

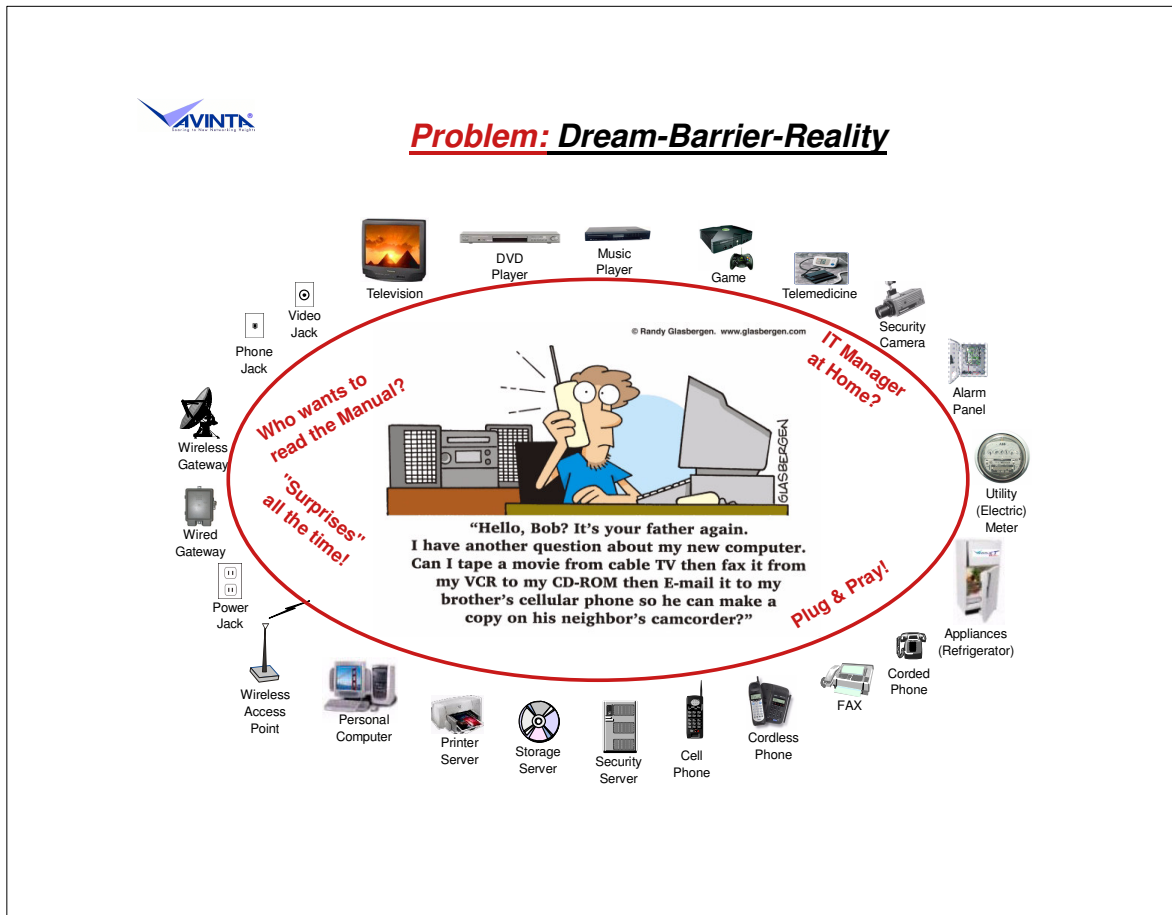


# Project Phoenix

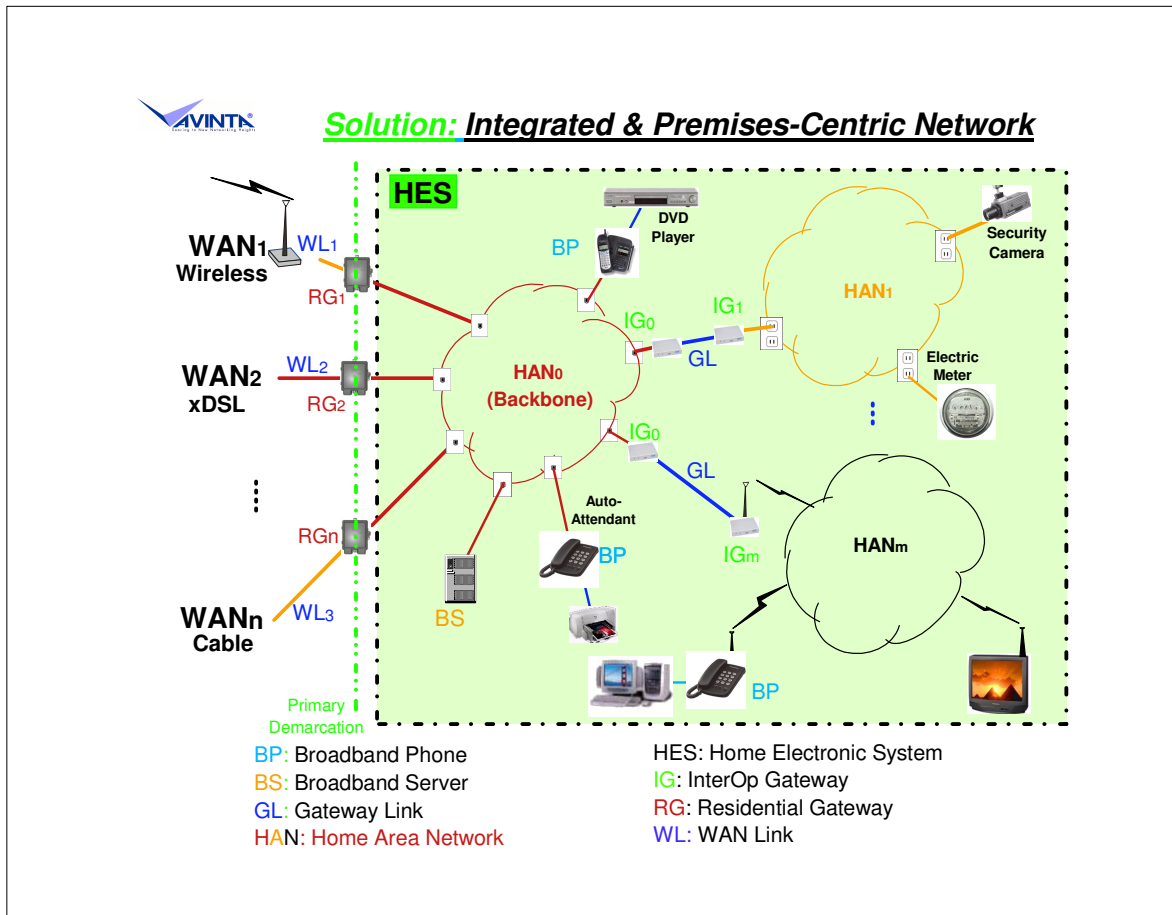
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- ▶ Home: Communications industry's ultimate challenge
  - Delivering vast and advanced applications –(data, voice, video, security, intelligent home.....)
  - Utilizing available networking media on premises (phone line, power line, wireless – each with shortcomings)
  - Satisfying consumer budget & Mom-and-Pop behavior (limited IT skills, demanding simplicity)
- ▶ Avinta Communications, Inc.
  - Premises network systems company
  - Provide advanced solutions that address market needs and promote technology potentials
    - Robust network architecture, technology integration, and system engineering disciplines
    - End-user-oriented philosophy and patented core technology suite
  - Develop best-of-breed product
    - Embracing new technology with proven product features and engineering disciplines
    - Synergized performance, accelerated maturation and time-to-market, enhanced user experiences, improved market response
- ▶ Project Phoenix
  - The Greek mythological Phoenix symbolizes “Rebirth of peerless beauty and excellence”
  - Our project emblem reflects our vision and commitment for new-generation premises networks
    - Converged services, enabling advanced HES (Home Electronic System)
    - Versatile, flexible, high-performance
    - Consumer-oriented
    - Low cost of ownership
- ▶ Presentation Outline
  - Problem & Solution (Problem Definition, Avinta Solution, Realization Example)
  - Avinta (Advantages, Core Technology, Market Strategy)
  - Technical Justifications (Product Block Diagram, Ethernet)



