DATA RECONFIGURATION SERVICE AT UCSB

This purpose of this RFC is to announce the availability of the Data
Reconfiguration Service (DRS) at UCSB, and to describe the use of the
DRS Time Sharing System. The DRS is an experiment in a flexible
means for reformatting Network data streams. The DRS provides a
means for coupling processes with different input/output interfaces,
and carrying out user specified transformations on the data passing
between them. Samples of representative uses of the DRS include
field insertion, field deletion, variable length string processing,
string length computation, field transposition, character packing and
unpacking, and character set translations.

To use the DRS, a user first defines a "form", or a description of
the reformatting to be performed on data passing between two sockets
(a form is associated with each unidirectional message path). DRS
may then be directed to establish Network connections with the two
processes involved and to monitor the dialogue between them. DRS
receives an input stream from one process, reformats the input
according to the rules specified by the form, and emits the
reformatted data as an output stream to the second process. The two
processes communicate as if they were directly connected to each
other.

Three major components comprise the DRS: a compiler which reduces DRS
source programs (forms) to a simpler, machine independent instruction
sequence (object program), an interpreter which executes the object
program created by the compiler, and an executive program, the DRS
Time Sharing System, which interfaces the Network user to the DRS.
Detailed descriptions of the DRS source language and compiler are
available in the following documents:

    "The Data Reconfiguration Service--An Experiment in Adaptable,
    Process/Process Communications", The Rand Corp., R-860-ARPA,
    November 1971.

    "Data Reconfiguration Service Compiler: Communications Among
    Heterogeneous Computer Centers Using Remote Resource Sharing", The
    Rand Corp.,R-887-ARPA, April 1972.

The DRS Time Sharing System (DRS/TSS) and its server Telnet are
currently available and addressable through socket 1281 decimal.
DRS/TSS interfaces the user to the DRS. In addition to a subset of

'TENEX-like' executive commands, commands are available for creating
and storing forms by name, and for invoking the DRS compiler or
interpreter. Since both the compiler and the interpreter run
asynchronously to the DRS/TSS, the user is notified when execution of
his requests for compilations or interpreting are initiated and
terminated. In addition, a diagnostic message is supplied by the
interpreter whenever it terminates execution of a form.

When a user connects to DRS/TSS he is allocated an internal TTY
number by which his terminal is identified. When the user issues a
command to invoke the compiler or interpreter, his TTY number and a
user specified job name are used to uniquely identify the request.
The jobname is thereafter used to refer to the request. A Network
host is specified by host name, or by host number preceded by #. A
socket number is specified as an integer, optionally preceded by a
(decimal) to indicate the radix used. Decimal is the default radix
and positive the default sign. A negative socket number is
maintained in two's complement form.

The following control characters are recognized by DRS. Control A
(SOH) or rubout (DEL) delete the last character, control V (SYN)
deletes the last word, control W (ETB) deletes the last phrase, and
control X (CAN) deletes the entire line. Control D (EOT) displays
the current word, control E (ENQ) displays the current phrase, and
control F (ACK) displays the entire line. Control Y (EM) displays
the name of the current phrase. Command accept is carriage return-
line feed, or period. A space will force recognition of the current
word, and '?' will list the input(s) currently possible.

The following sections describe the DRS/TSS command syntax. <CA>
denotes command accept, and brackets [] denote optional information.
All literal information is enclosed in quotes ''. Choose one
alternative form items in parenthesized lists separated by |.

DRS/TSS COMMAND SYNTAX

Commands:

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'ATTACH'          <tty no.> <password> <CA>
'BREAK'           (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>
'COMPILE'         <job name> <formid> <CA>
'CONVERT'         <integer> ['TO'] <base> <CA>
'DEFINE'          <formid> <CA>
'DELETE'          [<file type>] <formid> <CA> <CA>
'DETACH'          <CA> <CA>
'DIRECTORY'       <formid> <CA>
'DISCONNECT'      <CA> <CA>
'FULLDUPLEX'      <CA>
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'HALFDUPLEX'       <CA>
'HELP'             <CA>
'LINE_AT_A_TIME'   <CA>
'LINK'             ('ENABLE'|'DISABLE'|<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>
'LIST'             [<file type>] <formid> <CA>
'LOGIN'            <userid> <password> <account number> <CA>
'LOGOUT'           <CA>
'MONITOR'          (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>
'QUIT'             (<job rename>|<CA>) <CA>
'RADIX'            <base> <CA>
'RENAME'           <formid> ['TO'] <formid> <CA>
'RESPONSE'         ('ALL'|HANDHOLD'|'PROMPT'|'NORMAL'|'UNUSUAL'|
                     'ERRORS'|'NONE') <CA>
'RUN'              <job name> ('SIMPLEX' <run parameters>|
                     'DUPLEX' '('<run parameters> <run parameters>
                     ')' ) <CA>
'SELECT'           (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>
';'                <text> <CA>
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Substitutions:

