VISSOFT 2003

Wrap-Up…

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Comparison with last year

- Less of a focus on showing a system and less focus on discussing "what is software visualization"

Emerging themes this year

- More emphasis on:
  - Who are the stakeholders (programmers, testers, architects, managers, trainees/trainers)
  - What tasks does the visualization support
    - More focus on evolution
    - Understanding versus communication
  - Barriers to adoption
    - Usability of tools
    - Expertise required
    - "seamless integration" with existing tools

Emerging themes cont.

- Other observations
  - Diversity of tools
  - Static vs dynamic information
  - Customization issues
- Remaining challenges
  - 3D – when is it useful?
  - Should we have more roundtrip visualization?
  - Evaluation – how do we? Benchmarks?

Future VISSOFTs

- 2004?
- Offset with Softvis (conference)
  - vissoft focus is more of a working session (lightweight) with informal, interactive discussions and demonstrations
- We welcome feedback on this year's event