### **Web Conferencing**





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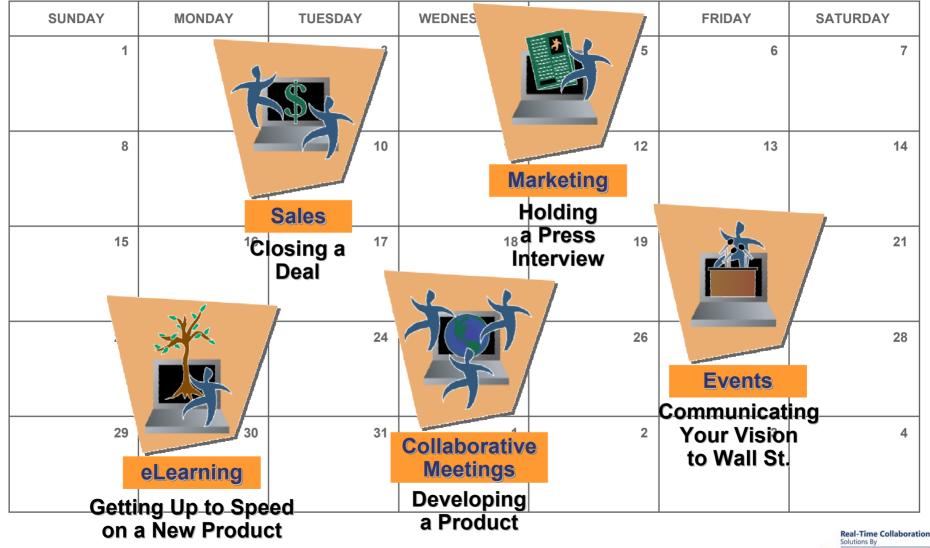




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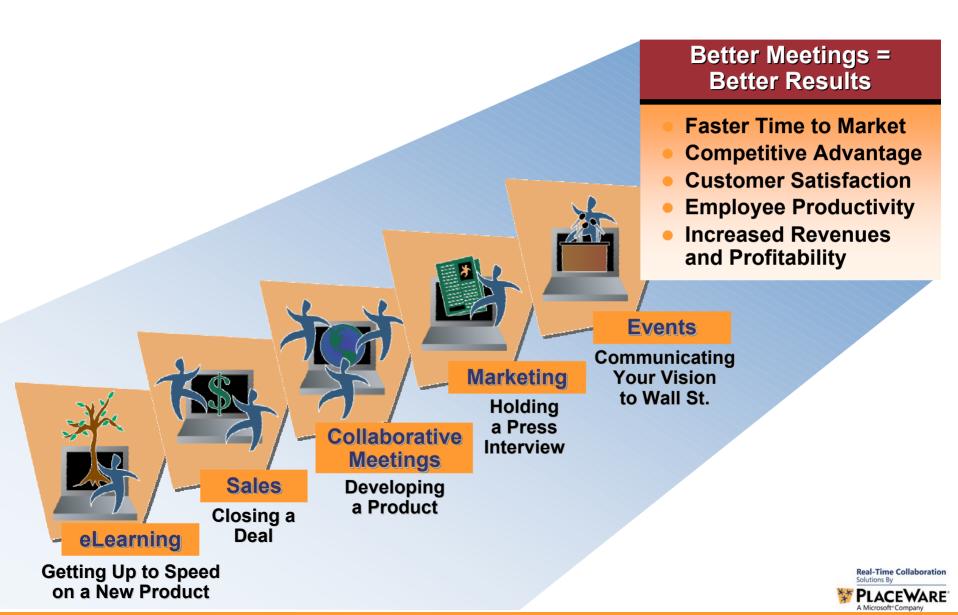
## **Meetings – The Medium for Business**







#### **Meetings Drive Business Results**



#### **Alternatives: Conference Call**





Airfare x 4 = \$2,000 1 Day Out of Office = \$4,000 Meals, Transport, etc. = \$350 Total for a 2-hr Meeting = \$6,350

