



Awareness, Trust, and Tool Support in Distance Collaborations

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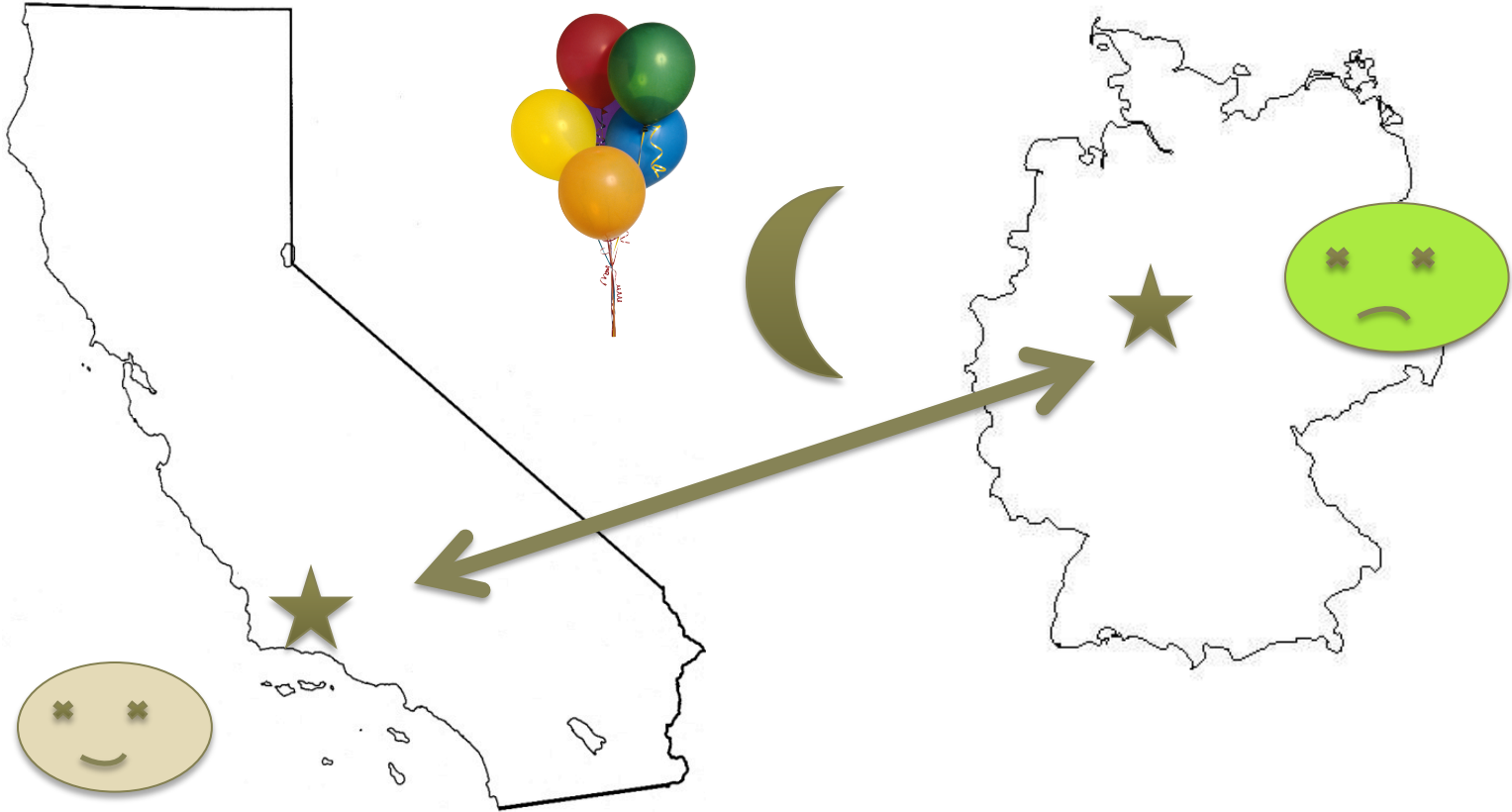
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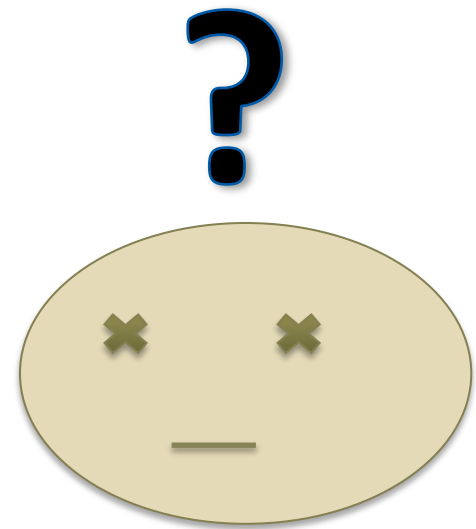


Example: Working at a Distance



Some of the problems in our Example

- Isolation prevents knowing what others are doing
- Lack of awareness also prevents knowing why they are doing or not doing something.
- Distance prevents familiarity – both professional and personal



Distance Matters for Common Ground and Effects of Isolation

- Olson, G., Olson, J. *Distance Matters*, Human-Computer Interaction, V. 15, N. 2, September 2000, pp. 139-178.
 - Seminal and highly cited paper on the research of geographically distributed teams.
 - “four key concepts: common ground, coupling of work, collaboration readiness, and collaboration technology readiness.”
- Koehn, B., Shih, P., Olson, J. Remote and Alone: Coping with Being the Remote Member on the Team, ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW 2012, Seattle, WA), February 2012, pp. 1257-1266.
 - Isolated (remote) workers develop individual coping strategies involving ICT and social practices.
 - E.g. participants developed mentorship relationships and communication strategies to remain visible in the team and to leave visible trails for performance evaluations.

And just about time zones ...

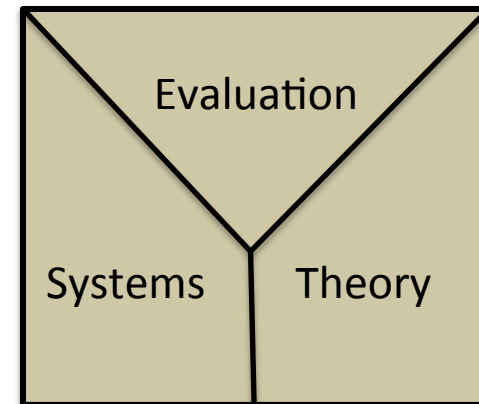
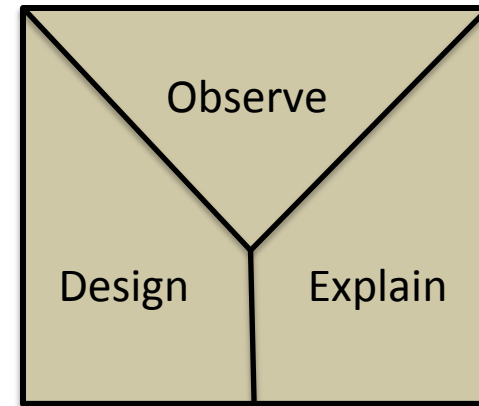
- Tang, J., Zhao, C., Cao, X., Inkpen, K. *Your Time Zone or Mine? A Study of Globally Time Zone-Shifted Collaboration*, ACM Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW 2011, Hangzhou, China), March 2011, pp. 235-244.
 - Explores how team members work across global time zone differences and strategize to find time for interaction.
 - E.g., selecting a time zone delegate and sharing-the-pain strategies
- Segalla, M. *Why Mumbai at 1pm Is the Center of the Business World*, Harvard Business Review, October 2010, pp. 38-39.
 - Amazing statistics and visualizations about the lack of overlap of working days and times
 - E.g., “only 15 workweeks (29%) are uninterrupted by a holiday” [p. 38].

Can we make distance matter a little less?

- Awareness
- Trust
- Software Tool Support

Research Approach

- Observe and collect data
 - Workplace
 - Research literature
- Hypothesize and build systems
- Evaluate systems
 - Controlled settings and
 - Not so controlled settings – professionals
- Link back to the data



Why this approach?

- Computer Science
 - From 1976 – 1982 learned about the mechanics of doing things with the computer
- Human-Computer Interaction
 - Around 1980 onwards learned about the real way people used computer software
 - Formal training from 1987-1992 in human-computer interaction
- Personally
 - Pragmatic
 - Open-minded
 - Seeking “bigger” picture and meaning

Roadmap to this talk

- Research Themes
 - Awareness and trust and, more generally, distance collaboration
- Literature
 - Citations and brief summaries
- Experiences
 - Observations, software tools, and evaluations → Lessons learned!
- Conclusion
 - Immediate and long-term challenges

Awareness

Knowing others' activities

- Dourish, P., Bellotti, V. *Awareness and Coordination in Shared Workspaces*, Conference on Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW '92, Toronto, Canada), 1992, pp. 107-114.
 - “awareness is an understanding of the activities of others, which provides a context for your own activity”
 - “awareness information is always required to coordinate group activities, whatever the task domain”

