

Revision of Draft Final Contract Report/The Initials RL work.

The problem with the initial RL2 arose because Major Logan somehow was entered twice. Some time ago we cleaned out the second entry. RL works now and should continue to work.

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As you know we mailed an advanced draft of the contract report on June 10th.

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Jim Norton told me you have some comments which can be included in revision. I look forward to seeing them.

2a

You can find our present plans for revision in (journal,10758,).

2b

DVN 26-JUN-72 16:28 10856

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(J10856) 26-JUN-72 16:28; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. van Nouhuys/DVN;
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Nouhuys/DLS JCN PR DVN; Sub-Collections: RADC; Clerk: DVN;
Origin: <VANNOUHUYS>J2RBMS.NLS;1, 26-JUN-72 16:24 DVN ;

Net Status file backup procedure?

Dick,

Since the nls commands necessary to access and list the Server Site Status file would be simple and stable, the backup sites should not have very much trouble writing programs which would automatically call-up, enter and list the status files and place the info in their own files.

I do not see any problem in having the programs use the logger circuit, over the net, and appear to the nic like a regular user listing the status file.

Am I missing some procedural problem?

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DHC 26-JUN-72 17:44 10857

Net Status file backup procedure?

(J10857) 26-JUN-72 17:44; Title: Author(s): David H. Crocker/DHC;
Distribution: Richard W. Watson/RWW; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: DHC;

Request change in permanent-job ranking so they print last in response to TENEX Exec's SYS command

Smokey, Jim, et. al.: when I do a SYS in EXEC, to see who is on, I find myself getting increasingly irritated by having to wait for the system jobs to be listed before I get to the people. I'd like to see the people listed first, and the others listed last, so that I could d a Control-C and quit when I've seen what I want. Seems to me that most of the times that this function is called from the EXEC the caller would have the same preference. Can you consider some way in which the order of listing is changed -- or else educate me on accepting the current order because in most cases that is what the user would rather have? Thank you in advance. Doug.

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DCE 26-JUN-72 18:02 10858

Request change in permanent-job ranking so they print last in
response to TENEX Exec's SYS command

(J10858) 26-JUN-72 18:02; Title: Author(s): Douglas C.
Engelbart/DCE; Distribution: James C. Norton, Donald C. Wallace, James
E. White, Charles H. Irby, Kenneth E. Victor, William R. Ferguson,
Richard W. Watson/JCN DCW JEW CHI KEV WRF RWW; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC;
Clerk: DCE;

Interrupt

hi, cindy;

I got the output processor guide. thanx. If (when) you get a chance, may I also get a copy of the Content Analyzer users guide and the L-10 user guide?

I will be more than haappy to do the bursting of the output. No need for you to hassle with that kind of stuff for this kind of stuff. (I know what I just typed, but what did I just type?)

Anyhow, thanx. D/

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Interrupt

(J10859) 26-JUN-72 19:25; Title: Author(s): David H. Crocker/DHC;
Distribution: Cindy Page/CXP; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: DHC;

A Message for Stan

It is 9:30 and I still have not received your message. Will try
again
tomorrow. Your author copy was there however. Arnie

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AMO 26-JUN-72 19:32 10860

A Message for Stan

(J10860) 26-JUN-72 19:32; Title: Author(s): Arnold M. Ostebee/AMO;
Distribution: Stanley Cohen/SC; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: AMO;

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Controlled Experiment (AHI) 9 SEP 71

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From: Frank Tomaini

1a

To: D. Stone

1b

It has been suggested that ISC be constrained to function within present Standard Operational Procedures for Administration and Management, while ISI be allowed to experiment with SRI (AHI) techniques and comparative evaluations be made. It is directed that this suggestion be transformed to a controlled experiment within the following guidelines:

1c

ISI will have to maintain parallel SOPs.

1c1

That the plan not be scheduled for implementation until after installation of the ARPA Net or 1 January 1972, whichever is later.

1c2

That the Division (IS) be involved through the planned utilization of Mrs. Kobos and/or Miss DeConde.

1c3

That the time between now and the availability of the ARPA Net be utilized for training IS and ISI subjects.

1c4

It is requested that a date for the plan and its presentation to IS and ISI Management be established by 15 Sep 71.

1d

IMLAC 26 Aug 71

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to: J. McNamara, D. Stone

2a

From: F. Tomaini

2b

We should not proceed with procurement of IMLACs in parallel.

2c

Let's go all out for the ARPA approach:

2d

Prepare brief work statement for amendment to existing ARPA/SRI contract.

2d1

Call and then visit ARPA (Larry Roberts) to persuade him to issue the direction to RADC to accomplish the proposed work statement.

2d2

It would be great if ARPA would partially or totally fund the effort- but not necessary. RADC will fund. Larry Roberts can include words like--"Request that RADC

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participate in the evolutionary intergeration of Augmented Intellect Techniques into the Air Force environment through the expenditure of resources in support of the following change to the SRI contract:

2d3

-----"change X"-----

2d4

This approach will get us involved and, hopefully, allow SRI to obtain IMLACs and modems for us.

2d5

Only if this approach fails should we then pursue the 300 series and PMR route.

2d6

Quick reaction is important.

2d7

DLS 27-JUN-72 7:04 10861

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(J10861) 27-JUN-72 7:04; Title: Author(s): Duane L. Stone/DLS;
Sub-Collections: RADC; Clerk: DLS;
Origin: <STONE>GUIDE.NLS;1, 28-APR-72 8:15 DLS ;.

BMS DEVELOPMENT

DLS*27-JUN-72 7:08 10862

BMS DEVELOPMENT

TITLE: Baseline Management System Development

ENGINEER: D Stone ISIM 7834

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this effort is to develop a management system based on the use of NLS for ISI, which will reflect the basic direction of each effort within the branch, and exercise and debug it prior to the controlled evaluation.

REQUIREMENTS: This effort is required before the effect of AHI technology on team performance can be evaluated in the FY-73 controlled evaluation.

APPROACH: This effort will be carried out in-house using th NLS system. Assistance from SRI will be given in the programing area as required. The development will be evoloutionary in the sence that initial BMS operations will be performed using the available commands of NLS--later content analyzer packages will be written to facilitate extensive reformatting and viewing operations--still later a sub set of BMS commands will be devised to allow direct insertion, deletion, and updating of BMS data.

EFFORTS: This effort will involve the design of the BMS within ISI to include:

- the file system

- the file format

- the internal (to NLS) proceeedures for updating and linking

- the external SOPs

- the analyzer-formatter programs

- and the individual roles and responsibilities within ISI.

The end products will be documentation describing the system, SOPs and definition of the training requirements.

RELATIONSHIP: This effort is dependent upon the ARPA Network task (lawrence,netsk), the terminal effort (stone,term) to provide the facilities for accessing SRI economically with multiple terminals. It will also require that certain individuals become trained in the basic use of NLS commands before it can be exercised.

MILESTONES:

effort OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP

BMS DEVELOPMENT

-----1--2-----3---4--->

1. BMS initial design complete
2. begin use of BMS within AHI group, Mac and FT.
3. revised system design and SOP's for branch.
4. begin use of BMS within branch

MANNING:

BMS DEV	APR					MAY				JUN				
wk	02	09	16	23	30	06	13	20	27	05	12	19	26	comp
DLS	02	.4	.4	.4	.3	.3	.3	.3	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	4mm
TFL	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	2mm
RBP	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.4	.4	3mm
JPC	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.3	.3	.3	.3	2mm

DOLLARS:

STATUS:

APR Planned:

Meet with SRI at RADC to go over existing ISI/BMS design. Try to find out in more detail what SRI considers to be their BMS and if there is any way we can take advantage of their software--I expect that there is not too much overlap since ISI is not working on a single system and much of the work is not done in-house. Meet with RBP and JPC to determine the overlap between IDS and BMS.

MAR Accomplished:

No work was done this month on BMS except to discuss the system with AHI troops. There may be a basic incompatibility between BMS and the work RPB is doing for Frank I.

MAR Planned:

Complete BMS design and brief to IS and ISI. Need prior to complete definition of evaluation effort.

FEB Planned:

BMS DEVELOPMENT

Complete the BMS design and brief it to ISI and IS.

JAN Accomplished:

The file designs for BMS were completed, however the procedures for implementing it within ISI have yet to be worked out in detail.

JAN Planned:

The BMS document should be completed and coordinated through at least ISIM. The definition of files and their format should be finalized.

DEC Accomplished

Discussions were held within the AHI group on the procedures within the branch that would allow a BMS for ISI to operate most effectively. The BMS design document was started.

SUMMARY:

Title: BMS DEVELOPMENT

Dollars: 00

Manyears: 1.0

Type: in-house

Symbol: ISIM

Name: D. Stone X7834

BMS DEVELOPMENT

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Sub-Collections: RADC RBMS; Clerk: DLS;
Origin: <STONE>BMSEFF.NLS;1, 17-APR-72 7:22 DLS ;

AHI TERMINALS

TITLE: AHI Terminals

ENGINEER: D Stone ISIM 7834

OBJECTIVE: The objective of this effort is to evaluate commercially available terminals in order to specify the most cost effective configuration for RADC/ISI and potential user populations.

REQUIREMENTS: This effort is required to allow specification and purchase of terminals and related peripherals for phase 1 and phase 2 evaluations of AHI at RADC and for eventual application within Air Staff and other user organisations.

APPROACH: The approach will be to closely follow the surveys and compendiums of terminals in trade magazines, to coordinate with the Display Branch, and finally to procure and evaluate specific terminals. The evaluation will be aimed at uncovering the functions that can be best performed at the terminal vs the CPU and at describing the text manipulation activities that are best performed using CRTs, teleprinters, line printers, and off-line cassette recorders.

EFFORT: This effort involves the initial purchase of state-of-the-art terminals which are readily compatible with the NLS system via the ARPA Net. A mix of CRT, teleprinter, and off-line cassette recorders will be used to train participants in the phase I evaluation and to elicit any problems encountered with the specific terminals purchased. The CRT terminals will be general purpose, ie. programmable and hence capable of emulating a wide range of commercially available terminals. They will also be used to evaluate which functions can most appropriately be assigned to the terminal and which should be handled by the CPU in a highly interactive environment. The end products of this effort will be a report summarizing the utility of the specific terminals used during phase I, specification of the terminal configuration for the Phase II evaluation, and recommendations for those functions which most appropriately should reside in the CRT terminal.

RELATIONSHIP: This effort is required before any extensive training of evaluation subjects can commence see(bair,plan).

MILESTONES:

OCT NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP

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1. specify terminal configuration for phase I and begin procurement
2. contract with SRI for terminals
3. delivery of 4 Execuports
4. delivery of 4 Termicette Recorders

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5. delivery of 3 IMLACs
6. delivery of 6 Execuports
7. order line printer
8. order 3 alpha-numeric CRTs and two IMLACs
9. delivery of 4 cassette recorders

MANNING:

	JAN						FEB			MAR				
wk	02	09	16	23	30	06	13	20	27	05	12	19	26	comp
DLS	.2	.2	.2	.2	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.2	.2	.2	2mm

DOLLARS:

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	COMP
14.4					7.8	57.9						192

see (journal,9249,) for SRI quote on initial 4 Exec, 4 Termicette, and 3 IMLAC buy. see (term,20) for terminal cost breakout.

STATUS:

JUN Planned:

Firm up specs for line printer. Tom L. was given the job of ordering it. It looks like we'll have to go open bid since a number of suppliers appear to offer medium speed line printers with upper/lower case ability. Hopefully we'll get the IMLACs this month.--transmission baud rate remains up in the air.

MAY Accomplished:

Nothing--only problems--the Execuports are not covered by on-call maintenance after the warrenty expires (90 days from receipt). Walker had one of the Honeywell guys look at #2238 there was nothing wrong but a burned out light bulb. I (DLS) signed the work sheet but Parker informs me that the Gov't is not obligated to pay since we have no formal agreement with Computer Tranceivers Inc to provide maintenance. The group was instructed not to ask Honeywell to fix any more units until the maintenance problem is straightened out.

MAY Planned

Finalize specs for the line printer. Take up the question of the Alpha-numeric display units for the managers.

APR Accomplished:

APR Planned:

start procurement of line printer, additional IMLACs, and alpha-numeric CRT's.

MAR Accomplished:

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The plan for the ISI branch terminal configuration through the controlled experiment was generated and pitched to ISI and IS at the special confessions session.(,term,) The paperwork to get an additional 6 Execuports (as indicated by the plan) was written and sent to DO. The line-printer literature obtained from the Fall Joint computer conf. and the Feb.71 issue of Modern Data was reviewed to find a medium speed relatively inexpensive line printer with upper-lower ASCII character set. Two sources were identified--ODEC and VOGUE. Phone calls were made to each and we are awaiting further literature. Coordination with the computer facility was made to determine if we could use one of their printers--the answer is negative.(

FEB Planned:

The Execuports should be delivered near the end of Feb. Computer trancievers is quoting a 21Feb shipping date. Also the contract with SRI should be signed this month. SRI should issue an order to IMLAC corp see(8746,).

Jan Accomplished:

The final specifications for the IMLACs were sent to SRI for their comment. SRI placed the order for the Execuports see (8612,). They have ordered model number 310 vs the model 300 that we now have. The differences are minor but the 310's will take a month to build (vs immediate shipping for the 300.

JAN planned:

SRI should order the Execuports and cassettes and possibly order the IMLACS if problems of mouse and keyset interface can be ironed out.

DEC Accomplished:

The terminal configuration at RADC was determined to be 5 Execuports, 3 IMLACs, and 6 cassette recorders (3 for the Exec. and 3 for the IMLAC). SRI agreed to order these in anticipation of a contract.

SUMMARY:

Title: AHI Terminals
 Dollars: 84.2K
 Manyears: .3
 Type: ns
 Symbol: ISIM
 Name: D. Stone X7834

AHI TERMINALS

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Submitting to journal to prevent archive--still in draft form

INTRODUCTION:

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Over the next few months the AHI group at RADC will be developing procedures, record formats, and organizational responsibilities for a management system which will be shaken down within ISIM and ISI prior to the "controlled evaluation" which will be conducted during the next fiscal year. The development of the baseline management system will be supported by SRI but will primarily be the product of the AHI group in light of their knowledge of NLS and current management deficiencies/problems within ISI. The development of this system is a prerequisite for any extensive evaluation of the AHI technology at RADC. It may be possible to evaluate the effect of AHI on individual performance without developing this system, however no real evaluation of the effect on group/team performance can be made without it.

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It must be kept in mind at all times that an augmentation system is composed of:

hardware, software, tools, artifacts	1a1
languages	1a1a
procedures, methodology	1a1b
trained people	1a1c
	1a1d

We will be concentrating on developing the procedures, methodology, trained people and some straight forward tools--all to be greatly influenced by the environment within ISI and the outside world with which it must interface. The basic hardware, software, and languages which exist in NLS will not be further developed or modified for this system development activity.

1a2

This development will be an evolutionary one. Initially BMS operations will be performed using the existing set of NLS commands. Later, content analyzer programs will be written to facilitate more extensive reformatting and viewing operations. Still later, consideration will be given to implementing BMS commands, which are now under development by SRI, which will allow direct insertion, deletion, and updating of BMS data.

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PROBLEM:

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An apparent dilemma exists in most important problem solving situations today, particularly those which are mission or goal oriented--ie. do not yield to mathematical treatment. The problems are significantly complex that one or two people cannot successfully reach a solution in an acceptable length of time. The only avenue open is the team approach where the problem is subdivided into smaller parts which hopefully can be handled by individuals. This subdivision however, necessitates a great deal of communication between the individuals responsible for the smaller tasks to assure meshing of form, function, and timing. Various management devices are brought to bear to facilitate this communication--ie, management reporting forms, meetings, regulations governing coordination etc. In most instances however, these "official" devices are considered an inconvenience at best and are subverted whenever possible. If adherence to the prescribed procedures is rigidly enforced, the individuals soon become bogged down in paper work to the detriment of their main job.

2a

ISI is clearly a goal oriented organization, or in Air Force terms a mission oriented organization.

2b

The mission of ISI is to:

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conduct exploratory and advanced development in the mission areas of operating systems, data management, languages, etc.

2c1

conduct research and development in Information Processing Technology areas to solve or contribute to the solution of "Air Force Unique" problems.

2c2

provide consultant services for the Air Force in the definition of Information Processing software and hardware to solve operational problems

2c3

maintain a technical competence and technical awareness of Information Processing Research and Development.

2c4

With a mission like this, a wide range of job activities is potentially open to ISI. In practice however, the possible courses of action are severely restricted by dollars, manpower, technical, and political constraints. The problem of a manager within ISI is continually to define and refine his goals and to juggle the resources at his disposal to assure the most progress toward the stated goals. He must accomplish this juggling act in spite of continual changes in all facets, many of which are beyond his control or prediction.

