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# **Module 4: Planning a network**

Section	Length
1: Topic - Network Deployment Planning	15 min
2: Hands-on - Mapping the Fort York Micro Mesh	40 min
3: Discussion and reflection activity	20 min
4: Wrap-up and week ahead	5 min
Workshop length	1:30 min

## 1: Topic - Network Deployment Planning

### **Objectives**

- List features of a wifi or mesh deployment
- Explain and summarize important factors to consider for deployment

#### **Materials**

- Class Presentation
- Class Shared Notes (i.e., using Riseup Pad or something similar)

### **Activity**

- Presentation on Deployment (8 min)
- Planning Considerations Activity (8 min)
  - 1. Split into groups/pairs
  - 2. Assign each group a case from WNDW (http://wndw.net/caseStudies.html) (5 exist)
  - 3. Ask the groups to read through the cases, identify aspects to keep in mind when planning and present a summary to the group of what they anticipate
  - 4. Collect responses on in class shared notes and discuss

# 2: Hands-on - Mapping the Fort York Micro Mesh

### **Objectives**

• Sketch out and prototype an imagined Fort York Micro Mesh

#### **Materials**

- Printed map (previous class confirm location. Ask if people live nearby, < 10min walk) and would be up for using their home)
- Google Earth
- Hardware examples

#### **Activity**

- Introduce Group Mapping Exercise
  - Based on <u>Commotion Construction Kit (https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/)</u>:
    "<u>Every Network Tells a Story</u>
    (<a href="https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/planning/design-your-network-every-network-tells-story/">https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/planning/design-your-network-every-network-tells-story/)</a>"
  - Describe Routers and Rules
- Group Mapping
- Discussion, Show & Tell

### 3: Discussion and reflection activity

- Ask group to review planning considerations in light of the mapping activity
  - Have someone as note-taker update the original list
- Review the 3 other planning activities in the <u>Commotion Construction Kit</u> (https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/):
  - <u>Survey your Neighbors (https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/planning/survey-your-neighbors/)</u>
  - <u>Identify Neighbourhood Skills</u> (https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/planning/identify-neighborhood-skills/)
  - Inventory your Neighbourhood (https://commotionwireless.net/docs/cck/planning/inventory-the-neighborhood/)
- With remaining time, jointly brainstorm an Outreach Strategy for Toronto Mesh, starting in their neighbourhood
  - Have someone as note-taker add to class shared notes

# 4: Wrap-up and week ahead

 Next session we will talk about Net Neutrality and why and how to "keep the pulse of a network"

#### **Homework**

- Watch Net Neutrality 6 Minute Explanation (https://www.youtube.com/watch?
  v=zASHI9qdB0U) by drawntoknowledge (NOTE: This video incorrectly labeled ISPs as Tier 1 providers, however this does not impact the video's message)
- Watch selection of <u>"The Internet We Want" Panel starting @ 27:00</u> (<a href="https://youtu.be/PtO4rPPBWjY?t=27m00s">https://youtu.be/PtO4rPPBWjY?t=27m00s</a>)
- Optional: Read "<u>A plan to rescue the Web from the Internet (https://staltz.com/a-plan-to-rescue-the-web-from-the-internet.html)</u>" by Andrew Staltz