



## **One Laptop Per Child**

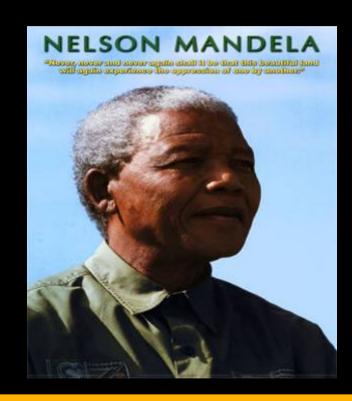
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## **Education**

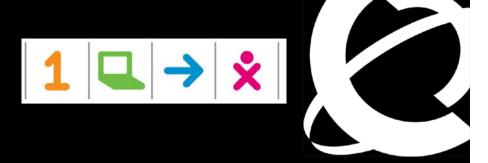




"Education is the single most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." Nelson Mandela

- In sub-Saharan Africa, more than one-third of primary school-age children are not enrolled in school at all
- Those who do enter the first grade, fewer than half will complete primary school.
- Schools lack resources
   & qualified teachers
- Over 100 million children desperately want to go to school!

## One Laptop per Child A Nortel-Sponsored Project



#### **Pain Point**

Availability and cost of devices







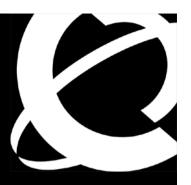
## **Background**

 OLPC Foundation's mission is to stimulate local grassroots initiatives designed to enhance and sustain over time the effectiveness of XO laptops as learning tools for children living in lesser-developed countries

### **Solution**

- Advanced Technology Collaboration on 802.11s Mesh Technology
- OLPC is a proof point of Hyperconnectivity
- Wi-Fi / WiMAX fundamental to educating the next generation





## Five Principles:

- Child ownership
- Low ages
- Saturation
- Connection
- Free and open source





## What is OLPC?

- One Laptop Per Child (OLPC)
  - Vision of Nicholas Negroponte and members of the MIT Media Lab,
     a Non-profit organization
  - Education for all children
    - Opportunity for children of developing nations to:
      - Learn new technology
      - Develop new ideas
      - Collaborate with other children around the world
  - OLPC has created the XO laptop

### **Principles**

Child Ownership
Rugged exterior
Low power consumption
Connectivity & Apps
Free and open source









## **XO Fundamentals**

#### **Software**

- Open Source
- Operating system is Fedora Core
- Special version of Firefox as web browser
- Word processor application
- E-Mail application
- Games
- Instant Messaging

#### **Hardware**

- AMD LX-Geode CPU at 700 MHz and 256 MB of RAM
- No hard disk. 1 GB flash memory
- Specialized LCD screen (Monochrome and Color mode) for saving power
- Built-in wireless network interface
- Color camera









### **XO – More Details**

- High-resolution screen that can be read in direct sunlight
- Connectivity via WiFi or mesh network
  - Mesh turns each laptop into a full-time router
  - Router connects each laptop to allow for easy Internet access
- Low power consumption (10-20% of typical laptop; <1 watt as e-book)</li>
- Can be powered without electricity, by using pull chords, solar panels, and hand cranks
- Contains no hazardous materials
- No moving parts, except for the rabbit ears and the hinge
- Rugged durability to withstand severe weather and environmental conditions: can be used outdoors in the rain, sitting in a puddle of water after a downpour, or in a cloud of dust. Fully water resistant, rubber sealed keyboard. Can withstand falls to 5 ft / 1.5 meters





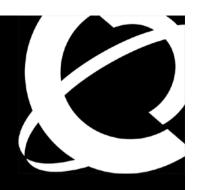
## **XOs Interconnected**

- Mesh network provides free, robust wireless connectivity between laptops within the community around each school
  - Typical connection between 200 and 1000+ children
- "School Server" provides a gateway for the school's Internet connection and manages the IP address space within the schools
  - Point-to-multi-point, WAN links between schools.
  - Low-cost, point-to-point and done through terrestrial wireless links, such as Wi-Fi, or WiMAX.
  - The school servers themselves also form a mesh network that enables groups of schools to share the cost of Internet connectivity.
  - Designed for flexible interconnect: to an optional satellite up-link, fiber, DSL, cellular packet, etc. The specific choice is a local or regional one.





## How do we participate? Partner Ecosystem



## Computing



## Digital Content & Teacher Support





**Education Solutions** 

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Applications
e.g., Multimedia
Communications

Open Source & Standards e.g., 802.11s Networks e.g., Broadband Wireless

**Funding & Guidance** 

## **Applications:**

"Learning without Borders" enables...





#### **The Potential**

#### **Global Classroom**

(Students can interact with students anywhere in world)

Tutors-on-Call/

Content-on-Demand

(Volunteers can support students; online content promotes learning on demand)

**Teacher Mentors-on-Call** 

(Volunteers can provide support to teachers)



Multi-Media Communications Enrich the Online Collaboration

## Hyperconnectivity



Anything that *can* be connected and would benefit from being connected *will* be connected

## Hyperconnectivity is Real and Happening Now



#### Person to Person



- Europe mobile phones now outnumber people (>100% penetration)
- Global mobile IM continues to grow at double digit rates
  - One Laptop
     Per Child

### **Person to Machine**

- By 2010, worldwide:
  - 4-fold growth in Internet Commerce to 100B transactions
  - 1-2 billion A-GPSenabled handsets
    - 150 million iPods sold (March 2008)
    - iPhone sales to hit 10M in 2008; hyperconnectivity at applications level