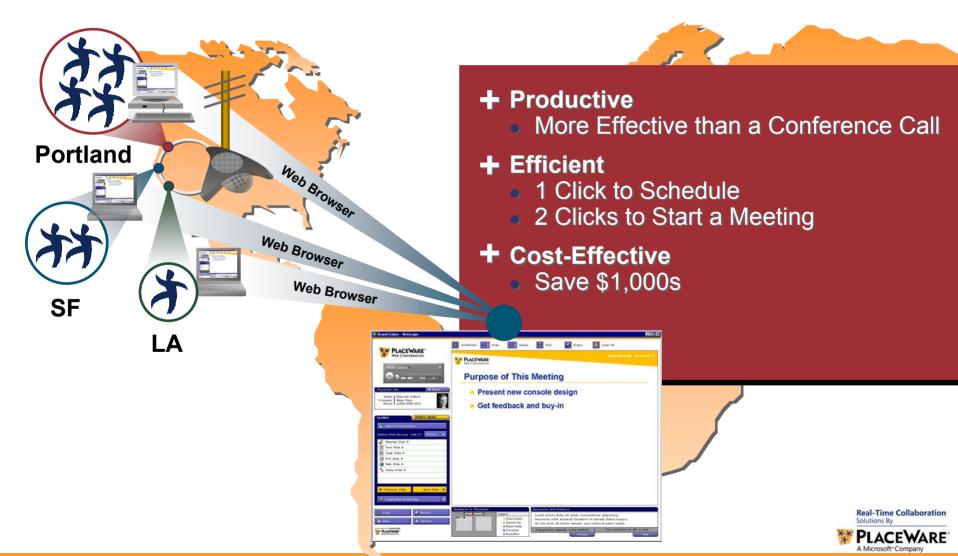
- Inconvenient
- Wasted Time
- Prohibitively Expensive
- Travel Often Unnecessary



