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**HYPERMEDIA AND INTELLIGENT TUTORING
APPLICATIONS IN A MISSION OPERATIONS
ENVIRONMENT**

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Overview

The Automation Technology Section at Goddard Space Flight Center is investigating hypermedia, hypertext, and Intelligent Tutoring System (ITS) applications to support all phases of mission operations. Current NASA/Goddard research is addressing:

- Research into the application of hypermedia and ITS technology to improve system performance and safety in supervisory control - with an emphasis on modeling operator's intentions in the form of goals, plans, tasks, and actions.
- Review of hypermedia and ITS technology as may be applied to the tutoring of command and control languages.
- Development of a hypertext based ITS to train Flight Operations Teams (FOT) the Systems Test and Operations Language (STOL).

This presentation highlights specific hypermedia and ITS application areas, including: computer aided instruction of flight operation teams (STOL ITS) and control center software development tools (CHIMES and STOL Certification Tool)

STOL ITS

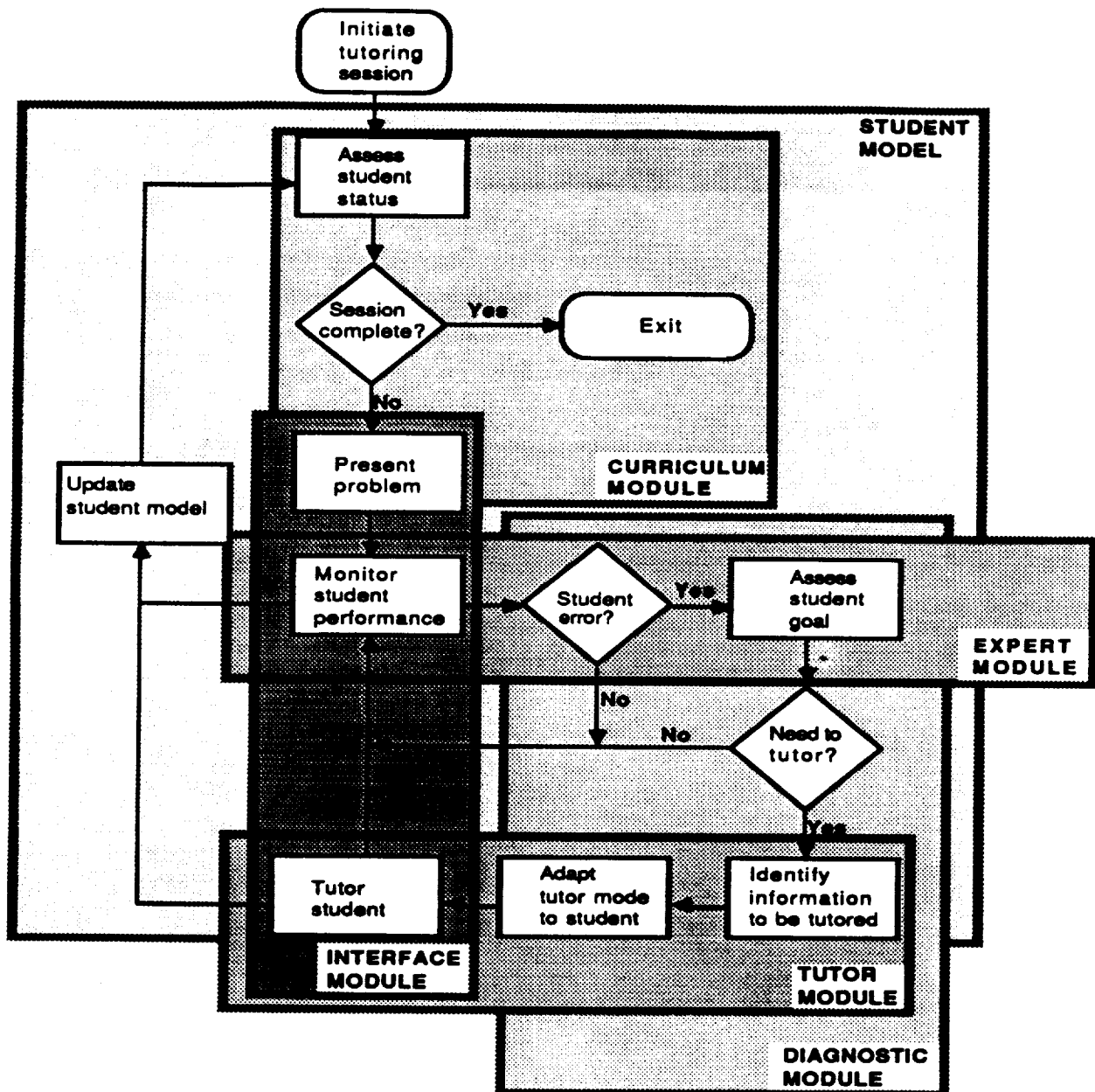
The STOL Intelligent Tutoring System (ITS) has the following design objectives:

