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Introduction

The Integrated Eagle/BDS-D project is attempting to integrate constructive, aggregate unit wargame models typically used for analysis, such as Eagle, with virtual, individual vehicle level simulations used for training, such as SIMNET/BDS-D. Within the project, that integration is achieved by making it possible for Eagle units of battalion size or smaller to be automatically disaggregated into their component vehicles in the virtual battlefield. Once disaggregated, the vehicles move and fight in the virtual simulation under the control of a Computer Generated Forces (CGF) system. When their engagement is concluded, the vehicles are removed from the virtual simulation and the Eagle units are reaggregated.

The Integrated Eagle/BDS-D project is a cooperative effort involving the TRADOC Analysis Center (TRAC) and the Institute for Simulation and Training (IST). IST's participation is sponsored by STRICOM under contract N61339-92-K-0002. IST is involved in Computer Generated Forces research relevant to the linkage of constructive and virtual simulations.

This document is IST's Work Plan for ECP 7 to the Integrated Eagle/BDS-D project. ECP 7 has two goals:

1. Research the behavior specification mechanisms used in the Close-Combat Tactical Trainer's Semi-Automated Forces (CCTT SAF) and Modular Semi-Automated Forces (ModSAF) and to investigate approaches to integrate the mechanisms to create a single behavioral specification mechanism. For example, the CCTT SAF includes behaviors determined as a result of an extensive knowledge engineering process. As a research tool, experimental behavioral representation techniques have been developed in ModSAF. This research project will examine these and other aspects of the behavioral representation of these systems.

2. Develop the class structure and instance objects for the Eagle Frame Model. This work involves the development of the CLOS Methods to replace KEE Primitives used by the Eagle runtime infrastructure. Building on previous work at IST, this task requires changes to Eagle code which will touch every file that is a part of the Eagle system, some of them requiring major changes, others only minor changes.

In this document, the plan for each goal is presented separately for clarity. The plan for Goal 1 was prepared by Robert Franceschini; the plan for Goal 2 was prepared by Michael Myjak.

Goal 1: Research Resolution of Behavior Representation Methods of CCTT SAF and ModSAF

To accomplish this goal, IST will research CCTT's CIS's, their implementation in the CCTT SAF, and ModSAF's behavioral representation techniques. For this work, ModSAF version 1.5.1 will be used until version 2.0 becomes available, and then version 2.0 will be used for the remainder of the project.

Task List

For each task/subtask, the following information is given:

Task Description
Start Date
Duration
Subtasks (if any)
Dependencies

Task 1: Identify CIS's to examine.

Task Description
Identify four to six Combat Instruction Sets to focus on during this research. These CIS's will be selected from the
set of CIS's that have been implemented in the CCTT SAF. These CIS's will be selected so that approximately half of them have some corresponding ModSAF representation, and the remainder will have no corresponding ModSAF representation.

**Start Date**
10/2/95

**Duration**
1 week

**Dependencies**
- **Predecessors**
  - None
- **Successors**
  - Task 2: Understand CIS’s
  - Task 3: Study CCTT implementation of CIS’s
  - Task 4: Study ModSAF's behavior control mechanisms

**Task 2: Understand CIS’s.**

**Task Description**
Study the CIS’s selected in Task 1. The goal of this study is to understand the military doctrine behind each task, so that implementations of the CIS’s can be analyzed.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
12 weeks

**Subtasks**
- 2.1 Examine CATTask Database for selected CIS’s.
- 2.2 Gather SME input on CIS’s.

**Dependencies**
- **Predecessors**
  - Task 1: Identify CIS’s to examine.
- **Successors**
  - Task 5: Construct detailed design for incorporation of CIS’s into ModSAF.

**2.1 Examine CATTask Database for selected CIS’s.**

**Task Description**
The CATTask Database contains information about each of the CIS’s implemented in the CCTT program. IST will examine the information in the CATTask Database about each of the CIS’s selected in Task 1.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
12 weeks

**Dependencies**
- None

**2.2 Gather Subject Matter Expert (SME) input on CIS’s.**

**Task Description**
Gather appropriate Subject Matter Expert information about the CIS’s selected in Task 1, as appropriate. SME’s include Dan Mullally, USMC Maj. (Ret.) of IST and SME’s identified by STRICOM and TRAC.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
12 weeks


**Task 3: Study CCTT implementation of CIS's.**

**Task Description**
Examine the process developed in the CCTT program for developing and implementing CIS's. The goal will be to understand the behavioral representation techniques used in the CCTT SAF, including the relationship between behavior generation and the terrain representation, and the behavior generation infrastructure.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Subtasks**
1. Read available papers on CIS development process.
2. Examine process of implementing CIS's in CCTT SAF.
3. Examine source code of selected CIS's from CCTT SAF.
4. Discussions with CCTT SAF development team (focused on questions, lead by IST).
5. Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**
Task 1: Identify CIS's to examine.