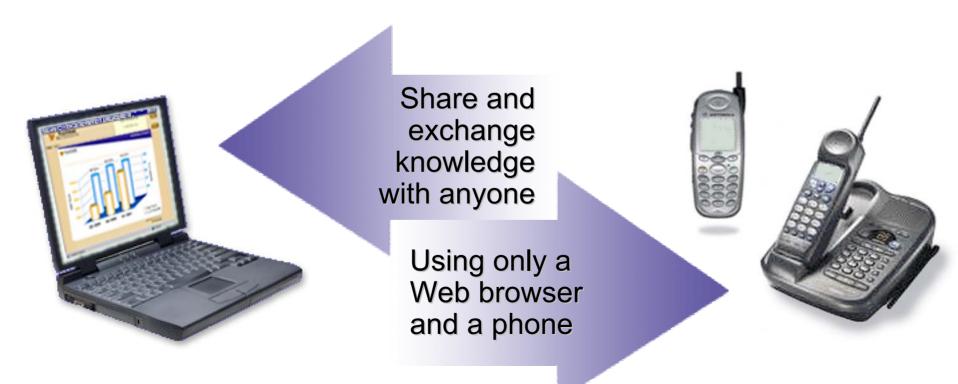
#### **The Better Alternative**



#### Web Conferencing



# Web Conferencing is an interactive communications medium



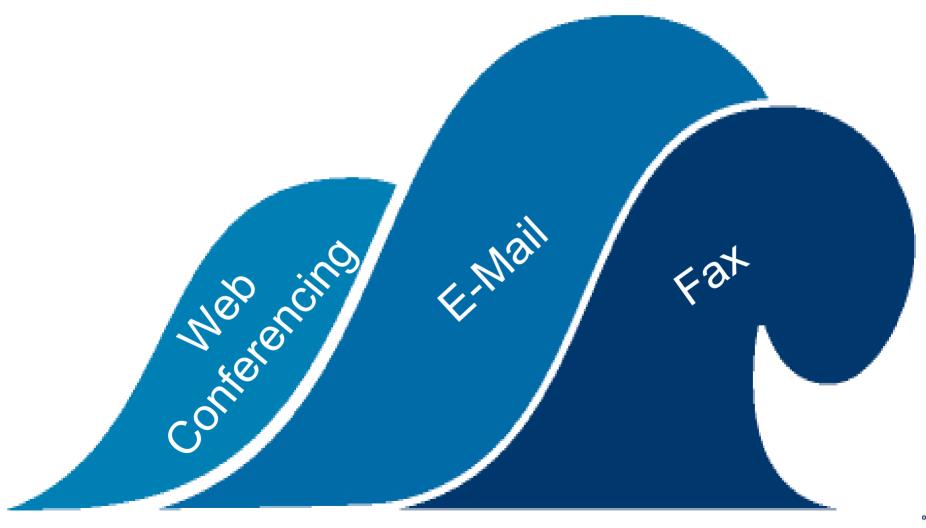


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- Ongoing Reason: Cost Savings
  - Travel Cost
  - Traditional classroom training costs, etc.
  - Capital Expense
- Longer Term Reason: Do More with Less
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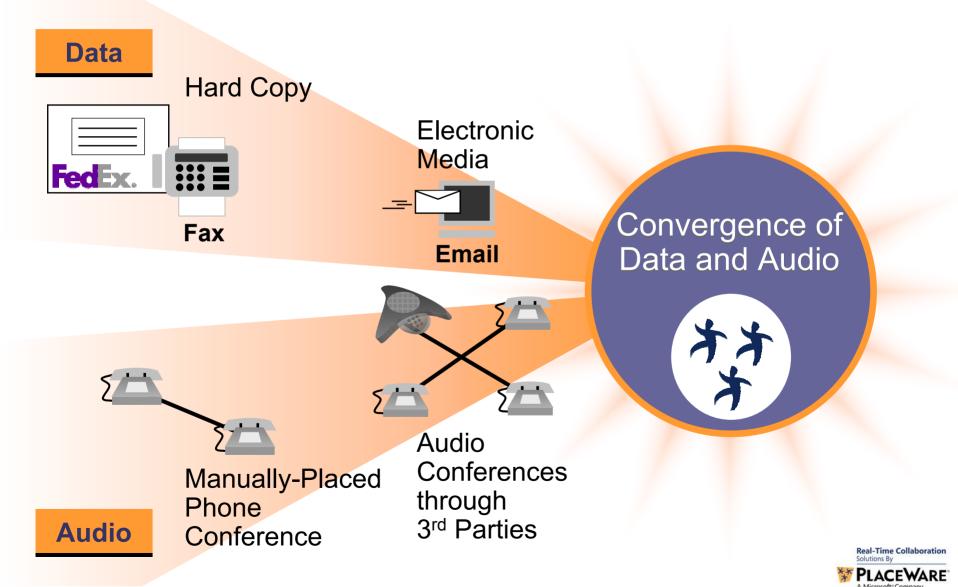
# 3 Waves of Business Communication





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#### **A Natural Evolution**



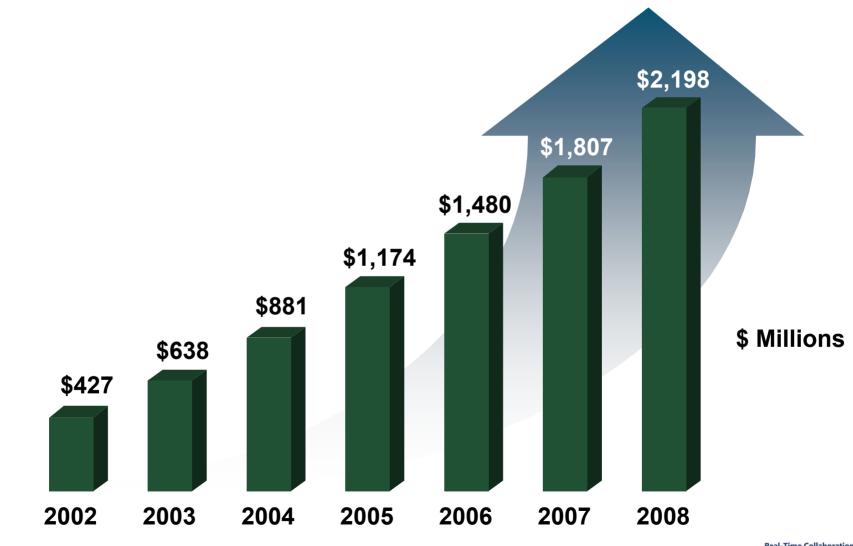


#### **Market Overview**





#### Web Conferencing Taking Off



Source: Frost & Sullivan, 2002



#### **Drivers in the Workplace**



Key Drivers Time To Market Increase Effectiveness Save Money Extend Reach Workplaces Transform Communications

Reduce time & effort to collaborate

"Better than being there" Boundary-less virtual places

Transform the business



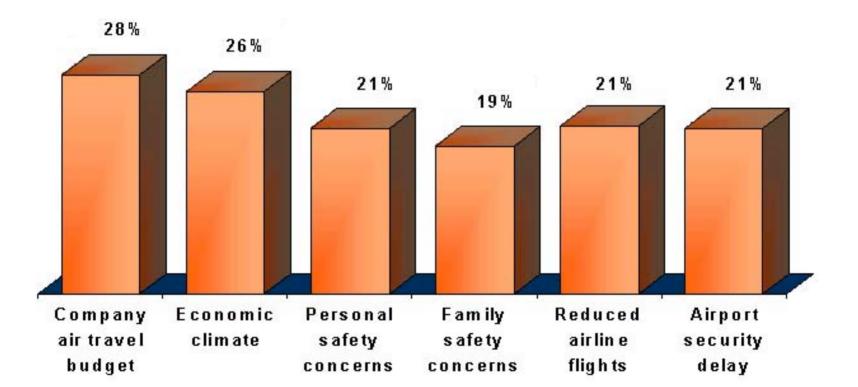
## **Distance Communication Medium**



Web Casting	Web Conferencing
<ul> <li>In Studio with a crew</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Web browser</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Live Audio, Video Stream</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Telephone / VoIP</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High Bandwidth</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low Bandwidth</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Firewall Issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Firewall friendly</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Non Interactive (Broadcast)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly Interactive</li> </ul>
Video Conferencing	Web Conferencing
<ul> <li>Room, Set-top box</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Web browser, Telephone</li> </ul>
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<ul> <li>Firewall Issues</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Firewall friendly</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Non Collaborative</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Highly collaborative</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>High Cost</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Low Cost</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Lower Scalability</li> </ul>	High Scalability

