

MINUTES OF THE COMMON SOFTWARE PROJECTS MEETING*Minutes of the meeting held on 4.3.86*

Time: 14:03

Present :

Barcelona : J.M.Crespo, E.Fernandez,R.Miguel,S.Orteu
 Bari : G.Catanesi,F.Ruggieri
 Beijing : Z.Qian,T.Wang
 CERN : J.Boucrot,J.Bunn,P.Burkimsher,T.Charity,H.Drevermann,
 R.Fantechi,A.Farilla,A.Ghiselli,F.James,G.Kellner,
 R.McClatchey,D.Notz,P.Palazzi,F.Ranjard,W.v.Rueden,
 W.Teyssey
 Clermont : M.Bardadin,D.Pallin
 Copenhagen :
 Dortmund :
 Ecole Polyt.: U.Berthon,M.Rumpf,I.Videau,H.Videau
 Edinburgh :
 Frascati : G.Capou
 Glasgow : A.Flavell,D.Martin
 Heidelberg : O.Braun,A.Putzer
 Imp.College : R.Beuselinck,R.Campbell,J.Sedgbeer
 Innsbruck :
 Lancaster : C.Bowdery,A.Finch
 Mainz : J.Knobloch
 Marseille : J.Albanese,A.Bonissent
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 Orsay : G.de Bouard,T.F.Grivaz
 Pisa : F.Fidecaro,G.Sanguinetti
 Rutherford : D.R.Botterill,R.Cliff,S.M.Fisher,M.Talebzadeh
 R.Holloway : M.G.Green,A.K.McKemey,M.Landon,T.Medcalf
 Saclay : B.Bloch - Devaux,O.Callot,D.Lloyd Owen,J.F.Renardy
 Sheffield : S.Wheeler
 Siegen : E.Neugebauer
 Trieste :
 Wisconsin : H - J.Trost

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

G.Kellner -

Mr. Fabricio Gagliardi has got a new position in DD and will therefore no longer be chairman of this meeting.

2. USER INTERFACE PACKAGE - A.LACOURT / C.ARNAULT

The package has been developed by the ALEPH Online Group and is available now. It supports message display, operator dialogue and control from menus for VT100 terminals under VAX/VMS (version 4.2 and above). A detailed description can be found in Aleph - Note 86 - 27.

The demonstration in colour following the speech showed how the windows on the screen could be used.

Discussion.

Can it be used over a network ? – Yes, the demo used a 4800 baud line, but VMS 4.2 is needed for efficient use of the line.

Can it be generalized, to have an interface for all interactive applications ? – Difficulties arise on IBM/VM because of the different screen management (ISPF), but on VAXes it can be easily used for any package written in FORTRAN.

Is it possible to go from menu mode to command mode ? – Yes, it is foreseen to change, even at run time.

3. FIRST IMPLEMENTATION OF ASSET – R.FANTECHI

R.Fantechi gave an overview of the work, which started in Jan.86 .

VMS

Improvements of LOGIN and the NEWS facility, clean-up of user accounts, collection and documentation of useful common tools.

VM

Although all labs with VM use a common operating system, the differences are growing more and more, because of the numerous modifications, enhancements, additional programs etc. introduced at CERN and RAL. It was tried, to find out a useful subset for ALEPH, which can be realized in all labs with VM.

To improve the mailing service, the new mailing system EAN (X400 standard) with gateways to EARN, DECNET and JANET will be proposed. The name of the virtual machine in CERNVM will be MINT. DD is discussing a HEP-wide licence from Brit. Columbia Univ.(Canada) for EAN.

To enhance file transactions (without login to CERNVM), one should use the GONE exec.

Different solutions for an efficient connection of VXCRNA and CERNVM are under discussion.

A documentation scheme for ALEPH could be built using work started by DD under the keyword DDDS.

G.Kellner

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MEDDLE wants to know what is wanted from the LEP-experiments (file transfer, message services, login etc.). Ricardo shall find out what we need.

F.Ranjard

– I need a fast switch between an IBM/VM-session and a VENUS-session, a 'bridge' (for some minutes) would be helpful.

von Rueden

– Switching via Index-lines has better performance !

I.Videau

– Why EAN ? Do we all have to buy it ?

4. NADIR : NEW ALEPH DIRECTORY – Z.QIAN

The ALEPH directory has been maintained until now by a program using WYLBUR exec files and SCRIPT. It stores information about the ALEPH collaboration and produces lists, mailing stickers etc. As WYLBUR is being phased out, the project NADIR has been started at Feb. 86.

The new program will make use of ADAMO tools and of SQL+ (ORACLE) for the dialogue with an operator.

