

**IDE (Integrated Development Environment)**

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## DISCUSSION ORGANIZATION

PROJECT MOTIVATION

DESIGN OBJECTIVES

DESIGN OVERVIEW (partial)

## RATIONALE OVERVIEW

THE LEVEL AND FRAGMENTATION PROBLEMS OF  
IBM DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTS MAKE THEM

DIFFICULT TO LEARN  
DIFFICULT TO USE  
PONDEROUS

A WELL KNOWN PROBLEM, YET INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS

MANY EFFORTS FOCUS ON

TOOL IMPROVEMENTS  
SURFACE UNIFICATION

FOR REAL PROGRESS NEED FUNDAMENTAL WORK  
IN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM STRUCTURES

MANY SMALL AD-TECH PROJECTS

IDE: ONE SUCH PROJECT

## ONCE AGAIN - THE FRAGMENTATION PROBLEM

### DEVELOPMENT OF SINGLE APPLICATION OFTEN REQUIRES

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE

MULTIPLE CONTROL LANGUAGES

(development and production systems and subsystems)

APPLICATION GENERATOR LANGUAGE

MULTIPLE DATA MANIPULATION LANGUAGES

(for local data, files, data base, dictionary, other repos)

MULTIPLE DATA DEFINITION LANGUAGES

(for local data, files, data base, dict extend, ...)

DATA UTILITY INTERFACES

LINKAGE EDIT SPECIFICATIONS

(+ SPECIFICATION, DESIGN, DEBUGGING, ... LANGUAGES)

### MOST LANGUAGES

HAVE UNIQUE CONCEPTS & SYNTAX

REQUIRE MORE THAN ONE MANUAL

### EFFECTS

APPLICATION COST: COST OF SKILLS

APPLICATION EFFECTIVENESS:

DOCUMENTATION COMPLEXITY (Limits Reviewers)  
NOT FEASIBLE TO PROTOTYPE

## ALTERNATIVES? SOLUTIONS?

### APPLICATION PRODUCTIVITY TOOLS? (E.G. generators, skeletons, ...)

REDUCE SOME COST  
(manual work, reqd knowledge for some)

BUT SOMEONE MUST UNDERSTAND WHOLE

GENERATORS MISUSED AS SYSTEM COVER  
====> as complex as general purpose languages  
====> don't coexist well with other components

TOOLS ADD COMPLEXITY TO WHOLE

### SUPERIMPOSED INTEGRATION?

COMMON REPOSITORY  
Yet another data model  
Yet another catalog mechanism

COMMON "SCREEN GENERATORS"  
Possibly an area where don't want uniformity

====> DON'T ADDRESS BASIC PROBLEM -  
DISJOINTED, INCONSISTENT ENVIRONMENT STRUCTURE

====> AND ADD STILL MORE COMPLEXITY

WHAT CAN BE DONE?  
START BY LOOKING AT SOURCES OF FRAGMENTATION

ASSUMED DP PATTERN

N application components ==>  
N sets of component support mechanisms

FACILITY ACCRETIONS

ADDED support mechanisms AND patterns

EARLY BATCH ENVIRONMENTS

APPLICATION = CTL + PGMS + DATA

CTL:	DEF(cmds)	BIND (context)	ACCESS(implicit)
PGM:	DEF(hll)	BIND(linkedit)	ACCESS(call)
DATA:	DEF(cmds, dcl)	BIND(dd..)	ACCESS (hll stmt, i/o stmt)

THEN ADDED

LANGUAGES TO ISSUE COMMANDS

TIMESHARING

DATA BASE

APPLICATION GENERATORS

DICTIONARIES

REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN LANGUAGES

DISTRIBUTED PROCESSING

OTHER ASYNCHRONOUS

## PARTIAL RESULT

### DEFINITION MECHANISMS

FOR PGMS  
FOR CMDS  
FOR DATA

PGMMING LANG  
CMD LANG, EXEC LANG  
DDL's - ONE PER CATEGORY  
(Local data, files,  
dictionary extension,  
each kind of db.)

### LINKING MECHANISMS

FOR PROGRAMS  
FOR DATA

LINKEDIT  
CATEGORY BASED  
(DD cards, PCB's)

### ACCESSING MECHANISMS

FOR PGMS  
FOR CMDS  
FOR DATA

CALL, SVC  
EXEC, SVC  
DML's - ONE PER CATEGORY  
UTILITIES

### INTEGRITY/RECOVERY MECHANISMS

FOR PGMS  
FOR DATA

ON CONDITIONS ....  
TRANSACTIONS ....

### DIRECTORY MECHANISMS

LIBRARIES  
CATALOG  
DICTIONARY  
CONTROL BLOCKS

## OBSERVATIONS

FRAGMENTATION IS RESULT OF PROGRESS - NO SOLUTION

CAN LIMIT EFFECTS BY PERIODIC INTRODUCTION OF NEW DESIGNS

USE IN

New applications  
Major revisions  
Prototyping

DESIGN CRITERIA

Coherent subsumption of current accretions

Non fragmenting pattern

High level facilities

TO DEVELOP SUCH DESIGNS NEED STUDY PROJECTS

IDE is one such study



## IDE - CURRENT STATUS

### STATUS

FOCUS ON SINGLE USER ENVIRONMENT

CONSIDERABLE SPECIFICATION

VERY LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (formal grammar, some design)

### FEATURES

ONE ASSOCIATIVE DATA MODEL FOR ALL DATA  
(local, file, database, directory, design specs)

ONE FULL-SCALE VHLL FOR ALL "PROCEDURAL" PURPOSES  
directory access, design, implementation, command

