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Re-engineering Enterprise Systems Firewall Corporate Systems Customers Suppliers Contractors Mobile Employees Customers Suppliers Contractors

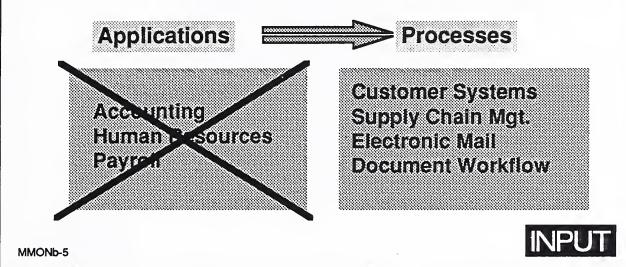
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Emphasis on Business Processes Applications Applications Objects MMOND-4

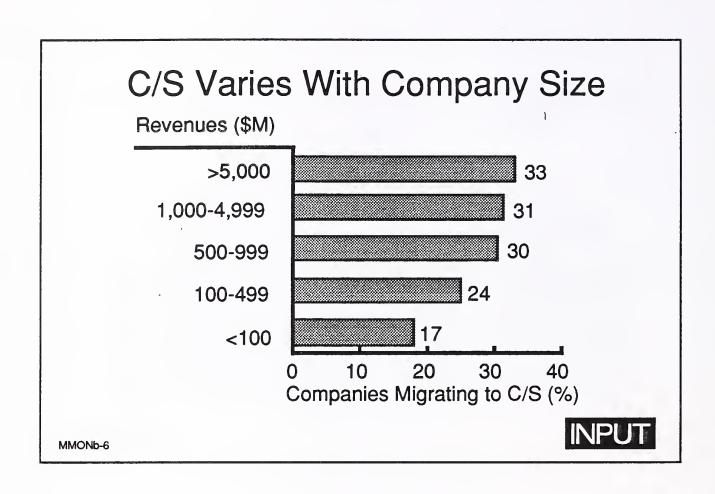
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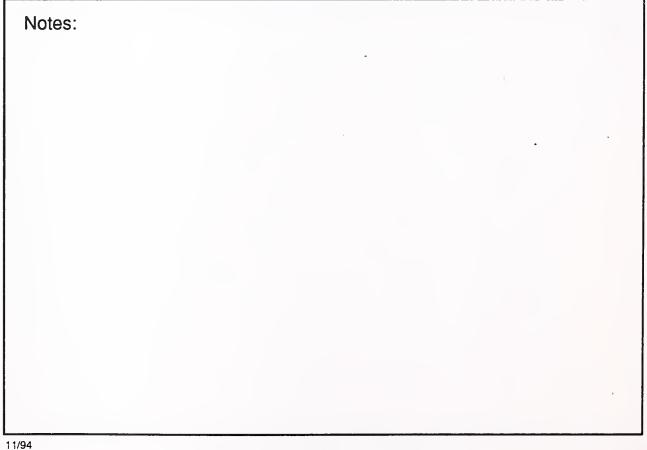
Mission Critical Systems

"The Network is The Computer" Sun Microsystems



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Three Generations Of Client/Server Distributed Servers Open Clients Inter-Enterprise PC/Workstation Clients Intra-Enterprise Single Server Single Platform Client Departmental NPUT

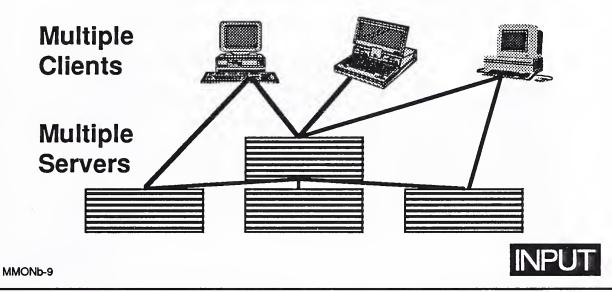
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First Generation Example • Small Workgroup Database • Branch Offices and Departments Database LAN Server

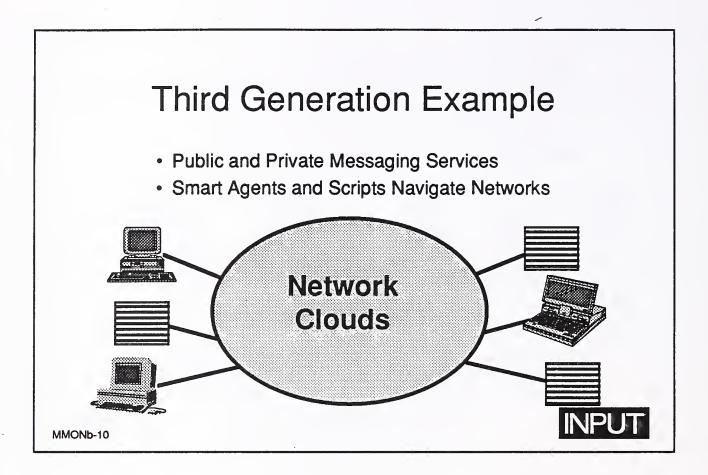
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Second Generation Example

- Windows, MacOS, UNIX, NeXTSTEP Clients
- Application, Communications, Image, Database Servers



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Enterprise System Development

