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Traditional Computer Applications

- Transaction processing accounting
- **MIS for helping manage organization**
- **EIS** for providing executives with information
- Factory automation for cost reduction
- Office automation to expedite document work and communications in the office

Limitation in Traditional Applications

Data were only text and numbers

Languages and user interfaces were primitive

Connectivity was very limited

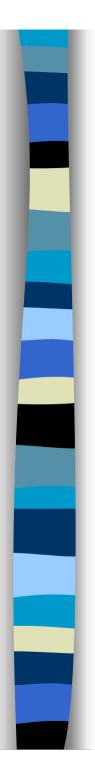
Data communication was staggering

Capacity of storage was inadequate

Processor speed was very slow

Improvement in Computer Technology

Development of PC's, high speed processors, better performance network lead to proliferation of computer applications in all fields and areas
People now have personal access to PC's and network in the office and at home which lead to wide development of computer technology

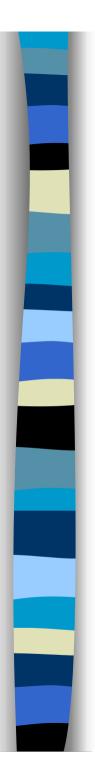


Major Advancements

- Progress in graphics and image processing
- Development of large volume hard disk and other data media: CD-Rom, DVD, etc.
- **Development of efficient DBMS and SW tools**
- Development of high speed data communication leading to global network
- **Concepts of Object Orientation**

The Internet

Most important development of mankind Started as a research tool during cold war **Expanded to every corner of the world** Provide information equally to both rich and poor, Developed and Developing countries **Gateway to applications beyond imagination**

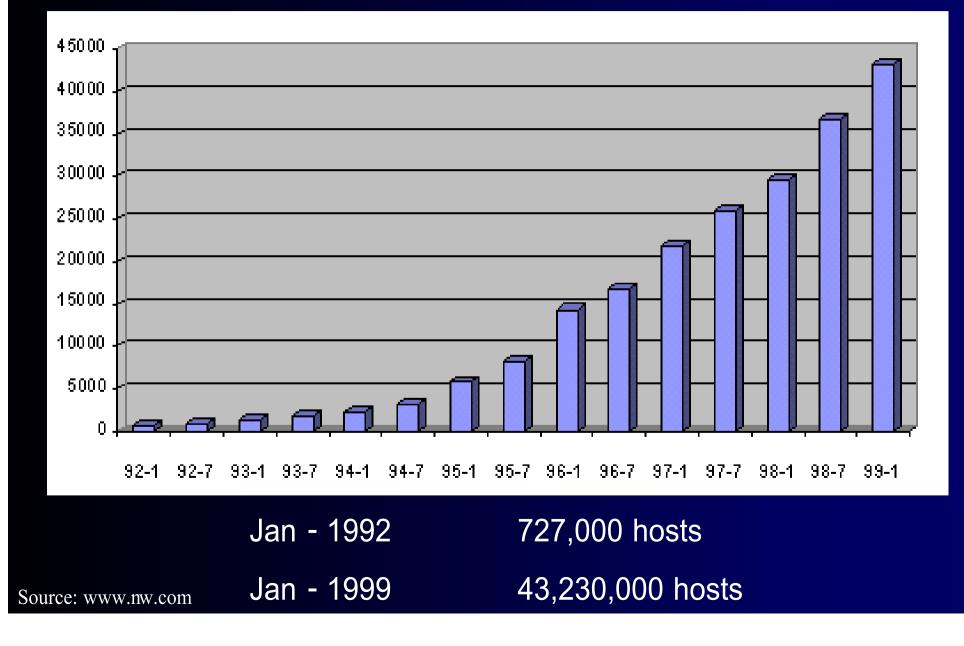


Applications in the Internet

Electronic Mail

- Information Provision thru WWW
- Information Search
- Public Relations
- **Distance Education**
- Using computers at other locations

The Size of the Net today

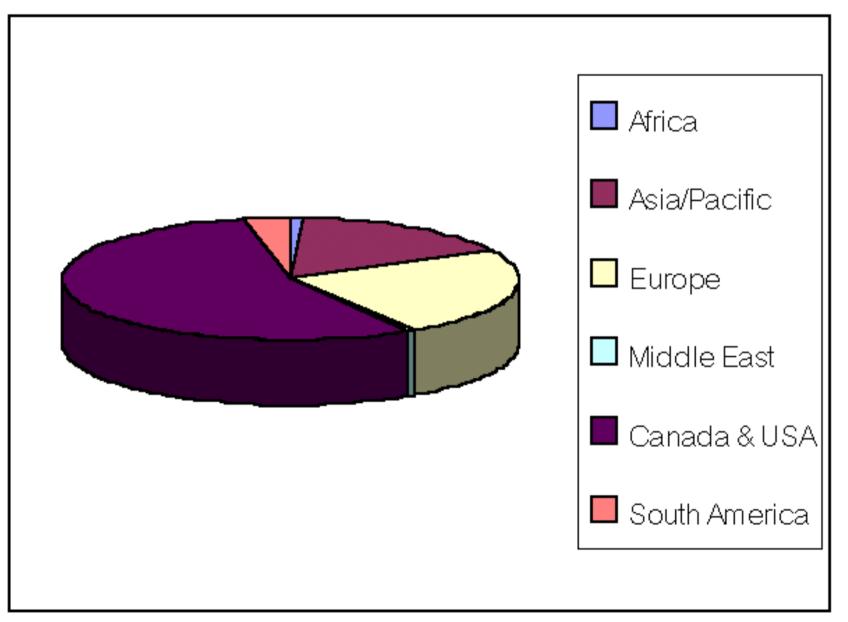


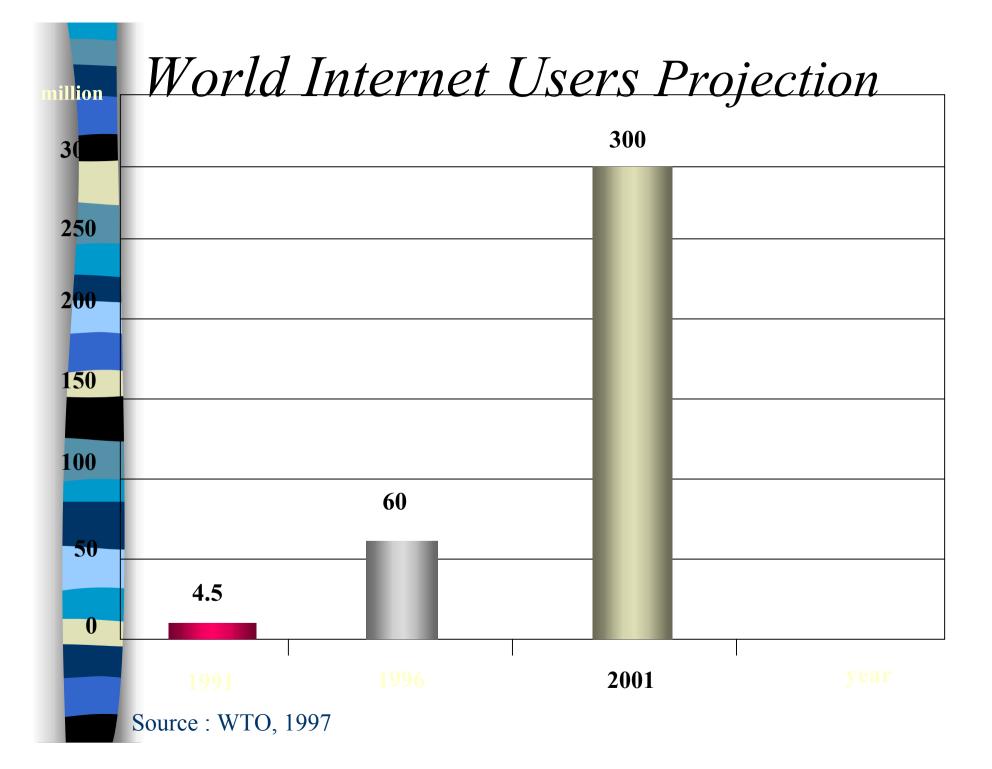
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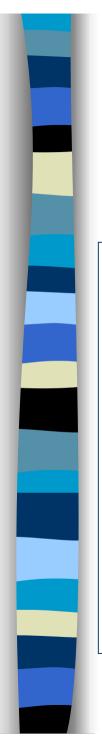
- 45 million computers can logon
- 240 countries have internet service
- 75 percent of the internet use is for WWW.
- 1.5 million web sites with 350 million pages.

