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Ex-Meta Exec Founds Cape Visions

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Robert Shapiro, who recently resigned as CEO of [Meta Software](#), has founded a new business, [Cape Visions Inc.](#) of Cambridge, Mass.

Cape Visions is developing Web-based graphics technology to help managers visualize business processes and data. The software will be designed to allow managers to collect production statistics, present them graphically, support operational analysis and forecast hypothetical business scenarios.

Shapiro said, "E-business has accelerated the deployment of workflow systems and the need for Web-based management of these systems. Cape Visions will focus on providing analysis and visualization software to this marketplace, and rely on our partners to provide product customization services."

Meta Software's new CEO, Bob Seltzer, said his company welcomed the formation of Cape Visions by Shapiro and other ex-Meta employees.

Meta, a 15-year-old Cambridge business that makes modeling and simulation software, has recently scaled back its business to focus on back-office operations of banks and other financial institutions.

Seltzer said, "Cape Visions will be better positioned than Meta to exploit the workflow management business given our recent decision to narrow our focus."

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Cape Visions' first major product, Vision Manager, is scheduled for release in 2001.

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