



# ANSA 1997



# Brainstorm.....

- **Reflective Java**
  - *dynamic infrastructure adaptation*
- **Chatsworth**
  - *networked game shows*
- **Genesis**
  - *design to deployment models*
- **Puppies**
  - *personal, mobile, information space*
- **FlexiNet**
  - *constantly evolving network*



# Underpinning theme

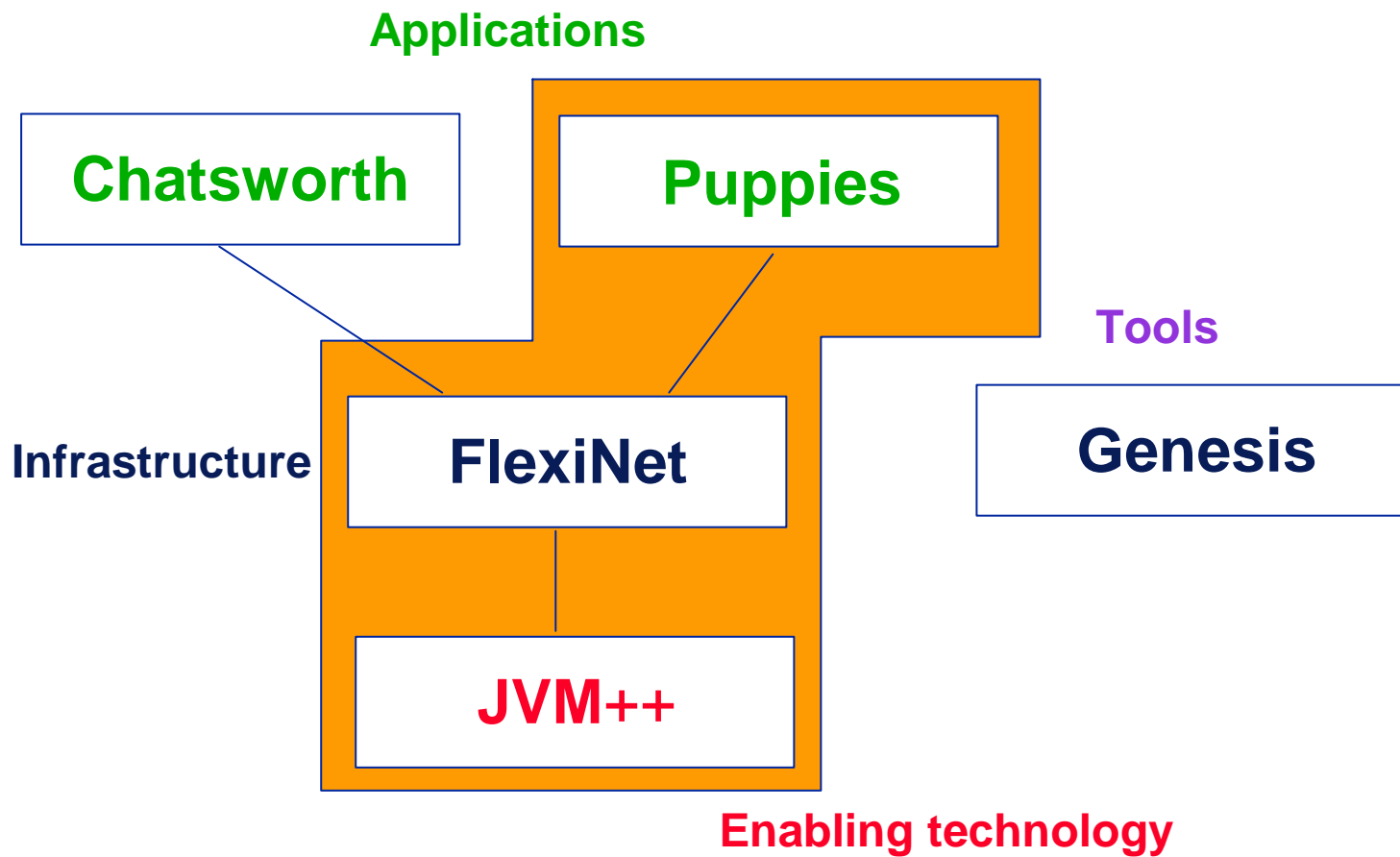
- **Mobile code in global networks**
  - Java accelerates Network 2000 vision
  - revises key architectural assumptions
- ***Infrastructure independent code***
  - end of the monolithic OS
- ***Networks evolve constantly***
  - soft networks
- ***Network / service boundary dissolves***
  - the user is in charge