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ISI BASELINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

In practice a high percentage of ISI personnel are managers of one type or another. There is an heierachial management structure imposed by the organizational structure of the branch. There is an Air Force imposed structure for managing R&D resource expenditures; ie project, task, and effort. There is a third management structure for the technical management of R&D consisting of TPOs and Tech Areas which cuts across projects, but is roughly equivalent to branch chief and group leaders (at least within ISI). With these different aspects of management operating concurrently, it is small wonder that confusion about status, progress, and allocated resources on efforts frequently arises. 2e

A method is needed to make this process of goal definition and progress visible. Currently, a look is taken once or twice a year by upper management (at program call time and at procurement time). In between various changes in direction, thinking, and progress are made at all lower levels which results in an incomplete picture at any given instance of time and some times a totally inaccurate picture. It is possible to devise an elaborate system whereby everyone in the branch knows where all efforts pertainent to his job are. However, the implementation of such a system using conventional techniques would be prohibitively expensive in terms of the time it would take to accomplish the reporting required (even if you could get the engineers to comply). It should be possible to implement such a system however, using the techniques of AHI, to the benifit of all concerened. 2f

ISI BMS DESIGN CRITERIA:

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A set of procedures, tools, methods, and organizational responsibilities will be devised to allow complete tracking, projection, reporting, management, and accounting for the technical efforts within ISI using the basic techniques of AHI. The baseline management system (BMS) design is influenced by the following considerations:

3a

out-of-date or inaccurate information is probably worse than useless.

3a1

a system that gives an easily assimilated view of what is currently transpiring in the branch would be of value.

3a2

a system that gives a picture of the directions in which the branch is moving would be of more value.

3a3

a system that allows an individual to trace and reconstruct the historical development of a particular effort would be of additional value.

3a4

a system which allows easy preparation of management reports which are required to be forwarded would be of additional value.

3a5

a proper balance must be maintained between the amount of information that people are willing to keep up-to-date and the amount and detail necessary to provide the information desired by the users of the system.

3a6

As regards the question of the balance of the amount and detail of information, there are several things that can effect that balance.

3a6a

The individuals who spend the most time using certain kinds of information will be willing to assume the primary responsibility for updating that information.

3a6a1

Easily used tools or aids to entering new and update information would make the burden lighter.

3a6a2

If users of the information made their use visible to the suppliers of the information, the suppliers motivation would be raised.

3a6a3

If people were also users of the information they supplied, they would be highly motivated to keep it up-to-date.

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COMPONENTS OF BMS:

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For purposes of discussion the BMS will consist of the following components:

4a

a set of records contained within NLS files and conventions for storing information within these files. These files will include as a minimum: Plans, Effort, Task, Manpower Accounting, Dollar Accounting, Meeting Note, and Program Summary files. 4a1

proceedures for updating and adding new information to these files--both internal to NLS and SOPs external to NLS. 4a2

proceedures and/or programs for creating useful views of these files. 4a3

people with well defined roles and responsibilities with regard to the BMS. 4a4

These components will be discussed under the heading of BMS RECORDS, BMS PROCEEDURES, BMS PROGRAMS, and BMS PEOPLE ROLES. 4b

BMS RECORDS:

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PLAN FILE

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For each effort in the branch there should be an approved (at least through division level) plan documenting the objectives of the effort, the requirement for it, and the alternative approaches considered to reaching the objective. This document "ISI Baseline Management System" is an example of such a plan. No particular format is required, but it obviously must contain sufficient information to sell it to management. In addition to this effort type plan, special plans such as: TPOs, Tech Area Writeups, Project Plans may be maintained in this file by individuals who are required to generate and update them.

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EFFORT WRITEUP FILE

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The effort writeups will represent the section's latest thoughts on the technical program in existence and plans for the immediate future and as such (together with the plan file) are the heart of the ISI BMS. They will be used as the official vehicle to record proposed and approved changes in the program. They will also be used by management to decide the priorities, manpower allocations, and expenditure rates. It therefore is necessary to keep the effort writeups as up-to-date as possible. It will be the responsibility of each effort engineer to accomplish this; either directly if he has access to NLS or indirectly through secretaries if he does not have access to NLS. It is expected that each effort will be backed up by a detailed plan which has been approved by management up through IS. The purpose of the effort write up is to summarize this plan and to provide a vehicle for reporting on a systematic basis any changes in activity which deviate from the original plan.

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The following is a description of the format and contents of each of the elements of the effort writeup file.

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TITLE: A short descriptive title of the work to be accomplished under the effort.

7b1

ENGINEER: The name of the engineer responsible for this effort, his symbol and phone number.

7b2

REQUIREMENT: a statement indicating why this effort is being pursued, in addition to any formal AF directives.

7b3

OBJECTIVE: A brief narrative outlining the goals and desired end products of this effort.

7b4

APPROACH: A general description of the technical approach to be used in pursuing the objectives outlined above. The approach should contain references to any plans which give the alternative approaches and the rationale behind the one chosen (if the plan is in the system then a link should be constructed).

RELATIONSHIP: A description of the relationships this effort has to other efforts in the branch. The narrative should answer the question, "Which efforts depend upon this effort being successfully completed on schedule and which efforts in turn must be completed before this effort can be accomplished?" 7b6

EFFORT: This element should contain a more detailed description of the jobs (in-house and contractual) which must be done to accomplish the effort. They should be characterized by a definite end product, ie-a report, trained people, purchased equipment. If the effort engineer feels it is necessary, he may break the effort into a number of subefforts--each with their own description. 7b7

MILESTONES: The milestone chart should show the beginning and ending points for each effort as well as any important products which go into the effort or fall out of the effort, ie contract packages, contract, reports, etc. This will be updated monthly. An example of a milestone chart with several subefforts follows:

[illegible]

Training: -----1 2-----> 7b10

Terminals: -3-----4---5 7b11

SRI help: -----6-----7 7b12

Evaluation: 8-----9-----10-----> 7b13

Procedures:-----11-----12 7b14

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|--|-------|
| 1 Training of 10 initial users complete. | 7b14a |
| 2 Start training of the rest of ISI people. | 7b14b |
| 3 Procurement package for terminals ready. | 7b14c |
| 4 Contract with SRI for terminals. | 7b14d |
| 5 Terminals delivered. | 7b14e |
| 6 Procurement package for SRI assistance. | 7b14f |
| 7 SRI under contract. | 7b14g |
| 8 Initial attitude questionnaire administered. | 7b14h |
| 9 Report describing results of training exercise. | 7b14i |
| 10 Report describing initial experiment within ISI. | 7b14j |
| 11 Procedures established for initial experiment. | 7b14k |
| 11 Procedures established for controlled experiment. | 7b14l |

MANNING: The manning chart will contain the engineer's best estimate of manpower required to complete each effort. The manning estimates will be made for each individual the effort engineer feels he needs for each week for a three month period from the present month. In addition, the engineer will estimate the manpower required to complete the effort (including the three months of detailed estimate). The estimates should be expressed in tenths of a person's time. It will be updated monthly. ex.: 7b15

Proceedures: 7b16
 week 03 10 17 24 31 07 14 21 28 05 12 19 26 7b17

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 DLS .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 2mm
 JHB .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 1mm 7b19
 TFL .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 1mm 7b20

Training: Oct Nov Dec COMP 7b21
 week 03 10 17 24 31 07 14 21 28 05 12 19 26 7b22
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JHB .2 .2 .2 .2 .2 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 2mm 7b24
 DLS .2 .2 .2 .2 .1 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b25
 TFL .2 .2 .2 .2 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b26

Terminals: 7b27
 week 03 10 17 24 31 07 14 21 28 05 12 19 26 7b28
 ----- 7b29

JHB .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .1 .1 .1 .1 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b30
 DLS .3 .3 .1 .1 .1 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 2mm 7b31
 TFL .2 .2 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b32

SRI help: 7b33
 week 03 10 17 24 31 07 14 21 28 05 12 19 26 7b34
 ----- 7b35

JHB .1 .1 .1 .1 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b36
 DLS .2 .2 .2 .2 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 .1 3mm 7b37
 TFL .2 .2 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 .0 1mm 7b38
 ----- 7b39

Evaluation:														7b40
week	03	10	17	24	31	07	14	21	28	05	12	19	26	7b41

JHB	.4	.4	.4	.4	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	.2	3mm 7b42 7b43
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DOLLARS: The dollars will reflect the engineers best estimate of monthly expenditure rate for each effort requiring them, the source of the money(P1 = #5581, P2 = 5550), and funds estimated to completion from the present month. This will be updated monthly.
ex.:

7b44

effort	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	COMP	7b45
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Training:P1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7b46 4
Terminals:P1	0	0	20	20	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7b47 75
SRI help:P1	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	7b48 75 7b49

STATUS: This element will contain the planned activities for the upcoming month and the accomplishments of the past month. It is anticipated that these entries will be retained (not deleted) and pushed down--thus giving a running picture of planned vs accomplished activity. An example follows:

7b50

STATUS: 7b51

FEB Planned: 7b51a

The EXecuports should be delivered near the end of Feb. Computer trancievers is quoting a 21Feb shipping date. Also the contract with SRI should be signed this month. SRI should issue an order to IMLAC corp see(8746,). 7b51a1

Jan Accomplished: 7b51b

The final specifications for the IMLACs were sent to SRI for their comment. SRI placed the order for the Execuports see (8612,). They have ordered model number 310 vs the model 300 that we now have. The differences are minor but the 310's will take a month to build (vs immediate shipping for the 300. 7b51b1

JAN planned: 7b51c

SRI should order the Execuports and cassettes and possibly order the IMLACS if problems of mouse and keyset interface can be ironed out. 7b51c1

DEC Accomplished: 7b51d

The terminal configuration at RADC was determined to be 5 Execuports, 3 IMLACs, and 6 cassette recorders (3 for the Exec. and 3 for the IMLAC). SRI agreed to order these in anticipation of a contract. 7b51d1

SUMMARY: The summary will contain formatted information which will correspond directly to the format of the official Program Summary file. 7b52

TASK FILE

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The format of the task file writeup will be similar to the effort file writeup, except that the subtasks will be equivalent to the subefforts in the effort writeup file. It will be used and maintained by the Tech Area leader and/or the group leaders. Its purpose is to summarize the more detailed effort writeups and to give direction and guidance to the effort engineers.

8a

MANPOWER ACCOUNTING FILE

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The expenditure of personnel time is currently tracked for a number of reasons by various people/organizations. In almost every instance the engineer must be asked for an estimate of how he spent his time. Oft-times there is a lapse of time (as much as a month) between the actual expenditure of time and the recording of the expenditure. Further the engineer is asked to account for his time against Projects which have little meaning to him. Within the BMS he will be asked to account for his time against efforts (as defined in the effort file) on a daily basis. The primary use of the data will be to feedback information to the effort engineers about the amounts of individual's time which were actually spent on his effort and to the group and section leaders to help them decide priorities for the efforts. As a byproduct it may be possible to provide information for forward reporting--forms 2, 6, and time cards.

9a

The data would be collected for both on-base and TDY in at least the following categories:

9b

Direct	9b1
regular	9b1a
paid overtime	9b1b
overtime not paid	9b1c
compensatory	9b1d
other	9b1e
overhead	9b2
education	9b2a
sales	9b2b
seminars/conferences	9b2c

staff meetings 9b2d

management 9b2e

If required the data for off-job could also be collected--to include:

sick 9c
9c1

annual 9c2

compensatory 9c3

administrative 9c4

holiday 9c5

other 9c6

lwop 9c7

awol 9c8

Analyzer-formatter and calculation packages can then be written to sort the basic manpower expenditure data base by project, task, effort, TPO, Tech Area, individual, type of expenditure, etc. In addition it should be possible to create automatically the data for form 2's, 6's, etc. 9d

MEETING NOTE FILE 10

The purpose of the meeting note file is to record in a systematic way the key discussion, decisions, and actions required. These files will be linked to by entries in the status element of the effort writeup files to indicate the authority for changes in the effort. 10a

Each official user of the system will keep a file in his directory called "MEET". The file will have the following format: 10b

1 MEET 10b1
1A PURPOSE: 10b1a
1B ATTENDEES: 10b1b
1C DISCUSSION: 10b1c
1D UNRESOLVED ITEMS: 10b1d
1E ACTION ITEMS: 10b1e
1F COORDINATION COMMENTS: 10b1f

ISI BASELINE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

the note taker will organize his notes, flesh them out and type them into the system. This should be accomplished as soon as possible after the meeting since people's memories tend to fade rapidly. Also if the meeting resulted in "Action Items" then quick coordination is desirable to assure that all are in agreement as to exactly what action is to be taken. 10c

The "meet" element of the file should contain a descriptive title of the meeting and the date it was held--ex. "AHI Group Meeting 25MAR72 10d

The order in which the attendees are listed should reflect the order in which the notetaker desires the coordination to be performed. 10e

The purpose of the "comment" element is to allow clarification of the meeting notes as reported by the notetaker, by the meeting attendees 10f

The comments will then be filled in by the individual who is reviewing the meeting minutes in the following way: 10g

NAME (or possibly initials), ---DATE---, comment narrative. 10g1

ex. D. Stone---19AUG---I never agreed to contact him--I don't even have his phone number 10g2

In the beginning copies of the meeting minutes will be made by the notaker and manually distributed to the attendees. Those people who have terminals will be responsible for entering their comments themselves. Those who do not have terminals, will write them out in longhand and return them to the note taker who will then enter them into the system. As secretaries become trained they may be used for entering comments by those who do not have terminals. 10h

As individual MEET files accumulate it may be desirable to periodically collect them into one file and output them to one journal file or when coordination is complete they could be submitted to a common "MEET" file held by T. Buccerio. 10i

Dollar accounting file 11

This file will have a format similar to the dollar estimate file which is to be kept by each engineer. It will be updated by Lou as he receives notice of invoices from procurement and/or the engineer if he gets this information in his monthly progress report from his contactors. 11a

(J10864) 27-JUN-72 8:18; Title: Author(s): Duane L. Stone/DLS;
Distribution: John L. McNamara, Duane L. Stone, James H. Bair, Thomas F.
Lawrence, James C. Norton, Paul Rech, Dirk H. van Nouhuys/JLM RBMS;
Sub-Collections: RADC RBMS; Clerk: DLS;
Origin: <STONE>BASELINE.NLS;1, 20-APR-72 13:29 DLS ;

comments on nic user guide

i have been trying to use nic and the journal to answer a questionnaire about our tip, and have had little luck understanding the nic users guide and/or the journal system. i was able to get the file (the questionnaire) into my file area and modify it but was unable to send it to anyone. i think the user guide should be revised to include instructions on how to access journal entries, manipulate them, and resubmit them. thank you
lt. james h. shiffrin, usafetac

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GNP 27-JUN-72 9:24 10865

comments on nic user guide

(J10865) 27-JUN-72 9:24; Title: Author(s): George N. Petregal/GNP;
Distribution: Marilyn F. Auerbach/MFA; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: GNP;

Proposed DNLS Journal Submission Scheme

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1a

The following represents a preliminary rough draft of the external specs for a DNLS journal submission scheme suggested by CHI. The purpose is to provide an easy way to submit a plex. Your comments are welcome.

1b

(E)xecute (J)ournal CA

1b1

1b2

This puts the user in Journal Submode.

1b2a

(I)nsert (T)emplate CA

1b3

1b4

This causes the system to insert a statement of the following format into the file at the specified address:

1b4a

Title:(CR)

1b4a1

Author:(CR)

1b4a2

Distribution:(CR)

1b4a3

Number:(CR)

1b4a4

Clerk:

1b4a5

The user then enters the proper information via normal text-editing commands. The usual journal defaults apply. If "number" is user-specified, it must have been preassigned.

1b4b

(S)ubmit - plus one of the following possibilities:

1b5

1b6

bug (template statement) CA - the plex assumed to be that directly following the template,

1b6a

or, we might allow:

1b6b

bug1 (template statement) bug2 (plex - could be in another file) CA

1b6c

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The system verifies template information and gives error feedback.

1b6d

This could be handled as a system-initiated statement insert directly below the template.

1b6d1

To avoid run-away file expansion in cases of extreme error, it seems necessary to limit the amount of error feedback possible at one time. The user could then fix the problems described, delete the system error statement, and try a resubmit.

1b6d2

The system can also supply the receipt number in the template, if it is not user-specified.

1b6e

The user stays in Journal Submode until a CD is typed.

1b7

1b8

1c

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(J10866) 27-JUN-72 9:49; Title: Author(s): Diane S. Kaye/DSK;
Distribution: Joy A. Glenn, Kay F. Byrd, Ralph Prather, James E. White,
Augmentation Research Handbook, Jacques F. Vallee, Diane S. Kaye, Paul
Rech, Michael D. Kudlick, Don Limuti, William R. Ferguson, Linda L.
Lane, Marilyn F. Auerbach, Walt Bass, Douglas C. Engelbart, Beauregard
A. Hardeman, Martin E. Hardy, J. D. Hopper, Charles H. Irby, Mil E.
Jernigan, Harvey G. Lehtman, Jeanne B. North, James C. Norton, Cindy
Page, William H. Paxton, Jeffrey C. Peters, Jake Ratliff, Barbara E.
Row, Ed K. Van De Riet, Dirk H. van Nouhuys, Kenneth E. Victor, Donald
C. Wallace, Richard W. Watson, Don I. Andrews/SRI-ARC; Sub-Collections:
SRI-ARC; Clerk: DSK;
Origin: <KAYE>JOURSUB.NLS;7, 27-JUN-72 9:45 DSK ;

SC 27-JUN-72 11:30 10867

Test TEST test

This is a message to see if on-line delivery to me works. Arnie

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SC 27-JUN-72 11:30 10867

Test TEST test

(J10867) 27-JUN-72 11:30; Title: Author(s): Stanley Cohen/SC;
Distribution: Arnold M. Ostebee/AMO; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: AMO;

Don't Use '*', '/', '+, or '-' as Directive Right Delimiter in the Output Processor

Mike has uncovered a subtle bug in the directive recognition mechanism of the Output Processor: if you set the Directive Right Delimiter to '*' (asterisk), some directives cease to be recognized. The "reason" for this is that if the directive takes a numerical value, the directive recognizer assumes that any '*', '-', '+, and '/' characters are part of an algebraic expression -- it then starts looking for the rest of the expression, and finding none, decides that the directive is incorrect.