**Successors**
Task 5: Construct detailed design for incorporation of CIS's into ModSAF.

**3.1 Read documentation on CIS development process.**

**Task Description**
Identify and read documentation on the CIS development process. Sources of papers include STRICOM (for technical report deliverables from the CCTT program) and published technical papers (e.g. Computer Generated Forces and Behavioral Representation Conference Proceedings).

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**
None

**Successors**
3.5 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

**3.2 Examine process of implementing CIS’s in CCTT SAF.**

**Task Description**
Study the process of developing CIS's in the CCTT SAF. The CCTT program has developed a formal process for describing military tactics and implementing them in a Computer Generated Forces system. An understanding of this process is essential for understanding the behavior representation techniques of the CCTT SAF.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**
None

**Successors**
3.5 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

3.3 Identify bindings between CCTT SAF architecture and behavioral representation techniques
Task Description
Examine the source code and documentation of the CIS’s selected in Task 1. The goals will be to understand the implementation of CIS’s in the CCTT SAF and to identify any bindings between the behavioral representation techniques and the CCTT SAF architecture. These bindings must be resolved in the translation process.
Start Date
10/9/95
Duration
10 weeks
Dependencies
Predecessors
None
Successors
3.5 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

3.4 Discussions with CCTT SAF development team (focused on questions, lead by IST).
Task Description
Focused discussions about specific questions of process, content, or implementation of the CIS’s in the CCTT SAF with the SAF development team. Such discussions will occur during and after IST’s in-depth study of the available CCTT SAF documentation and source code.
Start Date
10/9/95
Duration
10 weeks
Dependencies
Predecessors
None
Successors
3.5 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

3.5 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.
Task Description
Prepare a brief presentation summarizing the results of the research in 3.1 through 3.4.
Start Date
12/18/95
Duration
3 weeks
Dependencies
Predecessors
3.1 Read available papers on CIS development process.
3.2 Examine process of implementing CIS’s in CCTT SAF.
3.3 Examine source code of selected CIS’s from CCTT SAF.
3.4 Discussions with CCTT SAF development team (focused on questions, lead by IST).
Successors
None

Task 4: Study ModSAF’s behavior control mechanisms.
Task Description
Examine the representation of behaviors in ModSAF. The goal will be to understand the behavioral
representation techniques used in ModSAF.

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Subtasks**

1. Read available papers on Augmented Asynchronous Finite State Machines used in ModSAF.
2. Identify and read available papers on behavior implementations in ModSAF.
3. Examine source code of selected behaviors in ModSAF.

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

Task 1: Identify CIS's to examine.

**Successors**

Task 5: Construct detailed design for incorporation of CIS's into ModSAF.

4.1 Read documentation on Augmented Asynchronous Finite State Machines used in ModSAF.

**Task Description**
Identify and read documentation on Augmented Asynchronous Finite State Machines (AAFSMs) in ModSAF. AAFSMs are the behavioral specification mechanisms used in ModSAF. Sources of documentation include ModSAF internal documentation and published technical papers (e.g. Computer Generated Forces and Behavioral Representation Conference Proceedings).

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

None

**Successors**

4.4 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

4.2 Identify and read documentation on behavior implementations in ModSAF.

**Task Description**
Identify and read documentation on implementations of behaviors in ModSAF. The goal is to understand how the AAFSM technique is applied in practice to specific behaviors. Possible sources of papers include ModSAF internal documentation and published technical papers (e.g. Computer Generated Forces and Behavioral Representation Conference Proceedings).

**Start Date**
10/9/95

**Duration**
10 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

None

**Successors**

4.4 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

4.3 Examine source code of selected behaviors in ModSAF.

**Task Description**
Examine the ModSAF source code and documentation for the CIS's selected in Task 1 that have equivalent
ModSAF representations.

**Start Date**

10/9/95

**Duration**

10 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

None

**Successors**

4.4 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

### 4.4 Prepare deliverable: Presentation.

**Task Description**

Prepare a brief presentation summarizing the research from 4.1 through 4.3.

**Start Date**

12/18/95

**Duration**

3 weeks

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

4.1 Read available papers on Augmented Asynchronous Finite State Machines.
4.2 Identify and read available papers on behavior implementations in ModSAF.
4.3 Examine source code of selected behaviors in ModSAF.

**Successors**

None

### Task 5: Construct design for incorporation of CIS's into ModSAF.

**Task Description**

Based on the research in Tasks 2, 3, and 4, design an approach for implementing the CIS’s selected in Task 1 in ModSAF. The implementation approach may consist of a mixture of automated tools, manned translation, and recoding of algorithms. The goal is an approach that can be applied to other CIS’s in addition to those selected in Task 1; the selected CIS’s will serve as an illustration and check of the design.

