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I. INTRODUCTION

Utility models are often used for the purpose of evaluating complicated systems or to select among competing alternatives. The utility assessment process usually determines a collection of system attributes which are used collectively as surrogates for the system. A decision maker (or group of decision makers) is then asked to evaluate the utility of each attribute of the system. These unidimensional utilities are then combined into a multiattribute utility measure of the entire system using some sort of rational aggregation procedure which depends on the properties of the unidimensional utilities.

Multiple decision makers are frequently used for determining the unidimensional utilities for the individual attributes. This is because it is rare to find one person who is expert on all attributes. Perhaps nowhere is the old adage "two heads are better than one" more true than in utility assessment. In this thesis a computer tool is developed to aid in the process of obtaining the unidimensional utilities.

Background information about the utility problem is provided in Chapter II. The decision making problem is discussed; multiattribute utility is introduced; and the group decision making with feedback problem is examined. A case is made for the need for an automated tool for extracting group utilities.
Chapter III discusses the data and software requirements for a computer tool used to help subjects determine utilities for each of several attributes. Desirable interactive concepts of such a tool are described. Hardware requirements for the computer and input/output terminals are also discussed.

Chapter IV describes the various user programs that have been written to interact with the subjects to obtain utilities. It also describes the programs that are available to the monitor (umpire) to allow him to watch over the process and to keep track of the status of each user. Also included in Chapter IV are descriptions of various utility programs that were written to guarantee data base integrity and to aid in the analysis of the utility data.

Chapter V provides a user's manual with a sample terminal session as an example of the use of the tool. The user's manual should suffice for documentation to be provided to a user as to what he is required to do to utilize the automated procedure.

Finally, in Chapter VI, we discuss present limitations of the procedure in terms of the number of users, the number of attributes, total core and the like. We also describe possible future extensions of the process to allow for enhanced graphical output, and we discuss other applications of the tool outside the area of utility assessment that the procedure can be used for with only minor changes.
II. BACKGROUND

A. SUBJECTIVE EVALUATION OF ALTERNATIVES

Consider the problem of deciding among several possible alternatives which we label as $A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_n$. Each alternative has some value or utility to us which depends on the state of nature which is outside our control. Let the possible states of nature be denoted by $S_1, S_2, \ldots, S_k$. For each pair $(S_i, A_j)$ there is a result $r_{ij}$ (see figure 1). The collection of results are what have value or utility to the decision maker(s) (see figure 2).

Decision theory is concerned with how decision makers should select among competing alternatives in such a framework. The theory considers as separate cases decision making under uncertainty and decision making under risk. In the former, the probabilities for the different states of nature are assumed known; in the latter the probabilities are unknown. In both cases, however, the decision maker(s) is required to assess the utility $u_{ij}$ of each result $r_{ij}$. The utility assignments are subjective. We assume that they have been made rationally in accordance with the set of axioms of von Neumann and Morgenstern [Ref. 1].

As an example of this decision framework consider a problem of selecting among two available aircraft and one in development for the purpose of providing close air support for a mission planned against enemy armored forces. The three alternatives are:
<table>
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<tr>
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<th>$s_1$</th>
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<td>$r_{nk}$</td>
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</table>

*Figure 1*
Figure 2
\(A_1 = A-4\)
\(A_2 = F-4\)
\(A_3 = A-X\)

The states of nature that may affect the results of the mission are the visibility at the time of the mission.

Let us consider the states
\(S_1 = \text{clear day}\)
\(S_2 = \text{clear night}\)
\(S_3 = \text{cloudy day}\)

Now suppose that the result matrix is given as follows:

\[
\begin{array}{c|c|c|c}
\text{states of nature} & S_1 & S_2 & S_3 \\
\hline
\text{Alternatives} & \text{acceptable} & \text{acceptable} & \text{bad} \\
A_1 & \text{very good} & \text{good} & \text{bad} \\
A_2 & \text{good} & \text{good} & \text{good} \\
A_3 & & & \\
\end{array}
\]

Note in the table above that the results need not be quantitative. Finally, suppose that the decision maker(s) has assessed the following utilities for the results shown in the table:
There are many different procedures for selecting among the alternatives after the alternatives and the states have been identified and the utilities assessed. No attempt will be made to discuss the different procedures. For a good discussion see Keeny and Raiff [Ref. 2], Zimmermann [Ref. 3], Raiffa [Ref. 4] and Fishburn [Ref. 5]. In this thesis we are concerned primarily with the problem of eliciting the utilities from the decision maker(s).

B. MULTIATTRIBUTE UTILITY MODEL

The utility measurement of complicated systems is one of the most difficult problems facing decision makers. The measurement of utility must take into account all the anticipated uses and conditions for which the system would be utilized.

One approach to assessing utilities of complex alternatives is to ask decision makers to assess the utility of the alternatives directly, without explicitly determining utilities of the individual attributes. This is what most of us
do in our minds when making everyday decisions. The decision makers may think hard and seriously about the alternatives and attributes of the alternatives, but no formal model is developed, and no formal analysis is done. The approach places quite a burden on the decision maker forcing him to integrate in his mind many different types of information such as the scenarios (states of nature), the attributes, the importance of the attributes and tradeoffs. This approach may lead to good decisions but it is generally unsatisfactory because it provides no "audit trail" for justifying its conclusions to others. Since the model is not specified, no scrutiny can be made of the assumptions or factors that led to the conclusion. Another disadvantage is that the approach does not allow for sensitivity analysis or discovery of which attributes or characteristics of the alternative systems are most important.

A second approach is to identify the key attributes of the alternative systems that have value to the decision makers. Let $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r$ represent $r$ such attributes, and let $x_i = X_i(A)$ represent the level of attribute $X_i$ possessed by alternative $A$. These levels are used collectively as a surrogate for the alternative systems. Single dimensional utilities $u_i(x_i)$ are then assessed for the levels of the attributes. This approach thus allows a decision maker to focus on each attribute one at a time. If care is taken in deriving the list of attributes so that the set "captures the essence" of the alternatives, then this approach minimizes
the likelihood that important considerations "fall through the cracks". It also insures that the final overall assessments will not be influenced unjustifiably by placing too much importance on only a few of the attributes of the system. The single dimensional utilities are then aggregated into an overall system utility as follows:

\[ U(A) = U(x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_r) = f(u_1(x_1), \ldots, u_r(x_r)) \]

There is quite a bit of recent literature on the form that the aggregating function \( f \) should take. See especially Keeny and Raiffa [Ref. 2]. One form of \( f \) that is commonly used is

\[ f(u_1(x_1), \ldots, u_r(x_r)) = \sum_{i=1}^{r} w_i u_i(x_i) \]

This form can be shown to be valid when certain types of independence conditions over preferences for the attributes are satisfied.

The actual form of the utility aggregation function is not of concern in this thesis. Instead, this thesis concentrates on the task of finding the individual attribute utilities \( u_i(x_i) \).

C. GROUP DECISION MAKING WITH FEEDBACK

A single decision maker is rarely qualified to evaluate and assess the utility of each attribute of a complicated
system. One would probably be better off getting a group of experts together to share their experience and assess the utilities as a group. Getting a single number out of the information supplied by a group is a problem by itself. In reference [6] a methodology for group decision making with feedback is proposed.

The methodology suggests a procedure that has three basic steps:

1. Utility assessment.
2. Information aggregation.
3. Feedback.

In the first step, the group members assess utilities for each attribute of the system. The procedure administrator then aggregates all the information about each attribute and feeds information back to the group members. The group members examine the responses of their colleagues and modify their own responses as they desire. See figure 3.

Because utility values are not unique (they unique up to a linear transformation) and because relative utilities and values are frequently easier to evaluate than are absolute values, we have chosen to collect the required information in terms of value ratios with one system selected as a baseline for comparison. With the ratio scale (fig. 4) a group member is required to provide two numbers as data for each attribute.

1. The first is the ratio of the value of the new system to the value of baseline system. For example: if the range of the new system is 150 NM and the range of the baseline
Figure 3
The Group Decision Making With Feedback Process
radar is 100 NM the value ratio is 1.5. The ratio is also convenient for handling attributes which are non-measurable. For example, if a subject thinks the new radar is 30% more reliable than the baseline, the reliability value ratio would be 1.3

2. The second is the ratio of the utility of the new system to the utility of the baseline system. For example: if having 50% more range on the new radar makes it have a utility twice as great as the utility for the baseline, the utility ratio for range is 2.0.

Since a single person is rarely an expert in all of the attributes of a complex system, the group members are asked to provide a self-proficiency rating for each attribute. This is done in the first iteration of the procedure. After all subjects have submitted an attribute, the data are summarized and fed back in graphical output. The graph for a given attribute contains as many points as there are group members. The group members are encouraged to examine the feedback and modify their last inputs if they so desire.

Once the data are in a database on a computer, the wide variety of statistical tools can be used to evaluate and aggregate the final answers into single utility numbers for all attributes, which may then be combined into an overall system utility value.

Administering this procedure manually is very time consuming and awkward. An iterative computer program is needed to
handle the data collection and feedback process. This thesis describes such an interactive computer program.
III. SOFTWARE AND INPUT/OUTPUT REQUIREMENTS

A. DATA CHARACTERISTICS

Essentially two types of data are required. The first type includes data which are not affected by feedback and which will likely be entered only once by each user. This includes the user profile and information about the user's self-proficiency evaluation on each attribute and quadrant selection. The second type is more dynamic, being directly affected by feedback information on the evaluations of the cohorts of the user. This data consists of the pair of numbers, value rates and utility ratio, for each attribute. The user may update these values as often as he desires.

