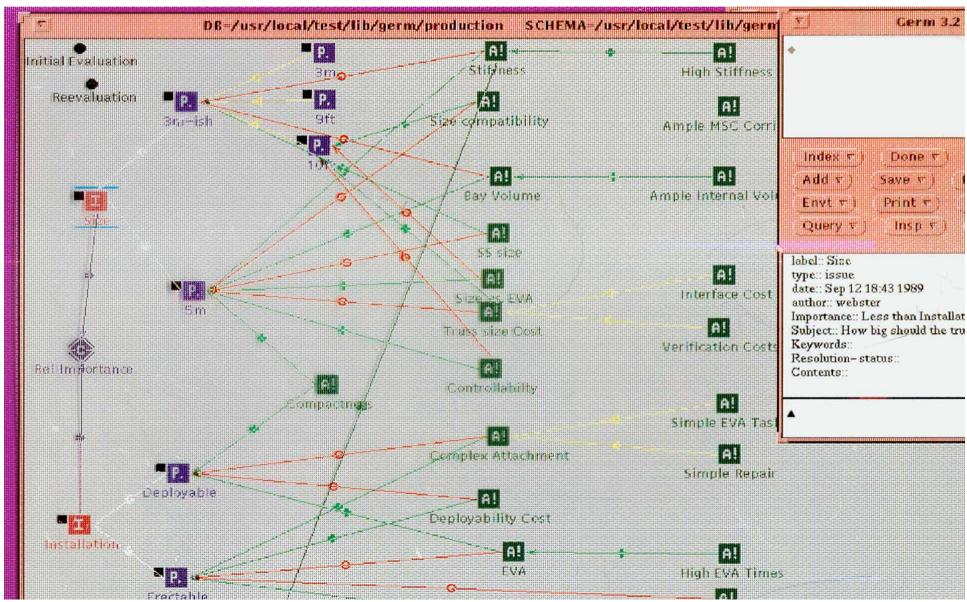




gIBIS: graphical IBIS

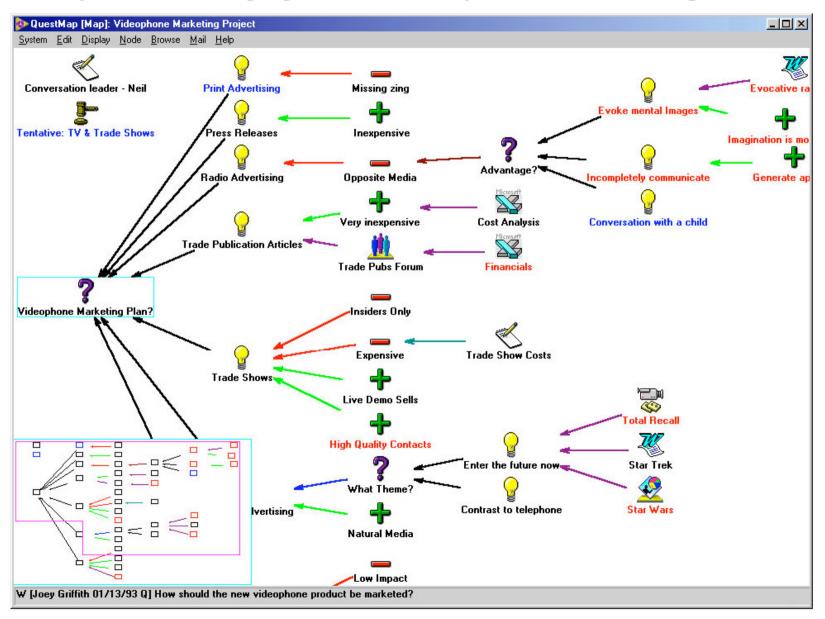
(MCC research prototype, 1989, running in GERM)





CM/1, renamed QuestMap

(Corporate Memory Systems 1992, spinoff from MCC's gIBIS)

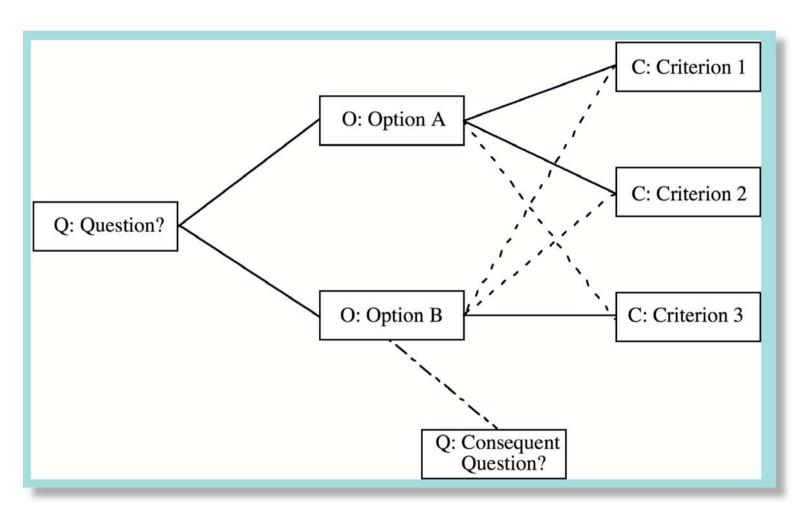




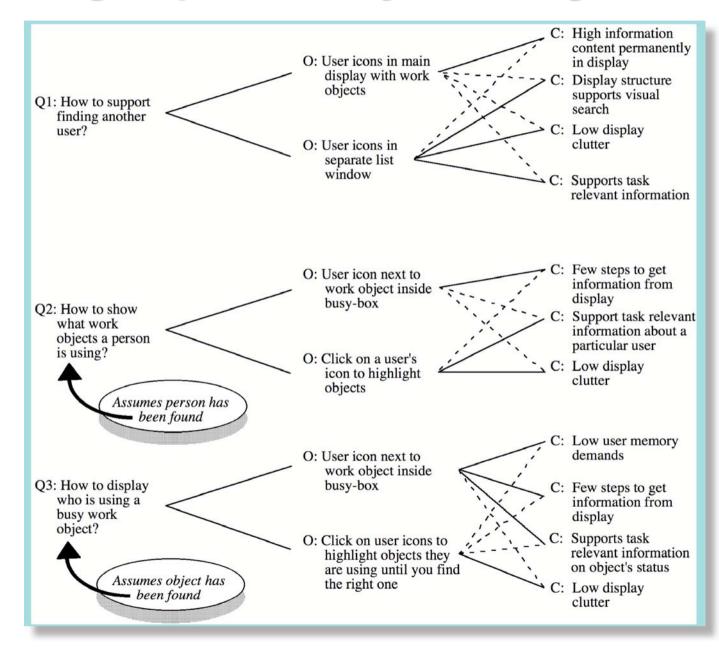
QOC Design Space Analysis

MacLean, Young & Moran, CHI 1989



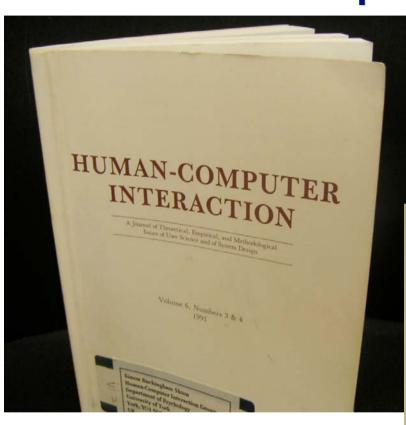


Design Space Analysis using 'QOC'