- ▶ Dilemma of today's Home Electronic System (HES)
  - The Good – The Bad – The Ugly
- ▶ The Good (The Dream)
  - Wide selection of home electronics products which are very effective in each of their own categories (i.e. TV/DVD/video games/entertainment systems) and affordable to the average household
  - Enormous application potentials
  - Sky's the limit
- ▶ The Bad (The Barrier)
  - While individual systems are effective on their own, they generally have to be operated separately,
  - Don't link to one another in a straightforward manner, are difficult to customize, and confusing to troubleshoot.
  - *Ad hoc* & non home-centric end-to-end mingled services
- ▶ The Ugly (The Reality)
  - Overwhelming propositions and confusions to consumers
  - Most products operate in isolation, without tapping into their true potential through interoperation.
- ▶ Broadband networking can be broken down to three general levels:
  - Infrastructural architecture
  - Medium and transport, then
  - Application and services
- ▶ Current offerings all emphasize on the last one by pulling parts of the first two to make the offering functional.
  - Without properly addressing the foundation, product or service falls apart as soon as any variation is desired by the consumer.
  - Worse yet, even troubleshooting abnormalities of a product itself is not straightforward, because they often lead to secondary issues.
  - These create a lot of TechSupport business opportunities which are actually very negative to consumer
  - Currently, consumers have been enduring these frustrations because they do not know of any alternatives.
- ▶ Avinta's approach starts from building a firm foundation.
  - Consistent universal architecture is decided (our patents).
  - Utilizes only capable transport technology (currently only HPNA3 qualifies) to verify that AvintaNET is realizable and compatible with current solutions.
  - As far as applications, any and every one can be built on top of AvintaNET afterwards. So that they are all transparent to AvintaNET.



► Solution

- Encompassing and flexible underlying premises platform
- Premises-centric architecture
- MaP (Mom-and-Pop)-friendly features & products

► Principles & Advantages

- Network demarcation: Clear & accountable service responsibilities, cooperative working relation, focused efforts
- Functional modularity: Product flexibility & interoperability
- User-centric products: Application-oriented & user experience

► Gateway Link (GL)

- Using InterOp Gateway (IG) pair, connects and integrates disparate HANs to form a more encompassing and versatile premises network
- Pair-wise integrations of several HANs
- IG0 can be eliminated, If GL and HAN0 use the same technology,
- Ethernet is the first candidate as the 'bridging' technology