Architects

Requirements
Specifications
Upper CASE Tools

Business Objects C++ COBOL Visual Basic Smalltalk





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Business Objects

- CASE for component software builders
- Model business processes with objects
 - Forms, customers, goods, accounts, dates
- December 1993 Object Management Group formed Business Objects subcommittee (BOM SIG)
- Currently too low level for most users

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Layers of Objects on the Desktop

- Document-centric user interfaces
- Animation and video
- Software component architecture

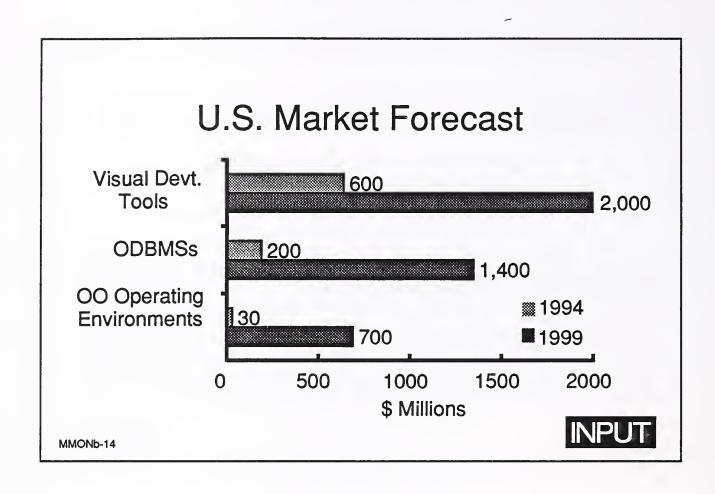
Integrated Desktop Packages and Suites

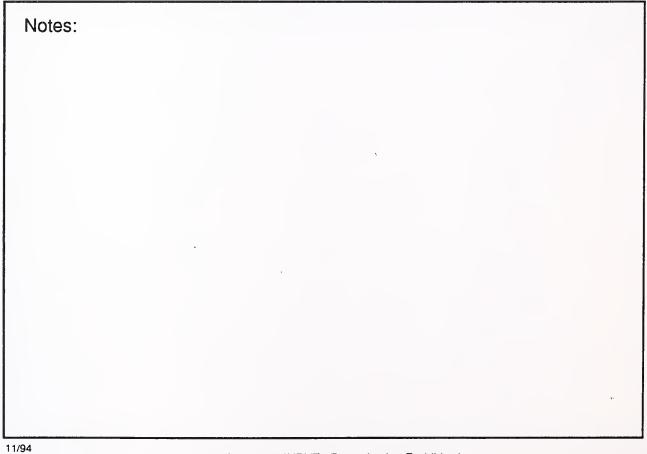
Applets - QuickTime for Video, MS Graph

Object-oriented Platforms - OLE, Taligent, NeXT



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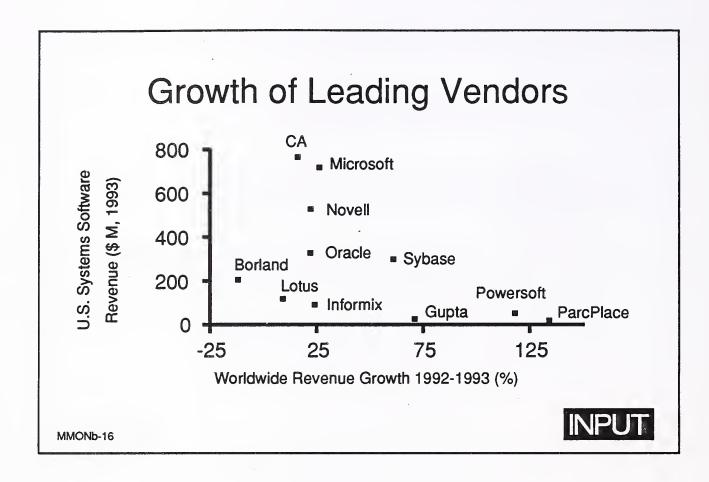


User Trends

- IS departments manage the infrastructure
- User groups and system integrators develop applications
- Knowledge workers develop customized interfaces with products like Microsoft Excel, Q&E, Lotus Approach, Claris FileMaker
- Higher support costs, lower product costs

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Hardware Vendor Trends

- Hewlett-Packard
 - Heavy object emphasis Distributed Smalltalk, Taligent investment, reselling NEXTSTEP
- IBM
 - Rewrite of AS/400 operating system using objects
 - PowerPC with Apple and Motorola
- Sun Microsystems
 - Collaboration with NeXT for distributed objects



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Database Vendor Trends

- Informix
 - Strong vertical market emphasis
- Oracle
 - Emphasizing own client development tools CDE
 - Multimedia and video servers
- Sybase
 - Aiming for enterprise and low-end
 - Merging with Powersoft



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Outlook for Client Platforms

- 1995
 - Windows95, PowerPC
 - Desktop video, animated user interfaces
 - Mobile clients PDAs, cellular phones
- 1999
 - Diverse object-oriented environments
 - Information appliances
 - Office PC 64MB, multiple displays



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Outlook for Server Platforms

- 1995
 - Windows NT gains market share
 - High availability clusters
- 1999
 - Software frameworks span servers
 - · Security, system administration
 - · Messaging, scheduling, databases
 - Palmtop to enterprise scalability



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Outlook for Business Objects

- 1995
 - Microsoft's Line-of-Business objects
 - Microsoft OLE and OMG CORBA interfaces
 - Multiple standards
 - Emerging tools and methodologies
- 1999
 - Business object standards solidify



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