Design Rationale (1987-1996) The 1991 HCI Special Issue





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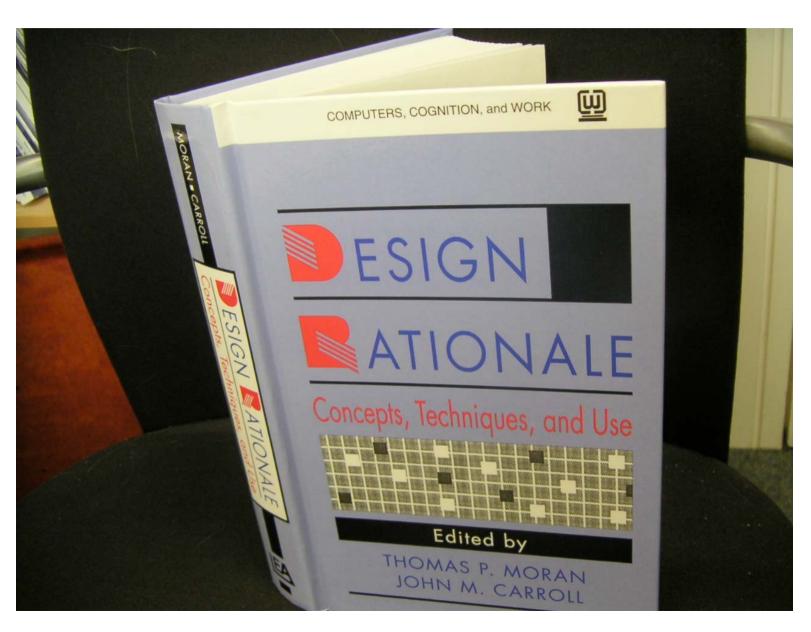
Introduction to This Special Issue on Design Rationale......197

John M. Carroll and Thomas P. Moran

ARTICLES

Design Rationale (1987-1996) The 1996 Book





Challenges

The KM capture bottleneck...

DR capture divorced from 'real design'

Organisational /business disincentives

Learning something new takes effort

"Changes our meetings too much"

"That was great, but it looks too hard"

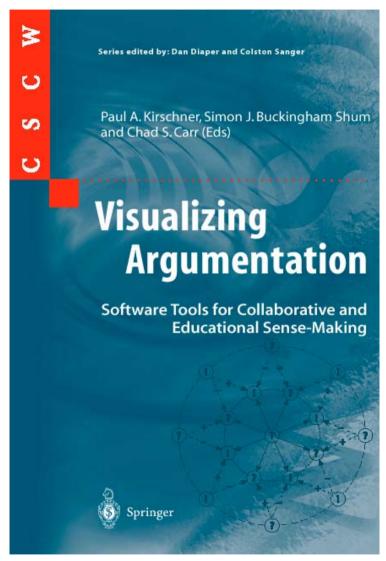
Useful design memory doesn't come for free... so at what point is effort to be invested?

Critically, how to turn any new cognitive effort to the team's immediate advantage?



...development of Compendium...

so that by 2003...



Visualizing Argumentation (2003)

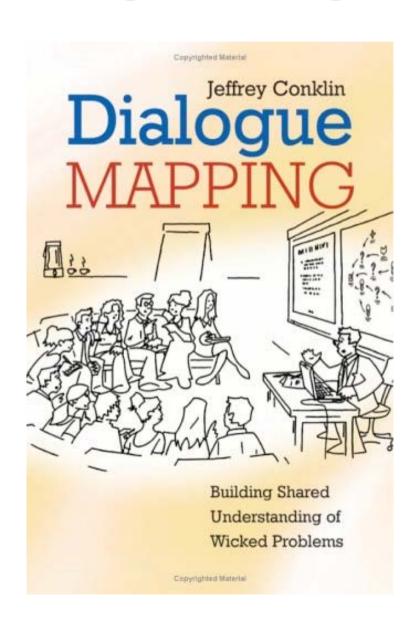
www.VisualizingArgumentation.info

Argument mapping for collective sensemaking and organisational memory in design, scholarly publishing, scientific and public policy debates, education

Including 3 chapters about descendants of gIBIS, two of them practice-oriented

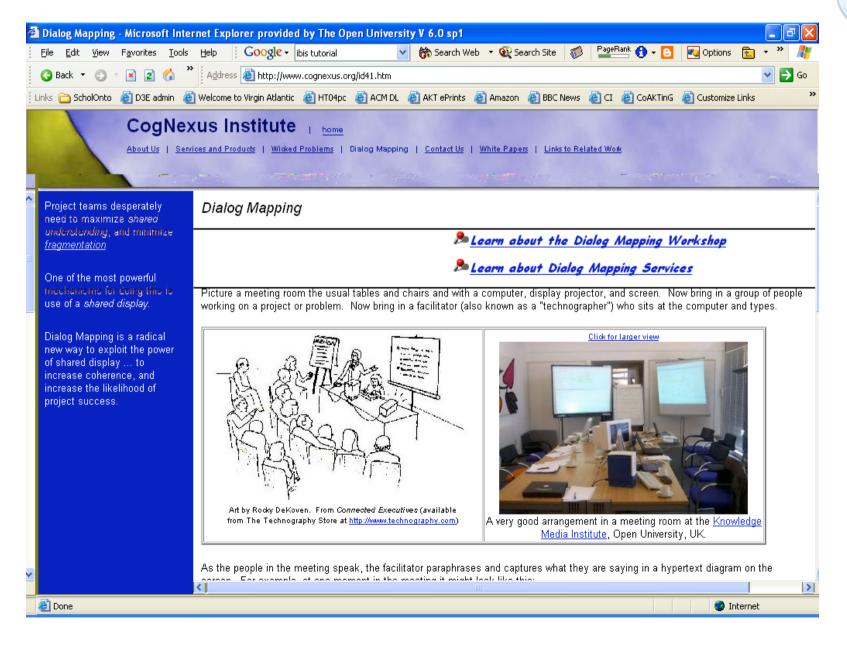
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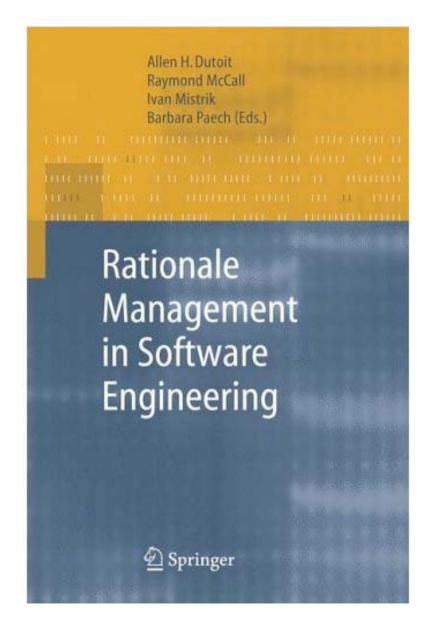


