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What An Alarm Clock Can Teach Us About Online Collaboration

By Laura Schweiker

About 3 months ago I bought a new clock radio. Last night, I found that I needed to use the alarm for the first time. So I looked at all the buttons, took a wild guess as to how to set the alarm, and managed to change the correct time to the wrong time.

But failed to set the alarm.

So I searched the web and found a copy of the user manual. After following the instructions, I successfully set the alarm so that it would ring at 5:30am on every weekend morning for the rest of my life. But I still couldn't set the alarm to ring the next day.

The solution? I went to a 24 hour pharmacy, bought an alarm clock for \$5.99, plugged it in, and pushed the button labeled "set alarm." Worked like a charm.

So what does this have to do with using technology to support online collaboration? Too many tools try to do too much. As a result, users simply refuse to even try to learn how to use them.

This creates a big problem if you need everyone to use the technology for the workgroup to work.

The answer is to implement a solution that users can understand. The downside is that it won't do absolutely everything, but the upside is that everyone will use it. After all, the whole idea is to get everyone on board.

As you consider possible solutions, begin by taking a hard-look at the user interface and sharing it with some actual users. See if they can figure it out. If they can't, the most likely problem is that they are faced with too many options.

So limit the options only to those that are critical to the needs of the group. The good news is that technology providers are beginning to recognize that there is a market for collaboration tools based on the concept that less is more - that by offering a simple solution, it will actually be used, fulfilling the promise of allowing individuals with varying levels of technical expertise to all work together.

Which, of course, is the whole point.

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An Alarm Clock Will Help You Start The Day Right

By Mike Yeager

If you have been wondering about the problem of time alerts, an alarm clock is the answer. It's a common story - "I was so tired yesterday that I overslept." Then there are those appointments that we cannot keep sometimes, and wish that someone or something could alert us to the fact that it is time. In this day and age we have an answer to this never ending concern. The answer is – Alarm Clocks. Getting one, and setting it, is an almost instant solution to being on time.

Choosing an appropriate alarm clock is an intricate process. Most clocks today come equipped with an alarm clock, but if you are sensitive like some people – you might really want to think about your options. If you are the kind of person who moves around a lot, you might want to think about a travel alarm clock. These are small in size and can be tucked away somewhere.

With the coming of the 20th century one can convert a computer in to a computer alarm clock. Some people don't like being stunned awake, suddenly. A Sunrise alarm clock would probably be what this person is looking for. It simulates a sunrise to help with the transition from sleep to being awake. Isn't that nice? If you are into meditation a zen alarm clock might be your thing. Whoever you are, there are alarm clocks out there just for you!

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