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"O'Hare" is the code name for the Internet Client for Windows 95 project. Our goal is to be in beta by 2/17/95 (the Win 95 RTM date), and ship no more than 3 months after Win 95 in a "frosting version 2" package.
Key Features:
1) Make it very easy to signup with an Internet service provider and get instantaneous access to the net;
2) Provide e-mail and newsgroup reading (via capone/route 66)
3) Provide shell-integrated Web browsing (http/html, ftp, gopher)

Key unresolved issues:
1) Sign Booklink deal to get Web browing sources (thomasre/johnlu own this; russs doing the actual deal) Should have deal signed in a week or two.
2) Sign up a very small number of key service providers (toma owns) Tom is telling the rest of MS that he owns this; he is also building a requirements doc, and then he'll start pounding the pavement; one possibility is networkMCI -- they want to be in the pipeline business, and bob frankston knows Vince Cerf (sp?) who is in charge there and was a key Internet architect.

Dependencies on non-POSD groups:
1) Capone/route 66 -- we're going to write a Wizard to make setting this stuff up very simple for the service provider case; we're also dependent upon the quality of this code, obviously, so we'll be testing it and giving the mail group lots of feedback.
2) NT group for protocols (TCP/IP, winsock, ...) -- doesn't appear to be any big risks here.

We're going to give a presentation to paulma on this mid next week, including a demo (date was 10/12, but apparently is moving around).
--bens

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