The jist of this is that you can not use '*' (asterisk), '-' (hyphen), '+' (plus sign), or '/' (slash) as DRDs. Sorry. As a freebie to compensate for this inconvenience, I hearby report that there is nothing which says that the DLD and DRD characters cannot be the same (as long as the character is legal for both DLD and DRD). Have fun -- Walt.

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Don't Use '*, '/', '+, or '-' as Directive Right Delimiter in the
Output Processor

(J10868) 27-JUN-72 12:28; Title: Author(s): Walt Bass/WLB;
Distribution: Joy A. Glenn, Kay F. Byrd, Ralph Prather, James E. White,
Augmentation Research Handbook, Jacques F. Vallee, Diane S. Kaye, Paul
Rech, Michael D. Kudlick, Don Limuti, William R. Ferguson, Linda L.
Lane, Marilyn F. Auerbach, Walt Bass, Douglas C. Engelbart, Beauregard
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Jernigan, Harvey G. Lehtman, Jeanne B. North, James C. Norton, Cindy
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Row, Ed K. Van De Riet, Dirk H. van Nouhuys, Kenneth E. Victor, Donald
C. Wallace, Richard W. Watson, Don I. Andrews/SRI-ARC; Sub-Collections:
SRI-ARC; Clerk: WLB;

Experimental NLS Bug-reporting Mechanism

NLS Bug-Reporting Mechanism

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1a

<MSR>NLSBUGS (password="msr") is now available as a receptacle for local users' NLS complaints. This is an experiment.

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1b1

The purpose of handling bugs this way is to simplify, not complicate things.

1b2

It seems obvious that complaints need to undergo processing by someone on the NLS team before getting into Baseline.

1b2a

Also, there is a need to give a little feedback in the form of some kind of status message to those who report bugs. This should take little energy expenditure on the part of bug-fixers.

1b2b

Users are encouraged to notice things that are already known problems, since that cuts down on the frequency of interrupts of NLS members trying to get some work done. When you report a bug, the person processing NLSBUGS can notice duplicates, if you give enough information.

1b2c

1b3

"Bug reports" seem to fall into several categories.

1b4

1) When we bring up a new NLS we appreciate hearing comments right away which seem to indicate problems unique to the new version. These don't necessarily need writing down.

1b4a

2) There seems to be a good tradition around here of NLS team members stopping and fixing a problem as soon as they notice it, wherever applicable. This is great and should continue. It might help if it were noted in the bug file, but I don't want to beaurocratize spontaneous bug-fixing or hamper it in any way.

1b4b

3) Traditional bugs no one feels are worth the expense now. I'd like to get them documented and not spend any more energy worrying about them.

1b4c

4) Sometimes people can't resist mentioning features it would be nice to have, or little system philosophies

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that should be changed, or apparent inconsistencies between TNLS and DNLS. There is a branch for this in the file.

1b4d

5) Other real bugs.

1b4e

Please follow the directions located beneath the origin statement, and try not to keep it locked an unreasonable amount of time. If you have a listing to illustrate the problem, drop it by my desk (DSK).

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1e

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(J10869) 27-JUN-72 14:22; Title: Author(s): Diane S. Kaye/DSK;
Distribution: Joy A. Glenn, Kay F. Byrd, Ralph Prather, James E. White,
Augmentation Research Handbook, Jacques F. Vallee, Diane S. Kaye, Paul
Rech, Michael D. Kudlick, Don Limuti, William R. Ferguson, Linda L.
Lane, Marilyn F. Auerbach, Walt Bass, Douglas C. Engelbart, Beauregard
A. Hardeman, Martin E. Hardy, J. D. Hopper, Charles H. Irby, Mil E.
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Row, Ed K. Van De Riet, Dirk H. van Nouhuys, Kenneth E. Victor, Donald
C. Wallace, Richard W. Watson, Don I. Andrews/SRI-ARC; Sub-Collections:
SRI-ARC; Clerk: DSK;
Origin: <KAYE>BUGS.NLS;5, 27-JUN-72 14:10 DSK ;

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

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TEST2

This is another try at getting a message through NIC to myself. According to Barb there is a USER field that must be filled in before you can get your messages properly. However, this field is not listed in the current NIC User's Guide. Well, here we go again. Arnie

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SC 27-JUN-72 16:08 10870

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

TEST2

(J10870) 27-JUN-72 16:08; Title: Author(s): Stanley Cohen/SC;
Distribution: Arnold M. Ostebee/AMO; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: SC;

Reply to Note on Current NIC Functioning

REPLY TO NOTE ON CURRENT FUNCTIONING OF THE NIC (10697,)

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First let me state that I am in almost complete agreement with every complaint and suggestion you offer. Some of them are within the scope of the resources available to the NIC to fix others are not. Let me take each of your points and discuss it.

2

Let me start with the last point, that if the network is to function as more than a toy, it needs to be better managed. This is the heart of the problem. A network is a many leveled thing, all levels of which need a balanced treatment and support. The lowest level communications aspect of the net has been well supported and appreciated. Levels upwards including protocol development have not received, in my view, adequate attention and support, the NIC included. The ball here really rests with ARPA.

3

The NIC's budget is a portion of ARC's budget, from which it pays its operational costs, some specifically NIC developments, and a share of ARC developments more generally. I believe we can continue to improve the service we offer, but at its present budget level, I believe we will not be able to offer the NIC service that we all would like to have. ARPA manages the network and controls budget levels of various services and development efforts and it is there that decisions affecting levels of NIC services must be made.

4

Let us now examine each complaint and suggestion.

5

COMPLAINTS

5a

Indices need to be more current, particularly Journal entries.

6

This area of machine produced catalogs is a difficult area. Many libraries and other organizations have found it difficult, as have we to keep "clean" data bases and produce timely catalogs. We can do better and we'll try to produce weekly number and author indices on Journal items and monthly we can produce a titleword index of Journal items as well.

6a

We are close to having a catalog production subsystem running which should help with the production and proofing of the larger full NIC catalog by producing catalogs incrementally instead of from scratch. For non-Journal items acquisition, coding, proofing and operating in an environment where the system is constantly changing is non trivial.

6b

Creation of RFC's requiring verbal contact with Cindy.

7

This should not be necessary with the present system unless

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one calls Cindy for a preassigned number. If this is still true a few days from now, yell at me again. 7a

IDENT System-- cumbersome to use. 8

Yes, the IDENT system needs more human engineering and some work is going on at a low level. Relative to other problems it does not have an immediate high priority and I request you bear with it or phone us and we'll put a person in for you. 8a

NIC User guide complexity 9

We have just completed a beginners manual which will be issued shortly. We are also creating a new command summary. If these do not meet your needs here, let me know. 9a

No formal procedures for real-time response to users "Network Information" problems. 10

We do not have the budget for a full time network type consultant even though I agree this would be a useful valuable service. 10a

System reliability 11

You should notice as have we that a new disk system and net interface as well other hardware upgrading have improved reliability and it should continue to improve. We are beginning to explore ways to move NLS and NIC service onto a timesharing utility for more reliability and availability. All that's required is money. 11a

Suggestions 11b

More NIC personnel 12

All that's needed is money. 12a

Primer 13

We have written a beginners manual as mentioned above, and are thinking about what a primer should contain and how it should be written. 13a

Providing more pointers 14

We'll expand <NIC> Locator to point to other user documentation. 14a

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Faster mail procedures

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Generally we do reasonably well. The Journal hardcopy is printed on SRI's computer center printer and the timing involved here of creating a formatted tape at night and getting the printing done the next night adds 2 - 3 days to the mailing time. We'll continue to work on this area, but the real goal here for fast delivery is to use the online Journal capabilities which work today. Delivery of documents and messages through the net will help greatly here, but depends on protocol development and approval, a weak area of network management.

15a

Minor problems being fixed

16

We are constantly fixing minor problems, if one important to you isn't fixed, let me know. The problem of an output processor for model 37 teletypes is on our list (as a new feature not a problem), but really should be part of file transfer and sending of print files as a protocol. We are planning to implement a new device for the output processor called "network device" or some such thing which will send out form feeds, etc. and be Telnet compatible and assume user Telnets do the right thing for local devices.

16a

Users calling NIC for General Network Consulting

17

Not enough funds exist, although more attention to the Resource Notebook should help. Even here network sites could do more to upgrade their entries. They must supply the appropriate information.

17a

I have thought for some time that it would be useful to have a NIC advisory board from the network community, both to help advise the NIC on needed services and to create a knowledgeable group about the problems of running an information service of this new type as this is an area in which most computer science people have little knowledge of the operational problems. Maybe we should try to establish such a thing this year, what do you think?

18

In conclusion, let me again encourage you and others to continue to bitch at us. We need feedback, suggestions, and constructive criticism, like your note, and more importantly, we need to know that someone cares.

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(J10871) 27-JUN-72 17:08; Title: Author(s): Richard W. Watson/RWW;
Distribution: Ari A. J. Ollikainen, Jonathan B. Postel, David H.
Crocker, Bruce A. Dolan, Steve D. Crocker, Douglas C. Engelbart, James
C. Norton, Jeanne B. North, James E. White/ARI JBP DHC BAD SDC2 DCE JCN
JBN JEW; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: RWW;
Origin: <WATSON>REPLY.NLS;5, 27-JUN-72 17:04 RWW ;

EVALUATION PLAN FOR AHI

This is the final draft of the Plan (now being implemented).

EVALUATION PLAN FOR AHI

. EVALUATION OF THE AUGMENTED HUMAN INTELLECT SYSTEM: A PLAN

1

Introduction: The Augmented Human Intellect System (AHI) has been described in theoretical and philosophical terms by its originator, Dr. Douglas Englebart, Stanford Research Institute, in a series of lengthy documents presented over the past decade. This introduction is a brief description of AHI based on the practical implications of the system. This description is probably limited by the environment in which the system is being evaluated, a government research and development center. In addition to providing the unfamiliar with some concept of what AHI is, these first paragraphs should provide a basis for comparing our preconceptions to actual operation in a working environment.

1a

The general purpose of the AHI system in one statement: to increase the effectiveness of individuals and groups through the use of on-line computer technology in the routine performance of their jobs where these jobs are primarily the generating and recording of ideas, notes, plans, correspondence, etc. in an organizational environment.

1b

Thus an individual user sits down at an interactive terminal and creates, stores, organizes, manipulates, written textual material that he is concerned with.

1c

Entering written text into computer storage is very much like it would be on an automatic typewriter.

1c1

Once text of any kind is entered, however, it is available for a whole host of operations, not the least of which is a powerful text editing capability. This capability is similar to commercially available text editing packages such as those on the Honeywell GECOS III Time Sharing System.

1c2

Some important advantages of AHI in this area are the full duplex echo or instant feedback. Commands are recognized by the first character and then displayed in full automatically. The rich and powerful command language enables a user familiar with the syntax and vocabulary to do almost any conceivable editing. The command language includes many shortcuts such that a user can communicate with the system about as fast as he can type and think.

1c3

Text editing is greatly aided by hierarchically structured statements. Every statement is automatically numbered and assigned a user determined level in the hierarchy, which determines the relationship to the text. This structure consists of entities such as plexes, branches, groups and statements. Using this structure any specific amount of text can be moved anyplace in the system, and changed or deleted in any amount.

1c4

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The "tree" structure is then usable by a set of commands called viewspecs. These facilitate viewing specified levels in the hierarchy thus controlling the level of detail or whatever the user wants displayed or printed. 1c5

The tree structure works within files which are something like documents or books which are the storage unit for the executive software. These provide a means of further structuring text. Commands exist such that files can be combined, in part or in whole, with any other file, and the user can "jump" around his various files. AHI is similar to a library where a person merely types his request and all books are presented to him for instant composition into a report or other new textual entity. 1c6

It is of great importance that not only are the files in his own library available to him, but all system users' files are available if access is permitted. 1c7

Additional capabilities of AHI are beyond the most sophisticated text editor. They include communicating with other users, sending documents and correspondence, coordinating work, joint and even simultaneous preparation of text, etc. 1d

This capability permits the system to act as the medium for handling all the paperwork of an organization. Rather than the traditional writing or dictating, typing, reviewing, typing, mailing or hand carrying, and repeating the process to incorporate the changes of reviewing personnel, the whole process, no matter how many revisions, may be done through AHI. The paperwork would be prepared at the terminal, entered into the system which would transmit it to the specified person(s). Their changes, recommendations, or approval would then be entered at their terminal, and then be made available to the next appropriate person. The system has a means of alerting a user when he has a message (some new paperwork to act on). In specific cases SOPs (standard operating procedures) would be devised to guide the process. 1d1

There are numerous specialized packages within AHI including tabulation methods, management tools, computation devices, distribution systems, etc. For the details see the user manuals for DNLS and TNLS. 1d2

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Perhaps what is necessary for those who are interested is to come to grips with the concept of a system that does almost anything computer technology can do with typewritten English language information. Consequently, in any particular environment a person or group of persons can sit down and do the written portion of their jobs using this sophisticated computer rather than pencil, paper, typist, more paper, pencil,

1e

The Evaluation Plan

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this plan is to propose a methodology for evaluating the utility of the tools and procedures that are part of the AHI technology for potential Air Force users.

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DISCUSSION: The investigation will be divided into two phases based on the two major areas of concern, (Phase I) the individual's use of the system and (Phase II) an organization's use of the system.

2b

THE INDIVIDUAL: This phase entails finding out what improvement occurs in the individual's performance when he uses the AHI system to accomplish his daily activities. This will include the effect of having other's work available on-line (eg. plans, meeting notes, documents, etc.) but will not involve specific attempts to compare management structures. Management will be involved through the receipt of communications via the system and the use of the system to respond to these communications. (Details will be presented below.) The evaluation will be based on a comparison between groups of individuals that are as similar as possible.

2b1

THE ORGANIZATION: This part of the effort will be concerned with how an organization such as a branch performs when augmented by the individual's use of the system and procedures and techniques that have implications for how individuals work together and with a management hierarchy. This investigation will follow that of the individual primarily because of the increased disruption of normal working routines and the much larger population required. The effects of this kind of study warrant a great deal of caution and preparation due to the massive changes and the concomitant psychological reactions.

2b2

Implications for Organizational Augmentation: There are two areas of concern, the changes in group processes and the changes in management techniques.

2b3

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Implications for Group Process: Currently there is little planned interaction among individuals beyond meetings and some distribution of meeting notes. AHI technology includes specific methods for increasing this interaction resulting in more of a team effort. It promotes communication among persons working on the same or similar efforts and opens channels of communication where ever this would facilitate the accomplishment of the jobs. In order for this to work, groups must be more than some individuals working on different aspects of the same thing. They must have a group identity to which they are willing to relinquish some of their personal needs and goals for the betterment of the group. The goal of the team is more important in a given task context than the goals of the individual. In a team, all aspects of a task are shared and all members must contribute positive and negative feedback and ideas. ("Brainstorming" should be a common activity.) Unless this happens a team effort is much less likely to evolve. Where this does not evolve naturally, training (group dynamics laboratory, human relations training) is available to promote group process.

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Changes in Management Techniques:

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Vertical communication within the branch organizational unit would be increased. Decisions would be made at the branch level with much more consultation with concerned workers, and most of the planning information, guidelines, and goals that managers use would be available to workers. Although this is not the modis operandi in many management structures, this is the case at the ARC (SRI). Recent research shows that improved morale, devotion to job, commitment, productivity of individuals, etc., results from these changes in the conduct of business.

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The tradeoff from these increases in communication has historically been a loss of efficiency. However, a very important product of AHI has been the implementation of modern, "open" management techniques without loss of overall efficiency.

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Some of the specific effects in a branch are that decisions are made at the branch and section level with more inputs from all branch workers. All guidelines, policies, rationales, political expedients, etc., are made available to the workers who then have the opportunity to question for increased understanding and to provide relevant feedback to the managers. The worker follows his work through all levels of approval and has the opportunity to defend his position if need be. Managers become more facilitators than in the past and are responsible to see that all personnel understand current activities. They are pushers in the sense that they coordinate and inquire about developments. 2b3b2a

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In order to assure meaningful results, all available techniques for gathering evaluative data are being used. Phases one and two will use the 2 generic kinds of measures available, psychometric and performance. There are five psychometric techniques, (1) an experimentally controlled attitude questionnaire, (2) a content questionnaire, (3) interviews for job profiles, (4) supervisor interviews for comparative job quality, and (5) comments. Performance will be measured using time records and by comparing two groups using a standardized test job in an experimental format. The results in each case will be collated, analyzed statistically, and intercorrelated.

3a

(Tech1) Experimental Design for the administration of the "T" Questionnaire:

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This is a standardized attitude questionnaire which is designed to measure subjects general attitude toward the AHI concept BEFORE actually contacting the system and then after full use of it. A four position scale is used. (See appendix).