Jeff Conklin: CogNexus Institute: www.CogNexus.org

Cognexus Dialogue mapping website



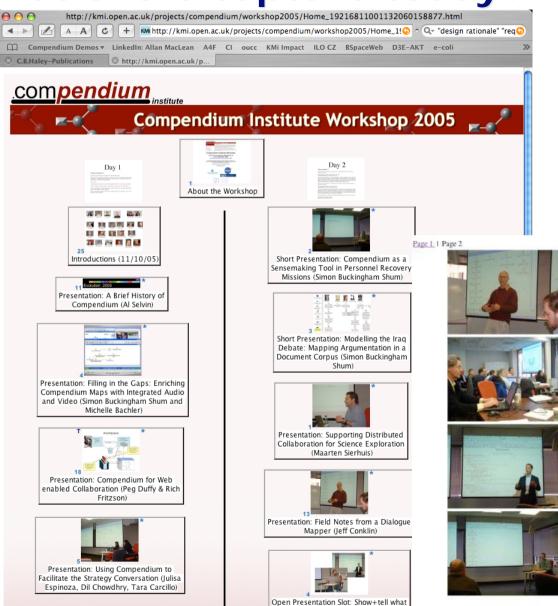
Design Rationale: 2006 book



Buckingham Shum, S., Selvin, A.M., Sierhuis, M., Conklin, J. Haley, C.B. and Nuseibeh, B. (2006). Hypermedia Support for Argumentation-Based Rationale: 15 Years on from gIBIS and QOC. In: Rationale Management in Software Engineering, (Eds.) Allen H. Dutoit, Raymond McCall, Ivan Mistrik, and Barbara Paech. Springer-Verlag/Computer Science Editorial

PrePrint available as KMI Technical Report KMI-05-18 **Argumentation-based Design Rationale capture today?**





Compendium Institute

(2005 workshop includes a detailed Compendium history by Al Selvin)





Argumentation-based Design Rationale capture today?



- IBIS Mapping, Dialogue Mapping and Conversational Modelling in many organisational sectors
 - Formally documented case library gradually growing (see Compendium website)
 - >10 year case study at Southern California Edison environmental division
 - IBIS-based issue mapping embedded in Rolls Royce engineering practice (Rob Bracewell)
 - GlaxoSmithKline Compendium pilot for distributed, asynchronous scientific deliberation

Compendium



Our interest is in the practices and tools needed to weave together modelling, argumentation, meetings and group memory

- Design Rationale is just one application
- The focus is on participatory artifact construction, not just argumentation capture
- The software tool is therefore generic, with an open architecture into which one plugs domainspecific services



Knowledge Media

Shared visual display Simple notation Template patterns Node transclusions Tagging Hypermedia Interoperability with other data, services and user interfaces

Modelling Frameworks

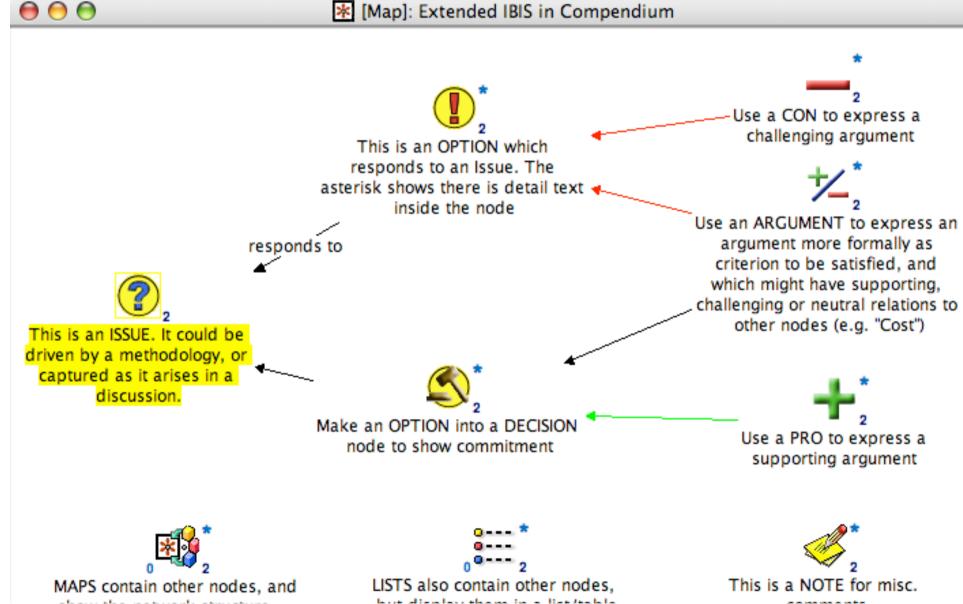
e.g. IBIS+ CommonKADS World Modelling Soft Systems

Practitioner skills

e.g.
Dialogue Mapping (Conklin)
Conversational Modelling (Sierhuis & Selvin)
Participatory Hypermedia Construction
(Selvin)

Compendium: customisable, collaborative, hypermedia IBIS mapping







MAPS contain other nodes, and show the network structure -such as this example



LISTS also contain other nodes, but display them in a list/table





REFERENCES link to external documents; double-click to launch, e.g....