Work practices for coordination

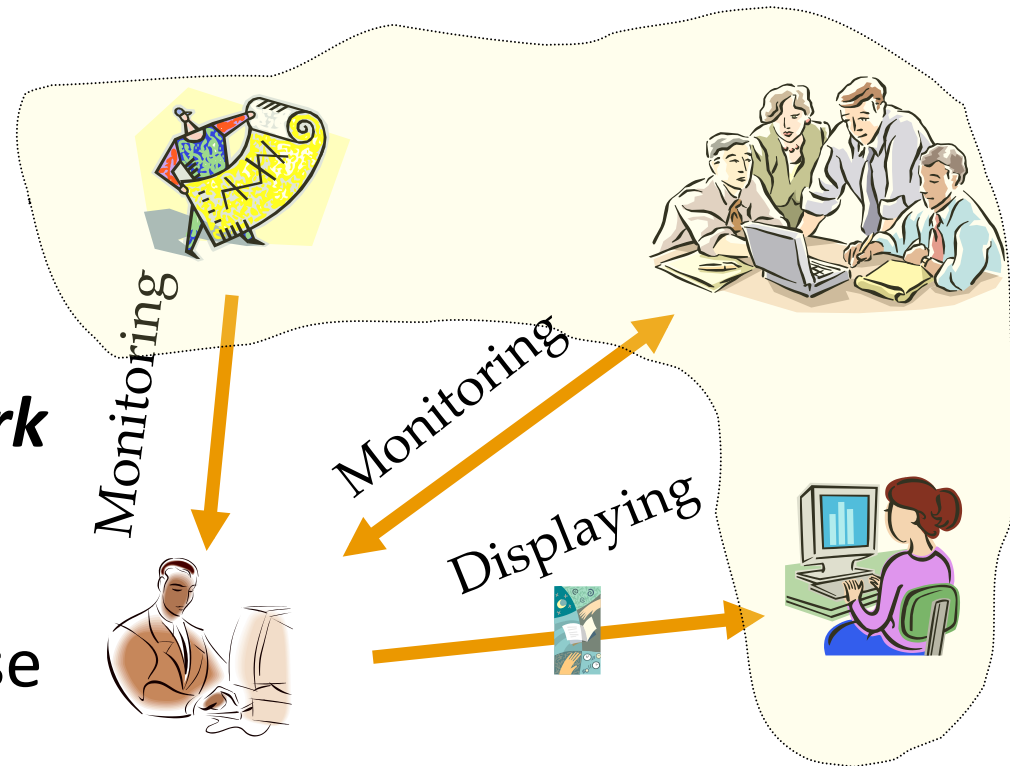
- Schmidt, K. The Problem with 'Awareness' - Introductory Remarks on 'Awareness in CSCW'. Journal of Computer Supported Cooperative Work, 2002. 11(3-4): p. 285-298.
 - Many definitions of awareness, but ...
 - Monitoring others' and displaying your own actions as part of work

Work practices that maintain awareness

- de Souza, C.R.B., Redmiles, D.F. The Awareness Network, To Whom Should I Display My Actions? And, Whose Actions Should I Monitor?, IEEE Transactions on Software Engineering, V. 37, N. 3, May/June 2011, pp. 325-340.
 - Following on Schmidt ... who should I be **monitoring** and to whom should I be **displaying** actions.

The Awareness Network

- How do social actors know **to whom** they should display actions and **whose** actions should they monitor?
- The ***awareness network*** is the set of actors whose actions need to be monitored and those to whom one needs to make one's own actions visible.



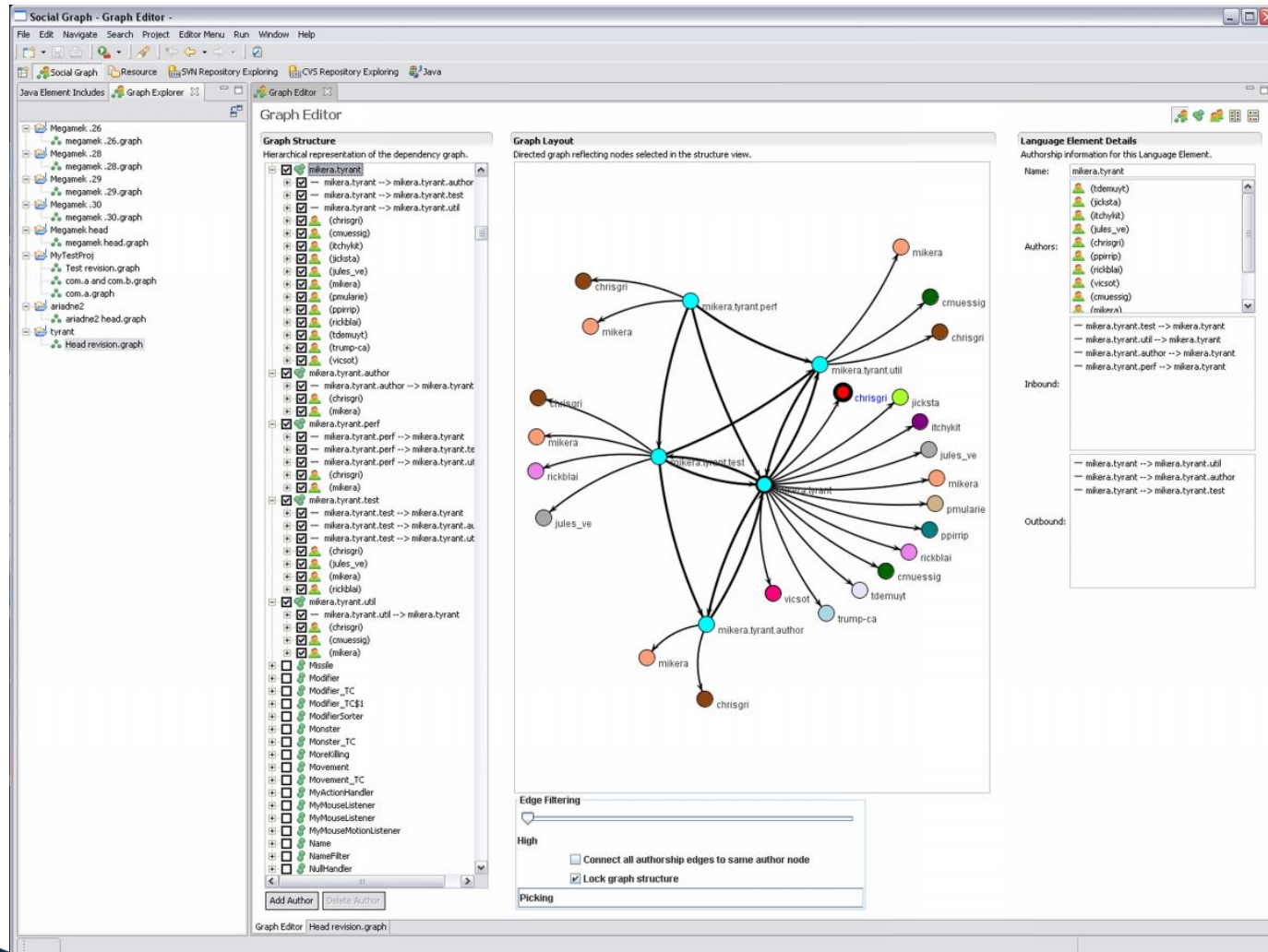
How is it achieved?

- Read everything!
 - E.g. emails, design documents, problem reports, change records
- Employ a personal network!
 - E.g., emailing friends who might know etc.
- Ad hoc tools
 - E.g., a discussion database identifying who can answer what questions

Where is our data from?

- 3 Software Development Projects
 - Non modular legacy software
 - Highly modular following reuse and reference architecture
 - Adapting software for mobile devices
- Data Collection
 - 51 semi-structured interviews
 - Participant and non-participant observation
- Data analysis
 - Grounded theory methods

Ariadne 1.0 - Social and Technical Dependencies among Developers and Components

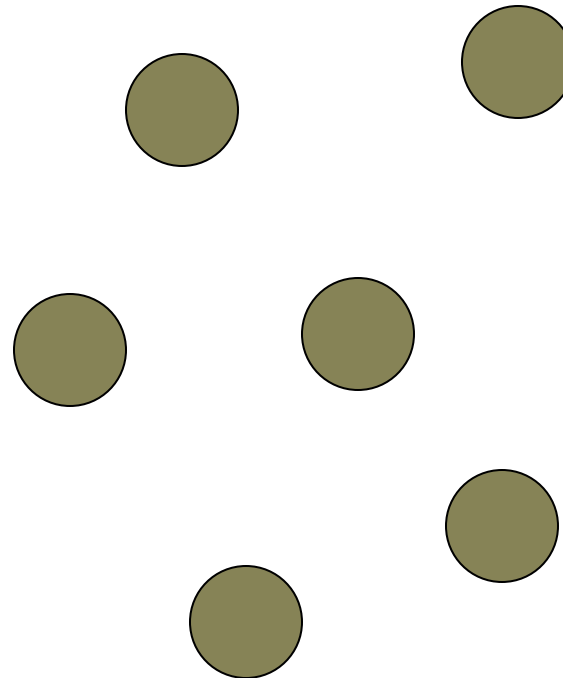


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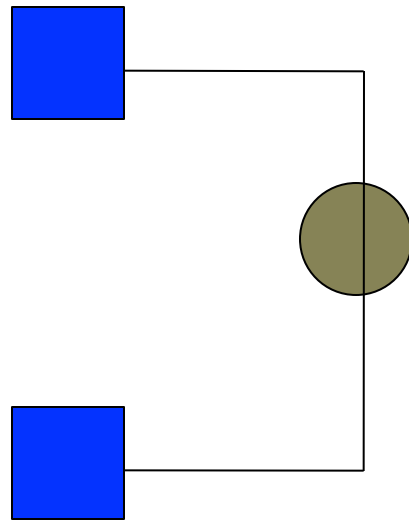


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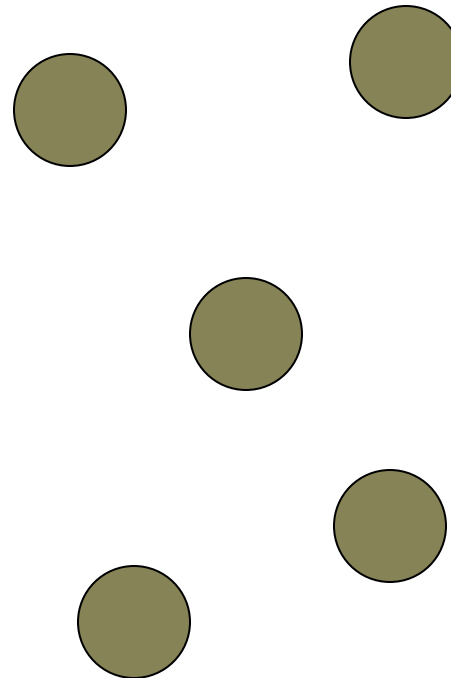