#### **Machine to Machine**



- 98% of all CPUs today are embedded (by 2010 – 14 billion connected, embedded devices)
- 70%+ of all 2007 cars in U.S. had iPod connectivity
- Sensor pocket in Nike shoes





## **Current Deployments**

### **Africa**



Rwanda Nigeria

### **Asia**



Thailand Mongolia

#### **Latin America**



**Uruguay** 

Brazil

Peru

Combination of Government Led and Corporate / Public Partnerships



## **OLPC** countries

green country planned to pilot

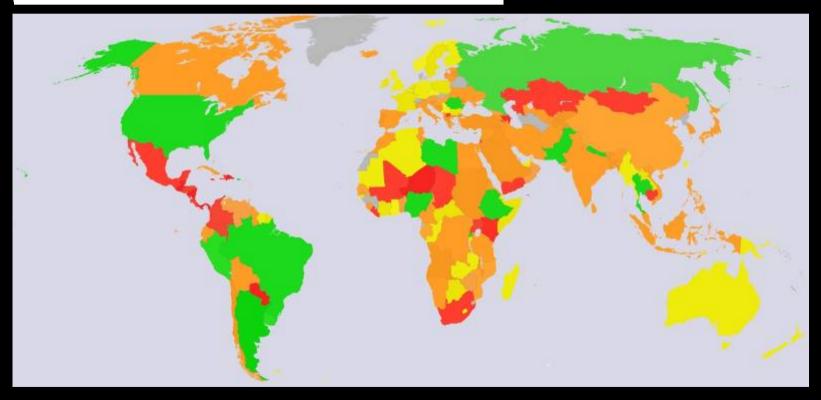
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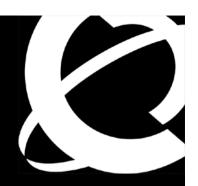
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## **Networks: Connecting Schools**



School Gateway
To Wide Area



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Mesh

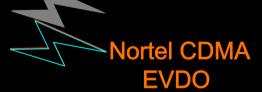
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**WiMAX** 





**School WLAN Mesh** 



Connecting OLPC School to the Internet via Broadband Wireless



## **Networking Scenarios**

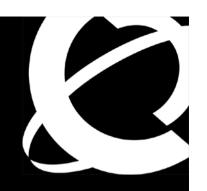
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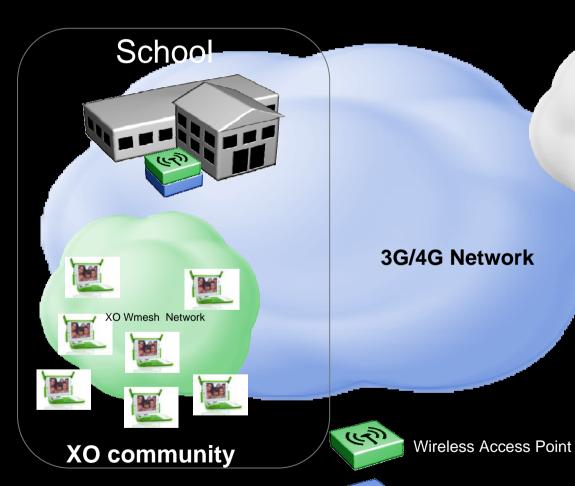
- XOs deployed in a school in an urban environment in a developing nation
  - Good cover from mobile 3G data networks
  - Solution
    - Wi-Fi access to the school and then connect the school to the mobile data network

#### Scenario #2

- XOs deployed in rural area in a developing nation
  - No internet connectivity
  - Solution
    - Engage with the ministry of education of the country
    - Determine the closest tertiary educational facility
    - Deploy a server that act as a top up and offload point for the XOs in the region
    - The solution would focus on the equipment required for the tertiary educational facility and to connect that facility to the internet







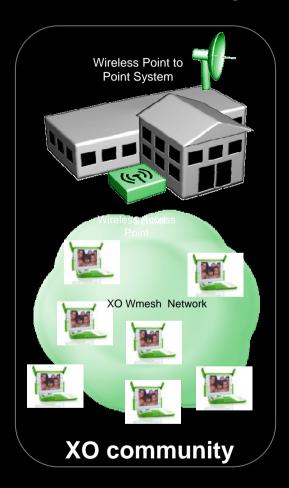
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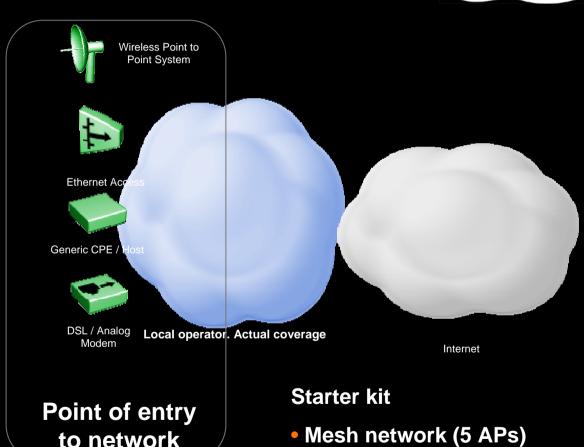
#### Starter kit

- Mesh network (5 APs)
- Wireless gateway
- 20 XOs
- 3G Modem



## **Scenario #2** XO community with no 3G/4G Network coverage

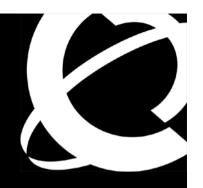




to network

- Wireless gateway
- 20 XOs
- 3G Modem





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- Curriki: <a href="http://www.curriki.org/">http://www.curriki.org/</a>
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