SMOOTH INTEGRATION OF DECLARATIVE FORMS  
for application generation, database definition

OBJECT-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT - UNIFORM MECHANISMS FOR  
definition, compilation, linking, cataloging, accessing

DIRECTORY AS CENTRAL FOCUS OF APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT  
subsumes catalog, dictionary, binding, control

### APPLICABILITY

FEASIBILITY DEMONSTRATION

SOURCE OF SEPARABLE IDEAS

WITH (relatively) SMALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

PROTOTYPING VEHICLE

SINGLE-USER ENVIRONMENT

WITH MAJOR DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

FULL ENVIRONMENT

## FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

### ENVIRONMENT WITH

- NON-FRAGMENTING BASIC PATTERN
- NECESSARY ACCRETED FACILITIES

WITH their convenient aspects  
WITHOUT associated fragmentation

### COMMAND LANGUAGE

WITH ad-hoc aspects  
WITHOUT HLL/CMD LANGUAGE split

### DATABASE

WITH declarative def, query-like access, atomicity  
WITHOUT HLL / DDL / DML split  
WITHOUT SYSTEM/SUBSYSTEM split

### APPLICATION GENERATION

WITH declarative def  
WITHOUT uneasy coexistence with HLL

### DICTIONARY

WITH accessibility of information  
WITHOUT dictionary/catalog split

### REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN LANGUAGES

WITH function  
WITHOUT separate repositories, views of application

### ASYNCHRONISM WITHIN/AMONG APPLICATIONS

WITHOUT separate provisions for tasking, distribution, DB

## SOURCES

### ASSOCIATIVE DATA BASE MODELS (REL, E-R, ..)

Need data base in environment  
Models can subsume others

### VERY HIGH LEVEL LANGUAGES (SETL)

Raise environment level  
Local data associative --> unification with DB

### OBJECT-ORIENTED SYSTEMS (SMALLTALK ..)

Provide non-fragmented system pattern  
Better base for production systems:

distributed applications  
control systems

### APPLICATION GENERATION

Hi-level spec of generalizable processing

### MODULE INTERCONNECTION LANGUAGES

Substitute for low level linkedit,  
Link to design levels

"The time appears to be right for the integration of languages,  
operating systems, and database research on object models."

Peter Wegner, 1982

## OBJECT - ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT

BASED ON PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE IDEA OF ABSTRACTION

(Simula, CLU, .....

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE ABSTRACTIONS

DEFINED BY MODULE DEFINITION

SPECIFY ONE OR MORE OPERATIONS + IMPLEMENTATION

DEFINITION MAY HAVE MANY INSTANCES

ACCESSED AS NAME.OP

STACK --> STK1, STK2

STK1.PUSH(), STK2.POP

OBJECT-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT

USES ABSTRACTION AS ORGANIZING PRINCIPLE

CONTAIN ONLY ABSTRACTIONS = OBJECTS

## DESIGN OBJECTIVES

### USE OBJECT ORIENTATION AS A BASE

One application component, one set of support mechanisms

### DESIGN:

#### ABSTRACTION LANGUAGE (approximation)

Associative local data model  
Includes asynchronous capabilities  
Version for interactive commands

#### DECLARATIVE DEFINITION FORMS

For data base, application generation  
With close ties to procedural form

#### DICTIONARY/CATALOG FACILITIES

Subsuming current functions  
Subsuming MIL function

#### DATABASE-ORIENTED ATOMICITY FACILITIES

**DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN**

**REMOVAL OF HLL DATA ACCESS FRAGMENTATION**

**LOCAL DATA, FILE, DATA BASE, UTILITY**

**INCORPORATE RESULTS IN ABSTRACTION LANGUAGE**

**UNIFY PROGRAM, DATA ACCESS**

**UNIFY PROCEDURAL DEFINITION  
WITH DECLARATIVE DEFINITION (FOR DB, APGEN)**

----- (From here directional) -----

**OUTLINE SINGLE-USER / SINGLE-THREAD ENVIRONMENT**

**DIRECTORY = CATALOG + DICT + MIL + DESIGN REPOSITORY**

**LANGUAGE EXTENSIONS FOR CMDS/EXECES**

**EXTEND FOR MULTI-THREAD PROCESSING**

**COHERENT INTER-OBJECT COMMUNICATION (SYNCH, ASYNCH)**

**COHERENT ERROR-HANDLING & RECOVERY**

----- (From here little done) -----

**EXTEND TO MULTI-USER ENVIRONMENT**

**EXTENDED NAMING, CATALOGING, DISTRIBUTION, .....**

**HLL DATA ACCESS FRAGMENTATION**  
**LOCAL REFS + I/O STMTS + DB DML + UTILITIES**

**TO REMOVE: STEPS**

- 1. MODEL DEVICES AS PROGRAMS (common)**
  
- 2. USE SINGLE ASSOCIATIVE MODEL FOR FILES AND DATABASES**
  
- ? ADD DATA MODEL TO LOCAL TYPES, EXTERNAL REF BY NAMEQUAL**
  
- 3. USE SINGLE ASSOCIATIVE MODEL FOR ALL DATA**
  - Sufficiently expressive for DB**
  - Supports programming structures (VAR, ARRAY)**
  - Accessible in programming language style (NOT "UPDATE")**

## IDE DATA MODEL

FROM DB (Relational, Functional) + SETL MODELS

A DATA COLLECTION IS A COLLECTION OF SETS.

A SET CAN BE

single-member	or	multi-member
of scalars	or	of tuples
constant	or	variable.