# Revised Assumptions

- **WWW**
  - extensible, autonomous, active content, agents
- **Java**
  - small, clean, expressive, component-ware
- **Internet**
  - multicast, QoS, security, pricing
- **Telecoms**
  - broadband, federated, multi-service
- **Network computing**
  - ubiquitous, mobile, appliances





# Programme

- **Reflective Java** (Already started)
- **(Wrap up DIMMA)**
- **FlexiNet**
  - what comes after TINA
  - Telecoms, Internet convergence
- **Puppies**
  - what comes after WWW
  - “follow me” network desktop

(Underway)



# What about.....

## ● Chatsworth

- *needs a different consortium*
- *alternative view to DAVIC*
- *who wants to join in?*

## ● Genesis

- *desirable*
- *challenging*
- *needs a context*
  - *APM's command and control practice*



# Reflective Java (Java++)

- Configure **non-functional** capabilities of applications **without** changing source code
  - Java = portability across h/w but not infrastructure
- **MetaObjects** refine **virtual machine**
  - declarative **tools** to build **MetaClasses**
- **Write an application once, run it anytime, anywhere, in any environment, with any “-ability”**
- **Timescales**
  - Sep 96: core
  - Nov 96: persistence / transaction demo
  - Dec 96: consolidated release



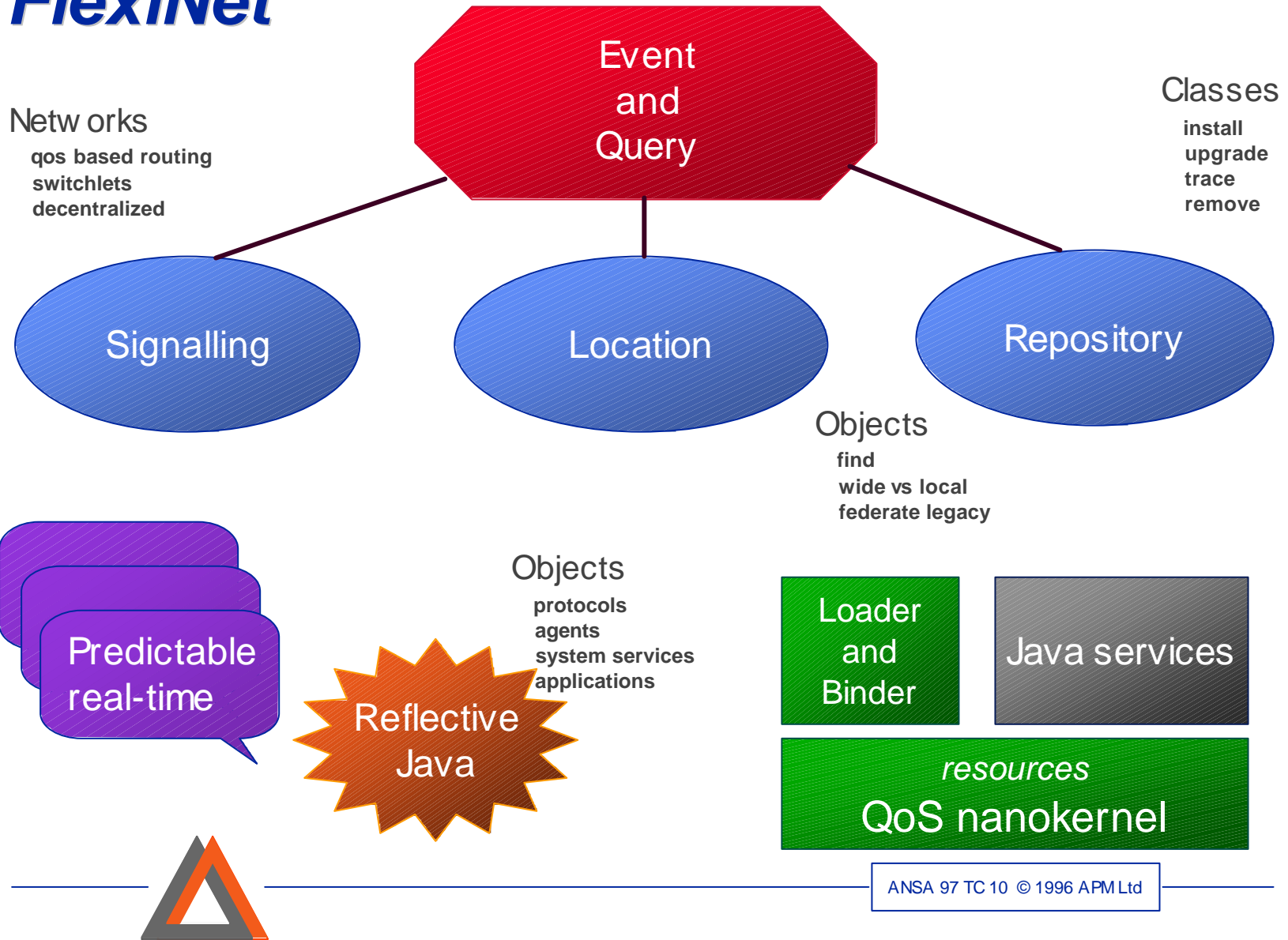


# FlexiNet

- Can we build a completely soft, dynamically upgradeable network?
  - *allow update of any component at any time*
  - *zero client administration*
  - *free choice of components*
  - *flexible configurations*
    - plug-in objects
    - co-existing different versions
    - federation
  - *automated management*



