



RoundTable Collaboration Environment

RoundTable Collaboration Environment is a software system designed to enhance collaboration within project teams, making your organization more efficient and effective.

The goal of collaboration is to increase connectivity between individuals. As that connectivity gets stronger, concepts and ideas are communicated and shared more quickly and more vividly. Organizations that understand this and encourage stronger collaboration among their teams and with their customers become more competitive and ultimately come out ahead. Some of the benefits of effective collaboration are as follows:

- ◆ Reduces chances of mistakes and delays occurring from miscommunication
- ◆ Reduced dependency on travel, thereby saving time as well as money.
- ◆ Improved organizational effectiveness and efficiency

RoundTable Collaboration Environment is a collection of services orchestrated to work together, providing your team with an environment to maximize their connectivity. Following is a description of what RoundTable offers and what it can do for you.





Organize and share project documents
The Document Management Module allows you to browse all documents related to your project from a single interface no matter where you are. Co-workers can also add comments for all other project members to see as well as send recommendations to colleagues working on the project when they think it's something that team-member should see. Notifications can also be registered and applied to Documents which allow you to stay up to date when your boss or co-worker has uploaded a new document that you've been waiting on or, if a team-member has deleted something you need. Also, if any changes should have occurred to a document, you can elect to be notified.

Allow team-members to engage in real-time communications, anytime, anywhere

Discussions allow team-members working from any-



where to have one-on-one as well as group conversations electronically and securely. Once a discussion is finished, it can be stored within the project which it was related to and searched and

browsed at a later date. This way if a group within the team makes a decision or comes to a conclusion, their thought process that led to that decision will be available to other team members and themselves at a later date. Discussions work and behave very much like





Instant Messaging however, more tailored to meet the needs of the project team. The member lists are specific to each project and discussions within those lists occur within the context of the project. Each discussion session runs over a secure, fully encrypted link using the latest AES encryption standard making it nearly impossible for anyone to determine the content of the discussions.

Easily collect, organize and share web-based information and research

The WebFolio is a browser plug-in that allows project members to collect, organize and, share web-research. Once you have created your WebFolio (the collection of your research), it can be uploaded to the RoundTable Project Server for all team members to be able to see, use, and comment on. The folio author is able to make notes on their research and flag items to indicate importance. When members review or use it, they are able to make comments which the author and other members can see the next time they access the Collection.

Allow team-members to engage in open, asynchronous discussions Forums allow for ad-hoc, asynchronous conversations. If a team member has a specific question or concern that doesn't need to be addressed immediately however, he/she would like to make other team members aware of it and start a casual discussion, forums are the perfect tool. Within





RoundTable comes as a collection of easily managed extensible components, referred to as an environment. All interactions in the system happen over Web Services therefore the system can very easily be extended to provide custom features or integrated with other systems to more closely meet your needs.

the *RoundTable Environment*, each project gets its own forum that team members can add topics to as they see fit. Notifications can be applied for a more integrated environment. If a member has a forum he or she is particularly interested in, they can register for notification and, when a new reply is sent in or a topic added, they will be notified through their chosen method.

Increase team and project awareness
Notifications can be registered with any component in the *RoundTable Environment* allowing team members to be aware of changes and additions without manually logging into the system. Notifications can be sent via email or through SMS providers allowing your team-members to receive updates on their cell-phones from wherever they may be! Also, end-users must register for a notification to receive one so, they will never be inundated with un-wanted information from the RoundTable Environment.

Extend or integrate RoundTable with your existing IT assets to create a more cohesive environment. The Web Services Interface made available with *RoundTable* allows any software system to access and communicate with *RoundTable*. This opens up an enormous array of possibilities. You could either integrate *RoundTable* with your existing systems or, create entirely new applications that extend the *RoundTable* functionality.



Benefits

RoundTable Collaboration Environment comes as a standalone product that is very easy to manage and configure. There are several components that can be arranged inside and outside the corporate firewall to provide the maximum level of security for your data. Each end-user accesses the system through a standard web-browser such as Internet Explorer or, through the RoundTable Discussion Client for real time conversations.

Technical Requirements

Operating System	CPU
Windows 2000 Windows Server 2003 Windows XP Pro	Pentium 300 MHz or higher

Web Browsers

- ♦ **Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.0, 5.5, 6.0, 6 SP1**
- ♦ **Netscape Navigator 6.2 or greater**
- ♦ **Open Source Mozilla 1.0 or greater**

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