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UT experiments with I2

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The University of Texas is helping take the Internet to the next level.

UT joined a group of schools who make up "Internet 2" to put on a "virtual concert" experiment Tuesday night.

The concert showed off the power of new high-speed internet technology.

UT's Miro Quartet performed, but half of the audience only saw the show through a real-time Internet broadcast.

"The audience will be divided in half and at intermission they'll exchange halls. Everyone gets a chance to hear and see the real thing and compare it to the immersive experience," UT Vice President for Info Technology Daniel Updegrove said.

"We have a motto which is, 'The Internet, up to now, has been a browsing experience.' And we say, with this technology, with RMI technology, 'Stop browsing and start experiencing,' " Chris Kryiakakis of Internet 2.

Of course the technology has other applications beside concerts. "Internet 2" promoters say their technology offers new ways to conduct classrooms and even perform remote surgical procedures.

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