The analysis that will be performed on the input data requires that the entire data input process be reconstructed. The analyst needs to know the entire sequence of inputs for each user for each attribute. Furthermore, he needs to trace through the input chronologically so that he can tell what feedback may have influenced specific inputs. This requires that the software insert a clock time with each data entry. Since the data analysis will be performed on the Naval Postgraduate School IBM 360/67 computer to take advantage of the powerful data analysis software already available in APL, the data will have to be transportable in a format acceptable to the IBM computer.
B. SOFTWARE CONSIDERATIONS

Many considerations influenced the design of the software. Most important is the requirement that each user simultaneously access the data base interactively. Also since the users will be available for only a short amount of time, extensive training in the use of the software will not be feasible. Thus the programs must be self-explanatory containing internal documentation and they must be user friendly assuming no prior computer training. The software should be written to protect the identity of each user from the other users to prevent intimidation, but should allow the project administrator to monitor the performance of each user in real time. This is to allow the administrator to observe the progress of each user. The administrator can thus detect problems that the users may be having and communicate instructions to selected users during a session. Finally, to be useful as a general tool for the assessment of group utilities of several attributes of one system relative to a specified baseline, the programs should be flexible to allow for changes in the systems being evaluated without major software changes.

C. INTERACTIVE CONCEPTS

It is difficult to provide a friendly interface between a sophisticated unforgiving machine and a user assumed to be untrained in the use of computers. The burden of accomplishing the interface falls on the software. Thus the software must
incorporate many human factors considerations. The information displayed to the user should be simple, clear and concise so that the user can grasp the essential information quickly. The time delay from keyboard entry to the terminal response should be no more than a few seconds. The software should provide the user an option with regard to the amount of detail contained in the instructions printed at the user's terminal. As users become more experienced during a terminal session, he will likely grow weary of repeatedly reading the same detailed instructions. He should therefore be allowed to reduce the verbosity of instructions. In addition to allowing the user to reduce verbosity, the software should also allow the user to request additional information or instructions. A "help" feature should be built into the software to allow the user to obtain online documentation at any time during a session without disturbing the flow of the program. Finally, the software should be built to provide protection of the data base from either the malicious intent of a user or from accidental or erroneous responses.

D. INPUT/OUTPUT TERMINALS

Because of costs, portability, and response requirements a "dumb" video CRT terminal with a 1200 baud-rate transmission capability, standard alphanumeric keyboard entry, 23 lines per screen, and 80 characters per line was selected as the basis input/output device around which the software would be designed. Many different terminals satisfy the above
requirements providing ready availability for testing and implementation at the Naval Postgraduate School. This choice of terminals allows the user to view only a single quadrant (which he selects) containing the value ratios and the utility ratios for a selected attribute since the entire graph cannot be displayed with adequate resolution. Fortunately, this does not present serious problems since one would expect most or all users to input data into the same quadrant for a given attribute. In order to provide each user access all the values for a given attribute the software should notify each user of the distribution of data over the four quadrants and allow each user to display any selected quadrant.

Other more expensive types of intelligent terminals could certainly enhance the application of the process. Color and graphics capability would allow the users to distinguish among the data according to the self-proficiency rating of the respondents and would allow greater resolution. Also a split screen capability would allow for some information, such as the attribute list to be maintained on a portion of the screen while other parts are updated as necessary. This would reduce the input/output response time while providing more informative displays. Even though the software is designed around the "dumb" video terminal, it should be flexible enough to allow for easy modification for a more sophisticated terminal.
IV. SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

A. THE USER'S PROGRAM

1. External Declarations

Most of the variables are declared externally so that they can be used globally.

The maximum number of users and attributes and the size of the basic data record is defined so as to make it easy to change the system capacity.

The basic structures that constitutes the data bank are defined and character arrays are initialized.

2. Main()

The main program handles the general flow of the process. It performs the linking, opening and unlinking of the various files needed.

A unique user number is associated with each user and the basic loop of the program is entered.

3. Intro()

The introduction routine explains the "rules of the game" and describes the basic procedure that the user will follow.

Intro() gives examples of use and sample displays. The user is allowed to page back and forth through the introductory instructions until he feels that he understands what he is required to do and what options are available to him.
The user can re-enter the Intro subroutine at almost any time he wants by typing "I" (see subroutine attrib ()).

4. Prep ()

The preparation routine performs the first iteration and asks the user for two basic pieces of information regarding each attribute:

(1) The user's self-rated proficiency with respect to an attribute on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high).
(2) The quadrant in which he will enter utility information. Once the user enters his proficiency it may not be changed at a later time. However the quadrants may be updated later at any time.

After the entry of the proficiency and the quadrant information, the chosen quadrant is displayed for the given attribute and the user is prompted to enter his first evaluation of the value and utility ratios. This sequence is repeated for all the attributes.

5. Menu ()

This menu routine displays to the user the list of attributes and a number by which the attribute will be referenced. In each attribute there will also be a column called "changes", which gives each user a count of the number of times that other users have updated the information for each attribute, since he last made a utility entry for the attribute.
6. `Attrib()`

This routine is the main working routine. It starts by displaying to the user the current utility data for the selected attribute and then prompts each user for a response. The user has 7 available options which he can type.

"y" - indicates that the user wants to enter new utility data. The user is then prompted for the value and utility ratios.

"n" - indicates that no new data is to be entered. The program returns to main (), to prompt for a new attribute.

"a" - indicates that the user wants to look at the attribute list. The menu () is displayed.

"q" - indicates that he wants a display of the utility data for a different quadrant.

"I" - calls up the introduction routine.

"E" - indicates that the user wishes to terminate the session.

"h" - or any other character not within this list of legal options. A list of the options is displayed.

7. `Outdata()`

The outdata routine generates a CRT display of the most recent data entered by all the users in any selected attribute. The data is displayed to each user in the quadrant which he selects.
A fresh copy of the data is read from the file system and the attribute value ratio and the utility ratio are extracted. The display quadrant is determined and the proper display subroutines are called.

8. $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, Q_4$

Four quadrant subroutines, one for each quadrant translate the attribute value and the utility ratios into the proper scale for display. The routines will prepare a character array to be displayed. If more than one point of data falls in one cell, the number of points is displayed as a digit. Otherwise, the blank is displayed.

9. Graph 1 ( ) - Graph 4 ( )

Four graph subroutines, one per quadrant, display the proper axes and the data points in that quadrant. Each subroutine also displays a small four-quadrant figure showing the number of current entries in each quadrant for the selected attribute.

10. Indata ( )

The indata subroutine creates the new data records and writes them into the proper files in the file system. Before writing, the subroutine will look for permission to write into the data base. As soon as permission is given, the information is written into the files.
B. THE MONITOR'S PROGRAMS

1. Clear

The program "clear" initializes the data base files. A warning is given to the monitor that the program will destroy any existing data in the file. The monitor can quit and save the file contents elsewhere.

2. Atlst

The program "atlst" enables the monitor to create or update an attribute list at any time.

3. Tbox

The program "tbox" is a small data base administrator, created to maintain data base integrity. It prevents the user's processes from overwriting information in the data bank. The program will accept requests for write permission into the data files from all the users and will issue the write permission to only one user at a time.

4. An

The program "an" enables the monitor to monitor the progress of the working session.

The program permits the monitor to do the following:

a. Data records in numerical presentation can be displayed for any single user or all users and any single attribute or all attributes.

b. The data in graphical presentation (as the user sees it), can be displayed for any user and any attribute, as they are at any selected time, present or past.
c. The data in graphical presentation (as the user sees it), can be displayed for any user and any attribute, as they are at any selected time, present or past - but only for users from a chosen proficiency and up.

The program runs continuously until terminated by the monitor.

5. **Boxstop**

This little program will send a message to the administrator to stop execution orderly.

6. **Ll**

The program "ll" takes an entire data base and transforms all the integers into long integers, so they will be compatible with the IBM/360 format.

7. **Tape**

The command file "tape" loads the output of the program "ll" on a tape for transportation to other computers for analysis of the data.

8. **Tapdsk, Extpdsk**

The FORTRAN program "tapdsk" reads the data from a tape and stores it into CMS files.

The program "EXTPDSK" is an EXEC routine under the cp/cms time sharing system running on the IBM 360/67 at NPGS. The program defines the proper CMS files for storage of the data bank taken from the PDP-ll and runs the program "tapdsk".
V. USER'S MANUAL AND SAMPLE SESSION

Each member of the utility assessment team will be given a preliminary briefing about his role and about the assessment and feedback process. After the briefing each user will be provided a login name, which will uniquely identify the user, and a password that will provide him access to the system. He should then switch on his video terminal. The UNIX operating system will then prompt the user for his login name and the password. After a successful login a daily message will be displayed followed by the single character 'Z', which is the UNIX prompt symbol. The user should then type the program name 'adrn' (without the quotes). This causes the user's program to begin execution, and the introductory phase is entered. The following thirteen pages show the information displayed in the introduction.
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This program will help you as a member of the utility assessment group assign utilities to the attributes of the specified systems.

We begin with an introduction which will provide instructions on the use of the program.
A page of information will be displayed. After you read and understand the page you must respond by typing one of the following characters and then a 'return':

  n - to see the next page.

  p - to see the previous page.

  j - to jump over the remaining introduction.

Now enter your request :
FIRST ITERATION:

During the first iteration you will be asked to rate your own proficiency for evaluating the utility of each attribute by selecting an integer from 1 (low) to 5 (high).

```
1 2 3 4 5
```

SELF-PROFICIENCY

low high RATING

You will not be able to change your self-proficiency rating for any attribute after you have entered it initially. Thus be careful in entering the data.

During the utility assessment process you will be shown a graph of utility ratio versus value ratio for each attribute. Because of screen size and resolution limitation all four quadrants cannot be displayed. Therefore you will be asked to select one of the four quadrants to be displayed for each attribute.