Internet User Population 1999,

(As of April 1999)





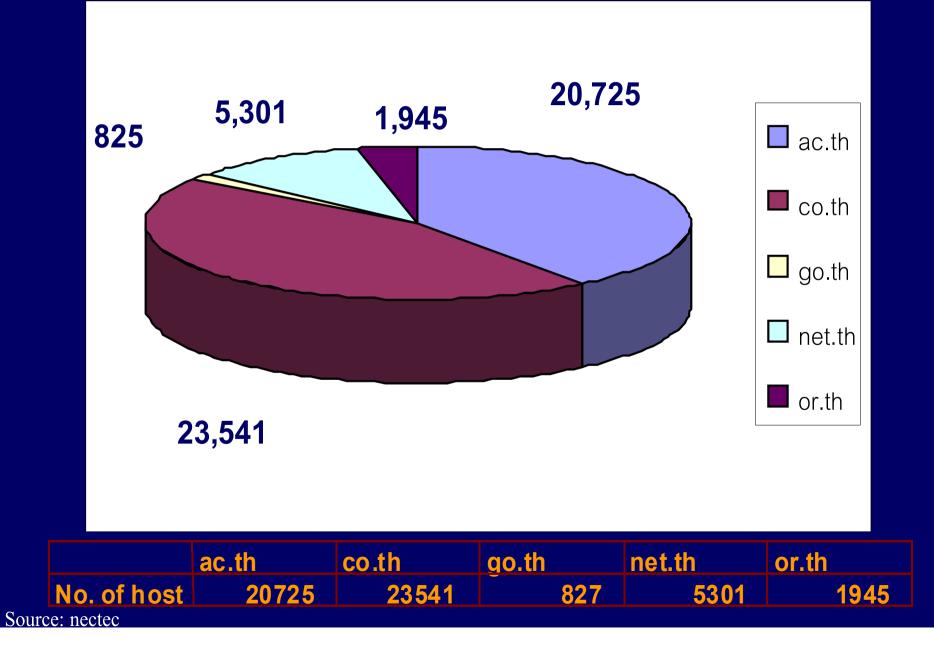


Thailand :

- Approximately 600,000 Internet Users
- 15 ISPs
- Number of hosts 52,393 Hosts
- 62.875 Mbps. of International Bandwidth
- Approximately 1.7 million PCs

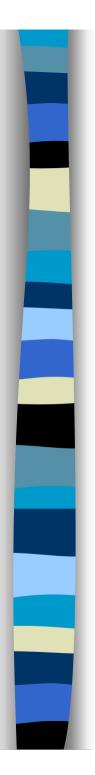
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Hosts in Thailand



Applications in Environmental Medicine

- Public relations and information provision
- Environmental database
- Data Analysis
- **Simulation**
- Geographic Information System
- Automated Systems
- Remote Sensing



Public Relations

Mostly done thru the Internet

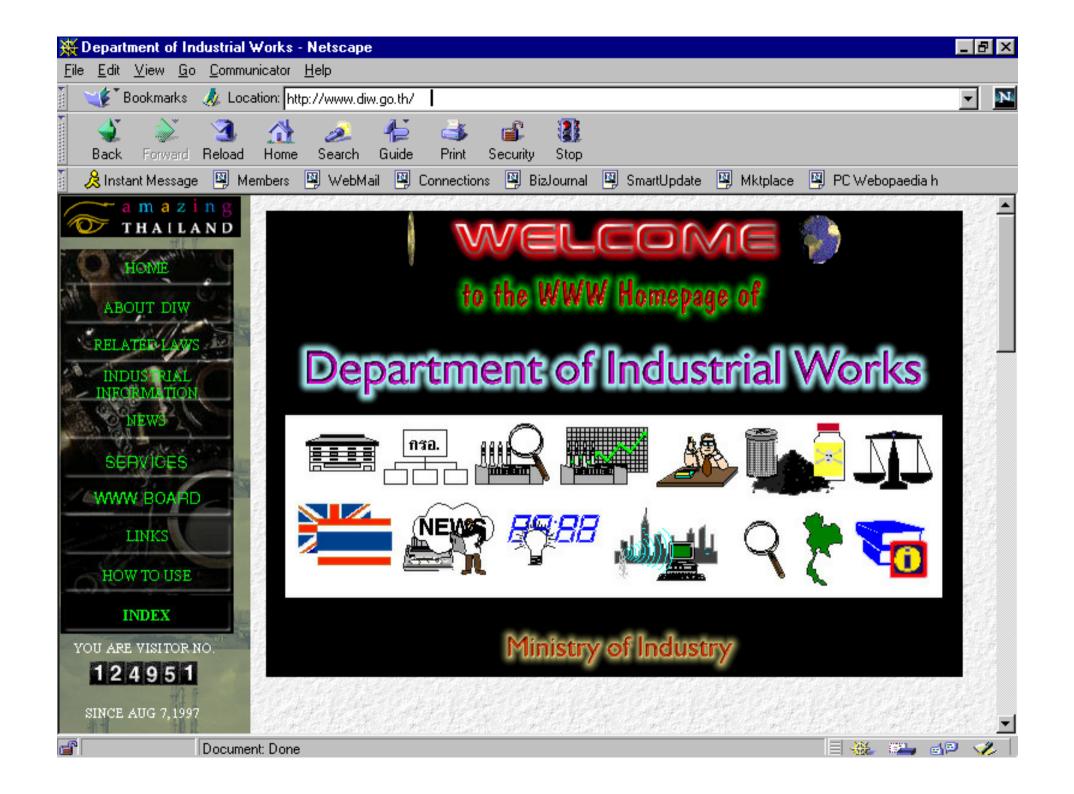
Cheap-does not require much investment

Does not need high level knowledge of computers

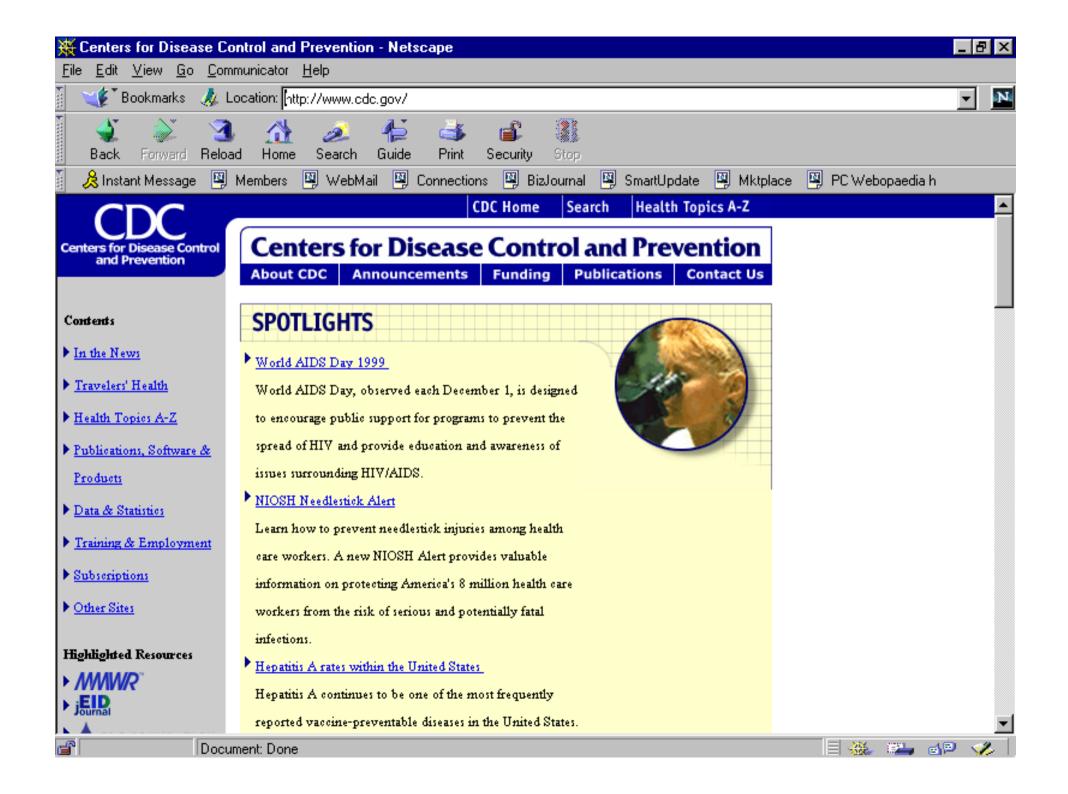
Globally accessible 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week