Several questions arose in the discussion (P.Palazzi). As the latest version 5 of SQL+ is full of bugs, it may not be a good choice. The connection to the new mailing service EAN was another point.

P.Palazzi

– Please inform us, which features do you want incorporated in NADIR for mailing services. (automatic update information etc.)

5. BUILDING 32 ("Z") - G.KELLNER

ALEPH can move in end of April 86. There will be telephones, but no new telephone numbers are available till Sept.86 when the new digital telephone exchange will be installed hopefully.

Terminal connections will be provided in two phases - for details see the copies attached.

G.Kellner - Please fill in the form outside Ariella's office for requests on installing (existing) Index - lines. For new connections contact the coordinator E.Pagiola.

6. PROPOSAL "STANDARD SUBROUTINES" - G.KELLNER

The proposal (Aleph Note 86-23) was asked for ratification. The function LOCF cannot be abandoned, because every memory manager (BOS also) makes heavily use of.

F.Ranjard reported on problems with the new functions IFROMC and CFROMI in GALEPH.

P.Palazzi asked for implementing that rule of standard set of subroutines in FLOPPY. - Yes it can be easily introduced (F.James).

7. FORTRAN 77 PROGRAMMING CONVENTIONS - G.KELLNER

The proposed updates to the programming conventions of Aleph note 85-136 were presented.

"Implicit none" or "do not override standard FORTRAN type" ? After some discussion it was agreed, not to decide now until more experience has been made with 'non-standard' code.

"do not mix character with other type in COMMON" . Because of our strong binding to ANSI standard FORTRAN, it was agreed not to change that rule.

G.Kellner - Use of FLOPPY is obligatory. Non-conforming code will be returned to the sender !

Conventions on comments, subroutine headings etc. were urgently demanded.

On request, J.Knobloch reported shortly on graphics recommendations from the meeting today. GKS-3D will be the new standard, but the way to the more extended PHIGS standard (not ready now) should not be abandoned.

O.Braun

1 April 1986

Package

Available now : 03-Mar-1986

- Documentation

- Library

UPI.OLB

- Include files with

- Error status returns

- Declaration of all available entry points as

INTEGER FUNCTIONS

UPI.INC

- Examples

SHOW.FOR

(Multi menu application)

DEMO.FOR

(Auto-training program
for Fortran Calling)

- Everything is on the directory:

VXALFB::DISK\$USER:[ONLINE.MENU]

Needs

- Use of new standard terminals (VT100 Compat.)
- Use of structured programming
(try if possible to be application independent)

Tools - Methods

- Explicit use of dedicated software for VAX/VMS and VT100 compatible terminals.
- Use of VAX FORTRAN (V4) with specific Online conventions.
- Use of VAX/VMS Run Time Library
in particular:
 - SMG package for Screen primitives
 - Mail box mechanism

User Interface Package

Developped by : Aleph Online Group

C. ARNAULT J. BOUROTTE A. LACOURT

Purpose

Define a new user interface for the Aleph Online environment -

We try to satisfy the needs of online and offline users

Aims

- Access from any console to several process.
- Real time updating of screens according to process states
- Production of a user-friendly and easy-to-operate package

Philosophy

- Based on association of virtual windows (defining regions of the physical screen) to pages of menus.
- Tree structure "a-la-ZCEDEX".
- Free declaration of menus.
(at process startup time or dynamically)
- Multiple tree structure allowed.
- Possible use of direct action routines to perform operator requests. (or use "Computed GOTO")
- Possible automatic updating of variables related to parameters.
- Interactive editing session local to the package (selection of the command, input of parameter values) with no participation in the user code.
(Return of terminal commands, and of valid parameters only)
- Possible concurrent execution of user code and operator control.
- Dynamic editing of menus on screen -

- My work started in January
- Some priorities decided:
 - 1) WORK on VMS Problems
 - 2) WORK on VM Problems
 - 3) WORK on ALEPH Directory → ZX QIAN
 - 4) look at a suitable documentation scheme
- Several contacts with DD people, to understand what is moving about VM and VMS.
- Interaction with ALEPH VAXes System Managers and with VENUS TASK FORCE for point 1)
- Interaction with ALEPH VM users to understand problems and needs.

VMS WORK

- Faster SYLOGIN command file on VXALES by C. Arnauld as soon as possible extend to other machines

Some improvements:

- Keep away from standard login symbols that are not frequently used \Rightarrow put in user login if they want them.
- Think about faster SYSTARTUP file.