Enter request ( n,p or j ):
For each attribute you will be shown the single quadrant which you select. Unlike the self-proficiency rating which cannot be changed you may, at any time, change the quadrant which is displayed for an attribute.

Enter request (n,p or j):
Comments about the Quadrants:

We expect most of you to agree on the quadrant which contains the utility data. If you think that large value ratios are preferred then you should select either quadrant 1 or quadrant 3. Quadrant 1 would be selected if you think that the subject system has more of the attribute than the baseline system (i.e., value ratio > 1); quadrant 3 if value ratio is < 1. If you think smaller value ratios are preferred then select either quadrant 2 or 4.

Enter request ( n, p or j ) :
EXAMPLE:

The situation is transportation for a salesman who travels 40,000 miles per year by automobile over mostly interstate highways. The baseline system is the current midsize fleet vehicle owned by the parent company. The alternative system under consideration is a new vehicle produced by another auto manufacturer. The attribute under consideration is COMFORT. Certainly, everything else considered equal, more comfort is preferred. Therefore you should select quadrant 1 if you think that the alternative car is more comfortable than the baseline. Select quadrant 3 if you think the baseline is more comfortable.

Enter request (n, p or j):
After you enter your self-proficiency rating and the quadrant number for an attribute, the selected quadrant will be displayed, and you will be asked to enter your assessment of both the value ratio and the utility ratio for the attribute in the given scenario.

Enter request ( n, p or j ) :
FEEDBACK PHASE:

After you have entered initial values for each of the attributes, you will be allowed to display the data input by all of the team members for any selected attribute. Anonymity will be maintained.
You will be able to see all of the entries, but you will not know who entered a given data point.
You will be prompted to select an attribute with the following statement:

Enter the # of the att. you want. Enter 0 to get the att. list.

If you type a number between 1 and n (n is the number of attributes) you will obtain a graphical display of the most recent data from all team members for the selected attribute.
If you enter 0 you will obtain the attribute list with each attribute name, an identifying number, and a tally of the number of updates that have transpired since you last entered data. See the example on the next page.

Enter request ( n,n or j ):
ATTRIBUTES LIST

<table>
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<th>Attribute</th>
<th>Changes</th>
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<td>Fuel Consumption [miles/gal.]</td>
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<tr>
<td>Speed</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Maintainability</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Comfort</td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
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</table>

The above list tells you that 8 people have entered data for the attribute, COMFORT, since you last entered data for that attribute. Since many changes have taken place you may want to see the display again and reassess your own input considering the new feedback. The choice is yours.

Enter your request (n, p or i):
The example below shows a typical display of the type of information you will see when you request feedback for a given attribute:

8. Size

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Do you want to input data y/n (h for help)?
Enter your request (n,p or j):
EXPLANATION OF THE DISPLAY:

The display on the left gives the number of data points found in each quadrant. If several points are in a quadrant different from the one you selected, you might want to see data in other quadrants or change your own quadrant.

The points on the graph at the right show the value and utility ratios data. An integer k indicates that k subjects provided the same values.

The entry ? on the graph at the intersection of the value ratio of 1.75 and the utility ratio of .4 means that two members of the assessment team input the pair (1.75, .4), (or values which round to that pair).

That input means that the two felt that the subject system was 1.75 times larger than the baseline system, and the utility for the SIZE of the subject system is only .4 of the utility for the SIZE of the baseline system.

The prompt below the display asks if you want to update your input, y for yes, n for no, h for help.

You may also request any of the options described in HELP.

Enter your request ( n,p or j ):
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Should you type h you will see:

Instructions

During a session when you are asked to input data, you may answer (watch for capital letters):

y - YES, and be prompted for data entry
n - NO, and be prompted to choose another attribute
a - To get the ATTRIBUTE LIST
q - To change the Quadrant
h - HELP, to get this list
r - To restart at the Introduction
f - END of session

Enter any of the above or c to continue

Should you type any other character you will get this list to remind of the valid responses!

Enter your request (n, p or j):
More detailed explanations of the commands (a,q,l,F,c) follow:

a - you will get back the attribute list and be able to select another attribute to work with, without entering any data on this one.

q - will let you look at the data in other quadrants at your choice. You will be prompted to input the quadrant number, the data will be displayed immediately in the new format as the response. You can use q again and pick the old or any other quadrant.

l - will get you into this introductory phase again so you will be able to flip pages and clear anything you need.

E - will terminate the session and will stop the execution of the program

c - will let you chose a new attribute without using the attribute list.

Enter your request (n,p or j) :
This completes the introductory phase. You may now type j and begin with the first iteration of data input or you may go back through parts of the introduction (by typing p or n) until you feel that you understand the instructions. Remember that you can access the introduction at any time through the help.

Enter your request (n, p or j):

After the user has toured the introductory phase at his own and he feels that he understands the instructions he should type "j" to begin the actual utility assessment and feedback process. The following pages illustrate sample display information and data entry for the first iteration of the process.
MULTIATTRIBUTE UTILITY DETERMINATION

For the first iteration you have to fill in the quadrant proficiency information, and the initial value and utility ratios for each attribute.

Fuel Consumption (miles/gal)  Proficiency =
                                        Quadrant =

After the requested information is input the proper quadrant will be displayed.
FUEL CONSUMPTION (miles/gal.)

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Enter value ratio:
Enter utility ratio:
When a user has entered the quadrant, the self-proficiency rating, and the utility and value ratios for each attribute the first iteration is complete. The program will then automatically transfer the user into the iterative feedback phase which allow the user to see the input provided by all of the other users for each attribute and to make changes to his own entries if he desires. The user is completely on his own to iterate as many times as he wishes.

The type of feedback he is provided is shown on the following two pages:
ATTRIBUTE LIST

1 Fuel Consumption (miles/gal)  0  3 Maintainability  0
2 Speed  0  4 Comfort  0

Enter the # of the att. you want. 0 to get the attribute list
Do you want to input data y/n ( h for Help )?

When a user is satisfied with the all of his input, he should enter f to terminate the session.
THE MANAGER'S PROGRAMS

The first program to be used by the manager-monitor is "atlist". Through this program an attribute list is created or updated. The list is kept in the file "atlist" from which it can be read by a program.

The program "clear is used to clear and initialize the data base files "atb" and "bnk". When the users are ready to start, the COMMAND "tbox < Y&" will begin execution of the administrator program. In the command, "Y" is a file that contains the capital letter "Y", as an answer to the "tbox" question whether this is a new run or a continuation. For a continuation "Y" should not be given. If "Y" is not given the saved "tbox" image of the previous process is copied and execution continues from the previous end point. Once "tbox" is running in the background the users can log in and implement the group decision making procedure.

While the users are going through their tasks the manager may run the analysis and monitoring program "an". This program is used to check the inputs to the data base as it is created. The following sample runs demonstrate the use of "an".

At the end of a session when all users have logged out, the manager should kill the background process "tbox" by executing the "boxstop" program. The data base is converted into a format compatible with an IBM computer for the purpose of analysis by running the program "ll". This program converts the data base into "long integers" and changes the format.

The command file "tape" contains the proper commands to load the data base onto a 9-track tape.

The FORTRAN program "tapdsk" and the CP/CMS exec routine that runs it are used to read the data bank files from a tape into CMS files that can then be handled by APL software.
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Fuel Consumption (miles/gal.)

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Enter the quadrant for display: 2

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Time now is -12981, enter the time cut: -13018

3 Maintainability

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VI. LIMITATIONS AND EXTENSIONS

The current implementation of the group decision making procedure on the PDP 11/50 reserves half the available data core storage for the user's input data records. Some extra core can still be allocated for that purpose but not a significant amount.

The current limit on the total number of records is 2K. Any number of users, attributes, and inputs per user per attribute whose product does not exceed 2K is acceptable. In order to be able to handle a significantly greater amount of data one could page the data bank.

In the current application the graphical display used is a "dumb" CRT terminal. The procedure would be enhanced by using a split-screen terminal or a full graphic display terminal. Only minor changes to the main user program "tt.c" (in the graphical display subroutines) would be required to adapt the application to a more sophisticated terminal.

The procedure can be used to evaluate more than one alternative and any number of scenarios by saving the data bank files under different names and reinitializing the procedure for each new alternative-scenario combination.

The limited data base management and analysis system described in this thesis for the group decision making procedure can easily be adapted for several other applications. The basic features that the process provides are:
1. Multiple users simultaneously assessing a common dynamic data base.

2. Immediate selected feedback with anonymity provided to the users.

3. Protection of the data base so that one user's inputs are never allowed to overwrite another's inputs.

4. Complete visibility of the actions that take place to a monitor or umpire who could communicate with any user.

5. Users allowed to proceed at their own pace.

6. Complete internal self-documentation with system prompts requesting all necessary data.

7. A capability of reconstructing the entire process over time of each user.

These features are useful for various types of information gathering or decision making tasks. One especially important application is to the area of interactive war gaming.
CONCEPTUAL DATA STRUCTURE

![Diagram of conceptual data structure]

FIGURE 5
APPENDIX A
SOFTWARE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

A. THE DATA STRUCTURE

1. Conceptual View

Two major types of data are involved: static and dynamic. The static data includes a fixed amount of information for each user-attribute pair. The dynamic data consists of the record built from each value and attribute ratio entered by the users.

Figure 5 depicts the static data body $S$, the dynamic data body $D$ and their respective data records $R_s$ and $R_d$. There are ($\#$ of users) x ($\#$ of attributes) records $R_s$. The contents of the information in $R_s$ may change but the locations of the fields are fixed.

