

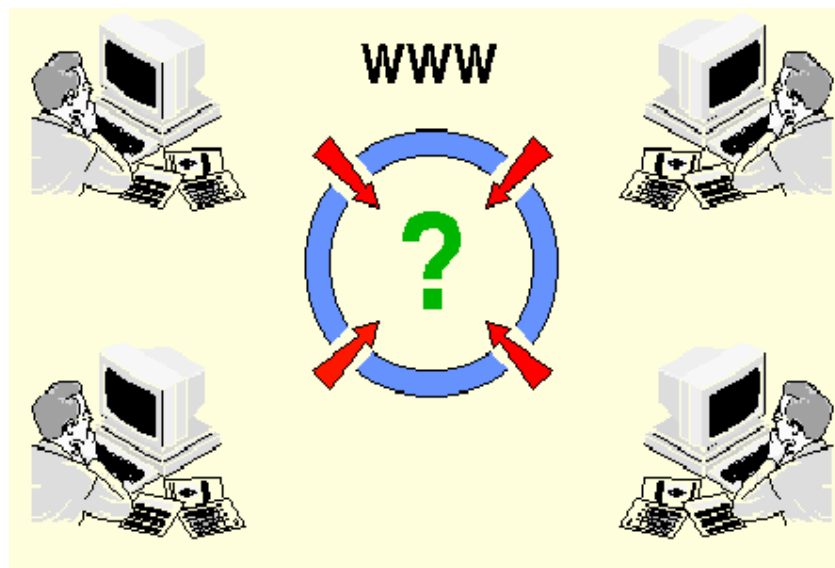


TEAM 5 Web-based collaboration report



1. Introduction

Web-based collaboration report is based on the information about the team members and their interaction during the preparation time for Hydroeurope as well as during the Hydroeurope seminar in Nice. The interaction between team members has been done in the way of using web-collaboration tools such as: Skype, Netmeeting (especially for sharing the screen), and Hydroeurope platform.




1.1 Hydroeurope Platform

The hydroeurope platform has been created for the different purposes of teams as well as for providing and sharing data which is useful for simulation. The personal team page which is located on the hydroeurope platform has been modified and upgraded with personal information of team members as well as with information about progress reports which were created and uploaded into the platform after each collaboration session between team members.

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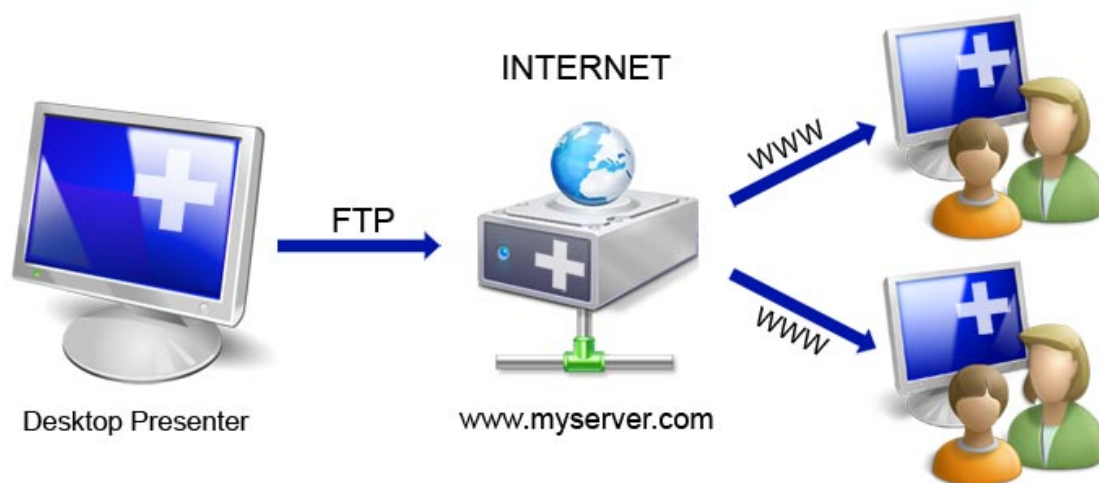
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1.2 Skype and Netmeeting communication tools

In our team we have agreed upon some of the well known tools for communication such as Skype and Netmeeting. We mainly used Skype for the communication. This helped us to avoid the spatial distribution. Skype's chat and Skype's voice chat was pretty clear without any lag. We had an opportunity to communicate using the Skype conference. In addition to Skype, we used Netmeeting for sharing the screen. In this way we tried to solve different problems using graphical tools as well as perform and demonstrate the results to all team members.

