The project aims for ICAT to host a web-based calendar hub as part of the elm city project. The project collects online calendar events for geographic and/or topical communities, bridging community and university, the arts and technology. The project merges information from many sources: Eventful, Upcoming, Eventbrite, Facebook, Meetup and iCalendar feeds published by popular calendar programs. The project creates network effects using iCalendar (ICS) feeds, in the same way that blogging and micro blogging systems create network effects using RSS, Atom, and Twitter feeds. The project hub does not store events in a centralized database, but rather operates as a hub that merges streams of events and republishes the merged result in a variety of formats. It is managed by curators in community, on behalf of everyone in the community. The hub runs on, and demonstrates the capabilities of, Microsoft's Azure platform. It is released under the Apache 2.0 license at github.com/judell(elm city). As a result of collaboration between Virginia Tech's ICAT Interact Studio and Learning Technologies, Jon Udell of Microsoft, conducted a leadership seminar on community information management attended by community and university representatives. As a result, the Floyd, VA hub is now up and running, curated by a community member who attended Udell's leadership seminar. The ICAT hub is not far behind. Students interested in serving as curators are invited to contact Interact.

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