

Agenda

- **Vision**
- **Corporate Mission**
- **Customer Needs**
- **The Opportunity**
- **Offering Strategy**
- **Marketing Strategy**
- **Technology Strategy**
- **Key Team Members**
- **Funding Requirements**
- **Summary**

Corporate Mission

Provide our clients with information and tools to efficiently search find the best “matches” in the world, with total privacy.

The Opportunity - General

- **Excellent market timing**
 - Online services are starting to boom now (1992 - \$640 Million)
 - Missionary work is done - large installed base (over 20M)
 - 35% of all households have personal computers
- **The margins are high (low COGS)**
- **Repeat revenue stream**
- **The killer Information Superhighway application?**

The Opportunity - Personals



- The market is very large
 - 40 million unmarried individuals in the US
 - 20 million between 25-49; highest computerization
 - 10 million of these own home computers - rapid growth
- Proven propensity to spend
 - Market leader (Great Expectations) charges up to \$1,600/year
 - Many services charge much more
 - One of the highest contributors to many newspaper's net income
- Extremely favorable market characteristics
 - High growth
 - Highly fragmented market with many different vendors
 - Market is ripe for consolidation
 - High entry barriers once you have the content
- Importance of search, qualification and privacy

How to meet customer needs

- Develop a proprietary database of partnering data
- Make that database accessible from a variety of places (home, office, kiosks) through GUI clients (Windows, X , Mac, Mosaic , Magic Cap) and make it easy to use
- Reach customer using distribution vehicles closest to customer: when appropriate direct and, when appropriate , with newspapers, cable companies, dating services, auto dealers which have a local focus
- Create a quality brand name - "The Classifieds"

Market Positioning

- Privacy of your own home
- Best way to find the “perfect match”
 - Sophisticated search that you control
 - Multimedia - lots of information not available otherwise
 - Fast, almost immediate results
 - Fun, the excitement of anticipation
- Pay as you go as opposed to prepay

Sales and Distribution

- Selected markets we sell direct
 - E-mail, Internet, World Wide Web (WWW) servers
- Other markets, sell through existing services as VARs, System Integrators and Resellers (service bureau)
 - Existing content partners
 - Newspapers
 - SF Chronicle, Alternative Newspapers such as Bay Guardian
 - Dating Services & Others
 - Trellis, Heart-to-Heart, Ethnic dating services
 - Auto Trader, Century 21 Real Estate
 - Communication vendors
 - Cable / Telcos
 - Continental Cable, TCI, Times-Warner
 - Pipeline Providers
 - PSI, UNNET, Delphi,
 - Value added providers
 - America Online, CompuServ, O'Reilly & Associates
- Some OEM / private label relationships, when appropriate



Pricing Strategy

Summary Contribution Margin Model (per customer per month)

	Direct	Indirect
Distribution		
Variable Revenue		
Fixed monthly charge	\$19.95	\$9.98
Connect charge	\$12.00	\$6.00
Other	<u>\$10.43</u>	<u>\$5.21</u>
Total average gross revenue	\$42.38	\$21.19
Variable Expenses		
Communications charge	\$15.03	\$7.51
Set-up and technical support charges	<u>\$1.11</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total average variable expenses	\$16.14	\$7.51
Total average net variable margin (monthly EVC)	\$26.25	\$13.68
Average life of customer (in months)	6	6
EVC of customer	\$157.58	\$82.07
Other		
Subscriber acquisition costs (months)	\$7.23	\$0.00
Lifetime subscriber acquisition costs	\$43.36	\$0.00

Rollout / Promotion Strategy

- Local rollout planned
 - Grow as demand grows
- Seed with data from distributors
 - heavy use of trials to get additional data
- Word of mouth / guerrilla marketing
 - E-mail address advertisements
- Direct mail
 - Target singled women, e-mail users
- Advertising
 - Wired Magazine, Mondo, etc., “influence the influencers”
- PR will play a key role
 - high level of sex appeal

System Architecture - II

- **Server**
 - Develop an optimized client/server application with an object oriented database as the data repository
- **Client**
 - Focus on great GUI (Windows, X, Mac, Mosaic, Magic Cap)
 - Embedded communications interface layer
- **Server reachable by the following:**
 - E-mail (SMTP / MIME / HTML)
 - Internet (rpc, Mosaic / WWW)
 - Modem (Tymnet, 800 or 900 numbers)
 - Fax (OCR)
 - Commercial Network Services (America Online, CompuServe, etc.)
 - Cable TV / Interactive TV
 - Other: Telephone, TeleScripts, Personalink

Key Team Members

- **Chairman of Board and COO - TBD by Executive search**
- **Gary Kremen, EVP**
 - **Administration**
 - **Business Development and Partnerships**
- **Dan Carmel, Marketing**
 - **Channel managers**
- **Peng Ong, Development**
 - **Development**
- **Operations and Customer Service?**
 - **Operations**

Advisory Board

- **Marketing Advisory Board**
 - Michael Ballard, COO of UNNET, Ex-President of Telebit Corporation?
 - Steve Farber, VP Sales Vantive Corporation, Informix Sales
 - Richard Yanowich, Corporate VP Marketing, Sybase, SCO
 - Others (Women from ... TCI, etc.), Dr. Ruth? / WIRED, Tandem
- **Technical Advisory Board**
 - Ben Dublin, Co-Founder LAT, Sun Microsystems
 - Ken Ng, Borland, Database Architect, Informix, Oracle
 - Others (Women from), Carol Barts?,
- **Service Providers**
 - Legal: Aaron Alter, Partner, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati
 - Accounting: William Pfann, Partner, Price Waterhouse
 - Banking: Ken Brenner, EVP, Cupertino National Bank

Plans / Proceeds

- **Development** **\$300k**
 - Architecture and development specifications
 - Product development as per plan
- **Marketing** **\$50k**
 - Market research and testing
 - Distribution partner searches
 - Detailed product rollout plan
 - Seeding the data base
- **General** **\$50k**
 - Bring team on board full-time
 - Offices and Infrastructure

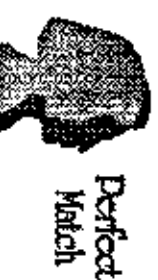
The above is for 1994, 1995 is round #2 and significant revenue
KEY: FOCUS, PLAN AND PRIORITIZE

Agenda

- What are the customer needs?
- Market Characteristics
 - Market size, growth and structure
- What will offering meet the customer needs?
- How do you meet the customer needs?
 - Positioning
 - Distribution Strategy
 - Pricing
 - Marketing Rollout
 - Competition and competitive advantage
- Marketing Timelines
- Summary

Mkt. Rsch. - Personals Customers

- Total privacy - work from your "own space"
 - Mostly important to women
 - Private e-mail exchanges versus one-time only voicemail
- More qualified dates
 - "Cads vs. Dads" problem
- Additional Information for asking the right questions
- Images and audio to assist screening
 - Adds sex appeal
- Different profile to different groups of people
- Exceptional search capabilities including "like" searching
- Convenience of not wasting time on the inappropriate
- Fun / Excitement