# FlexiNet



# Services

- **Event and database**

- filter events
- query state
- fire on event + state
- distributed ODMG model

- **Signalling**

- outboard from switch
- driven by QoS
- user-defined
- scalable
- federates

- **Repository**

- applet server
- software control centre
- trading
- adaptation

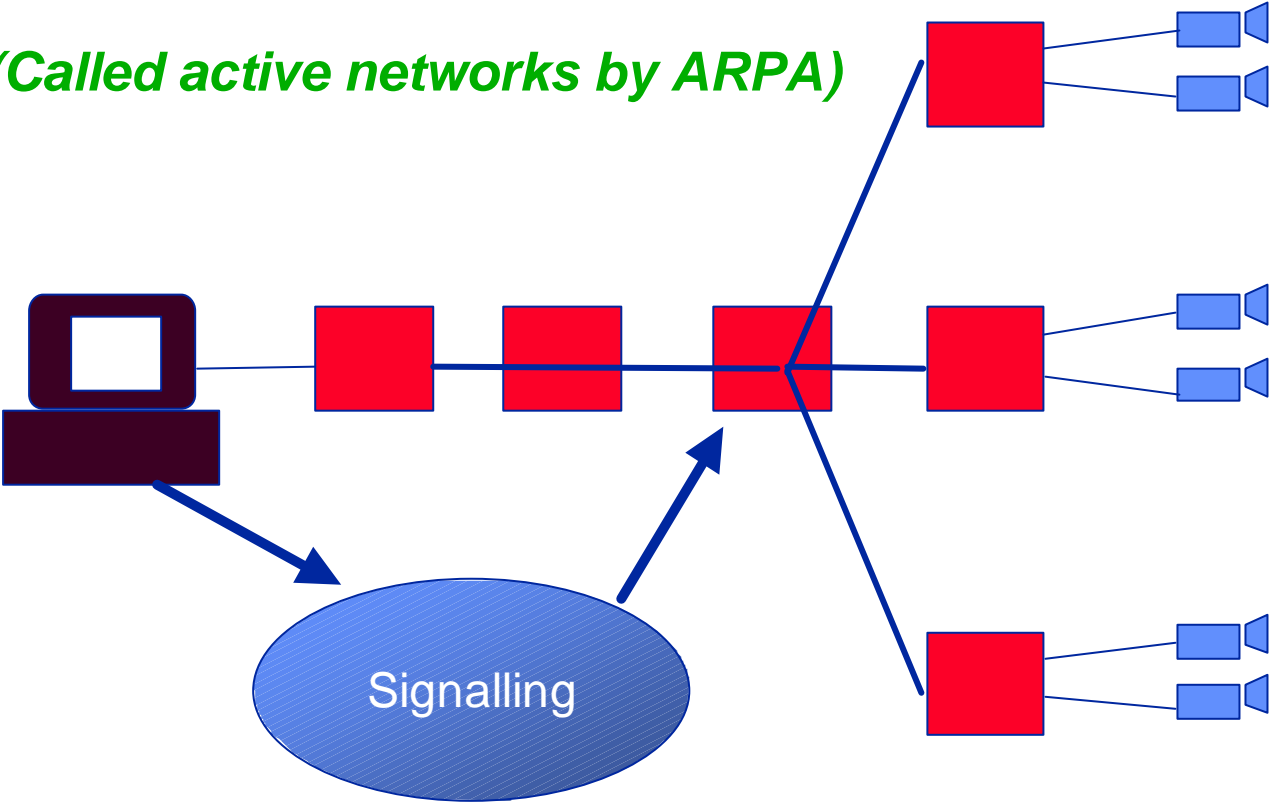
- **Location**

- tracking mobile objects
- decouple user names from system names
- scaling issues
- performance issues



# User defined signalling example

*(Called active networks by ARPA)*



# Infrastructure

- **Predictable Java**

- visible VM resources
- interface to kernel
- synchronous Java
- resource policy meta-objects

- **Platform**

- minimum core
- resources under application control
- binder and loader to build infrastructure as required
- Java services (e.g. JDBC for legacy interworking)





- Is Java suitable for distributed applications?
- What has to be pre-agreed?
- Does object mobility provide upgrade on the fly?



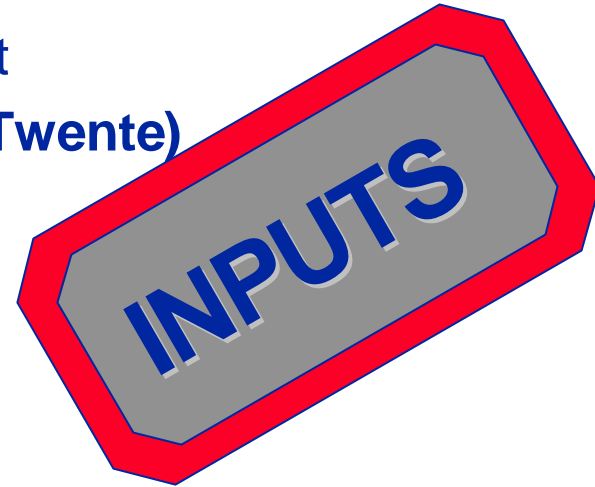
- How to add real-time predictability to Java?
- Costs/benefits of outboard connection management?
- How to name and track billions of mobile objects world-wide?



- How much management can be automated?



- **DCAN (CUCL, Nemesys)**
  - Outboard connection management
- **PEGASUS (CUCL, SICS, Glasgow, Twente)**
  - QoS-oriented nano-kernel
  - ATM & IP6 integration
- **OPERA (CUCL, ICL, Nortel)**
  - events and database
- **BROADCAST WG (Newcastle, INRIA, Bologna, EPFL, ...)**
  - Dependability
- **RETINA (Euro PNO labs, Siemens, HP, Alcatel)**
  - Yardstick for comparison
- **ARPA active networks (MIT)**
- **DIVA (Newcastle)**
  - reflection, dependability



# Route

- **Resource management**
  - *experiment in DIMMA*
- **Binding**
  - *converge RETINA and DCAN in DIMMA*
- **Switching**
  - *leverage DCAN, simulate in Java*
- **Infrastructure**
  - *Java personality over DIMMA Object Nucleus*
  - *replace DON by Java framework*
  - *migrate to Nemesis kernel*
- **Events, Repository, Location**
  - *new!*