- **STOL ITS will be designed to assist NASA control center personnel in learning Systems Test and Operations Language (STOL).**
- **The STOL ITS will be designed to provide the Gamma Ray Observatory (GRO) Flight Operations Team (FOT) with introductory and refresher training/tutoring on STOL and its applications to the GRO/FOT.**
- **Develop a user interface, employing aspects of hypermedia, for an ITS to assist NASA control center personnel in learning Systems Test and Operations Language (STOL).**
- **Modules may serve as an ITS for other control languages such as the User Interface Language (UIL).**

ITS/Hypermedia Functions

FUNCTION	FOCUS OF THIS PHASE	LEVEL OF IMPLEMENTATION	
		Simple	Complex
Initiating the tutoring session		●	
Assessing the student's status			●
Presenting the problem	●		●
Monitoring the student's performance		●	
Assessing the student's goal		●	
Identify the information to be tutored	●		●
Adapting tutor mode to student	●		●
Tutoring the student	●		●
Updating the student model		●	

User Interface is a Central Issue in the STOL ITS Development



STOL ITS Interface Issues

Emphasize the user interface:

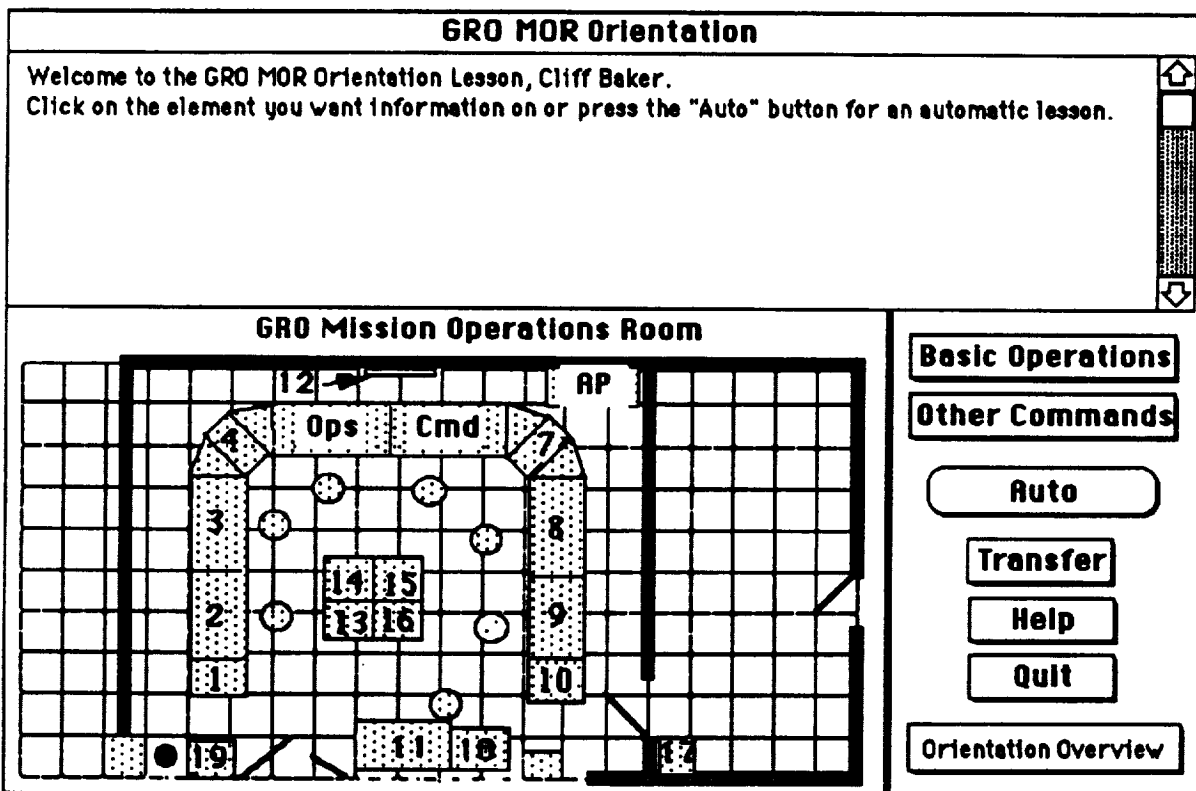
- ITS development matured to the point of becoming user-centered
- complex, relational information to be presented
- use the user interface prototype to gather user data
- use the prototype to evaluate different tutoring strategies
- use the prototype in the knowledge acquisition phase

The STOL ITS uses a hypertext interface, currently expanding towards a hypermedia environment