- CLEAN - UP OF SYSUAF file on ALEPH VAXES:

- DELETE OBSOLETE ACCOUNTS (saving files!)
- ADD ACCOUNTS WHERE THEY ARE MISSING
- CORRECT TYPING ERRORS, SMALL DIFFERENCES
- WE NEED NOW ADDUSER AND REMUSER WORKING

PROPERLY

• COLLECTION AND DOCUMENTATION OF USEFUL

COMMON TOOLS :

- SYSTEM USED : TO, USERS, AUTOSCHED etc.
- USER USED : FLOPPY , etc. MMS.

PLEASE SIGNAL YOUR TOOLS IF THEY ARE USEFUL TO EVERY BODY.

• TESTING OF A NEW "NEWS" PROGRAM ON

VENUS (by F. CARMIGNATI)

FEATURES:

- FASTER use indexed files.
- Group and private news implemented

Agreement to request and implement requested features.

to be used for:

- Meeting news
 - Software updates news
 - Group news
- } to be sent also to remote labs.
(SEE Below)

VH Work

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COMMON PROBLEMS FOR OUTSIDE AND INSIDE USERS:

- 1 - BAD COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN EXECS DEVELOPED AT CERN AND IN OTHER LABS.
- 2 - NEED FOR A STANDARD MECHANISM TO RECEIVE INFORMATION ABOUT SOFTWARE FROM CERN.
- 3 - NEED FOR AN EASY ACCESS TO MOST RECENT SOFTWARE.

① STEPS TOWARDS A SOLUTION:

- COLLECT AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL ENVIRONMENTS
- SELECT BEST TOOLS AND DEFINE A SET OF IBM + CERN + ALEPH COMMON SOFTWARE TO BE INSTALLED IN EACH LAB WITH THE MINIMUM SYSTEM PROGRAMMING EFFORT
- DEFINE IN EXEC FILES SITE-DEPENDENT VARIABLES AND ASSIGN THEM LOCAL VALUES (LIKE LOGICAL NAMES ON VAX)
- TEST THIS SCHEME WITH GALRUN EXEC

② PROPOSAL:

- START A FIRST PROTOTYPE SERVICE USING EARN AND CERN GATEWAYS TO DELIVER INFORMATIONS TO ALL SITES ON EARN, DECNET, JANET. NO REPLY CAPABILITY IS NEEDED..

- EARN (MINT) WILL BE ANNOUNCED OFFICIALLY AT CERN IN ~ 1.5 DAYS..

③ DIRECT LOGIN AT CERN OFTEN DIFFICULT.

A DISCONNECTED VIRTUAL MACHINE DRIVEN BY CONG, AUTOSTARTED AT SYSTEM STARTUP CAN BE USEFUL.

ANYWAY THE PROBLEM OF LOGGING ON CERNUM FROM THE OUTSIDE MUST BE DISCUSSED.

to discuss also the use in every lab of IOS3270 (IBM DIOF cost ~ 2000 SFR)

COMMON ITEMS:

- MAY WE PROPOSE THE PURCHASE OF EAN TO EACH LAB?
- DD IS DISCUSSING A HEP-WIDE LICENSE (like HISTORIAN)
- WHAT DO WE WANT FOR AN EFFICIENT CONNECTION BETWEEN VXCWA AND CERNVM?
- PROPOSALS FOR MEDOLE

ACTUAL SITUATION

- K25
- TCP/IP
- CERNET (ONLY TRANSPORT MESSAGES)
- MAIL USING EAN ON VXCWA, MAIL ON CERNVM.

TEST OF TCP/IP PERFORMED DURING FEBRUARY (R.F.)

CERN IS EVALUATING:

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• DECNET / VM by INTERLINK

- EXPENSIVE (10.000 STR)

- NOW ONLY FILE-TRANSFER AND REMOTE
TASK TO TASK COMMUNICATION

- NO REMOTE LOGIN

• DECNET / SNA Gateway by Digital

- to allow every user at CERN (and
outside if you want) to scan CERN
in a SNA fashion.

• AT THE END OF THE YEAR PROBABLY

CERN'S FILE MANAGER ON VM.

DOCUMENTATION SCHEME.

I have followed work in DD to define what they call DDDS

Now:

- A SET OF SPECS FOR DDDS
 - HIERARCHY OF DOCUMENTS
 - SUPPORT OF VARIOUS TEXT FORMATTERS
 - MULTI PART DOCUMENTS
- A PROTOTYPE WORKING ON VM/CMS (REXX file) WHICH IMPLEMENTS A SUBSET OF SPECS

NEAR FUTURE:

- A REFINED PROTOTYPE USING REXX on VM WITH FULL FUNCTIONALITY (End of April)?