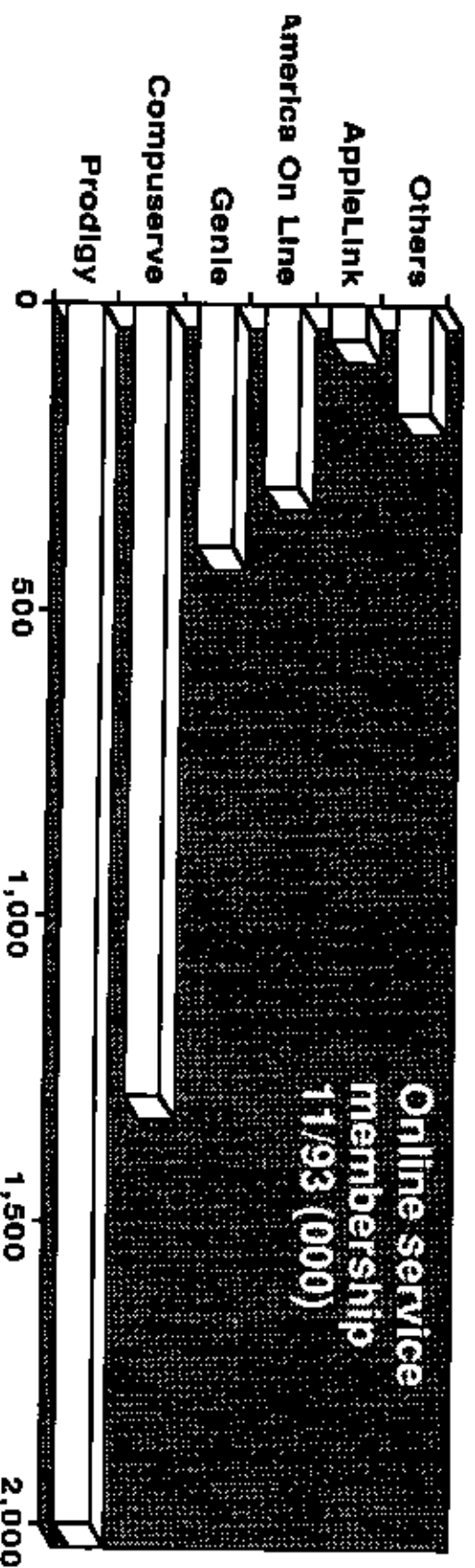


Mkt. Rsch. - General Classifieds

- All of the previous and:
- **Ease of use**
 - Must be as easy to use as existing methods
- National reach and expanded scope
- Terms that “experts” in the field use
- Only pay for what you are using
 - 900 number model versus newspaper model
 - Person-to-person marketing vs. business-to-people marketing

The Opportunity - General Classifieds

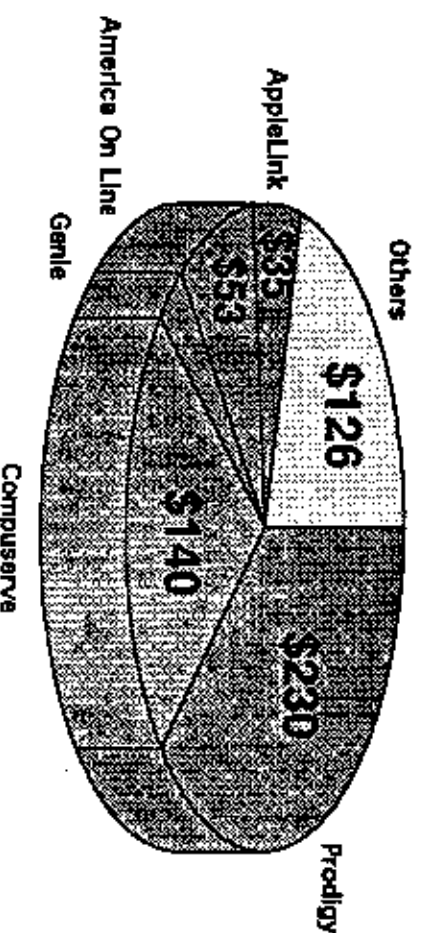
- **Excellent Market timing**
 - Existing online services have drove modem ownership and prices down
 - Online service adoption will be much easier
 - Can almost give the modem away as a premium for joining.



The Opportunity - General Classifieds

- Missionary selling phase has passed
- Industry is booming now
- Cumulative third party revenue in 1992, \$600 Million
- Solves the "500 channels and nothing on" problem

Cumulative Third Party Market Revenue - 1992



The Opportunity - Mkt. Character

- **The margins are high (an information business)**
 - **Imperfect markets**
- **Repeat revenue stream**
 - **Sell same information over and over**
- **Personals is a sexy application**
 - **Creates pull for other services**
 - **Model is the alternative newspapers / multimedia**

The Opportunity - Personals

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Market Positioning

- **Privacy of your own home**
 - ask for what you want
- **Best way to find the “perfect match”**
- **Faster turnaround in communications - more interactive**
 - start a dialog Friday, have a date Saturday
- **Fast, almost immediate results**
- **Flash of hi-tech**
- **Sophisticated search that you control**
 - add on service does the match for you
- **Multimedia - lots of information not available otherwise**
- **Fun - excitement of anticipation**
- **Pay as you go - what have you got to lose?**
- **More complete information to make an informed decision**

Sales and Distribution #1

- **Selected “markets”, sell direct**
 - E-mail, Internet, WWW / HTTP
- **When appropriate, OEM / private label service bureau relationships**
- **How to decide what channel: reach customer using channel partners closest to customer**

Sales and Distribution #2

- Other markets, sell through existing services as VARs, System Integrators and Resellers
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Pricing / Business Model Strategy - I

- “Nickel and dime” from different revenue sources
 - Postings are free / “Pay to play”
 - Free to start using
 - Charge on a per use basis with a flat entrance fee
 - Net variable contribution margin (after distribution revenue split) is the important metric
 - Potential Advertisers
 - Sell advertising space on the screen desktop (very prime space - subject to privacy)
 - Demographic information that is sellable
- Billing by credit card, auto withdrawal, deposit or 900#

Pricing / Business Model Strategy - II

Contribution Margins Model		Customer / Month	Customer / Month	Assumptions
Variable Revenue - Note: Must be prepaid		(direct)	(indirect)	
Fixed monthly charge for beta and beta service	\$14.84		\$2.94	In June 1992 we contacted America Online, after notification in subscriber resolution group.
For online connect time or E-mail download	\$12.00		\$5.00	In June 1992 in Condustry, America Online (general people) indicated that their connect charge is already more monthly charge.
Charge for non-download into - picture, video or sound	\$0.28		\$0.14	\$5 per per update, 25% update cost, 10% update more than once.
Per additional picture, video or sound	\$0.00		\$0.00	Another charges over life of customer.
Charge for standard rate downloadable information	\$0.62		\$0.31	Free - no guarantee connect charges.
Charge per hour for no less than \$10.00 for hour or second measure	\$1.00		\$0.50	Charge only for active pictures?
Charge per e-mail message sent	\$1.00		\$1.50	\$2.5 per update, 25% charge with month.
Charge per instant message forwarded	\$0.50		\$0.15	Maybe free - to maximize connect charges?
Net revenue per instant - other services paid	\$0.81		\$0.42	Average \$1 per month for now.
Charge per e-mail cancelled	\$0.25		\$0.13	\$1.25 = 12 months per month average.
Charge per special service done by our human subscriber	\$0.83		\$0.42	\$1.25 = 12 months per month (10% of people use forwarded, similar to Condustry).
Net revenue from subscribers who download for access	\$1.60		\$0.80	\$2.50 per per update, 25% per hour over life time per hour.
Less: Discount for no advertising on-screen (not in download)	(\$0.20)		(\$0.10)	\$1 per cancel (5% use life once per month).
Net revenue from standard service (to make it fair)	\$0.12		\$0.08	Charge \$2 per updated picture per month.
Charge for assembly use (e.g. beta service etc.)	\$0.25		\$0.13	\$1 discount per month, 20% life discount, 80% do not.
Charge for assembly use (e.g. beta service etc.)	\$0.25		\$0.13	\$20 per customer per life of customer, 3% use this.
Charge for people who want to use online, live	\$0.15		\$0.08	\$25 average per month (guess).
Charge for not having beta e-mail (life in included)	\$0.10		\$0.05	\$13 / month per month.
Charge for 800 or 900 number access	\$1.00		\$0.50	\$1 per month (10% people, 90% live).
Total Average Gross Revenue per customer per month	\$42.38		\$21.19	5% of customer base, \$1 per month, 20 minutes total per month.
Variable Expenses (no acquisition costs)				
Communication charges - Cost of Revenue		\$15.00	\$7.51	Using 1992 and 1993 AOL rates (of all revenue).
				92-93 CDR = 120.6, 184.2, 92, 93 Net service revenue = 26275, 34462.
				Advertising, 43% live, internet / e-mail access / Condustry, 5%.
Beta and standard support cost per customer		\$1.11	\$0.00	Fixed cost approximately \$1,800 / month (735 connected).
Total Average Variable Expenses per customer per month		\$16.11	\$7.51	Facilities (10 min. average) 19 min. each hour, \$20 hour over lifetime (fixed).
Total Average Net Variable Margin (Net monthly EVC)		\$26.25	\$13.68	
Average number of months users is a customer (life of subscriber)		6	6	Net revenue does not change due to introduction of response of beta in cost.
Economic Value of the Customer (NET - per-monthly)		\$157.48	\$82.07	6 months - based on 10% experience with postscript.
Other				
Subscriber Acquisition Cost	\$7.23		\$0.00	Using 1992 and 1993 AOL averages.
Lifetime Subscriber Acquisition Cost	\$43.36		\$0.00	92-93 Annual Costs = 1991, 7008, 92, 93 Net service revenue = 26275, 34462.
				Fraction of Average Gross Revenue

