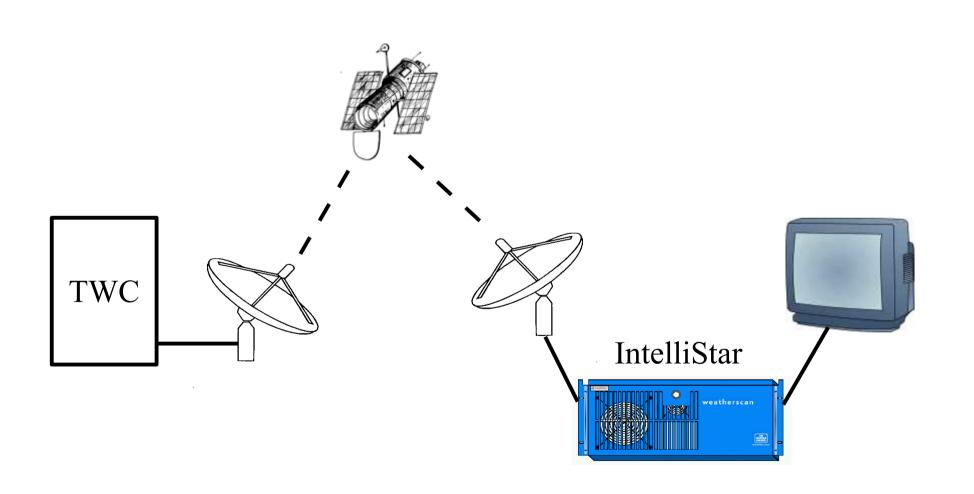
Using FreeBSD to Render Realtime Audio & Video

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Topics

- What is a Weather STAR?
- Demonstrate Video Rendering
- Changes made to FreeBSD
- FreeBSD Issues
- Scripted Installs

Where STARs Live



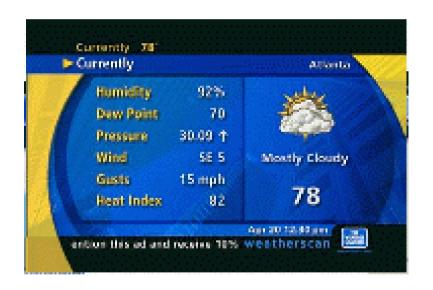
Weather STAR's Tasks

- Collect and Store Relevant
 Weather Data
- Render Weather Presentations Using the Stored Data
 - Local Forecast Products
 - Sensor Line

Video Rendering

- Draw Graphical Objects
- Display Live Video
- Simultaneous NTSC (Analog) and ASI (MPEG Digital) Output

Sample Products





Changes to FreeBSD

- ACPI Backported to Support Soft Off
- Driver Updates and Fixes
- Installation Program Improvements

FreeBSD Issues

- Nice is too Unnice
- Userland Threads
 - Large read(2)s Broken Up
 - Thread Priorities
 - Scheduling Signal
 - FreeBSD 5.x

Scriped Installs

Choose install type and perform install command=sh /stand/installtype.sh system configFile=/stand/doinstall.cfg loadConfig

dialog ... > /tmp/foo
read itype < /tmp/foo
echo "configFile=/stand/\$ {itype}.cfg" > \
 /stand/doinstall.cfg
echo "loadConfig" > /stand/doinstall.cfg

install.cfg

installtype.sh

package=apache packageAdd package=postfix packageAdd

web.cfg

mail.cfg

Conclusion

- Weatherscan Deployed in Q1 2003
- Core U.S. Network Scheduled for 2004
- Q & A