

MIT Media Laboratory

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The Media Lab:

How people and machines can work together for expression, learning, creativity

Method: Apprenticeship, not lectures Invention, not description

190 Graduate Students250 Undergraduates180 Sponsors



Industrial Research Consortia (TTT, DL, NiF):

Precompetitive: we work on high-risk research

Highly leveraged: each member puts in small fraction of total cost

High-impact research: important research problems affect many different practical applications



Two Revolutions:

Communications



Sensors and Actuators









Economic disruption and opportunity

New players: the rules have changed



New: Digital Nations Consortium

Addressing major social challenges: Learning and education Health care Community development Sustainable development

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Action Projects

Learning Hubs LINCOS Computer Clubhouses Silver Stringers Museum Network







LINCOS Little Intelligent Communities



- The basic design of this center consists of a tent-like tension structure covering a shipping container.
- The unit can be energy self-sufficient,
- It has a satellite link
- The container has a wide spread of integrated information technologies



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- Health and Environment
- Education, training
- Videoconference
- Communications



• Information, E-services



Health and Environment





- Telemedicine (EKG, Stethoscope ophtalmoscope, othoscope and dermoscope)
- Clinical analysis module
- Water analysis module
- Soil and forest module
- Metereological monitoring module





Training and Education Center



DIGITAL



Video and Communications





The Information Center





Since the management of the "center" requires one worker, we have combined these responsibilities with the running of the Information Center, which is a "one stop" information center that combines several community services:

- **Runs the virtual library.**
- Provides Fax/Copier services.
- Electronic commerce and banking.
- Manages an "E-mail post office".





Sustainable: E-Market Models

The Modern Cooperative: agriculture and labor Teleservices, in-country and international Tourist Services



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