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Hypothesis: AHI can be shown to be effective by measuring user attitudes toward the general concept of job automation aids.

3b2

Independent Variable: Use of the equipment (Treatment)

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Dependent Variables:

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Time necessary to complete job tasks

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The attitude toward computer technology in general, text editing, file storing and sharing, file presentation, and systemized team activity.

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Independent Variables held constant:

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Job Task Type (see Population)

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Personnel characteristics and type of position

3b5b

Training time and instructions

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Terminal availability and type.

3b5d

Design format for the "T" Questionnaire:

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The "T" questionnaire will be given to 1 group of users before use and 1 group of non-users as a control. This will constitute a pretest, and will provide the basis for comparison with the results of the same questionnaire after full usage of system. The split group pretest is a control for test effects.

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Groups: (1) users with pretest (T(1)), (2) users without pretest, (3) non-users with pretest, (4) non-users without pretest. All groups will receive the posttest (T(2)). 3b6b

	PRETEST	TREATMENT	POSTTEST
USERS	1 T(1)	X	T(2) Q
	2	X	T(2) Q
NON-USERS	1 T(1)		T(2)
	2		T(2)

..... 3b6c

TIME FRAME

	[training]	[<-- use----->]
months	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	

3b6d

This is a nonrandomized Solomon four-group design with a small N. The N of approximately 36 (4 groups of 9 each) necessitated the nonrandom selection of subjects for the groups. See the section on population. 3b6e

Population (as large as possible) (36). 3b7

Subjects will be assigned to groups based on de facto use or non-use of the system and the following criteria: age, length of service time, rank, job task type profile, and type of position (manager, engineer, administrator, clerical, and experience with computers). 3b7a

Subjects:

User group 1	User group 2	Non-users 1	Non-users 2
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[See listing of groups and data below (3d2:m)] 3b7b

Training: 3b8

Training should be controlled, that is as nearly the same for each subject as possible. A list of the commands to be presented in a predetermined order will be constructed along with practice exercises for each. The time spent on the initial presentation of commands should be standardized. See file on training effort: (Lawrence, TRAEFT, :m) . 3b8a

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Learning curves are based on a straight forward record of time spent in the learning situation. The learning situation is defined as any usage off the system prior to the point at which no significant increase in skill is observable, ie. when the learning curve levels off. The skill level that is being plotted against time will be ascertained through a combination of direct and unobtrusive tests. 3b8b

The interview technique is being used to record the amount of time each subject spends in the learning situation, rounded off to the half hour. These records will be maintained through Phase II, about a year and a half. Whenever possible, the records will be maintained from the first training/experience with the system. 3b8c

Data Collection Devices for technique 1: 3b9

Test Questionnaire ("T"): see file quest (QUEST,:m) 3b9a

(Tech2) Reaction questionnaire ("Q"): 3c

"Q" will be administered only at the end of the experiment to determine specific reactions to use of AHI. Two types of questions will be used: 3c1

Attitude scale questions dealing specifically with AHI. 3c1a

In particular the: 3c1a1

1. equipment itself 3c1a1a

2. required use of equipment 3c1a1b

3. change in job habits 3c1a1c

4. service provided 3c1a1d

5. paperwork with AHI as opposed to before augmentation 3c1a1e

6. language and syntax. 3c1a1f

Multiple choice questions and open ended questions to gather information about system availability, terminal characteristics, service quality, language, problems not addressed in the daily log, etc. 3c1b

(Tech3) Interview to determine jobs of the population:

3d1 Subject Profile by Job Task Type:

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3d1a A semi-structured interview has been accomplished by a Utica College contractor. The subjects were asked to determine the percent of time spent in each job task type. The list of task types has been established by the experimenter intuitively, and is presented below. Information such as qualifications on the task selection was recorded as open ended data. The resultant data for each individual has been used to assign him to the appropriate group. This facilitates group similarity based on job type (see listing below).

3d1b A group profile will be compiled from the job task type data. This will take the form of a graph showing the respective job types for the each group. A correlation will be computed between the user group and the control group based on the mean percentages in the job task types for each group. This will be an indicator of any differences between groups which would act as a spurious variable.

3d1c Job task types (general catagories of job activities):

3d1d 1. Programming

3d1e 2. Project engineering , including:

3d1e1 Contract paperwork (forms memos, etc.)

3d1e2 reviewing proposals and reports

3d1f 3. Writing plans and/or reports

3d1g 4. Software operation (incl. evaluation, debugging of software packages)

3d1h 5. Briefings

3d1i 6. Demonstrations

3d1j 7. Managing other personnel

3d1k 8. Administrative paperwork

3d1l 9. Study, review of the state-of-the-art, reading, literature search, etc.

3d1m 10. Secretarial work.

3d2 Groups and Data

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3d2a Job Task Type Population Profile Data

JOB TASKS*:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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SUBJECTS:

USERS 1

3d2a1 McNamera	0	10	0	0	10	5	55	10	10	0
3d2a2 Lawrence	0	50	20	0	5	0	0	5	20	0
3d2a3 Bucerrio	0	0	0	0	20	0	30	50	0	0
3d2a4 Iuorno	5	15	20	0	15	5	25	0	15	0
3d2a5 Rzepka	20	5	20	5	10	5	5	5	20	5
3d2a6 Sliwa	0	45	12	5	10	2	0	1	25	0
3d2a7 Bergstrom	10	70	5	0	5	5	0	0	5	0
3d2a8 Daughtry	50	5	10	0	5	5	0	5	20	0
3d2a9 Petell	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	30	0	50

3d2b USERS 2

3d2b1 Panera	0	10	65	5	3	5	0	0	12	0
3d2b2 Bair	0	15	25	20	3	2	5	15	10	5
3d2b3 VanAlstine	60	20	0	0	0	5	0	5	10	0
3d2b4 Luizzi	25	25	10	10	10	5	0	5	10	0
3d2b5 Cavano	15	45	5	15	5	5	0	5	5	0
3d2b6 Stone	0	20	40	0	10	5	5	5	10	5
3d2b7 Tomaini	5	5	10	0	20	4	35	1	20	0
3d2b8 Calicchia	50	10	10	10	5	5	0	0	10	0
3d2b9 Lamonica	10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	72	1

3d2c NON-USERS 1

3d2c1 Vito	29	15	15	3	2	0	5	6	25	0
3d2c2 Dinitto	10	40	10	0	5	0	5	10	20	0
3d2c3 Trad	29	5	15	5	5	5	20	1	15	0
3d2c4 Nelson	1	20	5	5	8	1	40	15	5	0
3d2c5 Patterson	25	4	1	25	0	0	0	5	40	0
3d2c6 Williams	50	5	5	10	0	5	5	10	5	5
3d2c7 R Stillman	5	25	25	0	15	0	0	5	25	0
3d2c8 Robinson	10	20	10	30	5	0	5	10	5	5
3d2c9 Defiore	4	4	15	4	4	3	0	5	59	2

3d2d NON-USERS 2

3d2d1 Normand	20	15	10	40	5	1	0	2	5	2
3d2d2 N Stillman	15	5	20	20	5	5	0	5	15	10
3d2d3 Klayton	10	35	0	10	5	0	0	40	0	0
3d2d4 Cellini	20	10	10	20	0	0	10	10	20	0
3d2d5 Previte	13	2	20	0	15	0	20	5	25	0
3d2d6 Bauer	50	0	0	15	0	0	0	15	20	0
3d2d7 Reimann	0	40	15	5	10	5	0	0	20	5
3d2d8 Landes	10	20	25	0	5	0	0	5	30	5
3d2d9 Marcoccia	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	20	0	60

3d3 The task types will be rated by a team of judges as to the intellectuality, ie. the amount of thought required.

3d3a1 Scale:

3d3a2 eg. routine paperwork (a form) = least intellectual,
creating a plan or report = most intellectual.

3f (Tech5) Comments:

3g Performance Measurements:

Jgl Performance Experiments: In order to obtain more objective data for Phase I and to pilot the experiments in Phase II, performance tests will be run.

3g1a The relative effectiveness of AHI compared to conventional methods and Text editors will be measured more directly by determining the respective performance parameters such as throughput time (total time necessary to complete a specific task) and manhours required.

3g1b A primary concern will be to control for experience with computers, and to measure the effect of the system on group or "team" performance. The first samples will be at the group level of organization (N= approximately 5), the lowest level of management. This coincides with the number of persons trained at the time and the number of terminals. When a section (or a branch) is trained and equipped the evaluation will be based on the section's (or a branch's) performance.

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3g2a The section comparison will include program call which will be judged on overall quality and timeliness. Identical requests will be made of the sections with a short response time and the ability of the sections to respond within the specified period will be judged on timeliness and quality by the division and branch chiefs. Interruptions, personnel present, and other spurious variables will not be directly controlled or compensated for. These variables will be considered experimental conditions in order to realize the effect of normal everyday working conditions on respective performance. Compensation should be facilitated through the repetition of specific requests throughout the experimental period. This should equalize the effect of spurious variables between groups.

3g2b Measurements:

3g2b1 Manhours required to complete a task must be recorded in order to acquire meaningful data. Subjects will be given simple forms to record the clock time spent on the task being measured. Each time the subject sits down to work on the particular task (test task) he will log the time, and when he leaves the test task to do anything else he will log that time. (Note: this procedure is the least disruptive of timing methods but will require management support to obtain accurate records consistently.) The experimenter will then calculate the manhours from these logs.

3g2b1a Sample Time Log:

3g2b1a1 Name:... Date:...

Enter time from clock that you begin and end work on the test task each time you work or are interrupted for more than five minutes.

Time begin column: Time stop column:
(Elapsed time, will be calculated for you.)

3g2b2 Throughput or total time will also be recorded. This is simply the time in days and hours, including delays and inactive periods, from the beginning of a job to its completion.

3g3 Spurious variables: See statement above, .3g2a .

3h The Chronicle-- Serendipity Inputs:

3h1 Valuable data other than that obtained through the above methods will be available. The end result will be a Chronicle or diary of experiences with the system.

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3h2 The two groups, users and non-users, will be aligned so that the same management structure will be responsible to them. The same section chief (ISIM) and branch chief (ISI) will handle paperwork from these groups, in the case of the users this will be through AHI. The managers will be trained as system users and consequently will act on the work of their subordinates through AHI. This can provide valuable insights to operation with AHI compared to traditional procedures.

3h3 The managers will access the users work through their own terminals, make comments and suggestions, approve or disapprove, and return or send forward as the case may be.

3h4 This will not be a controlled investigation. Interviews will be used throughout phase I to record the reactions of the users. These comments will be valuable as a preliminary insight to the Phase II problem of augmenting a branch organizational entity. The managers must keep a log of their experiences with users vs. non-users, and hopefully will do so using the system. Note that each manager will act as both a user and a non-user. (For the controlled portion of this phase, they will be considered users.)

3i System Usage:

3i1 Terminal usage: The time individuals spend at respective terminals as a confounding variable will be correlated with attitude and other measures of that individual's usage of the system. Additional explanation of this recording process was covered in the section above on Training and learning curves; the same data will be used. It will be possible to have AHI record some of this data automatically.

3i2 AHI records use for each user by CPU console time, and file storage 24 hours a day. There is a TENEX set of accounting summary commands which have not been made operational yet (May, 1972).

3j Text Editor vs. AHI:

3j1 A significant capability of AHI is powerful text editing. There are many text editing packages available on the commercial market at less cost. In order to determine the advantages of AHI a direct comparison to a commercially available package is necessary. The in-the-house computing facility here at RADCS includes the GECOS Text Editor and Runoff subsystems on the Honeywell 635 TSS, which are representative of commercial packages.

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3j2 The comparison will involve 2 parts: a comparative listing of the features of each system, that is what can be done on each, and a comparison of the performance of groups using the respective systems.

3j2a In addition to the planned use of AHI, a section unit will exploit Text Editor to its full capacity. The clock time and total time necessary to complete various routine tasks will be tabulated and compared to that recorded for AHI; for example, the times necessary to send a finished report of 15 pages forward from the Division. This includes the reviewing managers' inputs that routinely must be included before anything leaves the Division hierarchy. (Note: ISIS is already using Text Editor on a section level.) This does not include training managers other than the section chief. Managers will act on hardcopy drafts of paperwork sent forward.

3j2b The difficulties encountered using Text Editor are numerous and substantial as shown in an in-the-house study of March, 1971, by Bair. These seem to center around GECOS Executive software and are due in part to an overload on the 635-45 processors. Poor response time, errors, lost files, and system unavailability are a few of the problems. These may be corrected by the using section, but whatever the case, they will be considered an integral part of Text Editor and NO compensation will be made for them.

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4 PHASE II: ORGANIZATIONAL USAGE OF AHI. (For milestone chart, see file (EFFORT,6:m)).

4a PURPOSE

4a1 The purpose of the second phase of the Evaluation of AHI is to determine system effectiveness when used to augment an organizational entity, in this case a branch (ISI), and compare its performance to that of another branch.

4b METHODOLOGY:

4b1 There are two general ways in which system effectiveness can be measured: (1) sociometric techniques that will provide significant data about the effect the system has on the individuals within a team environment, (2) performance measurements that will show the comparative amount of time necessary to complete jobs with and without the system.

4b2 Sociometric techniques:

4b2a The "T" QUESTIONNAIRE developed in Phase I will be administered to half of both branches to determine attitude toward computer technology in general. The non-test groups will act as a control for testing effects and time lapse. The same design used in Phase I will be expanded to the branch populations.

4b2b The "Q" QUESTIONNAIRE will answer specific questions about AHI at the end of the evaluation period (approximately 1 yr.). This test developed in Phase I will not be given a second time to those who participated in Phase I.

4b2c The ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE INDEX (OCI) (Stern, Syracuse Univ.) will be employed to measure the way personnel function in this working environment and to determine the causal factors statistically. This commercially available questionnaire will be administered in a controlled format with the non-using branch acting as a control. Both branches will receive pretest and posttest of the same questionnaire to determine the effect AHI has on a team structure, while controlling for the effects of testing and time lapse between tests. (See appendix.)

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4b2d The ACTIVITIES INDEX (AI) (Stern) is a commercially available questionnaire integrated with the OCI that measures generalized personality characteristics. This will be administered to both branches to determine what significant differences in personnel exist between groups. This will permit control of personality differences, the significant spurious variable. The results of the AI are a score for each individual based on what activities he prefers (selected from a representative list of 300 generalized activities).

4b2e Phase II Design Format :

	PRETEST	TREATMENT	POSTTEST
		
USER	(1) T, AI	X	T, Q, OCI
BRANCH	(2) OCI, AI	X	T, Q, OCI
NON-USER	(1) T, AI		T
BRANCH	(2) OCI, AI		T, OCI
		

4b2f The above design is constructed to control for test effects and to provide as similar an experience as possible for the control group during the experimental period. Since the AI is being used to control for personality differences between the test branch and the control branch, it will be administered only as a pretest. Since we cannot change the group S membership due to a fixed organizational structure, any significant personality differences will be used in the final analysis to correctly interpret the results of the OCI.

4b2g The difference between the pretest OCI and posttest OCI is the key measure of difference due to the treatment. However, the nature of the OCI may cause strong test effects after the pretest thus confounding the posttest. Consequently, each group will be subdivided to control for this variable. Differences between posttest OCI for subgroups (1) and (2) can be attributed to pretest OCI effect since the subgroups will be matched on all other known variables. The key test effect is predicted to be an increased awareness of the subjects environment and a perceptual cuing to organizational and interpersonal activities. The same rationale applies to the non-user OCI. The consistent administration of the AI should compensate for AI test effects.

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4b2h The statistical analysis of the data collected with the OCI and the AI will be done by the Syracuse University Psychological Research Center using preprogrammed computer routines. These are described in the reference (Richman, 1969).

4b2i The "T" questionnaire will be administered as in Phase I to control for test effects.

4b3 Phase II Performance Testing: Approx. dates: Mar. 73-dec. 73.

4b3a Time Records:

4b3a1 Theoretically, if each subject recorded the amount of time necessary to complete routine jobs, we could compare the times to complete comparable jobs done with and without AHI. We are attempting to do this with the WPS (Word Processing System). At this point the problem is twofold, engineers are not keeping accurate records, if any, while they work, and we have not yet devised a way to determine what jobs are comparable. A compromise method of logging time for particular tasks is described below (4b3b1:).

4b3a2 The reasons for difficulty in obtaining records are empirically obvious. It is a tremendous nuisance and interrupts the engineer's train of thought. Other approaches must be employed.

4b3a3 Time keepers could be hired to observe and record times, although this does not appear to be feasible at present. As an alternative SRI will be asked to devise a program to monitor system usage.

4b3b Performance Measurements:

4b3b1 The relative effectiveness of AHI compared to conventional methods and Text editors will be measured more directly by determining the respective performance parameters such as throughput time (total time necessary to complete a specific task) and manhours required, as in Phase I.

4b3b2 A primary concern will be to control for experience with computers, and to measure the effect of the system on organization performance. This requires that a branch be trained at the time and that over 30 of terminals be available. When the branch is trained and equipped the evaluation will be based on the branch performance as a single entity.

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4b3b3 Method:

4b3b3a The branch comparison will include program call which will be judged on overall quality and timeliness. Identical requests will be made of the branches with a short response time and the ability of the branches to respond within the specified period will be judged on timeliness and quality by the division chiefs. Interruptions, personnel absent, and other spurious variables will not be directly controlled or compensated for. These variables will be considered experimental conditions in order to realize the effect of normal everyday working conditions on respective performance. Compensation should be facilitated through the repetition of specific requests throughout the experimental period. This should equalize the effect of spurious variables between groups.

