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Changing Business Models, Panel Discussion

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Agenda

- The Anatomy of an ASP
- Why Outsource Infrastructure?
- What are Application Infrastructure Provider (AIP) Services?

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Who Does What – Circa 1999

Your Internet Cervice Partner

App Development

App Deployment

App Management

Data Center

OS Monitoring/Mgmt

Server Monitoring/Mgmt

Data Center Facilities

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Virtual Private Networks

Network Backbone

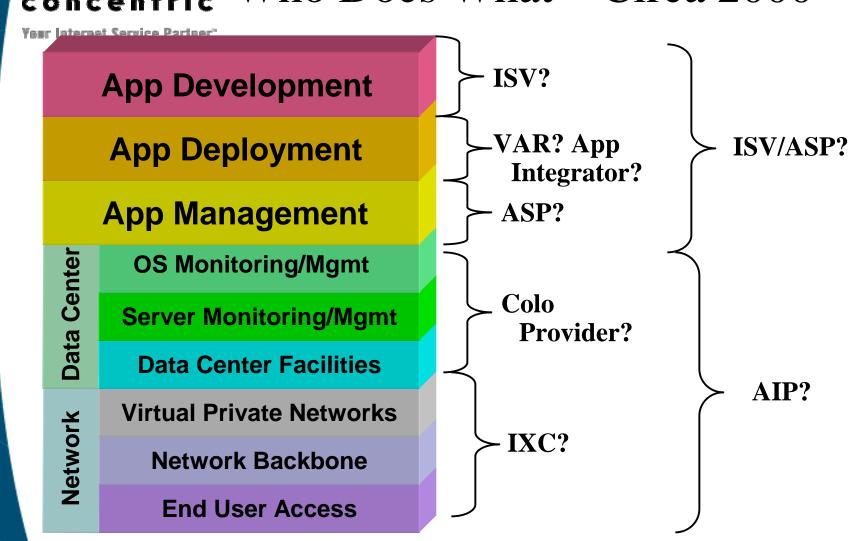
End User Access

Enterprise Client/Server Software Vendor

Application Service Provider

Inter-Exchange Carrier (AT&T, MCI, Sprint)

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Generally, ASP is center of hosted application ecosystem:

- Manages customer relationships
- Implements and maintains hosted application
- Manages ISV as vendor
- Manages Application Infrastructure Provider (AIP)



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Growing consensus that ASPs ought to outsource their data center, server management, and network to Application Infrastructure Providers (AIPs)











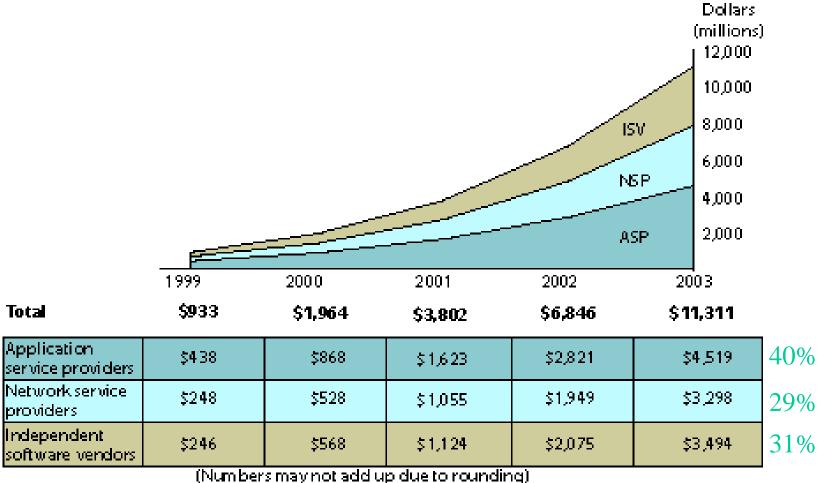
Application Infrastructure Outsourcing

Outsourcing allows ASPs to:

- Focus on their core area of expertise
- Focus on customer relationships
- Reduce cost barriers to entry
 - Infrastructure and service cost savings
- Gain speed to market
 - Avoid build-out time for infrastructure and operations
- Gain economies:
 - ... of scale
 - ... of skill



ASPs Become the Channel for ISVs and Network Service **Providers**





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Communications
Provider



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Local Fiber & Fixed Wireless	Data/Internet	Intercity Fiber
Local Fiber •Serving 49 markets, 19 states •Targeting top 30 markets •First/last mile connectivity	 •5 data centers •19 super POPs •460 access points •200+ private & 35 major peering arrangements 	•Intercity & metro converge at NXLK managed facilities •24 fibers on a 16,000 mile network
Fixed Wireless •95% of top 30 markets •Avg. spectrum per market of approximately 1,000 MHz	 •19 cities served with DSL •Extensive European interconnection 	One empty conduitConnects 50+ citiesIP technology



Key Infrastructure Elements for ASPs

- Data Center Facilities
- Network Connectivity
- Server Hosting and Management Services
- Value-Added Services for ASPs



Better-than-Telco-Grade ___ Data Centers



Application Service
Providers (ASPs)
require hardened data
centers with cabinets,
cages, or private suites
for locating their
application and database
servers



Network Connectivity: WAN

- Connections between Data Center and Users' Premises
 - High Performance Internet Bandwidth
 - Diverse connectivity from data center to IP switch
 - Private IP network on ATM backbone
 - Private and Public Peering
 - IP network management for optimal traffic routing
 - Virtual Private Networks (VPN)
 - Managed firewall and encryption services
 - Cross-connects for access to alternative networks



Network Connectivity: Access

- Internet/VPN access from customer premises
 - Dedicated Access Facilities (T1s,..)
 - Digital Subscriber Lines (SDSL, ADSL,...)
 - Dial Internet Access
- VPN
 - Managed firewall and encryption services



Server Hosting Services

- Colocation (or "CoLo")
 - Data center hosting services for housing customer-owned servers
- "Managed Servers"
 - Provider-owned servers set up on behalf of customers for their dedicated use
 - Proactive server and OS monitoring and management
 - File system backup
 - Service Level Agreements for guaranteed uptime



Value-Added Services

- Online customer reports
 - Bandwidth utilization
 - Web traffic analysis
 - Performance metrics
- Additional IP address/DNS services
- Software installation
- Database management
- Configuration consultation
- RAID configuration for redundant hard drives
- Media management (swapping tapes,...)
- Project Management
- Custom services

Unabashed Commercial Message

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Concentric Network launched the first AIP services in 3Q99.

Won 2000 Product of the Year from Network Magazine for ConcentricAIP