Rollout Strategy - I

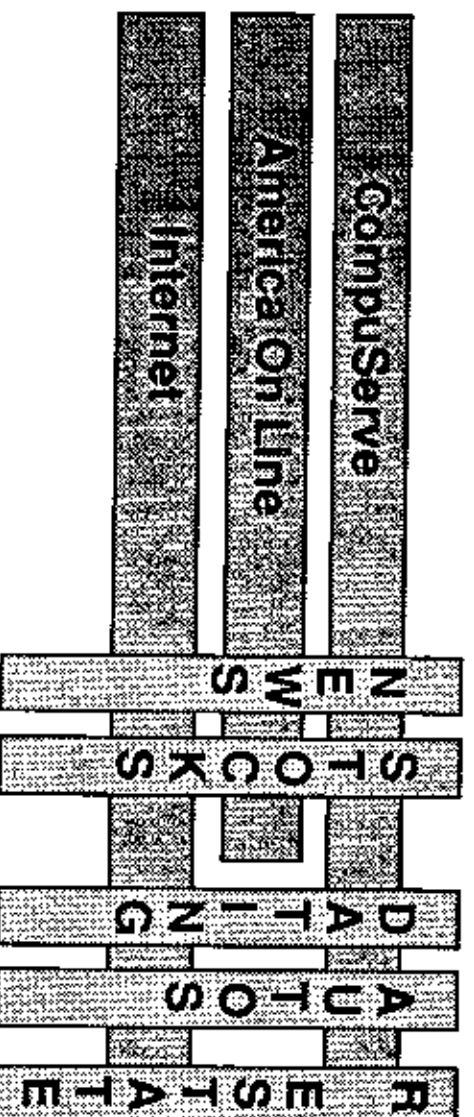
- Seed data from distribution
- Direct mail is expected to be the primary means of promotion
- PR will play a key role
 - Personals as a rollout has great sex appeal
 - Great PR story
- Regional launch planned
 - Grow as demand grows
 - Only one with a complete structured of high quality data for search
 - Heavy use of trials to get additional users
- Influence the influencers / Guerilla marketing

Rollout Strategy - II

	Version 1	Version 2
FCS Platform Access via Geographic focus Intelligent search Still Image Sound Video	9/94 Windows, X E-Mail, etc. Bay Area Y Y N N	12/95 Windows, X, Mac Auto e-mail California, New York Y - enhanced Y Y Y

Competitive Advantages - IV

- As capabilities expand, roll out onto other delivery platforms
- By this point ownership of data is established



Future Product Directions

- Service bureau to vendors wishing to demonstrate a visually rich product or where intelligent search is key
 - specialty autos
 - antiques
 - other collectibles
 - financial instruments
 - any brokering
- Alternative to demo disk for software companies
 - call 1 800 TRY-ME22 to download client
 - dial into server and do more than you could with demo disk
- In each market, partner with someone who has content

Summary

- Examination of fundamental customer need
- Large market with favorable characteristics
- What does the customer want to see
- How do you meet the customer need?
 - Positioning
 - Sales Strategy - where is the value of each customer
 - Distribution Strategy
 - Pricing
 - Marketing Rollout
 - Competition
- Marketing Timelines

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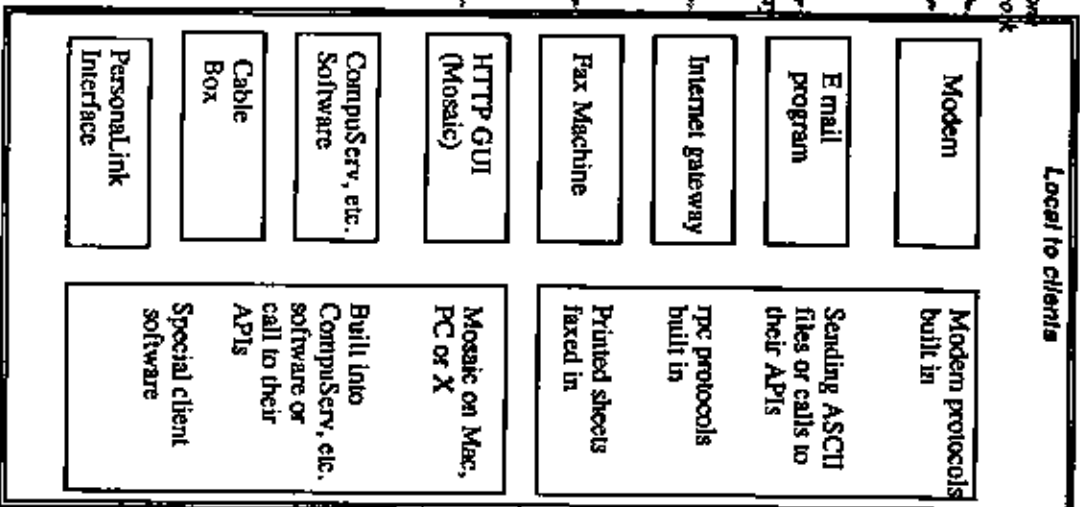
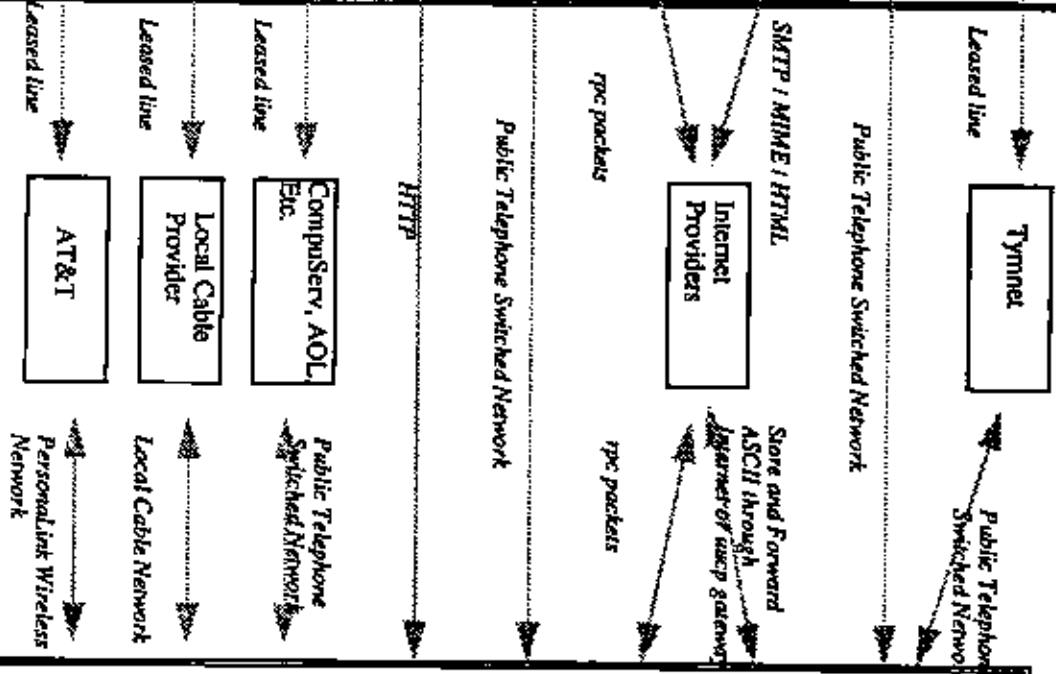
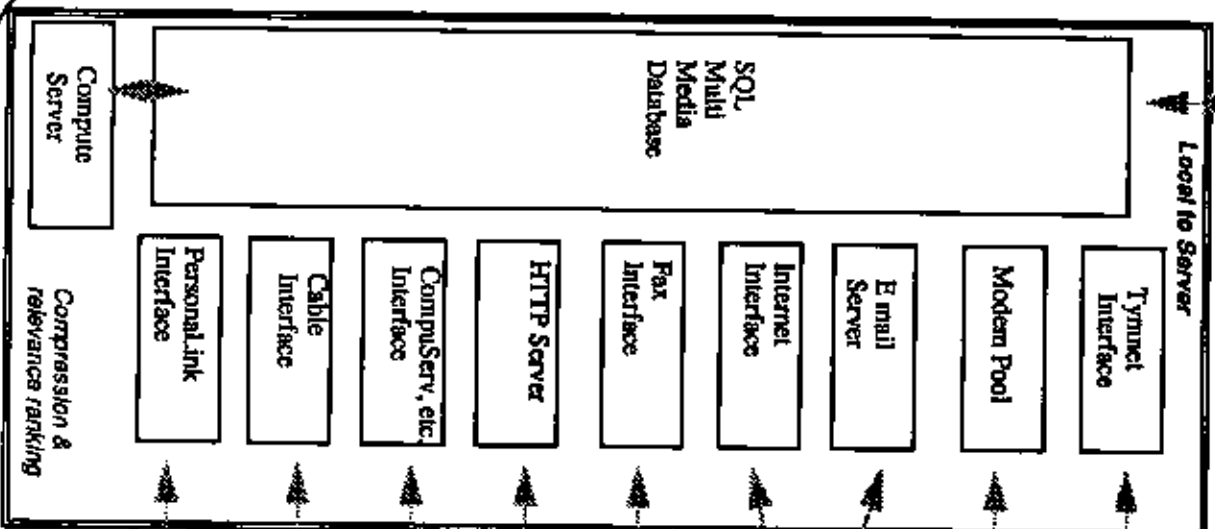
- **Technology goals**
- **The server - database**
- **The server - other**
- **The client - functionality**
- **The client - characteristics**
- **The client - other**
- **Development and System Timeline**
- **Summary**

