

VP Electronic Presence
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Web Host

We have moved our web hosting to a new provider, eSecureData, which is providing better hardware at a somewhat lower cost than we had before. Hopefully, reliability will also be higher as we did have some problems with this.

Web Submission System

The PhD Colloquium paper submission process has now been integrated into the Web Submission system. There is a separate review process, but this will allow the PhD papers to be handled mechanically the same as other papers. If the program committee decided to do this it will also be straightforward to include them in the online proceedings.

Wiki

The Wiki is up (www.systemdynamics.org/wiki) but has seen only limited activity and has very limited content. The contribution of anyone willing to add material is appreciated.

Content Management System

We have installed a content management system called Joomla! which will be used for more rapidly changing content in the future. This will likely also become the main home page so that the web site will have a more dynamic feel. The software comes with an add-in for community building that will probably replace our current member clicks implementation of the online directory. There is quite a bit of work to be done on this.

Forum

I am in the process of implementing a new discussion forum based on the public domain discussion board PhpBB. This supports both RSS feeds and daily or weekly digests of posts sent by email, though posting proper needs to be done on the forum. This will replace the System Dynamics Mailing List, and should be ready soon.

Online Model Repository

No progress, but this is still on the to-do list.