Keynote presentation: visual portion?
by Will Stuivenga - Friday, 24 March 2006, 10:06 AM

I just listened to about half of what I assume was Robert McDonald's keynote address (I say assume, since there was no metadata associated with the download to indicate the speaker's name; I had to go search the site for the keynoter info, and since one was a woman, and one a man, and the one I listened to was a man's voice . . .) but the experience was somewhat disappointing in that he was including video and screen shots in his presentation, none of which could be included in the audio, obviously.

Will the visual part of his presentation be available at some point? I know, I should be patient. But one can't help wanting to participate while the conference is still underway and happening! To try and feel some of the experience of those who are actually there in person.

Re: Keynote presentation: visual portion?
by Charlene Barina - Friday, 24 March 2006, 04:29 PM

Hi Will,

Glad to see you're making use of this site. There are actually ID3v2 tags associated with this audio file which state the name of the speaker, the venue, and the date and "music" type, namely speech. Depending on how you listened to it, the data may not have shown up; I have listened to it with both Windows Media Player and iTunes and it popped up just fine with that info. If you wish, let me know what you are attempting to play the file with and I'll check it out.

In addition, per the website, the online component of the ER&L conference (the link is here) is to include selected audio and powerpoint presentations within 24 hours of the presentation, barring any technical issues. We decided to include the keynote, but as it was the first run of the system, the first part was truncated.

I think you will see that people are starting to post questions post-presentation as well as what has come before, so I don't think you're missing out on all of the experience. The presenters have promised to keep answering forum questions and in some cases are going to provide additional content once things wind down this weekend, so you're definitely still in the loop.

Thanks,
Charlene
I listened to the file with RealPlayer v. 10, which apparently is my system default for mp3 files. Normally I listen to things like CD's with the Windows Media Player. To be honest, I didn't think to look on the player for the metadata, so it may have been there. I guess I was expecting to see it on the Web site itself, so I'd know what/who I was listening to before I downloaded it.

Thanks for the tip, I'll look for the data in the player on the next one I listen to.

Do you expect to have any of the visual presentation files for the keynote?

I was in a hurry when I put that up - as we didn't originally have a section for the keynote - hence its vagueness. I'll change it to be a tad more descriptive...

I'll ask around about the visual end of things, but a big reason why we only did audio was because a lot of the files he used were own his personal (not the general presentation) machine and he skipped around a lot from format to format and things like that. I was in the other room prepping, so I actually didn't see it myself, and thus don't know what I missed 😞.