Technology Goals

- **Develop the premier delivery system for a whole range of online classifieds and services**
- **Minimize customer support and upfront costs**
- **Reduce technology risk so that development risk becomes systems integration risk**

Credit card services

System Architecture



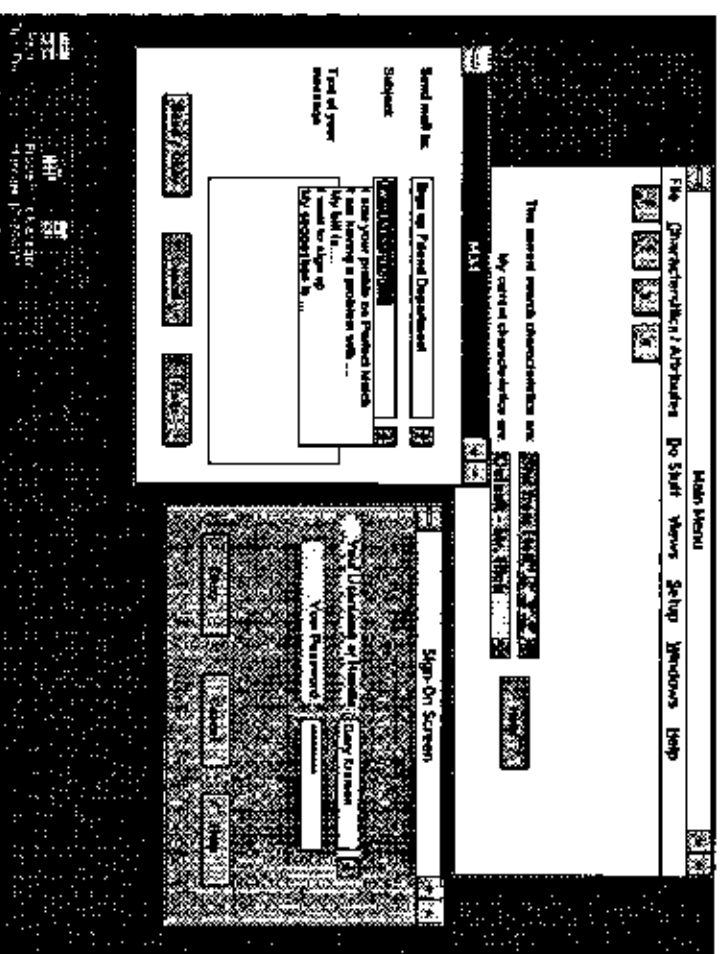
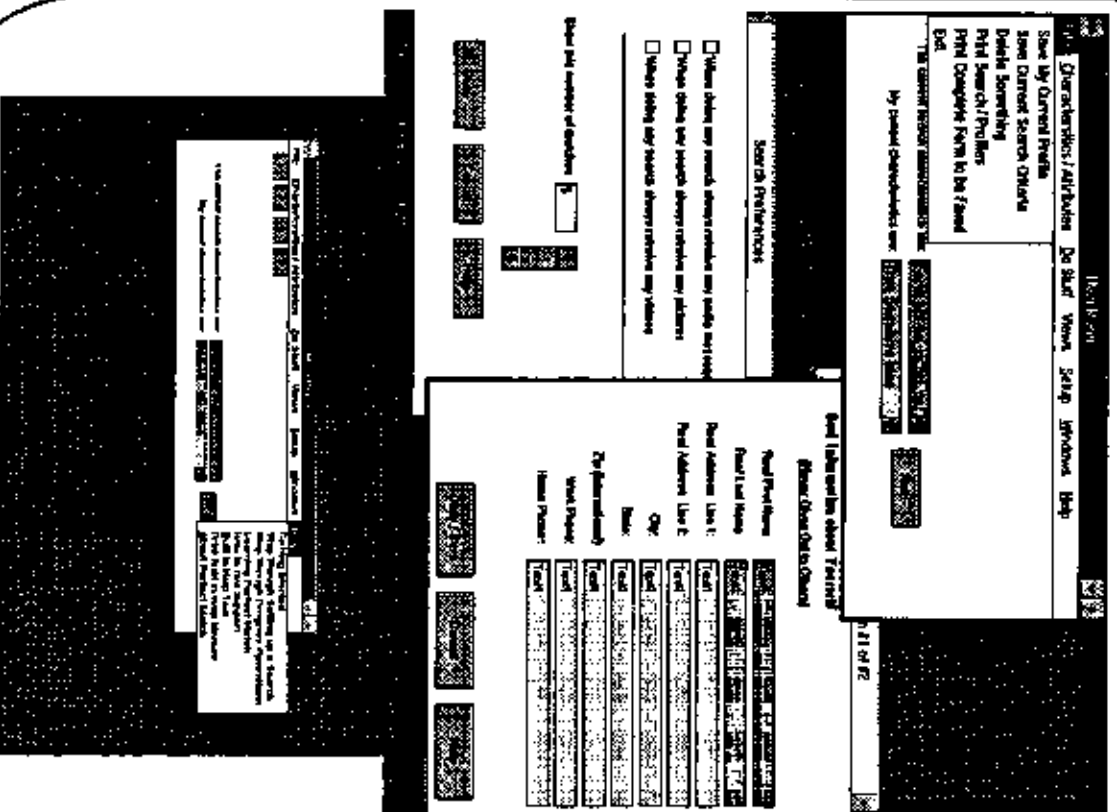
Development & Integration Timeline

- Release date 9/94
 - Windows and X GUI clients
 - E-mail by manually sending ASCII files from clients
 - Internet by rpc
 - Modem access by 800 / 900 and Tymnet
 - All client distribution methods up
- Release date (12/94)
 - Mac GUI Clients (modem, Internet and e-mail)
 - E-mail cc: mail and Microsoft Mail using APIs
 - Fax (OCR) secondary server
 - HTTP secondary server
- Release date (3/95)
 - Commercial services special clients - links to APIs
- Release date (6/95)
 - Magic Cap clients
 - Cable TV / Interactive TV special clients