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<formid> = ['<' <userid> ',' <password> '>'] <form name>
<base> = ('DECIMAL'|'HEXADECIMAL'|'OCTAL')
<file type> = ('DIAGNOSTICS'|'OBJECT_CODE'|'SOURCE')
<run parameters> = ('SICP' <socket number>|'UICP'
                   [<hostid>] <socket number>|'RFC'[<hostid>]
                   <socket number> [<hostid>] <socket number>)
                   ['BYTE SIZE' <integer>] ['CONNECT_TIME'
                   <integer>] ['RUN_TIME' <integer>] <formid>
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Definitions:

<acct no>	Account number is a character string whose maximum length is 4.
<form name>	Form name is a character string whose maximum length is 6, and whose first character is alphabetic.
<hostid>	Host number preceded by '#' or host name may be used to specify a Network host.
<integer>	Integers may optionally be preceded by a plus or minus sign, and by an H or X (hexadecimal), 0 (octal), or D (decimal) to specify the radix used. Decimal is the default radix and positive the default sign.

<job name>   Job name is a character string whose
                                maximum length is 6, and whose first
                                character is alphabetic.

<password>   The currently acceptable password is
                                'ARPA'.

<socket number>   Socket numbers are specified as <integer>
                                (see above).

<tty list>   TTY List is one or more TTY numbers,
                                separated by commas.

<tty no.>   TTY number is an integer representing a
                                DRS terminal identification number.

<userid>   User ID is a character string whose
                                maximum length is 8, and whose first
                                character is alphabetic.

Command Descriptions:

    'ATTACH' <tty no.> <password> <CA>

    Connects the user's console to the DRS/TTS terminal with
    identification number <tty no.>. Terminal <tty no.> must have been
    previously detached, and must not have been deleted. (Currently,
    detached terminals are deleted after 1 hour.)

    'BREAK' (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>

    Causes links to the terminals specified in <tty list> to be broken.
    If <tty list> is not specified, all established links are broken.
    (See 'LINK', 'MONITOR', and 'SELECT' for a description of how links
    are established.)

    'COMPILE' <job name> formid> <CA>

    Causes form <formid> to be compiled. Verification that the source
    for form <formid> exists, and that object code does not already exist
    is made before invoking the DRS Compiler, which executes
    asynchronously to the user's terminal. The DRS Compiler generates a
    diagnostic file for the form and, if no errors are encountered,
    object files. <job name> is used to identify the request and may not
    be used to identify any other job so long as the current request is
    outstanding.

Because of main storage requirements, only one compilation is allowed
in execution at any time. Subsequent requests are queued for later
execution unless the request queue is full, in which case the request
is refused. The user is notified when his compilation is initiated,
and when it terminates.

'CONVERT' <integer> ['TO'] <base> <CA>

Allows the user to convert octal, decimal, or hexadecimal integers
from one radix to another. <base> specifies the desired radix of the
result and may be 'OCTAL', DECIMAL', or 'HEXADECIMAL'.

'DEFINE' <formid> <CA>

Allows the user to define a new source form, or append to an existing
source form. The new line indicator '$$' replaces the normal '$' to
indicate that input will be used to define the source form. Control
C (ETX) signals the end of form definition and elicits the normal '$'
new line indicator.

Unfortunately, the current facilities for editing forms are extremely
limited. Only the line currently being entered may be edited. Once
a line has been terminated, with CR-LF, and the new line indicator
has appeared, the line may not be edited. The following control
characters may be used to edit a form while it is being defined.
Control A (SOH) or Rubout (DEL) delete the last character, control X
(CAN) deletes the entire line, and control F (ACK) displays the
entire line. If modifications need to be made to lines other than
the current line, the entire form must be deleted and reentered.