Easily updated as needed

Can be both in Thai and English



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Projects	to the Pollution Control Department homepage. The Department was founded in 1992 with the mandate to	
News	control all forms of pollution within Thailand. In the years since then the Department has made substantial	
Divisions	progress in developing pollution standards and policies for controlling pollution. The recent air quality crisis in	
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Regulations	indicating how much more we have to accomplish.	1.5
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Search	This website, in keeping with the Department's policy of providing environmental information to the public,	
eList	aims to provide as much up-to-date information as possible. This site is searchable. This website also provides	
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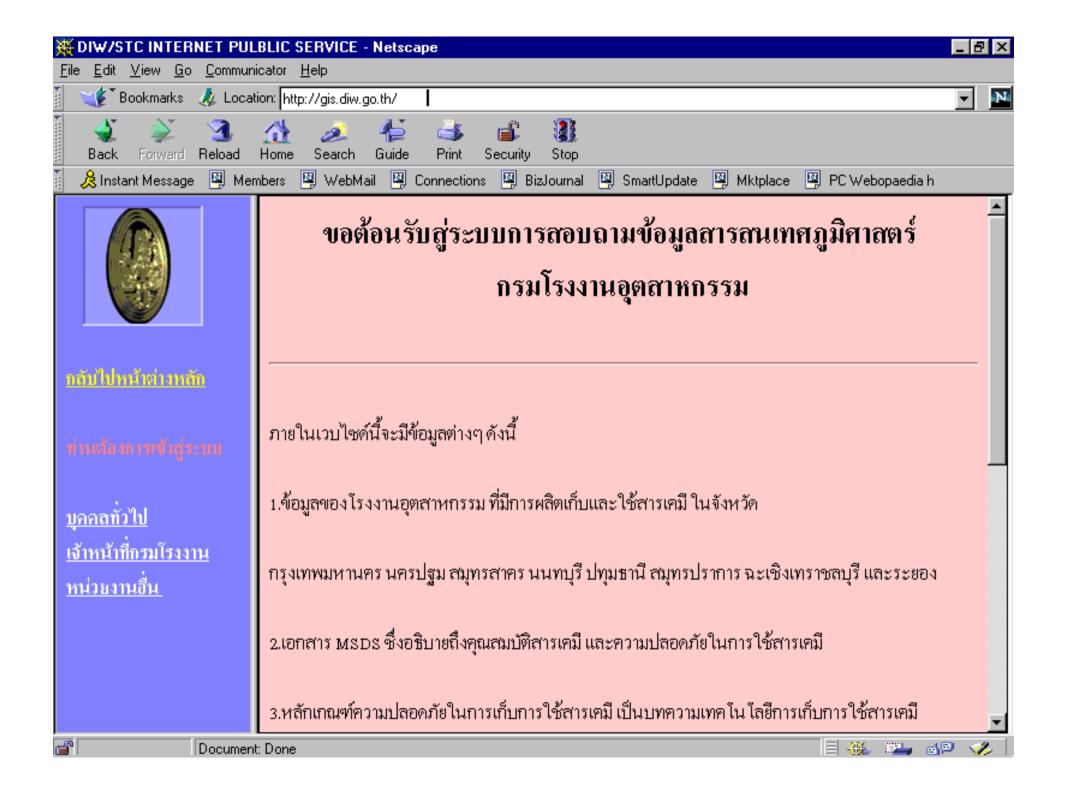
Environmental Databases

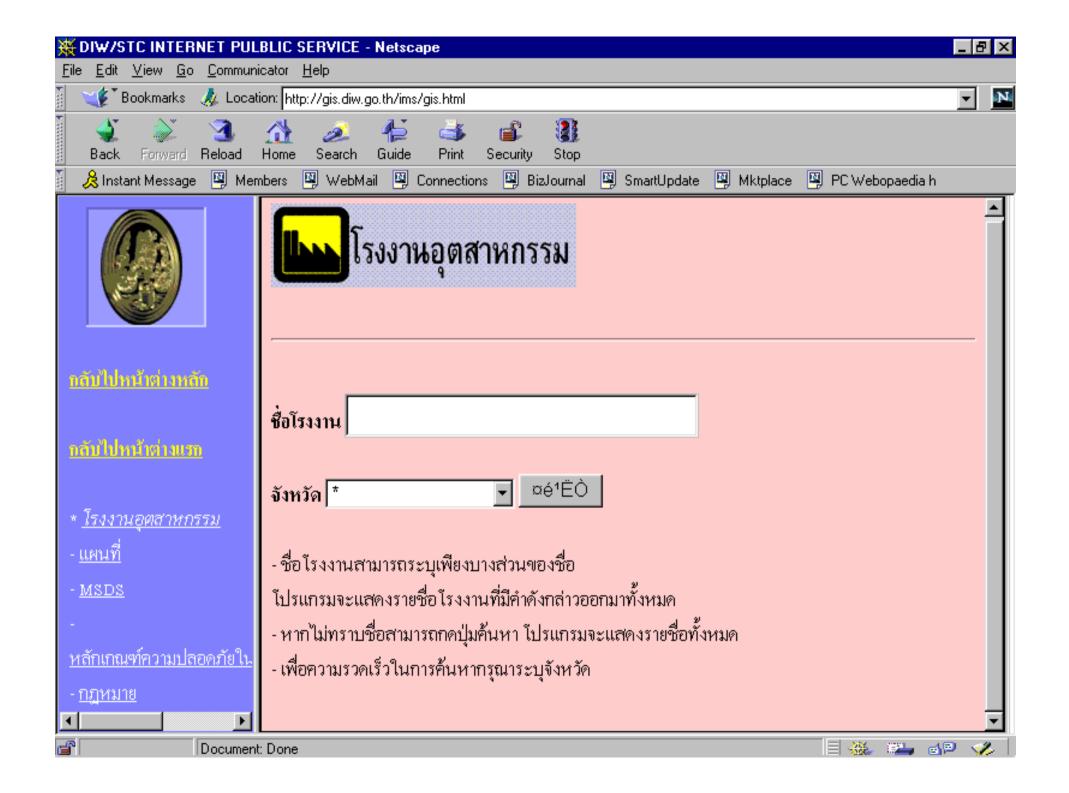
Database is a collection of organized data in such a way that the required data can be correctly retrieved without loss.

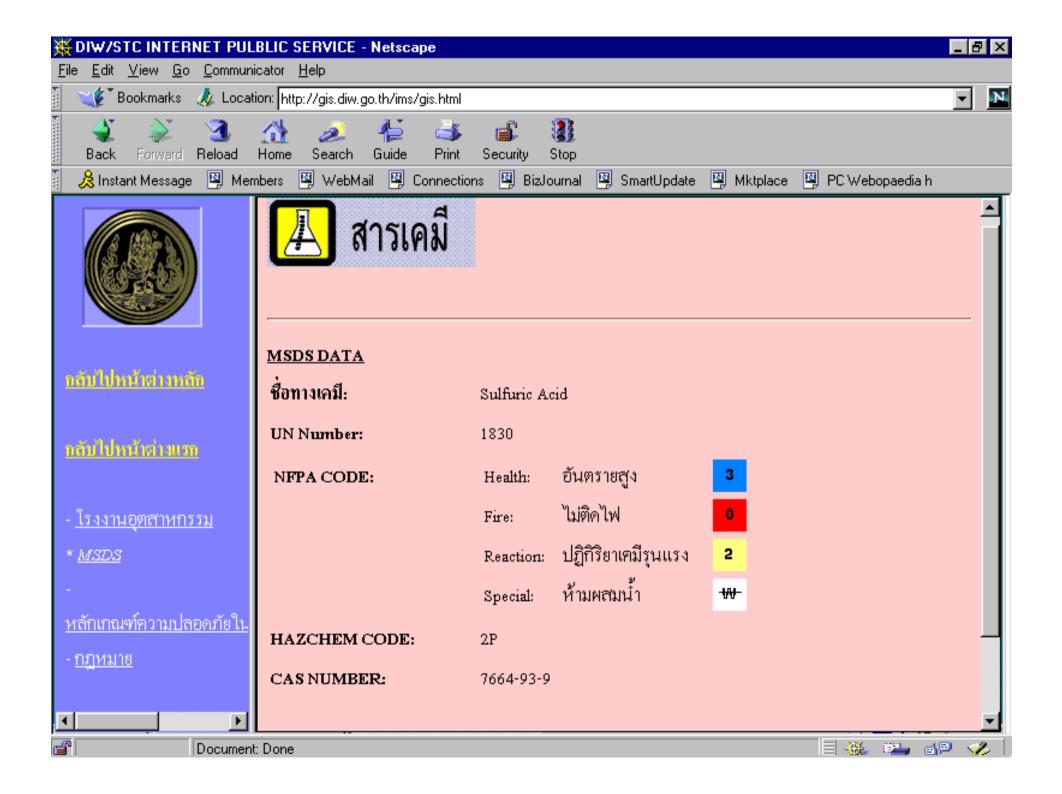
Database is the foundation of all applications