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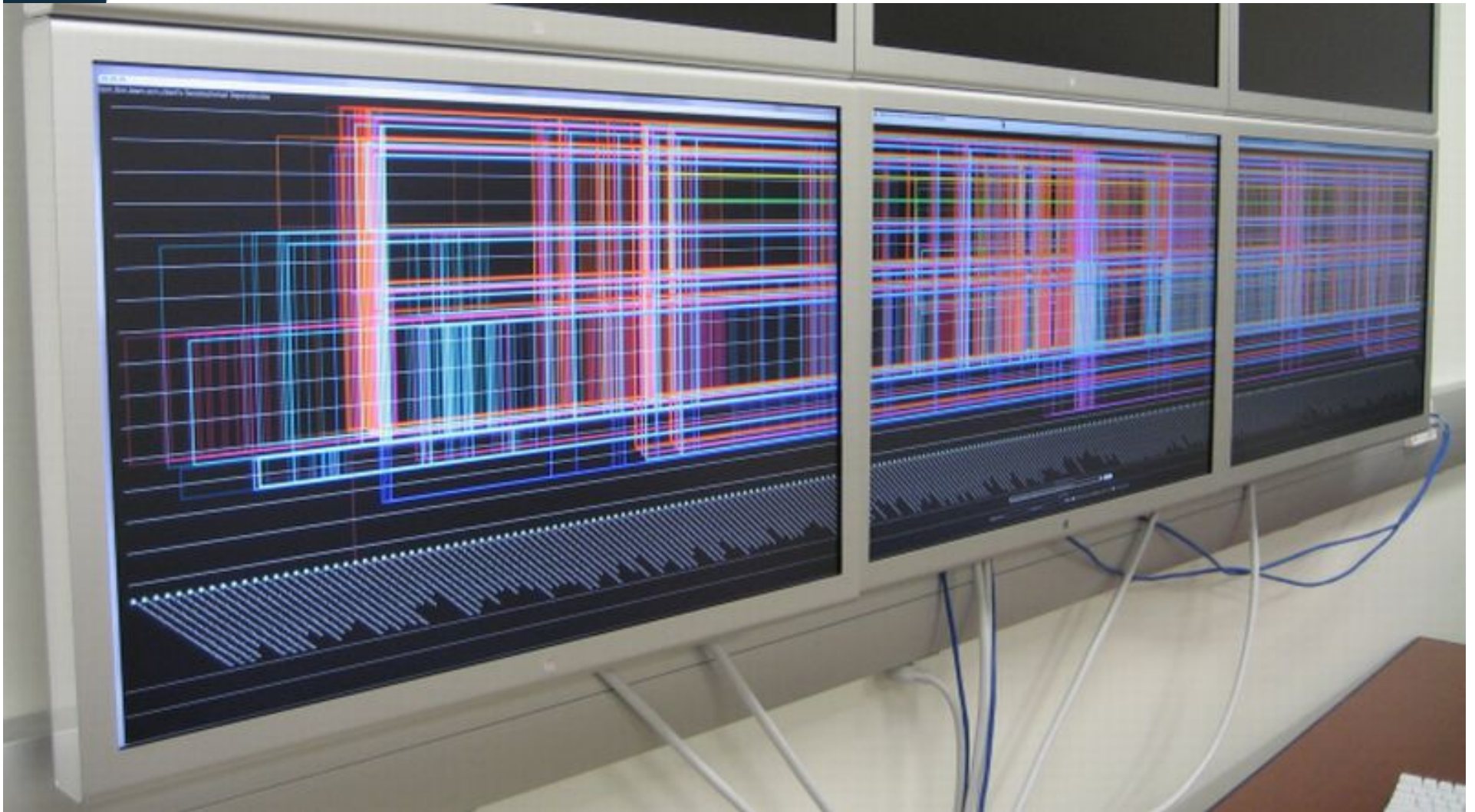
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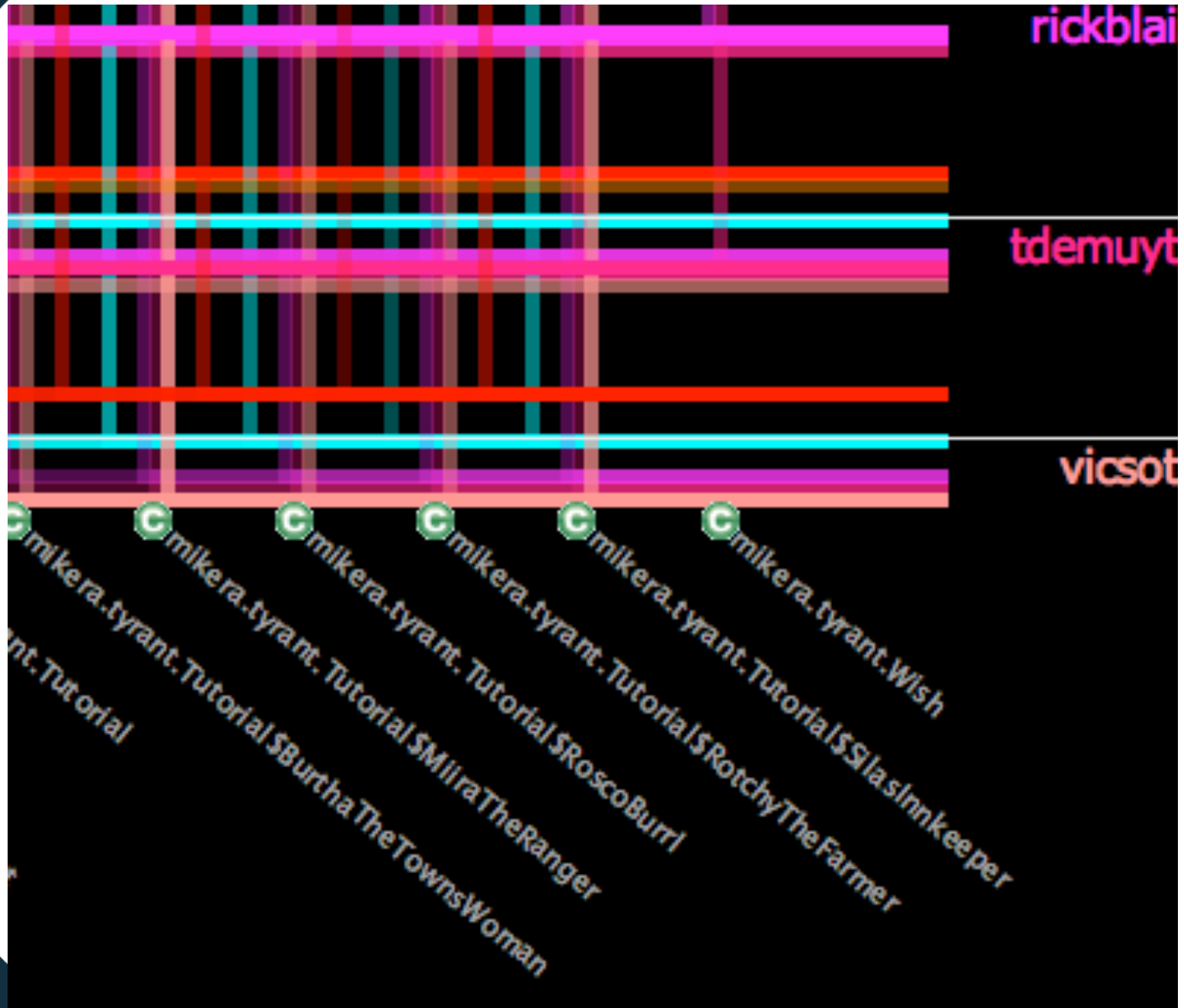


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Ariadne 2.0





Awareness – Lessons Learned - Tools

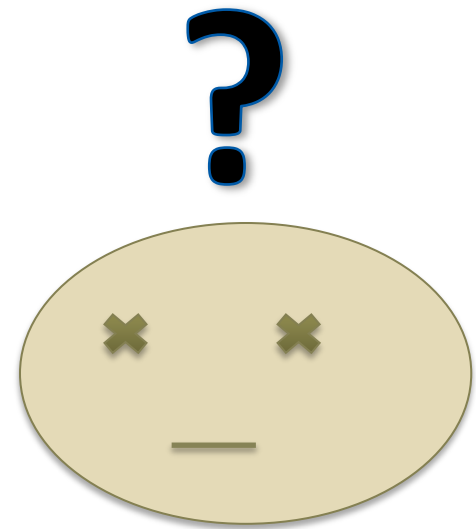
- Socio-technical systems
 - Ariadne (and other systems) integrate both the social and technical elements
- Visual user interface
- Software tools can help awareness
 - E.g., in identifying colleagues
 - E.g., in perceiving situations such as bottlenecks
 - E.g. in avoiding conflicts

Awareness – Lessons Learned - Behavior

- Awareness is key to coordinated work
- Yet awareness and common ground is hard to achieve at a distance
- There are practices that are a part of work that anticipate awareness
 - Specifically, to establish and maintain an *awareness network*

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Trust

Trust emerging as a theme

- Al-Ani, B., Redmiles, D. In Strangers We Trust? Findings of an Empirical Study of Distributed Development, IEEE International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE, Limerick, Ireland), July 2009, pp. 121-130.
 - Re-examining data from open-ended interviews at a Fortune 500 company on distributed collaboration
 - The emergence of *trust* as a theme

Definitions of trust ...

