From: Christopher Lye
To: Steven Sinofsky
Cc: Doug Henrich, James J. Allard, John Ludwig, Russell Siegelman
Subject: RE: Internet stuff
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Steve

Thanks for your quick response and the additional info. Very useful.

> What we should be doing is getting as many third parties writing as many internet > things on top of WinSock as possible, including as many WWW, Gopher, TN3270, > etc clients as they can afford to do. We'd also love to see more server side work, > such as WWW and Gopher servers of commercial grade.

Agreed. This goal is completely in synch with DRG's traditional mission. No mention about putting anyone in the box, just getting more design wins and internet access products for Chicago and NT and building more awareness of them as internet clients/servers.

I'm working with J right now to pull together a list of commercial and public domain products/vendors who we would be talking to and tracking.

Regards,

Chris

From: Steven Sinofsky
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Thanks for the call. I must admit the thought of "internet evangelism" is a little like evangelizing water to Noah, but what the heck.

I think it is really important that we stick to the basic facts of the situation and not over commit Chicago or microsoft in any way. The Chicago message is "all the plumbing you need to connect to the internet", which translates to tcp/ip stacks, SLIP, and PPP, and the basic FTP and TELNET clients. Our built-in mail client (and our NT server) will also support internet protocols such as SMTP, MIME.

We do not currently plan on any other client software, especially something like Mosaic or Cello. Chicago is investigating possibilities but nothing at all is public and DRG should not be talking to anyone with the thought of including them in the box or resource kit--that is purly for Chicago/NT to deal with--though any interesting packages should of course be brought to everyone's attention. Our plans for offering any sort of connection to the internet are also highly confidential and merely speculative.

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In terms of information and online services, we will have Internet access in our planned online service, but since we are not talking at all about this service there is no need to comment on this at all. Any online service contacts, i.e. 'information providers', should go through RussS. He has an organization in place for dealing with IPs.

As you know, Microsoft plans on moving as quickly as possible to put our MSDN level content on a rich Internet server, either WWW or Gopher. The pricing model etc have not been worked out. Of course, for the time being, vast amounts of free stuff are on the FTP server and J's (and your) experimental WWW servers, as you know.

For all of this, BillG identified JAllard as a resource to use to help coordinate this effort, since it is widespread throughout the company and J is well-known in the Internet community--a community which is very sensitive to commercial encroachment.

Below are the notes from an Internet offsite we held in April along with a follow-up memo Bill wrote. This information is not at all for public consumption, even under NDA, and merely for your information.

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