REFERENCE to a website



REFERENCE to a PowerPoint file



REFERENCE to an Acrobat PDF file



REFERENCE to a movie file

Structure management in Compendium



- Associative linking nodes in a shared context connected by graphical Map links
- Categorical membership nodes in possibly different contexts connected by common attributes via metadata Tags
- Hypertextual Transclusion reuse of the same node across different contexts
- Templates
 reuse of the same structure across different contexts
- External services reading and writing the Compendium database

Compendium-IBIS in Design



Envisioning

Knowledge Management

Meeting Replay

Presentations

Data Analysis

Documentation

Decision Rationale

Scenario Design

Domain Modelling

Requirements Construction

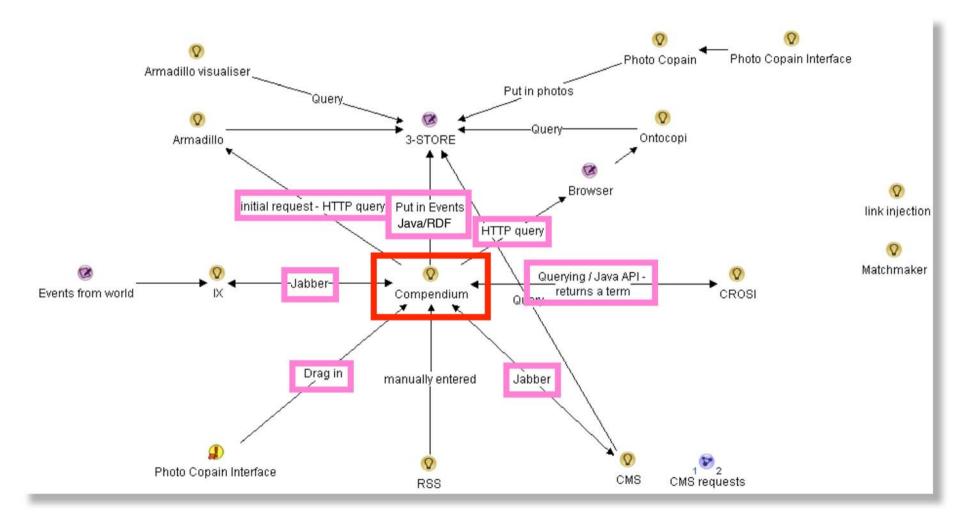
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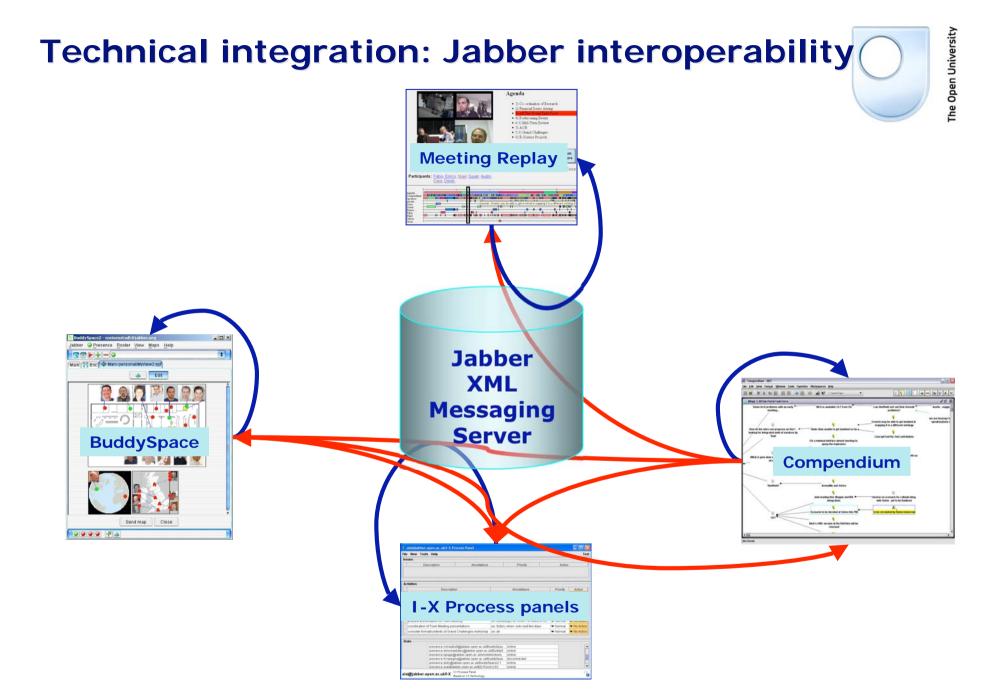
Design Reviews

Compendium as the sensemaking



glue in a heterogenous, semantic web architecture for sensemaking and decision-support





