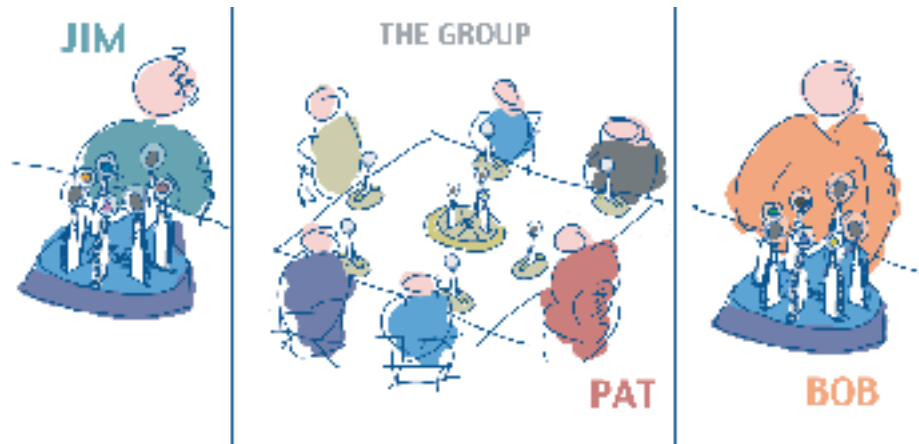


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Tangible Communication

MAS 834 : Tangible Interface

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Why this

In a face-to-face situation, you can wave your hands to get attention to indicate you wish to talk. However, in audio conferencing (teleconferencing) or chat room situations, you cannot "see" who is talking or see who wants to talk unlike in a face-to-face situation. *Alertento* serves to allow remote persons to interact with each other with tactile sense.

What is it for

- Let people communicate through a tangible interface
- Let you see the physical presence of remote persons you are talking to
- Let you touch remote person through a surrogate representation
- Let you decide what the physical representation of remote persons look like
- You can use it for communicating with a remote group or with individuals
- You can use it for teleconferencing or use it together with a computer (with text chat, instant messaging)

What it consists of:

- A storage box with 6 balls or 12 balls
- A stackable chat deck with 6 retractable rods. You can buy chat decks of different capacity and designs. One for your family, one for your friends, etc.

How it works

- Storage box is connected to the network/phone port or using wireless technology
- Connect chat deck to the storage box
- Each ball has its own ID tag. You can place it at different positions for each chat session and system will automatically recognize them.