#### Economic & Safety Concerns: Influencing travel plans





Real-Time Collaboration Solutions By PLACEWARE A Microsoft Company

Source: Meetings in America IV 2002, MCI



Conferencin	g Alternative	Those traveling less since 9/11	No change in travel
Used since	Audio	42%	29%
9/11	Video	32%	15%
	Web	23%	17%
Planning to	Audio	36%	22%
use in future	Video	39%	17%
	Web	26%	21%

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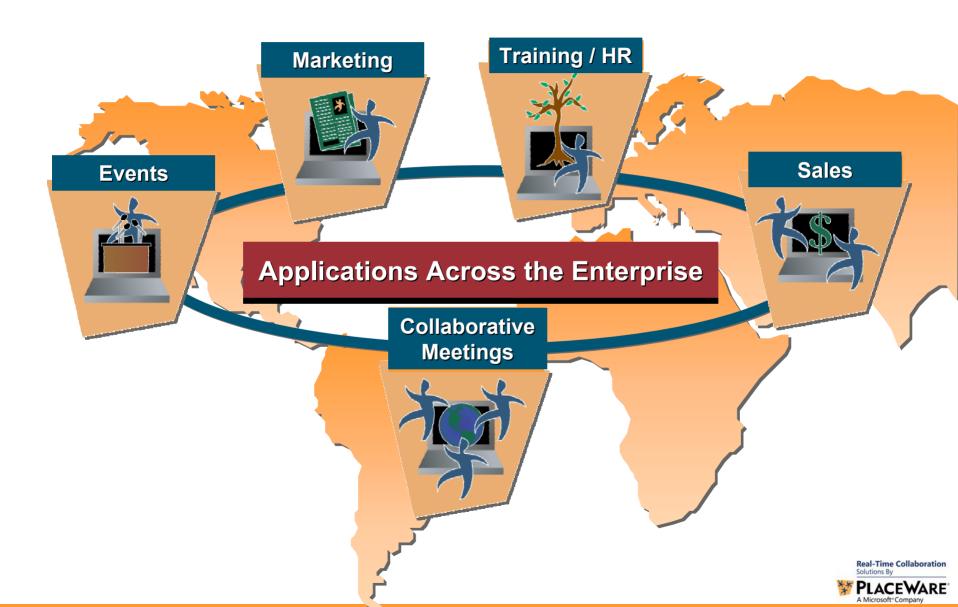


# **Applications of Web Conferencing**

Real-Time Collaboration Solutions By







#### Training



Challenges	<ul> <li>Keep employees, partners and customers trained</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Limited training budget and growing training needs</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Accommodate scheduling flexibility</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Train multiple stakeholders on the same content</li> </ul>
Solution	<ul> <li>A virtual live medium for delivery of training</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>An on-demand medium for recorded virtual training</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Increased productivity</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Reduced costs</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Business agility</li> </ul>



## Training: What features to look for



- Scalability within a session and across sessions
- Ability to do both live and on-demand
- Virtual environment should provide a structured yet interactive environment
- No barriers to enter the session (especially when training customers and partners)
- Interactivity capabilities Q&A, whiteboard, text-slide, webtours, seating charts, mood indicators, chat etc.
- Questions & Answers ability to post in privately and to all
- Chat capability to control instructor-student and studentstudent chat
- Ability to provide printouts / handouts
- Ability to keep track of attendance
- Integration with Learning Management System (if applicable) EWARE

#### Marketing



Challenges	<ul> <li>Drive awareness and demand with reduced budget</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Deliver and launch products with reduced budget</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Generate leads with reduced budget</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Frequent communications with analysts,</li> </ul>	
	customers, partners, creative agencies, etc.	
Solution	<ul> <li>Webinars, virtual marketing events</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Virtual meetings with customers, analysts, etc.</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>An on-demand medium for recorded virtual training</li> </ul>	
Results	<ul> <li>Accelerated time to market</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Reduced cost per lead</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Increased customer, partner, analyst satisfaction</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Accelerated awareness</li> <li>Real-Time Collaboration Structures</li> <li>PLACE WAR</li> <li>Alternative Collaboration Structure</li> </ul>	

## Marketing: What features to look for

- Scalability within a session
- Reliability alternative is very costly
- No barriers to enter the session
- Interactivity capabilities Q&A, web-tours, seating charts, mood indicators, application sharing.
- Branding capabilities
- Ability to provide printouts / handouts
- Ability to capture details of attendees / leads



#### Sales



Challenges • Ger	<ul> <li>Generate more revenue</li> </ul>	
• Rec	<ul> <li>Reduce cost of sales</li> </ul>	
• Get	ting trained to new products and updates	
Solution • Virt	ual product demonstrations	
• Virt	ual meetings with prospects, customers	
• An	on-demand medium for sales pitch	
<ul> <li>Virt</li> </ul>	ual live/on-demand medium for training	
Results • Rec	luced cost of sales	
• Fas	ter sales cycle	
• Abi	ity to reach prospects faster	