LONG TERM:

- PORTABLE VERSION FOR VM and VMS WITH FULL FUNCTIONALITY:

PROBLEMS: NO MAN POWER

FOR ALEPH AN IMPLEMENTATION USING ORACLE COULD BE LINKED TO THE ALEPH DIRECTORY.

WHY NOT?

Why A DOCUMENTATION SCREENS?

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- ACEPH papers and notes
- Program documentation
- Searching via keywords documents
- Archiving information on every document
(SCRIPTS, MAC PAINT, TRANSPARENCIES, MANUALS or
PAPERS coming from OUTSIDE)

NADIR, the New Aleph Directory Prototype

(started 1. Feb. 1986)

F. Blin
Z. X. Qian ← presented by
P. Palath

- The old Aleph Directory
- Architecture of the New Directory
 - From ADAMO DDL
 - To ORACLE tables
 - Report generation using SQL+ HLI (from FORTRAN)
 - Query/Update using IAP
- Discussion about possible extensions
(this is the reason for the presentation)

The old Aleph Directory

- written by F. Blin
- using } W4LBOR exec files
 { Script text processing system
- stores information about the Aleph Collaboration:
 People, Justifiers, Mailing lists, Telephone,
- produces - a printed directory with useful information
 - mailing stickers
 - mailing lists } for the secretariat

