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The Nature of the Bridge to Cross the Digital Divide

There has been much discussion about 'Crossing the Digital Divide.' Since the pronouncements about the \$100.00 laptop a few years ago, it seems everybody wants to be part of the solution, but what is the nature of the solution? Did anybody ask the users?

This session will chronicle the long and arduous journey to try to get the end machine right. If we as a society do get it right, there is a chance that within a decade, the people who most need information will have it. We will explore why it is imperative to provide all people equity of access to tools of information access, communication and creative expression.

The Ink Computer will be demonstrated as one possible solution to the problem of the digital divide.

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