Networking at JSC

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Presentation Outline

- JSC Network Perspectives
- IRM Approach at JSC
- The Information Systems Directorate
- Approach to JSC Networking Growth and Consolidation
NASA IRM Budget by Center

Goddard 13%
JPL 12%
Marshall 8%
Stennis 1%
Ames 9%
Headquarters 8%
Langley 5%
Lewis 3%
Kennedy 13%
Johnson 28%

Source: GSA Report based on FY89 ITSP

JSC Campus Networks

Thousands of Physical Devices

- TOTAL
- Other
- DEC
- Xerox
- Unisys
- IBM-comp

Year
'80 '82 '84 '86 '88 '90

Thousands

Source: JSC Campus Networks report
Networks Evolution at JSC


MCC
MCC
DVL
SDL

SPF
MOD
FM

JIN

Consoles

Terminals

Evolution

Networking Evolution


Hosts and "Cards"
"Batch"

Hosts and Terminals
"Interactive"

Micros and Networks
"Shared"

Networks as the Utility
"Distributed"

Strategic Tools
Networking as a Strategic Tool

- Since the 1960's, computing power has been shifting from centralized hosts to distributed environments.
- Networks are a strategic tool for distributed computing platforms.
- Strategic planning is necessary to insert the technology, and increase reliability and availability of networks.

I/S Environment - "Mission" Perspective

The "Larger" Information System

- Flight
- Operations
- Operations Support
- Engineering and Analysis
- Management, Project, and Finance
JSC ADP vs. Civil Service Staffing (FY91)

I/S Quality Approach - Efficiency

#1 Reduce Unique Resources
I/S Quality Approach - Focus

Focus on the Primary Business

I/S Quality Approach - Commonality
I/S Management/Contract Evolution

"Outsourcing" single contracts for single functions

Platform Services

ISD "Return-on-Investment"

Note: FY91 statistics are projections
Information Systems Directorate "Charter"

"ISD is established to lead and support the IRM Council in the establishment of Centerwide standards and policies for information services and to consolidate, in time, all institutional information services under a single JSC organizational structure."

Aaron Cohen
Director, Johnson Space Center
JSC Announcement 90-062
March 30, 1990

General IRM Approach for JSC

Inter-Organizational
Consensus-driven, Controlling

Quality
Information Services

Central Services
Single Source, not-Controlling
JSC Networking Challenges

- Proliferation and Autonomy
- Rapid and continuing growth
- Acquisition Risks in Standards
- ADP security
  - unknown vulnerabilities
  - no ranked services
- Budget

JSC Network Requirements

Functions

- Distributed Processing
- Growth
- Heterogeneous
- Security
- Management
JSC Network Requirements

Results

- A full range of network services on an institutional platform
- Open (authorized) access
- Focal point for outside interfaces
- Consolidation and integration of resources at JSC
CONCLUSION

- Networks have evolved and proliferated rapidly in the industry
- JSC is undergoing fundamental changes (Multi-programs in particular)
- Networkings is the foundation of the next major evolution in I/T strategies (Consolidation via distributed processing)
- Network Technology isn’t up to the task yet! (standards, products, speed)
The End

of the briefing......