overview of activities

Through our artifact walk-through studies, we have gained a solid understanding of the invention process from creation to the development of intellectual property. Currently, we would like to know more about the daily flow of activities that an inventor performs when working on a project. We also intend to probe specifically on how they develop documentation to support their inventions.

protocol for activities

**target participants:** 2 inventors (1 research scientist and 1 engineer)

**method:** Two inventors will be solicited to participate. The study will be conducted from approximately April 18th to May 5th with the participants being asked to keep a simple diary of daily activities (see attached addendum) and then meet with a student for four consecutive Friday to reflect on the week's activities.

**length of activity:** 3 one hour meetings per participant + time needed to complete diary.

**recording device:** Student notes and copies of work artifacts

**outcome of research:** Sequence and artifact model(s)

**timeframe:** The study is 3 weeks in duration. Research will be completed by May 5th 2006