



FINISH LINES

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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

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Ten years have passed since an idea became a company and a system of technology that is now familiar to so many.

The company formally started in a rented room in a house on a quiet residential street in Woburn. A move to a building near by had Lynx in its first real office space. Lynx moved again a few years later, two miles from that rented room, to a larger space to accommodate the growing company.

On this anniversary, we want to take the opportunity to thank you for your ideas, your stories and your support over these last ten years. We only hope that the next ten will be as exciting as the first.

Nora

AIRLYNX

More a state of mind than a product.

Over the last couple of years Lynx has been adding more and more wireless solutions and options to our product lines. A name that has kept cropping up in this arena is AirLynx, and a lot of people are wondering – as they often do when we come out with a new product – “Where can I buy an AirLynx?” The answer is, “You can’t.”

The technical press is full of discussions of WiFi technology, and terms like 802.11b, 802.11a, Blackberry, etc. are flying around. It can get very confusing; but what the engineers at Lynx have done is ensured that your results network can be enhanced by one or more wireless products or wireless options with the confidence that products under the AirLynx umbrella do what our products do best – link together seamlessly. In the case of AirLynx, it is the wireless connectivity that links the systems.

Continue reading to find out more about three recent events that have demonstrated the power and applicability of a whole range of Lynx products that are components of the AirLynx mindset.



PENN RELAYS

ClerkLynx delights more than 125,000 fans.

The ClerkLynx technology that saw its debut in 2001 at Penn

took off in a big way this year. Glen McMicken and Rick Berryman were down at the corral armed only with a pair of wireless Handera units running the application.

In the course of the meet over 22,000 athletes were assigned to lanes using ClerkLynx. This information was sent wirelessly to FinishLynx, to scoreboards via SerialLynx, and by cable to other boards, where athlete names and results were displayed; a revolutionary practice at Penn. It was a flawless performance that greatly enhanced the quality of the meet, especially for the biggest Penn Relays crowd ever on Saturday - 50,827.

NCAA DIV 1 CHAMPIONSHIPS

RadioLynx to the rescue.

This blue ribbon event of the collegiate Track and Field calendar was held in Baton Rouge on the campus of LSU in June. The Bernie Moore stadium has one of the finest results infrastructures in the nation: there is in-ground cabling at all finish lines for power, start signals and Ethernet networks for cameras.

However, on day two of the meet even this high quality installation was brought to its knees when the torrential rains took down

one of the start signal circuits. For the rest of the meet, the backup system received start signals from RadioLynx. At the end of the meet, RadioLynx had proved its reliability and accuracy beyond question: every start was received and every athlete's time corresponded to 1/1000th of a second.

At the same time, AirCyber was providing instantaneous wireless results, qualification information and rankings on a compatible wireless PDA unit to any of the Division I coaches who had contacted Kevin McGill. It was ‘thanks’ to AirCyber that the Stanford SID learned that Olympian Gabe Jennings had missed the finals of the 1500 meters for the first time in four years.

USA OUTDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Announcer Heaven.

