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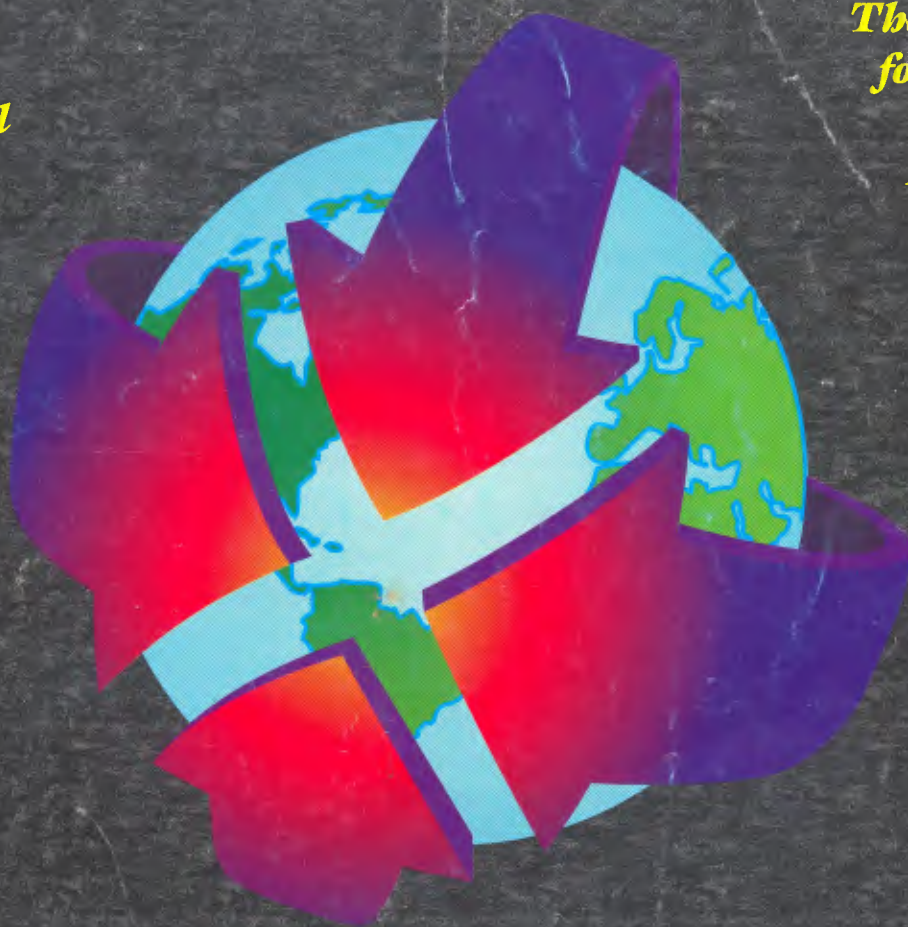
News and information for bringing your vision online
Summer 1995

The Worldgroup Era Begins...

*Introducing
the world's
most powerful
client/server
online
platform*

*Free
multimedia
extensions
included
with
Worldgroup*

*ICO supports
outdialing
via telnet and
finger client
and server*



*The Major BBS
for UNIX now
available for
Linux, SCO,
Solaris, and
BSD/OS*

*New Sysop
program
created
with
Motorola*

*Service-driven
NIS division
helps bring your
vision online*

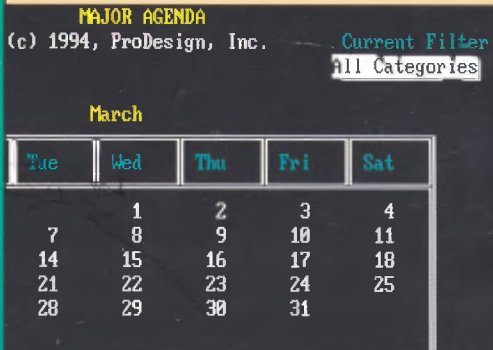
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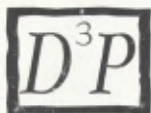


- Extensive system operator control over categories and messages using key restrictions, class and User-ID event notifications.
- Plus auto-purging, auto-approval, and many other features too numerous to list.

or * represents Today's Date
! indicates a Scheduled Event

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<M> - Change Month <C> - Clear Category Filter <?> - Help
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President's Corner

by Scott J. Brinker
President & CEO



You are about to participate in a wonderful evolution. Like a butterfly lifting into the air from its cocoon, your BBS can now soar into a world of Windows brilliance and appeal.

It's an evolution from ASCII/ANSI into a true client/server environment capable of multimedia-rich online applications. It's an evolution from a small audience to a mass market. It's an evolution from The Major BBS to Worldgroup.

Nearly two years in the making, Worldgroup is the next generation of online service software. It lets you stand out against America Online, offering your users a Windows client program that makes your system friendly, sexy, and productive.

