

ABSTRACT:

STREAM: NURSES AND E-HEALTH

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How to implemented enterprise class communication and collaboration tools on a shoestring budget.

For most organizations, enterprise tools such as email, shared hard drives, calendars and an intranet are now commonplace. The use of these tools is vital for enabling improved communication and collaboration throughout the enterprise. Unfortunately, the cost to implement and maintain these software tools makes them inaccessible to smaller organizations or those with a limited budget. In addition, access is usually limited to employees of the organization thus limitng their usefulness for interorganizational teams.

This presentation will examine how the Ontario HOBIC team was able leverage free services and open source software to build a suite of communication and collaboration tools that rival the quality and functionality of those implemented in much larger organizations. During the presentation we will examine the advantages and disadvantages of using such tools and highlight the skills and knowledge required to implement them effectively.

This presentation is especially well suited to those who work remotely, as part of a small team/organization or anyone who is looking to improve their ability to communicate and collaborate beyond organizational boundaries.

BIO:

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