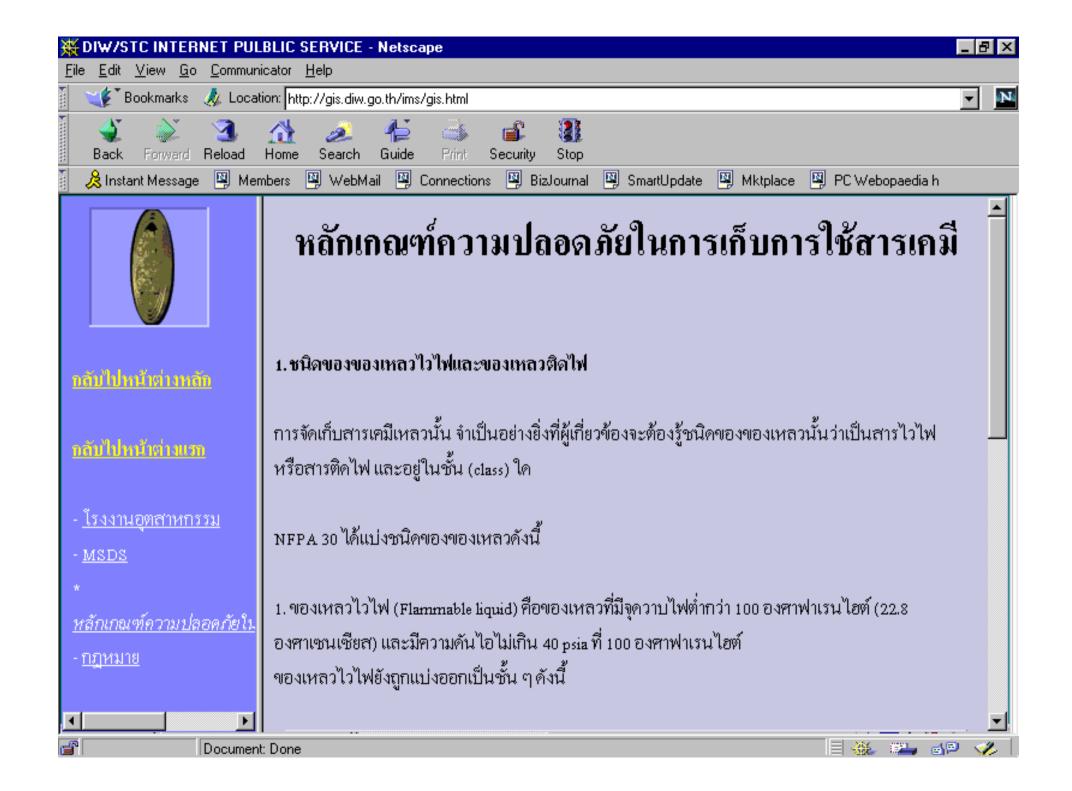
Require a Database Management System

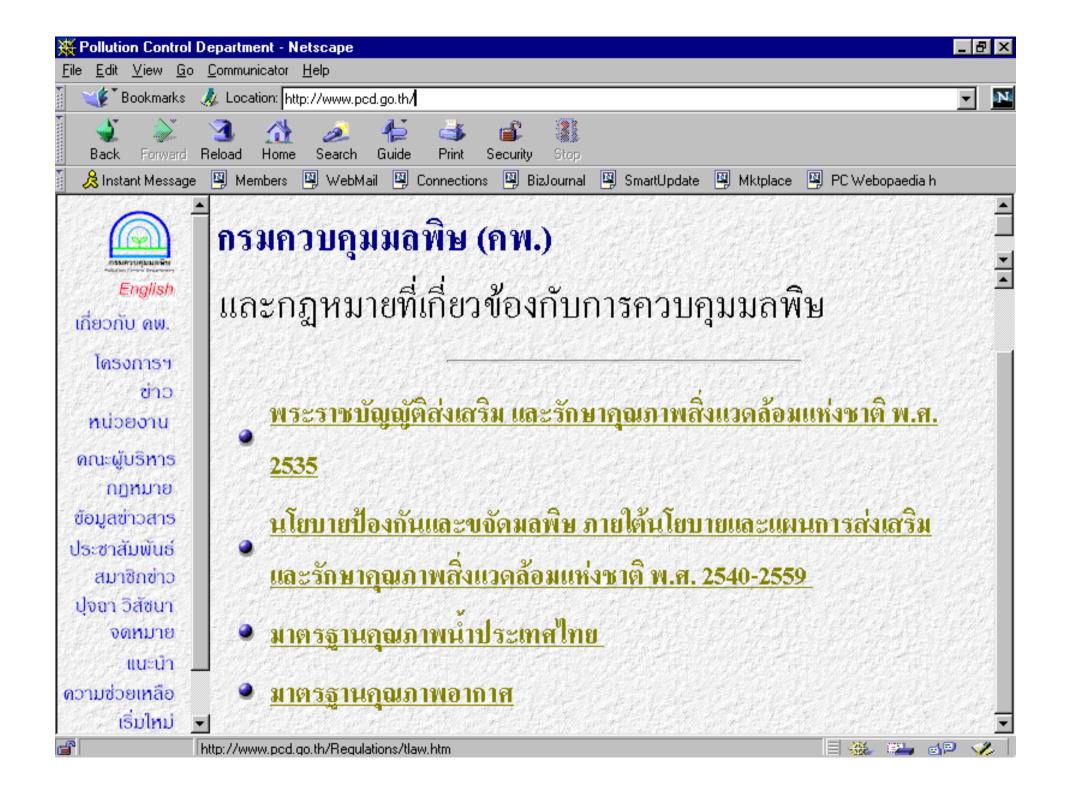
Need timely update to be usable

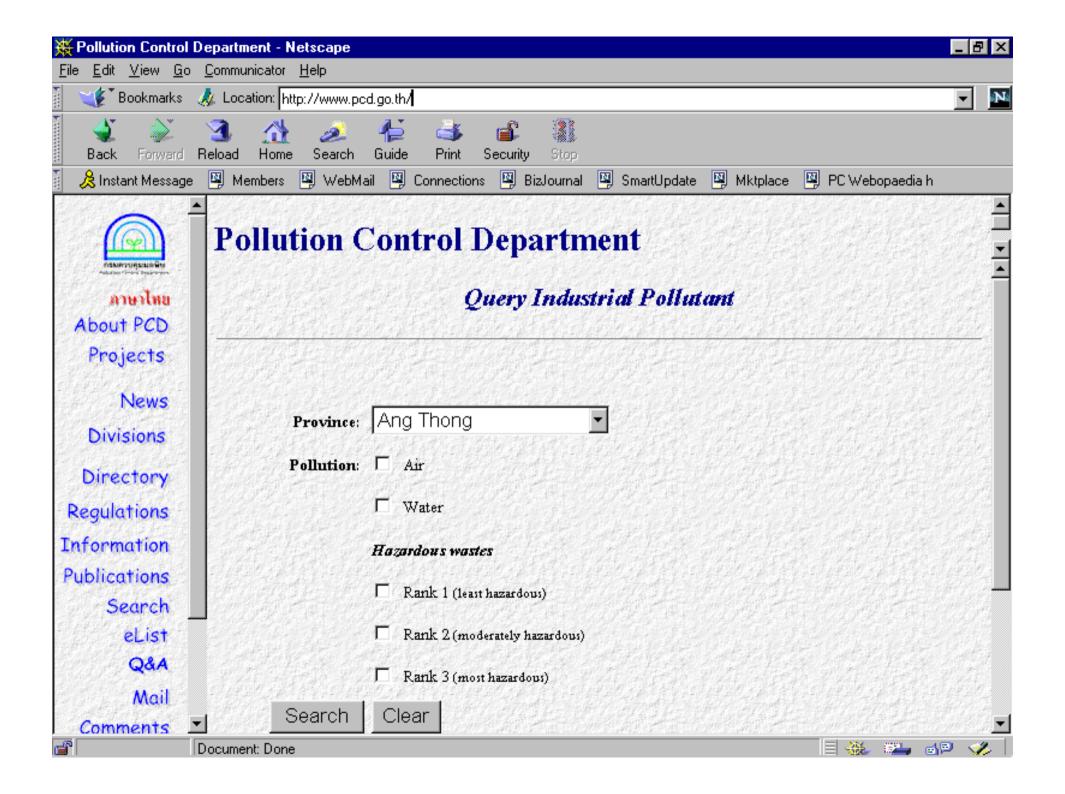


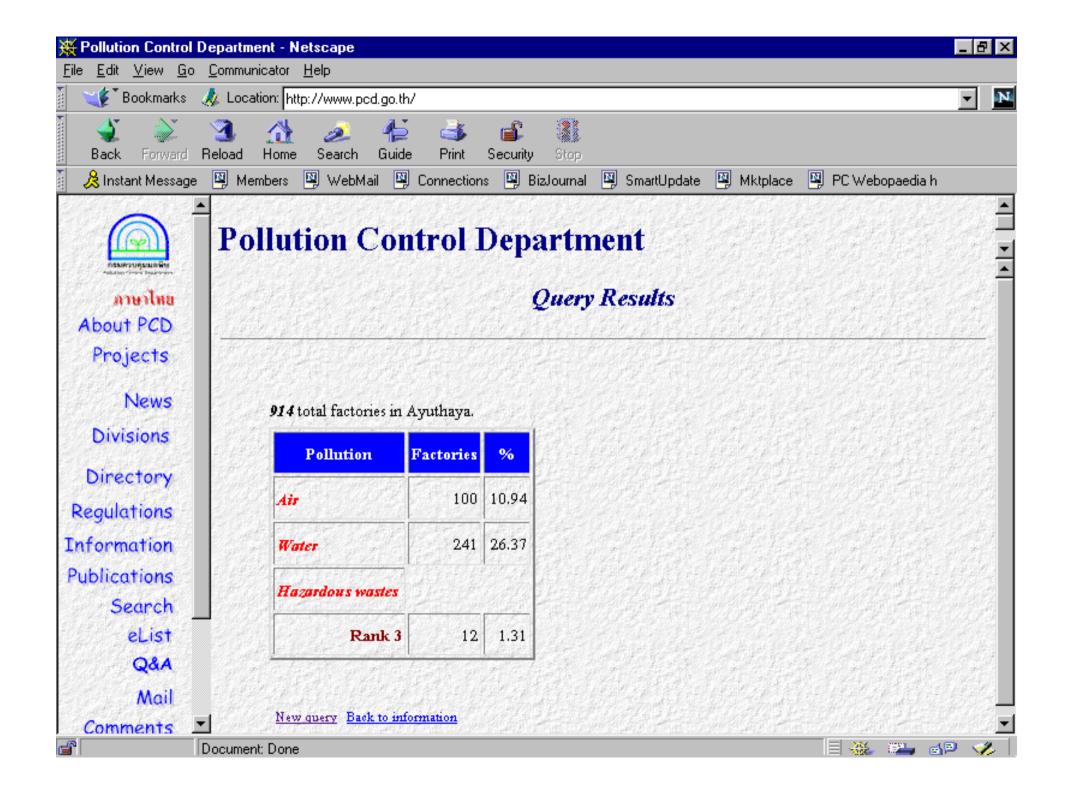


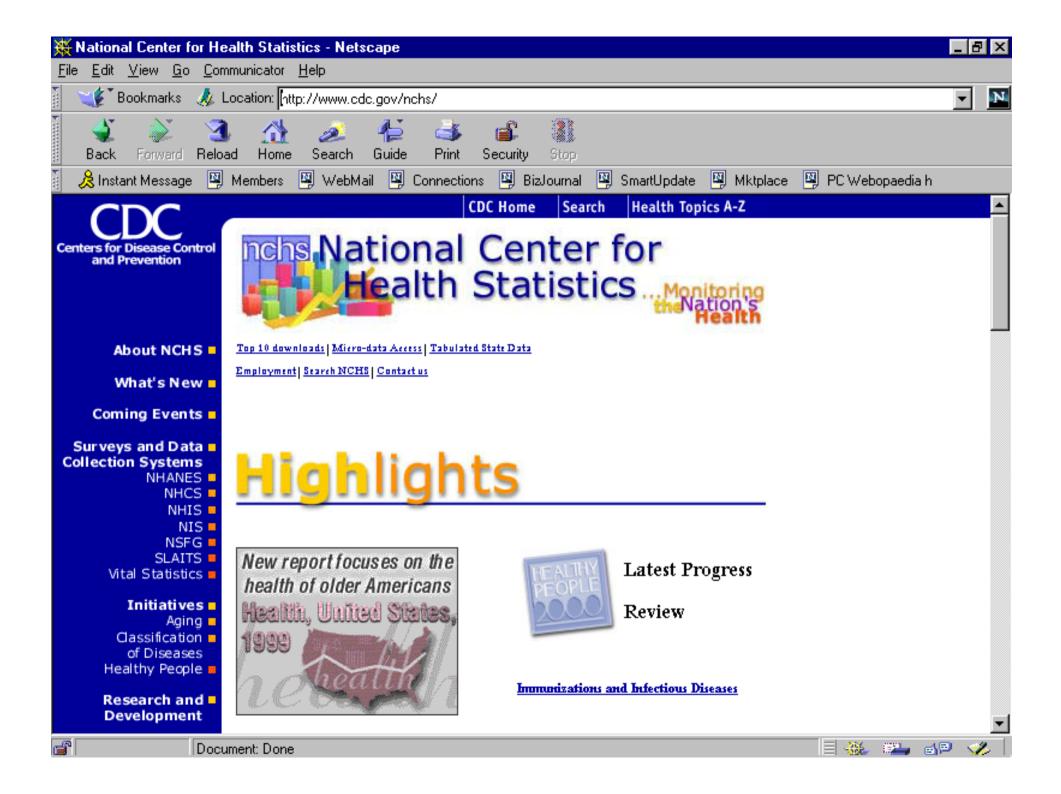


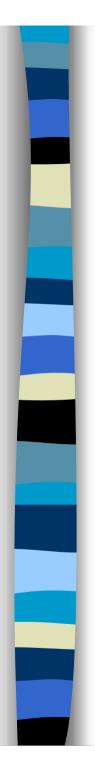












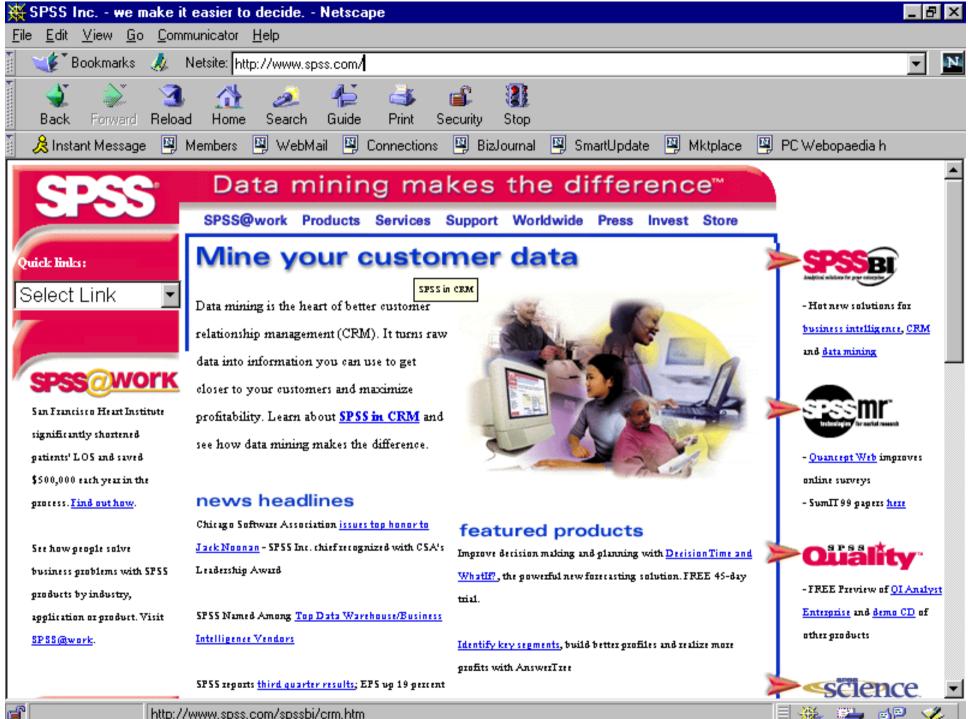
Data Analysis

Very important for researchers

A lot of data can be too much overwhelming

