# Desktop Applications Division 3-Year Plan

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## Mission Statement

To develop and market the most popular suite of desktop productivity tools in the world

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## Strategic Goals

- © Obtain and maintain 80% share of Windows office suite category, and 60% for individual apps
- \* Develop long term product differentiation
- Become a more strategic purchase to customers by better supporting business practices
- Develop annuity business
- © Expand into new geographies. e.g. Far East
- ♦ Increase our development efficiency

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# Medium Term Objectives

- Focus on Office as a product
- Support other DAD groups in producing individually excellent products
- Synchronize with and exploit systems releases
- Increase long-term investments in technology
- @ Double shared code to 40% by 1996
- « Reduce cost of using cross-product technology
- Decrease documentation and localization costs by reducing number of words by 50%
- Keep support costs flat as a percent of revenue

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# Competition

#### ♦ Lotus

- Keycompetitor
- Strong individual products, DOS installed base
- Notes, applinks to Notes ("best workgroup applications")
- Aggressive corp. acct. pricing
- Market share in small organizations
- Possible Fall 1994 release with O1  ${\rm E}$  2.0, Intus Basic
- O5/2 app leadership

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# Competition

#### Borland

- No credible suite
- Good products and loyal customer base
- Low cost structure but low prices and lean bank account

#### WordPerfect

- No credible suite
- Good products and loyal customer base
- High cost structure, possibly weak finances
- WordPerfect Office, Doclibrary
- Possible WordPerfect/Borland merger
- Claris

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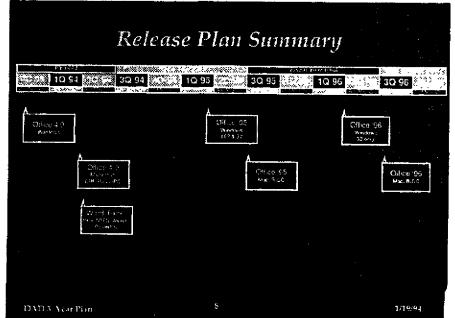
# Why Will We Win?

- « Leverage other Microsoft products & research
  - **★** Systems
  - $\sim ATG$
  - ~ Consumer
- Lead industry direction for desktop applications
- Strong, innovative products
  - Category features
  - Usability leadership
  - Interoperability
  - VBA
- & Best desktop applications for use in a workgroup
- & Best platform for business solutions

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# Release Plan Summary

- « Office '95: March 1995
  - Chicago synergy
  - Workgroup features leveraging EMS and Ren
  - Leveraged category features
  - = 25% of resource
- ♦ Office '96: March 1996
  - Significant category enhancements
  - Discoverability and Ease-of-Use
  - ~ Performance
  - Programmability and Customization
  - Memphissynergy
  - 40% shared code
  - ~ 75% of development resources

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## Release Principles

- All Office components (Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Ren) ship simultaneously
- Extended family members (Project) ship within 60 days
- & French, German, Swedish, Italian within 60 days
- Far East releases within 90 days
- & All releases with 120 days
- \* Release on floppy and CD. No CD delta by 1995.
- All of Microsoft moves to a 12/24 strategy
- Outsource RISC releases

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# Office '95

#### Themes

- Leverage Chicago, EMS, Ren
- Meet competitive workgroup challenge
- Leveraged category features

#### Ship Date

- March 1995

#### Design Goals:

- 32 bit version for Chicago and NT
- 16 bit version? for Chicago, Win 3.1 and OS/2
- NT. RISC, Mac OS and Powerl'C, top 10 International versions
- 25% of development resources (in parallel with Office '96)
- Every feature is demoable
- Increased code sharing
- 32-bit versions use Lego for optimization
- A thread or two, e.g. for display

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# Office '95 Key Features

## Exploit Chicago

- Support highly leveraged features. Enhance where possible.
- Auto long file names
- New Chicago Visuals, including title bar, Chicago tabs
- Shell properties, eg. last printed, # of pages, locked, etc.
- Minimal plug and play event aware, e.g. resize windows on resolution change, support net connects, low power
- MDI to SDI transition work
  - Shows MDI child windows in tray. (Need new api from Chicago to do this.)
  - Templates to create new does from desktop. (Installed apps appear as templates.)
  - Factor out MDI container UL e.g. MRU, File, Window menu commands.
    - Improved MDI window behavior

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# Office '95 Features, Cont'd.