4b3b3b Measurements:

4b3b3b1 Manhours required to complete a task must be recorded in order to acquire meaningful data as opposed to system usage time. Subjects will be given simple forms to record the clock time spent on the task being measured. Each time the subject sits down to work on the particular task (test task) he will log the time, and when he leaves the test task to do anything else he will log that time. (Note: this procedure is the least disruptive of timing methods but will require management support to obtain accurate records consistently.) The experimenter will then calculate the manhours from these logs as in Phase I.

4b3b3b1a NOTE: The division chiefs must identify the test tasks to the experimenter with enough lead time to ensure that all measurements can be made.

4b3b3b2 Throughput or total time will also be recorded. This is simply the time in days and hours, including delays and inactive periods, from the beginning of a job to its completion.

4b4 Communications Analysis: (To begin in Phase I).

4b4a One of the most important effects of implementing AHI in any environment is on the interpersonal communications among those who are "on" the system. It is hypothesized that a significant increase in the level of interaction will occur and this will facilitate improved team performance.

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4b4b To determine the actual changes in communication and evaluate them, it is necessary to establish current activities and then use the same measures to ascertain changes after the AHI system has been operational for a significant period of time. For this analysis we turn to the techniques available in the areas of interpersonal communication and group dynamics.

4b4c Analytical Instruments:

4b4c1 Communication Network Analysis:

4b4c1a Networks are the quantitative representation of interaction. A model will be created showing the individuals involved in interaction which are the nodes of the net. The nodes are linked by lines or "channels" where communication exists. The channels are quantified by number and duration of interactions. Duration is noted by a nominal scale where long represents the maximum length and short the minimum length interaction with not more than 5 categories between these end points. Of particular interest will be what communications are mediated by the system v. traditional channels (face to face, meetings, letters, memos, etc.). Thus, the net will have two channels between each node. The system channel will be divided into messages, Journal documents, and file sharing, to account for the different subsystems available

**(note the Document Control System). The detail to which data is collected will depend upon a number of logistics factors, but we will at least attempt to analyze a representative sample time period.

4b4c2 Content Analysis:

4b4c2a Also of importance is the nature of the interactions of those in the net. Content analysis techniques can be employed here to get at this elusive variable. A simple examination of written communications will reveal what kinds of information are being communicated in this way (eg. task oriented, procedure oriented, process maintenance, etc.). However, it is much more difficult to examine the content of oral messages or system messages (dialogue linking) neither of which are permanently recorded.

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4b5 The combination of psychometric and performance techniques should overcome the deficiencies and difficulties encountered and provide enough rigor for an accurate evaluation. Cost and other factors make it imperative that a sizable significant improvement be realized with AHI. This plan is surely sensitive enough for that. The results of Phase I will be vital to Phase II methodology. We anticipate learning a great deal that will probably result in modification of the Phase II plan. The success of the psychometric techniques and the validity of the performance experiments, including the logistics of running such experiments in a non-laboratory environment, will be particularly enlightening.

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5 APPENDIX : The ORGANIZATIONAL CLIMATE INDEX (OCI)

5a The OCI indirectly measures the needs of the subject as expressed in terms of his working environment. "Needs refer to organizational tendencies which appear to give unity and direction to person's behavior." (page 8) Needs may be classified in a taxonomy where the classification criterion is "... the tendency to actions of a certain kind." (8) In order to identify these tendencies the concept of PRESS is established. "...press may be defined (like needs) as a taxonomic classification of characteristic behaviors manifested by aggregates of individuals in their mutual interpersonal transactions." (8)

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5b This model of needs being manifested in characteristic behaviors identified as press is well substantiated by experimentation. "The model can be used to predict, among other things, the effects of selection and of organizational change on morale and output (grades or production)." (9) This includes the effect of installing equipment and/or new procedures in the working environment.

5c Ideally, to determine the effect of any change in a working environment we would make direct observations of the subject's on-the-job performance. This is at best costly and disrupts the modis operandi thus negatively affecting the validity of the observations. Although men are often best judged by their deeds, they are better understood by their desires.... To understand the effect of a given change is to understand the subject's reaction to it, since deeds are the results of a person's intentions and perceived activities. It would be misleading to rely solely on intentions because these usually include a significant amount of fantasy.

5d The remaining alternative, which is quite adequate, is to be concerned with the preferences that the individual himself expresses in response to verbal descriptions of various possible activities in his environment. The OCI, then, elicits choices associated with a suggested working situation. The choices themselves are equally acceptable and focus on behavior rather than motive, i.e. the activity in the environment. (10) If the activity is real, then the perception of it must be real. (11) To wit, if a subject perceives an activity as real, then it is real to him and will affect his behavior accordingly, whether or not this perception is precise.

5e The OCI presents 300 brief descriptions of activities in a generalized working environment. These are correlated with degrees of performance from previous experiments where quantitative data was readily obtainable, such as in a factory. The large number of items compensates for the inappropriateness of a few. The items are clustered into factors on which an individual is given a score. The factors represent two generic kinds of results, those associated with performance quality and those with the nature of the performance. These are intercorrelated to measure the level of performance relative to other previous experiments and/or previous administrations of the OCI to the same population.

5f A significantly large population combines the responses of enough persons ($N = >30$) to compensate for individual differences and assure validity.

5g Footnote: Stern, G.G., PEOPLE IN CONTEXT: Measuring Person-Environment Congruence in Education and Industry, N.Y.: Wiley & Sons, 1970.

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6 APPENDIX: MILESTONES, PHASE I:

6a DEC JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC
subtasks

6b JOB TASK TYPE--->†

6c USER PROFILE--->†

6d POP ASSN----->†

6e wps----->†

6f T QUEST----->†

6g terminal del----->†

6h TERMINAL USE----->†

6i training †<----->†

6j GROUP TEST JOB EXP. †<--->†

6k TIME REC.-----†<----->†

6l TEXT EDIT COMP. †<----->†

6m QUAL INTER. †<----->†

6n Q QUEST.....†<--->†

6o TOOLS-SOP----->†

6p PHASE II †-->

6p1 Lower case tasks above indicate that they are not part of this effort, but this effort is dependent upon their completion.

6q Phase ii milestones cannot be proposed until some firm estimate of terminal delivery is available. Hopefully, it would begin in the fall of CY72.

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Bill Duvol started the discussion of IMLAC background.

This is the communication setup from the TENEX half up to the TI terminals and the IMLAC as a unit. This is basically what it looks like. From SRI we have a phone line that goes down to San Jose and by Microwave it goes to Oakland and is relayed from Oakland to Santa Rosa and from Santa Rosa we have two lines one of them going out to Oxidental and one of them going to Braden. Now, this is a two pair line and the easiest way to think of that is two simplex lines, one of them going from SRI up this way and the other one going from this way down to SRI. We use each line quite a bit differently so I thought I'd go over the use of each one.

To SRI:

Question: Wait a minute. Are there two lines? Part of the distance there are two lines and part of the distance there are four lines right?

From STS out to IMLAC there are two and out to Oxidental there are two and the rest of the length is two.

Does the phone company regularly have microwave setups like that?

Yes, that's standard equipment. It's microwave from Santa Rosa to Oakland and its relayed from Oakland to San Jose and then it goes from San Jose to Palo Alto and comes to SRI.

(KEV) What does STS stand for?

Answer: Santa Rosa. That's the name of the Aiport.

Where is the switching box that decides whether you're talking to Oxidental or ----?

You're talking to both at all times. At SRI at Graten and at Oxidental there are two data sets that are called rixons. These are both 300 baud data sets and each one has a different frequency. One runs at about 1200 cycles and the other one runs at about 2200 cycles. The signals going this direction get mixed in Santa Rosa under the same lines so if you go out and if you listen to the audio on the lines you actually hear two tones, one high and one low from this point. Then they all come down through this mess and into SRI where we have two corresponding

rixons, each of them getting the whole signal and it just goes
out to the one who is interested in it. 12

Did we build this? 13

No, we bought them. 14

Are they commercially available? 15

No, they aren't any more. They were at that time. The reason
they stopped building them was that there just wasn't any
advantage for them. 16

It was just a two-way multiplex thing, you can't send an
arbitrary number of frequencies and put an arbitrary number of
rixons on there that will each pick them up? 17

Sure, you can, I'm not sure what the limit is. There is no
relationship between this rixon and this rixon. You could draw a
circle around each of them and call them multiplex . 18

Duvall continues: And then at SRI we have two corresponding
rixons, both of which get both signals and they get the
respective one and handle those from there ----- and from there
the TENEX. 19

From SRI we have a series of cluges, the first of which is a
high-speed data set which is hooked up to excore and this is
essentially our own device that operates at 2000 baud and will
take a buffer out of excore and send it out on line. 20

In back of that we have a bell telephone 2018 data set, that
converts that into tone and sends it out on line and that's the
place we use the standard Ma Bell equipment. 21

At this end each guy has a 2018 data set and again operating at
2000 baud and the TI down here has in addition a black box. The
signal coming out of tenex is either a multiplex or nonmultiplex
buffer. 22

In a non-multiplex buffer, you essentially have a header and a
string of characters that are designed for IMLAC or destined to
be IMLAC. 23

In a multiplex buffer you have a header followed by a multiplex
IMLAC string of characters or TI characters followed by 6 IMLAC
characters followed by another TI character and so on and so
forth. 24

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The IMLAC --- by software reads the whole thing in and says those are mine and those are his and Don's black box does it by hardware. 25

The hardware can tell the difference between those two headers and throw the whole message away if it wants to? 26

That's right. 27

6 characters at a time? It just does it 6 characters at a time? 28

No, at hardware, there are two escape characters, 367 and on this one it just accepts it like a count and it ignores that many characters, and on this one it just accepts this plus a count and it runs every 6th character. There is one character count so you have a maximum of 265 characters in buffer. 29

Why don't we have two more devices? 30

IMLAC doesn't need one. 31

Because you can go into software? 32

Sure. In fact, the way that this really should have been set up if we were doing it again is to just get rid of this black box entirely, and make a line coming from the IMLAC to the terminal. 33

NOW I WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT OUR AVERAGE MESSAGE SIZE IS. 34

Generally speaking its a maximum 24 characters in a message and I would guess that a normal message size is either one character or full buffer, which is 24 characters. 35

You're saying that's average length of the 250 max, average is 24? 36

No, that's maximum control buffer size that they use. 24 characters. 37

The reason is that essentially you want to make it so you send up a message buffer about once a week so when you do a systat you get a smooth printout, otherwise what you get is a drifty message. 38

Do you mean that your buffer lengths are not variable? 39

They are variable, but theres a maximum which is about 24 40

But that's an artificially imposed maximum?

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Yes.

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Question: the software that makes up these buffers, I guess for the HSDS (High speed data set), if its got just one character around for the TI and its got a bunch of characters for the IMLAC,

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It will send out nulls through the TI. It will send out the one character through the TI and then it will send out 600 null for the TI and 600 nulls through the TI.. And conversely, if there are two characters for the TI and none for the IMLAC it will send out TI characters ---. The only cluges is, well, there is a cluge in there that has the active terminator for these 600 - 400 watt characters, because otherwise what happens it only looks at the character every 6th charater at a time -- there are a few funny things.

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OTIM stands for output to M watt

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The way it essentially works is the following. There are two teletype lines within TENEX, one and two that TENEX assumes always belongs to the IMLAC and to TI terminal character. OTIM there are some special JCs within TENEX to allow OTIM to do this and what it does is in its idle stage it sits there and says have I got a character on either of these two lines?

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If it does then it activates itself and it goes into a loop whereby it tests line one and actually tests the terminet character. If I do, then this will become a terminet buffer.

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question: When there is output for line one or two TENEX just puts it in the normal output buffers for one and two. It does nothing special?

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answer: The only thing special it does is normally things go into output buffers and then the teletype gets activated and these lines never get activated, they go into output buffer and the lines never get activated. First thing it tests is to see if the TI terminal has a character. If it does then it says this is going to be a multiplex buffer, if it doesn't it says its going to be an unmultiplex buffer. So that even that it may be latter on the call is going to be a buffer, characters may arise from TI terminal, it'll get sent on the next buffer, not this one. Then it just goes through and it will try to read one character for the TI followed by 6 for the IMLAC if its just and arbitrary from the IMLAC. It will continue doing that till its reached its maximum count or its run out of characters. When it gets to that

point it fills up a buffer and tells the Jsystem which causes it
to go out and it does a sweep until it gets the interit back from
IPdata sets. 49

question: And only then it'll send the next one? 50

Only then it will send the next one. 51

question: The program can get interrupts like that? 52

Special Jsense. Jsets doesnt need its mess on a commission. it
is set on and interim. 53

There are three or five ---- . 54

Do you have any provisions for retransmission? Have you ever
needed that? 55

No, the thing is that the human being at the other end you can
sort of say "ah, there's an error in in the character" and it
seems like a totally redundant thing. The retransmission would
probably mess you up more than saying "ah, bad character". 56

Ok, once its got its interrupt, then it goes through the whole
cycle. 57

By the same process, where you don't do any parity checking? 58

we do use a parity bit and what we use the parity bit is--- no,
we don't use a parity bit, we use to use the parity bit. 59

To flag the TI character? 60

Did you stop using that because it was unstable? 61

No, essntially the only time that that was useful was the
situation where the TI terminal was inactive, in which case you
get about a 10% increase. 62

At one time the IMLAC, well, the whole thing got operated ---
whereby the TI terminal wouldn't be recognized until it got its
first character sent out. The reason for doing that is that you
can get rid of those control characters in case of that you can
operate the IMLAC at a slightly higher speed. That was useful in
940 it turned out not to be useful on TENEX because the first
thing TENEX does is send out TENEX restart and wait, TENEX in
operation and that hangs in your buffer until it gets read out.
So every time it came up, you know, there it was.u 63

The reason for limiting the buffer size like this is basically that we want to make the transmission seem as smooth as possible and when you begin lengthening your buffer size then you have a longer wait .

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The type of situation you can get into where the IMLAC has 300 characters go out to it. So that means he's not going to get any response in 2 and one half seconds. On the 940 I fooled around And I tried different buffer sizes and I came to the conclusion that 20 was about right. 40 was too much. Its pretty arbitrary.

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question: Have you considered since you build the whole buffer before you send it, checking the TI before you actually send the message so that if there are TI characters you could then put them in?

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Well, you can always send the multiplex message and just as you pick up with the TI character put it in the proper place on the multiplex buffer.

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well thats the problems but you have 16% degradation in the character from the IMLAC if you do that.

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How long does it take to transmit 24 characters?

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about 100 milliseconds?

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What is the mechanism for when your program looks on the buffers to see whether there are any characters to go out?

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Do you issue a JSYS and somebody wakes you up when they put characters in so you're not constantly being woken up every x milliseconds to look in the buffer, you only get awakened when there are characters there to do something with?

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Yes

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Is there a good reason for not doing this under process -----?

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What will you know how to do when you know how to do that?

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I think that is probably the answer because I don't know what it means to doing process -----.

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The way the IMP people work , I mean they do analogous things and they're run by the scheduling, they have a time process that is activated so that it could be done in much smaller chunks with much less overhead. If you have all the information.