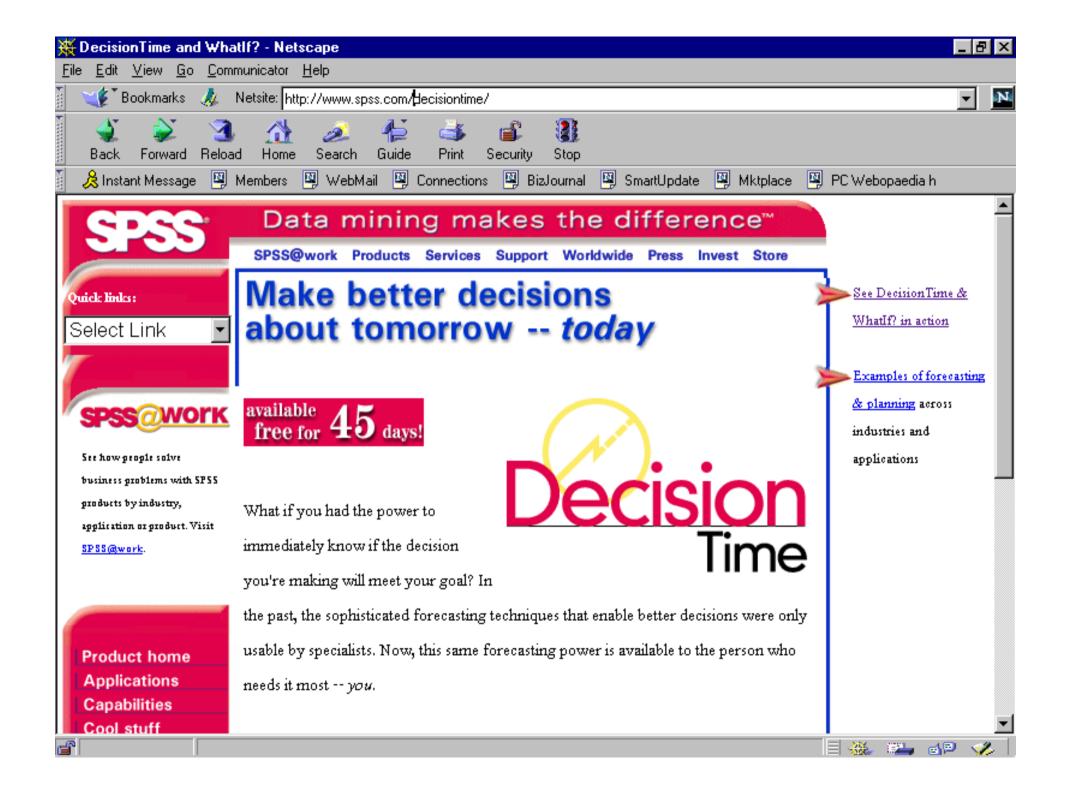
Need to analyze statistics and all the trends

Need statistical analysis software such as SPSS to obtain the right information quickly



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Simulation

Need to create a model to represent a real life situation

Model is tested to prove or disprove the concept behind the model development

If proved to be usable model is used to predict what will happen in real life

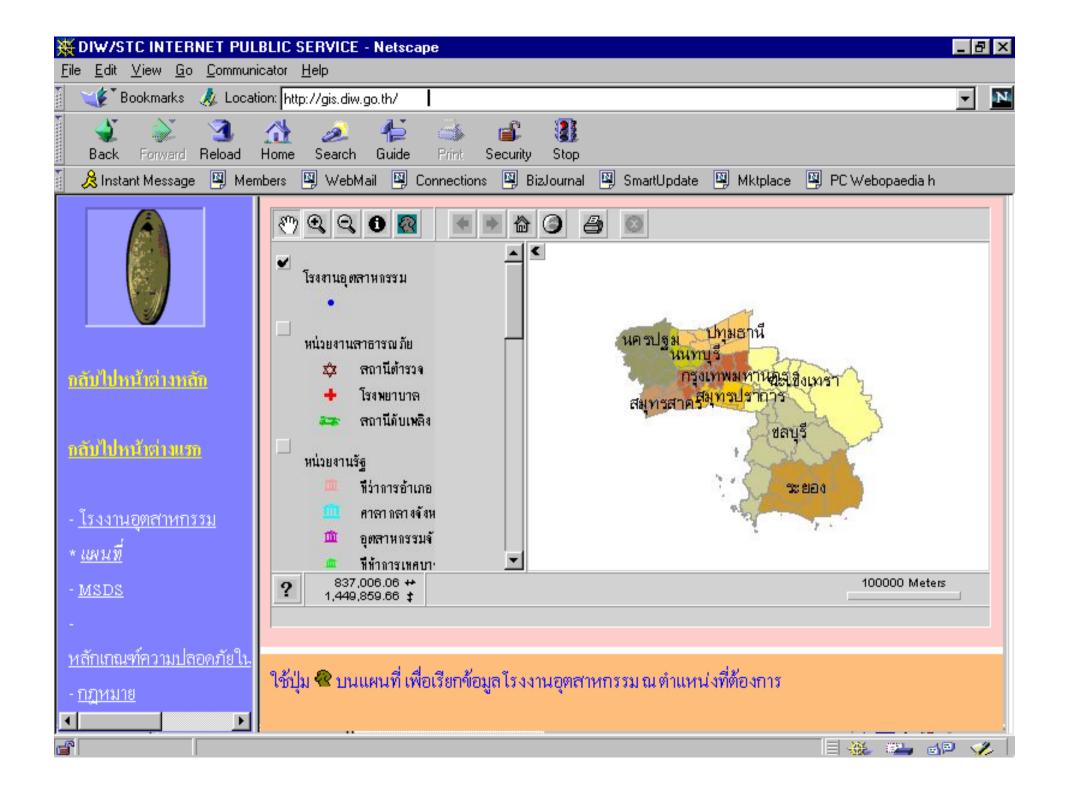