#### Sales: What features to look for



- Application sharing including remote-control
- Interactivity capabilities Q&A, web-tours, seating charts, mood indicators, application sharing.
- Ability to capture notes
- Persistent content, i.e. content is always ready to go
- Ability to perform ad-hoc meetings and invite participants to session with a very short notice
- No barriers to entering the session



#### **Events**



Challenges	<ul> <li>Ability to keep employees, customers, partners informed with reduced communication/event budget</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Conduct events with customers, partners with reduced budget</li> </ul>	
Solution	<ul> <li>Webinars, Virtual Customer/Partner Symposiums</li> <li>Company-wide meetings (like "All Hands")</li> </ul>	
Results	<ul> <li>Increased productivity</li> <li>Increased customer, partner, employee satisfaction</li> <li>Reduced costs</li> </ul>	





- Scalability within a session
- Interactivity capabilities Q&A, web-tours, seating charts, mood indicators, application sharing.
- Event Management capabilities
  - Planning, Registration, Reporting, Post-production and analysis
- Branding capabilities
- Ability to provide printouts / handouts
- Ability to capture details of participants



#### **Collaborative Meetings**

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Challenges	<ul> <li>Collaborate with distributed teams effectively with reduced cost</li> <li>Ability to collaborate in an ad-hoc manner</li> </ul>
Solution	<ul> <li>Virtual meetings</li> </ul>
Results	<ul> <li>Reduced product development costs</li> <li>Faster product development and time to market</li> <li>Higher customer, partner, employee satisfaction</li> <li>Business agility</li> </ul>



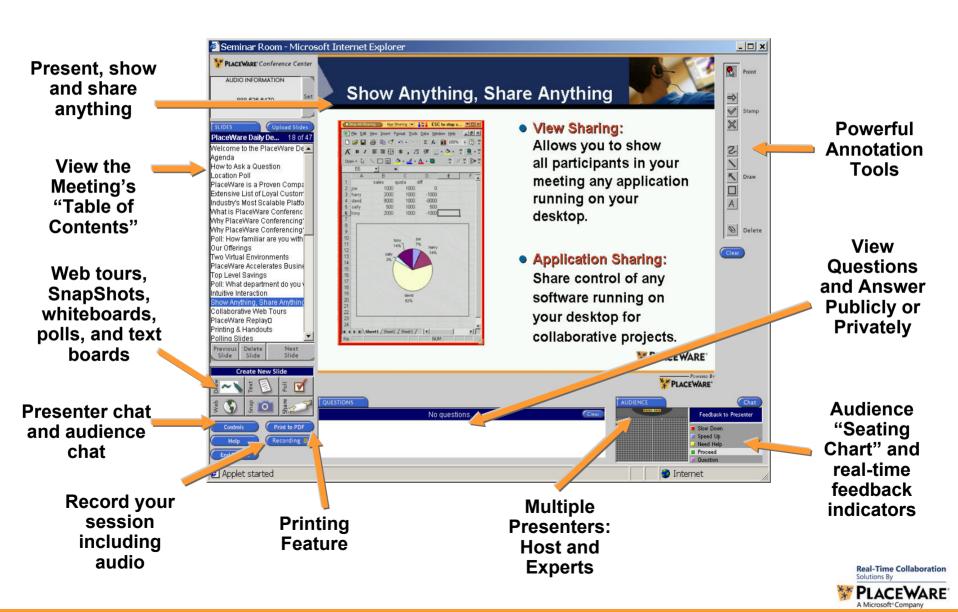
## Collaborative Meetings: What to loo

- Scalability across meetings
- Reliability and performance
- Application sharing including remote-control
- Interactivity capabilities Q&A, web-tours, seating charts, mood indicators, application sharing.
- Ability to capture notes, action items
- Persistent content, i.e. content is always ready to go
- Ability to perform ad-hoc meetings and invite participants to session with a very short notice
- Integration with common calendaring tools, like MS Outlook, Lotus Notes
- Integration with Instant Messaging applications



#### **Intuitive Interaction**





## **ROI of Web Conferencing**





# Why Companies Are Looking for RO

- Tough for companies to justify the ROI of software investments
  - Often intangible tough to quantify, measure
  - Often in years business climate changes
- Want to make sure that they can justify the investment to their management

Companies have made software investments in the past that have not provided them with returns that they thought they'd get



#### **ROI of Web Conferencing** – Better Results, Faster Payback

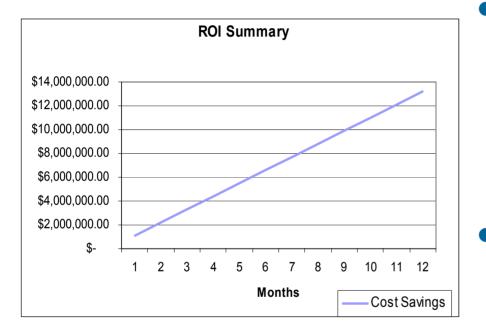


	Enterprise Software	Web Conferencing
Capital Investment	Millions of \$\$s of upfront investment	Minimal upfront investment
Payback Period	In Years	Almost Immediate (can be as soon as the 1 <sup>st</sup> web conference held)
Percent ROI	5 - 35%	1000% +
Return Based On	Gradual Margin, Revenue Improvements	Cost Savings Productivity and Revenue Improvement