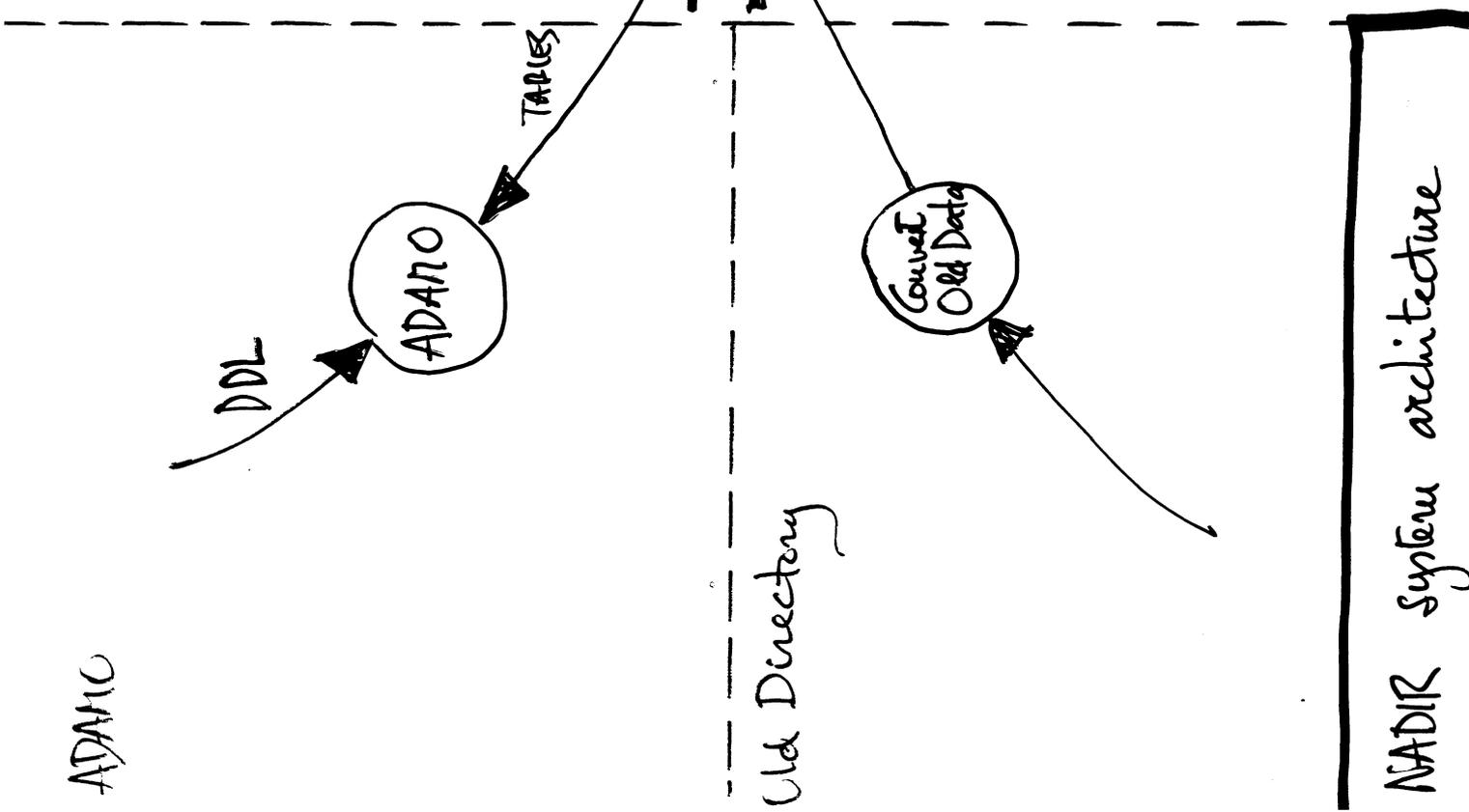
but

- W4LBOR is being phased out
- hard made system, difficult to upgrade

so

➔ New Aleph Directory

ORACLE, a RELATIONAL DATA BASE MANAGEMENT Sys available on the CERN Central Computers (Version 5 first)