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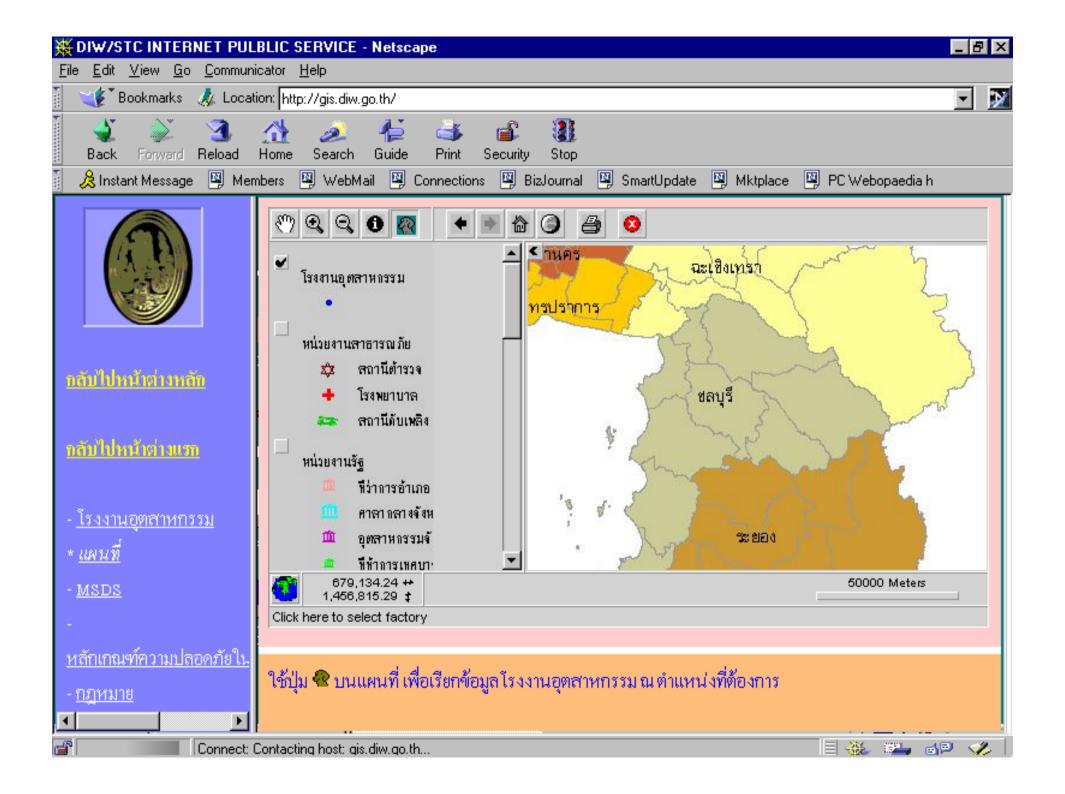
Dr. Sudhin Yoosook conducted dissertation on "Modelling the Dynamic Uptake of Carbon Monoxide by Human Body" at AIT in 83 His work deals with constructing a mathematical model representing how human body react with carbon monoxide and testing the model with the actual consumption of policemen

Geographic Information System

GIS is an application that combines the concepts of maps and databases.