- Jarvenpaa, S. L., Knoll, K., and Leidner, D. E. *Is anybody out there? antecedents of trust in global virtual teams*, J. Manage. Inf. Syst. V. 14, No. 4, March, 1998, pp. 29-64.
 - Rational trust – willingness to be less “self-protective” and take risks
 - Social trust – a *duty* or *right way* to behave creates the willingness to take risks
- Wilson, J.M., Straus, S.G. & McEvily, W.J. *All in due time: The development of trust in computer-mediated and face-to-face groups*, Organizational Behavior and Human Decision Processes, 99, 2006, pp. 16-33.
 - Cognitive trust – beliefs about others’ competence and reliability
 - Affective trust – beliefs about reciprocated concern, emotional ties and such

The Role of Trust

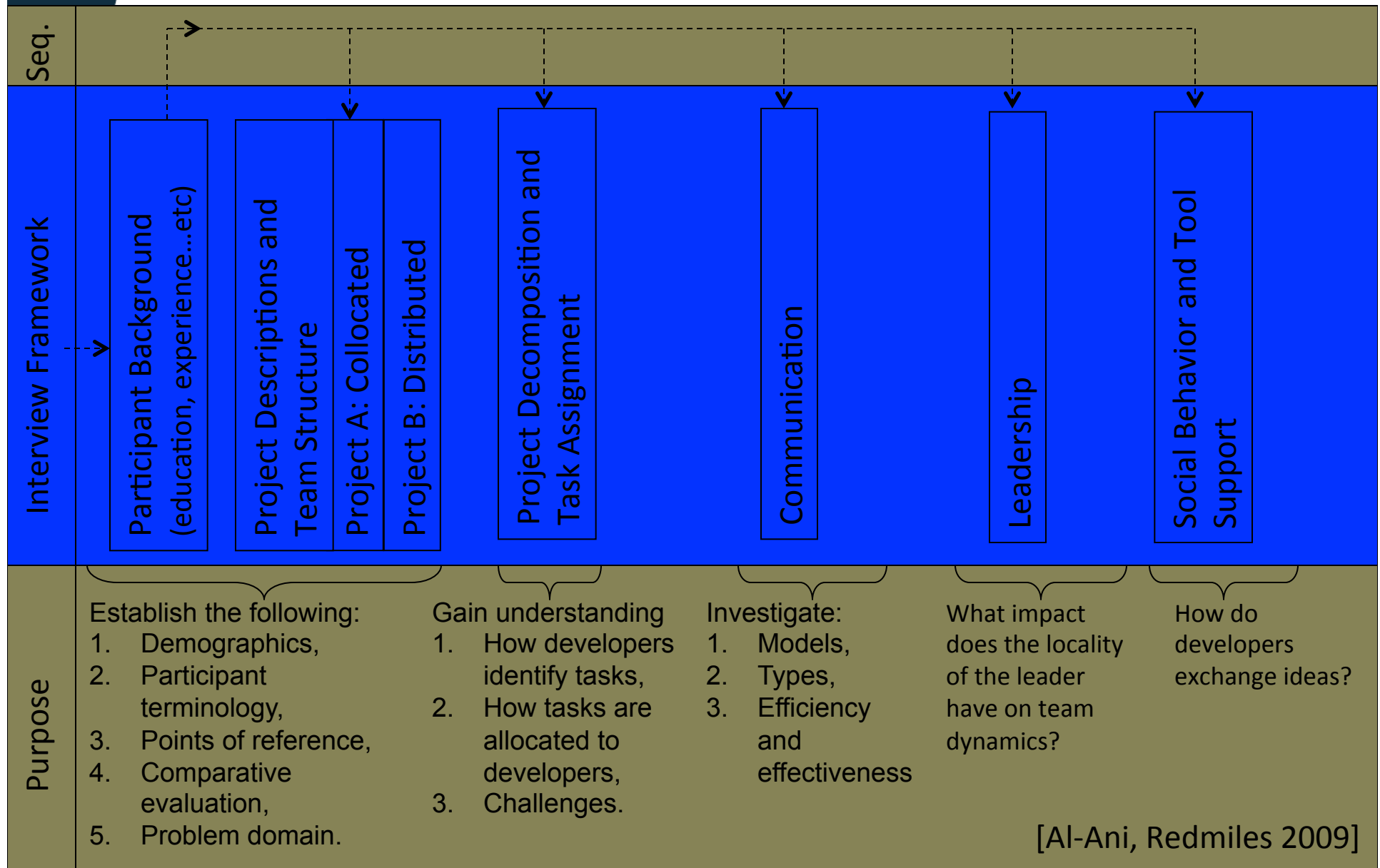
One party's positive expectations of another

- Trust:
 - Enhances team productivity
 - Helps teams manage uncertainty and complexity of working remotely
 - Promotes influential information exchange
 - Fosters innovation

First Field Study: examining distributed collaboration

- Interviews were conducted with employees of a large multi-national organization.
- USA with 16 participants.
- Respondents mentioned a total of 26 different sites.
- Overall there were an average of 4 sites per distributed team.

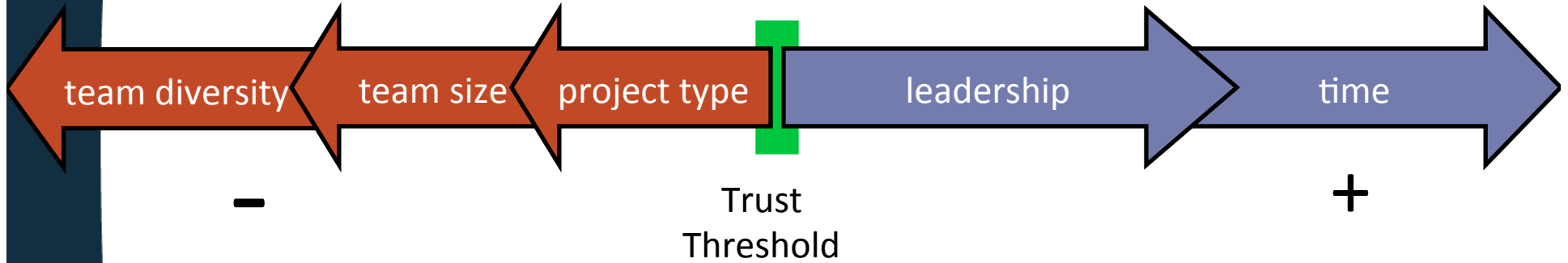
Study Overview



Lessons Learned – Factors Influencing Trust

- The issue of trust was raised by respondents:
 - Team size: larger teams.
 - Project type: innovative new.
 - Team diversity: high diversity.
 - Leadership: strong leadership.

Trust: Competing Facets



Imagine collaboration without trust!

- Double checking.
- Working in isolation.
- Reluctance to share information.

An example

X are very impatient to leave when it is the end of the working day [in their country].

Y have a tendency to talk longer

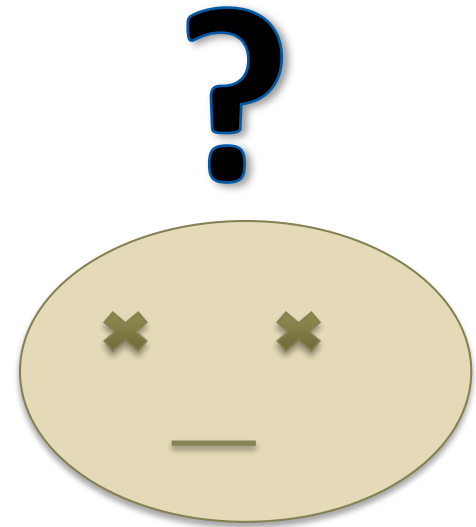
“engineers in X feel they are superior and a level of arrogance. With this comes a level of mistrust of us”

“you don’t need to know this part of the code you wouldn’t understand it”

[Al-Ani, Redmiles 2009]

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Second Field Study: examining trust in particular

- What are the antecedents of trust in distributed teams?
- What are the behaviors and actions that team members engage in that most frequently engender trust?
- What would help developers trust others on their teams?

Interview protocol

- Direct but open ended questions
 - Background and project
- Scenarios (contextualized to interview)
 - You are working on ... you need ... who would you ask?
- Storytelling
 - Can you tell me an instance when ... tell me a story ...

Degree of trust "Game" in Protocol



Sought out international collaborators!

- Thanks to ...
 - Drs. Rafael Prikladnicki and Sabrina Marczak, both at the Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul – PUCRS in Porto Alegre.

Field sites

- 5 multi-site and multi-national organizations.
- Each organization is considered one of the leaders in the development of computer-based systems.
- Interview subjects were recruited through e-mails sent to a cross-section of the organizations, as well as word of mouth (snowball).

Participants

- 18 female and 43 male employees.
- On average, 11 years' experience working in distributed teams and 12 years' experience in the organization.
- Roles in one of 3 broad categories:
 - managers - 21 (e.g. project manager, portfolio manager),
 - developers - 35 (e.g. tester, software designer, system architect, business analyst) and
 - support staff - 5 (e.g. lawyer, quality assurance).
- Located in the USA (34), Brazil (18), Mexico (2), and Costa Rica, Ireland, Israel, Poland, China, Taiwan, and Malaysia (1 each)

[Al-Ani, Wang, Marczak et al., 2012]

Example Analysis and Result

- Al-Ani, B., Wang, Y., Marczak, S., Trainer, E., Redmiles, D. Distributed Developers and the Non-Use of Web 2.0 Technologies: A Proclivity Model, The 7th International Conference on Global Software Engineering (ICGSE 2012, Porto Alegre, Brazil), August 2012, pp. 104-113.
 - Web 2.0 technologies allow employees to build a familiarity with one another and share information and should improve trust.
 - However, less than 25% of our study participants adopted these technologies and most have a negative view of these technologies
 - Why?