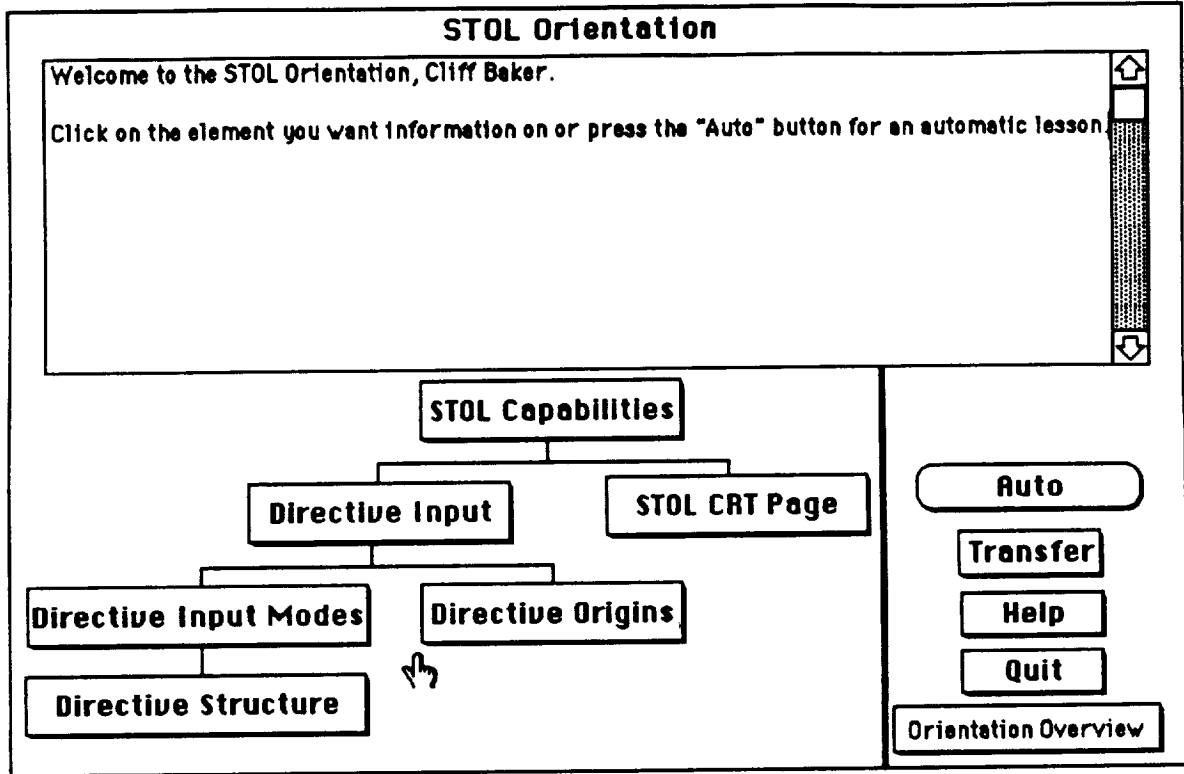
STOL User Interface

The STOL ITS user interface is:

