From: Ben Slivka
Sent: Friday, October 25, 1996 11:07 PM
To: John Ludwig; Bob Muglia
Subject: RE: let's party on the Java language, starting right now

Bob, Sun has been presenting things to us as fait acompli, do you really think that I could get Kannegaard to agree to cooperate with us on language extensions? And if he did, would we get everything we wanted? If there is no restriction in our contract that prevents us from innovating in the language, I want to come up with a complete list that makes it really easy to do ActiveX/VB-style programming with Java, hold a design review, and ship it.

I don't see how language innovation could drive Sun and Netscape closer together on the API front, and I assume that if we come up with great stuff, it will receive a positive reception from tools vendors and developers.

If Sun and we disagree on this and diverge in these areas, as long as Netscape doesn't buddy up with Sun, that is a super outcome for us (more fragmentation). But maybe you think Netscape would be forced to endorse and ship the Sun language variant?
--bens

----Original Message----
From: John Ludwig
Sent: Friday, October 25, 1996 6:28 AM
To: Bob Muglia; Ben Slivka
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i would be willing to do one small experiment, but mostly for the sake of consensus. left to my druthers i would continue to innovate separately from sun and not give them any info on anything.

----Original Message----
From: Bob Muglia
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 1996 5:53 PM
To: Ben Slivka; John Ludwig
Subject: RE: let's party on the Java language, starting right now

This is where the rubber meets the road.

This is the *ideal* thing to collaborate on with Sun. We really don't want diverging ways of doing these things. John, this is your call but I would suggest that we select ONE of these things and use that as a context for engagement with Kannegard. What think?

bob

From: Ben Slivka
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 1996 5:06 PM
To: Greg DeMichillie; Bob Muglia; Charles Fitzgerald; John Ludwig
Cc: Brad Silverberg; Patrick Dussud; Michael Toutonghi; David Stutz
Subject: let's party on the Java language, starting right now

Greg has a list of extensions, we should get cranking now, get a spec together, and announce Java language extensions, beating Sun and everyone else to the punch. There is no time to lose.
Who should drive this effort? My VM team is eager to add new byte codes!
I want to ship this all in IE 4, no later than 6/97.

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