Synchronous Distance Education Using Open Source Software
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Abstract - This presentation will provide a snapshot of work in the GMU C4I Center that has produced an open source suite of software capable of supporting live course delivery over the Internet at extremely low cost and effort for students, faculty and institution. The presentation will cover requirements, system design, and software capabilities along with a practical assessment of the advantages and difficulties of this mode of teaching and learning.

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