## Exploit EMS/Notes/Ren

- Save/Open documents to from EMS & Notes, add support in Open/Save/FindFile
- EMS/Notes Application F/X. e.g. Excel names, Word bookmarks
- Find File supports EMS/Notes
- BetterRouting
- Extended standard properties: e.g. to-do flag, project name documents for Ren & shell views
- Support CMCX from apps

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## Office '95 Features, Cont'd.

#### Cross Application Features

- Improved consistency
- New Find File 2.0 (content indexing); Word adopts it
- Merge MOM and Ren launcher. Shows appointments, unread mail & to-do list.
- AtWork support to FAX a document, dial a user
- MOS support (online registration, PSS, additional templates)
- SMORG Wizards/Templates (common business forms, etc.)
- Value Added: Bookshelf in CD Office, Symbol Manager, etc.

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# Office '95 Features, Cont'd.

#### Discoverability

- Shorter documentation (800pp for Office). Focus on top 10 tasks. Comprehensive does only from Press, 50 percent reduction in words for print and on-line.
- IntelliSearch engine for Help with Natural Language Query May also perform commands.
- Dialog tips for dialog centrols instead of Help screens, dialog callouts. Self documenting alerts.

#### Performance

- Word boot time, Excel recale
- Some 32 bit assembler for Chicago, NT versions
- OLF improvements in DocFiles and In situ, 32 bit only
- « Address major PSS issues from Office 4.0

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# Office '95

## Technology provided

- Setup, MOM/Launcher, Find File 2.0, and indexing
- Core features, IntelliSearch

## ♦ Technology used

- EMS, LMS, SMS, SES
- Chicago, including 32 bit OLE

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- No Word, PowerPoint or Access VBA
- Need to sync up with Access
- Office working set and footprint
- Small organization features?
- Do we do a Mac version?

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## Ren '95

- Manages Appointments, Tasks, Messages, Addresses, and Notes
  - Calendar, (Editable) Table, Card, Notes views
  - Advanced email and group scheduling
- Leverages EMS (also LMS) as a native data store
  - Group scheduling info stored in public folders
  - Use public folders with calendar and other views (e.g. Microsoft corporate events calendar, group task lists, etc.)
- ♦ Great for manipulating Office documents
  - Create and manipulate documents in useful contexts: appts, tasks, contacts, notes. Uses Ren views.
  - Ren views are powerful, visual tools for managing documents
- Ren launcher merged with MOM becomes manager for Office.

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## Word '95

- & IntelliSense 1.1
  - Background spell-checking
  - Opportunistic AutoFormat and AutoCorrect enhancements
- Fun formatting & DTP
  - Publisher's BorderArt and ShapeTool
  - Wrap text around irregular objects.
  - Template preview in File New
  - WYSIWYG style dropdown
- Additional Wizards
  - Address list
  - Form design
  - Printhelper
- On-line viewer version

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## Excel '95

- Content Wizards
  - Possibly including common small business analysis, analytical charting
- List management
  - AutoForm
  - Auto data entry: auto-complete, in-cell dropdown list
  - Filter by common formats (ss#, ph#, etc)
- Data access
  - Query at your fingertips
  - Query Wizard ala Access 2.0
- Review catch-up in presentation area
  - Simplify charting UI
  - Gradiant fills, rotated text

