

New JANET Roaming Sites Location Map Announcement – March 2010

We are very pleased to announce that we have a new JANET Roaming sites location map. To move with the times and satisfy the expectations of today's user base, we've introduced Google maps technology. This provides users with the ability to zoom in down to street level to see the exact location of sites broadcasting the 'eduroam' SSID. One major advantage over the previous JRS maps pages is that Google maps displays street and district names, something that we simply could not achieve with the old stalwart maps pages.

It may come of interest that there are now 330 participating organisations site locations in the UK and key information to enable use of the eduroam service at each site can be found by clicking on the location icon on the map pages. By checking this information before travelling to a site, visitors can make any small configuration changes necessary (eg. wireless security settings or configuration for using a guest network proxy server). They will also be able to see how extensive the wireless service is at the site and whether or not certain applications will work (eg NAT sensitive apps).

The icon we chose to identify the location of the sites represents a radio mast. Whilst conveying the message that the eduroam service is widely available at the sites, we also think that it looks good! But don't forget that eduroam is not just a wireless service for your laptops, PDAs and mobile phones – eduroam can be made available over the normal wired connections and can offer logon service without the complication associated with wireless service.

Check out the new map at:

www.ja.net/services/authentication-and-authorisation/janet-roaming/participating-organisations-map.html

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