[Al-Ani, Wang, Marczak et al., 2012]

Analysis

- Interviews were transcribed and coded using Atlas.ti (<http://www.atlasti.com/index.html>)
- Qualitative analysis
 - Examining interviewees comments
 - Identifying themes
- Quantitative analysis
 - Variables derived from coded interviews, including self-reported demographics
 - Various statistical techniques but in this instance, logistic regression

Variables Examined

Variable	Meaning
<i>Usage</i>	The usage of Web 2.0 technologies
<i>Language</i>	Whether an interviewee can speak more than one language.
<i>Education</i>	Whether an interviewee holds a postgraduate degree.
<i>Gender</i>	An interviewee's gender.
<i>AGE</i>	An interviewee's age.
<i>Experience at Distributed Development</i>	An interviewee's experience with distributed software development.
<i>Job - Manager</i>	Whether an interviewee is a manager or not.
<i>Job - Technical</i>	Whether an interviewee's job is technical-oriented or not.
<i>Use of (non Web 2.0) other technologies</i>	The number of communication technologies an interviewee has been used in their work except Web 2.0 technologies.

[Al-Ani, Wang, Marczak et al., 2012]

Results of Quantitative Analysis

Variables	Conclusion
<i>Age</i>	<i>An increase of age will result the lower probability of using Web 2.0 to support distributed collaboration.</i>
<i>Experience at Distributed Development</i>	<i>An increase of experience of distributed development will result the higher probability of using Web 2.0 to support distributed collaboration.</i>
<i>Use of (non Web 2.0) other technologies</i>	<i>An increase of using other Communication Technology will result the higher probability of using Web 2.0 to support distributed collaboration.</i>

[Al-Ani, Wang, Marczak et al., 2012]

Results of Qualitative Analysis

- The alignment between developers' work and their supporting technology is positively associated with developers' trust towards collaboration tools.
- The experience of being exposed to distributed software development is positively associated with developers' trust towards collaboration tools.
- Positive organization policies on collaboration tools are positively associated with developers' usage of traditional collaboration tools.

Lessons Learned – Tool Usage

- Our study indicated paths to better tools / better adoption
 - Experience in tool usage increases everyday – in personal as well as professional use.
 - Knowing the value of “Web 2.0” tools can encourage changed organizational policies.
 - Support for “vertical” integration – value for many participants – can increase adoption.
- Encouragement for tools!

Tool Support Specific to Trust

Knowing personal or professional (expertise) information?

- Schumann, J., Shih, P., Redmiles, D., Horton, G. Supporting Initial Trust in Distributed Idea Generation and Evaluation, The 2012 International ACM SIGGROUP Conference on Supporting Group Work (GROUP 2012, Sanibel Island, FL), October 2012, in press.
 - Effects of **cognitive** and **affective** trust on collaborative brainstorming and evaluation.
 - Open to gender effects (as inspired by Professor Margaret Burnett, Oregon State).

Innovation and Trust

- Cognitive Trust
 - Judgment of competence, reliability, and professionalism
 - Deliberate assessment of benefits of trusting over risks
- Affective Trust
 - Emotional ties among individuals, beliefs about interpersonal care and concerns
 - Sincere concern for the well-being of the others
- Innovation Process
 - Idea Generation
 - Idea Evaluation

[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

Trust Information Elements

Personal information	#	Expertise Information	#
Hobbies	14	Experience (projects)	15
Gender	13	Specific skills	15
Honorary activities	12	Specialization/interests	14
Age	11	References (awards)	14
Nationality	8	Degree (years in the program)	12
Taste of music	7	Companies	8
TV shows	6	Department	7

[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

The Experiment

- Idea Generation
 - Participants work to generate ideas
 - Simultaneously, 2 remote confederates produced 10 pre-compiled ideas in the 15-min session.
- Idea Evaluation
 - Each participant rated 6 ideas.
 - Originality and feasibility ratings of the confederates were pre-compiled.
- 36 Subjects
 - 18 Male
 - 18 Female

[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

Idea Generation Screen

Idea Generation Session

Now you have 15 minutes to generate ideas for the task: 'How could we make Facebook more useful for students?'

While writing please consider the following rules:

- (1) Criticism is ruled out.
- (2) Freewheeling is welcome.
- (3) Quantity is wanted.
- (4) Combinations and improvement are sought.



Participant 2:

Title: Electronic bulletin board
Description: A bulletin board integrated into Facebook
Advantage: Can look up cheap stuff and does not need another website

Participant 3:

Title: Calendar
Description: Important dates (e.g. exam date) are in a calendar in Facebook
Advantage: Student is up-to-date



Idea title: _____

Idea description: _____

Advantage of idea for the student: _____

You have 13:54 left.



You are logged in as: Participant 1

Your profile is shown to the other participants.

Participant 2:

- Companies/References: Google Inc., Apple Inc.
- Awards: No awards
- Degree: M.Sc.
- Department: Computer Science
- Current year in the program: 3rd
- Specialization/Interests: Visualization, Software Engineering
- Skills: Java, C++, PHP, JSP, Javascript, Ajax

Participant 3:

- Companies/References: Microsoft Research
- Awards: Outstanding Research Award
- Degree: Ph.D.
- Department: Social Sciences
- Current year in the program: 5th
- Specialization/Interests: Social Networks, Education
- Skills: Experienced in quantitative and qualitative analyses



[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

Idea Evaluation Screen

Idea Evaluation Session

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Please take your time to read the ideas and think about their originality and feasibility to the task: "How could we make the iPad2 more useful for senior citizens?" Choose your rating carefully, because you can rate an idea only once.

List of Ideas	Participant 1 (You) Please rate here by clicking on the stars.	Participant 2 ...rated as follows:	Participant 3 ...rated as follows:	Result
Idea 1 Idea Title: Analysis of illness symptoms Short Description: App for analyzing illness of senior citizen Advantage For The Senior Citizen: For senior citizens who get sick often	Originality: ☆☆☆☆ Feasibility: ☆☆☆☆	Originality: ★★★★☆ Feasibility: ★★★☆☆	Originality: ★★★★★ Feasibility: ★★★★☆	Originality: ☆☆☆☆☆ Result: 0.0/5 (0 votes cast) Feasibility: ☆☆☆☆☆ Result: 0.0/5 (0 votes cast)
Idea 2 Idea Title: Grow-Up-Scrapbook-App for grandchildren Short Description: App which documents the grow up of the grandchildren Advantage For The Senior Citizen: For senior citizens with grandchildren	Originality: ☆☆☆☆ Feasibility: ☆☆☆☆	Originality: ★★★★☆ Feasibility: ★★★★☆	Originality: ★★★★☆ Feasibility: ★★★★☆	Originality: ☆☆☆☆☆ Result: 0.0/5 (0 votes cast) Feasibility: ☆☆☆☆☆ Result: 0.0/5 (0 votes cast)
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Results – Support for Trust

- Knowing personal information leads to higher affective trust and knowing expertise information leads to higher cognitive trust – expected.
- However, knowing *either* personal or expertise information boosted both trust levels – participants did not make distinctions.

[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

Results – Gender Effects

- Gender differences have little effect on trust in idea generation and idea evaluation sessions.
- Female participants created more feasible ideas while male participants created more original ideas in the experiment

[Schumann, Shih, Redmiles, Horton, 2012]

Lessons Learned – Tool Support for Trust

- Evidence that information provided by tools can engender trust.
- Further encouragement towards tool support.
- See also work by Filippo Lanubile and colleagues on *Augmenting Social Awareness in a Collaborative Development Environment*

Design Space for Collaboration Tools

- Trainer, E.H., Redmiles, D.F. Foundations for the Design of Visualizations that Support Trust in Distributed Teams, International Working Conference on Advanced Visual Interfaces (AVI 2012, Capri Island, Italy), May 2012, pp. 34-41.

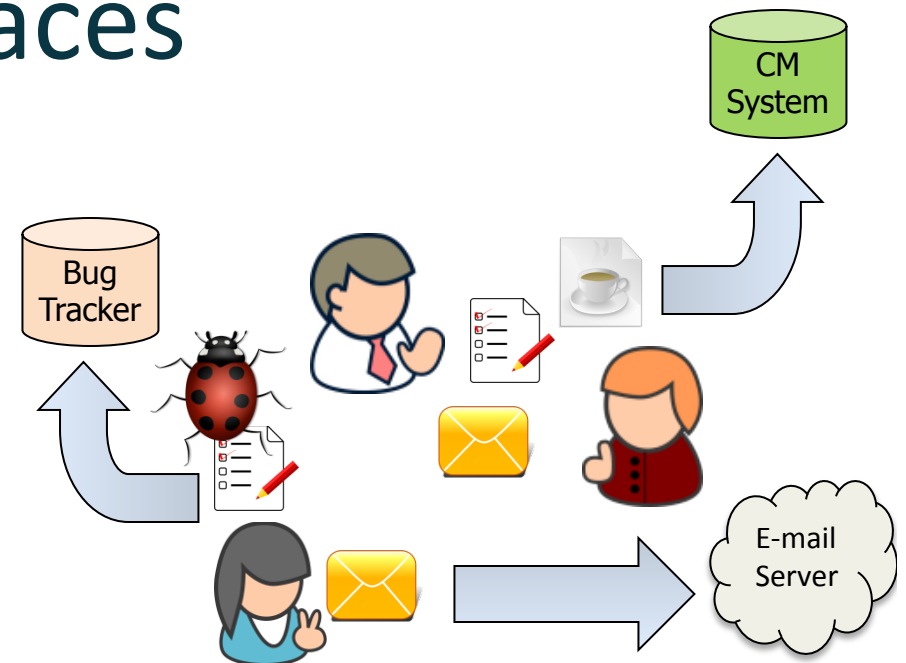
Further tool support for trust

A software tool can usefully provide information that engenders perceived trustworthiness among distributed team members.

- Questions:
 - What information affects distributed team members perceptions of others' trustworthiness?
 - Can this information be delivered in a software tool?