ADAMIC

Old Directory

NADIR system architecture

USER'S view of the system

book
mailing lists
stickers

Printed Output

OPERATOR

Dialogue

IAP

DB

TABLES

ADAMO

DDL

HLLI

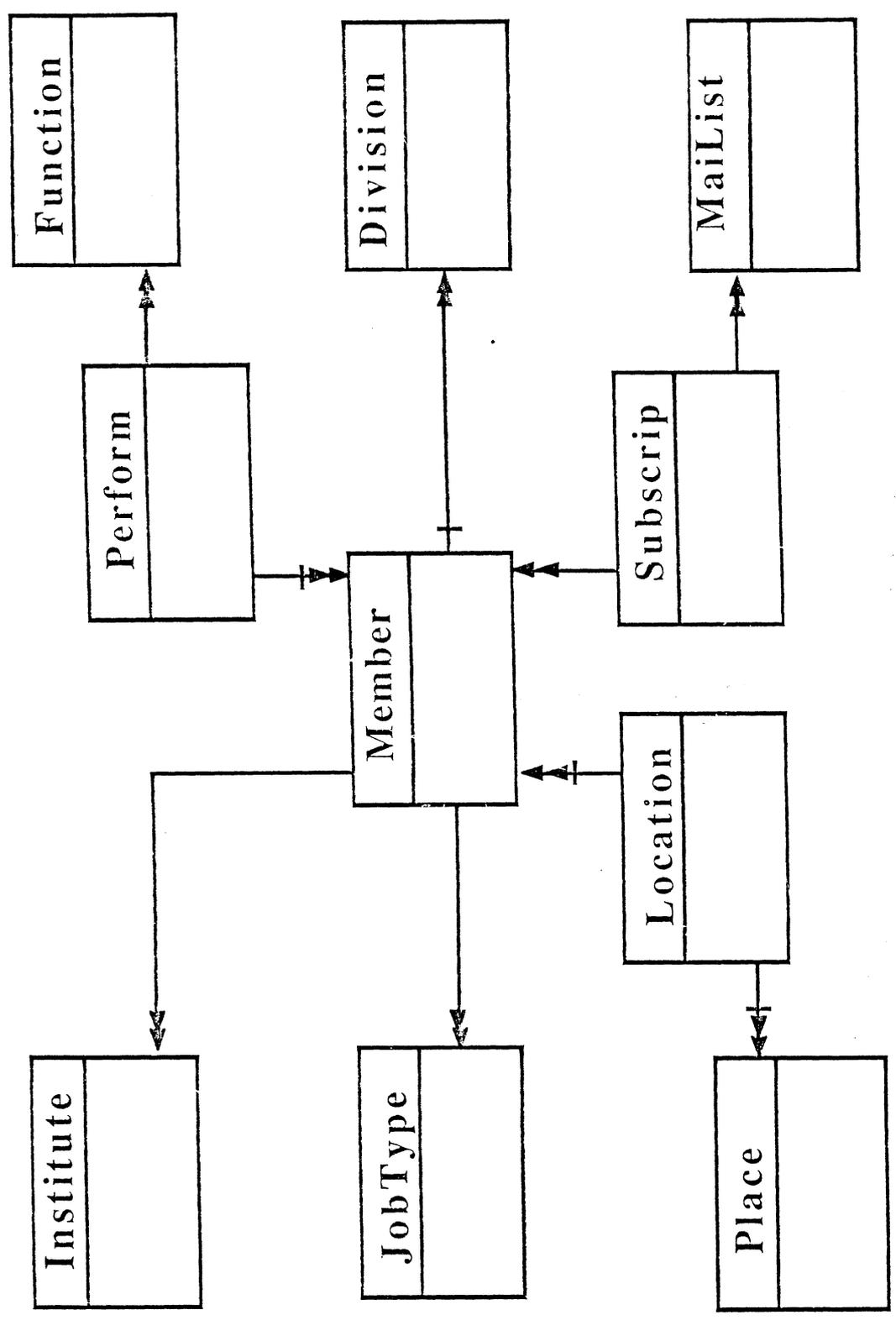
SQL+ UFI

Script

Convert Old Data

NADIR, New Aleph Directory, Entity-Relationship diagram

F.Blin, Z.X. Qian, P.Palazzi 3 mar 1986



DDL, the ADAMO report

SUBSCHEMA Nad1r

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: 'New Aleph Directory E-R description'  
AUTHOR 'F. Blin, Z. X. Qian, P. Palazzi'  
REVIEWER 'W. G. Moorhead'  
VERSION '1'
```

DEFINE ATTRIBUTE

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Address(6) = AdLine           : 'A full address';  
AdLine     = CH32             : 'One line of an address';  
AtCern    = LOGI             : 'True if the member is at CERN';  
Beep      = INTE             : [1000,9999]  
CernTel   = CH32             : 'Beep number at CERN';  
          = CH32             : 'one or more CERN telephone numbers,  
          separated by commas';  
Definitio = CH32             : 'Definition of a function, e.g. DAQ contact';  
Fax(2)    = CH64             : 'A vector of TeleFax numbers';  
Fname     = CH16             : 'First name of a person';  
GvaAdd(4) = AdLine           : 'An address in the Geneva area';  
GvaTel    = Tel              : 'Phone number in the Geneva area';  
Job       = CH16             : 'Job type, eg physicist, secretary, technician';  
JoinDate  = DATE             : 'When a member or an Institute joins Aleph';  
HomeAdd(4) = AdLine           : 'An address at home';  
HomeTel   = Tel              : 'Phone number in the Geneva area';  
LabTel(2) = CH64             : 'Member telephone at his Lab, direct or not';  
LLName(3) = CH32             : 'Long Institute Name, e.g. Rutherford ...';  
Location  = CH16             : 'Location of a place, e.g. 017-R-003';  
MailCern  = LOGI             : 'true if the member receives mail at CERN';  
ModDate   = DATE             : 'When member or Institute record is modified';  
Name      = CHA4             : 'a short name';  
Ndesks    = INTE             : 'number of desks in a place';  
PaidCern  = LOGI             : 'true if the member is paid by CERN';  
PostName  = CHAB             : 'before the name for postal address, eg Dr.';  
QuitDate  = DATE             : 'When a former member or Institute quits Aleph';  
Sex       = CHA4             : 'Sex of a person';  
SIName    = CH32             : 'Short Institute Name, e.g. RAL';  
SLName    = CHAB             : 'Sort mailing List Name';  
Sname     = CH32             : 'Surname of a person';  
Tel       = CH64             : 'A telephone number, including area code etc.';  
Telex    = CH64             : 'A telex or TWIX number';  
Type     = CHA4             : 'Type of place';
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DEFINE ESET

```
Division = (Name)  
          : 'A CERN Division, e.g. EP';  
  
Function = (Definition)  
          : 'A function in Aleph that can be performed by a member';  
  
Institut = (JoinDate,QuitDate,ModDate,SIName,LLName,Address,
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NADIR tables seen from ADAMO/TIN

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TIN> LIS-DAE
Table : .DAF
RID  NAME          DIR(1)          DIR(2)          LUN  ACC  NLEVE
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"    NADIR.TAB    CPALAZZI.ADAMO.N ADIRJ          31 R          1
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TIN> PRI-DAF NADIR.TAB

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Table : .DAFTAB
Count = 12
Index : RID          +RID
*Index : IDFKEY      +KEY(1)
Index : IDFBK        +ZBK
Printed along : IDFKEY

RID  ZBK  TNAME          :STAT:COUNT:KEY(1)
-----
1:  1:  DIRECTORY      :OLD: 12: .dir
2:  2:  SCHEMP       :OLD: 69: .sch
3:  3:  Division    :OLD:  0: Division
4:  4:  Function    :OLD:  0: Function
5:  5:  Institut    :OLD:  0: Institut
6:  6:  JobType     :OLD:  0: JobType
7:  7:  Location    :OLD:  0: Location
8:  8:  MailList    :OLD:  0: MailList
9:  9:  Member      :OLD:  0: Member
10: 10: Perform     :OLD:  0: Perform
11: 11: Place       :OLD:  0: Place
12: 12: SubScrip   :OLD:  0: SubScrip
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TIN> FET-DAF