SCALAR SET CONSTRAINTS

"BASE SET" (integer, real, string, objptr, userdefined)  
RANGES  
ENUMERATIONS  
.....

TUPLE SET CONSTRAINTS

SOURCE SETS FOR EACH POSITION (can be tuple sets)  
DEPENDENCIES (M-1, M-N, ..) (for degree 2)

CAN ALSO DECLARE SUBSETS.

Tuple position sources  
Basis of "Subset" Relationships





DATA FOR CAVE ADVENTURE DESCRIPTION

Place	Direction	Object	Obstacle
'Big Cave'	'North'	'Treasure'	'LockedDoor'
'Water Cave'	'East'	'Key'	'Tunnel'
.....	....	.....	.....

Move (Place, Direction) <'Big Cave', 'North'>, ..

MoveRslt (Move, Place) <<'Big Cave', 'North'>, 'Tunnel'>, ..

MoveObs (Move, Obstacle) <<'Big Cave', 'North'>, 'Size'>, ..

NeedObj (Obstacle, Object) <'Size', 'Shrinking Potion'>, ..

ObjectWt (Object, Integer) <'Treasure', 10>, ..

Content (Place, Object) <'Secret Cave', 'Treasure'>, ..



NOW EXAMINE, MODIFY GAME DESCRIPTION

-----  
Move (Place, Direction)      MoveResult (Move, Place)  
MoveObs (Move, Obstacle)      NeedObj( Obstacle, Object)  
Content (Place, Object)      ObjWt (Object, Integer)  
-----

Cave.Content

Cave.Content ('Big Cave')

Cave.Content (?, 'Shrinking Potion')

{?o where Cave.ObjWt(?o) gt 10}

{?loc where Cave.Move(?loc) eq Cave.Direction}

Cave.Object -= Cave.Content ('Passage');

Cave.Content ('StepCave') += {\* 'Wrench', 'Lamp' \*};

Cave.ObjWt('Hammer') = 3 \* Cave.ObjWt('MagicWand')

For <?p1, ?d, ?p2>  
  where <<?p1, ?d>, ?p2> in Cave.MoveResult  
  and   <<?p2, Opposite(?d)>, ?p1> notin Cave.MoveResult;  
  Print ('Error from ' || ?p1 || ' going ' || ?d); End;

## WHY THIS MODEL

GOOD DB MODEL: EASE OF ACCESS, SEMANTIC CONTENT

IN BASIC RELATIONAL MODEL,  
COLUMN NAMES = DOMAINS or ASSOCIATIONS

"person | father | mother"

HERE DOMAINS, ASSOCIATIONS SEPARATE  
DEFINITIONS EASIER TO UNDERSTAND

NETWORK FLAVOR ---> GOOD OPERATIONAL SEMANTICS

Add to subset ==> add to superset  
Delete from set ==> Delete associations

(RELATIONAL WORK IN THIS DIRECTION

"inclusion dependencies", emphasis on domains,  
hierarchic subcollections (Codd, Date, Lorie, ..)

CAN MODEL HLL STRUCTURES

HLL VARIABLE: variable, single-mbr, scalar set

$X = Y + Z$  OK

HLL RECORD: Set mbr + some of its associations

HLL ARRAY: Binary Relation between S1 and S2

S1 - constant tuple set -  
cross product of index domains  
S2 - domain of array values

$A (<I, J>) = 6$  OK

INCORPORATE RESULTS IN ABSTRACTION-ORIENTED LANGUAGE

OBJECTIVES

UNIFY DATA AND PROGRAM REFERENCE

UNIFY PROCEDURAL AND DECLARATIVE (DB, APGEN) DEF

SUBJECTS:

ABSTRACTION REFERENCE PATTERNS: GENERAL

REFERENCE IMPLICATIONS OF "Cave.ObjWt"

DECLARATIVE AND PROCEDURAL ABSTRACTION DEFS

DEFINITION IMPLICATIONS OF "Cave.ObjWt"

## ABSTRACTION REFERENCE PATTERNS: GENERAL

### BASIC REQUEST STRUCTURE

```
Req object.entry (arg list);  
  On exit1 (arg list) statement;  
  On exit2 (arg list) statement;  
  ....  
End;
```

```
Req Stack1.Pop;  
  On Empty Do;.....End;  
  On Ok (Top-Of-Stack) Do; ..... End;  
End;
```

READABLE CODE,  
MODIFIED ARGUMENTS EXPLICIT (\*)

### REMAINING FORMS SHORTHAND

FOR SINGLE NORMAL EXIT ("call")

```
Object.Entry (entry args//return-args);
```

FOR SINGLE NORMAL EXIT + SINGLE EXIT ARG ("fn call")

```
Object.Op (entry args)
```

FOR CREATE + REQUEST + DESTROY

```
Object%Op (entry args)
```

### OBJECT CREATION

```
DIR.LOCAL (Defptr // Objptr)
```





## LOCAL DATA AND ABSTRACTIONS

EACH MODULE HAS "LOCAL DATA COLLECTION"

VIEW ENTIRE COLLECTION AS ABSTRACTION

Referenced with invisible pointers

IMPLICATION: NEITHER SCALARS NOR SETS ARE OBJECTS

Cannot define generic scalar operations  
Other problems

ADVANTAGES

ALLOWS SET CONSTRUCTION (QUERY) FORMS IN LANGUAGE  
PROVIDES NETWORK SEMANTICS AS PRIMITIVE

**MODULE DEFINITION: PROCEDURAL AND DECLARATIVE**

**DATA DEFINITION LANGUAGES AND GENERATOR INPUTS CURRENTLY**

- a) INCONSISTENT WITH PROCEDURE DEFINITIONS
- b) INCONSISTENT WITH EACH OTHER

**COALESCE USING RELATIONSHIPS**

DECLARATIVE INFO : DATA COLLECTION  
DATA COLLECTION : AGGREGATE EXPRESSION

PROCEDURAL MODULE DEF

DCL MODULE DEF

MODULE name PROCEDURE.....MODULE name generator

DCL;.....  
aggregate expression.....  
(defining entries, local data).....(varying schema)....  
END;.....

