

# Briefs: Lucent, BT tie up on Internet network

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Lucent Technologies and the BT Group Thursday signed a contract to develop a cutting-edge Internet network.

Lucent said that it will help the British telecommunications group establish a more efficient core network that will allow voice, broadband, Ethernet and virtual private networking services, in addition to supporting asynchronous transfer mode transport services.

"We are proud to be providing a key element in this revolutionary all IP next-generation network, which will position BT as a world leader in the implementation of new technologies," Andy Williams, president of Lucent Europe, said in a news release. "It is a significant step forward in the strong relationship we have forged with BT, which will play a key role in ensuring the health and well-being of the U.K.'s future economy," he added.

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