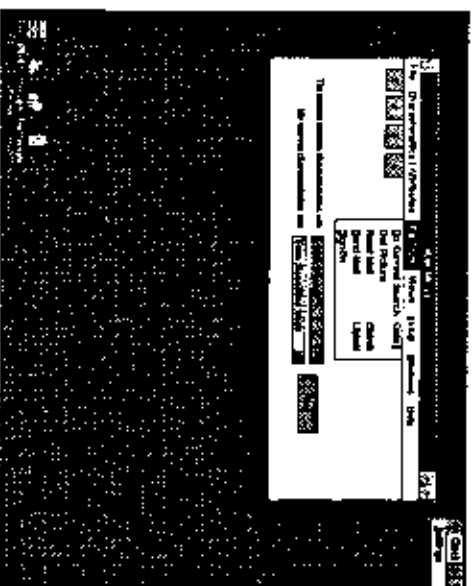
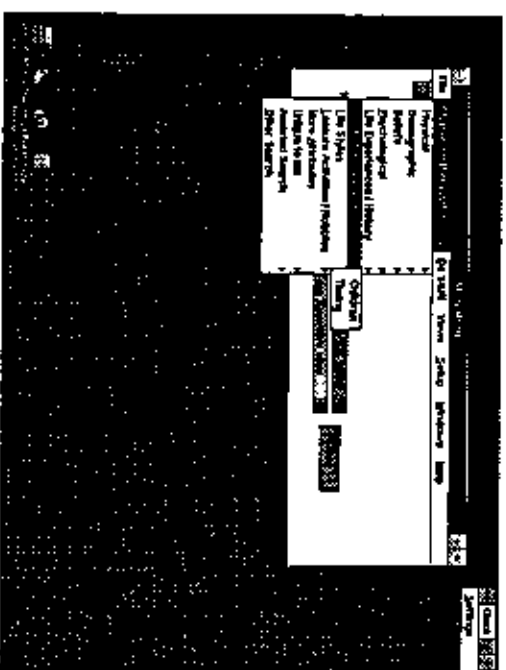
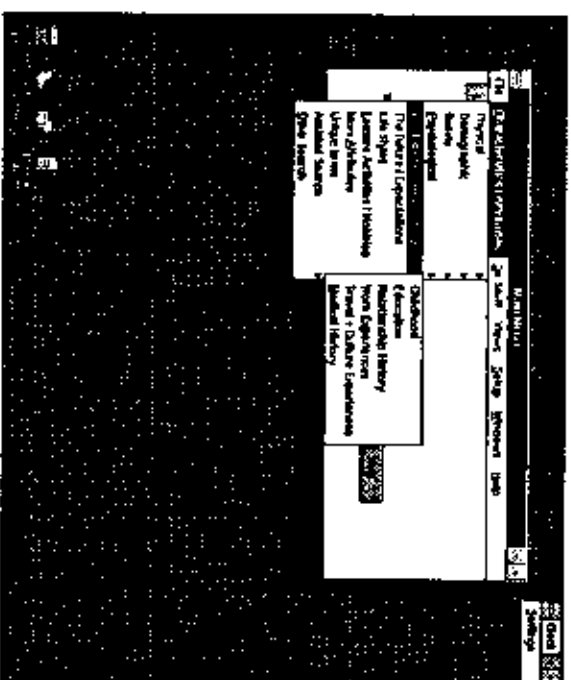
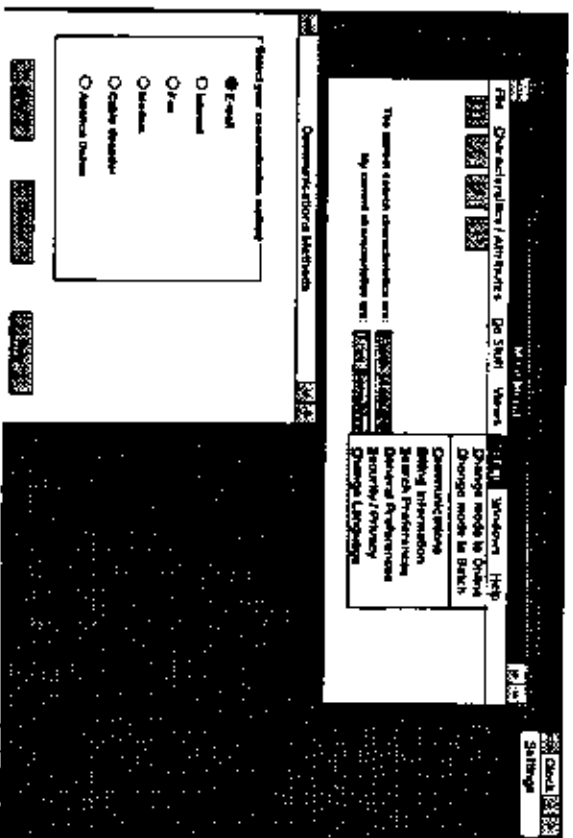
Technology Summary

- Detailed financials / general revenue
- Master timeline / page #s
- Perspective of the customer
- Marketing #s
- Pagers / 900# revenue
- Graphic for classifieds

The Client - Sample Screen III



The Client - Sample Screen II



The Server - Database

- **High performance object-oriented relational multi-media database**
 - Such as Informix, Sybase, Oracle that does not prevent migration to 3rd generation databases
 - Later databases (distributed architecture) could be regional tied together with a T1 link
 - Access control by end-user
 - Public API to database
 - Allowance for multiple profiles linked to a master bill code
- **Localized compute engines**
 - Asymmetrical compression compute engine
 - Relevance rankings algorithms compute engines
- **Billing and accounting information e-mailed to user**