#### Typical ROI for Virtual Meetings with PlaceWare





- Assumptions:
  - # of meetings per month = 1000
  - # of participants per meeting= 7
  - % of people who travel = 20%
  - % of meetings that can be replaced with PlaceWare = 80%
- ROI Summary
  - Annual Savings = \$13.2M
  - ROI

- = 1,465%
- Payback Period
- = 0.82 months

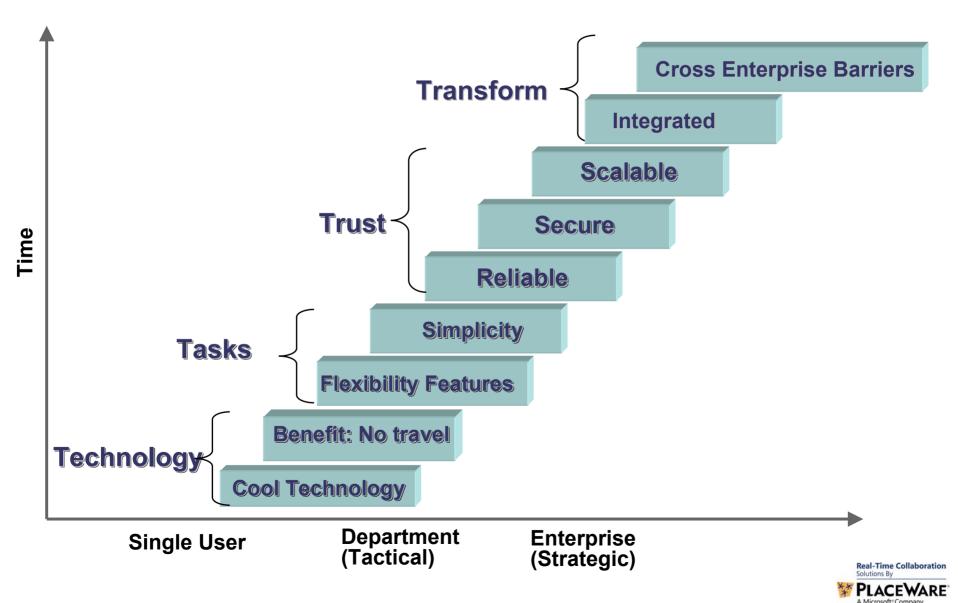


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**Evolution In The Way Businesses Communicate and Collaborate** 



### **Increased Revenues**



"We've had great success with PlaceWare. During our first Webinar, we could actually see customers getting offline and going to our website and purchasing software."

-Kristin Nauta, Director, Sales & Marketing

#### **Increased Profitability**

**Honeywell** "We saved \$9,000,000 in the first 6 months." — R. Lee Allen, Manager, Operations

### **Faster Time to Market**

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"We got the same information out in 3 days versus 5 days – and saved \$75,000."

— Stephen Rezac, Manager, Sales Training



# **ROI of Web Conferencing**

– Better Results, Faster Payback



#### Deloitte Consulting

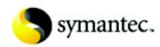
*"Using PlaceWare has allowed us to recognize significant ROI in food, travel, equipment rental and lodging. It has <u>saved us a boatload of money</u>."* 



*"At SAS, an average-sized meeting on PlaceWare is five people. At \$1,100 per person, we would have saved <u>over \$2.5</u> <u>million</u> in one year."* 



"This lowers our cost of sales, increases our ability to generate revenues, and avoids thousands of dollars of travel every week, as well as the cost of establishing remote demonstration centers, because we can demonstrate complex systems from headquarters."



We have seen significant benefits by using PlaceWare, not just by saving in travel expenses, but by reducing the amount of time our channel partners and field personnel are pulled away from their revenue-producing work



## Critical Attributes to Deliver to the ROI Promise of Web Conferencing



- Accessibility and Ease of Use
  - Focus on the content and the success of the meeting and not the technology behind it
- Reliability
  - Alternative is costly and not budgeted for
  - Loss of confidence in the usefulness of the technology
- Security
  - Feel confident about conducting your internal and confidential meetings
- Scalability
  - Scale with adoption
  - Scale from departmental usage to an enterprise solution
  - Scale to provide maximum marketing reach



# **Architecture / Design Center**

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### "Internal"

