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# AppleScript, Mac OS X, and Carbon

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# What's in This Session

- Overview of upcoming AppleScript features
- Writing Carbonized OSA Client applications
- Writing scriptable Carbon applications
- Writing scriptable Cocoa applications



# Upcoming Features

- **using terms from Block**
- Apple events over IP
- Optional **on error**
- **file busy** property in **info for** result
- **OSAFlushTerminology** API





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Demo

# Upcoming Bug Fixes

- Large **typeMagnitudes** don't display correctly
- **run** (system event)
- Unicode text coercion memory problems
- Too-long NBP names crash
- Low-memory global accesses
- Relaunching delays



# Upcoming Scriptability

- Keychain
- Sherlock II
- LaserWriter printer driver—**with properties** parameter for **print** event





# Structural Changes

- Integrated English dialect
- All code is PowerPC in shared libraries—no accelerated code resources
- AppleScript is not Carbonized for Sonata, but can be used from Carbon clients



# Carbonized OSA Apps

- Update to latest Interfaces and Libraries
- Set **TARGET\_CARBON = 1**
- Fix the compile errors
- Remove all Mac OS link libraries and link with CarbonLib instead
- Compile and debug on Mac OS 8.6 with CarbonLib, then on Sonata
- Compile and run on Mac OS X



# Main Carbon Issues

- No System heap in Mac OS X
  - All handlers and coercions are treated as application handlers
- Callback **UPPs**
  - **SendProc**
  - **ActiveProc**
- **dataHandle** field of **AEDesc** descriptors



# Opaque AEDescs

- We're eliminating reliance on handle-based structures
- Like other toolbox structures, the **dataHandle** will be opaque, not necessarily a handle
- Accessors let you get at the contents of the handle
- In the future the data may not be there!



# Using Accessors

```
#if !OPAQUE_TOOLBOX_STRUCTS
    count = GetHandleSize(desc->dataHandle);
    data = (char *)((unsigned char*)*desc->dataHandle);
#else
    count = AEGetDescDataSize(desc);
    data = NewPtr(count);
    AEGetDescData(desc, desc->descriptorType, data,
count);
#endif
...
#if OPAQUE_TOOLBOX_STRUCTS
    DisposePtr(data)
#endif
```



# Five Scenarios

- Copy contents into struct
- Copy contents into variable-length pointer or handle
- Use contents as parameter to another routine (**const** or variable)
- Modify contents in place
- Assign contents by direct assignment





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# Examples

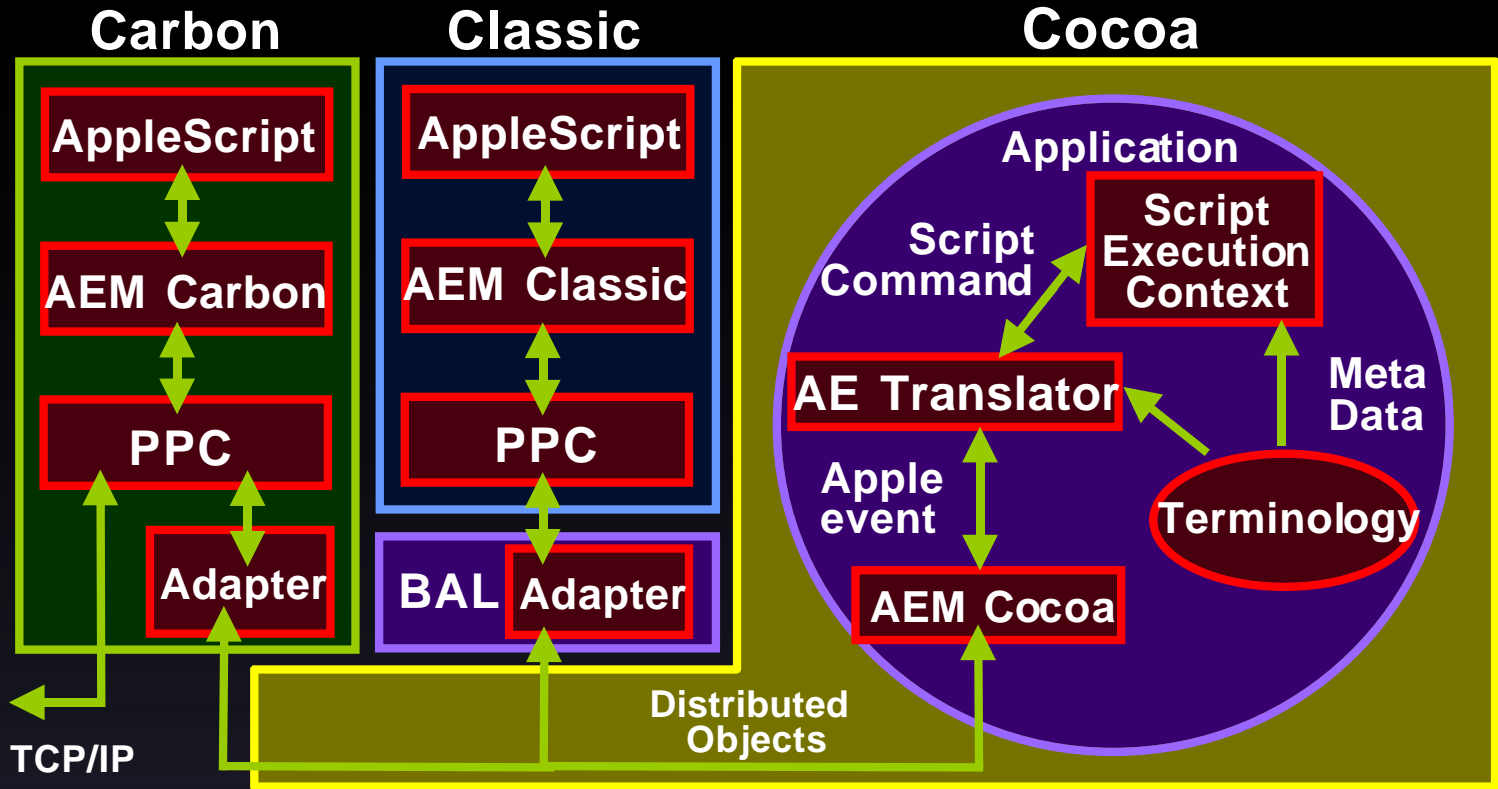
# Carbonized OSAXen

- Won't run on Mac OS 8!
- Must be native Shared Libraries  
(see [Extending AppleScript](#) session)
- Set **TARGET\_API\_MAC\_CARBON** and **TARGET\_API\_MAC\_OSX**
- Carbonize as for an application
- Output .qtx and .qtr files





# Scriptable Cocoa Apps



# Summary

- New features upcoming in AppleScript:  
**using terms from** block, IP addressing
- You can write scriptable applications and OSA clients that run on both Sonoma and Mac OS X
- Carbonization is straightforward but concentrate on opaque AEDescs



# Roadmap

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## **The Apple Event Model and Your Application**

To get started with AppleScript

Hall C  
Thur., 9:00am

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## **Extending AppleScript**

For the new Standard Additions  
mechanism and Folder Actions

Hall B  
Thur., 1:00pm

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## **AppleScript Feedback Forum**

For interactive feedback and  
discussion with the team

Hall C  
Thur., 4:00pm

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## **AppleScript Birds of a Feather**

For community-building with  
other developers

Hall C  
Thur., 5:30pm



# AppleScript Kitchens

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**London, U.K.:**

June 15–17, 1999

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**Cupertino, CA:**

August 17–19, 1999

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