'DELETE' [<file type>] <formid> <CA>

Deletes the specified component file(s) of form <formid>. <file type>
specifies the component file to be deleted, either 'SOURCE',
'DIAGNOSTIC', or 'OBJECT_CODE'. If <file type> is not specified, all
components of the form are deleted.

'DETACH' <CA> <CA>

Breaks the TELNET connection between DRS and the user, but does not
delete the user's DRS terminal for some fixed period of time,
currently 1 hour. Any jobs the terminal has active are unaffected
when the terminal is detached. The user may subsequently reconnect
to his DRS terminal by using the 'ATTACH' command.

        'DIRECTORY' <formid> <CA>

   Lists which component(s) of form <formid> exist. A complete form
   consists of 'SOURCE', 'DIAGNOSTICS', and 'OBJECT_CODE' files.

        'DISCONNECT' <CA> <CA>

   Breaks the TELNET connection between DRS and the user and deletes the
   user's DRS terminal. Any jobs the terminal has active are purged.

        'FULLDUPLEX' <CA>

   Directs DRS to echo user input; nullifies a previous
   'LINE_AT_A_TIME' command.

        'HALFDUPLEX' <CA>

   Directs DRS not to echo user input nullifies a previous
   'LINE_AT_A_TIME' command.

        'HELP' <CA>

   Lists the DRS control characters and their meanings.

        'LINE_AT_A_TIME' <CA>

   Tells DRS that the user is operating in line_at_a_time mode, and
   nullifies a previous 'FULLDUPLEX' or 'HALFDUPLEX' command. DRS will
   not send any output to the user while he is inputting commands.

        'LINK' ('ENABLE'|'DISABLE'|<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>

   The link command may be used to enable or disable links to other
   terminals, or to establish links between terminals.

   'LINK' 'ENABLE' <CA> directs DRS to allow subsequent request by other
   terminals to establish links with the user's terminal.

   'LINK' 'DISABLE' <CA> directs DRS to refuse subsequent request by
   other terminals to establish links with the user's terminal.

   'LINK' (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA> requests DRS to establish bidirectional
   links between the user's terminal and the terminals specified in <tty
   list>. If <tty list> is omitted, DRS attempts to link the user's
   terminal to all other active terminals. While the user's terminal is

linked to another terminal, all output to the user's terminal will
also be routed to the linked terminal, and all output to the linked
terminal will also be routed to the user's terminal. Unidirectional
links may be established via the 'MONITOR' and 'SELECT' commands.

'LIST' [<file type>] <formid> <CA>

Lists the contents of the <file type> file of form <formid>. <file
type> may be 'SOURCE', 'DIAGNOSTIC' or 'OBJECT_CODE', and defaults to
'SOURCE'.

'LOGIN' <userid> <password> <acct no.> <CA>

Logs the user in, enables job-oriented commands, and specifies the
account to which the use of DRS is to be billed. Currently billing
for DRS is not implemented, and <userid> and <acct no.> may be
arbitrarily chosen by the user. When billing for DRS is implemented,
user ID's and account numbers will be assigned and checked for
validity at login. The only currently acceptable <password> is
'ARPA'.

'LOGOUT' <CA>

Logs the user out and disables job-oriented commands and billing of
subsequent activity to the previously specified accounting
parameters. As with 'DISCONNECT', any jobs the terminal has active
are purged.

'MONITOR' (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>

Requests DRS to establish unidirectional links between the user's
terminal and the terminals specified in <tty list>. If <tty list> is
omitted, DRS attempts to link the user's terminal to all other active
terminals. While the user's terminal is monitoring another terminal,
all output to that terminal will also be routed to the user's
terminal.

'QUIT' (<job name>|<CA>) <CA>

Requests DRS to purge the job (request for compilation or
interpreting) identified by <job name>. If <job name> is omitted,
all active jobs are purged.

'RADIX' <base> <CA>

Allows the user to specify the radix to be used for subsequent
integer display. <base> may be 'OCTAL', 'DECIMAL', or 'HEXADECIMAL'.
The default display radix is decimal.