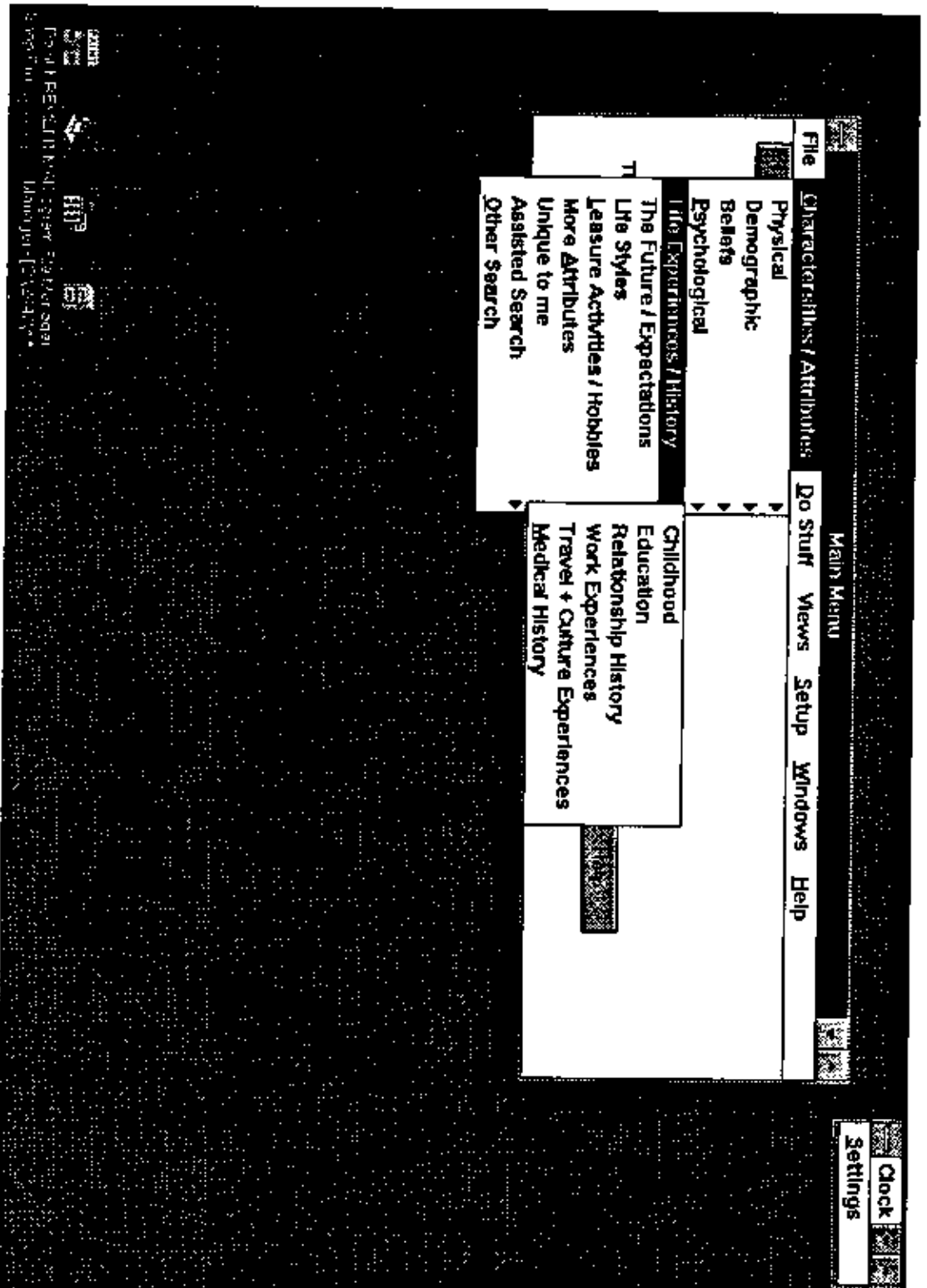
The Server - Communications

- Database can be reached by:
 - E-mail linked to the Internet by a T1 line (SMTP / MIME / HTML)
 - Modem (linked to Tymnet X.25 or 800 / 900 numbers)
 - Internet (rpc and WWW / HTTP / Mosaic)
 - Fax (OCR read and send)
 - Commercial Network APIs (America Online, etc.)
 - Cable TV / Interactive TV
 - Other: Telephone, TeleScripts and PersonalLink
- Forwardable e-mail to Internet gateway
- Interface to credit card providers

The Distribution of Clients

- **Clients small enough to distributed electronically**
- **FTP and Telnet**
- **Download from CompuServ, etc.**
- **E-mail servers, both local and on the Internet**
- **Archie, gopher, etc. access**
- **Sent by U.S. mail**
- **Download by guest login (modem tty)**
- **Distributed by partners**

The Client - Sample Screen 1



The Client - Functionality #1

- **World-class GUI**
 - Minimize network traffic by loading up the client with intelligence
 - Excellent browsing screens
 - Context sensitive help screens
 - Fuzzy searching capabilities
 - Optional advertising screen on the screen desktop during data uploads or downloads
- **Multi-tasking and multi-threaded**
- **E-mail built-in**

The Client - Functionality #2

- **Will transmit most multimedia formats**
 - **JPEG, MPEG, PICT, TIFF, QuickTime etc.**
 - **Full MIME capability**
 - **Audio formats**
 - **Text, RTF**
 - **Ability to decompress quickly**
- **Fully configurable by auto-download update**
- **Public key RSA encryption for privacy and security**
- **Attribute list is configurable and changeable**
 - **One attribute list per area of the classifieds**

The Client - Functionality #3

- **The GUIs - Windows, X, Mac, Mosaic and Magic Cap**
- **All but GUI is from one C++ source base**
- **Binary small enough to be distributed electronically**
- **Each copy of software copy is coded with at least one distribution source**
- **Internationalization built-in (all messages in files)**
- **Do efficient downloads of still images and sound initially; grow into video**
- **Ability to flip through images (thumbnails)**

The Client - Communications I

- **E-mail**
 - Store and forward in ASCII using either API to e-mail programs or sending of pre-formatted ASCII file
- **Modems**
 - Based on optimized public domain protocols such as Zmodem
 - Closest Tymnet and 800 / 900 numbers pre-configured
- **Internet**
 - direct rpc -s calls / HTTP

The Client - Communications II

- **Fax**
 - Fax an 8.5 x 11 pre-printed sheet
 - Picture area - to be stored on server
 - Information area - OCR easy when using a form
 - 8.5 x 11 form also built into software (could be distributed without software)
- **Special clients that are CompuServe, etc. APIs aware**
- **Special clients that are Cable TV / Interactive TV aware**
- **Other: Telephone, TeleScript and PersonalLink**

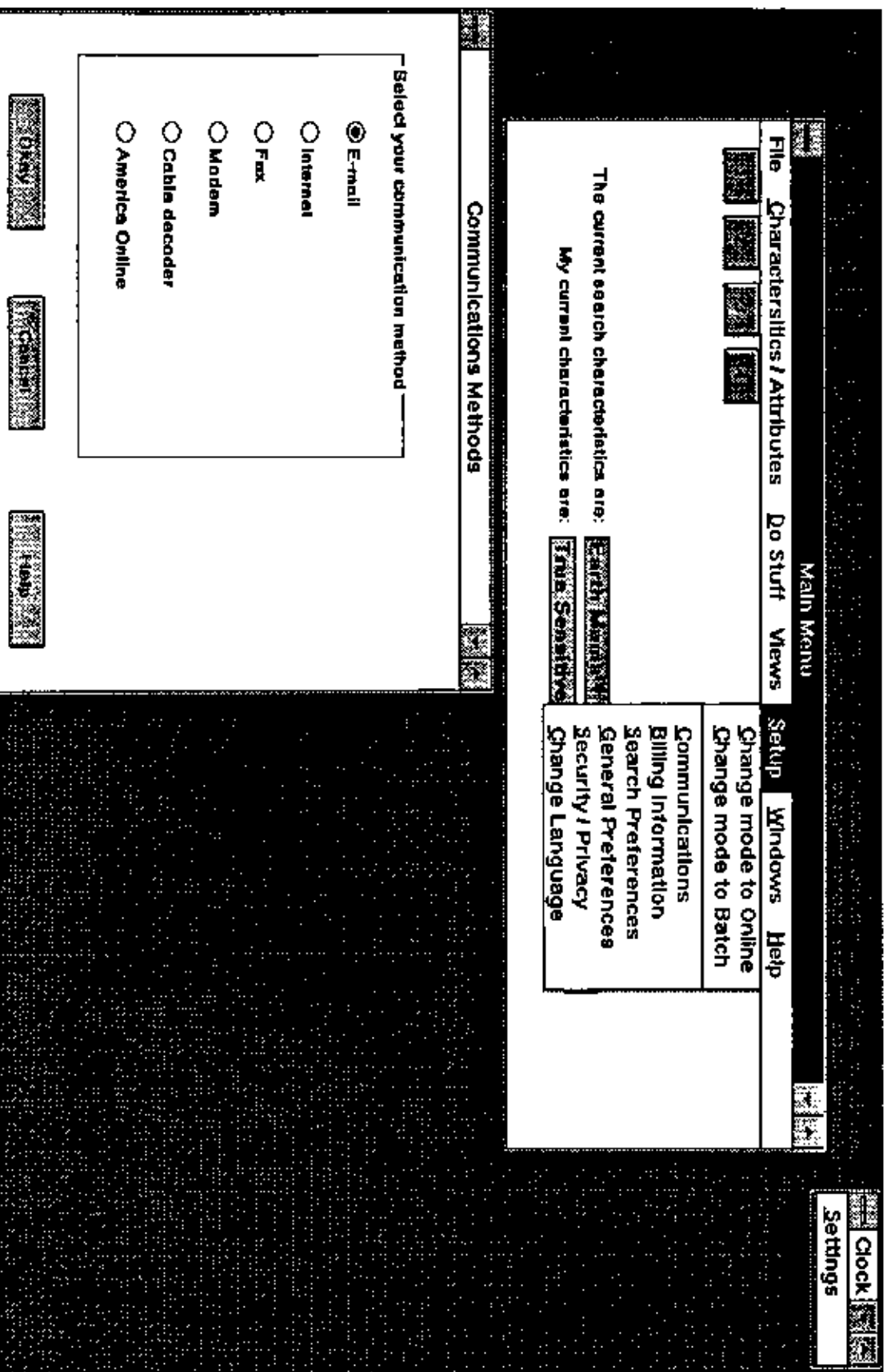
The Client - Multimedia Input

- **Allow JPEG, MPEG, PICT, TIFF, QuickTime, etc. files to be uploaded for one-time-only compression**
- **Sources include:**
 - Network of service providers - Kinkos, Kodak CDs
 - Customers can upload if they have scanner
 - Customers can input by fax machine
 - We can scan for a fee
 - Virtual images as per Imagination Network
- **Allow audio files to be uploaded for one-time only compression**
 - 900 Telephone number to leave voice
 - Sound board aware
 - We can process for a fee