Main program

Nested module definitions.....

END;.....

DCL MODULE DEF ---> GENERATOR ---> PROC or DCL MODULE DEF

**TWO TYPES OF MODULE DEFINITION**

- BUT SYNTACTICALLY, PHYSICALLY RELATED
- EASY COMMUNICATION BETWEEN INSTANCES OF BOTH
- EASY CREATION OF SIMPLE, TAILORED GENERATORS



## STRUCTURE OF ADVENTURE GAME

CAVEDEF      Declarative Def of Cave Structure Objects

CAVE          Instance of CaveDef

MYSCREEN      Declarative Def of Screen Interface Object

ADVENTURE    Procedural Def of Game Control

ADVENTURE    ----->    CAVE, MYSCREEN

**MYScreens: DECLARATIVE DEF OF SCREEN INTERFACE MODULE**  
(Input to hypothetical, non-built-in generator)

```
Module Myscreens GenScreens to Procedure;  
Dcl;  
  Screens 'S1' [ CtnsWindows 'W1' ],  
         'S2' [ CtnsWindows 'W2', 'W3', 'W4', 'W5']  
  
  Windows 'W1' [Wpos < 1, 1>, <24,80> WClass 'Message'],  
         'W2' [Wpos < 1, 1>, < 5,80> WClass 'Message'],  
         'W3' [Wpos <12, 1>, <20,40> WClass 'Menu'],  
         'W4' [Wpos <12,41>, <20,80> WClass 'Menu'],  
         'W5' [Wpos <21, 1>, <25,80> WClass 'Message']  
  
End;  
Endmod;
```

**COMPILER**

PARSES DCL BLOCK  
PLACES INFO IN DATAGROUP OBJECT  
PASSES TO GENERATOR  
ACCEPTS GENERATED MODULE DEFINITION

**USE BY**

Myscreens%S1 (BgnMsg)  
--- requests output of one part screen

Myscreens%S2 (LocMsg, Word1, Word2, EMsg//TWd1, TWd2)  
--- requests output of four part screen

## CAVEDEF: DECLARATIVE DEF OF DATAGROUP

Module CaveDef Datagroup To Procedure;

```
Dcl;
  Var   'BgnMsg' [Base 'String']
  Set   {* 'Place', 'Direction', 'Object',
         'Obstacle', 'Word1', 'Word2' *}
  Rel   'Move'   [Base 'String'
                 [Roles < * 'Place', 'Direction' *>],
         'Content' [Roles < * 'Place', 'Object' *>]
  ARel  'MoveRslt' [Roles < * 'Move', 'Place'*>],
        'MoveObs'  [Roles < * 'Move', 'Obstacle'*>],
        'NeedObj'  [Roles < * 'Obstacle', 'Object'*>],
        'ObjtWt'   [Roles < * 'Object', 'Integer' *>]
End;
EndMod;
```

DECLARATION SCHEMA SAME AS FOR LOCAL DATA

GENERATED ENTRIES: Place, E\$Place, D\$Place, R\$Place,.....

ALSO DERIVED DATA,.....

DECLARATIVE DEFINITION: DATAGROUP FORM  
DERIVED DATA BY USER DEFINED ENTRIES

Module CaveDef Datagroup

```
Dcl;
  Entry
    'ObjKg' [Returns 'KgRtn' [Args <* 'ObjWt' *>]],
    'R$ObjKg' [Args <* 'ObjWt', 'ObjWt'*> ]
    .....

  Var   'BgnMsg' [Base 'String']
  Set   {* 'Place', 'Direction', 'Object',
          'Obstacle', 'Word1', 'Word2' *}
        [Base 'String']
  Rel   'Move'   [Roles <* 'Place', 'Direction' *>],
        'Content' [Roles <* 'Place', 'Object' *>]
  ARel  'MoveRslt' [Roles <* 'Move', 'Place'*>],
        'MoveObs' [Roles <* 'Move', 'Obstacle'*>],
        'NeedObj' [Roles <* 'Obstacle', 'Object'*>],
        'ObjWt'  [Roles <* 'Object', 'Real' *>]

End;

Module ObjKg Internal;
Ercv;
Return ({<?o, ?w> where ?w = Cvt(ObjWt(?o)) });
EndMod;

Module R$ObjKg Internal;
.....

EndMod;
```

Cave.ObjKg ('Hammer') = 3 \* Cave.ObjKg ('MagicWand');

INTERCHANGE STORED, DERIVED VALUES  
WITH NO EFFECT ON ACCESSING PROGRAMS

# ADVENTURE CONTROL

Module Adventure Procedure;

Dcl;

```

Set  { * 'Object', 'Place' * } [Base 'String']
Rel  'Carries' [Roles < * 'Object', 'Bool' * >],
      'Content' [Roles < * 'Place', 'Object' * >],
      'Tmove'   [Roles < * 'Place', 'String' * >]
Const 'Game' [Base 'ObjPtr' PtrDef 'CaveDef']
Var   'Twt' [Base 'Integer'],
      * 'TPlace', 'Tneed', 'TObs', 'Trslt', 'TWd1', 'TWd2', 'EMsg'
      [Base String]