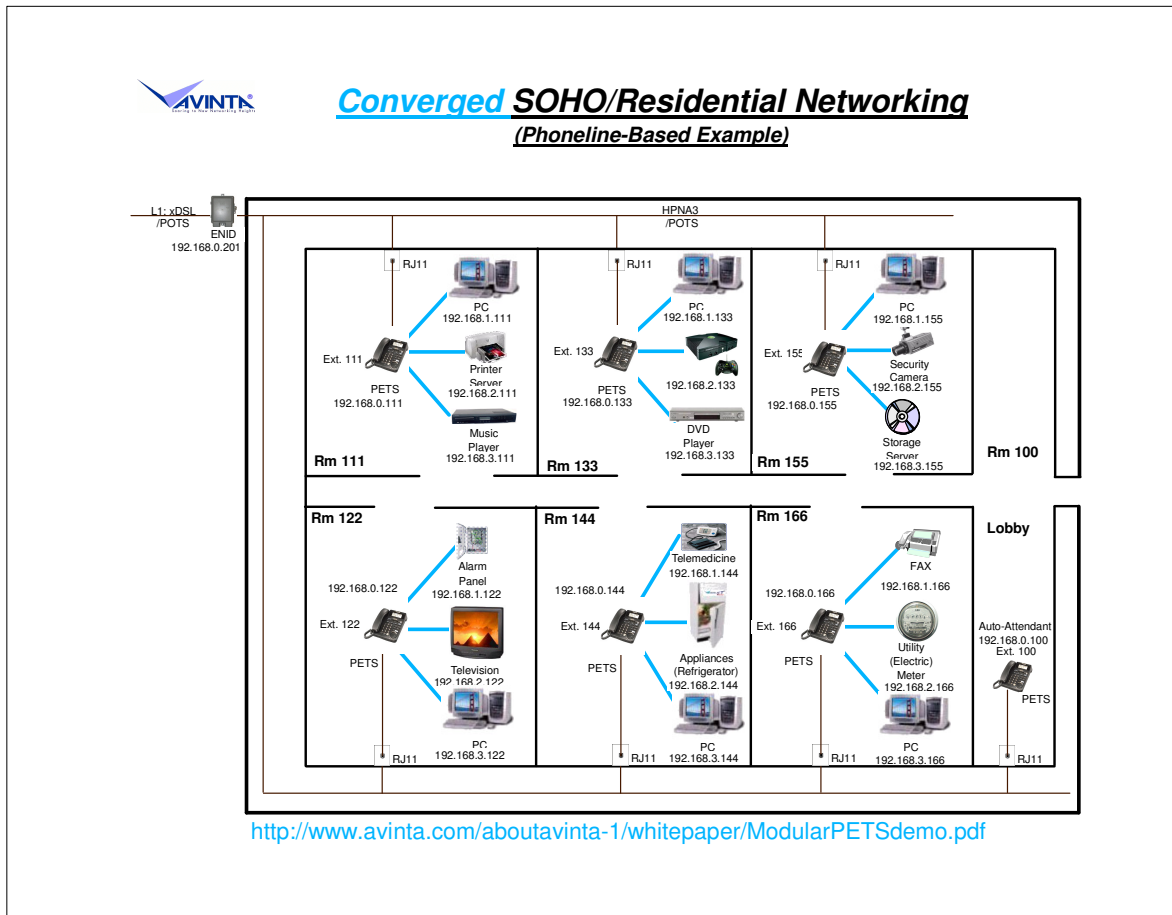
► Residential Gateway (RG)

- Serves as a gateway to WAN connectivity
- Secures domestic traffic from leaking to WAN
- Provides a demarcation of WAN service delivery & troubleshooting
- Multiple RGs coexist for additional bandwidth, performance, and redundancy

► Once each HAN can be treated as an isolated island yet easily interconnected via IGs when desired, consumer can feel assured by building a HES from any facility that is ready. Currently, HPNA3 and xDSL over phoneline is the first qualified combination.

► References:

- ISO/IEC FCD 15045-2 Residential Gateway Pt. 2 - Modularity and Protocol
- ISO/IEC CD 18012-2 Guidelines for Product Interoperability - Part 2
- ISO/IEC/SC25/WG1-N1139 Unifying HomeGate & Interoperability Models



- ▶ A typical home or small office would have any one of mixture of the following products:
  - Data: PC, Printer, Storage, Scanner, etc.
  - Voice: dPABX - Telephony, Intercom, etc.
  - Entertainment: Music, TV, DVD Player, Game, etc.
  - Home Automation: Security Alarm, Utility Meter Reading, Energy Management, Appliance Monitoring, etc.
  - Telemedicine: Vital Signs, Chemistry Balance, Medicine dosage, etc.
- ▶
- ▶ PETS (Plain Enhanced Telephone Set)
  - Multifunction device: analog phone + digital phone + distributed PABX + router
  - Deployed at each service locale
  - Interconnected via Cat-3 on-premises phone wiring
  - As a analog phone, provides lifeline service, dPABX, and basic network connectivity diagnostics
  - As a digital phone, permits multiple concurrent digital-mode phone calls with the provisioning of multiple digital channels over the broadband
  - As a router with multiple Ethernet ports, supports multiple End User Terminals (EUTs).
- ▶
- ▶ ENID (Enhanced Network Interface Device)
  - Residential Gateway for the converged premises network
  - Deployed at WAN-HAN service delivery & trouble shooting demarcation
  - Conventional NID + broadband networking modules
  - May be powered by Telco, hence extends lifeline service to broadband