In the body $D$ the top horizontal plane contains the last information entered about an attribute-user pair in records of the form $R_d$. When a user updates the values for an attribute, the new data is placed on the top of the stack that grows down from the horizontal plane. At any given time the user program has access only to the data records that forms the top horizontal plane (the top of the stacks).

The program monitor needs access to the entire data base accumulated during a session. For every user-attribute pair he needs to be able to see the self-rated proficiency, and the quadrant for display, then all the value and utility
ratios that were entered and the time of entry. Later, after the data are gathered, the analyst will need to reconstruct the data input history in order to be able to investigate the input pattern of all the users and thus be able to detect any biases if they exist.

2. The Implementation

The "C" language was selected because of its pointer handling facilities, its ability to easily define and operate on complex data structures, and its simple handling of character information.

A data record $R_d$ consists of the following fields:

- user number
- attribute number  \{ the indexing pair \}
- attribute value ratio
- utility ratio  \{ the basic user's input \}
- time 1
- time 2  \{ system clock time at data entry \}
- pointer -- a link to the previous record entered by the user for an attribute

For each indexing pair (user number; attribute number)

a record $R_s$ will contain the fields:

- pointer -- a link to the corresponding stack-top in $D$
- counter -- the number of changes made to this attribute since this user last updated it
- proficiency -- the self-rated proficiency of the user with respect to this attribute
- quadrant -- the quadrant in which the next display will be presented.

The structure:

```c
struct attr{
    int user[NUSERS], count[NUSERS], prof[NUSERS], quadr[NUSERS];
};
```

contains all the $R_s$ records for a certain attribute. $S$ consists of $R$ such structures where $k$ is the number of attributes.

The structure:

```c
struct data{
    int dm, pd; usn, atrn, usl, vsl, time[2];
};
```

contains a data record $R_d$. An array of $2K$ such records is defined and contains the data bank; it is large enough to allow each of 20 users to input 4 different pairs for each of 25 attributes. This should be sufficiently large to accommodate most applications. Since individual users will differ in updating patterns, no attempt is made to allocate
a fixed number of blocks to each user. Instead, records from the bank are allocated sequentially.

The structures that contain S are stored and maintained in the file "atb" and the ones that form D in the file "bnk". Both will be referred to as the data bank.

Searching and updating the data bank on the files is a very time consuming I/O operation, hence, periodically the files are read into the appropriate structures in core and the searching is performed in core.

Note: Since the stacks in D are maintained as singly linked lists, no updates are needed in the previous records when a record is added on the top of a stack. The pointer field in the new record will point to the old top, and the only update is done in the pointer field of the proper record in the structure "attr" that now will point to the new top.

B. DATA INTEGRITY

Since UNIX is a time sharing system all communications and all data shared by two or more users must take place through use of the file system. At any time only one user has access to the CPU. Care must be taken that the data in the files that are shared by multiple users is protected so that the input from one user cannot write over another's data.
The data which we collect are stored in two files. The static data base (contained in the structures "att") are stored in the file called "atb". This file has a fixed size and each field has a fixed predetermined location. Therefore two different users will always write into different locations.

Protection of this data file is therefore no problem. A simple algorithm in the user's program takes care to write all information in the "atb" file in the proper locations.

The dynamic portion of the data base is contained in the file "bnk". Space is not preallocated in this file, nor is specific information stored in predetermined locations. New information is appended to the data base without erasing any old data. The software must keep track of the size of the file and the location of the next record to be added to the data base. At any instant two or more users may simultaneously decide to add new data to the file and the same location may be given to multiple users. Therefore the input from one user could write over the input of another user, and the former value would be lost forever. Therefore a protection mechanism was developed to make sure that the problem never occurs.

C. THE TICKET BOX SOLUTION

A sequencing approach described in Ref. [11] was adapted to the problem at hand to protect the data base from one user writing over the data of another user. The approach is
analogous to the method used increasingly by many businesses to accommodate a multi-server, single queueing process. A customer arriving at a store desiring service is assigned a numbered ticket. In front of the waiting customers is a display showing the number of the customer presently receiving service. When a service is completed the display counter is incremented by one and the waiting customer holding the matching ticket is serviced.

The same principle is used to provide the data base protection in our problem. It is handled with an administrative program called "tbox". It runs concurrently with the users' programs receiving write requests from the users, issuing sequential tickets, incrementing the counter when a write is completed and checking for matches between tickets and the counter. Its operation is described by the flowchart in Figure 6.

The files called "REQUEST" and "TICKET" contain a fixed number of fields equal to the number of users. The file "COUNT" contains a single integer.

Each user who wants to write new information into the data base first requests permission to write through the file "REQUEST". A check is then made of the "TICKET" file to determine if the administrative program "tbox" has issued a ticket to the user. This check is repeated until a ticket has been issued. Once a ticket is issued a companion of the ticket number is made with the "COUNT" file to determine if
the user has write permission. When the write operation is completed the user's program sends a message to the administrator to increment the counter so new write permission can be granted. The programs are sent to "sleep ( )" when a check fails since there is no sense in wasting the time in checking; no other program that can change the status runs at the same time.
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The user's program.

#define NUSERS 16 // maximum number of users + 1
#define NATTR 28 // maximum number of attributes + 1
#define RNKSIZE 16 // size of a data record in bytes

structure data defines the basic data record. the fields are:

dm - display quadrant at data entry time
pd - pointer to the previous data record by the same user
on the same attribute
usn - the user unique ID number
atrn - the attribute number
vsl - the value ratio entered
usl - the utility ratio entered
time[2] - system time at data entry

struct data {
    int dm, pd, usn, atrn, vsl, usl, time[2];
};

the structure attr holds the constant size information about
the users and the attributes.

usr - pointer to the last data record entered by a given user
about a given attribute
count - tally of the number of changes to a given attribute
since last updated by a given user
prof - the self-rated proficiency for each user-attribute pair
// quadr - the quadrant the user choses to see the data in
37 struct attr {
38    int user[NUMERS], count[NUMERS], prof[NUMERS], quadr[NUMERS];
39 );
40
41 struct data bank[NUMERS];
42 struct attr attr[numNUMERS];
43 struct data *B;
44
45 char d[16][45];
46 int q[numNUMERS];
47 int geti();
48 double getd();
49 char getchar();
50
51 char *HIL} { ""n\n\n\n\n\n",
52 "INSTRUCTIONS",
53 "=" == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == == =
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69 char *ll "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/hnk";  // links to the files common to all users
70 char *l2 "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/ath";
71 char *lt "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/atlist";
72 char *lc "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/count" ;
73 char *lr "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/request";
74 char *lk "'/usr/tamir/tcpw/ticket" ;
75 char *cc "count" ;
76 char *cr "request" ;
77 char *ck "ticket" ;
78 char *c1 "hnk" ;
79 char *c2 "ath" ;
80 char *ct "atlist" ;
81 int M = 1 ;
82 int fda, fdb, fdc, fdr, fdk ;
83 int un, atn, atsize, ch, natt, fsrize ;
84 char c[i] ;
85 char S[40][52] ;  // will hold the attribute list created
86 // by the program 'atlist' .
87 // The main program handles the flow of the process. It performs the
88 // linking, opening and unlinking of the various files.
89 // A unique user number is associated with each user and the basic
90 // loop of the program is entered.
91 main() { 
92 int i, j, fut ;
93 atsize = N * USAF*USERS ;
94 B = $bank ;  // Sets the base address of the database.
95 unlink(c1) ;
96 unlink(c2) ;
97 unlink(ct) ;
98 unlink(c1) ;
99 unlink(c2) ;
100 unlink(ct) ;
101 unlink(cr) ;
102 unlink(cc) ;
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103 link(l1, c1);
104 link(l2, c2);
105 link(l3, c3);
106 link(l4, cc);
107 link(l3, cr);
108 link(1k, ck);
109 fdc = open(cc, ?);
110 fdr = open(cr, ?);
111 fdk = open(ck, ?);
112 fda = open(c2, ?);
113 fdb = open(cl, ?);
114 fdt = open(ot, ?);
115 seek(fda, 0, 0);
116 read(fda, att, atolsize);  // Read the number of attributes and
117 seek(fdt, 0, 0);
118 read(fdt, &natt, ?);  // the attribute list itself (as prepared by 'atlist').
119 read(fdt, 5, 1280);
120
121 i = getuid() % 377;  // Get a unique user number for each user from
122 un = i-141;  // the password file. The 141 needs to be changed if
123  // used in another system.
124
125 seek(fdk, 2*un, 0);  // Sets the check value for ticket verification
126 read(fdk, &ch, ?);  // in case it is a follow on session.
127
128 intro();
129 prep();
130 if(c != 'j')
131 menu();
132 do {
133     do {
134         printf("Enter the # of the att. you want. Enter ");
135         printf("0 to get the attribute list. 
") ;
136     } while (c != 'j');  // Menu selection
137     printf("\n\n") ;
```c
137    atn = geti();
138    if(atn == 0) { menu(); atn = -1; }
139 }
140    while(!(atn >= 0 && atn <= (natt-1)));
141    attrib();
142 }
143    while(c != 'E'));
144
145    unlink(c1);
146    unlink(c2);
147    unlink(ct);
148    unlink(ck);
149    unlink(cc);
150    unlink(cc);
152    // Unlinking should be done externally if the program terminates
153    // abnormally.
154 }
155 }
156 // The prep routine performs the first iteration and asks the user
157 // for two basic pieces of information:
158 // 1. the user's self-rated proficiency,
159 // 2. The quadrant the user chose to see the display initially.
160 // Proficiency information may not be changed, however the quadrants
161 // may be updated later at any time.
162 // After the entry of the above the quadrant is displayed and the user
163 // is asked to input the value and utility ratios.
165 // This sequence is repeated for all attributes.
166 prep() {
167    int i, j, ip, iq, ui, vl, k, l;
168    float ful, ful;
169    printf("\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\n}\n```
```c
printf("MULTITRIBUTE UTILITY DETERMINATION \n");
printf("=" \n");
printf("For the first iteration you have to fill in the quadrant\n");
printf(" proficiency information, and the initial value and \n");
printf(" utility ratios for each attribute, \n");
for(i = 1; i < nattr; i++) {
    printf("%s Proficiency = ", Str[i]);
    while(j <= 0 || j > 5) {
        j = geti();
        if(j == 99) // One may skip this phase by using 99
            goto escape;// for proficiency.
    }
    attr[i].prof[k] = j;
    j = 0;
    printf("%s Quadrant = ");
    while(j <= 0 || j > 4)
    j = geti();
    attr[i].quad[k] = j;
    atr = j;
    for(k = 0; k < 16; k++) { // Initialize the display array
        for(l = 0; l < 44; l++)
            d[k][l] = '1';
        d[k][44] = '0';
    }
    for(k = 0; k < NATR; k++) // initialize the quadrant indicator array.
        for(l = 0; l < 4; l++)
            o[k][l] = 0;
    switch(j) { // Display the proper quadrant.
        case 1: graf1(); break;
        case 2: graf2(); break;
        case 3: graf3(); break;
        case 4: graf4();
    }
```
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205  tv1 = ful = -1;
206  while(ful < 0) {
207     printf("Enter value ratio: ");
208     ful = getf();
209  }
210  while(ful < 0) {
211     printf("Enter utility ratio: ");
212     ful = getf();
213  }
214  vl = tv1*1000;
215  ul = ful*1000;
216  indata(vl, ul);
217  j = 0;
218 }
219  escape:
220  for(j = 0; j < i; j++ ) {
221     ip = USERSA[B;i+4]*2*uni;  // Compute addresses in the static files
222     jq = USERSA[B;i+6]*2*uni;
223     seek(fda, ip, 0);
224     write(fda, sattfil.prof[uni, 2]);  // Write in the preliminary data
225     seek(fda, jq, 0);
226     write(fda, sattfil.quadr[uni, 2]);
227  }
228  
229  // The menu routine display to the user the list of attributes and a
230  // number by which the attribute will be referenced.
231  // Under the column 'changes' the count of the number of times other users
232  // have updated utility information since he last entered data for it.
233  
234  menu() {
235     int j;
236     seek(fda, 0, 0);
237     read(fda, att, atsize);
struct data *p;
float fvl, ful;
int vl, ul;
int i, jn;
j = 0;
fvl = ful = -1.0;
outdata();

msg:
printf("No do you want to input data y/n ( h for Help ) ? \n ");
c = getchar(); getchar();
while(c != 'c') {
    switch(c) {
    case 'y':
        while(fvl < 0) {
            printf("Enter value ratio : ");
            fvl = getf();
        }
# C Code Snippet

