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Monthly Meeting - June 14, 2005

Experiments in Desktop Videoconferencing
and
Creating Creation Tools for Regular People

Tuesday, May 10, 2005
7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
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7:00 to 7:30:
Tea, Coffee, Socializing,
Joining BayCHI...

7:30 to 9:30:
Experiments in Desktop Videoconferencing
Milton Chen

Creating Creation Tools for Regular People
Evan Williams

PARC's George E. Pake Auditorium
3333 Coyote Hill Road
Palo Alto, CA 94304

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Experiments in Desktop Videoconferencing
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Existing videoconferencing systems often distort conversational cues such that the person, rather than the medium, is viewed negatively. The power of "bad" video to do "harm" is one reason that videoconferencing is still not ubiquitous despite its introduction in 1927 by AT&T.

Dr. Chen will describe experiments characterizing "bad" video and potential solutions. He implemented these solutions in a remote office software system and found that the remote office allowed people to balance uninterrupted thinking time with relationship building with coworkers.

Dr. Chen will report his deployment experience in Indonesia tsunami relief with the United Nations, Iraq convoy protection with Department of Defense, and Darfur refugee support with CARE International.

Dr. Milton Chen is the chief technology officer of VSee Lab. Milton’s pioneering research at Stanford University has shown why videoconferencing has failed to become ubiquitous despite billions in investments since 1927. His unique insight in how to make video communication an everyday experience has led to more than 30 invited talks to major research institutions around the world. Milton received a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from UC Berkeley and a PhD in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University.

Creating Creation Tools for Regular People
Evan Williams

Thoughts, stories, and ideas about the evolution of blogging, creation tools and user interfaces, and the future of media.

Evan Williams is co-founder and CEO of Odeo, Inc., a new startup aimed at bringing podcasting to the masses. In 1999, Evan co-founded Pyra Labs and helped create Blogger, the web application that pioneered and helped define the blogging phenomenon. In early 2003, Williams sold Pyra Labs to Google, where he served as a product and engineering manager until October 2004. Prior to Pyra, in 1994, Williams started an early internet company in Nebraska, his native state, and later worked for O’Reilly & Associates, Intel, and HP as a web application developer.

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