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The history behind this: in the 940, I was lucky to get it done
any way I could, and when it came onto the ten I kept pushing Ken
about it and it was one of the first things I wanted to get done
so it got done the way that Ken did it. 78

Do we have any feeling for what it costs to run that? 79

About 3%. 80

That's pretty high. 81

That is pretty high. 82

Will this scheme support DNLS? 83

Yes. 84

Like one of the things I do now, is I load the IMLAC which is
about a 5000 character string and that goes pretty quickly. If
the system is really loaded you can see breakes but if its normal
it takes 10-15-20 seconds. It's pretty fast. 85

How does he blue streak work? the thing to xerox, is that just a
dedicated line on the data line scan? 86

Yes. 87

and what is it? 1800 baud? 88

yes. 89

how does stuff go out to it? 90

10 characters a second coming in and 1800 baud going out. 91

Like a super-fast teletype and TENEX doesn't know the difference. 92

We ought to talk about it because EM does quite a bit of other
stuff too. Loading is very special and we don't have time for
that stuff, we'll have to leave that till later. 93

is it reasonable to have another process for loading? 94

no. 95

Are you talking about loading the program? 96

No -- loading the IMLAC 97

Let's put it this way, If we did have to change the loading scheme rather radically and I was going to talk about that a little later. There's probably a way around it. 98

Are we talking about running a lot of other IMLACS this way. Because if we are talking about a dozen IMLACS then it is more crucial. A lot of IMLACS are going to be over the network so they wouldn't be like this at all. Is there really that much of and actual problem? 99

We are going to keep one here. We are ordering three or four now for RADC. 100

We are going to keep one of them here for some period of time - 4 months or something. 101

If the teletype mechanism down there can handle 1800 baud then we'll probably just run it at that speed. 102

If you could drop it from 3% to 1% by putting one of them in, yes, that's one more net kind of user to support. If you can't get a factor of 2 by working at it then you've really done an exceptionally good job. 103

To recapitulate; The communication protheses are you go from TENEX, the lines going OTIM then OTIM sends them out to excore which in turn sends them out to the high-speed data set which goes out to the 2018 over this mess from down there and goes directly to the 2018 directly into the IMLAC or into the black box and into the TI and going either way the character is going into the two rixons. 104

How often are you getting bad characters? 105

Once I looked at it and it was one out of 1000 or maybe 1 out of 5000, it's not awful bad, actually its better than that. 106

at this point there was a discussion about bad characters. Duvall said that he had tried to find the bug but he now suspects the hardware, maybe the black box. 107

Is there any thing that allows you both to share the phone line on the way in? 108

Yes, that's where we have the two different frequencies. 109

Why couldn't do the multifrequency going out just the same way you do coming in? 110

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I think because of the speed. 111

You have the line split into a low speed and high speed? 112

Yes, two different lines, two simplex lines. They sell it as one line and its 10% more than regular. 113

So going out you're going at like 2000 baud and coming in you're coming in at about 110 or something like that? 114

Yes. It seems like with a 300 baud device on an IMLAC you could have split it enough so that that would work. 115

Part of the problem is that we were trying get one of those available in the communications equipment, and like if we were doing it today we would do this whole shmerr differently, because the communication equipment has just improved radically. 116

Does the IMLAC give an interrupt to every character? 117

Yes, it has to give interrupt to every character. The problem is that the way you might use characters is in a one bit at a time. 118

And can you buy standard 201A that will give you an interrupt at 2000 baud? 119

No, There is a start character and a start bit then the start shifter in the start bit. When it shifts 8 times there is an interrupt 120

As it turns out, you can't run IMLAC at that high speed and do anything without the interrupt. 121

IMLAC software: 122

Question before you start on this, what type terminal are you using? Are you using a TI with IMLAC? 123

No the IMLAC is a combination terminal. 124

A brief description of what the IMLAC is. It's a low processor, somewhat more powerful than the PDPA I guess, and its got 16-bit word and its got hooked up to it a display processor. The display -----. The display processor and the general processor run separately. I'll get into the display processor a little later. 125

When we first had the IMLAC up there what we had in the way of software was a teletype text editor simulator that IMLAC had

written and we had patched it so it could be used as a high-speed data set. We tried using that and that didn't work. The main reason it was unsatisfactory was that there is no reasonable way of getting special characters, control shift "K" was an "AT" sign and things like this and it was just intolerable. We were on the 940 at that time and there was really a great need for a mode whereby it looked like a 33 and a shift could get you special characters and when you typed things normally it would translate to upper case and so on and so forth.

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The other thing was I don't think IMLAC people knew too much about the software because the way they scrolled was they had a big long buffer and when the screen got full they would take off and move it up.

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And so they were doing these 1000 word moves every time the screen got full and there was just no way that we can keep up with the input stream. You could drop like 10 characters when you hit a scroll.

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At that time Bill and John Melvin had written an IMOL that ran on the 940 and so using that he wrote a sort of TTY simulation thing that had 2000 rixons on it.

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First of all the scroll drive was a great advantage, secondly a big character translation so the keyboard looked just like the keyboards we have out here with a few exceptions, but basically they looked just the same.

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It did backspace characters and backspace words just like they do on the display out here.

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At that time when you did backspace on TNLS it echoed back whatever you wanted to echo back and so I just have echo back control A in which case it would erase the last character and the same thing with backspace word which is control w.

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I set it up so that in an effort to get a very cheap DNLS type facility or partial DNLS type facility I divided the display into two windows. In the normal stage when you're just talking out into the exec then this one window is just that size and the other window ...

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When you went into TNLS it would make this window discharge and this window here was used for the command feedback in general exec type stuff and this window up here was used for when you do a print branch or whatever.

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Connected with each line up here was the table that had at what

at that time was a PSID of each statement or the corresponding line in the window and so you could use the mouse and keyset for statement specification or address specification so it had essentially bugs but I couldn't delete text. 135

That was all right, it wasn't great. 136

How did it know to recreate? 137

Like you do a print branch. It was just like TNLS except the first thing print branch would do is send out a control character set in that window. The last thing it would do is send out one that would say "OK". So it would just stay up there and you would do all of your work down here. It was all right. 138

The problems in getting that thing running were mainly, debugging because at that time you just had nothing in the IMLAC and it was like sort of pressing a button down and nothing was there and that's a painful process to correct. Especially when you start trying to debug a demultiplex routine or subdemultiplex routine and try to figure out where its dropping characters. It's damn near impossible. You've just got to use manipulation. The other thing that was kind of fun was the display stuff. The way the IMLAC display works, is essentially a stroke display and given a box, in the center of the box you have 16 --- you can drop in various directions sort of like that. This is an over simplification but it's easier to explain that way. The way you used these was to form characters. An "E" might look sort of like that. There's a subrouting jumping mechanism in which you can jump one level. So, essentially, for each character you have a subroutine. Then there is of course a branch. Those are the main features of the display. 139

Question: There was no hardware character generation? 140

No there was just stroke. 141

Why are IMLACs so great? 142

There was nothing else. ??? You could probably buy an 11 with some kind of reasonable display? 143

Not for that price. They've got mini's now but then you have to interface them so it goes out of the same core and all that. 144

You could probably treat the display, if it had its own memory as an external device. It needn't run out of the same memory. 145

Duvall continues. At the state we were on in way back when, when

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all the stuff was being done on the 940, all we had in terms of a character set were a bunch of subroutines that were in this original text setter and it's a hell of a lot of work to go through and make a character set. So, consequently, I decided to use theirs. We had binary-----, and so we had essentially a bunch of non-relocatable character subroutines so the obvious solution was to build the program around it.

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Laugh Laugh.

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And so we had a great core layout. At the top simulator, then we had debuff two, then some character subroutines, then sort of and area of slop, because I wasn't exactly sure where they began, then we had debuff one and then we had a little thing that they had that was a display start that did all the stuff necessary except to pick this stuff up, and then we had a little more slop and then way down below that we had the interrupt routine. that did the demultiplex.

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How much core do you have?

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8k. So, that's what we ended up with.

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So how big are those two display buffer areas?

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1000 words apiece

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And that's good for how many characters?

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1000 characters. I'll show you what your display. You've got a little display start routine. What the display routine does is it sets on high voltage and positions the beam at the top of the left corner on wherever you want to position and so on and so forth. The last thing in that is a jump to your display buffer ---- in the display buffer is just a subroutine jump. and then the last thing is a branch to a display stop routine. which goes around and sets the beam in the place they'd like to have it set because if you set it other places, it ruins the deflection amplifiers and things like that. It's a very carefully engineered piece of hardware. There is quite a bit of black magic in it.

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Then we transferred onto the 10. That sort of made things a little cramped because all I had was some binary ----- In fact somehow I lost some binary with the interrupt stuff.

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How?

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I don't know, probably got clobbered and I thought there was some

diversion and there wasn't. And so, here we were on the 10 and the 940 was gone and there was no getting it back ----- so our sources weren't any good, but I did have the binary for most of it. and so that one down there, I just wrote a new thing in optical with a little program that went to teletype to file then there was a little thing that just shipped out of binary files. What I did was I just killed OTIM and had a mode in it which would just take binary files, stick them on the line and shove them out. And then I had written a very simple optical loader for IMLAC to check for anything that would just come up. I used it for quite a while.

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Then Peter came along and wrote an IMOL. That's sort of the start of the second wave in software for the IMLAC. The Imode that Peter wrote uses DDT as a loader and just drops binary that could be 10 binaries ---- and then you just load it in the DDT and you can get away with that because the 10 has an 18 bit address field.

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The IMLAC only has 16 bit words so you can drop out IMLAC instruction in the IMLAC field and generally speaking you load it in the second half of your address space so that when you print it out it just drops off that top.

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When you want to actually print a IMLAC binary from that you have and IMOL procedure that your regular PDP10 procedures that you load with it and you run that and it traps all the ---- field indirect from the right place .----.

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Then how do you get that file to the IMLAC?

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Loading is kind of interesting. It is made especially interesting by the fact that, well, for one time I just loaded by stopping Don and Don would call me up and say "what's happening?" and I would say "Oh, sorry" and go ahead and load. I got tired of that so I decided to make a load so it did demuxing. That turned out to be nontrue, because the way you really want to have your loader started is you want to to have to start on the wrong You have a small 40 word memory.

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In forty words its pretty hard to write a loader that will demultiplex the kind of stuff we had to demultiplex. So the way you get around that is we've got a little bootstrapping from (he was interrupted here)

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You got that from the IMLAC people?

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No, it isn't in the wrong yet.

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How often do you have to reload the ----- typically? 166

Well, that gets into another area, you see, there's a problem in the IMLAC. 167

Assumming that OTIM does an ironing thing. 168

Oh, it isn't OTIM. The problem is that there is an instruction in IMLAC that doesn't work all the time. I got around that for most of the thing, but running (at this point there was much laughter) What do you do? Cybernex can't fix it, and you know, what the hell, someone pulls it out and patches it. That was the easiest solution I could think of. You know, what do you do? 169

Is that everybody's IMLAC or just yours? 170

Just mine, just mine. Or just ours, anyway, so it's like, well, when I found that out, things got measurably better. Before that it would run maybe four hours before I had to do that, you know, it would depend, if it had been running for a long time, -- it all depends on how long it had been running. But when we first started it up you couldn't use it for the first half hour and you would come back and sort of hope, but since that's gone out of the way it's been pretty damn good. It's like it crashes oh, well, it crashes so that I really have to reload it maybe once a week. Sometimes two weeks. I reload a lot more than that when I'm fooling around at first. 171

Reloading, believe it or not, and you won't believe it when I get to explaining it to you, reloading is very reliable. The thing I wanted to do is be able to reload the IMLC without interrupting Don and without interrupting the normal flow of work and it ah, I won't say its the practical way, but the only way I could think of for effectively doing that or at least the easiest way I could think of doing that, to begin with we had our own bootstrap, and it starts out in a certain location, first thing it does is send out a control C and halt. And what that does is sends out a Control C to any guy that we had runing down here to get him back into EXEC Then you hit a continue. 172

You mean it sends a continue down the line? 173

No, no, you hit a continue on the operator's console then it sends out two characters which are arbitrarily sitting right out there, and OTIM is looking for that string of 2 characters. When OTIM sees that string of characters, it says "Ah hah, IMLAC wants to get reloaded". So it opens a file called SRI boot. 174

What it sends out is it has to be in one buffer and it turns you

off from this buffer. It's totally IMLAC buffer because this guy can't demode at all and what that sends out is a bootstrap loader that is read in by the wrong, he uses it, well for various reasons he has to read into location 100 because there's enough room for a branch in this mode enough room for a branch --- and that's the next thing, so he reads it in and when he gets done, he transfers control to that.

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You mean the wrong just falls into that?

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That's right. (laugh (laugh)). Well, anyway, can you imagine the poor programmers some years from now?

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I will have to get another instruction to change that but that's the way it is now. So it reads the bootstrap in and then the bootstrap, the first thing it does is goes through and checks on itself to make sure it was right, once it has done that, then it reads in a relocatable loader to see where it wants to transfer control to that guy. That loader can then proceed to begin a series of block binaries.

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everything after the bootstrap is sent out as regular interleaved characters and multiplex characters.

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How big is the boot?

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Well, the maximum is 255. I think it's about 240 now, something like that.

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How do you map characters into IMLAC machine code?

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If there were more room in here, then what I could do is I'd have to do something like break breaking up the four bits, take two four-bit characters and assemble them, and if I did that then I wouldn't have this OTIM node. Even so, it would still be pretty messy because you'd have to start up and throw that crap out.

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Does the SRI boot program interact with the user to get the name of the file of the loader?

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No, it grabs a folicle of the SRI load. OTIM does that. It grabs SRI boot, sends that out, closes that and opens SRI load, user load of IMLAC and sends that out, and so SRI load is essentially just a bunch of pack, you know, one binary after another.

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How hard would it be to convert all that so you can do bouts on that line and have that line handled carefully so that it ends up sending what you need to the IMLAC?

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Well, the only problem I guess I could see on that, you've got to have some way of going from an internal status. 187

ok, suppose you get a character on the input line that recognizes that fact. 188

(Duvoll) I don't understans. You still have to have a job doing this stuff. 189

When the IMLAC is down you've got to be able to start up a job somehow. There's got to be a better way, there's no question about that. Well if you could reduce the job of something like OTIM simply to doing the load and have a way of waking the job up when you wanted to rload? 190

You could have the process clocked up to the pounds store and when create job eventually works, have that that sees that actually sort out that job store. You wouldn't have to have the job running all the time. 191

If you could do the transfers to that line and bouts, then you could have a lot of the ugliness gone away, if you could make it work out that way. 192

Well, except for the main thing, you've got to be able to stipulate that it all goes in one bank in bootstrap. Oh, the other thing is that, yeah, you're pretty much protected. Once that does that it also waits for simple characters. That's the first thing that the wrong does is wait for simple characters before it goes any further. 193

Waits for waat? 194

Two sync characters, two syncrization characters so it doesn't get garbage, in other words, it may be throwing out garbage at you like if I load it and I'm not logged in, the first thing that comes up when it gets the control C is it starts typing at ARC in tenex. And so what it does is it waits for two zeros of the same characters. 195

Could you do something like, he sends out a control C an then these two characters. Now control C gets you taling to the exec no matter what. What about if you put a comman in the exec. you've got two special characters ad that started up the job that did the loading.? 196

No that's worse than this. 197

When you're at a terminal and you hit those two characters by mistake, you'd sure wonder what's going to happen. 198

Do you understand how Peter's loader works? 199

Yeah, I've run through it. It doesn't have the same problems that we did because it doesn't have to demode. Multiplex you just have to , it's a bitch, because the thing is, the multiplex -----/. 200

How long have you been running the multiplex? 201

It's been almost a year. 202

Why don't you want a black box that does the ---? 203

First of all because I'd rather do it in software an also it's ---. 204

But if you had a black box, that did the demoxing you wouldn't have to worry about it. It looks like it might be a good idea as far as the loading goes. 205

Then I'd have to put up with a black box. 206

You're putting up with a lot from IMLAC now. 207

Have you ever opened up your black box? 208

Heavens no. 209

Don't. You look inside it and there are things inside it like heres a traasistor, up here down here, touch the whole hhng and it moves. When I first took it up there it was sitting upside down. I brought it down here to get it fixed and i was talking to the guy an I had set it up there right side up an it seemed to be working and I asked him about it being upside down. He said, "Well, that seemed to be its natural state. I haven't touched it. 210

Who built the model? 211

He works for Cybernex? 212

He's a student. He was really a good guy. Very sharp guy, I think he wasn't very operational. He's learning. He could design. Yeah, ok. The other part of the loading process that's kind of fun is that Peter's stuff puts out is a standard IMLAC binary, which is a bunch of bites and that has to get coverted to another thing. Before the Imlac will accept it. And so there's a bunch of conversion programs you have to go through OTIM. 213

What's that? 214

Peter adheres to the standard IMLAC loading, 215

Yeah, which is right. 216

And you're saying you have to go through another level of translation to get it to your loader? 217

That's right. 218

Why can't you read in a standard, after your SRI boot, can't you read in a standard loader that will read this program? 219

No, the problem is, it doesn't have anything to do with IMLAC, the problem has to do with OTIM and it's just that there's just a bunch of code written --- binary, see when it first started, Peter thought it --- binary, and I said, well, forget it, that's binary --- converted, you might as well have a binary that's convenient to use, so I used my own binary and then we both decided that we could use a standard binary. By that time I had all this stuff written. 220

Okay, we'll go back to the other stuff, I guess. More on the IMLAC software. Imminently, infact, extraordinarily eminently, we'd love to have dnls that Peter has written up on IMLAC. 221

Does that mean the journal --- display? 222

Ah, I don't know, that should, well, I was going to try to do that last Sunday, I'm very interested in seeing your reaction, whether you preferred the nls or tnls changed. 223

I'm interested too, my guess is the DNLS will have to undergo one of its evolutions programs suitable for --- and I can see the evolution going in one of two directions. One of them is doing --- perhaps more longer range type of thing and I think a more satisfactory type of thing, and I think the other is bootstrapping. 224

What's that mean? 225

Well, you know, like it does delete text when you do that little thing, you know, and send something back to the NLS that says delete text, which, you know, the IMLAC is infinitely capable of doing. There's no problem at all doing that. After you load Peter's program you still got 4K total ----. 4Koct. 226

The other direction I can see it going is that I'm going to want

to have better ways of suppressing --- display than you have now. I think we can probably get out of doing recreate display more often and maybe get into tricks like keeping a record of what the guy has on his screen and when you say entirely recreate display have an outputter sending the STID or application or whatever, so he can move things around an have new commands as opposed complete -----.

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That's all on the IMLAC stuff and we'd want to do that?

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Yeah.

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Why would you prefer TNLS to Dnls, is it easy application to recreate displays type of thing?

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Yeah.

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It's not the close operable differences between TNLS an DNLS.

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No, its operable difference is far superior. Ok, the question is how much can you get done. And you know, if you have to wait ten seconds to recreate display everytime, where you know with TNLS you just go.

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Yeah, well, we're running TNLS at MIT (it's supposed to be a 54-bit type thing, it was almost like sitting there at DNLS, I mean you would have to type addresses and you couldn't point but as far as convenience like seeing things come at you,

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I'm pretty sure that an IMLAC over the network will run just as well as we have here.