```c
while (ful < 0) {
    printf("Enter utility ratio : ");
    ful = getf();
}
vl = full * 1000; // Integerize the data.
ul = ful * 1000;
indata(vl, ul);
return;
case 'n':
    return;
case 'a':
    menu(); // display attribute list.
    return;
case 'd': // Lets the user change the display quadrant.
    printf("Enter Quadrant : ");
    while (i <= 0; i > 0)
        i = geti();
    att[attlnl, quadr[un]] = i;
    iq = NUBRS*(attlnl+6)+(un; 492
    seek(nda, iq, 0);
    write(nda, &att[attlnl, quadr[un]], 2);  
    return;
case 'n':
    while (H[lnl] != 0)
        printf("%s
", H[lnl+1]);
    printf("%s", H[lnl+1]);
    c = getchar();
brea k;
case 'M': // Prints the user's own data point values
    p = R + att[attlnl, usrlun]; // Not !! in the user's documentation.
    fvl = (p -> vsl) / 1000.0 ; // Rescale the data.
    ful = (p -> usl) / 1000.0 ;
    printf("My point is: Value ratio = %2.2f Utility ratio = %2.2f", 
            fvl, ful);`
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    float vl = ful = -1.0;
    auto msg;
    case 'I':
      intro();
      menu();
      return;
    case 'E':
      return;
    default:
      c = 'h';
    }
    return;
  }

// The output routine generates a CKI display of the most recent
// data entered by all the users in any selected attribute. The data
// is displayed to each user in the quadrant which he selects.
// A fresh copy of the data is read from the file system and the
// search for the utility and value ratios is done in core.

output() {
  struct data dp;
  float vl, ul;
  int i, j, lv, mu;
  vl = ul = 1.0;
  for(k = 0; k < 16; ++k) { // Initialize the data display array.
    for(l = 0; l < 40; ++l)
      dp[k][l] = ' '; } 
  dp[k][l] = ' \n ';
  }
```c
for(k = 0; k < NALLK; k++) // initialize the quadrant indicator array
    for(l = 0; l < 4; l++)
        n0[k][l] = 0;

seek(fda, 0, 0);
read(fda, att, atsize); // Read in a fresh copy of the data.
seek(fdr, 0, 0);
read(fdr, rank, 32767);
i = att[latn].quad[un];
for(l = 0; l < NO3RES; l++) {
    k = att[latn].usr[l];
    p = &k;
    if(k == M)
        continue;
    else
        vl = (p->vsl)/1000.0+0.001; // Refloat the ratios.
    ul = (p->usl)/1000.0+0.001;
    if(vl >= 1 && ul >= 1) // Compute the proper quadrant the data is in
        nlatn[0][l]++;
    if(vl < 1 && ul >= 1)
        nlatn[1][l]++;
    if(vl < 1 && ul < 1)
        nlatn[2][l]++;
    if(vl >= 1 && ul < 1)
        nlatn[3][l]++;
    switch(l) { // call the proper data display preparation routine
        case 0:
            n0(vl, ul);
            break;
        case 2:
            n2(vl, ul);
            break;
        case 3:
            n3(vl, ul);
            break;
    }
```
# include <stdio.h>

int n4(v1, ul); // Call the proper graphical display routine

switch(1) {

    case 1:
        n4(1); // The indata routine creates the new data records and writes them
        // into the bank on the file system.
        // Before writing the routine will look for permission to write into
        // the data base. As soon as permission is given, the information
        // is written.
        indata(v1, ul);
        int v1, ul;
        struct data *p;
        int tvec1[1];
        int tlv, i, j, jr, jk, cnt;
        time(tvec);
    break;
}

}
cnt = tkt = 0;

seek(fd, 2, &un, 0);
write(fd, &m, 2); // Puts a write permission request from the "manager"
while(tkt <= ch) {
    seek(fd, 2, &un, 0); // Gets a ticket and check if it is a new one
    read(fd, &tkt, 2);
    sleep(1); // Free the time slice
    printf(" tk = %d ch = %d \n", tkt, ch);
}
ch = tkt; // Set the check variable
while(cnt != tkt) {
    seek(fd, 0, 0); // Read the counter and check for your turn
    read(fd, &cnt, 2); // (when ticket = count)
    sleep(1); // Free the time slice
    printf(" tk = %d cnt = %d \n", tkt, cnt);
}

// Write permission is now granted!
for(j = 0; j < HUSERS; j++)
    attlatnl.count[j]++;// Increment changes counter for all other users
attlatnl.count[un] = 0;// Reset user's own counter to 0

tp = attlatnl.usr[un];
attlatnl.usr[un] = cnt; // Get and compute the proper address
n = Hcnt; // For the new record.