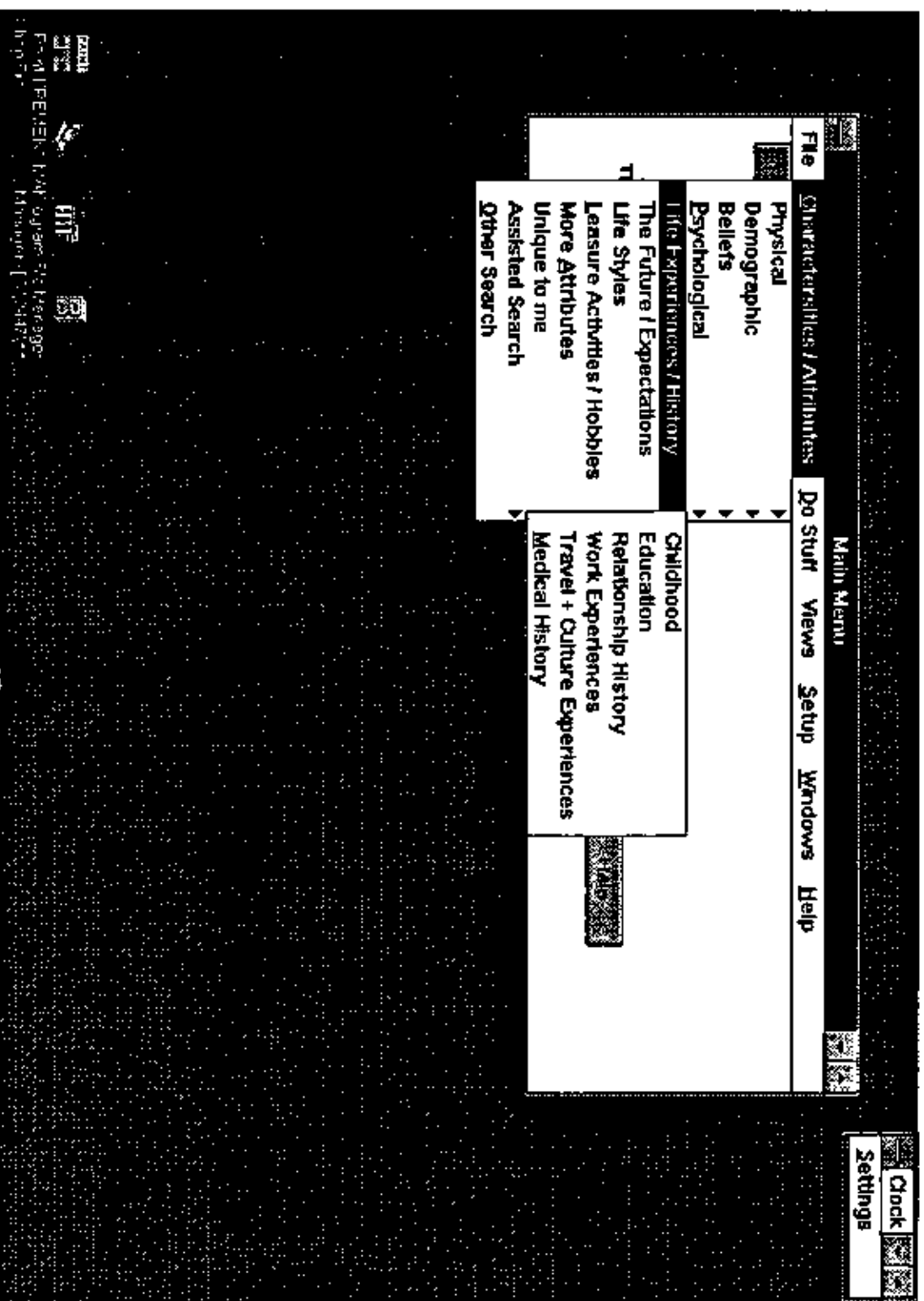
Data Transfer

- **Proprietary ASCII data exchange format between client and server**
- **Proprietary link level exchange format between client and server**
- **Both real time and store & forward modes**
- **Connections are to be optimized**
 - **Data only needs to be transmitted when changed**
 - **Download time is charged to per user**
- **See CheckFree™ as a direct example**

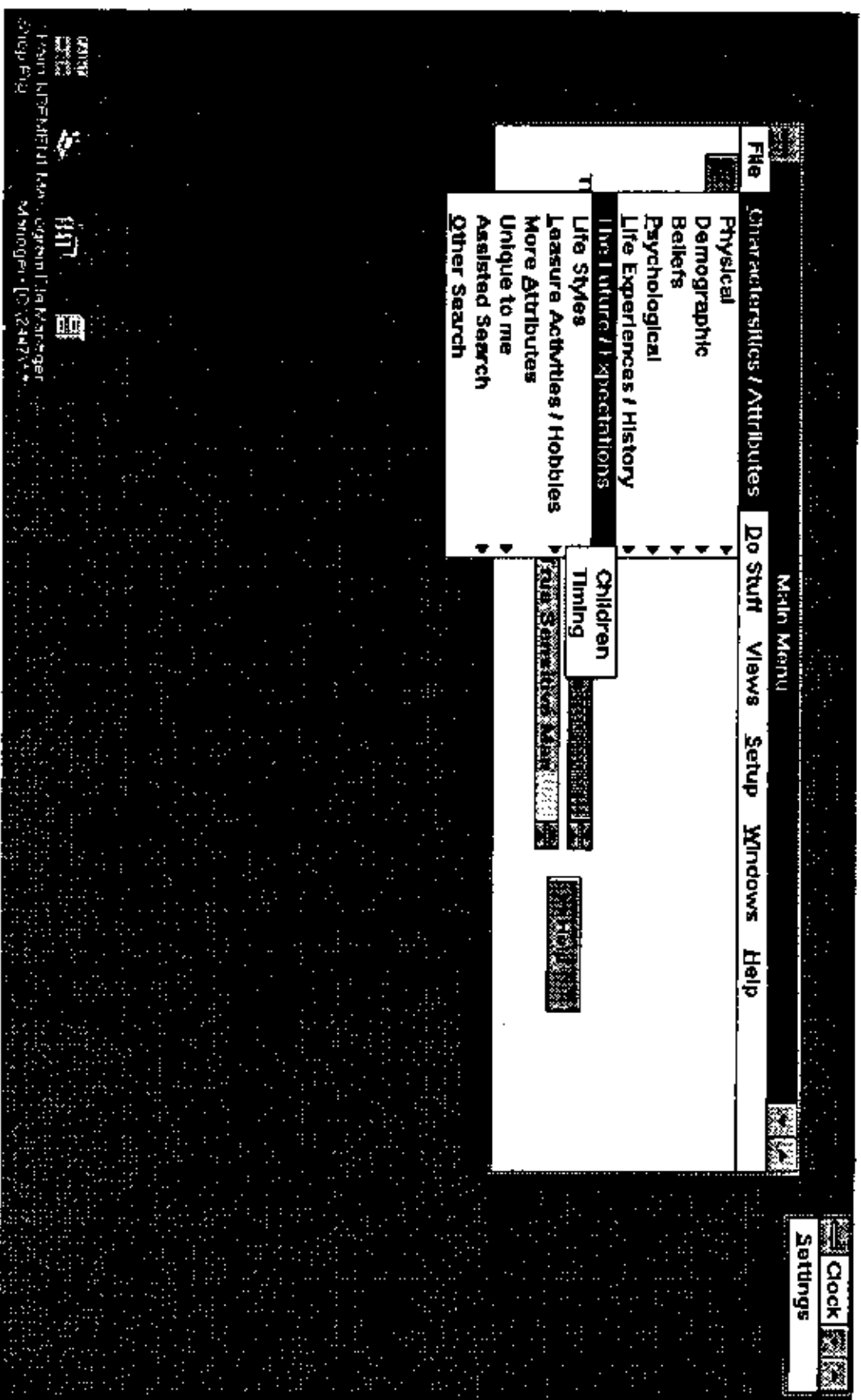
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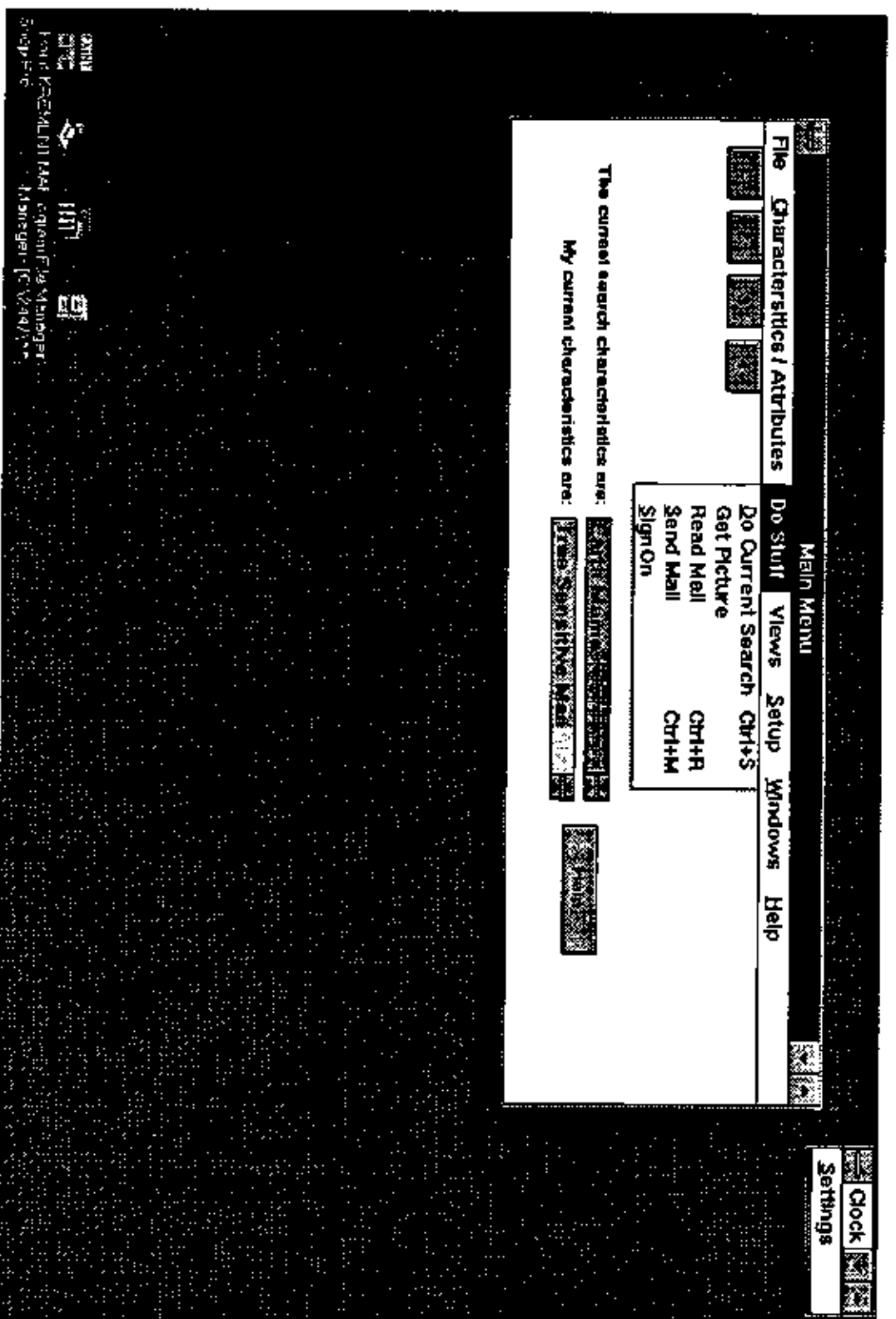
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Screen 3