Data used in GIS is spatial (ie., related to space)
GIS is used in more that 80 Thai departments
MOSTE is in charge of GIS promotion thru a national committee chaired by Perm. Secretary

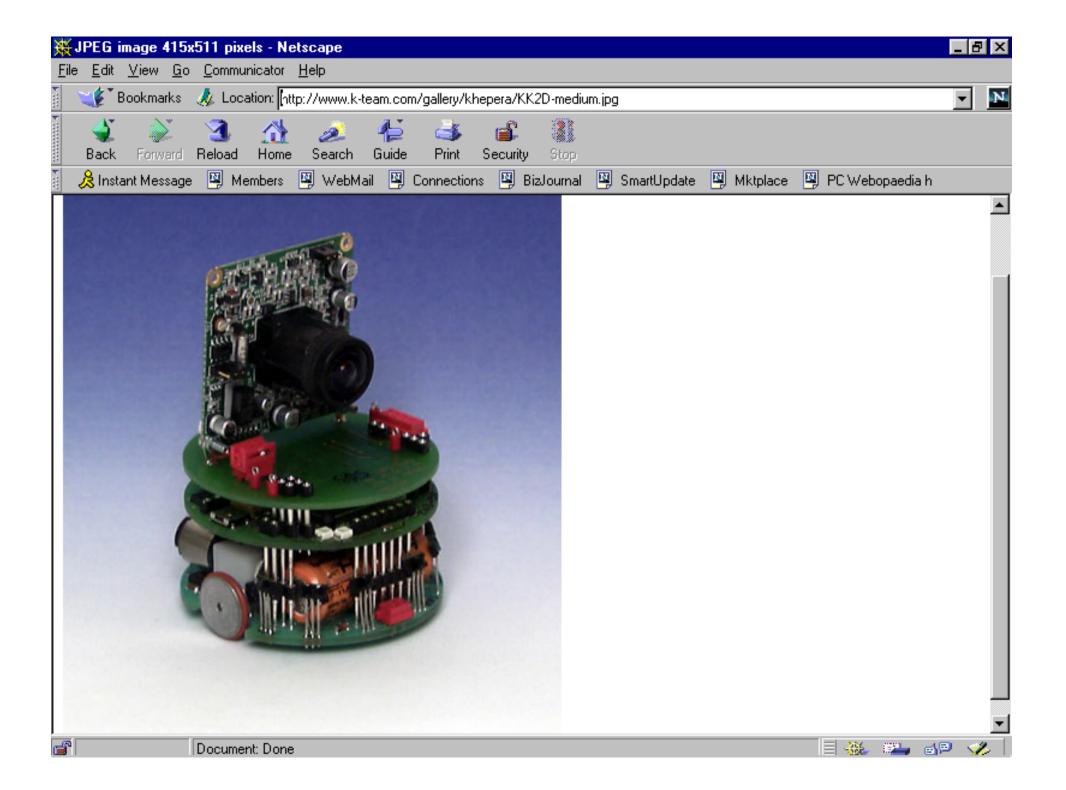


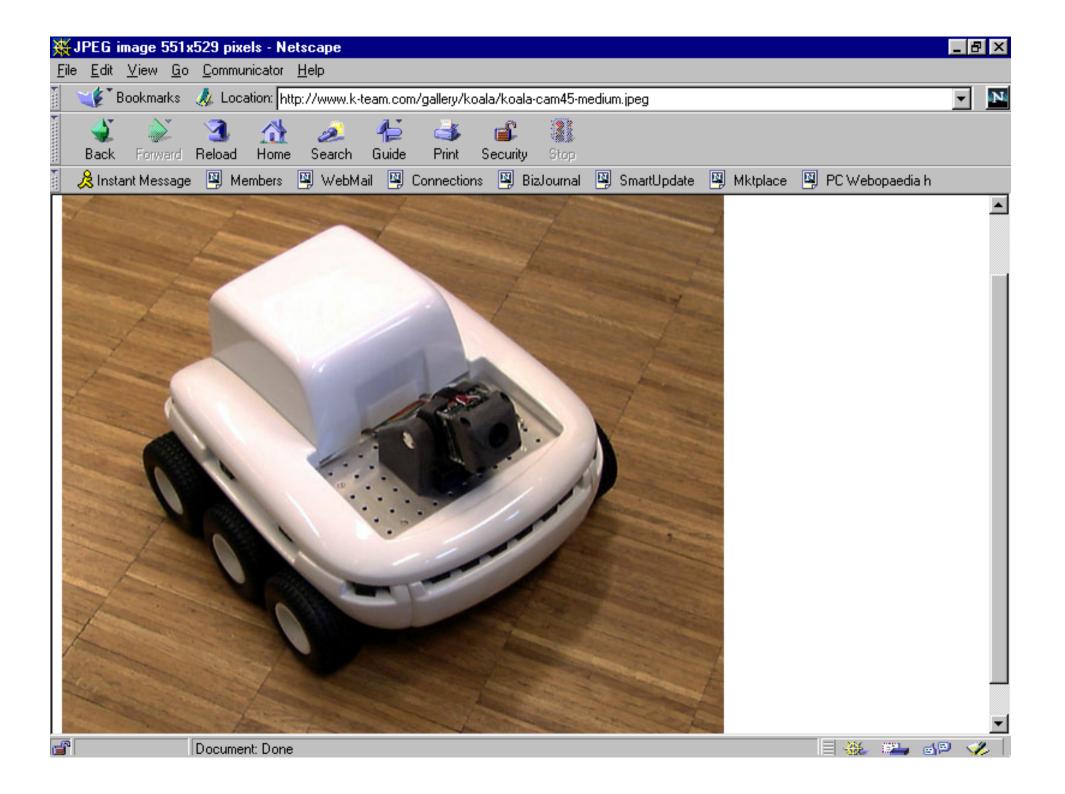


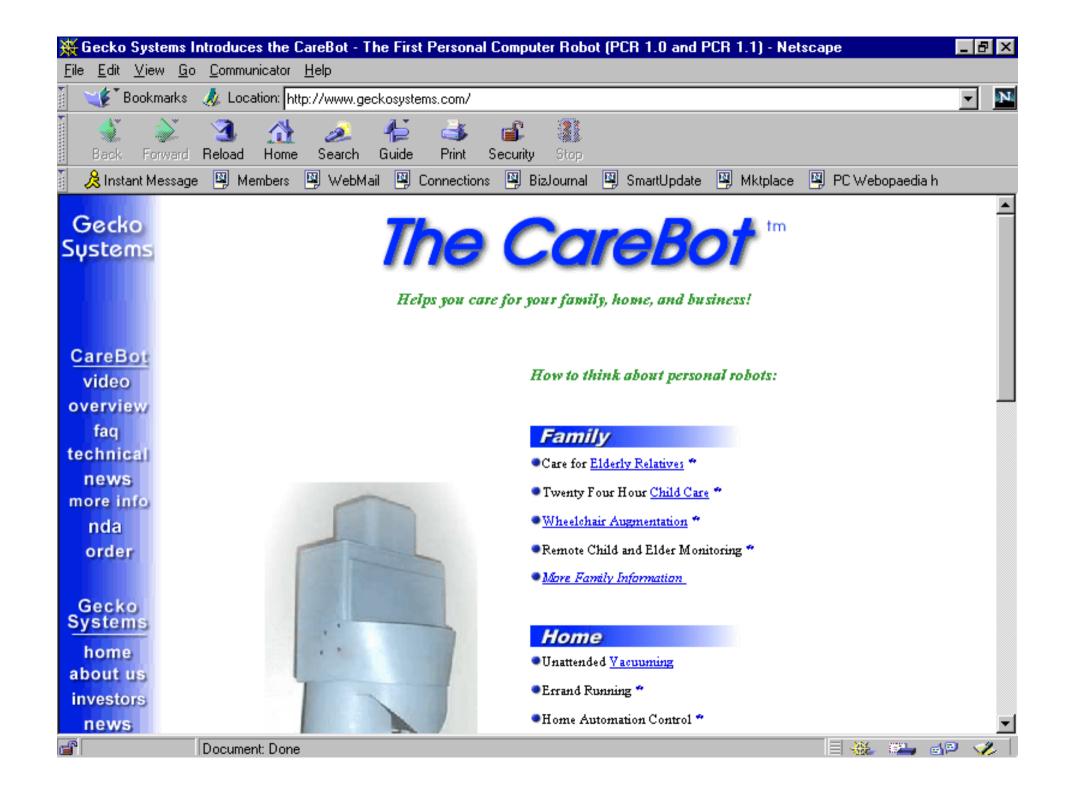
Automatic and Automated Systems

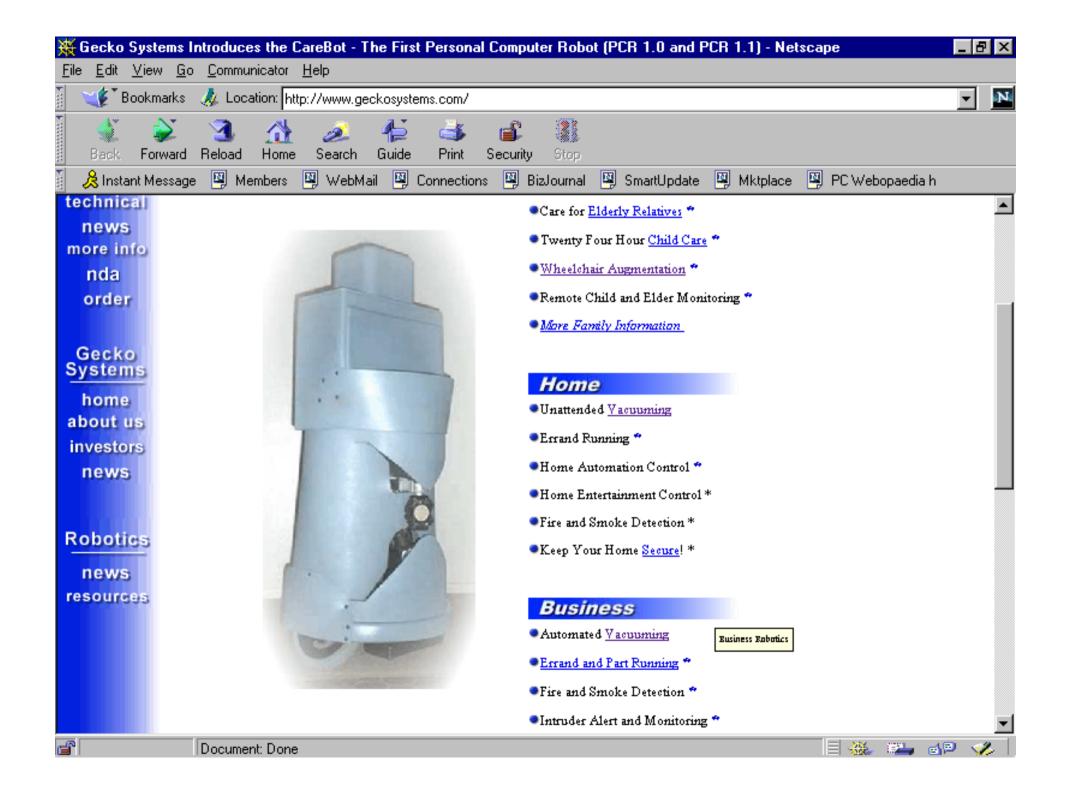
Automatic systems can be useful to monitor the environment. Example to measure the air pollution and water pollution and send data to the computers for recording

Automated systems can be robots that help in working in the hazardous area



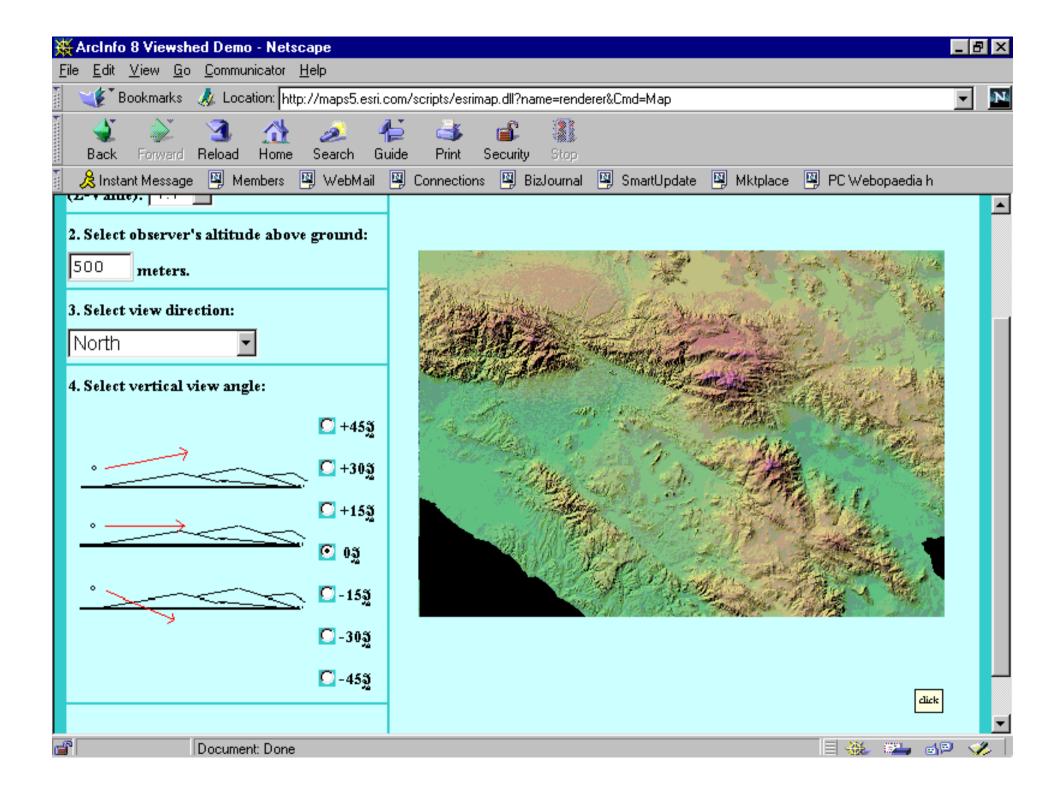


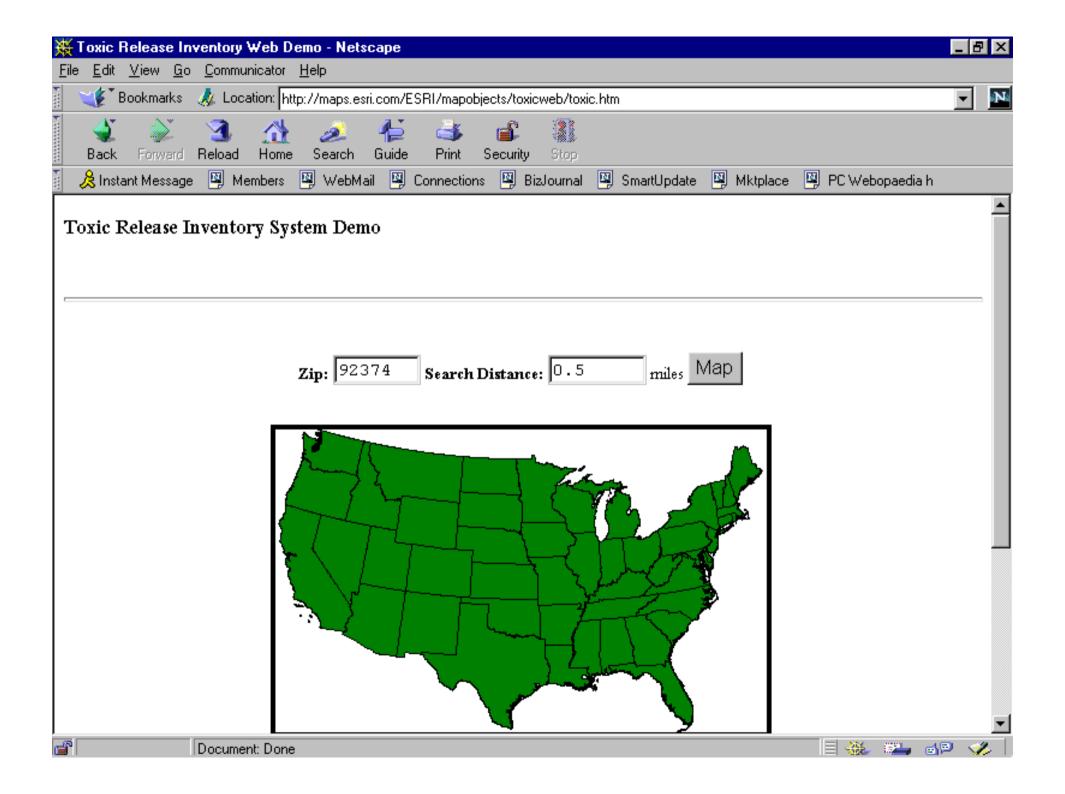




Remote Sensing Applications

- Closely related to GIS applications
- A means of obtaining top view of areas from sky
- Need a satellite to take photograph
- A lot or research is done at NRC
- Some uses in environmental medicine?







Applications in Environmental Medicine in Thailand

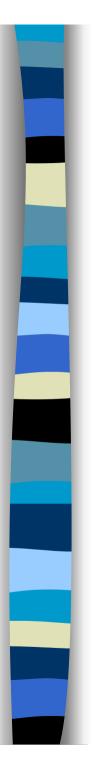
Medical Information Systems

Environmental Databases

Data Dissemination

Research

Others



Conclusion

Information Technology can be applied in environmental medicine

Major applications all require accurate data

Most important step is to define data and start systematic data collection

Internet is an important tool for information dissemination