### "External"

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### Trusted

Non-proprietary corporate communication	Product launches Public seminars Virtual tradeshows Quarterly results
Project meetings	Prospect demos
Employee training	Client presentations
Personnel issues	Supplier/Vendor meetings
Mergers and acquisitions	Strategic partners



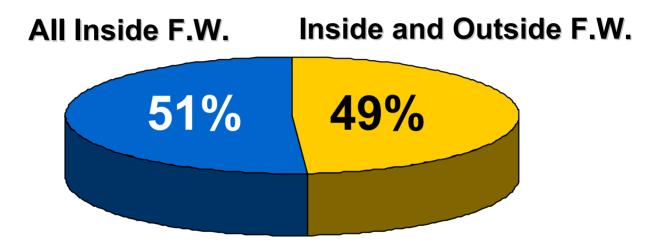


	"Internal"		"External"	
	All Inside F.W.	Inside and Outside F.W.		
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Meetings considered internal, still need access outside the Firewall





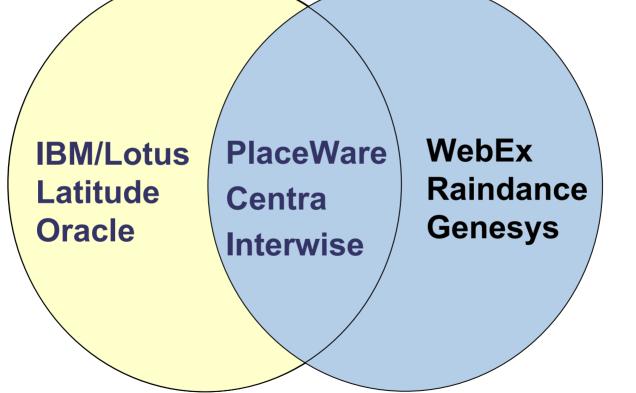


### Meetings Inside and Outside the Co. Firewalls Placeware Hosted Service



Source: PlaceWare





Hosted Service



# Service Providers: Basic Architectur

# Decentralized Switch Model

- ✓ Extensible
- ? Scalable
- ★ Manageable
- ★ Secure
- × Reliable

# Centralized Hub-Spoke Model

- ✓ Manageable
- ✓ Scalable
- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Secure
- ★ Extensible



# Accessibility & Ease of Use

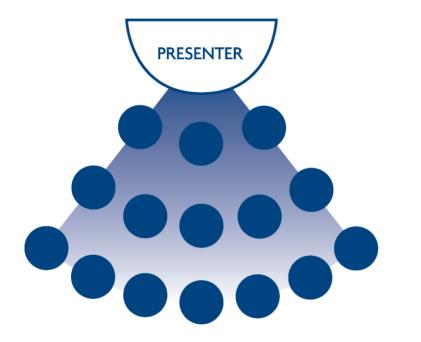


- Ability to traverse firewalls transparently and without performance degradation
- Existing integrations with common desktop and enterprise applications
- Strong set of APIs to integrate to any desktop and enterprise application
- Support real-time interactions allowing participants to concentrate on the meeting content
- Ability to customize the user interface depending on the type of audience



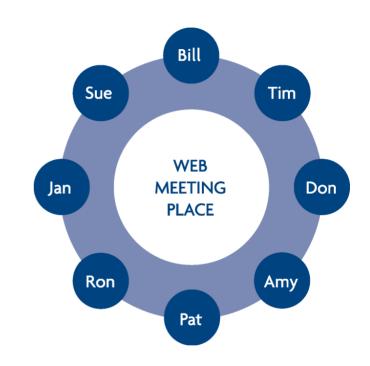
### Accessibility & Ease of Use: Two Virtual Environments





### **Auditorium Place**

For Larger or More Formal Presentations



### Web Meeting Place

For Smaller or More Collaborative Meetings



# Reliability: The 9s & the Criticality Sca

	90%	99%	99.9%	99.99%	99.999%	~100%
Outage Minutes / Yr	50,000	5,000	500	50	5	~0
CRITIC/ S		Task Non- Critical	Task Critical	Business Critical	Mission Critical	Safety Critical

