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The first thing I want to say before starting the presentation of benNUG, is ***THANKS***. Yes, thanks to all the other NeXT User Groups all over the world for their sympathy, their encouragement and their help. I have received so many messages from different NUG which replied spontaneously that they are ready to collaborate with me in my work that I can't stay indifferent to all the power that could come from such a collaboration. Sincerely, thanks to all of you and I promise you that I am going the give my best in order to see my hope be real and concrete.

Well, let's start the presentation now. benNUG is a NeXT User Group at Strasbourg in France. The group has started his activity since one week (april 92) , so we can say that benNUG is very young, but let me tell you why I have decided to create benNUG. First, there are few NUG here in France and in Europe in general. Second, I would like to see the spirit of NeXT User Groups more extended. For the moment, NUGs are working very well, but each NUG work for its town or country. I know that's a big job to do this activity and I don't want to change anything on this subject. But my real hope, is to see NUGs collaborate in many different ways in order to be more powerful. If we can cumulate the efforts of all the NUGs who are ready to collaborate in this sense, an enormous enterprise will born.Then, all the NeXT information won't be local to a region or a country but the result of many people who give their opinions, their articles, their programms, their solutions where ever they are and then we will act for the NeXT community without any frontier. We can all say that we are previleged because we are working on the best machine who exist nowadays. But we have to exploit the maximum of the possibilities of NeXT computers to do the best job people can do on a computer. By working in such collaboration, we will be closest to the aspiration and the questions of a NeXT user and we will give many solutions to a NeXT Developer. I really think that the time has come to do something special for all the NeXT community. Each of our NUG must feel that he has a real responsability in the knowledge and the power of a NeXT computer close to the public. We can in a large part contribute to the reputation and the quality of NeXT computers. Each NeXT User must feel himself supported in the NeXT community and each NeXT Developer must feel himself helped and encouraged. I think that many of you can share my opinions but the question that you might ask is :" How do you want to realize such a enterprise". The response is very simple. I am waiting for questions from NeXT users, where ever they are, on all the subjects that might interest them. I am also waiting for a big contribution from NeXT developers; if you have an article, a review, some source codes, some palettes or anything else who might help other developers or concerne projects that might interest you, I will be very happy to expose and share them with all the NeXT community. I am waiting for many softwares developed on NeXT computers that we can present and promote to all the public and the professionals. But I want to insist on the fact that all the things that you will send to benNUG are your property. All the reviews, notes, source codes or other things that you want to share with the NeXT community will be signed by yourself. I don't want to see any confusion in the objective of benNUG. In this sense, you can understand that benNUG is not my NeXT User Group but yours. I am just the one who will collect and put all this on papers or present it in meetings.

And now, I have to explain how I see newsletters and futur meetings of benNUG. Like I said before, we have the better computer which exist on the market today and which will stay far away from the other kinds of computers for many years in the future. So let's exploit all the advanced technologies of NeXT computers in order to communicate. The multimedia is the way of communication of the future. So, let's start building the future now: I am ready to use a multimedia software to create the newsletter of benNUG. Start now, in these newsletters, you will find formatted text with static and dynamic images,and vocal descriptions to explain in a few words how to use a software or how a source code or a palette can be usefull or just a friendly message from a person who give his opinion on NeXT computers. To create such newsletters, I will have to use a software that all of you have or can easly find. That's why I have thought to *MediaView* or *Diagram!*. Both can be found on the net. I have the authorization to create documents with MediaView and I think that the use of Diagram! will not be problematic (There is a demo version of Diagram! which allows you to read documents for people who don't have it). So, I am waiting for your suggestions to start the "multimedia newsletters". Concerning the organisation of meetings, I would like to organize not only meetings for Strasbourg or the France territory but meetings which will group all the European community and all the NeXT community if they could come of course. That's why I would like to organize big meetings in Europe in a first time every two months. I will try to organize such meetings in different countries here in Europe and my hope is to extend this kind of meetings to all the continents. These meetings will group NeXT users, NeXT developers, many business men and professors from different countries and nationalities and also people from NeXT Inc. of course. You can be sure that realizing such projects depend on many of you, NeXT User Group, where ever you are. But I am sure that such enterprise can be realized because I am sure that this idea will excite many of you.

So, in order to give a conclusion, I need the cooperation of many NeXT users, many NeXT developers, many NeXT User Groups, many Universities, many companies without forgetting NeXT Inc. of course. benNUG is your NeXT User Group so don't forget to send me all your opinions, comments, critics and suggestions. You are all building benNUG.

I will close this presentation by saying that I believe in you and I believe in NeXT. I will try to work for you where ever you are.

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