

The Goals:

Create Low-Cost Tools to Improve the Geographic and Scheduling Flexibility of Business Human Interaction

- **Better Telecommuting**
- **Better Flex-Time.**

Taylor These Tools to Make Businesses More "Virtual"

- **Less Commuting**
- **Lower Premises Expense**
- **Fewer 9-to-5 Monday-Friday Schedules**
- **Better 24-Hour 7-Day Coverage of the Global Marketplace**

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Virtual Business Via CWIC**2****Without CWIC . . .**

- **True Multimedia Communication**
 - **Slow Installation of Hardware & Communications**
 - **Expensive to Set Up and Run**
 - **True Site Mobility Even More Expensive**
 - **Line-of-Sight and Land-Line Limitations**
 - **SatComm**

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Virtual Business Via CWIC**3****Without CWIC . . . (cont'd)**

- **Limitations of Lower-Cost Alternatives**
 - **Traditional conference-call "teleconferencing"**
 - **Often frustrating and inefficient, except possibly for the individual, if any, who's running the meeting.**
 - **Unless you're rehearsing a vocal group, only one person should speak at a time**
 - **no graceful equivalent of hand-raising**

Without CWIC . . . (cont'd)

- **Limitations of Lower-Cost Alternatives (cont'd)**
 - **Traditional conference-call “teleconferencing” (cont'd)**
 - **no courteous reaction to a speaker until there’s been some polling of participants after speaker is finished**
 - **distrust of people we don’t know and/or can’t see (will they recognize our efforts and deliver on their promises?)**

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Without CWIC . . . (cont'd)

- **Limitations of Lower-Cost Alternatives (cont'd)**
 - **1-Camera-to-1-Camera PC Conferencing**
 - **The audio/video’s nice, but . . .**
 - **Specialized HW & SW required for each PC**
 - **Weak on multisite simultaneous participation**
 - **Assumes link sufficient to run meeting by conventional means**

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Solutions

- **Fill Part of the Gap in Today’s Spectrum of Tools-- Specifically, the Gap between:**
 - **phone teleconferencing and**
 - **point-to-point connections ranging from PC Anywhere™ to Video Conferencing**
- **Centered Around Internet Meeting Management Software Developed with CWIC**

Internet Meeting Management Software Developed in the CWIC IDE

- **Security via IIS SSL using the CWIC Application Broker Server ISAPI DLL extensions**
- **As Bandwidth Permits, See Who You're Talking to**
 - **Names**
 - **Biographies, etc.**
 - **Picture(s), small, up to full motion, at least of speaker**

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Internet Meeting Management Software Developed in the CWIC IDE (cont'd)

- **Control speaker sequencing**
 - **Formal rotation**
 - **Time limits**
- **Allow non-audio comments simultaneous with the speaker**
- **Moderator or speaker can recognize commenters**

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Internet Meeting Management Software Developed in the CWIC IDE (cont'd)

- **In CWIC IDE, Easy to Customize Meeting Management Software for Major Horizontal Functional Areas**
 - **Recruiting: recruiters, evaluators and candidate can all be in different locations, with simultaneous exchange of comments secure from view by the candidate**

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Internet Meeting Management Software Developed in the CWIC IDE (cont'd)

- **In CWIC IDE, Easy to Customize Meeting Management Software for Major Horizontal Functional Areas (cont'd)**
 - **Business Formation: founding entrepreneurs and other members of the business can meet much more easily and efficiently with middlemen and potential investors, with simultaneous private sub-meetings for exchange of notes**

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Internet Meeting Management Software Developed in the CWIC IDE (cont'd)

- **In CWIC IDE, Easy to Customize Meeting Management Software for Major Horizontal Functional Areas (cont'd)**
 - **Virtual Focus Groups for Product Development and Sales: include geographical dispersed prospects, customers, and employees**

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Internet Meeting Management Software (cont'd)

- **Customize for Horizontal Functional Areas (cont'd)**
 - **Customer Service with Less Wasted Time on Voice Menus and Repeated Statement of the Problem:**
 - **supplement a call-handling "desk" by including others from anywhere organizationally or geographically in an ad hoc on-line meeting, with as much of the meeting off-line from the customer as desired**

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Internet Meeting Management Software (cont'd)

- **Customize for Horizontal Functional Areas (cont'd)**
 - **Faster, Better Customer Service (cont'd)**
 - **include multiple customers at once (from one organization or from a user group) to get more done in a single on-line meeting**
 - **distribute calls within the helping organization evenly among people scheduled to be on-call**

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Summary

- **The Technical Approach for Exploiting a New Tool Like CWIC: Start with a Simple Application**
 - **You May Think It Will be Boring**
 - **It Probably Won't Be**
- **Strategy**
 - **Exploit the ubiquity and low cost of the Web to enhance on-line or virtual meetings**

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Summary (cont'd)

- **Strategy (cont'd)**
 - **For any organization with an intranet, the hosting capability is already in place**
 - **Exploit that CWIC lets systems developers bring a version of a Clarion system to the Web faster than by any other means, and the version will have a true Windows-like hierarchical and multi-threaded look and feel**

Summary (cont'd)

- **Strategy (cont'd)**
 - **Exploit that CWIC-developed systems contrast sharply with traditional Web pages which, despite dazzling (and distracting and slow-loading) graphics and banners, lack structure beyond their flat links and the history retained by the Web browser; the end Web user of a CWIC-produced system benefits from a more familiar, standardized interface with its true hierarchical and multithreaded navigation**

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Summary (cont'd)

- **Results**
 - **This CWIC meeting management software enhances the traditional voice and e-mail meetings in which so much of business is done**
 - **The software does this at low cost**
 - **The software has widespread availability on existing hardware/software installations**

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Summary (cont'd)

- **Results (cont'd)**
 - **The software keeps on-line meeting participants more fully informed about everyone with whom they're talking and exchanging data**
 - **The software makes it much easier to achieve the various incentives, security, and trust required to make various business areas and processes work**