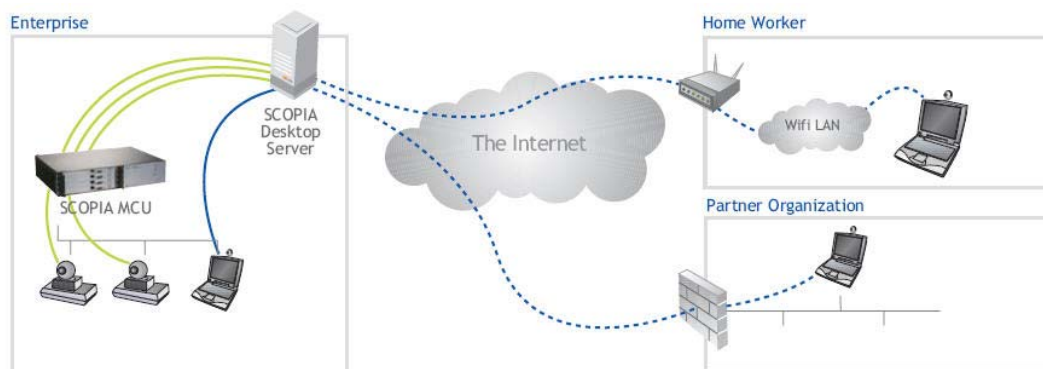


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Report from VoiceCon

Radvision introduced its SCOPIA Desktop solution, a product that combines the traditional Radvision MCU capabilities with many of the features of the Click to Meet server, and a product that quite frankly addresses some of the critical needs of the videoconferencing user community. SCOPIA desktop is a desktop conferencing solution aimed directly at the traditional room conferencing market. The product allows any remote user to connect easily to room video conferences. While this may sound like a familiar claim, by using elements of their Click to Meet desktop offering and integrating it with their SCOPIA hardware MCU, RADVISION has solved the issues of other desktop solutions – namely licensing fees, application installation issues, gatekeeper registration requirements, firewall traversal and H.239 data interoperability. And perhaps most impressively, the pricing scheme is very easy – it is bundled free of charge with every SCOPIA MCU. Key features include: 1) Users can simply click a web link to join a voice, video and data meeting from any PC. The data sharing format of SCOPIA Desktop is H.239 so it is fully interoperable with existing room systems deployments; 2) the built-in firewall traversal bypasses both local and remote firewalls to ensure successful connection to every participant regardless of their location; 3) a consistent user interface is maintained across room system and desktop connections. Regardless of their connection method, all users get the same conference features like Continuous Presence video, H.239 data collaboration, PIN protected meetings and conference moderation; 4) SCOPIA Desktop contains a built-in streaming server supporting streamed voice, video and data for those who want to just watch the meeting. During conference connection time, each user can select whether to participate as an active participant or connect in watch-only mode. The system will automatically default to offering streaming only connections once all live ports are in use; and 5) SCOPIA Desktop is software based and can be installed on any standard server. Availability is early Q2.





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