Click on an icon to launch an application. Work offline as easily as when you're connected. Take advantage of multithreading to take a poll, while you're getting new mail, while you're downloading a file from the library. Transparently receive client program updates. This is hot stuff!

And it gets better. We've always believed in the power of an open architecture, making our source code available to you and supporting the efforts of dozens of Independent Software Vendors (ISVs).

The design of Worldgroup takes this extensibility to a new level. Developers can write new applications using Visual Basic on the client-side and Borland C++ on the server — a powerhouse combination.

The fruits from this fertile ground are evident throughout this latest issue of our newsletter (reborn under the new name of *Visions*). Dozens of hot ISV products are now available as client/server add-ons for the Worldgroup platform — you'll find plenty of new product announcements in the pages ahead.

In particular, the dam seems to have broken with a plethora of programmable dBase options now offered from The Business BBS (MultiBase), BSI Technologies (xBasic) and ProDesign, Inc. (Distributed Database Development Platform).

All of this integrates smoothly with our Internet Connectivity Option, which adds TCP/IP support directly into your Worldgroup server. This lets the Worldgroup client software work over the Internet as well as dial-up modems and your LAN.


Our client/server protocol rides on top of a standard telnet connection and lets you run a graphical interactive service on the Internet that goes beyond the Web — a superset of Web and traditional online service capabilities, complete with user tracking, accounting and reporting features.

Collectively, this technology gives you the tools to meet the demands of a converging world. Workgroups, e-mail, BBSes, commercial online services and the Internet are all starting to intersect, and everyone wants to be connected.

Worldgroup was designed to encompass all of these as one whole, managing the electronic crossroads between the people and resources inside your company and the outside world at large. It's a one-of-a-kind solution that will help you stand out in your market.

In addition to the technology, Galacticomm is also committed to providing you with world-class service and support. In the beginning of 1995, Stephen Paradiso became our Technical Support Manager and his team — Sean, Nathan, Steve, Dan, Frank, Scott, Eddy, Eric, Phil and Anders — are ready to help you at any stage in your Worldgroup experience.

Ken Maier, along with Shane, Craig and Mahesh provide the same role for our UNIX customers. And our new Network and Integration Services division, headed by Ken Royer (of FedWorld fame), offers turnkey solutions, system consulting, and classroom training (in conjunction with BSI Technologies). Please call us if there's anything we can ever do for you.

Thank you for your ongoing support that has given us the opportunity to develop this exciting release. We're proud to share it with you, and I can't wait to see and hear of your successes with this platform. Fly high, fly far, and may the wind be at your back. 

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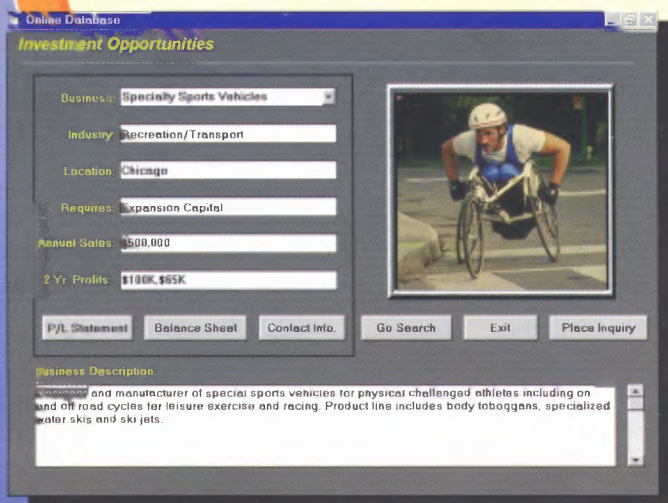
Increase Your Competitive Advantage

Enter the world of online services while decreasing your initial investment and total costs. Take advantage of our economies of scale, design, programming expertise

and professional operations experience.

The Business BBS is a service bureau providing custom online systems for businesses. Our professionals understand the marketing, as well as technical, requirements for making these services successful.

Whether you're building an entrepreneurial venture, providing customer support, or creating a new product offering, The Business BBS will increase your competitive advantage.

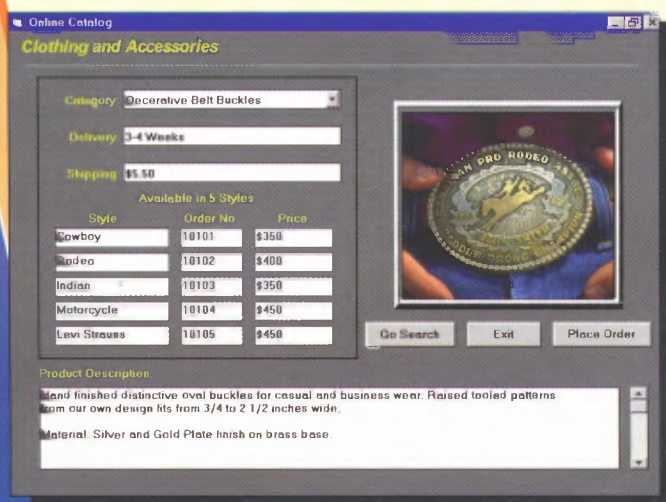


Online Database
Investment Opportunities

Business: Specialty Sports Vehicles
Industry: Recreation/Transport
Location: Chicago
Requires: Expansion Capital
Annual Sales: \$500,000
2 Yr. Profits: \$100K-\$55K