### Advantages: AvintaNET

- Network Convergence
  - Voice & Data
  - Media Agnostic & Integration
- Premises-Centric Network Architecture
  - Data Security
  - Service Delivery Demarcation
- Mom-and-Pop Friendliness
  - Deployment: True Plug and Play (PnP)
  - Operation: Simple and Familiar (SnF)
  - Diagnosis: Quick and Easy (QnE)
  - Failure Recovery: Swap-and-Play (SnP)
- Investment Protection
  - Immune to EUT throughput upgrades
  - No related costs due to technology upgrade

- ▶ Network Convergence
  - Data & voice
  - Enhanced functions & features - dPABX
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- ▶ Premise-Centric Network Architecture
  - Agnostic to various home networking media (wired and wireless)
  - Enhanced premises network by integrating disparate HAN segments
  - Best-of-breed implementation with flexible deployment schemes
  - Data security through traffic isolation at HAN-WAN interface
  - Service demarcation for clear service delivery & troubleshooting responsibilities
  - Supporting CE, intelligent home networking, & advanced WAN applications
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- ▶ Mom-and-Pop Friendly
  - True PnP network deployment & reconfiguration
  - Patented IP addressing scheme for subgroup and locale treatment
  - Intuitive built-in diagnostic and performance measurement tools
  - Swap-and-play recovery upon equipment failure



### Core Technology: Avinta IP

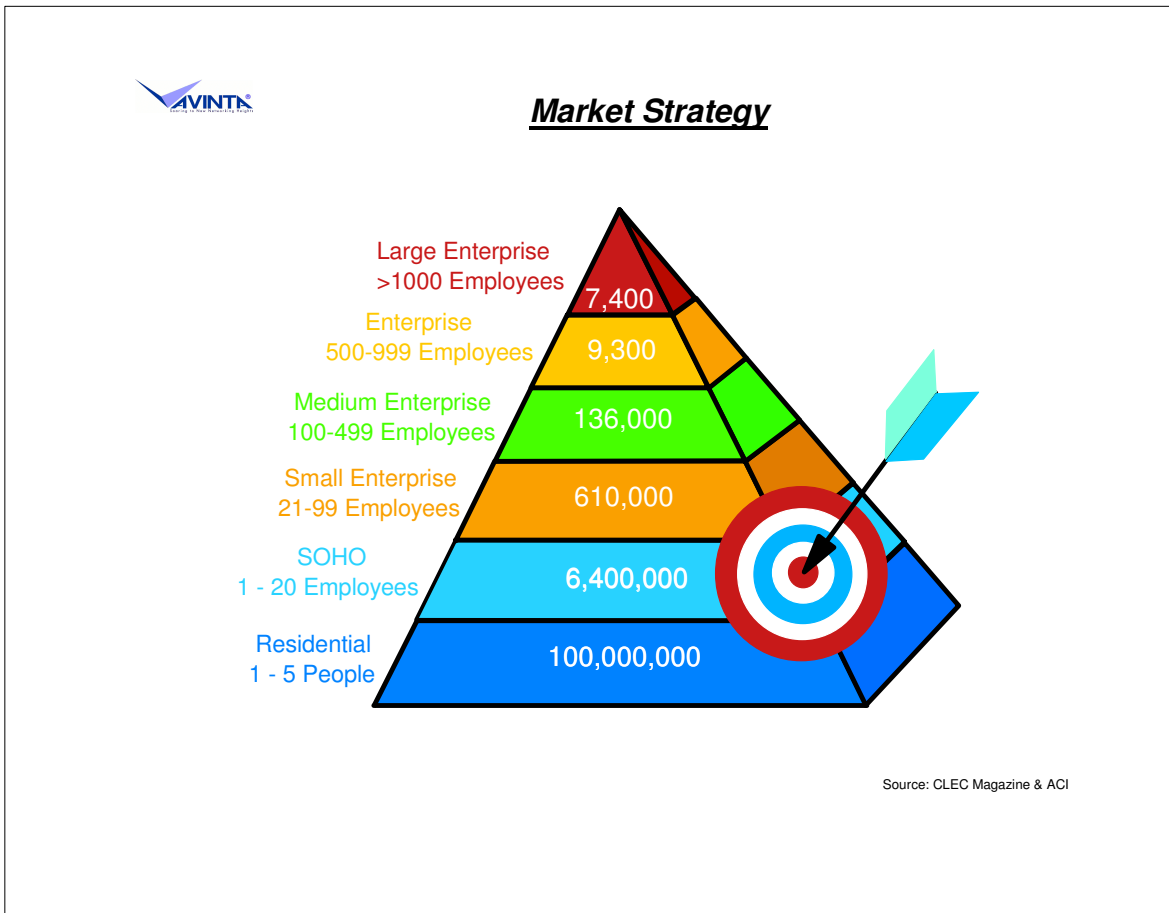
- Avinta's Suite of Closely Related Patents
  - Converged networking with unified demarcation (voice & data)
  - Unified workstation identification system (user-assignable)
  - Alternate/back-up WAN access
  - Distributed architecture
  - Built-in diagnosis (dPABX)
  - Enhanced subscriber control on call setup
  
