

Face2Face Brainstorming Feb 18 2010

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(1) Why do you go to Face2Face meetings? What is it that you get that is unique from meeting Face2Face?

- Talk with colleagues who do similar work and find out what they really do. Learn context, have the in-depth conversation.
- Getting out of the central time zone
- See detailed information - code level reviews. Hands-on demo or experience with interactions
- The focus and separation away from daily activities.
- The social networking - learning about people, better communications after-the-fact
- Working together, getting instant feedback, saving effort overall by collaborating closely
- Having a conference call makes it easy to exchange information. Working Face2Face makes it easier to generate new information.
- Easier to set assumptions and values when you are together
- Engaging topics - engery that goes into building the program
- When it is well organized and runs well. Better planning. Higher expectations.
- Time and engery that goes into planning and creating value is higher than other media.

(On the other side: It is risky. It is expensive. We must be sure we will hit break-even attendance to cover costs)

(2) If you got to talk to the group about one issue or project, what would you want to discuss?

- Identity Management, IT Security, the whole-shebang
- How people are doing with applications through web services. What did people get to work? Where does Business Process Management (Enterprise Workflow) fit into this and are people getting this to work.
- How are you going to pull Enterprise Workflow together (is there an ESB at the hub? Is there a Best Practice?)
- Best Practices in Administrative Computing - or the baby steps - pretty good practices that work pretty well
 - Lessons Learned in Administrative Computing
- Cost of Power in the Data Center or will efficiencies keep up.
- How to deal with Process or Political issues in an effective manner?
 - Jim asks: Is this a professional development session? Learning techniques for leading as an architect? I know that I have gained great value from my ITLP work this year. Something similar might be valuable to ITANA.
 - How to Lead Up?
 - How to build Influence?
 - The Student Lifecycle as an example
- The Student Lifecycle as a theme
 - Artifacts, Process, Objectives, Governance
- Distance Delivery Tools - teaching at a distance
- How do you evaluate Open Source system against vendor provided stuff (Free like a puppy). There is no vendor to respond to an RFP.
- The IT Ecosystem (U Chicago) understanding dependency and complexity in the services we provide
- How are different institutions structuring their EA Practice. Where are they located in the org, how do they engage with governace, how are they engaged, formal request for EA, relationship to PMO, Service Portfolio Management and other things.
 - How long has Arch been a recognized practice at your institution? What was the evolution
 - Drill down on the survey responses

(3) If you got to hear from an expert or set of institutions about one thing, what would that be?

- EA as S author(s) about their work

(4) What has been your favorite experiences at Face2Faces (of any group) in the past?