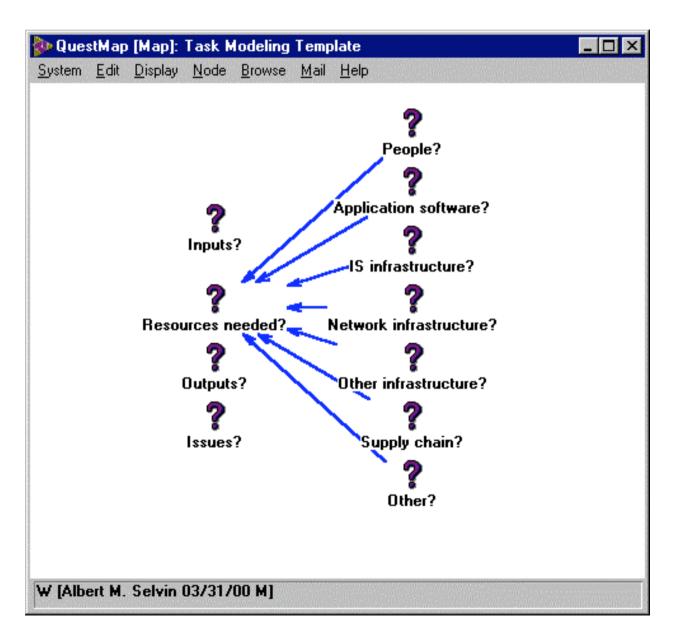


Example Compendium applications

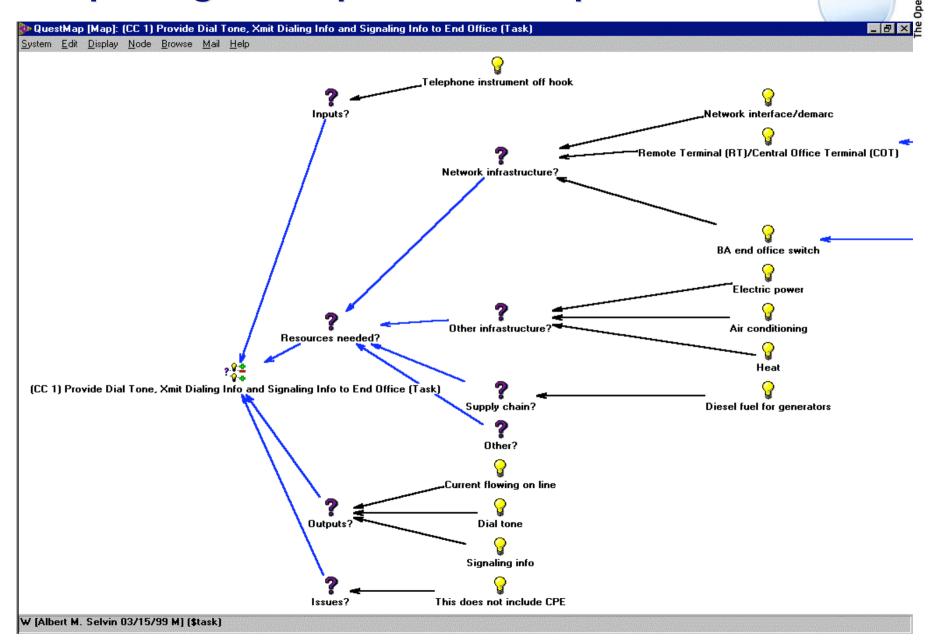


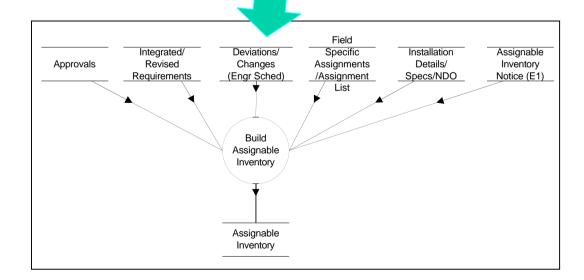
Domain modelling or application of a methodology using Issue-templates

Modelling organisational processes in Compendium using a *Template*



Completing a Compendium template

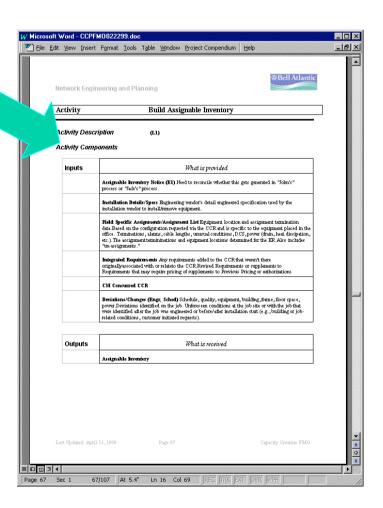




Generating Custom Documents and Diagrams from Compendium Templates



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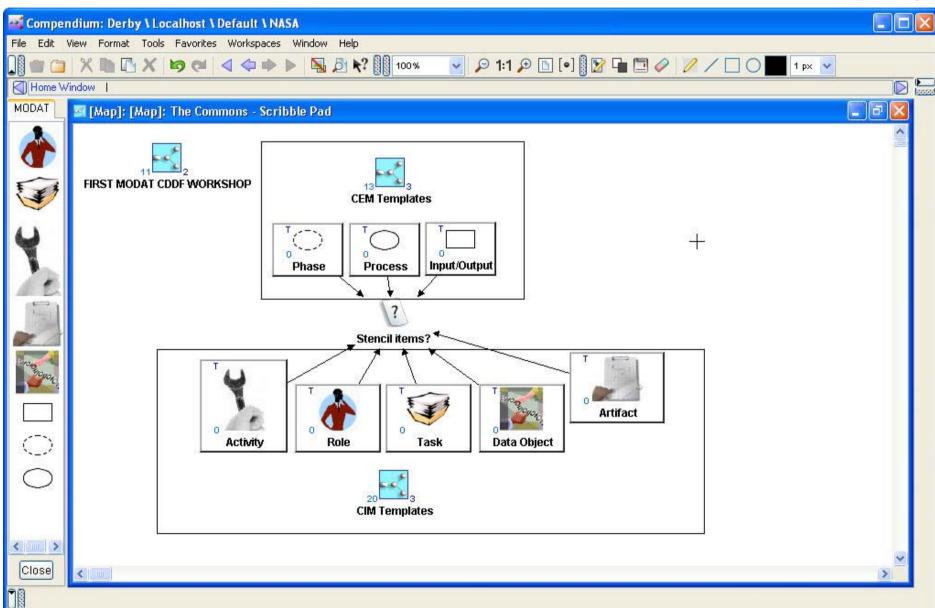


NASA Compendium session



End-user defined modelling stencil







Issue-templates plus custom visual language

Domain-specific Knowledge Management Environment

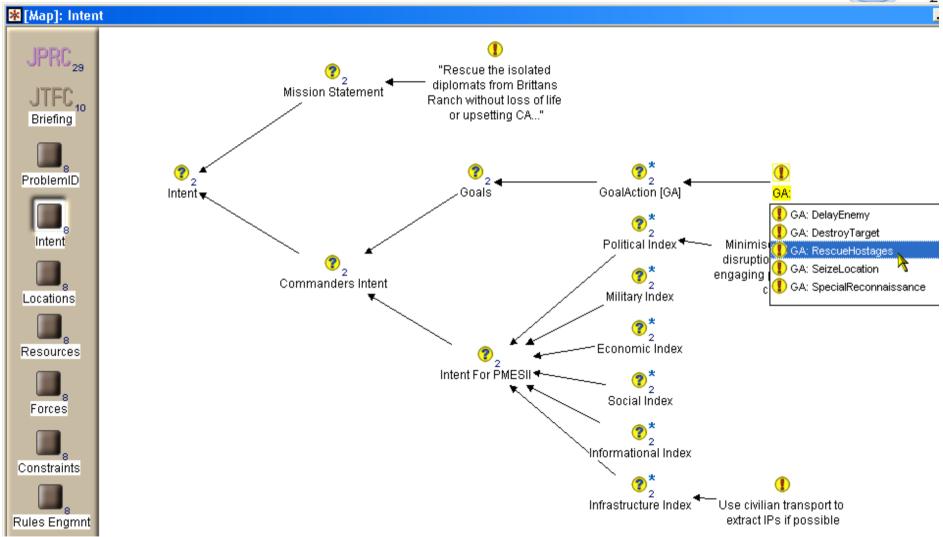
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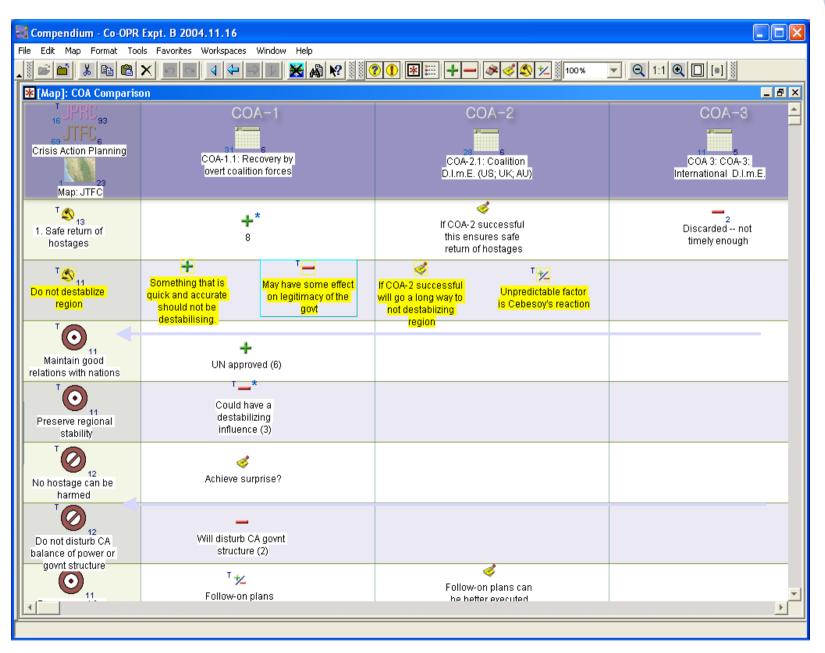