```

*Handwritten notes: UTR TAWA CAR 2x, TAN ( )*

End;

Ercv ();

```

Myscreens%S1(Game.BgnMsg);
TPlace = 'AnteRoom'; Twt = 0;
Content = Game.Content;
EMsg = "";

```

While True;

```

Myscreens%S2(LocMsg, Game.Word1, Game.Word2, EMsg // TWd1, TWd2);

```

Case TWd1, TWd2;

Of < eq 'Go', in Game.Direction >

```

Do; Tmove = < TPlace, TWd2 >;
Tobs = Game.MoveObs(Tmove);
Tneed = Game.NeedObj (Tobs);
Trslt = Game.MoveRslt(Tmove);
Case Trslt, Tneed, Carries(Tneed);
Of < eq Null, * , * >
EMsg = 'You can't go in that direction';
Of < neq Null, neq Null, False >
EMsg = ObsMsg (Tobs, Tneed);
Otherwise Do; TPlace = Trslt;
EMsg = ""; End;
End;

```

End;

Of < eq 'Take', in Game.Object >

```

.....
Otherwise EMsg = 'That doesn't make sense';
End;

```

End;

Defs of Myscreen, LocMsg, ObsMsg, other

```

....
Endmod;

```



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### EXTEND TO MULTI-USER ENVIRONMENT (little work done here)

EXTENDED NAMING, CATALOGING, DISTRIBUTION, .....

**OUTLINE SINGLE-USER / SINGLE-THREAD ENVIRONMENT**

**OBJECTIVES**

**DIRECTORY INTEGRATING FUNCTIONS OF  
CATALOG, MIL, DICTIONARY/REPOSITORY**

**ONLINE CMDS & EXEC EQUIVALENTS  
BY LANGUAGE EXTENSION**

**DIRECTORY: DESIRED FUNCTIONS**

**CATALOG**

**OBJECT CREATION AND NAMING**

**BASIC OBJECT PREPARATION SUPPORT**

**SEPARATE COMPILATION**

**BINDING**

**STRUCTURED APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT (MIL)**

**SEPARATE INTERFACE / EXTREF SPECIFICATION**

**PARALLEL COMPONENT DEVELOPMENT**

**DICTIONARY/REPOSITORY**

**ACCESSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION LEVEL DEFS**

**HIGHER-LEVEL DESCRIPTIVE / EXECUTABLE DEFS**

**GROUPING / VERSIONING OF DESCRIPTIONS**

## DIRECTORY: BASIC CATALOG FUNCTION

### READ OPERATIONS - AS FOR DATAGROUP OBJECT

OBJECT names of persistent objects

TYPE (OBJECT, OBJECT) links objects to their defs

CLASS (OBJECT, "procedure" | "process" | .... )

REF (OBJECT, STRING) external refs

BIND (REF, OBJECT) binding of external refs

STATE (OBJECT, string)

DESC (OBJECT, string) arbitrary text\*

RELOBJ (OBJECT, OBJECT) related objects\*

RELDESC (RELOBJ, string) explains relationships\*

### UPDATE OPERATIONS - INFORMATION GROUPED INTO "ENTRIES"

#### SOME UPDATE OPERATIONS

Dir.Entry ==> create directory entry  
Dir.Ready ==> create represented object  
Dir.Ext ==> create entry and object

## BASIC OBJECT PREPARATION: LINKAGE REQUIREMENTS

Module Adventure Procedure;

Dcl;

```
Set  {* 'Object', 'Place' *} [Base 'String']
Rel  'Carries' [Roles <{* 'Object', 'Bool' *>],
     'Content' [Roles <{* 'Place', 'Object' *>],
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Var   'Twt'    [Base 'Integer'],
     {* 'TPlace', 'Tneed', 'TObs', 'Trslt', 'TWd1', 'TWd2', 'EMsg' *}
                                     [Base String]
```

End;

....  
End;

- "Game.Content" = DEREFERENCE LOCAL PTR 'Game'
- "Const 'Game' [Base 'ObjPtr' PtrDef 'CaveDef'] = DCL OF 'Game'
- PTRS (usually) "TYPED" BY SYMBOLIC DEF NAME (CaveDef)
- BIND SYMBOLIC DEF NAMES BEFORE COMPILATION
- BIND CONSTANT POINTERS BEFORE EXECUTION

## BASIC OBJECT PREPARATION: PRIMITIVE STEPS

### 1. CREATE SOURCE CODE

Create object of type "text" and load (with editor)

### 2. PREPARE FOR COMPILATION

Create directory entry for object of type "Def"

Include:

- Name of source code object
- Binding of Definition References
- ....

### 3. COMPILE (Reference "Def" entry for parameters)

Results:

- Represented Object = Datagroup with interface and extref information

- Hidden object with compiled code

### 4. CREATE INSTANCE

Create Dir Entry With:

- Identification of Def
- Binding of remaining extrefs

Create Represented Object

ALLOWS SEPARATE COMPILATION, INTERFACE CHECKING

## BASIC OBJECT PREPARATION - EXAMPLE

### DIRECTORY CONTENT ADDITIONS, BY STEP

Object	Type	Class	State	LocSrc	DefRef	DefBind
1. CaveSrc	'Text'	'Proced'	'Ready'			
AdvSrc	'Text'	'Proced'	'Ready'			
2. CaveDef	'Def'	'Proced'	'Ready'	'CaveSrc'		
AdvDef	'Def'	'Proced'	'Ready'	'AdvSrc'	'CaveDef'	<,'CavDef'>
				Ref	Bind	
3. 'Cave'	'CaveDef'	'Proced'	'Ready'			
'AdvCtl'	'AdvDef'	'Proced'	'Ready'	'Game'		<,'Cave'>