Collaborative Traces

- A term that refers to data visualized by “awareness” tools
- Representations of past and current activity of a group of developers manipulating software development artifacts



Collaborative Traces for Trust

- (RQ) “What information.....”
- As shown by a matrix.....
- Columns:
 - Trust factors, i.e. information that affects trust, from the literature on trust
- Rows:
 - Collaborative traces + other data (e.g., time zone, org. chart)

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Visual Representations for Trust

- Visual representations summarize information provided by CTs
- How to choose appropriate visualizations?
 - Web-based advice (e.g., ManyEyes, Swivel, Google Chart Tools) organized by task:
 - Show relationships (node-edge, matrices)
 - Show hierarchy (trees, circle packing)
 - Compare numerical values (bar charts)

Visual Representations and Collaborative traces

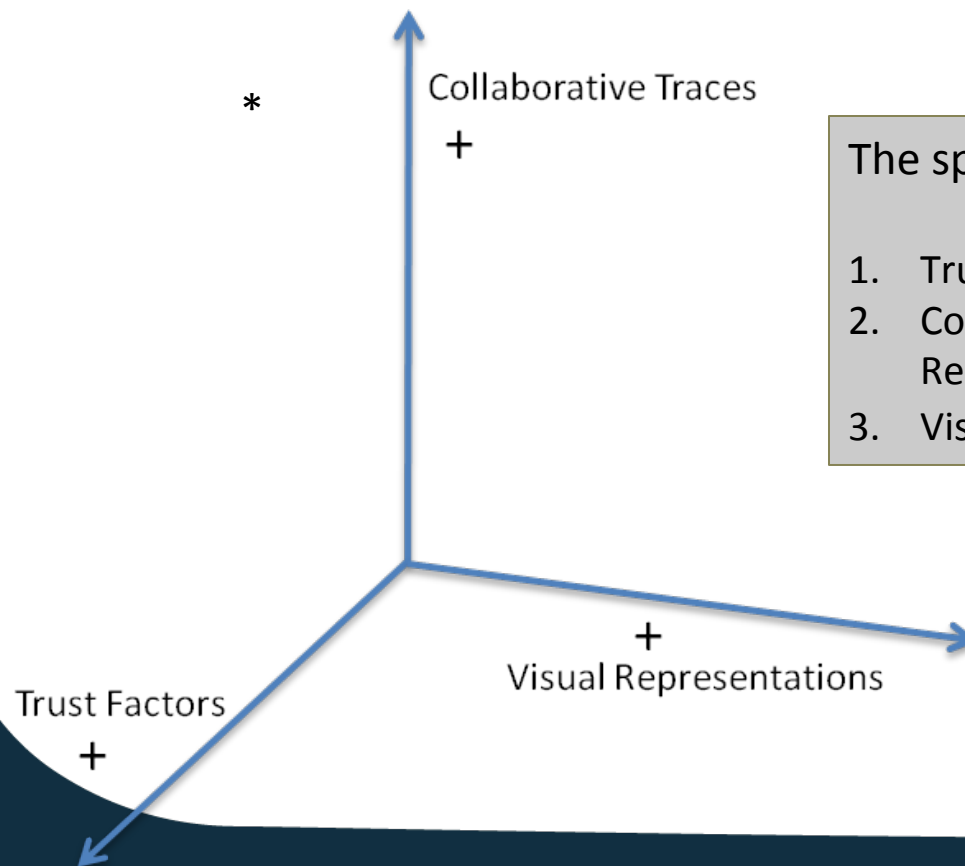
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Bar Charts	VISUAL RERESENTATIONS																			
Line-based	VISUAL RERESENTATIONS																			

[Trainer, Redmiles, 2012]

A Design Space

- **Model of Design Space =**

{ Trust factors, Visual representations, Collaborative traces }



The space is comprised of 3 matrices:

1. Trust Factors x Collaborative Traces
2. Collaborative Traces x Visual Representations
3. Visual Representations x Trust Factors

[Trainer, Redmiles, 2012]

Lessons Learned

- The design space presented here:
 - Is a first step toward exploring whether visual interfaces can engender perceived trustworthiness
 - Can be of value to designers of visual interfaces...and ultimately to distributed software developers
 - Will be empirically validated in an upcoming human subjects experiment

1. Availability Radar

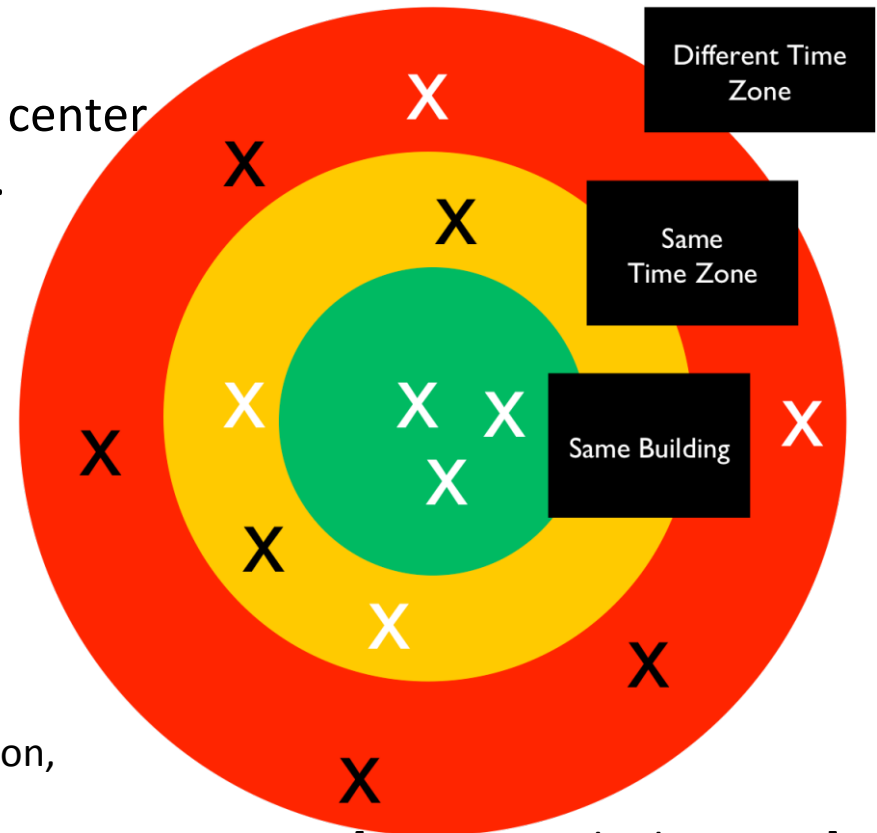
- Groups developers by their proximity to the current user

Further horizontal distances from center indicate greater physical distance.

- White x = non-manager
- Black x = manager

Visual Representation: CirclePacking (flattened)

CTs (data): Org. Chart, Work site location, time zone



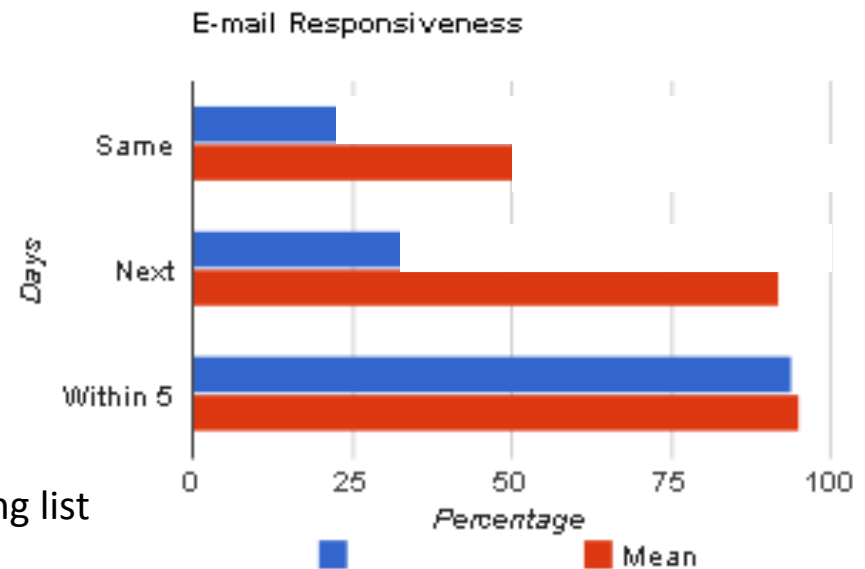
[Trainer, Redmiles, 2012]

2. Responsiveness Bars

- “Bins” developers’ reply times to e-mails based on time to reply observed in in org. literature
 - Same day
 - Next day
 - Within 5 days

Visual Representation: Bar charts

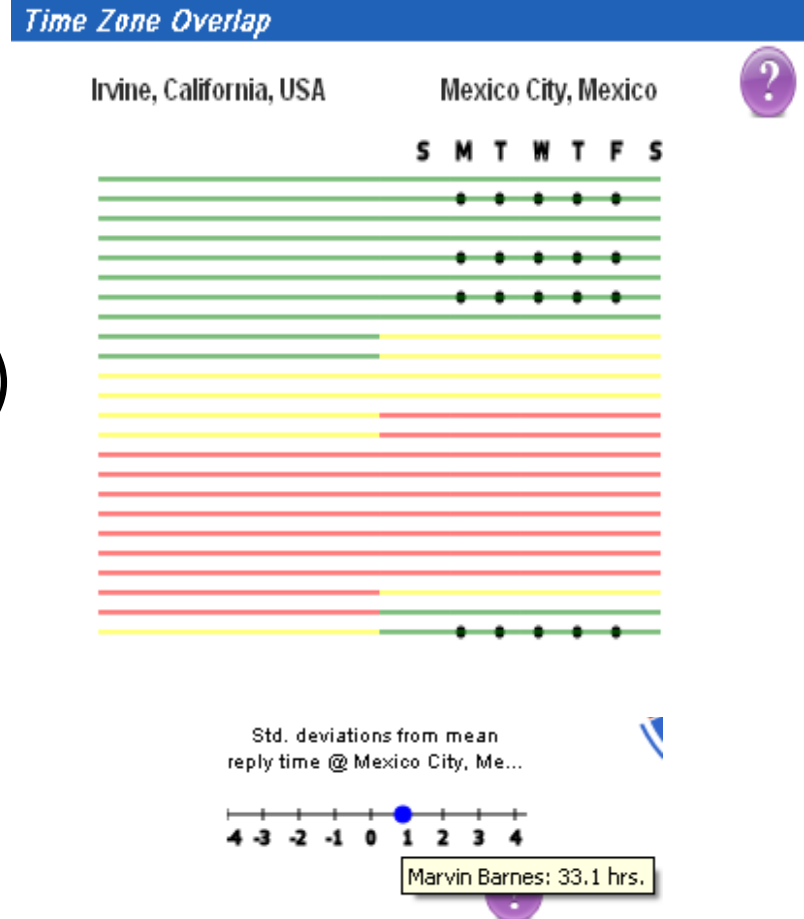
CTs: E-mail, (instant messages, mailing list postings)



