Desktop Program Group

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The Desktop is the Network

Provides services

- Availability
- Access

Controls look and feel

- Graphical user interface
- How I interact with desktop services

Implements a computing paradigm

- The fat client is gone, or is it?
- How will internet technologies help/hinder?

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Areas of Interest

Understand and assess benefits and impacts of new technologies

- Java, ActiveX, PointCast, VRML, etc.
- How do new technologies affect the desktop
 - Services
 - Look and Feel
 - Computing paradigm

Drive customer requirements

- Active customers (who have a voice)
- Interested vendors (who are listening)



Areas of Interest

Evolve and maintain current technologies

- We can't throw our current investment, but we want to leverage new technologies
- Transition from legacy

Lessons

- User desktop strategies
- Interoperability
- What works with what



Your Action.....

Come on down!

Boston Desktop Agenda

- The Desktop Metaphor (Browser v. Desktop
- Open Group Updates (Kendall, CDE, Motif)
- Linux Desktops
- Broadway