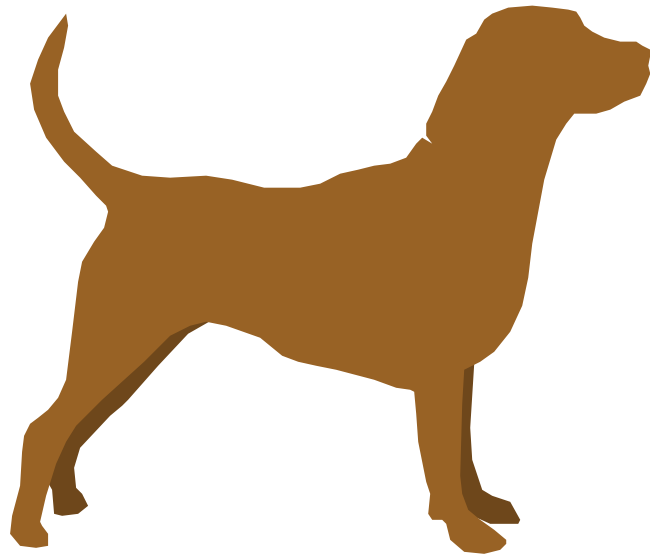




# *Puppies*

- **A Personal information Space**

- network home for user's stuff
- managed for ease of use



- **Accessible by the mobile user**

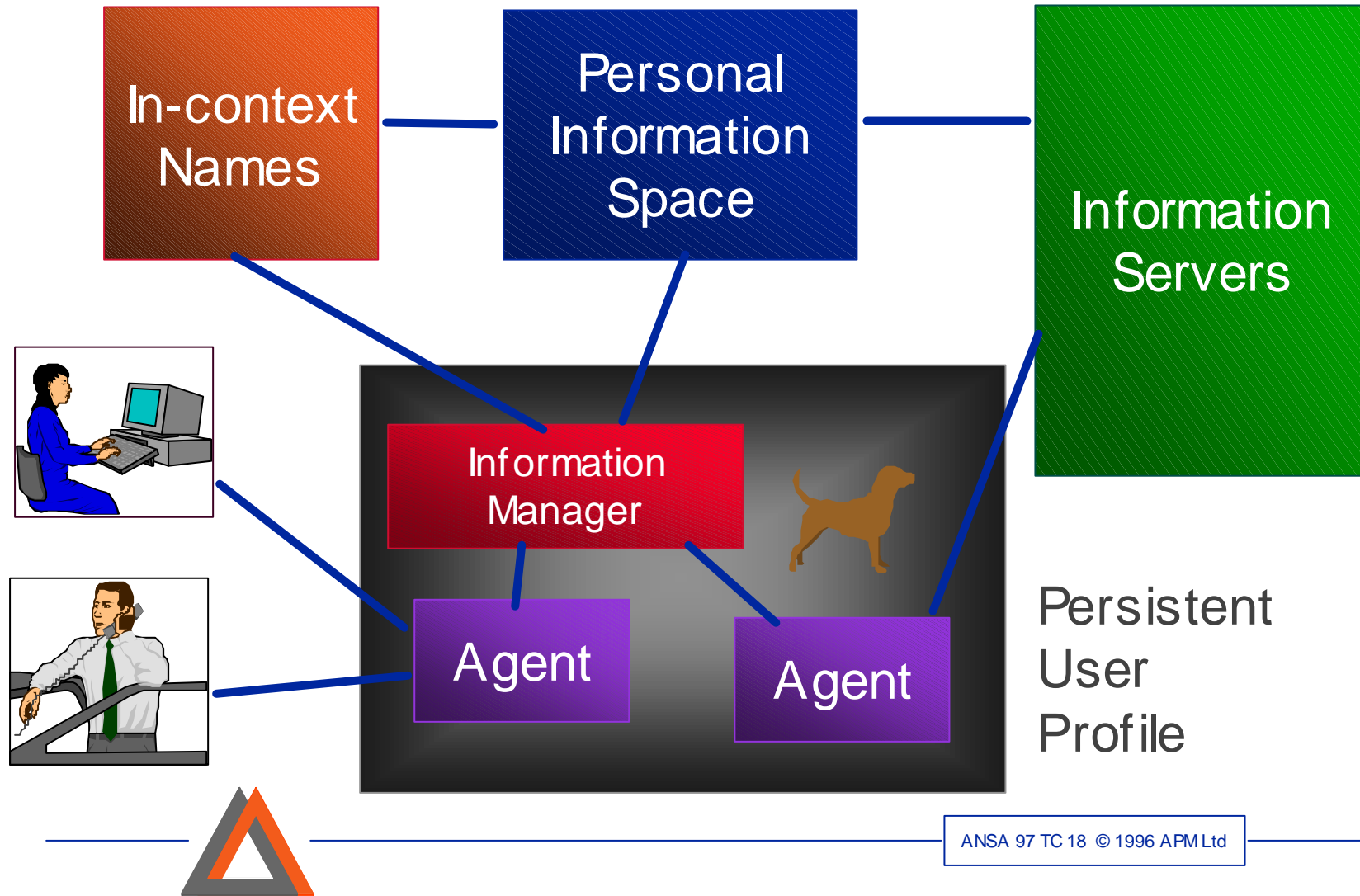
- “follow me” computing
- information at hand