[Trainer, Redmiles, 2012]

3. Time Zone Overlap (2)

- Show overlap in times of the day
 - Green (8am-5pm)
 - Yellow (6pm-9pm, 7am)
 - Red (10pm-6am)
- Time on e-mail (black dots)
 - “Day laborers”
 - “Email-aholics”



[Trainer, Redmiles, 2012]

Scenario: Consider a Remote Co-worker's Failure to Deliver on Time

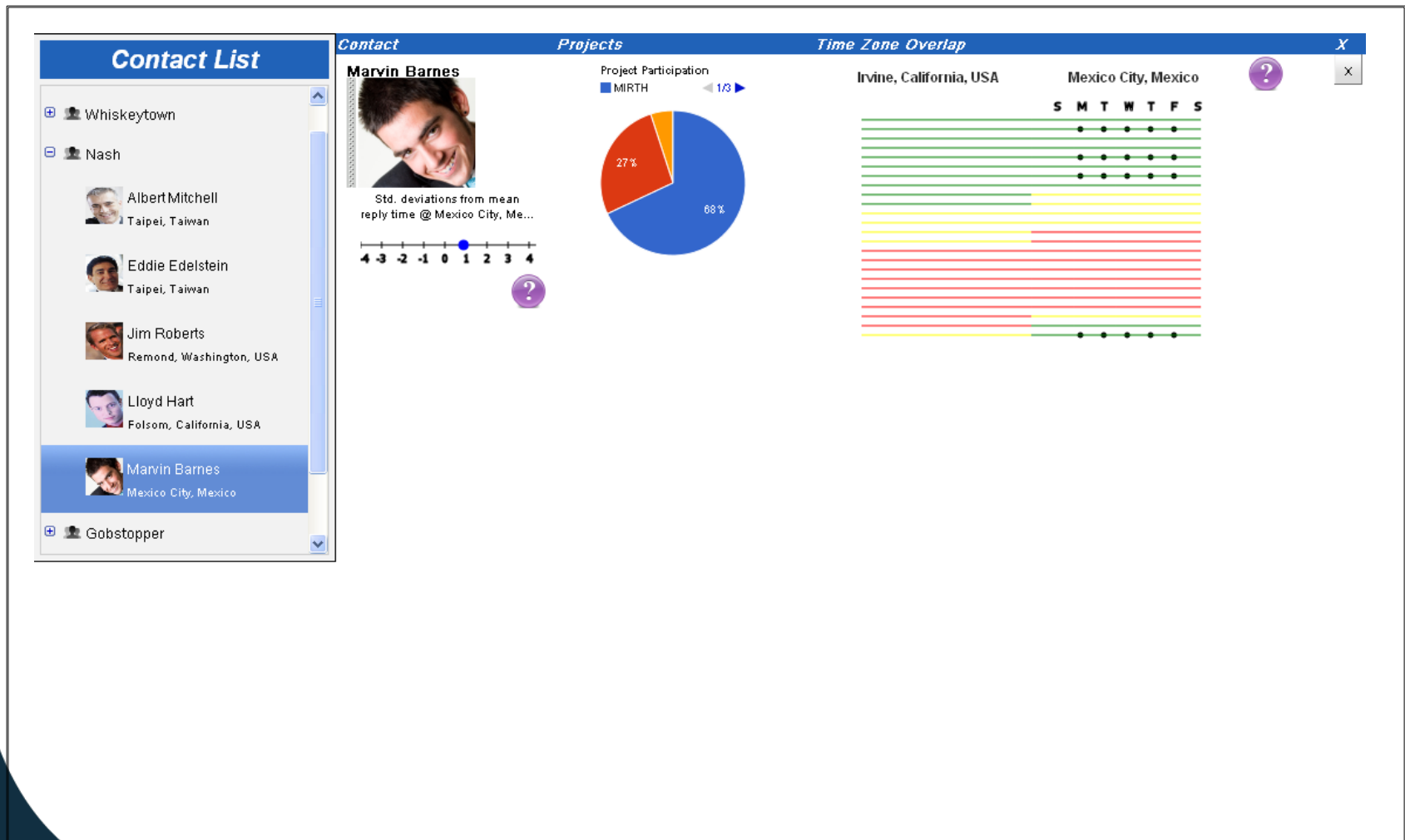
You have to come into the office this weekend to work on the "MIRTH" project. Victor Ward, a software engineer on your team, failed to check in his source-code changes on time, and has not been responsive over e-mail. As a result, you are not able to integrate your new changes into the build, and the project has slipped a week behind schedule.

(From our field observations [Al-Ani et al., 2011])

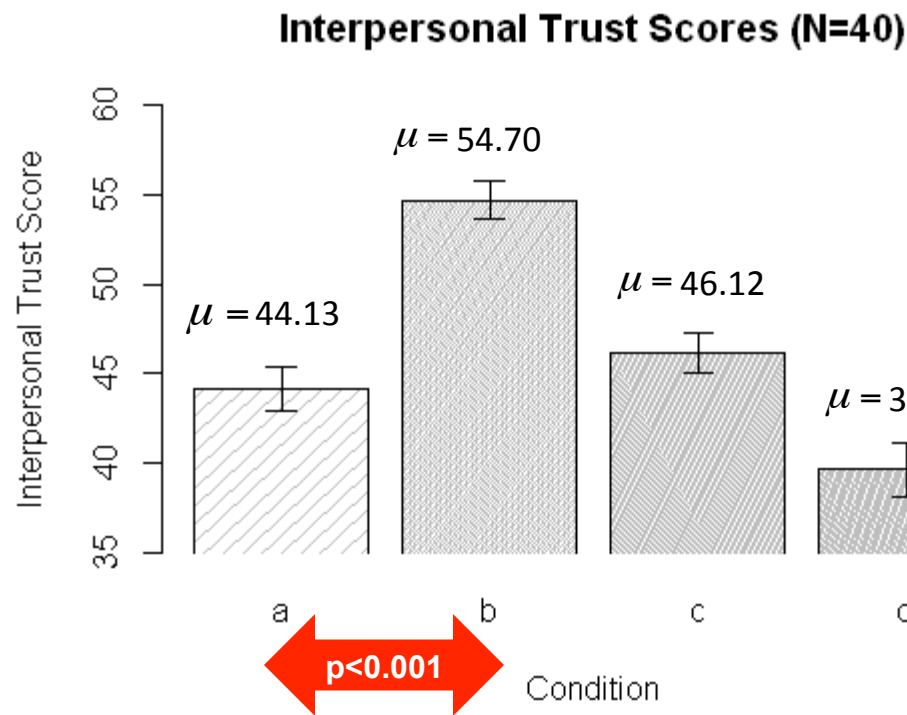
Measuring Trust

- Attribution Ranking
 - *Given what you know about how people behave, which explanation do you think most likely describes why Victor was unable to deliver on time? ([example](#))*
 - **Situational attributions** reflect high perceived trustworthiness. **Dispositional attributions** reflect low perceived trustworthiness.
- Standardized Questionnaire
 - **Standard specific interpersonal trust** (Johnson-George & Swap, 1982), measures one's perceived trustworthiness toward a specific individual (5-pt. Likert items)

A software tool can usefully provide information that engenders perceived trustworthiness.



THESEUS and Interpersonal Trust



Legend	
a	No Theseus
b	Theseus situational
c	Theseus moderate situational
d	Theseus dispositional

Scores range from 15 (low trust) to 75 (highest trust), with a neutral score or midpoint of 45.

Figure 1. Standard Deviation of Interpersonal Trust Scores.

Technique	Result
One-way repeated measures ANOVA	Significant effect of Theseus on interpersonal trust score [F(3, 117) = 27.03, p<0.001, partial η^2 = 0.41].