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It is comparable. I use that back East. very comparable.

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Yeah, its really neat because it is just like "AH, HOME".

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Also IMLAC has a much better keyboard than we had down there at ----- . Those things, written a ddt for the IMLAC there's sort of an interesting thing about that. Initially I--- said, okay, I was going to write a ddt and started out writing a ddt, then came the problem with character set because with ddt we wanted to have a selfcontaned character set and everything else. And we came back to the simple problem of character set which ---- that we had before.

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You wanted it to be ---- because you couldn't afford the space or what?

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Yeah, that's right. So that's the way it started, that was

initially. Then the main problem we ran into was the character set thing. The other thing is Peter's character set initially, but it turns out that his IMLAC has long-bit hardware and ours doesn't and that makes it the character size that you could get in his character set is about like that, you know three --- there and his was just impossible to read.

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That's not true of his new IMLAC.

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He has two character sets, one for long hardware and one for short. The IMLAC he's using now doesn't have long --- hardware.

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Well, it must have been the right one because it worked. The characters were very small and the thing was, the characters were very small and you used the same character same display space as the other one. So, anyway, in order to implement it, Peter put a thing in his imol that would drop out essentially character subroutines. So the obvious thing to do is write a decompiler that goes through the binary character set that I had stolen from the text editor and produces IMOL sources which I can then turn and put into the source code for the DDT to compile. So, more upon more upon more upon more.

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Then we got the DDT running and about that time John Melvin came up with the stuff in the TENEX DDT for the NLS debugger and it turns out that also given the fact that you load your mol program in DDT, you're able to make it so that the imlac ddt was essentially a symbolic DDT.

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Essentially the way that that works is, from the 10 you have a little program which is called TIMDDT --- IMLAC DDT. It essentially accepts two types of inputs. One accepts pound signs followed by page number followed by 6 octal digits and carriage return. What it does, is it takes that and using the page number it computes an address and sticks that into, well, it calls John's thing in DDT that says give me the symbol for that and then it takes that symbol and types it out enclosed by brackets.

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It strips off any of the block stuff. Then the other thing is that it accepts the symbol and it sends out a number value.

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The imlac on the other end is sitting there and when you do a flag, it takes the contents, or the address, leaves the contents out from the address it completes the page number, sends that down then sends the word down, just like regular input characters. --- left bracket, or left bracket and then just copies that string out.

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What about doing it the other way, sort of the other way around. You could have had the DDT essentially running on the 10 and simply have the ability for it to interrogate cells in the IMLAC. Would that have been reasonable?

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Well, that adds a number of complexities. Because then you're going through the IMLAC to the 10 back to the IMLAC back to the 10 back to the IMLAC back to you and in this case you're just going from you to the IMLAC to the 10 back to the IMLAC back to you.

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Yeah, the only value would be if you're not constraining to the IMLAC for the bulk of your DDT.

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The DDT doesn't have to sit, while its running your IMLAC its not codes to be able to send back the contents of a cell recognize the request for and send back the contents?

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Well, I guess that's true, except that probably 80% of the IMLAC code is the stuff you're driving displays and the actual parcer in the DDT code is in tapes. Everything else is just all the crap that is necessary for the display and scrolls and all that stuff. In fact, the DDT has a transparent mode.

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you're talking and its working like a regular imp talk ---- you're taling to the TENEX and that's usually what you use to start up the 10? DDT, Control C????? you call it out. I don't know, I was originally ---- on the 940. And I guess I really saw the light this way and I really didn't think about that.

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The advantage of having a DDT running on the 10 is when we get an NLS debugger you could use it to interrogate the IMLAC? In essence you could run a much bigger and more powerful DDT?

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It's all according to how that would workCharles, because you're using the same line for two things. You've got to have all sorts of.

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Yeah, it would be a problem. You've got another multiplex problem too.

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That's right.

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But when you're taling to the IMLAC in the display mode, you sending formatted messages anyway, so you could find a message to say give me the contents of the cell, you know,

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(Duvol)now wait a minute, I guess the thing that I'm assuming, you know when yo use the DDT for TENEX program of course you use

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the 10 unit, you use the simulation model. to use the DDT for the IMLAC program, it's not clear to me you've got to have a parcer one way or the other. You know this DDT has break points in it too.

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(Irby) Yeah, but all that could be done from a program running on the 10 that had the ability to raid and set.

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Is the IMLAC easier to program or the 10?

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The answer is they are both the same because you've got to have an IMOL. In fact, I wrote the DDT first in L10 and then I translated it to IMOL. I don't know, I suppose, I guess I'd to have to think about it more. I guess one reason would be is you could if you had a break in communications with the 10 you'd go out and use the octal DDT on the IMLAC. To find out why the break occurred. The other thing, is when you set a break point the only reason you set a break point in IMLAC is --- because it only has 2K addressing.

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Breaks are really nasty because, its got a patch instruction and the 10 doesn't which is worth it right there. Breaks are really nasty because you only have 2K address space.

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So what are we going to do with all these IMLACS that are arriving?

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(Mimi) send them back?

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(Irby) do you think it would be worth it to put together another process display termina?

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No, definitely not.

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What was the question?

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(Irby) I asked if Bill thought it was worth while trying to find a replacement for the IMLAC.

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No, the IMLAC's not bad. You can do everything you need to do. A lot of this is floundering, because first of all, I've never officially been able to do anything on the IMLAC. That's never been designated as any sort of a project, I've just sort of been bootlegging it and the other is that is that, well, you know, it's sort of because that all of this has been very evolutionary and its sort of like, you know, I get an evening and I get an idea and I say well I'm going to do it and you know, I do it. That's not the best way to do anything.

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My concern wasn't with the IMLAC persay with the having them across the country with people back there that were not going to relay on or be able to be as ingenious as Bill. 271

(Bill) I think that the way we would approach that is we would devise an IMLAC software system which we could probably fairly well and it wouldn't be like this. This demonstrates most of the mistakes ad most of the things you do to get around the mistakes. But I think that with using that knowledge but I think with using that knowledge we could probably go in and devise a fairly reasonable system that we could say, here it is and as long as you use our wrong you know, the little --- load from us and we do all our stuff and you start printing with the wrong you start doing everything on your own. 272

Wouldn't there be something like that already around, like at MIT or someplace where they've got --- IMLAC? They must have. 273

No, MIT's IMLACs are worse then ours. They have a direct ---cork and they don't even use formal IMLACS. the 10 drops things directly into core through cables. 274

How about at UCLA? 275

They haven't been very sophisticated. 276

Does UTAH have any IMLACS? 277

It sounds like this thing doesn't have to be modified very much to work over the network. 278

(Bill) No, I think it's all workable. It's not glamorous by any means but its all workable an I think if we were willing to put a little effort into it we could make it. 279

Are these IMLACS back there going to be ---- off the TIP? 280

I think so. 281

(Bill) Peter loads his over the phone line. conceptionally theres no difference. 282

The tip conceptionally was just a transparent thing --- characters come right off the--- 283

Yeah, you could use Peter's loader you know get the multiplex thing out of the way you get about 90% . 284

Well the TIP gets rid of the multiplex. 285

Peter's loader is not at all --- you know it's straight forward. 286

Well, it's not straight forward, It's conceptionally straight forward as you could imagine loading one computer from another. 287

(Bill) No not at all, as unstraight forward as you could imagine loading one--- As straight forward as you could imagine having an entire load of those check signs on 40 octal words. It's not at all straaght forward. 288

So they've been running their IMLAC just like a TI or something? So I see Mitchell in the TNLS, that's where he's coming from? 289

I guess the last thing I was going to talk about a little bit was some of the where I'm concerned not necessarily deep but significant problems that you run into on this whole thing 290

One of them that I've already mentioned is the maintenance problem and the only way you caa do it, you've got to have somebody that knows about IMLAC to maintain them that's willing to take a day or whatever with IMLAC. We fixed it once by I was talking to Bob Simmons of Cybernex on the phone and that was pretty successful because he could tell me where to go and where to look and what to check. That worked out all right. 291

Do you have a scope up there? 292

No, I have a volt meter. And you know, that's the thing, volt meters are adequate for an awful lot of stuff. Then when it got more serious, if you had someone that you could call on and say fix it,-- it doesn't go down that much. The only other problem that I had is when that damn power spot --- fixed like that and that IFC instruction doesn't work. 293

Another thing that's sort of nasty, and this we might think of in this respect, too, you guys that have your own, is what do you do when it goes down? And I've got a list here that's one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve. and each one of those not only could but has at one time been a problem. I'll go through them. 294

I take that back, the first one never has been a problem. We've never had any problem with the rixon. 295

The phone line. The phone line is either very good or very bad. Sometimes its sort of inbetween. It use to be at one time we won't have any problem, then we'll have one week or two where we'll call up the company and they'll say, well, the phone lines down or we've got noise on it, and that's a big hassle because

you know, the telephone company is , well, it's like you call them up and say, "There's a problem on this line," and they'll say, Ah, What's that, then they'll plug into it and you'll get a loud tone and you sort of say, oh, that's data, that's okay, that's the right stuff, but there's noise on it, and they say What does it sound like, and you say, what do you mean, what does it sound like,? (laugh) (Laugh). You know, it could take one bit an it sets things off and you get a rub out coming through and you know, you have to hassle it for two or three days before you get them to believe there's really something wrong, and you sort of filter up through the ranks as you're doing this and you finally find someone who knows whats happening, and then they do something like they put a pulse counting meter on it and they count it for an hour and during that hour things just happen to get better and you know, this is really ugly stuff. It's hard to fight, you just have to keep calling back and say this doesn't work ad they'll say all right, an they will taa the line for you know, three hours, an about the only think I can say is I have really learned a lot about internal structue of the telephone company. (laagh) Finally I thnk this week we've hit a very high point because lease has the same sort of problem, you know extension has the same sort of problem. And finally this guy came out, you know obviously he was the big shit, you know, because he had a flunky with him, and he gave me his card an all this stuff and the you know, the foreman of repair. and so, it went down again yesterday, and I called him up and maybe this is the end of---

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You got his card huh?

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Yah, I got his card. That's been a real big hassle.

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Other things that have gone down, one day the SRI rixon got unplugged. TTI patch panel we haven't had any trouble on the 10s on the 940s people used to remove the plug. OTIM occasionally hangs up, because of some glitch that Ken knows about or sometimes somebody will attach to it or sometimes it just won't get started or somebody hits Control C on the teletype line and thinks we're starting it. Sometimes when we work on the line printer they turn off the external devices baud and thaats the same baud that runs the high-speed data set. So it stops running then.

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201a has gone down once and has been unplugged once down here. two times its gone down because of a bad cable between the 201a and the IMLAC interface. Then there's another glitch in the IMLAC sometimes the level gets stuck and you don't get the character interrupt . But all these things sort of make it interesting when it goes down. You don't know where to start, this is why I call

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somebody down here like Ken or Don and say Hey, you know, what's happening, is because I really don't want to go into all this hassle until I know what the problem is.

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The one thing that we have done that has really helped a lot is Martin's little box. It sort of has four inputs to it. It's an amplifier with a speaker, it's got four inputs, one of them is the voice line for both the input and output lines. And the other one is on the other side of the data sends to both lines. So I can flick it on and hear the carriers and I can hear if data is coming across and I can hear it the other way hear data coming out of the data center or going into the data center. And that's help a great deal. You can say that CTIM is down or IMLAC is down. That's sort of nasty.

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Language Interest Group: Suggested Readings for Third Meeting

The third meeting of the language interest group will be on Thursday, July 13 at 4 o'clock.

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To have common knowledge for discussion we should all read the following articles, each to be found in "Language, Thought and Reality, selected writing of Benjamin Lee Whorf," edited by John B. Carroll, M.I.T. Press, 1956:

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Forward

2a

On the Connection of Ideas

2b

The Relation of Habitual Thought and Behavior to Language

2c

Languages and Logic

2d

Language, Mind, and Reality

2e

The biographical introduction of the Whorf volume has food for thought as well.

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At the moment I possess Walter's copy of the Whorf volume. I will return it to Mil shortly.

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Various anti-Whorf positions are bundled together in a collection called, "Language in Culture" edited by Harry Hoijer, University of Chicago Press, 1954.

4a

I have not gotten a hold of a copy of "Language in Culture", nor does the Stanford Library have one, but I will try to find one somewhere else.

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Current ideas about the innate structure of language, much influenced by computer operation, appear in "Chomsky's Revolution in Linguistics" by John Searle which appears in The New York Review of Books, Vol. XVIII, No. 12, 29 June 1972, pp.16-24.

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Mil has a copy of this article.

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(J10874) 28-JUN-72 9:01; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. van Nouhuys/DVN;
Distribution: Paul Rech, Jacques F. Vallee, Mil E. Jernigan, Beauregard
A. Hardeman, Don Limuti, William R. Ferguson, Richard W. Watson/PR JFV
MEJ BAH DL WRF RWW; Sub-Collections: PODAC; Clerk: BER;
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Re: protocol notebook and ascii

It would have been better to have a document from the us standards association rather than a particular company for the current network protocols notebook section on ascii.

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Re: protocol notebook and ascii

(J10875) 28-JUN-72 11:58; Title: Author(s): Jonathan B. Postel/JBP;
Distribution: Jeanne B. North, Richard W. Watson, Cindy Page/JBN RWW
CXP; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JBP;

FILE LOCKED

you have the file "<ETAC>TIPFILE" locked, you can correct the situation by logging in loading the file and "Updating" it thenleave the system by "Execute Quit". Just breaking the connection or getting out by means of control-c is not cool

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FILE LOCKED

(J10876) 28-JUN-72 12:06; Title: Author(s): Jonathan B. Postel/JBP;
Distribution: James H. Shiffrin/JHS2; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JBP;

A REMINDER

JON, HOW IS THE NEW TELLNET DOCUMENT COMING?
WE WOULD LIKE TO GET THE SPECS SOON SO WE CAN BEGIN SOME
EXPERIMENTS
ON OUR OWN TENEX.

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JWM 28-JUN-72 13:00 10877

A REMINDER

(J10877) 28-JUN-72 13:00; Title: Author(s): John W. McConnell/JWM;
Distribution: Jonathan B. Postel/JBP; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JWM;

More on Net Status File

Dave,

Do you have a volunteer for the backup site? What seems involved here would be necessary for that site to contact one of our NLS people. Having a network file transfer protocol running would seem usefull. We could start without backup.

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RWW 28-JUN-72 13:54 10878

More on Net Status File

(J10878) 28-JUN-72 13:54; Title: Author(s): Richard W. Watson/RWW;
Distribution: David H. Crocker/DHC; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk:
RWW;

Phone Log: Dave Liddle, Owens-Illinois, about their plasma display consoles

They are offering a line of self-contained display terminals, using their plasma displays, a keyboard, and a Nova mini-computer (they are leaving room in the computer interface for later insertion of special cards to interface with our mouse and keyset).

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O-I claims that they aren't planning to go into the retail terminal-selling business, but that they are putting together these packages and offering them for sale so that people can more easily experiment with their displays -- to build up a market interest. Eventually, they hope to get many terminal manufacturers interested, and to sell display modules to them for incorporation into their different terminals.

1a

During a visit Dave made earlier in the Spring, I (with George Eilers' consent) had agreed to buy one of their consoles to use for experimenting in the mini-console project, and offered further to buy a second if another order would help significantly to get their "trial-sales effort" moving. My call today was to learn whether or not they needed the second order. He felt that at this time it wouldn't be critical to their plans, so I told him that we would wait until we experimented some with the first model before we decided upon possibly ordering another (more).

2

Associated with ARC's interest in lower-cost DNLS terminals, and stemming also from my intuitive feeling that mini-computers are very likely to be important as support in local-terminal configurations serviced over a network, I queried Dave some more about the multiple-display per Nova possibilities of their system:

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Basic cost of the current system, with an 8K Nova, is \$10K. For perhaps \$450 extra they can deliver the Nova with a "big chassis" which can accommodate up to 32K of core. From that point, it looked roughly as though about \$4K per terminal would be the incremental cost for adding each other terminal to that same Nova. I gathered that one Nova could probably handle six to eight terminals without too much trouble, but we didn't discuss this explicitly.

3a

This cost includes: \$2500 for display, \$150 for interface (with space for mouse/keyset cards), \$120 for keyboard, and like \$1000 for 2K of core to hold the extra display's display list -- plus some as yet unknown amount for mouse, keyset, and their interface cards).

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Other useful information:

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Phone Log: Dave Liddle, Owens-Illinois, about their plasma display consoles

They plan to keep making these units available, after the first ordering, so that we could feel safe enough about getting others later.

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In fact, it looks as though their display-unit costs will come down by next Spring.

3b1a

There will be some read-only core in each Nova, set up to provide the basic Teletype-equivalent operation (using the built-in hardware character generator). It will be arranged so that the Nova comes up automatically in this program when the system is turned on, leaving only a minimal amount of startup procedure at the TTY level for the operator to get himself tied to a bigger system.

3b2

Dave will have O-I send through a requisition form made out for one terminal with the big-frame Nova -- since I told him that we would quite possibly want to pay the \$450 extra so that our first system would be more flexible for future expansion.