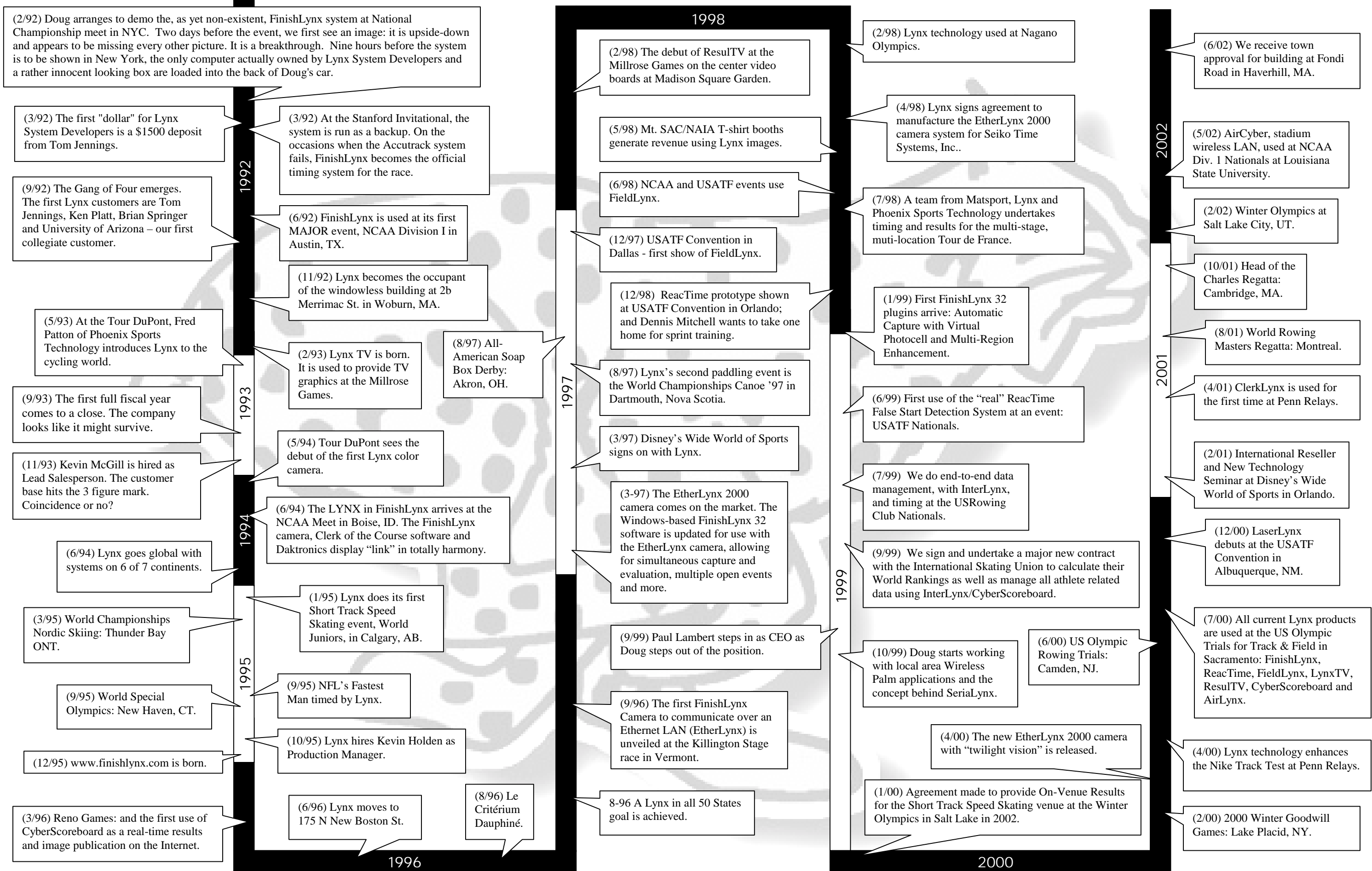
With some of the fastest athletes in the world competing in Palo Alto, all concerned appreciated the simplicity of the wireless ReactTime setup.

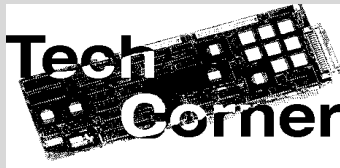
With less than fifty seconds to clear the blocks from lanes 1, 2, and 3, the block crew appreciated the fact that they did not have to deal with trailing cables. ReactTime also provided the starters with audio communication to the blocks and reliable data to help them evaluate the fairness of the starts.

While the races were going on down on the track, Scott Davis, the meet announcer, maximized the



information he was getting wirelessly from the Hammer site outside the stadium. Thanks to the information that the wireless FieldLynx/SerialLynx combination was displaying on the infield display boards, Scott was able to provide the packed stadium with constant updates on the progress of the competition – even though it was taking place almost ¼ mile away.





IR Filter

Do you own a 5L200 camera? We discovered in late May that the label on the sliding filter on the front of this camera did not match up with the documentation. The label used to read "Natural - Artificial" and now reads "Low Light - Normal".

All cameras are shipped with the filter in, i.e. the position best suited for normal light situations. You should only slide the filter out for low light situations.

If you have any questions, or would like me to send you a new label for your camera, please contact me by phone or email at nora@finishlynx.com.

FINISHLYNX HALL OF FRAMES

FAMILIAR IMAGE

Not just a moment in time at the 1997 Mt. SAC Relays, but a part of the continuing story.



Many of you will be familiar with this Lynx image of the Boys 3000M as the sample .evn file that comes with your FinishLynx 32 software. You may have evaluated, cropped, zoomed in and out, enhanced, and reworked the results fields as you began to learn the software. 1997 was the year of the EtherLynx 2000 camera and much has happened at Lynx since then. And for these athletes? We did a search on CyberScoreboard to see if we could pick up the trail on the athletic achievements of these young men. We found #16, David Rodriguez, running for Georgetown. Brad Hansen, #12, ran for Auburn University. Paul Wellman, #7, ran for UC Davis and #2, Tony Trueba competed for Azusa Pacific University.

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