1.3. Remote Desktop

All members of our team have used remote desktop connection in order to get access to server which is located in Nice. It helped us to prepare carefully different tasks before arriving to Nice. We shared the same space on the server to be successful with our tasks. All necessary software has been installed on the server therefore we could use it without any limitations.



1.3. Web-collaboration before coming to Nice

The introduction to the project has been performed before Christmas time by coordinators from different universities in order to get an overview about the project. Before “face-to-face” meeting in Nice, the project has been assessed by web-collaborative working. We tried to start our team work at the week before the Christmas time to introduce ourselves to others. After that we had first Skype meeting which was held at 17th of December 2009. We agreed an appointment to meet each week to discuss different tasks. There were four meetings before coming to Nice. We distributed the task and elected the team leader. Although all students had different schedules (lectures, exams) and faced other time constraints, everyone tried to take part in the meetings as much as possible. Before coming to Nice we have already finished the Hydrological and

GIS modeling parts and presented our results to audience in the first day of starting Hydroeurope.

1.3. Tasks distribution between the team members before coming to Nice

Different tasks of the project have been equally distributed between team members:

Tasks Distribution before coming to Nice	
1. Stephane	GIS Modelling
2. Kim	Hydrological Analysis
3. Ahmed	Mike 11 modelling
4. Amandine	Hydrological Analysis, Webdesigner
5. Rajmund	Mike SHE Modelling
6. Prima	Mike SHE Modelling
7. Sean	Team leader, Hydrological Analysis
8. Alex	Mike 11, report maker
9. Fazlul	GIS Modelling
10. Edgar	

We understood that we had to communicate with different people from different locations with different educational background. Those facts we have taken into account during the tasks distribution.

1.4. Team work in Nice. “Face-to-Face” meeting. Group dynamics.

In the beginning of team work in Nice we had specific team discussions for task distribution to fix what the next steps. Finally all team members understood their own tasks. We also tried to organise the meeting with our team supervisor in the morning and in the evening of each day to get clear understanding what everyone was doing and working on.

As a result of those meetings we tried to rearrange the distribution of the different tasks between the team members. As I mentioned before we had 10 team members from different

locations and with different educational background. We tried to understand who is experienced in which part of the project. Due to this fact we created a list of tasks which was distributed between team members during the Nice session.

Group Dynamics. Nice Session	
3. Stephane	GIS Modelling, ISIS modelling, Presentation
4. Kim	Hydrological Analysis, Presentation
3. Ahmed	Mike 11 modelling
4. Amandine	Hydrological Analysis, Webdesigner
5. Rajmund	Mike SHE Modelling
6. Prima	Mike SHE Modelling, Presentation
7. Sean	Team leader, Hydrological Analysis, ISIS Modelling, Presentation
8. Alex	Report maker, partially involved to Mike11 and GIS modelling, Presentation
9. Fazlul	Partially involved to Mike11 and GIS modelling
10. Edgar	

As a result of this rearranging (team function) we have successfully completed the Mike SHE modelling part as well as Mike 11 and ISIS part. For people who weren't involved to specific part of the project we tried to introduce the main aspects of the work which has been done.

All team members have been involved to the midterm-presentation during the first week of Hydroeurope. The specific topic for the presentation was: "Influence of rainfall spatial distribution on the simulated hydrographs".

2. Conclusion

This module has given us some confidence in modelling side as well as in the software tools used for modelling the World of water.

In the beginning of our team work the whole tasks were equally shared among us. After finishing off the tasks we had brainstorming session with our team mates as well as team supervisor about the tasks completed. We had many fruitful discussions with our supervisor about the problem which we were involved in. We would like cordially thanks to him that he kept balance between constructive devising suggestions and granting us freedom to realise our own ideas.

This module has many positives in it. We have made many friends not only from our team but also from other Hydroeurope teams. We shared experience between each other and helped to be an advisor in the part which we are confident in.

In addition to that we would like to add some small negatives: in the beginning of the work we had some problems with synchronization of the schedules. There are many people from different locations have been involved to the study process in their local universities. Therefore, it was a little bit difficult to organize the meeting between all team members. But this problem is automatically gone during the “face-to-face” session in Nice.

In general, we are really satisfied with collaboration and progresses in our team.