The Clients Sample Screen II



Screen 5

File

Characteristics / Attributes

Do Stuff

Views

Setup

Windows

Help

Save My Current Profile

Save Current Search Criteria

Delete Something

Print Search / Profiles

Print Complete Form to be Faxed

Exit

The current search characteristics are:

My current characteristics are:

Search Preferences

☐ When doing any search always retrieve any audio message

☐ When doing any search always retrieve any pictures

☐ When doing any search always retrieve any videos

Show this number of matches: 5

Back

Next

First

Last

Real Information about Yourself

(Never Given Out to Others)

Real First Name

Real Last Name

Real Address Line 1:

Real Address Line 2:

City:

State:

Zip (International)

Work Phone:

Home Phone:

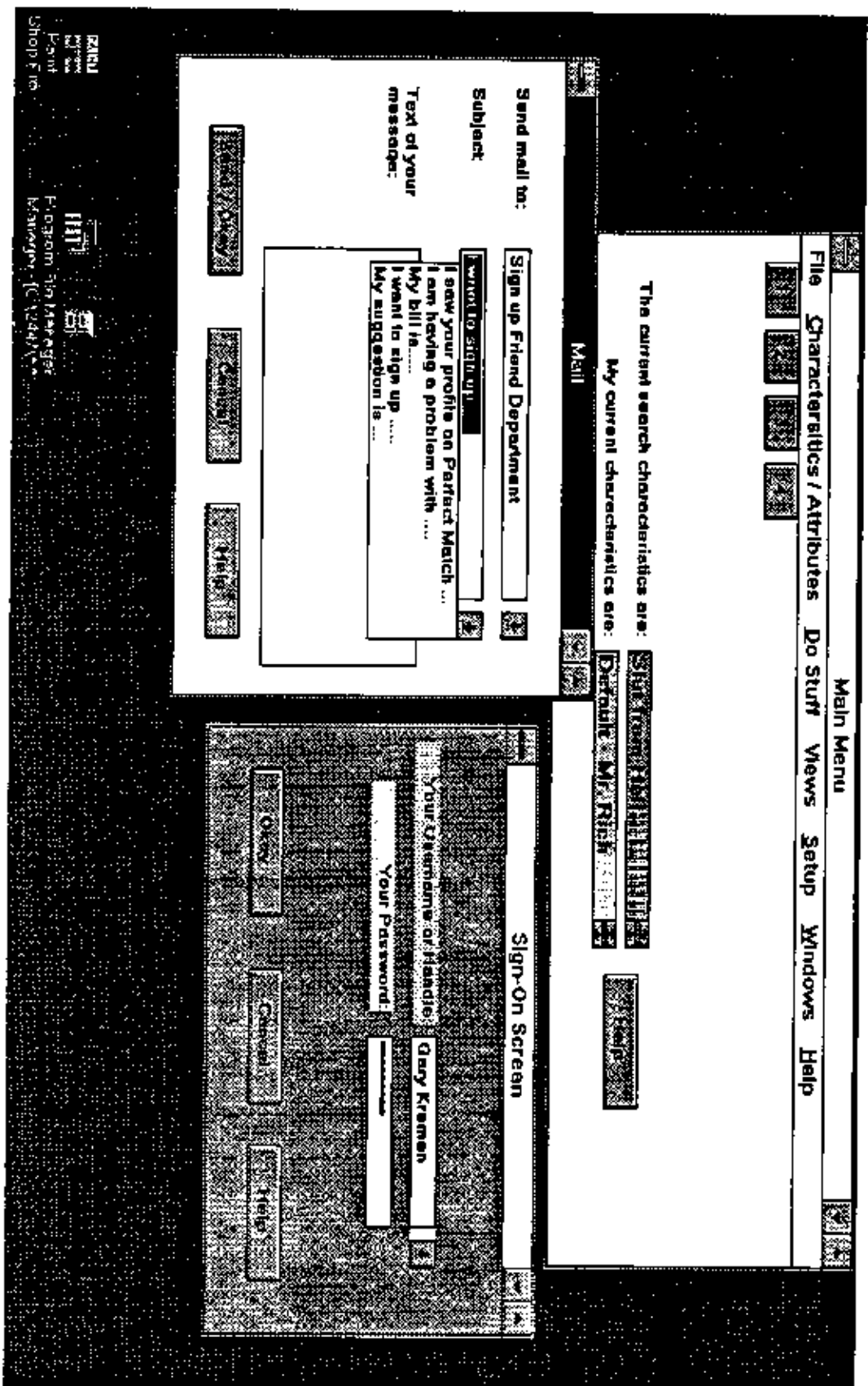
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Screen 7

