

Networking for Smart Spaces

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The Edge



The Core

What's Changing?



- Increasing Prevalence of Mobile Work and Ad Hoc Teams
- Growing Population of Embedded and Portable Information Appliances
 - PDAs, Cell Phones, CrossPad, InfoPen ...
- Rich and Growing Technologies for Pico-Cellular Wireless Communications
 - Bluetooth, HomeRF, 802.11, 802.11b, IrDA ...
- Emerging Technologies for Dynamic Service Discovery
 - Jini, Universal Plug-and-Play, Service Location Protocol ...
- Leading toward Smart Spaces?

What's a Smart Space?



- A Wireless Island in a Global Wired Ocean where
- Available Information Services and Embedded Sensors and Devices are Discovered, Accessed, and Exploited by
- Portable Devices Carried onto the Island and the
- Combination of Imported and Native Devices and Services is Exploited to Support the Information Needs of Current Island Inhabitants

Smart Spaces Project

- Implement a pilot consisting of multiple smart spaces
 - One exploring passive, multi-modal HCI sensing issues
 - Two exploring networking and distributed systems issues
- Integrate and evaluate current technology available to realize smart spaces
 - Pico-cellular LANs
 - Dynamic Service Discovery
 - Distributed Computing Infrastructure
 - Multi-modal Passive Sensing (speech, vision, language)
- Networking for Smart Spaces Project
 - **AirJava**: Exploring the Edge
 - **Aroma**: Exploring the Core

Exploring the Edge

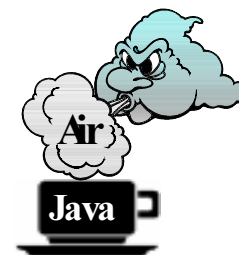


Claim: Within 5 years Systems-on-a-chip (SOC) costing \$10 will include

- pico-cell wireless transceiver
- virtual machine
- run-time environment

- **Deploy embedded and portable, computer-controllable devices within a pico-cellular wireless edge network connected to the wired infrastructure**
- **Discover local devices and automatically configure foreign portable computers to use the discovered devices and services- also enable the export of local devices and services to remote correspondents**
- **Discover local embedded file and compute infrastructures that allow ad hoc injection of transient foreign information and programs**

A Jini-based Device Adapter

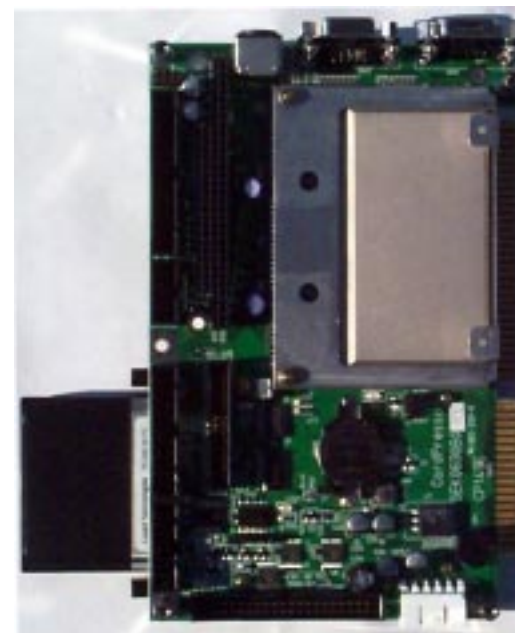


- ***AirJava* adapter emulates tomorrow's SOC**

- Low-power microcomputer and flash memory
- 2.4 GHz wireless LAN PCMCIA Card
- Linux or Windows
- Java VM and Jini

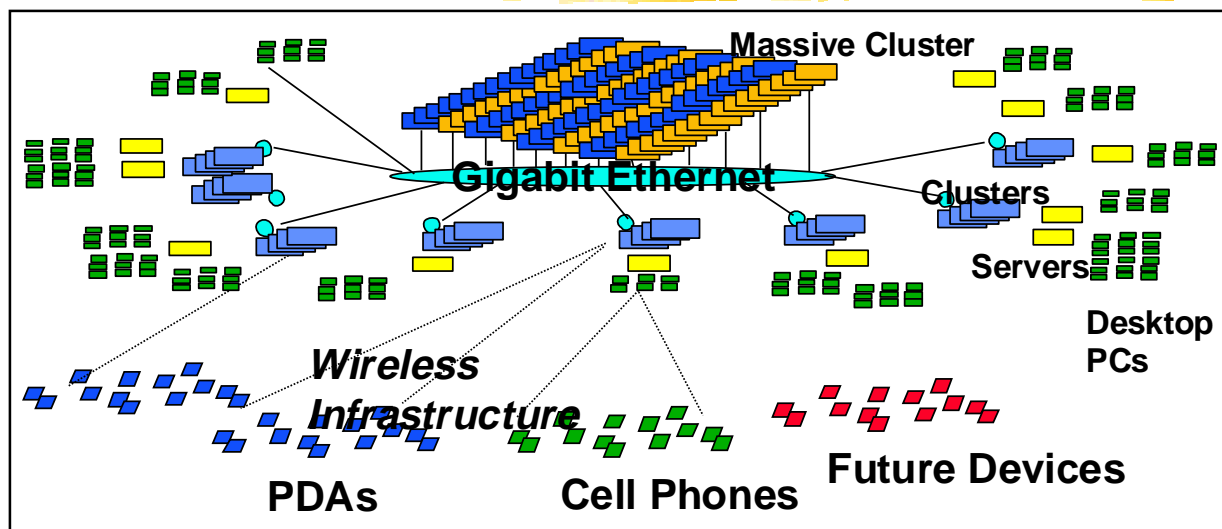
- ***AirJava* adapter provides a platform for investigating challenges**

- Managing and Exploiting Discovered Services
- Security Mechanisms for Transient Users
- Self-Organizing Mesh of Services
- Logical Networking Context for Mobile Collaborators



- **EPSON CARD 586**
 - 133 MHz, 48 MB RAM, 256 KB ROM, 1 MB Video Memory
 - Bus Controller, XGA Controller, FDC, COMBO Controller
- 320 MB Flash Memory Card
- 320x240 Pixel Color LCD
- 2.4 GHz Wireless LAN PCMCIA Type II

Exploring the Core



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- Integrate *AirJava*-adapted devices and other portable wireless devices with wired networking infrastructure using UCB Ninja Software
- Develop, test, and evaluate algorithms for self-organizing service meshes along spatial, logical, and organization dimensions
- Develop and exploit on-demand virtual private network technology to scope and protect communications and to manage information for mobile, ad hoc teams



You are invited to PC 2000

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- Pervasive Computing 2000 Workshop
 - January 25-26, 2000 at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland
 - Keynote Speaker is Bill Joy from Sun Microsystems
 - Multiple Panels of mainly Industry, but some University Folks
- Panel Topics
 - Pico-cellular Wireless LANs
 - Dynamic Service Discovery Systems
 - Innovative Handheld and Embedded Devices
 - Programming Systems for Adaptive Distributed Systems
 - Multi-modal Human-Computer Interaction
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