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The Future with IAC

Teenage Mutant Ninja Apps...

IAC: A Tremendous Change

- Almost a new platform
- New conventions

Application architecture

User interface

New learning curve

Message classes

Event level awareness

IAC: User's View

- Added functionality
 - Ex: Spelling checker
- Links: hot, warm, cool
 Within/across product families
- Embedded data objects
 - Ex: Imported graphic w/ tools
- Component software
 - Ex: Interface builder

IAC: Developer Opportunities

- Applications as services
- Compound documents
- Wrap i/o and silicon in IAC blanket
- Cross-application organizational tools Projects/schedules, info mgmt.
- High-level user programming tools Iconic, knowledge-based, by-example

IAC + AppleScript

- One stop solution shopping
- Distributed intelligence
- Active objects = agents
- Network-wide economics

IAC: Gift of the Gods?

- Mac maintains high ground
- New architectures possible
 - Distributed apps
 - Compound documents
- New product areas
 - Services
 - Components

IAC: System 7.0's Tricky Friend

- Learning curve
- Cost of entry
- Painful user evolution

Old/new application mix

More details to manage (app vers.

etc.)

IAC: Apple Can Help Devlopers

- New example programs File, Edit, Scroll, etc.
- Event standards
- Cross-application event debugger
- A timely AppleScript

IAC: The Time is Now

- Revolution, not Evolution
- He who hesitates is lost
- David vs. Goliath
- Side-step the feature race



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