
From: Geoff Harris
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2000 3:31 PM
To: Mike Beckerman; Linda Averett; Chadd Knowlton
Subject: RE: WMP UI

This is a disaster. This is not how this followup should be going. Linda and I talked about this in our 1-1 today. I'll follow up with a meeting with Dan and Chadd to debrief on the meeting (which I said I would do anyway after yesterday's feature review). The plan would then be to go to Mike, Harish with some synthesized plan for how to attack Bill's concerns. Mike, if you want to circumvent that and get involved in tomorrow's meeting then we should bring in Dennis and Harish as well. Which way do you want to go.

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From: Mike Beckerman
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2000 3:20 PM
To: Linda Averett; Geoff Harris; Chadd Knowlton
Subject: FW: WMP UI

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From: Chris Jones
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2000 1:21 PM
To: Will Poole, Bill Gates
Cc: Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower; Jim Allchin; Mike Beckerman
Subject: RE: WMP UI

note that we are also doing some work in ie 6 to incorporate media playback into the browser frame. ramezn is working on this with lindaa.

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From: Will Poole
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2000 1:08 PM
To: Bill Gates
Cc: Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower; Jim Allchin; Chris Jones; Mike Beckerman
Subject: RE: WMP UI

Our first step in this area has been with shell integration in Whistler. We've done a ton of work with JoeB's team and people are quite pleased with the results of the integration efforts so far. We have done less with the browser, other than the radio toolbar which is a very popular ie5 feature [when people find it, which it not often b/c the IE team could not turn it on by default due to perf considerations]. As you not we've also done some limited work in Mars (including both integration of audio/video playback via our OCX as well as providing programming through your favorite site windowsmedia.com.) We think there is lots of upside to further shell integration of video as well as audio. As a company we must figure out how to better reconcile the different consumer UIs that we ship (windows shell, IE, net, mars, media player, etc).

Would you like to start with a review of current work in Whistler, plus Backcomb plans? Then we could maybe do a broader review to include Mars etc.

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From: Bill Gates
Sent: Tuesday, October 31, 2000 12:50 PM
To: Will Poole
Cc: Craig Mundie; Eric Rudder; Tandy Trower
Subject: WMP UI

The meeting on music yesterday reminded me that we need to do a lot better on WMP UI and how it relates to the rest of Windows. Today it is a world of its own - the fonts, the appearance, the file format, the concepts - no relationship to the shell or the browser.

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The MARs guys did move things in the right direction but I guess that is viewed as heretical.

We need to lead in the UI including the integration.

Somehow we need to get better discussion going on this.