- **Accessible via different access points**

- network computers, laptops
- appliances
- phones



# Puppies



# Components

- In-context names
  - location independent
  - my names
- Persistent user profile
  - my links
  - agent policies
  - caching / moving policy
- Information manager
  - agent's access point
  - negotiates adaptations
- User agents
  - interface functions
  - searching / organizing
- Server agents
  - watching
  - reporting
  - archiving
- Information servers
  - WWW
  - mail
  - phone, fax





- What infrastructure do agents need?
- Can we do context-sensitive naming?
- How can we share puppies between people?



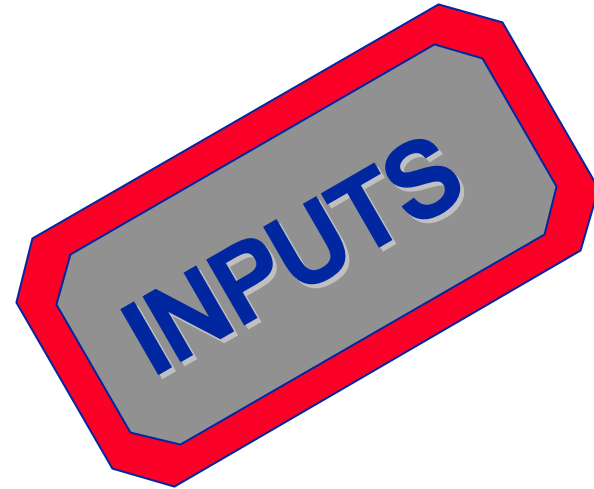
- How much access integration is possible?
- What indexing information do we need from information suppliers?
- What are effective caching strategies?



- Can we use asynchrony to mask low bandwidth?



- **Microcosm (Southampton)**
  - Link databases
- **Information Mesh (MIT)**
  - Object naming
- **Harvest (Colorado)**
  - Automatic meta-data distribution
- **IETF/W3C**
  - URNs, URLs
- **CODA (CMU)**
  - caching



# Effort / Timescales (provisional)

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q5....	
1	Switching as a distributed application		Dependability / performance investigation			
2			Dynamic reconfiguration			Extension to IP active nets
3						
4						
5	Repository	Nanokernel			Agents	
6	Location					
7		Events				
8	Predictable		In-context names			
9	Java					
10	PUP (email)	Voice adapter	Generic user profile and user manager		Adaptation techniques	
11						
12						



# Wrap Up

- Plan
  - Reflective Java
  - Finalise DIMMA
  - Puppies
  - FlexiNet
- TC
  - Research questions, start points, approach
  - Customers
- MC
  - Priorities