'RENAME' <formid> ["TO'] <formid> <CA>

Allows the user to rename a form. The names of all components of the
form specified by the first <formid> are changed to correspond to the
second <formid>. If the form specified by the second <formid>
already exists, no change of name occurs, and the user is notified.

'RESPONSE' ('ALL'│'HANDHOLD'│'PROMPT'│'NORMAL'│'UNUSUAL'│ 'ERRORS'│
'NONE') <CA>

Allows the user to specify the level of messages the system should
provide. The default response level is 'ALL'.

'RUN' <job name> ('SIMPLEX' <run parameters>│'DUPLEX' '(' <run
parameters> <run parameters> ')') <CA>

Causes DRS to establish the requested Network connections and direct
the DRS interpreter to apply the specified form(s) to data passing
over the connections. The user first specifies the job name by which
his request will be identified, and second whether simplex or duplex
Network connections are to be established. 'SIMPLEX' implies that a
single unidirectional message path is to be employed, and requires
one set of <run parameters>. 'DUPLEX' implies that two message paths
will be employed are requires two sets of <run parameters>. < run
parameters> specify the data necessary to establish a Network
connection, time limits for the DRS interpreter, and the form which
is to be applied to the Network data stream.

    <run parameters> = ('SICP' <socket number>│'UICP' [<hostid>]
                        <socket number>│'RFC' [<hostid>] <socket
                        number> [<hostid>] <socket number>)
                        ['BYTE_SIZE' <integer>] ['CONNECT_TIME'
                        <integer>] ['RUN_TIME' <integer>] <formid>

Three methods are available for establishing Network connections:
'SICP', 'UICP', and 'RFC'. 'SICP (Server Initial Connection Protocol)
and 'UICP' causes DRS to simulate a server process addressable
through socket <socket number> at UCSB and wait for a user process to
connect to it. 'UICP' directs DRS to simulate a user process and
connect to the server addressable through Host <hostid>, socket
<socket number>. 'RFC' directs DRS to connect directly to the two
sockets specified. In the case of 'RFC', one of the two sockets
specified must be a send socket, and the other must be a receive
socket. <hostid> defaults to the Host from which the user logged into
the DRS/TSS.

The remaining fields in <run parameters> are defined as follows:

'BYTE_SIZE' <integer>   specifies the byte size to be used, and
                            defaults to 8.

'CONNECT_TIME' <integer>   specifies the amount of time, in seconds,
                            that DRS should wait for the connection to
                            be established. The default value is 30
                            seconds.

'RUN_TIME' <integer>   specifies the maximum amount of time, in
                            seconds, that DRS interpreter will be
                            allowed to execute. The default value for
                            'RUN_TIME' is five minutes.

<formid>   specifies the form which is to be applied
                            to the Network data stream.

For each instance of <run parameters>, one socket pair is allocated
and one form is specified. In the case of 'SIMPLEX' runs, the
Network data flows between these two sockets, with the form being
applied to the data. In the case of 'DUPLEX' runs, the connections
are somewhat more complex. For 'DUPLEX' runs, two sets of <run
parameters> are specified, causing two socket pairs to be allocated,
and two forms to be specified. Call these send socket 1, receive
socket 1, and form 1 (established via the first set of <run
parameters> and send socket 2, receive socket 2, and form 2
(established via the second set of parameters). When interpreting
begins, data will flow from send socket 1, through form1, to receive
socket 2, and from send socket 2, through form 2, to receive socket
1. (Note that without this socket switching, processes would be
connected to themselves when 'SICP' or 'UICP' is specified.)

The user is notified when his requests for connections are initiated
and when the interpreter begins applying a form to a connection.
When execution of a form terminates, the user is supplied with a
diagnostic message provided by the interpreter as well as the actual
run time of the interpreter.

'SELECT' (<tty list>|<CA>) <CA>

Requests DRS to establish unidirectional links between the user's
terminal and the terminals specified in <tty list>. If <tty list> is
omitted, DRS attempts to link the user's terminal to all other active

terminals. While the user's terminal has another terminal selected,
all output to the user'S terminal will also be routed to the selected
terminal.

';' <text> <CA>

Allows the user to enter any comments he chooses. <text> may include
the characters '?', and '.'. Note that <CA> must be CR-LF, rather
than period.

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