Wrap-up & Outlook

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Anywhere Software
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- Leicester, England
  - Host: John Mardaljevic at de Montfort Univ.
- Preferred dates?
  - John suggested 20-25 August date range
  - Raphael requested later in Sept. after PLEA
Radiance on Windows

- Georg “schorsch” Mischler has ported most non-graphical Radiance tools
- Andrew Marsh has winimage replacement
- Volunteers for porting rvu?
- Someone to manage Windows binaries?
- We need to get away from DR
  - Is any application besides Rayfront current?
Spyware: A View from the (Online) Street

There are indications of late that the use of anti-spyware software is on the rise, with more than 100 million Internet users downloading Lavasoft’s free anti-spyware software [2]. Some big-name companies are also beginning to address the spyware issue, including Microsoft, which currently has a beta version of its own anti-spyware available to Microsoft Windows users for download. However, a Gartner survey finds only 10% of respondents were taking sufficiently aggressive steps to minimize spyware infestations [5] and a Forrester survey found that even though 55% of consumers knew what spyware was, only 40% were running anti-spyware programs routinely [7].

A recent America Online survey of its “street-level” users indicates a great tolerance of spyware, with little motivation to take any specific action to solve the problem.
Idea: *Radiance* Spyware

1. Detects and removes other spyware
2. Installs *Radiance* for remote rendering
3. Report to base: PC commandeered
4. Overall performance is unchanged

- **Problem:** Spyware is difficult to clean
  - Windows suffers a constant onslaught
    - Constant updating required for new spies
Plan 9: Permanent Cleaner

• Spyware installs Linux as well as Radiance
  • Choose Gnome look to mimic Windows
• No more spyware problems!

• Problem: What if user wants to run Word?
  • Post alert saying copy is unauthorized or has quit unexpectedly
  • Expected behavior so only a minor annoyance