**Start Date**

10/9/95

**Duration**

10 weeks

**Subtasks**

5.1 Produce plan based on CCTT CIS program.
5.2 Produce rough schedule for implementing selected CIS’s in ModSAF.
5.3 Prepare deliverables: Presentation and Report.

**Dependencies**

**Predecessors**

Task 2: Understand CIS’s.
Task 3: Study CCTT implementation of CIS’s.
Task 4: Study ModSAF’s behavior control mechanisms.

**Successors**

None

5.1 Produce plan based on CCTT CIS program.

**Task Description**

Develop a plan that extends the CCTT SAF development process to allow conversion of SAF CISs to ModSAF
behaviors. This plan may involve taking intermediate CIS representations as the starting point for conversion rather than the final SAF CIS implementation. Automated conversion tools will be identified or specified.

**Start Date**
1/8/96

**Duration**
8 weeks

**Dependencies**
- **Predecessors**: None
- **Successors**: 5.3 Prepare deliverables: Presentation and Report.

### 5.2 Produce rough schedule for implementing selected CIS's in ModSAF.

**Task Description**
Estimate the effort required to convert each Task 1 CIS to ModSAF. Produce a schedule from these estimates and estimates of project management and supervision.

**Start Date**
1/8/96

**Duration**
8 weeks

**Dependencies**
- **Predecessors**: None
- **Successors**: 5.3 Prepare deliverables: Presentation and Report.

### 5.3 Prepare deliverables: Presentation and Report.

**Task Description**
Present the results of Task 5. Prepare a Project Report describing the methods and results of this research.

**Start Date**
3/4/96

**Duration**
4 weeks

**Dependencies**
- **Predecessors**: 5.1 Produce plan based on CCTT CIS program.
  5.2 Produce rough schedule for implementing selected CIS's in ModSAF.
- **Successors**: None

**Deliverables**
Presentation combining 3.5, 4.4, and 5.3 results.
Final report (5.3)
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Goal 2: Develop the Class Structure and Instance Objects for the Eagle Frame Model

Description
This task requires changes to Eagle code which will touch every file that is a part of the Eagle system, some of them requiring major changes, others only minor changes.

The initial loading of the Eagle model is performed by a "build" process, in which the files containing specification data for all of Eagle's structures are loaded. The Eagle "build" process must be studied and documented, and the code which performs this function must be isolated and converted. Similarly, the preprocessor goes through a build process, loading many of the same files as the model and adding files needed to allow the user to generate scenarios.

Existing data must be loaded into the knowledge bases once their structure has been built. This data is found in class data files, scenario input files, and history output files. Each of these types of files has a different format, which must be read and converted to the appropriate Eagle format. User (class) data files are *.data (lowercase) files. Scenario input files and history output files, are *.DATA (uppercase) files. A separate translation utility may be written to convert scenarios now being used by Eagle to a format more suitable for the revised Eagle. This will allow all scenarios now being used to continue being run after completion of this revision.

As the data is read from a data file, the object structure (frame) for that class provides a template for storing the data. Data representing attributes of the object must be collected and stored as slot values by using the CLOS DEFCLASS. Data representing method names for the object must trigger the definition of those methods by means of the CLOS DEFINE METHOD.

In an object-oriented environment like CLOS, methods behave like functions. The principal difference between a function and a method is that a method operates only on the object or class of objects for which it is defined. For example, a method Foo for object BAR may or may not be a completely different method from the method Foo for the object BAZ. Determining which method belongs with which object is determined by the definition of a generic function, which acts as a template for defining methods, and a set of methods specialized through their arguments to particular classes of objects.

Methods may be inherited by subclasses and instances, just as attributes are. Some work will have to be done to understand the hierarchy of Eagle objects. Understanding this structure is necessary to properly implement method inheritance.

KEE uses a primitive called UNITMSG to implement message-passing between objects. It provides an identifier for the object (which may be the name of the object or a pointer to the structure representing the object), the name of the method to be called, and the arguments for that method. CLOS allows methods to be called directly, if applicable to the object, instead of having a message-passing scheme. This is used by Eagle to build itself; telling an object where to locate slots containing file names or method names which in turn cause the loading of files and the construction of the knowledge bases.

Significant Sub-tasks
The building of the Eagle model consists of building the structure to store the data and building the operations that will manipulate that structure. The significant sub-tasks are:

- Analyze and document the Eagle "build" process.

- Convert object attribute data to slot values for use by DEFCLASS.

- Define CLOS methods using DEFINE METHOD for data representing method names.

- Implement the CLOS methods needed to support the build process.
Test the new CLOS method.

**Task Schedule**

Estimated duration of this task is 100 working days. Two people will work on this task, each working half-time. This task is scheduled to begin on 2 October 1995 and should be completed by 1 March 1995. The start and end dates for this task include 4 days (two for travel and two for technical) for an Eagle SAR interim presentation.