p->pa = tp; // Prepare the new record
p->vsl = vsl;
p->usl = usl;
p->time[0] = tvec[0];
p->time[1] = tvec[1];
p->attr = atn;
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443 n->usn = un;
444 n->dm = att[latnl].quadl[un];
445
446 seek(fdn, cnt * NUSRSLF, 0);
447 write(fuh, p, NUSRSLF); // Write the new record into the database
448 ip = att[latnl].usr[8+2];
449 seek(fda, ip, 0);
450 write(fda, att[latnl].usr[un], 2); // Set the pointer to the top of the
451 ip = NUSERS*(att[8+2]; // stack.
452 seek(fdr, ip, 0);
453 write(fdr, att[latnl].count[0], NUSERS*2);
454 tkt = tkt + 1;
455 seek(fdr, tkt, 0);
456 write(fdr, tkt, 2); // Send the write complete message to the administrator
457 // through the request file.
458 return;
459 }
```
1 // This separately compiled subroutine will handle the display
2 // of the introduction phase.
3 // The in.o object module needs to be loaded with the program 'tt'.
4
5 char *PII1 ()
6 { " " "
7 " " GROUP DECISION MAKING WITH FEEDBACK " ;
8 " " =============== " ;
9 " " = " ;
10 " This program will help you as a member of the utility assessment group ",
11 " assign utilities to the attributes of the specified systems. 
12 " We begin with an introduction which will provide instructions on",
13 " the use of the program. ",
14 " A page of information will be displayed. After you read and understand",
15 " the page you must respond by typing one of the following",
16 " characters and then a 'return' : ",
17 " n - To see the next page. " ,
18 " p - To see the previous page. " ,
19 " j - To jump over the remaining introduction. " ,
20 " " ,
21 " \n " ,
22 " Now enter your request : ",
23 "0 ) ;
24 char *P21 ( )
25 " ",
26 " FIRST ITERATION : \n " ,
During the first iteration you will be asked to rate your own proficiency for evaluating the utility of each attribute by selecting an integer from 1 (low) to 5 (high). You will not be able to change your self-proficiency rating for any attribute after you have entered it initially. Thus be careful in entering the data.

During the utility assessment process you will be shown a graph of utility ratio versus value ratio for each attribute. Because of screen size and resolution limitation all four quadrants cannot be displayed. Therefore you will be asked to select one of the four quadrants to be displayed for each attribute.

For each attribute you will be shown the single quadrant which you select. Unlike the self-proficiency rating which cannot be changed,
"you may, at any time, change the quadrant which is displayed for an ",
"attribute. ","\\n"
"Enter request ( n, p or j ) : ",

char XP411[] {
"\\n\\n"
"Comments about the Quadrants : \\
"We expect most of you to agree on the quadrant which contain the ",
"utility data. If you think that large value ratios are preferred then",
"you should select either quadrant 1 or quadrant 3. Quadrant 1 would be",
"selected if you think that the subject system has more of the attribute",
"than the baseline system ( i.e. value ratio >= 1 ); quadrant 3 if value",
"ratio is < 1. If you think smaller value ratios are preferred then ",
"select either quadrant 2 or 4. ",
"Enter request ( n, p or j ) : ",

char XP511[] {
"\\n\\n"
"EXAMPLE : \\
"The situation is transportation for a salesman who travels 40,000 ",
"miles per year by automobile over mostly interstate highways. ",
"The baseline system is the current midsize fleet vehicle owned by the",
"parent company. The alternative system under consideration is a new",
"vehicle produced by another auto manufacturer. ",
"The attribute under consideration is COMPFOKI. Certainly, everything ",
"else considered equal, more comfort is preferred. Therefore you should",
"Select quadrant 1 if you think that the alternative car is more comfor",
"table then the baseline. Select quadrant 3 if you think the baseline ",
"is more comfortable. ",
"Enter request ( n, p or j ) : ",

exit

103 char *Poll();
104 "\n\n\n",
105 "  After you enter your self-proficiency rating and the quadrant number",
106 "  for an attribute, the selected quadrant will be displayed, and you will",
107 "  be asked to enter your assessment of both the value ratio and the utility",
108 "  ratio for the attribute in the given scenario.",
109 "\n\n\n",
110 "Enter request (n,p or j) : ",
111 0 | ;
112
113 char *Poll();
114 "\n\n\n",
115 "FEEDBACK PHASE : \n",
116 "  After you have entered initial values for each of the attributes, you",
117 "  will be allowed to display the data input by all of the team members for",
118 "  any selected attribute. Anonymity will be maintained.",
119 "  You will be able to see all of the entries, but you will not know who",
120 "  entered a given data point.",
121 "  You will be prompted to select an attribute with the following statement:",
122 " \n Enter the # of the att. you want. Enter 0 to get the att. list.",
123 " \n If you type a number between 1 and n (n is the number of attributes) ",
124 "  you will obtain a graphical display of the most recent data from all team",
125 "  members for the selected attribute.",
126 "  If you enter 0 you will obtain the attribute list with each attribute",
127 "  name, an identifying number, and a tally of the number of updates that",
128 "  have transpired since you last entered data. See the example on the next page.",
129 " \n\n Enter request (n,p or j) : ",0 | ;
130
131 char *Poll();
132 "\n\n",
133 "ATTRIBUTES: \\
134 "---------------------- \n\n",
135 "changes changes",
136 " 1 Fuel Consumption (miles/gal.) 3 3 Maintainability 4",
The above list tells you that 8 people have entered data for the " attribute, COMFORT, since you last entered data for that attribute. 
Since many changes have taken place you may want to see the display.
again and reassess your own input considering the new feedback.
The choice is yours. 
Enter your request (n,p or j): 

The example below shows a typical display of the type of information.
you will see when you request feedback for a given attribute:

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<th>8. Size</th>
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<tr>
<td>Utility Ratio</td>
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<td>-------</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

The example above shows that the display for each attribute is made up of the following parts:
1. The name of the attribute (e.g., "Size")
2. A table of values (e.g., 1.2, 1.4, 1.6, etc.)
3. A column indicating the number of responses for each value (e.g., 1, 0, 0, etc.)

You can enter your request (n,p or j) to see the display again.
The display on the left gives the number of data points found in each quadrant. If several points are in a quadrant different from the one you selected, you might want to see data in other quadrants or change your own quadrant.

The points on the graph at the right show the value and utility ratios. Data. An integer k indicates that k subjects provided the same values. The entry 2 on the graph at the intersection of the value ratio of 1.75 and the utility ratio of 0.4 means that two members of the assessment team input the pair (1.75, 0.4), or values which round to that pair. That input means that the two felt that the subject system was 1.75 times larger than the baseline system, and the utility for the S17k of the subject system is only 0.4 of the utility for the baseline system.

The prompt below the display asks if you want to update your input. You may also request any of the options described in HELP. Enter your request (n, 0, or 1): 

char P111[1] = " Should you type h you will see : \n";
INSTRUCTIONS

During a session when you are asked to input data, you may answer (watch for capital letters): 

y - YES, and be prompted for data entry
n - NO, and be prompted to choose another attribute
a - To get the ATTRIBUTE LIST
q - To change the quadrant
h - HELP, to get this list
l - To restart at the introduction
1 - END of session
"
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205  "Enter any of the above or c to continue \n",
206  "Should you type any other character you will get this list to remind ",
207  "you of the valid responses! ",
208  "\n",
209  "Enter your request (n,p or j) : ",i
210
211 char *P13II()
212 "\n",
213 "More detailed explanations of the commands (a,n,t,f,c) follow : ",
214 "na - you will get back the attribute list and be able to select another",
215 "attribute to work with, without entering any data on this one.",
216 "nq - will let you look at the data in other quadrants at your choice.",
217 "You will be prompted to input the quadrant number, the data will be",
218 "displayed immediately in the new format as the response. You can use",
219 "q again and pick the old or any other quadrant.",
220 "nl - will get you into this introductory phase again so you will be able",
221 "to flip pages and clarify anything you need.",
222 "nL - will terminate the session and will stop the execution of the program",
223 "nc - will let you chose a new attribute without using the attribute list.",
224 "\n",
225 "Enter your request (n,p or j) : ",i
226
227 char *P13II()
228 "\n",
229 "This completes the introductory phase. You may now type j and begin",
230 "with the first iteration of data input or you may go back through parts",
231 "of the introduction (by typing n or p) until you feel that you understand",
232 "the instructions. Remember that you can access the introduction later.",
233 "if necessary, by typing l . ",
234 "nL",
235 "Enter your request (n,p or j) : ",i
236
237 int i ;
238 char q ;
239

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239  intro()
240  
241  int i, j;
242  i = 1;
243  
244  while(1) {
245      switch(i) {
246      case 1 : j = 0; while(P1[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P1[j++]); break;
247      case 2 : j = 0; while(P2[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P2[j++]); break;
248      case 5 : j = 0; while(P5[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P5[j++]); break;
249      case 4 : j = 0; while(P4[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P4[j++]); break;
250      case 5 : j = 0; while(P5[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P5[j++]); break;
251      case 6 : j = 0; while(P6[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P6[j++]); break;
252      case 7 : j = 0; while(P7[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P7[j++]); break;
253      case 8 : j = 0; while(P8[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P8[j++]); break;
254      case 9 : j = 0; while(P9[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P9[j++]); break;
255      case 10 : j = 0; while(P10[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P10[j++]); break;
256      case 11 : j = 0; while(P11[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P11[j++]); break;
257      case 12 : j = 0; while(P12[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P12[j++]); break;
258      case 13 : j = 0; while(P13[i] != 0) printf("%s\n", P13[j++]);
259  
260  
261  q = getchar(); getchar();
262  if(q == 'j') return;
263  if(q == 'p') i = i - 1;
264  else i = i + 1;
265  if(i == 0) i = 1;
266  if(i == 14) i = 15;
268  
269  return i;
270  }
This separately compiled file contains the subroutines that
displays the four different quadrants.
Its graf.o module needs to loaded with the program 'lt'.

extern char d[16][145],S[40][32];
extern int atn,q[1][4];

q1(vl, ul)

float vl, ul;

int du, dv;
du = dv = 0;
if(vl >= 1 && vl <= 2)
dv = 20*(vl-1.0)+0.00001;
else if(vl >= 2 && vl <= 12.0)
dv = 2*(vl-2.0)+20.00001;
else if(vl > 12)
dv = 43;
else return;

if(ul >= 1 && ul <= 2)
du = 10*(ul-1.0)+0.00001;
else if(ul >= 2 && ul <= 12.0)
du = (ul-2.0)/2+10.00001;
else if(ul > 12)
du = 15;
else return;

if(d1dul[dv] == ' ')
d1dul[dv] = '1';
else
d1dul[dv] = d1dul[dv] + '\001';
35     return;
36 }
37
39 a2(vl, ul)
40     float vl, ul;
41 {
42     int du, dv;
43     du = dv = 0;
44     if(vl <= 1 && vl >= 0.1)
45         dv = 20*vl+2.00001;
46     else if(vl < .1)
47         dv = 23;
48     else
49         return;
50     if(ul >= 1 && ul <= 2)
51         du = 10*(ul-1.0)+.00001;
52     else if(ul >= 2 && ul <= 12.0)
53         du = (ul-2.0)/2+10.00001;
54     else if(ul > 12)
55         du = 15;
56     else
57         return;
58     if(!s[du][dv] == '1')
59         s[du][dv] = '1';
60     else
61         s[du][dv] = (s[du][dv] + '001');
62     return;
63 }
64
65 a3(vl, ul)
66     float vl, ul;
67 {
68     int du, dv;
du = dv = 0;
if(v1 <= 1 & v1 >= 0.1)
dv = 20*v1 + 25.000001;
else if(v1 < 0.1)
dv = 23;
else
    return;
if(u1 <= 1 & u1 >= 0.1)
    du = 10*u1 + 0.00001;
else if(u1 < 0.1)
    du = 0;
else
    return;
if(all(u1) == '1')
d[all][dv] = '1';
else
    d[all][dv] = (d[all][dv] + '\001');
return;
}
q4(v1, u1)
float v1, u1;
{
    int du, dv;
    du = dv = 0;
    if(v1 > 1 & v1 <= 2)
dv = 20*(v1-1.0)+0.00001;
    else if(v1 > 2 & v1 <= 12.0)
dv = 2*(v1-2.0)+20.00001;
    else if(v1 > 12)
dv = 43;
    else
        return;
if(u1 <= 1 & u1 >= 0.1)
void graf() { 
  int i;
  printf("\n\t\t%2d %2d %s \n\n", atan, S[atan]);
  printf("\t Utility %s\n", df[51]);
  printf("\t 10 %s\n", df[14]);
  printf("\t 8 %s\n", df[13]);
  printf("\t 6 %s\n", df[12]);
  printf("\t 4 %s\n", df[11]);
  printf("\t 2 %s\n", df[10]);
  printf("\t %s\n", q[atan][1], q[atan][0], d[9]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[7]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[10]);
  printf("\t %s\n", q[atan][2], q[atan][3], d[5]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[4]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[3]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[2]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[1]);
  printf("\t %s\n", d[0]);
  printf("\t +-------------------------\n\t 1 1.2 1.4 1.6 1.8 2 4 6 8 10 12\n\t +-------------------------\n\n");
}
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137     printf(" Value \n");
138
139     return;
140 }
141
142 graf2() {
143     int i;
144     printf("\n\t\t\t\t %2d %s \n\", atn, S[latn]);
145     printf("\t %s Utility \n", d[151]);
146     printf("\t %s 10 \n", d[14]);
147     printf("\t %s 8 \n", d[13]);
148     printf("\t %s 6 \n", d[12]);
149     printf("\t %s 4 \n", d[12]);
150     printf("\t%2d %2d %s \n", q[latn][1], q[latn][0], d[10]);
151     printf("\t %s \n", d[9]);
152     printf("\t---\t--- %s\n", d[8]);
153     printf("\t %s \n", d[71]);
154     printf("\t%2d %2d %s \n", q[latn][2], q[latn][3], d[6]);
155     printf("\t %s \n", d[5]);
156     printf("\t %s 1.4 \n", d[4]);
157     printf("\t %s \n", d[3]);
158     printf("\t %s 1.2 \n", d[2]);
159     printf("\t %s \n", d[1]);
160     printf("\t %s 1 \n", d[10]);
161     printf("\t++++++\n");
162     printf("\t Value .2 .4 .6 .8 1 \n");
163     return;
164 }
165
166 graf3() {
167     int i;
168     printf("\n\n\n\n\n\n\n\t\t\t\t %2d %s \n\", atn, S[latn]);
169     printf("\t value .2 .4 .6 .8 1 \n");
170     printf("\t++++++\n");
```
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```c
int i;

