Birds of a Feather

Mobility Research Tools Roundtable. “A look at the current activity in the Research Sector with Mobile Devices and what they need to address within the changing research environment”.

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Panel: A Panel of 5 presenters or more will discuss their mobile tools projects and provide 5min summaries of their activity. Then an open discussion will identify the future direction and requirements for mobile tools in the research sector.

(Panel to include, Ian Atkinson, Scott Mills, Piers Higgs, Justin Baird, Andrew Alexander and others)

Abstract

Mobile devices are increasingly becoming a daily tool for improved productivity. Email, messaging, personal reference, reminders, notes, recording voice, pictures or video and accessing web based applications all from a pocket device. How is the research sector using mobile tools and what are some of the applications mobile tools are providing to assist research outcomes. What is the future role for mobile devices in the research sector and what direction should future development take to meet the sectors needs.

The BoF will hear of a number of projects from presenters on specific mobile applications and the value they have delivered in their work. This will be followed by a panel discussion with the audience to examine the likely future direction and sector needs for mobile devices and make recommendations on what should be developed for the future.

Biography’s

Andrew Alexander

Andrew is the Manager of Collaboration Services within ARCS, with over 20 years experience in the ICT Industry Andrew has spent the last 5 years working in the research and education sector. Prior to his role at ARCS, Andrew worked in the university sector for 2 years as a consultant on governance, technology management and business improvement issues. He obtained significant commercial experience as a Director of IT company’s Ram Computers and Computer Guru and within the large corporate arena as Enterprise Development Manager at Commander and Senior Business Development Manager at Ipex.

He obtained his Masters in Technology Management from the University of Queensland and is a graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors where he was admitted as a Fellow in 2005. He also holds qualifications in ITIL, Landesk and various management practices. He has a major interest in the areas of
innovation development, knowledge management and organisational assessment where he continues to maintain his interest and contribute to the wider community.

Further Bio’s will be provided