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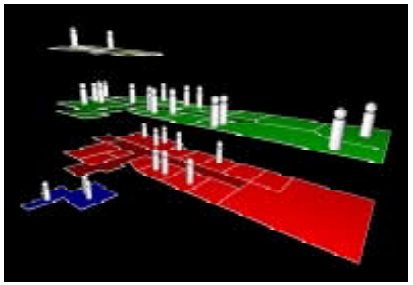
The Active Badge System

Location in the Active Office Environment

Scenario



- *Hands-free identification and location*
- *In-building configuration and control*
- *Towards Global Smart Personalisation*
- *Supporting the "Network Persona"*

"...a do nothing technology"

"...indispensible!"

System Components

- *Active badges are worn by people*
- *They transmit an infra-red code every few seconds*
- *Badges have a bi-directional capability*
- *Batteries last around one year*

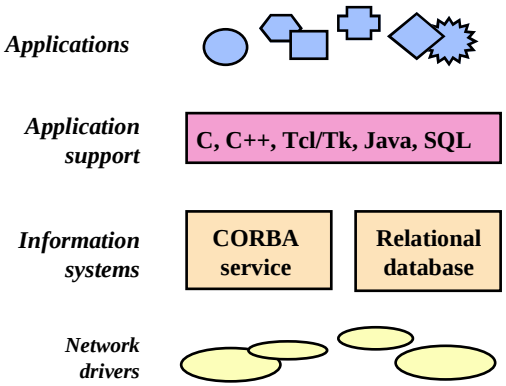
Equipment badges are attached to objects
Batteries last around five years

- *Sensors are in fixed known positions*
- *They are connected by a private network*
- *The network also supplies power*
- *They are interrogated by a network driver*

"...liberating: things just happen"

"...makes systems simpler to use"

Software Architecture



"...addictive!"

Active Office Control

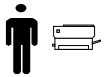
- Mobile desktops:

Teleporting: bringing a mobile desktop to the nearest display

- Environmental control:

Temperature and humidity
Lighting and power saving

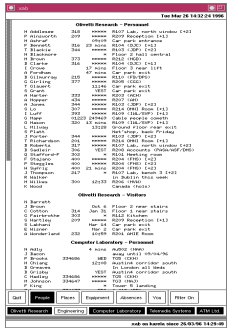
- Local facilities:

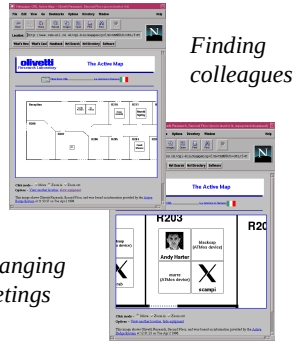


Nearest printer and confidential printing

"...increased politeness to colleagues"

Presentation Applications





Finding colleagues

Arranging meetings

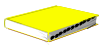
- These are available ***everywhere*** and to ***everyone***
- Location of people ***and*** equipment is depicted

"...foot control of communications"

Improving Communications

- Automatic communications control:

Telephone call routing: 'call by name'



Yellow pages: 'call by service'

- Communications context provided:

'In a meeting'

'On the move'

- Global access to location information:

via the World Wide Web and Java

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