printf("%s
", d(0));
printf("%s
", d(1));
printf("%s
", qlatn[1], qlatn[0], d(8));
printf("%s
", d(7));
printf("%s
", d(6));
printf("%s
", d(5));
printf("%s
", qlatn[2], qlatn[3], d(4));
printf("%s
", d(3));
printf("%s
", d(2));
printf("%s
", d(1));
printf("%s\n\n", d(0));

return;
```

return;
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The analysis program.

#define USERS 16 // maximum number of users + 1
#define NATTR 28 // maximum number of attributes + 1
#define RNAKSIZE 16 // size of a data record in bytes

structure data defines the basic data record. the fields are:

dm - display quadrant at data entry time
pd - pointer to the previous data record by the same user
on the same attribute
usn - the user unique ID number
atrn - the attribute number
vsl - the value ratio entered
usl - the utility ratio entered
time[] - system time at data entry

struct data {
  int dm, pd, usn, atrn, vsl, usl, time[2];
};

the structure attr holds the constant size information about
the users and the attributes.

usr - pointer to the last data record entered by a given user
about a given attribute
count - tally of the number of changes to a given attribute
since last updated by a given user
35 // prof - the self-rated proficiency for each user-attribute pair
36 // quadr - the quadrant the user choses to see the data in
37
38 struct attr {
39    int use[1000], count[1000], prof[1000], quadr[1000];
40};
41
42 struct data bank[2000];
43 struct attr atr[1000];
44 struct data *B;
45
46 char df[100][45];
47 int o[1000][4];
48 int neti();
49 double getf();
50 char getchar();
51
52 char acl "bank";
53 char ac2 "ath";
54 char acf "flag";
55 char ac "attr";
56 int n -1;
57 int un, atn, arsize, natt, fsiz; fda, fdb;
58 char ci;
59 char s[40][42]; // will hold the attribute list
60 // created by the program 'attr'
61
62 // The main program enables the monitor to monitor the progress of
63 // the working session.
64 // The program permits the monitor to do the following:
65 // a. Data records in numerical format can be displayed for any
66 //    any single user or all users and any single attribute or
67 //    all attributes.
b. The data in graphical presentation (as the users see it) can be displayed for any user and any attribute, as they are at any selected time present or past, from any proficiency and

```c
int i, j, k, I; int
int main() {  
  size = Control("Szetut".55F55);  
  K = k;  
  db = open(0, 0, );  
  for (i = open(0, 0, ); )  
    read(db, att, atsize);  
    while (1) {  
      i = read(db, att, atsize);  
      if (i < 0)  
        i = exit(0);  
      if (i != 0)  
        outdata();  
      continue;  
    }
}
```
un = i;
printf("Enter attribute #, 99 for all \n");
atn = geti();
if(un == 99 && atn == 99) {
    stat(un, atn);
    continue;
}
if(un == 99 && atn == 99) {
    for(i = 0; j < nattr; j++)
        stat(un, j);
    continue;
}
if(un == 99 && atn != 99) {
    for(i = 0; j < NUSERS; j++)
        stat(i, atn);
    continue;
}
for(i = 0; j < NUSERS; i++)
    for(j = 0; j < nattr; j++)
        stat(i, j);

// The stat routine writes the record of data of any given
// user - attribute pair.

stat(i, j)
int i, j;
{
    struct data *p;
    int ip, tu, tl, qd, nf;
float fvl, ful;
ip = attr[j1].usr[li];
p = Rtip;
while(ip != M) {
  fvl = (p->vl[0])/1000.0;
  ful = (p->vl[1])/1000.0;
  t0 = p->time[0];
  t1 = p->time[1];
  ip = p->p0;
  qi = p->d0;
  pf = attr[j1].prof[li];
  n = @tip;
  printf("un= %2d atan= %2d prof= %1d quad= %1d valr= %2.2f ", i, j, pf, n
    printf("utyr= %2.2f t0t1= %d %d\n", ful, t0, t1);
  return;
}

// The outdata routine get the data and prepare it for graphical presentation
// Performs also the time and proficiency cuts.
outdata() {
  struct data *p;
  float vl, ul;
  int i, k, l, d0, du, pr, tvec[2];
  unsigned cut, tvec[2];
  time(tvec);
  tvec[0] = tvec[0];
  tvec[1] = tvec[1];
cut = 0;
vl = ul = 1.0;

for(k = 0; k < 16; k++) // Initialize the data display array
    for(l = 0; l < 44; l++)
        d[k][l] = '\0';
    d[k][44] = '\0';
}
for(k = 0; k < NATTR; k++) // Initialize the quadrant presentation array
    for(l = 0; l < 4; l++)
        q[k][l] = 0;

seek(fda, 0, 0);
read(fda, att, atsize); // Read the data bank.
seek(fdb, 0, 0);
read(fdb, bank, 32767);
printf("Enter attribute you want the cut for : ");
do
    atn = geti();
    while(!(atn >= 1 && atn <= (natt-1)));
    printf("Enter the quadrant for display : ");
do
    i = geti();
    while(!(i >= 1 && i <= 4));
    printf("Enter the proficiency level : ");
do
    pr = geti();
    while(!(pr >= 1 && pr <= 5));
    printf("Time now is %d, enter the time cut : ", tvec[l]);
do
    cut = geti();
for(l = 0; l < NUSR; l++)
    k = att[atn].usr[l];
n = M+k;
if(k == M || n->time(1) > cut || att(latn),prof(1) < pr)
continue;
else
v1 = (n->vs1)/1000.0*0.001 // Refloat the ratios .
ul = (n->us1)/1000.0*0.001;
if(v1 >= 1 && ul >= 1)
qlatn[0]++;
// Prepare the quadrant presentation .
if(v1 < 1 && ul >= 1)
qlatn[1]++;
if(v1 >= 1 && ul < 1)
qlatn[2]++;
if(v1 < 1 && ul < 1)
qlatn[3]++;
switch(i) { // Call the proper data display preparation routine .
case 1:
ql(v1, ul);
brc;
break;
case 2:
qlc(v1, ul);
brc;
break;
case 3:
qls(v1, ul);
brc;
break;
case 4:
qlv(v1, ul);
brc;
break;
}
switch(i) { // Call the proper graphical display routine .
case 1:
graf1();
brc;
break;
case 2:
graf2();
1 # This program lets the manager to input the attribute list into
2 # a file from where it will be used by the user's program 'tt'
3 # and the analysis program 'an'. This avoids doing the same by
4 # editing and recompiling the same programs.
5
6 char *ca "atlist" ;
7
8 main()
9 {
10     int i,j,k,l,fda ;
11     char S[40][32] ;
12     char c,inst ;
13     c = 'c' ;
14     fda = open(ca,?);  
15     seek(fda,0,0) ;
16     read(fda,&i,0) ;
17     read(fda,5,1280) ;
18     printf("This program will let you update an old or start a new \n") ;
19     printf("attribute list depending on whether you type u or n \n") ;
20     printf("Your instruction is \n") ;
21     inst = getchar() ;
22     getchar() ;
23     if(inst == 'n') {
24         for(i=0; j<40; j++) {for(k=0; k<31; k++) S[j][k] = ' ' ; S[j][31] = '\0' ;}
25         i = 0 ;
26     while(c != '3')
27         {
28             j = 0 ;
29             printf("Enter attribute # %d (a when you are done) \n",i+i) ;
30             while((c = getchar()) != '\n') { S[i][j++] = c ;
31                 if(j == 31) break ;}
32             c = S[i][j-1] ;
33         }
34     }

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35       }
36   else {
37       while(1) {
38           j = 0;
39           printf("Enter the # of the attribute you want to update, \n") ;
40           printf("0 when you are done, \n") ;
41           do i = geti() ;
42           while( (!i >= 0 && i <= 31) ) ;
43           if(i == 0) break ;
44           for(k=0;k<31;k++) S[i][k] = ' ' ; S[i][31] = '0' ;
45           printf("Enter attribute # %3d \n",i) ;
46           while((c = getchar()) != '\n') { S[i][j++] = c ;
47               if(j == 31) break ;
48           }
49       }
50       for(j=1;j<i/2;j++)
51           printf("%2d %s %2d %s \n",j,S[j],i/2+j,S[i/2+j]) ;
52       seek(fda,0,0) ;
53       printf("%2d %s %2d %s \n",j,S[j],i/2+j,S[i/2+j]) ;
54       writelfda,&i,0) ; // put the number of attributes at the beginning
55       writelfda,S,1240) ;
56       }
57   }
```
35    uninstall(c1) ;
36    creat(c1,2) ;
37    creat(c2,2) ;
38    creat(cf,2) ;
39    fda = open(c?,2) ;
40    fuh = open(c1,?) ;
41    fdf = open(cf,2) ;
42    chmod(c1,0777) ;
43    chmod(c2,0777) ;
44    chmod(cf,0777) ;
45    write(fd,attr,atsize) ;
46    write(fdf,ffsiz,2) ;
47    printf("\n\n\t\tDATA BANK CLEARED !!! \n\n") ;
48    return ;
49 }
50 printf("\n\n\t\tNO CLEAR !!! \n\n") ;
51 return ;
52 }
53 }
clear.c   Page 1   Thu Sep 6 01:22:03 1979