P/L Statement Balance Sheet Contact Info Go Search Exit Place Inquiry

Business Description:
Specialty and manufacturer of special sports vehicles for physical challenged athletes including on and off road cycles for leisure exercise and racing. Product line includes body toboggans, specialized water skis and ski jets.



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Worldgroup: A new world in online services

by Dihan Rosenburg
Managing Editor

"Worldgroup knocked my socks off — I'm standing here with bare feet," says Gene Friedman, systems analyst for Citibank Corporation.

"Galacticomm has taken many of the best features from online services such as Prodigy and America Online and created a package that I can only describe as awesome," agrees Dennis Fowler, a contributing editor for *Computer Shopper*.

Beta testers, the press, and customers like you all seem to agree: Worldgroup, our follow-up to The Major BBS, is exactly what the online industry has been waiting for. Worldgroup is a fusion of the best of e-mail/workgroup technology and the "Big Three" commercial online services.

Now your online service can match the best of these big online services — and even the World-Wide Web — with colors, graphics, real-time video, and sound. Worldgroup adds a client/server architecture to the traditional BBS paradigm, with the server running under DOS on your host machine.

The intelligent shareware client runs on your user's PC, providing a Windows interface that is not only attractive, but efficient, intuitive and

exciting. The Windows client/server interface works just as well over the Internet as it does via modems, LAN,

ISDN, and X.25 networks such as CompuServe and SprintNet.

"Our users have been asking us about a GUI interface for a long time," says Bob

Bunge, the operations manager for the U.S.

Dept. of Commerce's "FedWorld" system.

"Worldgroup integrates so well

with Windows, I forget I'm logged on!"

"I think Worldgroup is going to be incredible for our customers," adds Kevin Ehlers, system administrator for the computer manufacturing corporation, Gateway 2000. "The majority of our

market is first-time computer buyers, who also tend to be new to online services. Worldgroup is going to be a nice entry point to cyberspace for them."

The flexibility of the new client/server architecture makes it possible to bring your users an amazing array of new services.

For instance, with control over both sides of the link, we were able to establish a multithreaded, error-correcting

protocol that lets users enjoy up to 30 activities at once. Like downloading files in the background while reading new mail, or auto updating new versions of applications transparently.

User-side intelligence allows you to make full use of multimedia presentations, offline operation, and local CPU horsepower. This local cache of programs and data ensures top performance at 2,400 or 28,800 bps.

We've packed e-mail and forums with features that rival the best of the LAN-based packages: in box, out box, address book, local file cabinet, forward with comments, and priority tagging, to

name a few.

As many as 10,000 forums can be created for both local and networked messages.

And that's just the beginning. Users can transfer files in one easy step. New users avoid the learning curve

of how to download files with different protocols. If they can click an icon, they can download a file.

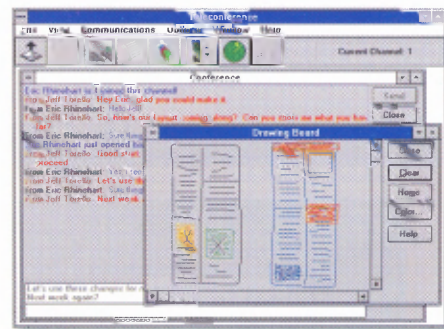
Teleconference offers a drawing board where users can convey ideas visually at the same time they're chatting. They can customize their words and sketches with a full color palette and their choice of fonts. Users can also exchange files in real time.

In Polls and Questionnaires, users can view exportable bar graphs and pie charts of the results.

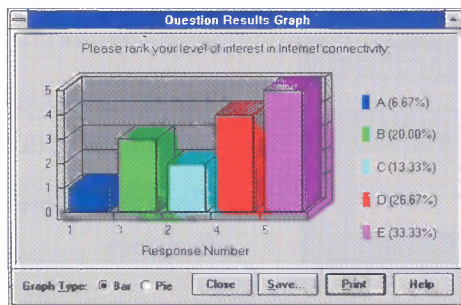
The client/server platform offers yet another exciting advantage: You can write your own client-side applications



Worldgroup provides a communication model that brings the inside world and the outside world together in a secure, productive environment.



In the multi-user teleconference, users can communicate in words and pictures.



Present poll results as bar graphs or pie charts that can be printed or exported to other applications.

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