

conducting quick surveys of opinions and priorities of team members. The calendar feature is useful for setting deadlines and for reminding members of real-time meetings and consultations.

In summary, there are a variety of Web-enabled collaborative applications that are capable of supporting an expanding list of group activities. It seems likely that these applications will become an increasingly important and valuable component of the e-research process. It is also likely that these applications will become more useful, as additional features are added and their functionality increased through user feedback. We also expect that increasing access to Net services provided by mobile devices will increase the ease and practicality of collaboration research.

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