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# PowerPoint '95

- AutoSizzte
  - Automatic graph builds
  - Automated animation
  - -3-D graphics
- Workgroup Communications
  - Collaborative presentation creation
  - Interactive meeting management and support
  - Remote conferencing support
- IntelliSense
  - AutoFormat, AutoCorrect, AutoClipArt
  - Auto masters, colors, and slide formatting
- OLE Automation

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# Project '95

- RPM integration
  - Consolidation of multiple RPM plans into Project
  - Delegation of Project tasks into RPM plans
- \* Process Library
  - AutoPlan: reuse information from other plans
  - ... or other cool, competitive feature
- Wizards
  - PlanningWizard enhancement
  - Project planning content wizard (external)
- \* Workgroup enhancements
  - Ren and Schedule+ 2.0 integration
  - RPM delegation and tracking updates

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## RPM '95

- Work Management: Planning, Tracking and Reporting for the Resource Team
  - Distribute and optimize workload for the team
  - Planning views, Work over time, Time sheet, Reports
- Workload Driven Scheduling
- Workgroup Enabled
  - Assignment, tracking, and changes managed through email
- Quick, easy, visual status of critical information
- People Management
  - Skills inventory and matching
  - Performance history, objectives tracking
- Project integration
  - Consolidation of multiple RPM plans into Project
  - Delegation of Project tasks into RPM plans

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# Office '96

#### ♦ Themes

- Leveraged category features
- + Discoverability and Fase-of-Ose
- Performance
- Programmability and Customization
- Memphissynergy
- ~ 40% shared code

#### Ship Date

- March, 1996

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# Office '96

## \* Design Goals:

- 32-bit only
- Target Memphis
- All NT platforms
- Mac (68020+ and PowerPC, Sys 7+ only)
- OfficeInfrastructure 1.0
  - Single Layer; WLM
  - Shared basic data structures (e.g. fonts, windows, memory)
  - Shared high level (eatures (like toolbars, intellisearch)
  - » Shared int'l code (source, access routines, tools)
- 75% of development resources (in parallel with Office '95)

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# Office '96 Key Features

### Discoverability and Ease-of-Use

- Character/Social UI
  - Task-oriented, Cross-app.
  - Unified User Assistance (help, wizards, cue cards, tips, IntelliSearch)
  - 🤲 Engaging, Enn, Personal
- Streamlined, Cross-App UI
  - SDI,Task-OLE
  - Task-centered approach e.g. More pre-shipped solutions such as mailing labels, address list
  - » Property Browsers / Toolbars H / central menu design
  - » Simplified Common User Model, consistent with Memphis
- Simplified Setup and Installation Mgmt
  - On-the-fly setup.
  - Tied into system (e.g. when remove an app icon or delete an EXE file, system helps you unjustall.)

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## Office '96 Key Features, Cont'd.

#### « Performance

- Target perceptible improvements
  - ≈ 20% faster
  - » 20% less disk space
  - » 20% less resources
- Sometimes Shared Code will help...
  - Toolbars (sharing will speed 2nd app start-up almost 20%).
- Also Willing to Re-Architect and Re-Code
  - » Target common operations: e.g. typing, scrolling, etc.
  - and operations that are too slow today: e.g. embedding
- UI changes can often make operations "seem" faster
  - Background printing (actually slower, but shows that the user definition of tast is "when you get control back.")
  - » More animation of state changes (e.g. window changes)
  - » More direct UI G.e. MRU lists save time)

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# Office '96 Key Features, Cont'd.

### Programmability and Customization

- Office with VBA is a "development platform"
  - VBA 2.0 everywhere; component controls and forms
  - » "Make EXF" ability (i.e. add-ins don't take 8 sec to boot)
  - Cross-app customization, error-checking, bulletproofing
     Consistency of key classes
  - Consistent addin architecture
- "Personal" Office (If youthink Office learns more about you every time you use it, it's unlikely you'll switch)
  - » Character is your friend; you choose which character
  - Personalized learning (personal lessons; support group learning via network or EMS)
  - . Fasier voluntary customizing (e.g. shared Tools Options)
  - More automatic personalization (e.g. More MRU's, templates and styles with no work, Auto Auto)
  - Per-user customization (leverage Chicago user log-in)

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# Office '96 Key Features, Cont'd.

