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Project Athena differs significantly from plans announced earlier by Carnegie-Mellon University to develop with IBM a "friendly" operating system, Wilson noted. "We can't possibly do what we're doing and what Carnegie-Mellon's doing," he explained. "We want to have resources here so that people can try things and managers are studying new ways to help them visualize dynamic models."

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