THESEUS and Attributions

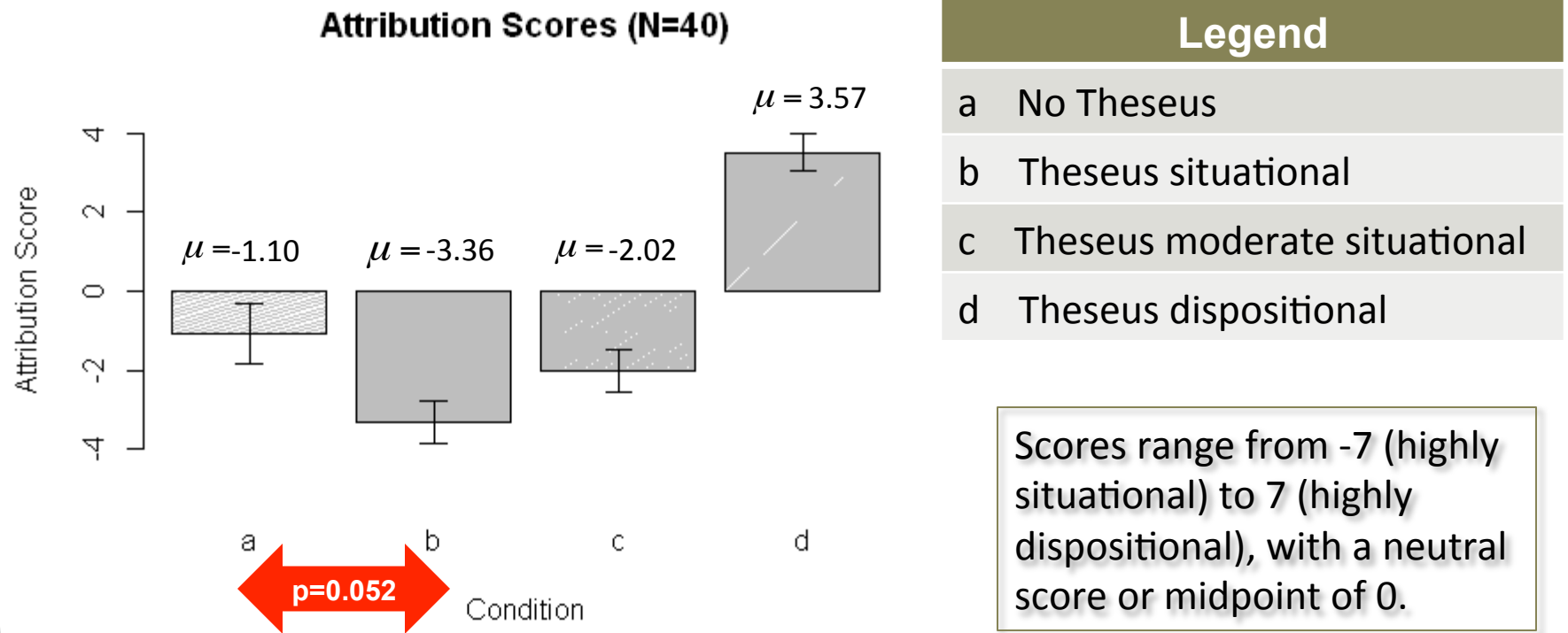


Figure 2. Standard Deviation of Attribution Scores.

Technique	Result
One-way repeated measures ANOVA	Significant effect of Theseus on attribution type [F(3, 117) = 25.96, $p < 0.001$, partial $\eta^2 = 0.40$].

Lessons Learned – Tool Support

- Theseus results in higher perceived trustworthiness compared with no Theseus
- Theseus results in more situational attributions compared with no Theseus (marginal support)
- Based on subject feedback, the tool is usable
- Subjects quickly became immersed in the data

Conclusions

A progression in research

- Awareness
 - And tool support for collaboration
- But while we studied teams in the field
 - Trust emerged as a major concern
- We suspected the awareness tools we previously research could help ...
 - But exactly how?

Arriving at Support for Trust

- We realized from our field data that
 - Typical Web 2.0 tools should help ...
 - But in many cases went unused.
 - But some team member characteristics and some teams using Web 2.0 showed promise

Pursuing tools further ...

- What kinds of tools could support trust?
 - What kind of information would they need to provide?
 - Cognitive and affective trust ... but with a revelation about the impact of each.
 - Situational and dispositional information for making accurate attributions.

Providing a design space for tools

Table 1. Collaborative traces and other data (rows) mapped to trust factors identified in the literature (column).

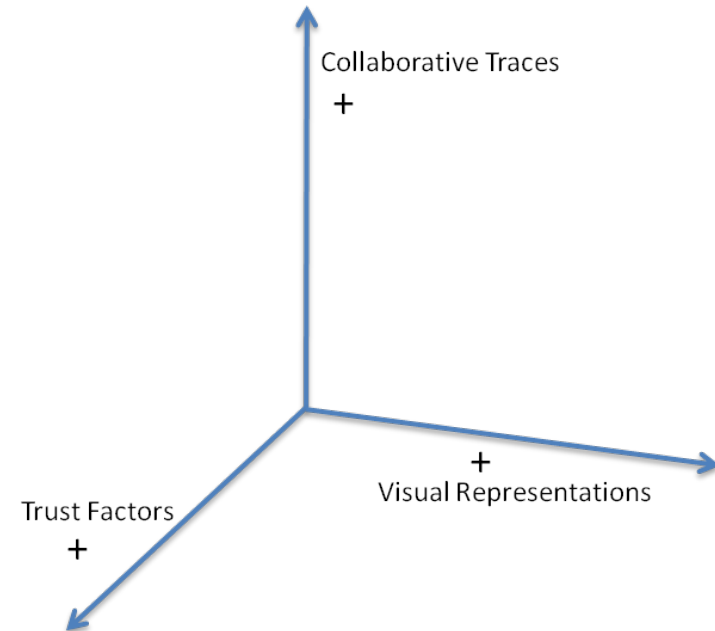
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Project descriptions			X			X	X			X						X	X	X
Chat thread	X										X							
Instant messages						X			X		X							X
E-mail messages	X					X			X		X	X			X			X
Mailing list postings	X					X			X		X				X			
Calendar						X	X						X					
Keyboard input						X												
Time zone		X			X	X				X				X				
Personnel profiles		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X			X			
Work items	X		X	X	X					X				X	X			
Source-code			X	X	X					X				X				
Org. chart		X	X		X	X	X			X				X				
Change sets																		

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Matrix	X				X	X												
Scatterplot	X					X												
CirclePacking		X	X	X		X					X							
Sunburst		X	X	X							X							
Treemap		X	X	X							X							
Indented text		X	X	X							X							
Line Chart	X					X			X		X		X					
Bar Chart	X				X			X										
Spreadsheet		X	X	X			X	X	X									
Map	X	X				X								X				

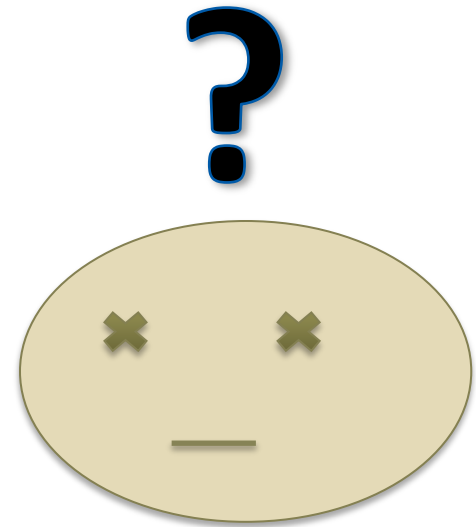
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	Project descriptions	Chat thread	Instant messages	E-mail messages	Mailing list postings	Calendar	Keyboard input	Time zone	Personnel profiles	Work items	Source-code	Org. chart	Change sets
Node-edge		X	X	X	X					X	X		X
Matrix		X	X	X	X					X	X		X
Scatterplot		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X
CirclePacking								X	X	X	X	X	X
Sunburst								X	X	X	X	X	X
Treemap								X	X	X	X	X	X
Indented text	X							X	X	X	X	X	X
Line Chart			X	X	X					X	X		X
Bar Chart		X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		X
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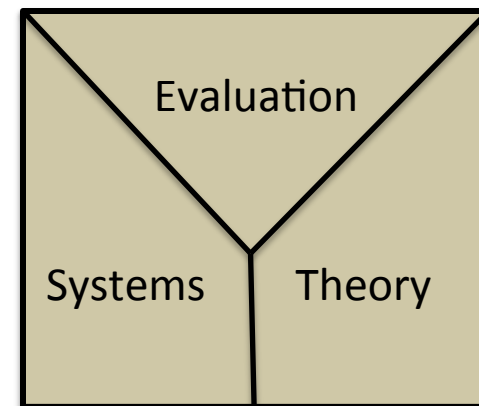
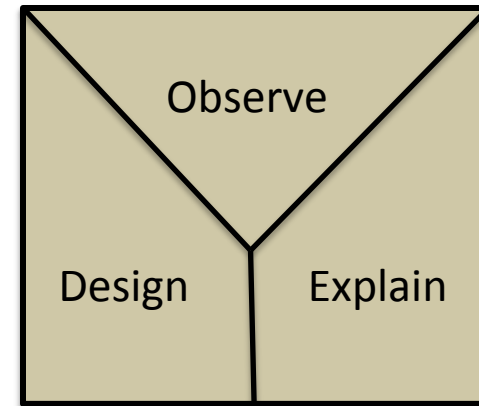
Some of the problems in our Example

- Isolation prevents knowing what others are doing
- Lack of awareness also prevents knowing why they are doing or not doing something.
- Distance prevents familiarity – both professional and personal



Research Approach

- Observe and collect data
 - Workplace
 - Research literature
- Hypothesize and build systems
- Evaluate systems
 - Controlled settings and
 - Not so controlled settings – professionals
- Link back to the data



Finally

- The problems and facets are
 - Bigger than one person, one approach, etc.
- Hope others will join the pursuit.



Workshop on Trust in Virtual Teams: Theory and Tools

<http://collab.di.uniba.it/trusttheorytools/>

16th ACM Conference on
Computer Supported
Cooperative Work and Social
Computing (CSCW 2013) will be
held February 23-27 in San
Antonio, Texas, USA

Workshop Themes

- factors that engender and inhibit trust.
- overarching trust framework.
- software tools support trust.

Workshop Sessions

- **First session:** participants discuss their work on trust in virtual teams.
Outcome: Understanding of each others work and interests.
- **Second session** build a framework from participants' existing knowledge of their own work and others.
Outcome: a theoretical framework that can be used as a starting point and which can be refined further in future work.
- **Third session:** use existing knowledge to develop new collaborative tools to better support trust.
Outcome: initial draft of requirements which describe desired tool features.

Comments? Questions?

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