IBM’s RealThing series

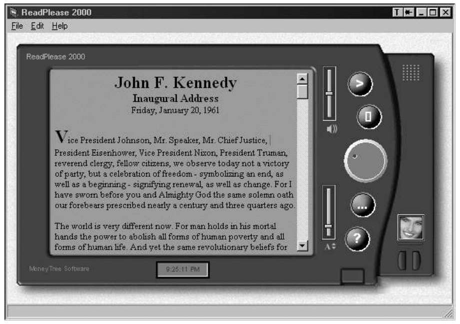
IBM RealPhone

- to avoid “ruining the metaphor”:
  - there is no explicit control button (to activate the call you have to click on the handset)
  - there aren’t the usual windows controls: OK, they are not “real” but they have become a standard!
- the system’s functionality is limited just because it is modelled after a real phone (e.g. there are only 10 speed numbers)

Similarly problematic:

IBM RealCD

The metaphor of a plastic CD case for a digital audio system



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The metaphor of the hand-held personal data assistant (PDA) for a speech processing system: apart from the functionalities, in this case the problem is the *source*!!