- Enabling MaP-Friendly Premises Networking
  - Converged, integrated, premises-centric

#### ▶ Avinta IP:

- Suite of closely related patents collectively enabling converged, integrated, premises-centric, and Mom-&-Pop-Friendly networking
- ▶
- Station controller for distributed single line PABX  
US Pat. No. 5,596,631
  - Enabling distribute PABX
- ▶
- Unified distributed voice and data local area networking  
US Pat. No. 6,456,633
  - Signal multiplexing scheme enabling integrated data and quality voice communication via a common transmission medium
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- Alternate wide area network access facility for locally networked computing devices  
US Pat. No. 6,512,760
  - Use of backup gateways for WAN links
- ▶
- User settable unified workstation identification system  
US Pat. No. 6,721,790
  - Subgroup and locale treatment of a networking device via special IP addressing scheme
- ▶
- Unified voice and data networking having demarcation lines  
US Pat. No. 7,051,090
  - Enabling a converged network with diagnostic demarcations
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- Extended public switched telephone network architecture with enhanced subscriber control on call setup  
US Pat. No. 5,930,346
  - Expanding PSTN Numbering Plan

#### ▶ Patent status

- US: 6 awarded
- International: 3 awarded, 1 pending



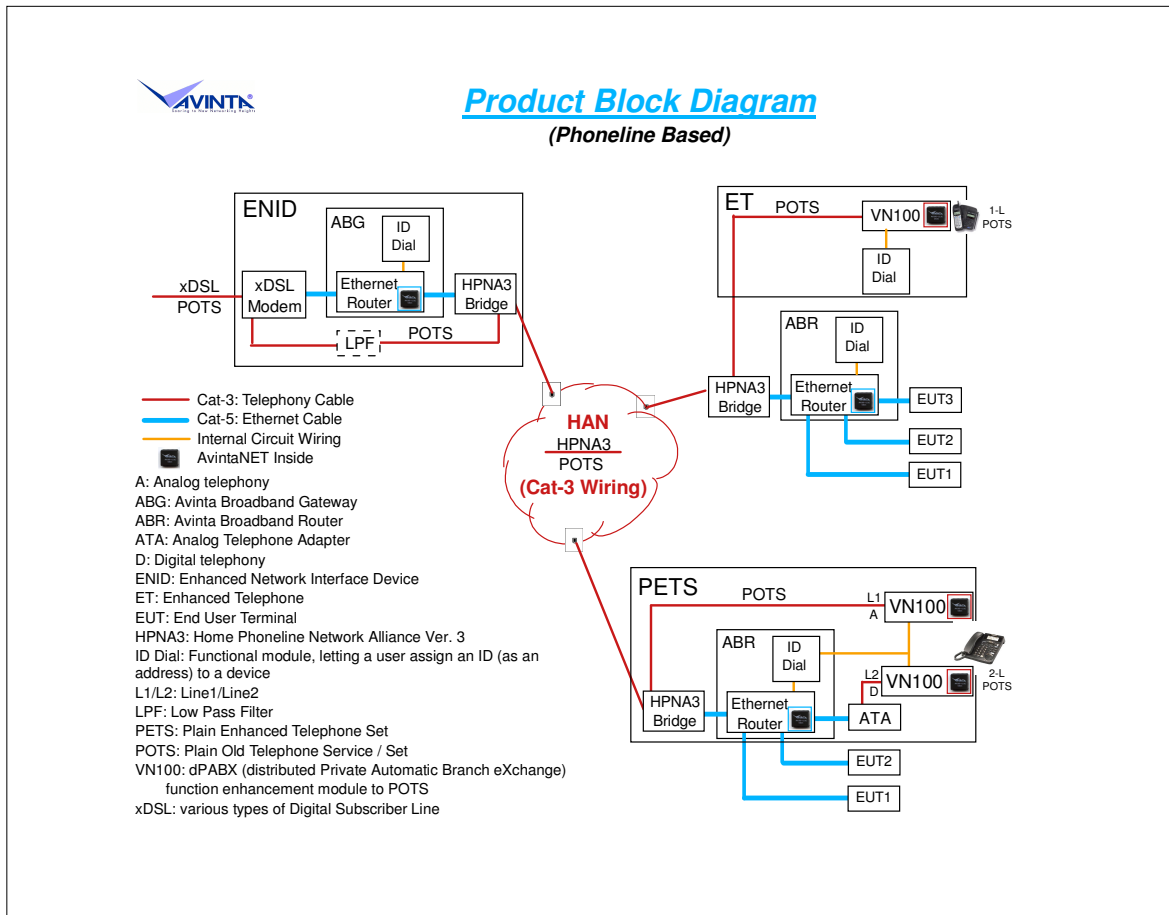
## ► Market Entry

- AvintaNET modules applicable to all market sectors
- Initial entry point: SOHO market that has the ideal mix of characteristics
  - Need to project professional image for competing against larger businesses
  - Cost justifiable as office expense
  - Like Residential, no resources for dealing with technical issues
  - Less reliance on named vendor compared to established business
  - More flexible to try new products
  - Less price-sensitive than pure Residential
- Expansion to Residential market after production ramp-up and cost-down
- Possible expansion to Small Enterprise and higher markets when transmission technologies become feasible

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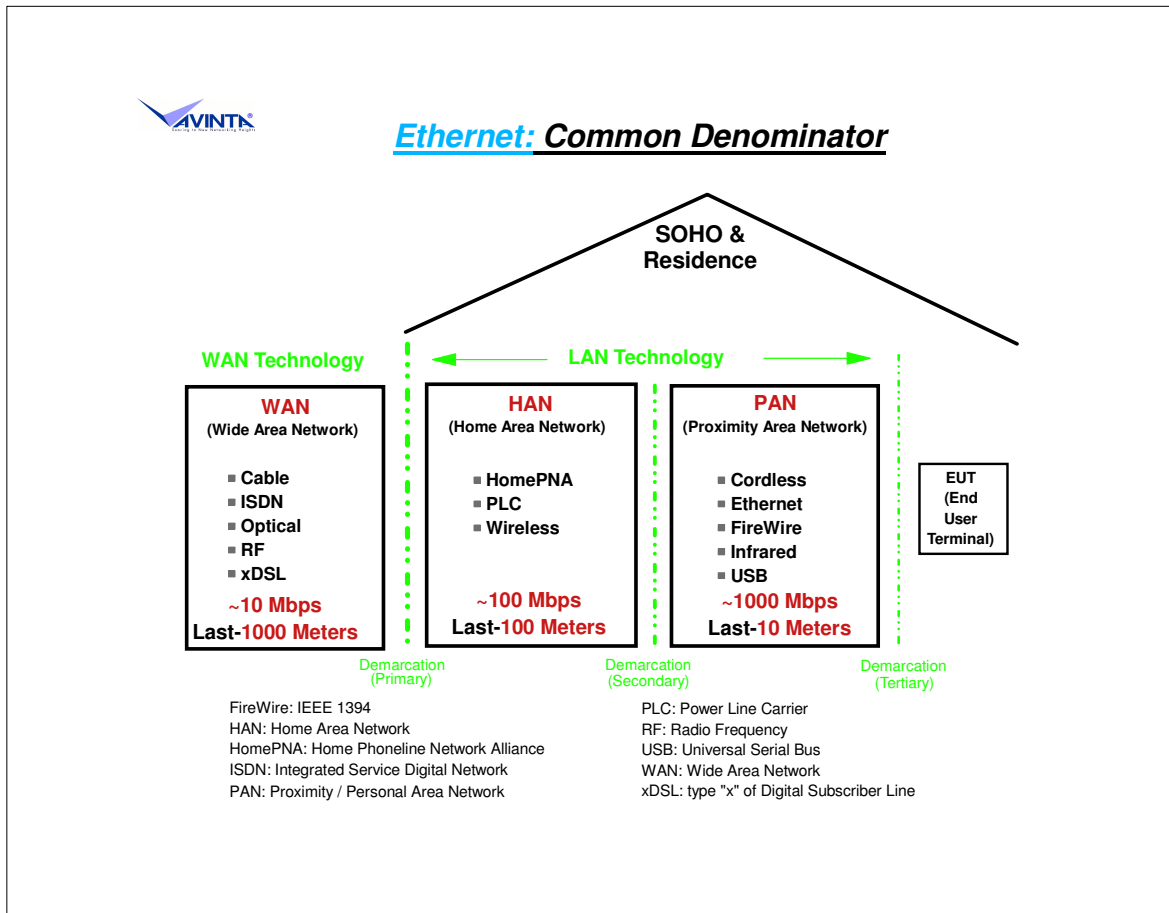
## ► Business Characteristics & Advantages

