



Environment

Industry and economy

- ❖ Storage consolidation: Network Appliance is to buy Decru for \$272m. Decru DataFort appliances protect stored data via encryption, authentication and secure logging and access controls and has 100-plus customers worldwide (US Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Defence).
- ❖ Stack consolidation: IBM buys Isogon – Isogon makes asset management software for tracking and measuring usage of mainframe applications and their products will be merged with Tivoli. SOX compliance is raising interest in audition tools like Isogon's.
- ❖ Outsource: IBM and The Walt Disney – sign a \$730m outsourcing contract to support the company's technology infrastructure and network architectures, desktop help and some computer processing services.

Online services

Consumer on-line services

- ❖ Search: Google – is testing a mobile-phone service that searches websites that have been designed to deliver content using XHTML that can be customized for the small screens of cellular phones.



Business services, management, product services and intelligence

Business services

- ❖ Retail: CVS RFID – CVS is installing 12,000 Hypercom RFID-terminals for processing various types of payment card transactions at 5,400 pharmacy retail stores.



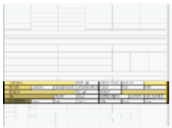
Business tools – produce, collaborate, organise knowledge

Collaborate

- ❖ VoIP: Nuera Communications – allow wireless VoIP calls to be made from a cell phone. It includes a VoIP gateway, Wi-Fi access point, and softswitch. It was demonstrated with a V600 handset from Motorola.

Organise

- ❖ Search: Oracle Matchpoint – comes from TripleHop a maker of information search, retrieval and classification software. MatchPoint combines both semantic and statistical analysis to improve the recall and precision capabilities of user queries, as well as the ability to put the information into context.



Software infrastructures

Presentation & integration

- ❖ Presentation: Nokia new 60 series browser – is to be built using open source SW (the same as Apple). Apple and Nokia share a commitment to Internet standards and the use of a common code.

Language & other

- ❖ Open stacks: ActiveGrid – partners with Covalent, MySQL, Novell, Red Hat and Zend to innovate and advance the open source LAMP stack into the enterprise. The LAMP stack consists of Linux, Apache, MySQL and Perl/Python/PHP. ActiveGrid also announced partnerships with open source systems integrators Cignex and Optaros. The ActiveGrid Application Builder and Grid Application Server are designed for developers to easily create, scale, and deploy native XML enterprise applications on grids of computers. Early access versions of the open source applications can be downloaded at www.activegrid.com/downloads. "By partnering with the key LAMP players, ActiveGrid is able to integrate the LAMP stack into a cohesive platform for enterprise customers," said Peter Yared, founder and CEO of ActiveGrid.

Service & process

- ❖ SOA: Skyway SOA – Skyway Software is shipping a version of its SOA platform for Linux

Identity & location

- ❖ RFID: IBM and Symbol – announced new initiatives and products targeted at supply chain management. IBM announced an RFID privacy consulting practice. Symbol demonstrated interoperability between EPC Gen 2 tags and Class 0 and Class 1 Gen 1 tags and announced DC600/RC600 next generation RFID tools.

Implementation

- ❖ Installation: Macrovision FlexNet Publisher – assists automate the simultaneous installation and configuration of multiple software products that are part of a complex environment. It is based on IBM's self-managing autonomic Solution Installation technology, and aims to reduce the effort needed to install/configure solutions made up of Apps, Oses, DBes, MW.

Platform – clients

Clients mobile

- ❖ Phones: Samsung SGH-E620 – will allow calls to be made by talking into a Bluetooth headset. The system is speaker independent, which means users don't have to prerecord voice tags for address book entries. It will cost about €150.

Clients desktop

- ❖ Insecurity: MS05-019/MS02-035/MS05-004 – MS releases 10 more security patches for flaws in Windows and IE that allow attackers to take complete control of a computer. Internet Explorer is MS technology that allows anyone on the internet to explore your computer.

Platform – servers

Appliances

- ❖ Power: APC InfraStruXure – is a backup power system for data centers that uses fuel cell technology to keep the centers running during a power failure. It sells for between \$50-\$100k.

Platform – utilities, storage, networking, management and security

Storage

- ❖ Storage: Intel Sibley NOR – is a 512Mb device. NOR, runs faster than other types of flash used mainly in mobile phones. NAND, holds more data and is found in MP3 music players as well as removable memory cards for digital cameras and other gadgets.

Network

- ❖ NW: Ericsson RBS 2708 – is an onboard GSM base station available by the end of the year. It has a screening device and a special enclosure that prevent the base station from interfering with the plane's navigation system or ground-based cell towers. It allows 60 passengers could make or receive calls concurrently and supports GPRS and EDGE.
- ❖ NW: Vodafone and CloudNetworks – join forces to offer a nationwide wireless Net offering in Germany.

Governance and quality – Standards

Service & process

- ❖ The BPM Forum – launches the Software Economics Council (or SECO) and appoints a leadership committee that includes the usual vendors aiming to sell more of their old products rebranded around the latest fad. They include: BEA, Deloitte, Borland, EDS, IBM, Oracle, SAP< Siebel, Salesforce.co and Sybase and a handful of organisations actually focus on BP [Cf. Fad surfing]
- ❖ LAMP: MS aims to counter LAMP by trying to make more of its products industrial strength. As MS say they can't use their usual strategy of saying "We're cheaper and better..."

Systems and Network Management

- ❖ SM CLP – Server Management Command Line Protocol has been released by DMTF. Its principal goal is to "define a light-weight, human-oriented command line protocol which is also suitable for scripting environments. It includes a direct mapping to a subset of the CIM Schema. The CLP is defined as a character-based command/response message protocol.

