The Alpha and Omega Project

The Trials and Triumphs

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What is Alpha and Omega?

- Alpha and Omega is a church in Champaign that has an open computer lab.

- Formally, the lab is equipped with antiquated (and cheap) e-machine computers.

- A&O wants to fill a technological void in its community.
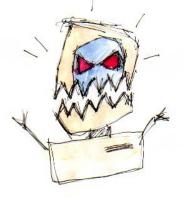
- Lab use is free and open to anyone.

Boldly Going Where None of Us Had Gone Before!

- Preparing the Computers
  - Cleaning
  - Nuclear War!
  - Cleaning
  - Formatting
  - Cleaning
  - OS and Software Installation
  - Cleaning

Frustrations

- The Wrath of Khan
- Sound Cards from Hades
- Q: Omnipotent and yet Impotent
- The 30-Day Trial
- The Search for Spock

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Installation: the Final Frontier

- First thing's first: CLEANING
- Creating an open space
- Running wires
- Tacking up wires
- Setting up the machines
- Setting up the hub
- Posters

What We Learned

- Troubleshooting, or, "Let's do this and see what happens"

- We love it when a plan comes together, but it rarely does.

- Proper preparation will save you a great deal of trouble in the long run.

More Lessons Learned

- Yes, Mr. Kries, scissors are sharp.
- Play to your strengths
- Organize and Prioritize
- Looks **do** matter
- Beware of Jenny Freed if she has a hammer in her hand.

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