### 1. CREATE TEXT OBJECTS

```
Dir.Ext ('CaveSrc', 'Text'); Edit ('CaveSrc')
```

```
Dir.Ext ('AdvSrc', 'Text'); Edit ('AdvSrc')
```

### 2. CREATE DEF OBJECTS FOR COMPILER OUTPUT

```
Dir.Entry ('CaveDef', [Type 'Def' Class 'Proced'  
LocSrc 'CaveSrc' ]])
```

```
Dir.Entry ('AdvDef', [ Type 'Def' Class 'Proced'  
LocSrc 'AdvSrc' DefRef 'CaveDef' [DefBind 'Cavedef']])
```

```
Compile ('CaveDef')
```

```
Compile ('AdvDef')
```

### 3. CREATE OBJECTS

```
Dir.Ext ('Cave', 'CaveDef'// Ptr1)
```

```
Dir.Ext ('AdvCtl', [ Type 'AdvDef' Class 'Proced'  
Ref 'Game' [Bind 'Cave']])
```

```
Dir.Ready ('AdvCtl')
```

## STRUCTURED APPLICATION PREPARATION

### MIL FACILITIES FOR MORE FORMAL DEVELOPMENT

PARALLEL DEVELOPMENT / COMPILATION OF COMPONENTS  
APPLICATION STRUCTURE DESCRIPTION

### ADDITIONAL BUILT-IN OBJECT TYPES

**INTFDEF:** REPRESENTS COMPILED INTERFACE DEFINITION  
SPECIFIES INTERFACE SOURCE,  
OPTIONAL EXTREFS AND BINDINGS

**GROUP:** REPRESENTS OBJECT GROUP (e.g. application)  
SPECIFIES COMPONENTS AND FUNCTIONS

### E.G. SPECIFY ADVENTURE

```
Dir.Entry ('Adventure',  
          [Type 'Group'  
           Desc 'Structure of Cave Adventure'  
           Ctns 'AdvIntf' [Fun 'Interface to ctl'],  
               'AdvDef' [Fun 'Impl of ctl'],  
               'CaveDef' [Fun 'Cave Schema' ]]  
          ]  
Dir.Entry ('AdvIntf', [ Type 'IntfDef' DefSrc 'AdvIntfSrc'  
                        IntfRef 'Cave' ]  
Dir.Entry ('CaveDef', [Type 'Def' Class 'Proced'  
                        LocSrc 'CaveSrc' ]])  
Compile ('AdvIntf'); Compile ('CaveDef');
```

### THEN IMPLEMENT

```
Dir.Entry('AdvDef', [Type 'Def' LocSrc 'AdvSrc' LocIntf 'AdvIntf'  
                    DefRef 'Game' [DefBind 'Cavedef']])  
Compile ('AdvDef')  
Dir.Ext ('Cave', 'CaveDef')  
Dir.Entry ('AdvCtl',...); Dir.Ready ('AdvCtl');
```



## LIFECYCLE SUPPORT - EXAMPLE

BEGIN

CREATE GROUP "CAVEAPP" WITH DESCRIPTION

DESIGN

CREATE OBJECT "CAVEDSN1" ; PSL TYPE SCHEMA (e.g.)

INDEX IN "CAVEAPP", FUNCTION = DESIGN

ALTERNATIVE DESIGN

CREATE OBJECT "CAVEDSN2" ; VERSION OF CAVEDSN1

INDEX IN "CAVEAPP", FUNCTION = DESIGN

PROTOTYPE

CREATE GROUP "CAVEPROT";

INDEX IN "CAVEAPP", FUNCTION = PROTOTYPE

INCLUDE ALL RELATED MODULES.

CAVEAPP [CTNS

CAVEDSN1  
CAVEDSN2,  
CAVEPROT [CTNS

CAVESRC,...

PROVIDE FOR INTERACTIVE CMDS, EXECs, OTHER NON-COMPILED

REQUIREMENTS

FOR INTERACTIVE LANGUAGE (COMMANDS, QUERIES)

NO DECLARATIONS (---> UNTYPED LOCAL SETS)  
PLACEMENT IN OBJECT FRAMEWORK

FOR 'EXEC' EQUIVALENTS

COMMAND GENERATION  
UNTYPED SETS

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NON-COMPILED GENERIC FACILITIES

DISPLAY (Ptr) ==>

"DISPLAY" ACCESSES DEF(ptr) FOR SET NAMES

+.....

APPROACH

ONLINE OBJECTS (Interactive Language)

INTERPRETED OBJECTS (Execs, Other non-compiled)

INTERACTIVE LANGUAGE (COMMANDS, QUERIES, .....

ONLINE OBJECT

OBJECT WHOSE MAIN PROGRAM FROM TERMINAL  
ONE BUILT-IN - NO DECLARATIONS OR NESTED MODULES  
(POSSIBILITY OF OTHERS - ACCESS BY "ENTER"/"LEAVE")

LANGUAGE VARIATIONS

SHOW expression(Query Language)

UNDECLARED LOCAL SETS (.A = .B)

SYMBOL RESOLUTION VARIATIONS

TRANSACTION SPECIFICATION VARIATIONS (further on)

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## EXECS, OTHER NON-COMPILED

### INTERPRETED OBJECTS

INSTANCES HAVE TEXT OBJECTS AS TYPES  
FEWER DECLARATIVE REQUIREMENTS

### LANGUAGE VARIATIONS

UNTYPED LOCAL SETS ALLOWED (.A = .B)

UNTYPED POINTERS CAN BE DEREFERENCED

```
P = Dir.Ptr('objname')           Rcv; On A (P)....; End;
```

....

```
Q = Dir.Type (P)
```

....

```
= P.(exp referencing Q) (args)
```

### COMMAND GENERATION

```
EXECUTE string;
```

```
EXECOBJ objectname (type TEXT, local or external)
```

```
(= DO; statements of referenced object END;)
```

PROBLEM: REFERENCES FROM COMPILED OBJECTS  
(SEMANTICS OF LITERAL FUNCTION REFERENCES,....)