Crisis Action Planning Methodology





Option Comparison Worksheet





Interoperability with other data, processing agents and collaboration tools

Clancey, W.J., Sierhuis, M., Alena, R., Berrios, D., Dowding, J., Graham, J.S., Tyree, K.S., Hirsh, R.L., Garry, W.B., Semple, A., Buckingham Shum, S.J., Shadbolt, N. and Rupert, S. (2005). "Automating CapCom Using Mobile Agents and Robotic Assistants." 1st Space Exploration Conference, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, 31 Jan-1 Feb, 2005, Orlando, FL. Available from: AIAA Meeting Papers on Disc [CD-ROM]: Reston, VA, and as Advanced Knowledge Technologies ePrint 375: http://eprints.aktors.org/375

Compendium for Human-Agent distributed collaboration in e-Science



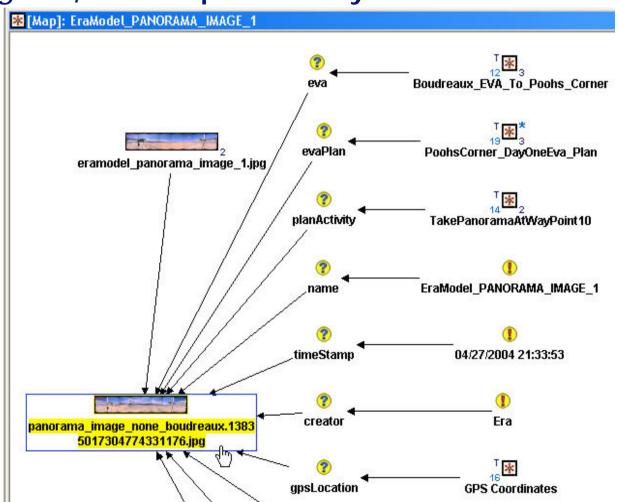


Distributed Mars-Earth planning and data analysis tools for Mars Habitat field trial in Utah desert, supported from US+UK

Collaborative sensemaking in e-Science:

Compendium science data map, generated by software agents, for interpretation by Mars+Earth scientists



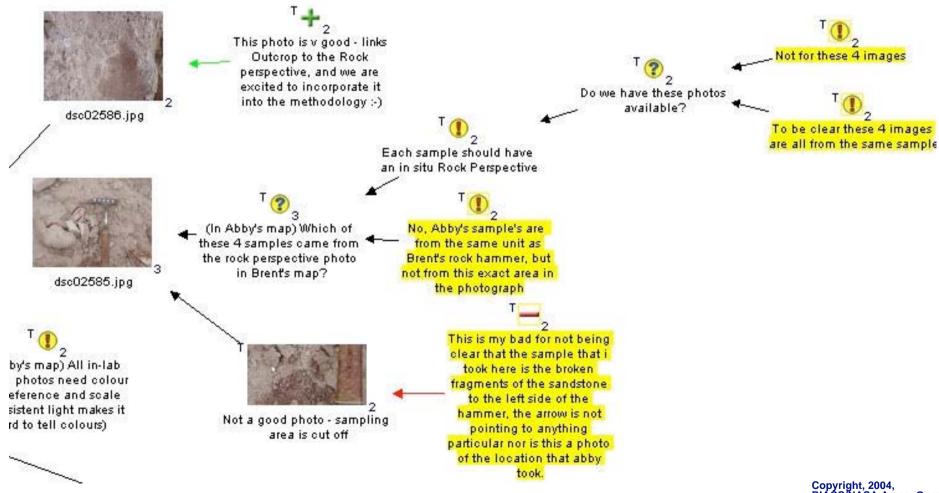


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The Compendium maps were autonomously created and populated with science data by Brahms software agents that use models of the mission plan, work process, data flow and science data relationships to create the maps.

Collaborative sensemaking in e-Science: Feedback map from Earth scientists to Mars colleagues





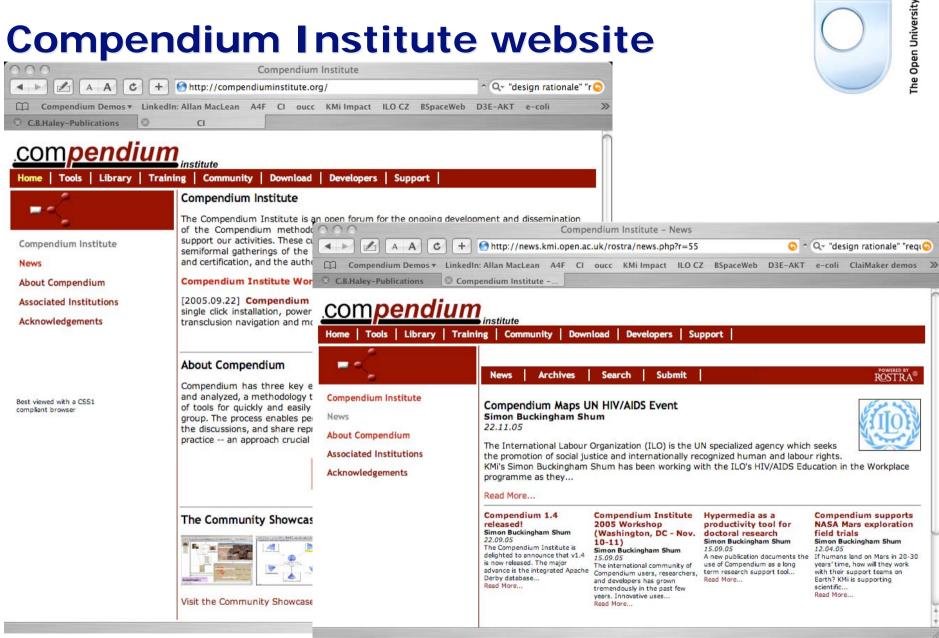
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Compendium community of practice