- Enables an on-premises networking business unregulated by government
- Build a follow-up profitable CE business over AvintaNET foundation



- ▶ ID Dial
  - Functional subsystem, letting a user assign an ID (such as a telephone extension number, room number or a personal code) to a device
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- ▶ ABR/ABG (Avinta Broadband Router/Gateway)
  - Ethernet router with built-in ID Dial capability
  - Deployed over HPNA3 network via an HPNA3 Bridge
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- ▶ ET (Enhanced Telephone)
  - POTS enhanced with VN100 and ID Dial to provide dPABX functions
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- ▶ PETS (Plain Enhanced Telephone Set)
  - Conventional 2-line POTS incorporating broadband data modules (VN100, ABR/HPNA3 Bridge, and ATA), in its original housing
  - Provides converged services (video, data, analog and digital telephony, dPABX) over a single pair of phone line
- ▶
- ▶ ENID (Enhanced NID)
  - Conventional NID (Network Interface Device) incorporating broadband data subsystems (xDSL Modem, ABG, HPNA3 Bridge), in its original housing
  - Functions as a RG for WAN service demarcation
  - Low-Pass Filter (LPF) provides a signal path for analog POTS
  - ABG provides a path for broadband data and enforces data security between HAN and WAN





- ▶ Home Area Network (HAN) characteristics:
  - Arbitrary-topology, multi-drop, peer-to-peer, behind-the-wall wiring, and uniform-interface device, etc.
- ▶ WAN-HAN-PAN Architecture
  - PAN: Forming a subgroup for devices within a locale for ease of management
  - HAN: Forming the premises network that internally interconnects PANs for local sharing, and externally connects to WANs for WAN services
  - WAN: Connecting to HAN via Residential Gateways to deliver services to the premises
  - Primary Demarcation: Clarifies WAN service delivery accountability and troubleshooting responsibility
  - Secondary and tertiary Demarcations: Enable modular substitutions for straightforward diagnostics
  - Available bandwidth capacities under this architecture fit well with application requirements
- ▶ Ethernet advantages as the "bridging" technology
  - Agnostic to transmission medium
  - High throughput performance
  - Low cost
  - Simple & matured technology
  - Ubiquitous and pervasive installed base
  - Available on most HAN devices and PCs
  - Adapter between Ethernet and each WAN, HAN and PAN technology commercially available
- ▶ Note:
  - Physical Ethernet cables (Cat-5 and up), unless prewired within walls, should be confined within short distance due to personal safety concerns