(PARTIALLY RESOLVED BY REQUIRING  
INTERFACE OBJECTS IN SOME CASES)

**EXTEND FOR ASYNCHRONOUS OPERATION**

**OBJECTIVE - COHERENT SUPPORT FOR VARIOUS INTER-OBJECT RELS**

**LOCAL ABSTRACTION (as before)**

**CO-ROUTINE**

**TASKING**

**SERIALLY ACCESSIBLE DATA BASE**

**CONCURRENTLY ACCESSIBLE DATA BASE**

**OTHER CLIENT / SERVER RELATIONSHIPS**

**COOPERATIVE ASYNCHRONOUS - SIMULATION**

**OBJECTIVES: CONSISTENCY IN**

**COMMUNICATION MECHANISMS (SYNCH/ASYNCH)**

**ERROR-HANDLING & RECOVERY (INTRA/INTER OBJECT)**

# ASYNCHRONOUS EXECUTION: COMMUNICATION

P1

```
REQ P3.R1(args);  
ON X1 (args) ...  
ON X2 (args) ...  
END;
```

```
REQ P4.R1 (args)  
ON X1 (args)  
ON X2 (args)  
ON NOTFOUND  
END;
```

P2

```
SENDER P3.R1 SET A1;  
  
SENDER P4.R1(args) SET A2;
```

```
RCV  
ONF DefP3.X1 (args)  
  WHERE $RESP(?i) = A1  
  .....  
ONF DEF3.X2 (args) ....  
ON NOTFOUND  
END;
```

PROCEDURE P3

```
SRCV;  
ON R1 (args) ...  
ON R2 (args)...  
END;
```

RETURN X1 (args) REENTER..

PROCESS P4

```
RCV ?i  
ONR R1 (args) guard DO;  
  REQ = $REQ(?i);..  
  .....
```

END;

RESPOND X2 (args) FOR REQ;

- PROCESS = 'MODULE xxxx PROCESS'
- PROCEDURES "LOCAL" OR "SHARED", PROCESSES SHARED
- SHARED PROCESS MANAGES OWN Q, RESPONDS OUT OF SEQ
- GUARD: PREDICATE IN USER DATA, BUILT-IN LOCAL DATA  
Q CONTENT - ORDER, SENDER, MTYPE, REQID,..  
SYSTEM VAR - TIME, DATE, ...
- DISTINGUISH REQUEST/RESPONSE PAIRS FROM UNLINKED MSGS

## ERROR HANDLING AND RECOVERY: LOCAL

### Module X Procedure

```
Lbl1: Trans Onfail Lbl3 Do;
    Lbl2: Trans Do;
        ....
        End;
    If .... Then Cancel Lbl1 DueTo 'Weather';
    End;
Lbl3; Trans Do;
    ....
    Case $Backout
        Of Eq 'Arith' Then
        Of Eq 'PointerRef' Then
        Of Eq 'Weather' Then
        End;
    End;
End;
```

### WHEN FAIL

- BACKOUT DATA TO STATE AT TRANSACTION BEGIN
- CONTROL PASSES TO ONFAIL DESTINATION
- BUILT-IN DATA CONTAINS REASON FOR FAILURE
- INCLUDES LOCAL OBJECT BACKOUT

- ==> ATOMICITY PROVISIONS IN LANGUAGE
- ==> IMPROVES OPTIMIZATION POTENTIAL

## ERROR HANDLING AND RECOVERY: INTER-OBJECT

GOAL: PROVIDE VARIOUS LEVELS OF STATE COUPLING, AMONG OBJECTS

NONE - EACH REQUEST INDEPENDENT (but execution atomic)

"LOCKING" - RESERVE/RELEASE OF SHARED PROCEDURE

IF RESERVING TRANSACTION FAILS WITHIN RESERVE  
THEN RESET SHARED, ELSE NO RESET

IF SHARED PROCEDURE FAILS, BACKOUT RESERVER

VARIANT - RESERVE COPY

"DB TRANSACTION" - RESERVE/RELEASE OF SHARED PROCESS

RESERVATION EXTENDS TO EXTERNAL TRANSACTION

ADDED TO TRANSACTION HEADER

RESERVED PROCESS MUST BE "XPROCESS"

ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY FOR INTEGRITY

AIDED BY SYSTEM

RESERVE ---> RESERVE MSG WITH TRANS-ID

REFERENCE ---> Q INFO HAS TRANS ID

FAIL OF RESERVER ---> NOTIFY MSG

ACCESSIBLE ONLY BY SYNCH REQUEST?

INTERLOCKS CAUSE RESERVER TRANSACTION BACKOUT (detection??)



## FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVES

### ENVIRONMENT WITH

- NON-FRAGMENTING BASIC PATTERN
- NECESSARY ACCRETED FACILITIES

WITH their convenient aspects  
WITHOUT associated fragmentation

### COMMAND LANGUAGE

WITH ad-hoc aspects  
WITHOUT HLL/CMD LANGUAGE split

### DATABASE

WITH declarative def, query-like access, atomicity  
WITHOUT HLL / DDL / DML split  
WITHOUT SYSTEM/SUBSYSTEM split

### APPLICATION GENERATION

WITH declarative def  
WITHOUT uneasy coexistence with HLL

### DICTIONARY

WITH accessibility of information  
WITHOUT dictionary/catalog split

### REQUIREMENTS AND DESIGN LANGUAGES

WITH function  
WITHOUT separate repositories, views of application

### ASYNCHRONISM WITHIN/AMONG APPLICATIONS

WITHOUT separate provisions for tasking, distribution, DB

## SOURCES

### ASSOCIATIVE DATA BASE MODELS (REL, E-R, ..)

Need data base in environment  
Models can subsume others

### VERY HIGH LEVEL LANGUAGES (SETL)

Raise environment level  
Local data associative --> unification with DB

### OBJECT-ORIENTED SYSTEMS (SMALLTALK ..)

Provide non-fragmented system pattern  
Better base than existing for  
distributed applications  
control systems

### APPLICATION GENERATION

Hi-level spec of generalizable processing

### MODULE INTERCONNECTION LANGUAGES

Substitute for low level linkedit,  
Link to design levels

"The time appears to be right for the integration of languages,  
operating systems, and database research on object models."

Peter Wegner, 1982

## DESIGN OBJECTIVES

### USE OBJECT ORIENTATION AS A BASE

One application component, one set of support mechanisms

### DESIGN:

#### ABSTRACTION LANGUAGE (approximation)

Associative local data model  
Includes asynchronous capabilities  
Version for interactive commands

#### DECLARATIVE DEFINITION FORMS

For data base, application generation  
With close ties to procedural form

#### DICTIONARY/CATALOG FACILITIES

Subsuming current functions  
Subsuming MIL function

#### DATABASE-ORIENTED ATOMICITY FACILITIES

DEVELOPMENT OF DESIGN

REMOVAL OF HLL DATA ACCESS FRAGMENTATION

LOCAL DATA, FILE, DATA BASE, UTILITY

INCORPORATE RESULTS IN ABSTRACTION LANGUAGE

UNIFY PROGRAM, DATA ACCESS

UNIFY PROCEDURAL DEFINITION  
WITH DECLARATIVE DEFINITION (FOR DB, APGEN)

----- (From here directional) -----

OUTLINE SINGLE-USER / SINGLE-THREAD ENVIRONMENT

DIRECTORY = CATALOG + DICT + MIL + DESIGN REPOSITORY

LANGUAGE EXTENSIONS FOR CMDS/EXECS

EXTEND FOR MULTI-THREAD PROCESSING

COHERENT INTER-OBJECT COMMUNICATION (SYNCH, ASYNCH)

COHERENT ERROR-HANDLING & RECOVERY

----- (From here little work) -----

EXTEND TO MULTI-USER ENVIRONMENT (little work done here)

EXTENDED NAMING, CATALOGING, DISTRIBUTION, .....

## SOME RELATED WORK

### DATA BASE STRUCTURES IN PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

EAS/E, PLAIN, RIGEL, PASCAL-R, DAPLEX (ADAPLEX)

### SINGLE-MODEL LANGUAGES

APL, LISP: with consistent environments; SETL, TAXIS

### RESOLVING DATA BASE WITH DATA ABSTRACTION

Leavenworth, Weller: fundamental  
DAPLEX, RIGEL: less rigorous, hidden

### OTHER

Consistent, full function PSEs: DOD xAPSEs (Intermetrics)  
Integrated commercial DB access packages: NOMAD, FOCUS ...  
Procedural/executable specification languages: FST, ...  
Programming language extension for display support (Gries)

## POTENTIALLY SEPARABLE ELEMENTS

### DATA MODEL

More expressive than basic relational  
More accessible than E/R, functional

### DATA ACCESS LANGUAGE

More powerful than SQL, as user-friendly

### DECLARATIVE OBJECT DEFINITION

For general application generation  
Allow expansible set of simple generators  
For data base definition  
Replacement for 'subsystem' approach

### 'AGGREGATE OPERATIONS' (on data base subsets)

Utility Functions within DML  
Applications in Engineering & Distributed DB

### INTER-OBJECT COMMUNICATION CONCEPTS

Consistent syntax, semantics supporting  
message passing, abstraction, co-routine, function call.

## IDE - CURRENT STATUS

### STATUS

FOCUS ON SINGLE USER ENVIRONMENT

CONSIDERABLE SPECIFICATION

VERY LIMITED DEVELOPMENT (formal grammar, some design)

### FEATURES

ONE ASSOCIATIVE DATA MODEL FOR ALL DATA  
(local, file, database, directory, design specs)

ONE FULL-SCALE VHLL FOR ALL "PROCEDURAL" PURPOSES  
directory access, design, implementation, command

SMOOTH INTEGRATION OF DECLARATIVE FORMS  
for application generation, database definition

OBJECT-ORIENTED ENVIRONMENT - UNIFORM MECHANISMS FOR  
definition, compilation, linking, cataloging, accessing

DIRECTORY AS CENTRAL FOCUS OF APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT  
subsumes catalog, dictionary, binding, control

### APPLICABILITY

FEASIBILITY DEMONSTRATION

SOURCE OF SEPARABLE IDEAS

WITH (relatively) SMALL DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

PROTOTYPING VEHICLE

SINGLE-USER ENVIRONMENT

WITH MAJOR DEVELOPMENT EFFORT

FULL ENVIRONMENT