Compendium Institute website



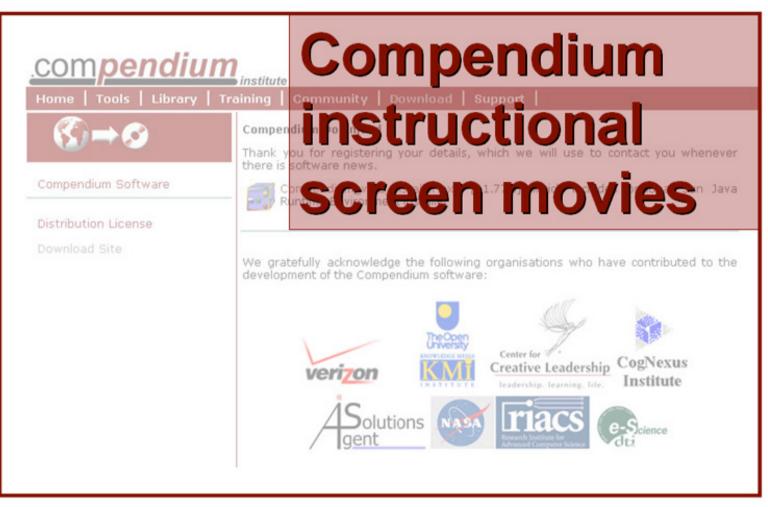


Compendium tutorial resources





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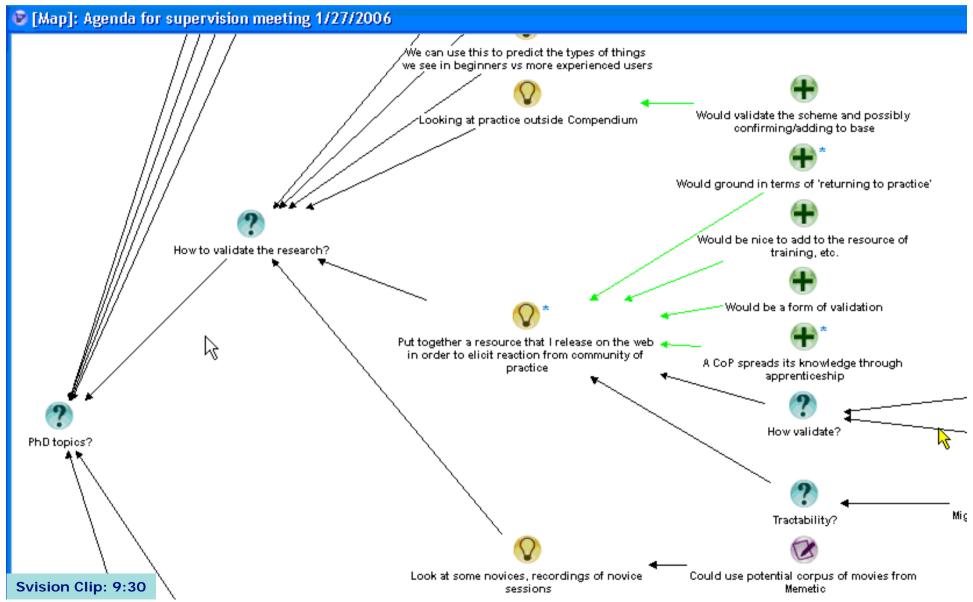




Integrating IBIS with multimedia meeting records

Dialogue Mapping a research discussion on Skype

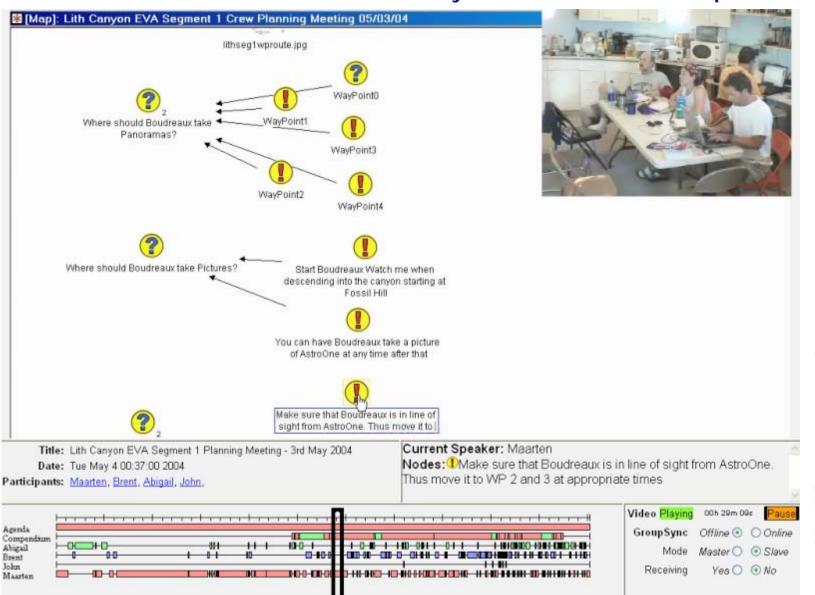




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Collaborative sensemaking in e-Science:

Meeting Replay tool for Earth scientists, synchronising video of Mars crew's discussion as they annotate their mission plans



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Access Grid

Access Grid: high quality internet video conferencing

www.accessgrid.org





"The Access Grid® is an ensemble of resources including multimedia large-format displays, presentation and interactive environments, and interfaces to Grid middleware and to visualization environments.