## « Leverage Microsoft Strategy

- Chicago features version 2 (e.g. Merge API, optimize for SDI, versioning with long file names, additional useful threads)
- Tight Memphis integration
  - More UI delegation to system (e.g. shell as task organizer, find and open files directly from the shell)
  - » Duc lib uses OFS
  - » New visuals throughout (256 color palette)
- Ren 2.0 seamlessly integrates with the shell
  - Extends shell's information management. Uses OFS.
  - » Easy Reference Look-Up ("clip data")
- Next Level of EMS/OFS support
  - auto versions; digital signatures; leverage address book
  - MS On-Line (e.g. clip art, shared knowledge base, registration, real-time reference)
- Sync with DDT direction on data access
- Others (e.g. At Work, WinPad)

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# Office '96

#### ♦ Technology provided

- Design & development of core features and UI
- Unified user assistance model & services (co-owned with Consumer)
- Property Browsers and Next Generation Top-Level UI
- Design of Common Document Architecture
- Design of Common User Model (co-owned with Cairo)
- Setar
- Shared components and apps infrastructure

#### \* Technology used

- Pfatform technologies: OLE, PMS, OFS, DNA, WLM, AtWork
- Programmability: VBA 2.0, Component Controls and Forms, Common Object/Programmability models (DDT)
- Design: Memphis Shell, UTOPIA Social UI, Data Storage arch (DDT+SYS), Event/Workflow model (DDT+WGA+SYS)

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## Ren '96

- « VBA/Improved OLE Automation Support
- « Support for DNA data access instead of/in addition to MAPI
- Improved contact management features
- Time/task management wizards
- © Integrated component forms with end-user customization
- Integrated digital signatures
- \* Tight integration with Memphis shell

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## Word '96

- ♦ IntelliSense 2.0
  - AutoFormat as you type
  - "Background everything"
  - Morphological and Synonym Find and Replace
  - Opportunistic Natural Language teatures
- « Real DTP
  - Linked Frames
  - Absolute page positioning
- Structured Text Support
  - Hierarchical styles
  - Conditional Text
  - Enforced Document Structure at Data Entry Time
- \* Rich On-Line Viewer and Authoring Environment
- « Word as default mail editor

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## Excel '96

- Workgroup: spreadsheet category features
  - Multi-userbooks
  - Consolidation/Budgeting
  - Links/Connection Mgmt
- Discoverability for spreadsheet features.
  - Navigation/Selection
  - Format Number
  - Formulas
- Printing/Presentation
  - Manipulate margins, print areas, etc. in normal view
  - Flexible grid
- Charting/Graph: win reviews
  - Unify XI, charting and Graph
- Query / Data Access
  - Fully use DAO for data access
- \* Exploit structure: time jntelligence

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## PowerPoint '96

- Advanced IntelliSense
  - Presentation advisor
  - Opportunistic Natural Language features
- Improved Workgroup support
  - Improved collaboration support
  - Slide level versioning
- ♦ VBA
- Componentized Draw (for Office)
  - Drawings without drawing skills
  - Smart rules, predefined shapes
  - Textured lines & fills, 3D & photographic effects

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# Project '96

- Scheduling engine improvements
  - Multiple constraint scheduling
  - Splittasks
  - Improved levelling
  - Smartrecale
- Resource management
  - Resource contouring
  - Better tracking and cost control
- Enhanced and additional views
  - Resource views
- Multi-user data access
- Workflow and process modelling support

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# Things not covered in this presentation

- Organizational issues
- Detailed international plans
- PSS issues
- Plan vs last year
- ♦ Techology plans

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