

## NEWSWATCH

### DCL To Establish Nationwide Information Super Highway

**Data Corner Limited (DCL)** — a Dhaka-based company will establish a nationwide information super highway. Through BDNet DCL will also provide low cost access to the worldwide Internet, and other international carriers to enable the subscribers of BDNet to reach more than 30,000 Unix networks and tens of millions of users. Using standard TCP/IP protocol, BDNet will provide real-time interactive communications with remote sites to countries of Asia and around the world, sending and receiving messages and files or even accessing an application held on a machine on another continent.

BDNet leased line services will be available round-the-clock and BDNet Hotline Support will operate on a similar 24 hour/7-day basis. According to DCL BT&T has offered them a VSAT link by the end of this year.

Data Corner Limited claimed to be the first Bangladeshi company to achieve a domain i.e. bdnet.net and the first applicant for the Bangladeshi top domain. For more information please contact :

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### Acer Sees Boom in Home PC Use

**Acer Computer** plans to be in the top five PC manufacturers worldwide by the end of this year, and according to Acer America President Ronald Chwang, that will almost certainly be because Acer has discovered the exploding consumer market for PCs. Speaking at Acer's distributor conference, held in Singapore, Chwang said that the home PC boom hadn't hit all world markets, but it would, and when it does, it will far outstrip the corporate/government market which in some ways is saturated.

He said that in the US, and a few countries like Australia, the consumer market has already overtaken the business market.

He said, the typical consumer machine in the US now or in the near future has a Pentium processor, even 120 MHz, at least an 850 MB hard disk, though 1.2 GB is soon to be the standard, a quad-speed CD drive, MPEG video, Surround-sound, and a 14.4 or 28.8 Kbps modem. These machines ship with around 40 software titles. \*

### Educational Grants Program

Onward Novell Technologies (I) Ltd. has launched a Educational Grants Program to increase the buying power of the educators wanting to utilise Novell's Network Computing Products. Under the program, educational institutes affiliated to Indian universities and polytechnics that are accredited by DoE can avail Novell's NetWare and UnixWare at substantial discounts.

### IBM will Preload Windows 95 on Desktop and NoteBook PCs

**IBM Corp.** will offer windows 95 operating system preloaded on its desktop and notebook PCs. So, Windows 95 will be available on the **Alpha** and other lines of desktops and **Thinkpad** notebooks of IBM.

In support of this offering IBM is widening its technical support to include Windows 95. The company will also ensure compatibility between Windows 95 and IBM PC company products and other support. \*

### Apple Updates System 7.5 Operating System

**Apple Computer Inc.** has announced shipment of a free update of System 7.5 This update includes bug fixer and "usability and performance enhancements" and adds some "native" components to the operating system written specifically for Power PC based Macs.

The update improves system 7.5 handling of low memory situations, has faster file sharing, adds the ability to turn off the computer using the keyboard Power On key. Apple's interactive online help system, Apple Guide, has also been improved as part of the package. The System 7.5 update also includes Power Talk, version 1.1.1, a new release of Apple's collaboration technology. \*

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