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Brainstorming Across Borders – technologies and articles

Note: The following resources and articles were recommended to me by members of an online facilitators newsgroup when I sent out a call for tools, resources and tips to help teams to brainstorm new ideas when some or all members work remotely.

What	Description	Location
<i>Web-based products and services</i>		
Think of it	An independent guide to software & services enabling real-time communication	http://www.thinkofit.com/webconf/realtime.htm
GroupMind Express Inc.	Set of integrated web based collaboration tools that support planning and change across functional and geographic boundaries	http://www.groupmindexpress.com/planning/index.php (See http://www.groupmindexpress.com/pdf_lib/ For a white paper entitled “Collaboration as a New Requisite for Managers”)
GroupUnity Inc.	A 1-stop shop, providing over 30 different conferencing and meeting services.	http://www.groupunity.com Based in Boston, this company helps companies both large and small evaluate how their needs can best be met by a wide range of service providers
Facilitate.com	Web-based meeting, brainstorming and decision-making tools	http://facilitate.com/
Facilitated Systems	Consulting services and tools	http://www.facilitatedsystems.com/index.html
DocumenTree Inc.	Online document management	http://www.documentree.com/default.aspx

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WebCrossing Inc.	Integrated collaboration tools and services	http://webcrossing.com/Home/ (See especially: Web Crossing Brainstorm Plug-in)
Articles		
“The Perfect Storm”	<i>Inc. magazine</i> article on brainstorming	http://pf.inc.com/magazine/20031001/strategies.html
“Online Facilitation for Inperson Facilitators ”	Article by Bill Harris	http://facilitatedsystems.com/pubs.html
“Can Absence Make a Team Grow Stronger?”	<i>Harvard Business Review</i> Article	www.hbr.org May 2004, Reprint R0405J

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