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DAFile name [A9] = NADIR.TAB
Table name  [A15] = Place
key         [A] = /Place
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TIN> DES-TAB Place

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Table : Directory
NORD  NAME          :STAT:COUNT: CNAME          CTYP  CFMT
-----
1  Place "          :OPEN: 1: ID          SNUM  I4
"      "          :      2: Location    CH16  A16
"      "          :      3: Type       CHA4  A4
"      "          :      4: Adresks INTE  I5
"      "          :      5: CernTel  CH32  A32
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NADIR tables seen from ORACLE

```
① VMS> ufi
ORACLE Utilities, Copyright (c) 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, RSI

UFI version 3.5 - on Tue Mar 4 09:44:22 1986

Connecting to: ORACLE V4.2.2 - Interim Release

Enter user-name: alephdir
Enter password:

Cannot read command file "DISK$ALEPH:LFALAZZI.ADAMO.TINJLOGIN.UFI"
② UFI> SELECT * FROM tab
2 ;
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TNAME	TABTYPE	CLUSTERID
SUBSCRIP	TABLE	
PLACE	TABLE	
PERFORM	TABLE	
MEMBER	TABLE	
INSTITUT	TABLE	
MAILIST	TABLE	
DIRECTORY	TABLE	
FUNCTION	TABLE	
DIVISION	TABLE	
LOCATION	TABLE	
JOBTYPE	TABLE	
SCHEMA	TABLE	

12 records selected.

```
③ UFI> DESCRIBE place
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#	size	cs	type	name
1	22	40	2 numeric	ID
2	16	1	1 character	LOCATION
3	4	1	1 character	TYPE
4	22	40	2 numeric	NDESKS
5	32	1	1 character	GERNTEL

AN IAP SCREEN

ALPH collaboration MADVR European Laboratory for Particle Physics New Aleph Directory

< MEMBER > ID CHECK

SURNAME Name _____
Laboratory _____
Geneva address _____

Geneva telephone _____

Char. Model: (none) Count: #0

INSERTION USING AN IAP SCREEN

CERN ALEF 4 collaboration European Laboratory for Particle Physics
New Aleph Directory

NADIR

< MEMBER >

SURNAME Name FALAZZI Paolo

Laboratory (29) _____

Geneva address _____

Geneva telephone _____

ID	CHECK
1	BARCELONA
2	BARI
3	BEIJING
4	CERN
5	CLERMONT-FERRAND
6	COPENHAGEN
7	DEMOKRITOS
8	DORTMUND
9	ECOLE POLYTECHNIQUE
10	EDINBURGH
11	FLORIDA
12	FRASCATI
13	GLASGOW
14	HEIDELBERG
15	IMPERIAL COLLEGE
16	INNSBRUCK
17	LANCASTER

END OF INSERTION

CERN ALEPH collaboration NADIR European Laboratory for Particle Physics
New Aleph Directory

< MEMBER >

ID CHECK

SURNAME Name FALAZZI Paolo

Laboratory 4 CERN

Geneva address Chemin des Coquelicots

CH-1299 COLOGNY

GENEVE

Geneva telephone 31.41.59

Char Mode: Insert Page 1

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STATUS of the PROTOTYPE

• partial implementation of all components:

- ADAMO DDL to ORACLE
- Conversion from Old Data
- Some IAP Screens
- HLI Fortran Report Generator
- SQL + tests on ORACLE 5 (bugs!)

DISCUSSION

• is ORACLE the right choice?

• extension of functionality:

- meeting organization
- electronic mail
- manage documents
- networks

∴ man (woman) power?

BUILDING 32 ("Z")

2/3/86
G.K.

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OFFICES
ALEPH

TELEPHONES and TERMINAL CONNECTIONS

EP Coordinator : E. PAGIOLA, R. 2103

- BUILDING READY FROM MID-MARCH
- BEGIN APRIL → MOVE IN L3, UA1
- ⇒ END APRIL → MOVE IN ALEPH

TELEPHONES:

NO NEW TELEPHONE NUMBERS AVAILABLE

⇒⇒ IF YOU WANT A TELEPHONE THAT WORKS
YOU MUST BRING WITH YOU YOUR CURRENT #

- DIGITAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE WILL BE INSTALLED
(SAME SYSTEM AS FOR LEP)
- ⇒ BY AUGUST-SEPTEMBER HARDWARE SHOULD BE
AVAILABLE AND DIGITAL TELEPHONES INSTALLED
(SPECIAL CALLING SEQUENCE)

TERMINAL CONNECTIONS:

- FORSEEN TO HAVE 2 TERMINAL CONNECTIONS, 1 TEL.
PER OFFICE (SOME LARGER ROOMS HAVE MORE, i.e.
CONF. ROOM, COMPUTER ROOMS, CLUSTERS)
- WILL USE SAME CABLES, MULTIPLEXED IN Bot. 32

phase 1: APRIL → AUGUST

- INSTAL 60 DATA-OVER-VOICE MODEMS (4800 baud)

ATTENTION: IF TELEPHONE IN OFFICE ONLY 1 TERMINAL CAN BE CONNECTED

- UP TO 20 EXTRA INDEX CONNECTIONS COULD BE INSTALLED, ROUTED THROUGH Bot. 2 DISTRIBUTION

PEOPLE HAVE TO BRING EXISTING INDEX CONNECTION WITH THEM

⇒ PLEASE FILL IN FORM OUTSIDE ARIBLA'S OFFICE

- NAME
- OFFICE IN Bot. 2
- EXISTING INDEX (FROM WHICH OFFICE)
- DATE OF INSTALLATION REQUIRED

- by JUNE:
- ETHERNET IN BASEMENT, 1st FLOOR INSTALLED (WITH FRIGATE)
 - X-25 SWITCH IN BUILDING

phase 2: AUGUST/SEPTEMBER → end 1986

- INSTAL DEFINITE TERMINAL CONNECTIONS VIA MULTIPLEXORS
- REMOVE MODEMS
- MAYBE ALL TERMINAL CONNECTIONS AVAILABLE BY END 1986 (DEPENDS ON WORK LOAD TO INSTAL MULTIPLEXORS, etc.)

IMPORTANT NOW: ⇒ BY END OF ALEPH WEEK

- LIST OF PRIORITIES FOR TERMINAL CONNECTIONS
- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR OWN TERMINALS

PS: EVALUATION OF NEW STANDARD ALPHA TERMINALS FINISHED: DTH 2200 OF: 12/45-
PERICOM MT200 OF:

(⇒ CONTACT BK)

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PROPOSAL

for a recommended subset of

"Standard Subroutines"

for use in ALEPH

This proposal is based on work done essentially by M.Metcalf and H.Renshall with contributions by F.James.

This note includes DD/US/31 published recently which provides a list of recommended subroutines from the CERN Program Library. Three excerpts from recent Computer Newsletters treat questions of bit handling, character and hollerith data types and DELHI recommendations for standard subroutines in more detail. A copy of transparencies presented by F.James at the ALEPH Monte Carlo meeting in January 1986 has been included.

PROPOSAL :

- use only those subroutines indicated in DD/US/31 and the very few cases given in CNL 180 where no suitable replacement exists,
- use preferentially the bit routines from BITPAK (M441) unless long vectors of bits and bytes have to be manipulated where other routines from DD/US/31 will be more suitable,
- follow the recommendations for character handling as indicated on the transparencies of F.James. Note that routines IFROMC and CFROMI will be available with the next release of the CERN Program Library (march 1986),
- use preferentially NORRAN as random number generator (to be discussed)

This proposal should be discussed at the CSP meeting in March 1986. If approved it should be applied immediately for all code being written.

to be looked at for next meeting

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PROPOSAL

for updates to the

"FORTRAN 77 Programming Conventions"

(Aleph note 136, January 15, 1985)

This is a collection of suggestions for updates to our approved conventions that have been received during the last 3 months.

- REFER TO ALEPH NOTE # 136 : M, R, S \Rightarrow M, S+ \Rightarrow R
- DISCUSS AND DECIDE AT THIS MEETING ANY CHANGES
 - IN GENERAL : SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR INDIVIDUAL CHANGES
 - H. TROST : COMMENTS ON VIOLATIONS ---> WHAT IS PROPOSAL ?
 - F. RANJARD : DROP EVERYTHING EXCEPT SPECIFIC RULES. QUOTE
 -> SEVERAL R \rightarrow M, SEVERAL M DROPPED
 - DETAILED PROPOSALS (--- see list)
- FORMAL AGREEMENT THAT:
 - a) CODE MUST BE CHECKED BY AUTHORS WITH
FLOPPY + MANUALLY FOR FEW RULES WHICH CAN NOT BE
 CODED (e.g. USE OF *, ARRAY LIMITS, ...)
ANSI FLAG IN COMPILER
 - b) CODE WILL BE CHECKED BY LIBRARIAN USING THE
 SAME RULES
 - c) CODE WILL BE RETURNED TO AUTHORS IF
 NOT CONFORM TO RULES