1 // This program will clear and initialize the database files.
2 //
3 // A message to the manager is given to assert that he really
4 // wants to do that.
5 //
6 #define NUSERS 16
7 #define NATTR 28
8
9 struct data {
10     int dm, pr, usn, atrn, vsl, usl, time[2];
11 };
12 struct data bank[2048];
13
14 struct attr
15 {
16     int usr[NUSERS], count[NUSERS], prof[NUSERS], quad[NUSERS];
17 };
18
19 struct attr attr[NATTR];
20 char *c1 "bank";
21 char *c2 "ath";
22 char *cf "flag";
23 int fsizes 0;
24
25 main()
26 {
27     int i, j, fua, fdb, fut, atsize;
28     char c;
29     atsize = NUSERS * NATTR * 8;
30     printf("\n\n\n\n\n\nThis program will ERASE the current data bank!!");
31     printf("\n\n\n\n\n\nType Y if you want to proceed, q to quit\n\n\n\n\n\n\n")
32     c = getchar();
33     if(c == 'Y') {
34         for(i = 0; i < NATTR; i++) for(j = 0; j < NUSERS; j++) { attr[i].usr[j] = -1;
1 // This program serves as the database administrator and its job
2 // is to give write permission to one user's program at a time.
3 #define NUSERS 16
4 char *cr "request" ;
5 char *ck "ticket" ;
6 char *cc "count" ;
7 char *cp "compare" ;
8 char *ct "I" ;
9 int t 1 ;
10 int ryst[NUSERS] 0 ;
11 int tktr[NUSERS] 0 ;
12 int comp[NUSERS] 0 ;
13 int 711 1 ;
14 int zero 0 ;
15 char a ;
16 main()
17 {
18    int i,far,fdk,fdc,fdo,fat,N ;
19    char a ;
20    N = 2 * NUSERS ;
21    far = open(cr,2) ;
22    fdk = open(ck,2) ;
23    fdc = open(cc,2) ;
24    fdo = open(cp,2) ;
25    fat = open(ct,2) ;
26    printf" IS IT A NEW DATA RANK ? Y / N \n\n") ;
27    a = getchar() ;
28    if(a == 'Y')
29       write(fdc,7,2) ; //this is a new database, the files are initialized
30       write(fdk,tkt,N) ;
31       write(fdo,comp,N) ;
32       write(fat,ct,2) ;
33   }
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write(fdr,rast,N); 
}
else { 
    read(ffd,tkt,N);    // this is an old file, the arrays are
read(fdr,rast,N);    // initialized to the existing files
read(fdp,comp,N);   
read(fat,st,2);    
}

seek(fdr,0,0);    
write(fdr,&zero,2); 
printf("\n\n\rtIBOX IS RUNNING \n\n\n"); 

while(1) { 
    seek(fdr,0,0); 
    read(fdr,rast,N); 
    if(rast[0] == -1) { printf("\n\n\titIBOX ENDS\n"); exit(); } 
    for(i=0;i<NUSER;i++) { 
        if(rast[i] < comp[i]) { tkt[i] = t++ ; comp[i] = rast[i] ; } 
        if(rast[i] > comp[i]) { seek(fdc,0,0); 
            write(fdc,rast[i],2) ; comp[i] = rast[i] ; } 
    }
    seek(ffd,0,0); 
    write(ffd,tkt,N); 
    seek(fdp,0,0); 
    write(fdp,comp,N); 
    seek(fat,0,0); 
    write(fat,&t,2); 
    sleep(5) ; 
}
```
// This program will link and execute the Group Decision Making
// program 'tt'.

main()
{
  int ii;
  if((i = fork()) == 0)
  {
    exec1("/usr/tamir/tt",/usr/tamir/tt",0);
    exit();
  }
  wait(&i);
}
This little program sets the -l flag in request[0] as a sign
to tbox to end its work.
The program is needed since usually tbox will run in the background.

char *cr "request" ;
int i = -1 ;

main() {
    int fdr ;
    fdr = open(cr,2) ;
    seek(fdr,0,0) ;
    write(fdr,&i,2) ;
}
# Include

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#include "hbk";
```

2 // This program will convert the database in the files 'hbk' and
3 // 'ath', which are in POP11 integer format, to long integers
4 // 32 bits long, so that the database is IBM compatible
5
6 int i,i,fsize, nb,rs,k ;
7 char *cb "hbk" ;
8 char *ca "ath" ;
9 char *lb "hbk" ;
10 char *la "ath" ;
11 int [16384] ;
12 long ll(esol ;
13
14 main() {
15     int fda,fdb,fla,flb ;
16
17     unlink(lb) ;
18     unlink(la) ;
19     creat(1br,0777) ;
20     creat(llar,0777) ;
21     chmod(lar,0777) ;
22     chmod(llar,0777) ;
23     fda = open(ca,?) ;
24     fab = open(cb,?) ;
25     fla = open(la,?) ;
26     flb = open(lb,?) ;
27
28 # The data is converted and written in blocks of 512 bytes, which
29 # is the efficient size for the UNIX i/o.
30 #
31 #  seek(fdb,0,0) ;
32     fsize = read(fdb,1,16384) ;
33 #
34 #  write(fdb, fsize) ;
35 #}
```
nb = fs;ize / 256;
rs = (fs;ize % 256) / 2 ;
for(j=0;j<nb;j++) {
    for(k=0;k<128;k++) L[kl] = I[j * 128 + k] ;
    write(flb,L,512) ;
}
for(k=0;k<rs;k++) L[kl] = L[nb * 128 + k] ;
write(flb,L,rs * 4) ;
seek(fda,0,0) ;
fs;ize = read(fda,l,16384) ;
num = fs;ize / 256 ;
rs = (fs;ize % 256) / 2 ;
for(j=0;j<nb;j++) {
    for(k=0;k<128;k++) L[kl] = I[j * 128 + k] ;
    write(fla,L,512) ;
}
for(k=0;k<rs;k++) L[kl] = L[nb * 128 + k] ;
write(fla,L,rs * 4) ;
printf("\t\tDATA HAS BEEN CONVERTED TO IBM COMPATIBLE FORMAT.\n\n\n") ;
}
extpdsk exec

FILEDEF 2 TAP2 RECFM F LRECL 32 BLKSIZE 32
FILEDEF 3 DSK ATTR FILE RECFM F LRECL 32 BLKSIZE 32
FILEDEF 4 DSK BANK FILE RECFM F LRECL 32 BLKSIZE 32
LOAD TAPDSK (XEQ)

tapdsk fortran

C
C THIS PROGRAM WILL READ TWO FILES FROM A TAPE AND
C WRITES THEM INTO A DISK ON THE CP/CMS FILE SYSTEM
C

INTEGER*4 A(8)
I = 0
1 READ(2,100,END=500) A
100 FORMAT (8A4)
WRITE(3,200) A
200 FORMAT (8A4)
I = I + 1
GO TO 1
500 END FILE 2
WRITE(6,505) I
505 FORMAT (' END OF FILE ATTR.',I8,' RECORDS. ') 
I = 0
2 READ(2,100,END=600) A
WRITE(4,200) A
I = I + 1
GO TO 2
600 END FILE 2
WRITE(6,605) I
605 FORMAT (' END OF FILE BANK.',I8,' RECORDS. ') 
STOP
END
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