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DCE 28-JUN-72 14:40 10879

Phone Log: Dave Liddle, Owens-Illinois, about their plasma
display consoles

(J10879) 28-JUN-72 14:40; Title: Author(s): Douglas C.
Engelbart/DCE; Distribution: James C. Norton, Charles H. Irby, Michael
D. Kudlick, George J. Eilers, Ed K. Van De Riet/JCN CHI MDK GJE EKV;
Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DCE;

Note asking JCN to follow up on (10879,) and modification to our order for one Owens-Illinois plasma display console

Jim: Referring to (10879,), I recommend that we modify our order to Owens-Illinois for one (1) plasma display console to include the option for a "big-frame Nova," which would enable us to expand the computer's core size up to 32K words. I think that it would be well worth the price he mentions -- assuming that it has a relatively high likelihood of becoming an experimental tool for us when Eilers is through experimenting for the mini-console study. Would you check with George E., and perhaps others if you wish, and if there are no negative considerations, take care of the new ordering. (Note that Liddle is asking his people to send us a modified form to use.) See me if there are any hitches.
Thanks, Doug.

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DCE 28-JUN-72 14:47 10880

Note asking JCN to follow up on (10879,) and modification to our order for one Owens-Illinois plasma display console

(J10880) 28-JUN-72 14:47; Title: Author(s): Douglas C. Engelbart/DCE; Distribution: James C. Norton, George J. Eilers/JCN GJE; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DCE;

so sorry

well..... I didnt make it and i am taking some time off to go backpacking soo.... it will be mid july when i get it done. so sorry. but dont let thst hang you up go ahead with you experiments , i would expect that davidsons memo would be more critical to doing experimennts though.

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so sorry

(J10881) 28-JUN-72 14:48; Title: Author(s): Jonathan B. Postel/JBP;
Distribution: John W. McConnell/JWM; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JBP;

To Barb from Arnie

Barb,

I goofed The ID HVK should properly be HZK. Can you change it? I will modify the file to put his correct middle initial in. The suggested IDENTs are UICC for AFF-2 and NAL for AFF-3 respectively. Thanks for all of your help.

Arnie

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AMO 28-JUN-72 17:03 10883

To Barb from Arnie

(J10883) 28-JUN-72 17:03; Title: Author(s): Arnold M. Ostebee/AMO;
Distribution: Barbara E. Row, Stanley Cohen/BER SC; Sub-Collections:
NIC; Clerk: AMO;

Report From SDIS Planning Team

Please read "Report From SDIS Planning Team" in (JJOURNAL, 10806, 1:w). Distribution to "PERC" never made it to intended recipients.

Report From SDIS Planning Team

(J10885) 28-JUN-72 17:19; Title: Author(s): Michael D. Kudlick/MDK;
Distribution: William H. Paxton, James C. Norton, Richard W. Watson,
Michael D. Kudlick, Paul Rech, Douglas C. Engelbart, Charles H. Irby,
Walt Bass, Jacques F. Vallee, Jeanne B. North/WHP JCN RWW MDK PR DCE CHI
WLB JFV JBN; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: MDK;

tip information

name of organization	1
university of southern california	1a
regular host	2
ibm 360-44	2a
local personell	3
telephone 746-2240	
jim pepin	
bruce mayer	
dennis smith	3a
operator	4
names - many and varied	4a
hours of operator coverage- 8 a.m to 11:59 p.m.	4b
telephone 746-2240 or 746 6130	4c
tip options : none	5
ports	6
dial up modems	6a
746-5208 thru 5212	6b

JMP 28-JUN-72 17:26 10886

tip information

(J10886) 28-JUN-72 17:26; Title: Author(s): James M. Pepin/JMP;
Distribution: David H. Crocker/DHC; Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JMP;
Origin: <USC>JMP.NLS;1, 25-JUN-72 11:03 JMP ;

Minutes of 28 June 1972 PERC Meeting

Attendees: WLB DCE CHI MDK JCN WHP PR RWW(Chairman) 1

Dick asked everyone to comment on the status of the plans which they are preparing the drafts of for 30 June: 2

NIC (RWW) -- is working on 5 documents including 2a

A master matrix correlating NIC Service proposals with the development features needed along with staging and priority info. 2a1

JEW is doing something on software. 2a2

JBN is writing up PSO related plans. 2a3

Opns (JCN) -- is working on a paper describing the goals and responsibilities of operations in 5 areas, with comments on needed system features. 2b

RADC (JCN) -- is working with Duane Stone on purposes, goals, and next steps for the RADC Project. 2c

SEAS (WHP) -- a little bit has been done. 2d

DPCS (WLB) -- so far there is an outline of a framework for DPCS planning. 2e

SDHS and IPT (DCE) -- DCE "solemnly swears" to do something by the deadline, and is thinking about how resources should be dropped into the various dev. thrusts from IPT funds. 2f

RADC (PR) -- has a set of documents. 2g

BRS (PR) -- planning team hasn't met yet. 2h

SDIS (MDK) -- put a thing into the Journal last week. 2i

Dlvry (MDK) -- has been working on three action items (utility proposal, disc studies and proposals, and an RFP for a black box to interface mouse&keyset to a low cost alphanumeric only display) -- has no long-range plans for delivery to put forth at this time. 2j

DSS (CHI) -- plan is in reasonable shape for both short and long term. 2k

XEROX (WHP) -- nothing (MPS is handled under SEAS). 2l

Status of Utility Proposal: 3

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Mike says tha the RFP draft is in the ARPA office being reviewed.

3a

Doug asked that copies also be sent to Duane Stone (RADC) and Bill English (XEROX) for review. Jim will do.

3b

Decision on discs:

4

Mike will submit order to DEC for controller and RPO2s, contract to be co-terminus with our facility contract, will specify that we reserve right to cancel RPO2 order prior to delivery if we subsequently decide to get RPO3s instead.

4a

There was a lengthy discussion of the IDENT system covering maintenance responsibilities, development plans, and several other issues. The matter was relegated to JCN, RWW, and CHI for resolution.

5

Charles renewed his standing objection to the number and frequency of meetings at ARC. It was decided that

6

PERC will try meeting for one hour per week instead of two.

6a

Planning Team meetings will be individually scheduled rather than regular.

6b

PERC recommends to DCE that POD and PODCOM meetings should take only half the time they do now.

6c

The issue of recruiting was discussed at length. It was decided that ARC should be more active and should set higher standards for hiring people and should be more explicit in setting forth job descriptions and conditions. EMC will be the body responsible for following through on this.

7

Mike pointed out that he sent everyone on PERC a copy of an SDIS memo last week. Nobody got it and he didn't know the number so we'll all go a-hunting.

8

Walt expressed dissatisfaction in the way the Gus Matzorkis visit had been handled -- i.e., that no one had been told what the format of the visit was to be or what was hoped to be accomplished.

9

Doug said that he took responsibility for inviting Gus, and that PODCOM was responsible for handling the arrangements.

9a

PERC decided that Gus should be asked to submit a written report to ARC summarizing his observations so that everyone

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would have something concrete to go on as a result of his visit.

9b

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(J10887) 28-JUN-72 18:29; Title: Author(s): Walt Bass/WLB;
Distribution: N. Dean Meyer, Joy A. Glenn, Kay F. Byrd, Ralph Prather,
James E. White, Augmentation Research Handbook, Jacques F. Vallee, Diane
S. Kaye, Paul Rech, Michael D. Kudlick, Don Limuti, William R. Ferguson,
Linda L. Lane, Marilyn F. Auerbach, Walt Bass, Douglas C. Engelbart,
Beauregard A. Hardeman, Martin E. Hardy, J. D. Hopper, Charles H. Irby,
Mil E. Jernigan, Harvey G. Lehtman, Jeanne B. North, James C. Norton,
Cindy Page, William H. Paxton, Jeffrey C. Peters, Jake Ratliff, Barbara
E. Row, Ed K. Van De Riet, Dirk H. van Nouhuys, Kenneth E. Victor,
Donald C. Wallace, Richard W. Watson, Don I. Andrews/SRI-ARC;
Sub-Collections: PERC SRI-ARC; Clerk: WLB;
Origin: <BASS>PERC.NLS;1, 28-JUN-72 18:28 WLB ;

animals

Infra-class	1
Order Primata	1a
Sub-order Tiarsii	1a1
Tarsus (Tarser)	1a1a
superstatement	1b
Sub-order Prosimii	1c
Tupaia (Tree shrews)	1c1
Loris (Lores)	1c2
PerediOctucus (pottos)	1c3
statement	1c4
(name)rder Cetacea	1d
Sub-order Odontoceti	1d1
Physeter (Sperm whale)	1d1a
Dolphinis (Dolphins)	1d1b
Orcinus (Killer whale)	1d1c
Suborder Mysticeti	1d2
Balaenneptera (Rorqual)	1d2a
Sibbaldus (Blue whale)	1d2b
Order Artiodactyla	1e
Suborder Suiformes	1e1
Sus (Pig)	1e1a
Hippotomus (Hippo)	1e1b
Suborder Tylopoda	1e2
Lama (Llama)	1e2a
Camelus (Camel)	1e2b

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Suborder Ruminantia

1e3

Cervus (deer)

1e3a

Bison (Bison)

1e3b

Capra (Goat)

1e3c

Ovis (Sheep)

1e3d

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(J10888) 30-JUN-52 11:20; Title: Author(s): June E. Shoup/JES;
Distribution: Richard W. Watson, Steve Wolfe/RWW SW(this is it);
Sub-Collections: NIC; Clerk: JES;

hi

Infra-
class Eutheria

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hi

(J10889) 30-JUN-52 11:24; Title: Author(s): Kay F. Byrd/KFB;
Distribution: Joy A. Glenn/JAG; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: KFB;

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(Journal) Journal documents (most recent first)

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DSK 27-JUN-72 14:22 10869
Experimental NLS Bug-reporting Mechanism
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10869, 1:w)

1a

WLB 27-JUN-72 12:28 10868
Don't Use '*', '/', '+, or '-' as Directive Right Delimiter in the Output Processor
Message: Mike has uncovered a subtle bug in the directive recognition mechanism of the Output Processor: if you set the Directive Right Delimiter to '*' (asterisk), some directives cease to be recognized. The "reason" for this is that if the directive takes a numerical value, the directive recognizer assumes that any '*', '-', '+, and '/' characters are part of an algebraic expression -- it then starts looking for the rest of the expression, and finding none, decides that the directive is incorrect.

The jist of this is that you can not use '*' (asterisk), '-' (hyphen), '+' (plus sign), or '/' (slash) as DRDs. Sorry. As a freebie to compensate for this inconvenience, I hearby report that there is nothing which says that the DLD and DRD characters cannot be the same (as long as the character is legal for both DLD and DRD). Have fun -- Walt.

1b

DSK 27-JUN-72 9:49 10866
Proposed DNLS Journal Submission Scheme
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10866, 1:w)

1c

WLB 20-JUN-72 16:55 10802
Update to 10762 - Invitation to Oak POD / EST Presentation
Message: The Oak POD / EST Presentation has been rescheduled for Friday, June 23, 2-4 PM. Y'all come.

1d

DSK 20-JUN-72 14:06 10798
Erhard Seminars Training* A Personal Evaluation
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10798, 1:w)

1e

HGL 20-JUN-72 13:16 10797
NEW NLS
Message: There is a new NLS which fixes several bugs in the display version of the system. DEX also has a change in control characters which has been documented. Please let us

know of any problems.

1f

RWW 19-JUN-72 15:55 10765
EMC Notes June 19 1972
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10765, 1:w)

1g

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 14:58 9934
DEX USER GUIDE
Location: (JJOURNAL, 9934, 1:w)

1h

WLB 19-JUN-72 11:54 10761
Personal Evaluation of the EST Course
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10761, 1:w)

1i

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:47 10713
DNLS/EXEC
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10713, 1:w)

1j

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:46 10708
VIEW CONTROL OPERATIONS
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10708, 1:w)

1k

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:44 10707
EDITING AND COMPOSITION
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10707, 1:w)

1l

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:43 10706
ADDRESSING IN DNLS - JUMPING AND LINKS
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10706, 1:w)

1m

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:41 10705
FILES
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10705, 1:w)

1n

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:40 10704
DNLS ENVIRONMENT
Location: (JJOURNAL, 10704, 1:w)

1o

ESRI-ARC 19-JUN-72 10:38 10703

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DNLS Preliminary User Guide

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10703, 1:w)

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Comments: This is the first volume of the functional document "DNLS Preliminary User Guide". It represents an attempt to document some of the basics of the DNLS command vocabulary and is by no means inclusive. Eventually, we hope to publish a comprehensive DNLS/TNLS user Guide which covers the command sets of both.

1p1

HGL 16-JUN-72 15:24 10759

Change in Some DEX Control Characters

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10759, 1:w)

1q

RWW 15-JUN-72 15:06 10753

Request for Plans

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10753, 1:w)

1r

RWW 13-JUN-72 13:14 10740

PERC Notes 8 June 1972

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10740, 1:w)

1s

DIA 13-JUN-72 11:04 10738

update to program communication flags

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10738, 1:w)

1t

ESRI-ARC JCN 12-JUN-72 17:00 10718

ARC JOURNAL INDEX BY AUTHOR - to 8 June 72 -- PDP-10 Entries Only)

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10718, 1:w)

1u

ESRI-ARC JCN 12-JUN-72 16:56 10717

ARC JOURNAL INDEX BY NUMBER - to 8 Jun 72 (PDP-10 Entries Only)

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10717, 1:w)

1v

JBN 9-JUN-72 15:17 10725

INVITATION TO USE THE 3M READER-PRINTER

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10725, 1:w)

1w

DIA 9-JUN-72 14:54 10724

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NEW superwatch commands: PRINT GRAPH and PRINT SCHEDULER
PARAMETERS

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10724, 1:w)

1x

WLB 8-JUN-72 17:40 10715

More Comments on

Message: Hurrah to both RWW (10712,) and LPD (10709,) for their comments on "Programmable NLS". I have just spent several months building a "Catalog Production Processor" which functions in the manner they speak of re designing user commands and subsystems -- i.e., almost all the "work" of the CPP is done using basic NLS "commands" operating on normal NLS files. Most of the work I had to do to build the CPP was digging into NLS for the systems programs which do things like Execute Assimilate, Jump to Link, Update File, Output Device Printer, etc., etc. -- and diddling these system programs so that they would function smoothly in an off-line environment (particularly how error messages and conditions are handled). If the dream environment, LPD and RWW (and WLB) are talking about had existed, creating the CPP would have been a week or two's work for a skilled user rather than several months' work for a systems programmer. Extrapolate this estimate to the many other areas where we need new user systems, and the value of having a Programmable NLS" should become apparent. I would like to suggest that we invite LPD to join our SEAS Planning Team so as to be able to effectively input his ideas into the SEAS Planning Process, and I will be glad to share with SEAS any observations which they can elicit from me regarding my experiences in building the Catalog Production Processor.

1y

KEV 8-JUN-72 15:45 10714

Message: i have address for bruce if anyone is interested in writing to him

1z

HGL 7-JUN-72 23:02 10711

FIXED NLS (WE HOPE)

Message: We have backed up to a reliable system and fixed Update old in it. We are working on the new system prematurely brought up last night and hope to have it up soon. Sorry for the inconvenience. HGL

1a*

LPD 7-JUN-72 17:25 10709

Thoughts on Programmable NLS

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Location: (JJOURNAL, 10709, 1:w)

laa

HGL 7-JUN-72 0:55 10700

TABS STILL DON'T QUITE WORK

Message: The new NLS still has a glitch in the tab code. It will hopefully be fixed by the end of the week. Diane is working on it now. HGL

lab

HGL 6-JUN-72 23:45 10699

NEW NLS (AT LAST)

Message: There is a new NLS with several new features including a faster create display and a resurrected Update old. Please tell me if there are any problems. HGL

lac

JCN 6-JUN-72 13:56 10460

Request for Input from ARC People

re: Your Present Time Allocations

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10460, 1:w)

lad

Comments: The Initial cut document was attached to an advance copy of this message.

ladl

JFV 6-JUN-72 9:48 10636

Dr.Arthur Hastings will visit ARC on Thursday June 8th.

Location: (JJOURNAL, 10636, 1:w)

lae

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(J10890) 30-JUN-52 11:36; Title: Author(s): Ralph Prather/RP;
Distribution: William P. Jones, Jeffrey C. Peters, Ralph Prather,
Beauregard A. Hardeman, Ralph Prather/WPJ JCP EP BAH((is it true u like
fat women) RP; Keywords:

; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: RP;
Origin: <OPERATOR>RP.NLS;13, 27-JUN-72 18:04 XXX ;

Rainy Day System Blues

Considering how the journal system works, it will
be a miracle if you ever get this.

Rainy Day System Blues

The system is now in a state of great slowness. The drum has died and chaos is everywhere. How can I learn to be a systems-operator if there isn't any system to operate?

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JCP 30-JUN-52 11:43 10891

Rainy Day System Blues

(J10891) 30-JUN-52 11:43; Title: Author(s): Jeffrey C. Peters/JCP;
Distribution: Barbara E. Row/BER; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: JCP;
Origin: <PETERS>TRASHTXT.NLS;1, 30-JUN-52 11:20 JCP ;

JAG 30-JUN-52 11:37 10893

monday

today is Monday

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JAG 30-JUN-52 11:37 10893

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(J10893) 30-JUN-52 11:37; Title: Author(s): Joy A. Glenn/JAG;
Distribution: Kay F. Byrd/KFB; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: JAG;