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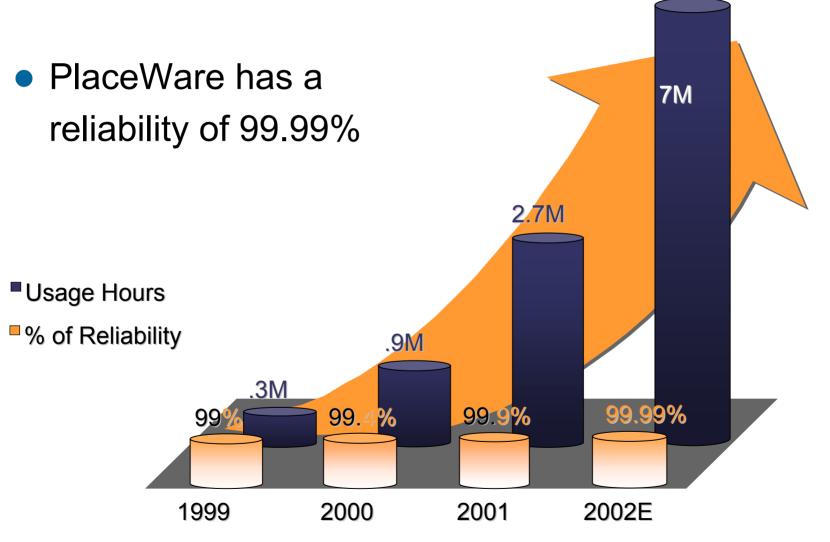
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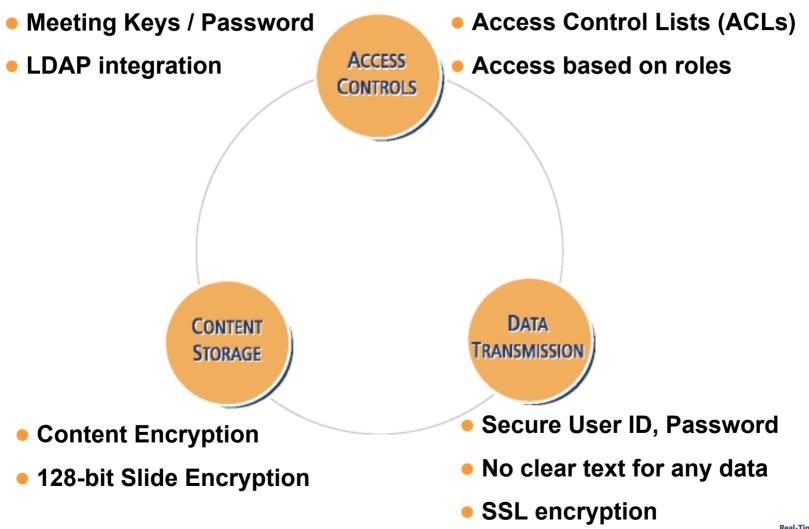


"Security in web conferencing is not an afterthought, it needs to be built in... Purchasers should not have to add technology to increase the security of their software and services. Increasingly, enterprises are making it clear to vendors that they are demanding safer products - by refusing to buy products and services that are not safe."

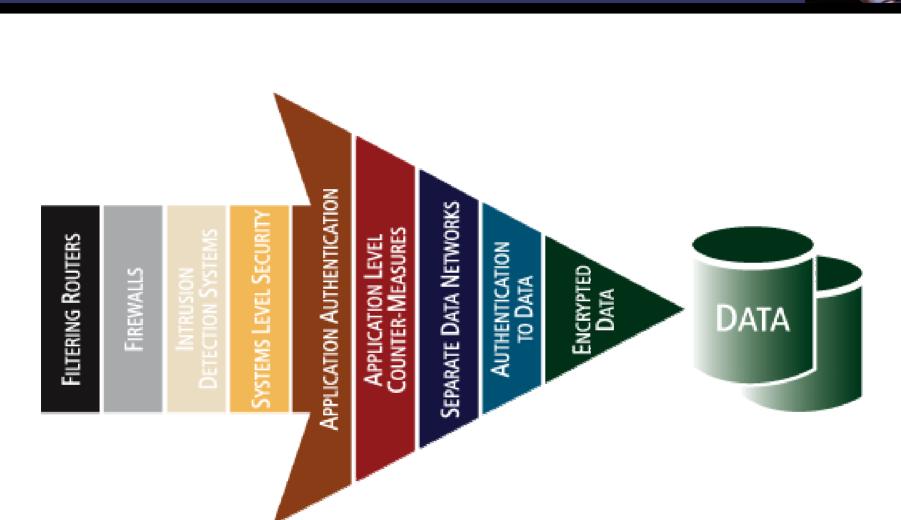
» Matt Cain, The Meta Group



# **Three Cornerstones of Security**









Content Storage: Layers of Security

# Scalability – Two Basic Dimensions



Туре	Description	Applications
Scalability within a meeting	Ability to invite a large number of participants in one meeting	<ul> <li>Product Launches</li> <li>Web Seminars</li> <li>Marketing Events</li> <li>All Hands Meetings</li> </ul>
Scalability across meetings	Ability to have a large number of meetings going on with varied number of participants	<ul> <li>Various types of meetings happening at the same time</li> <li>Enterprise wide deployment</li> </ul>



# Summary

- Meetings drive business results but a conference call and in-person meetings often fall short
- Web Conferencing enables people to meet and collaborate with just a browser and a phone
- It is a natural evolution in the way people communicate
- The main applications of web conferencing are: Training, Marketing, Sales, Customer Service, Events, and Collaborative Meetings
- Web conferencing has strong, measurable ROI with immediate payback
- The critical attributes to look for in a web conferencing solution are: Accessibility & Ease of Use, Reliability, Security and Scalability



