

Collaboration: What The Heck Is It?

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Collaboration?



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Effective Collaboration?



Definition

collaboration:

Two or more people interacting and exchanging knowledge in pursuit of a shared, collective, bounded goal.

Observations

- Collaboration is tied to a concrete goal, hence tools and metrics are often goal-specific.
- We want to be at least as good as the sum of our parts, and at most, much, much better.
- Tools should help facilitate *patterns* of collaboration.

Patterns

Pattern

Watering Hole

Shared Display

Visible Team

Examples

Sourceforge.net

*whiteboard; pair
programming*

instant messaging

Emergent Collaboration