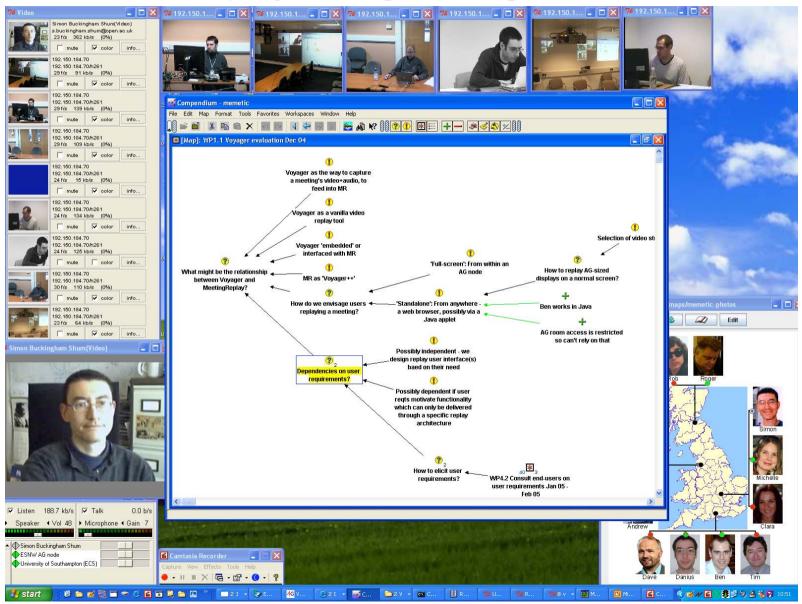
... the Access Grid (AG) is used for large-scale distributed meetings, collaborative work sessions, seminars, lectures, tutorials, and training. The Access Grid thus differs from desktopto-desktop tools that focus on individual communication."



Desktop client for Access Grid



Supporting online meetings (JISC Memetic project augmenting Access Grid)



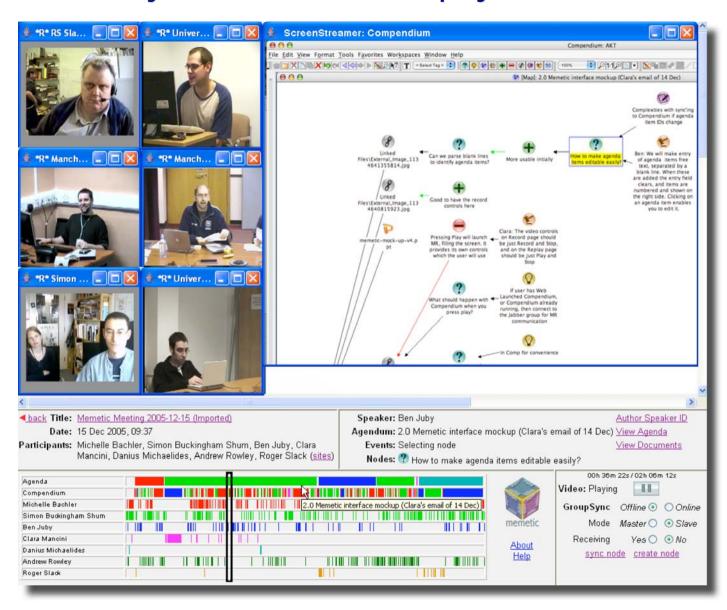


Meeting Replay

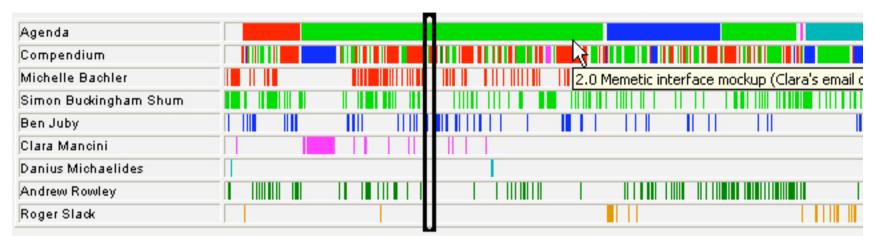
Memetic Project: www.memetic-vre.net

Memetic Meeting Replay

The CoAKTinG NASA proof of concept now mainstreamed in the Access Grid by the JISC Memetic VRE project





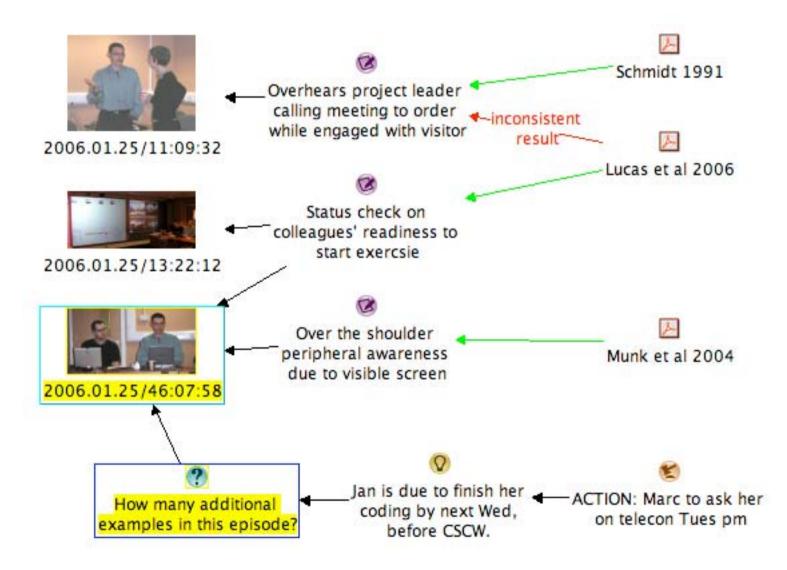


Thus... you can read off:

- When an agenda item was discussed
- Who spoke when, and about which agenda items
- Who spoke a little or a lot
- Who was speaking when a given Compendium node was created, highlighted, tagged, or a hyperlink followed to an external application or website
- What the distribution of Compendium node types is (again, they are color coded by type)
- Which agenda items or Compendium nodes provoked a lot of discussion, amongst whom, and with an approximate indication of whether there was much argumentation



Analysing moments in a meeting



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Towards a cognitive tool for knowledge management and collective sensemaking...

Mixing formal + informal, expected + opportunistic, with incremental formalization

Language for the learning curve > fluency

How has the tool evolved to negotiate the cost-benefit tradeoff?

"Excel" for knowledge?...

Open the architecture and interoperability > import/export diverse representations

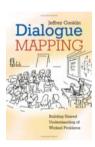
Dialogical approach → support problem (re)framing and multiple perspectives



 Compendium Institute research papers; software; community www.CompendiumInstitute.org



Dialogue Mapping
 Jeff Conklin - foundations and practice of real time IBIS mapping
 www.cognexus.org



 Visualizing Argumentation research and practice from diverse domains www.VisualizingArgumentation.info



 Hypermedia Discourse broader framework being developed, of which Compendium is one exemplar www.kmi.open.ac.uk/sbs/talks/sdc2006