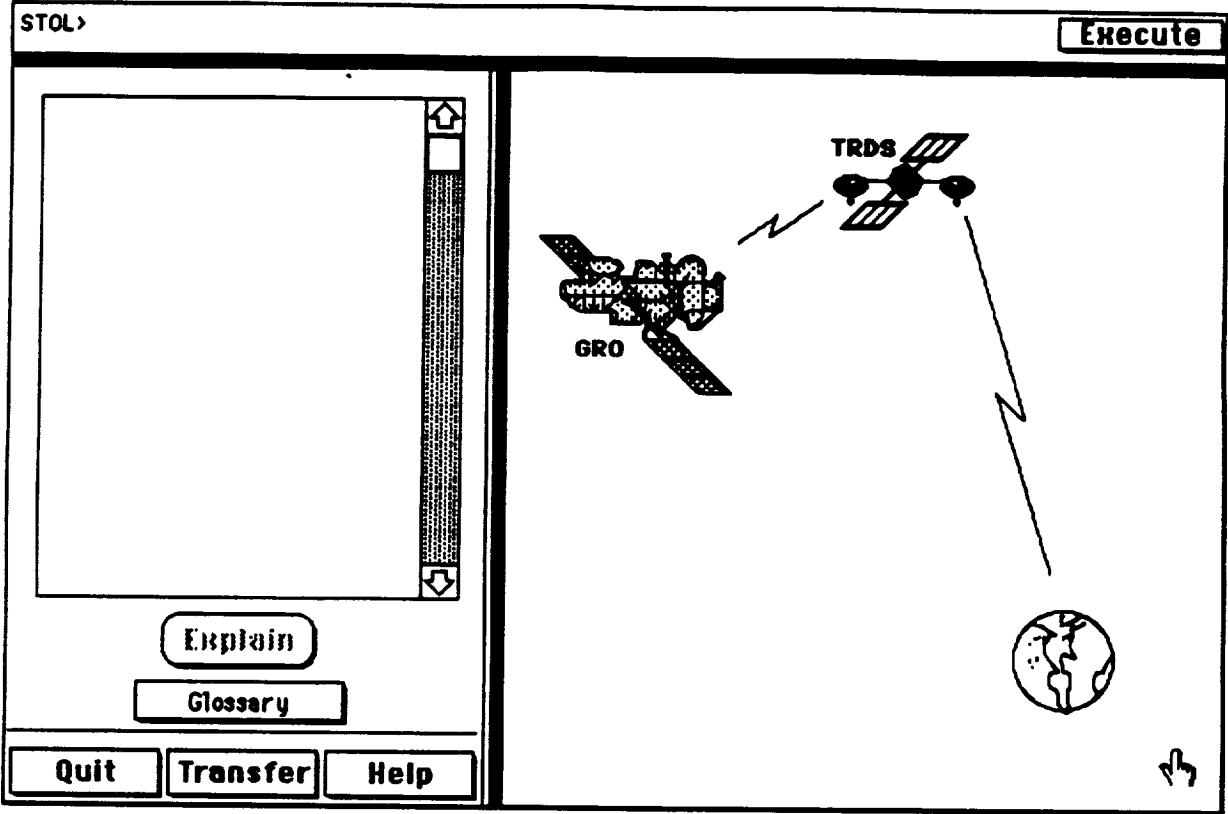
- Graphic
- Relational
- Employs animation
- Hypertext presentations
- Tending towards hypermedia



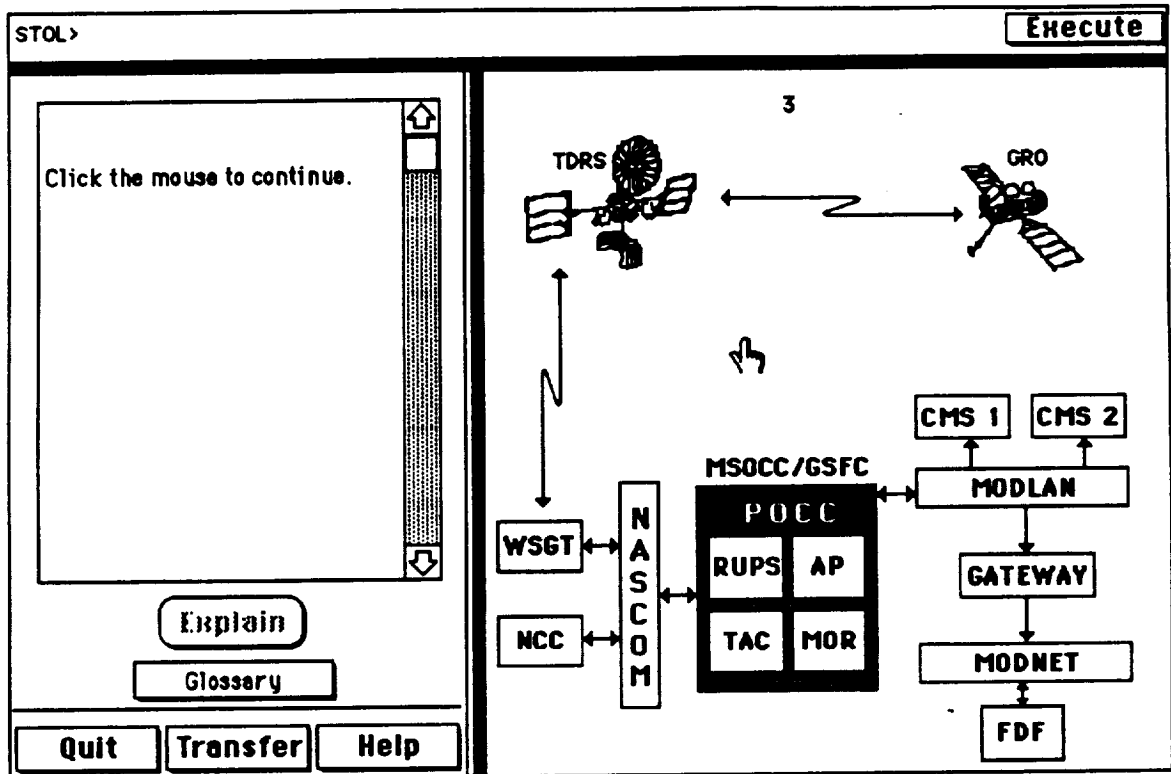
STOL ITS Orientation



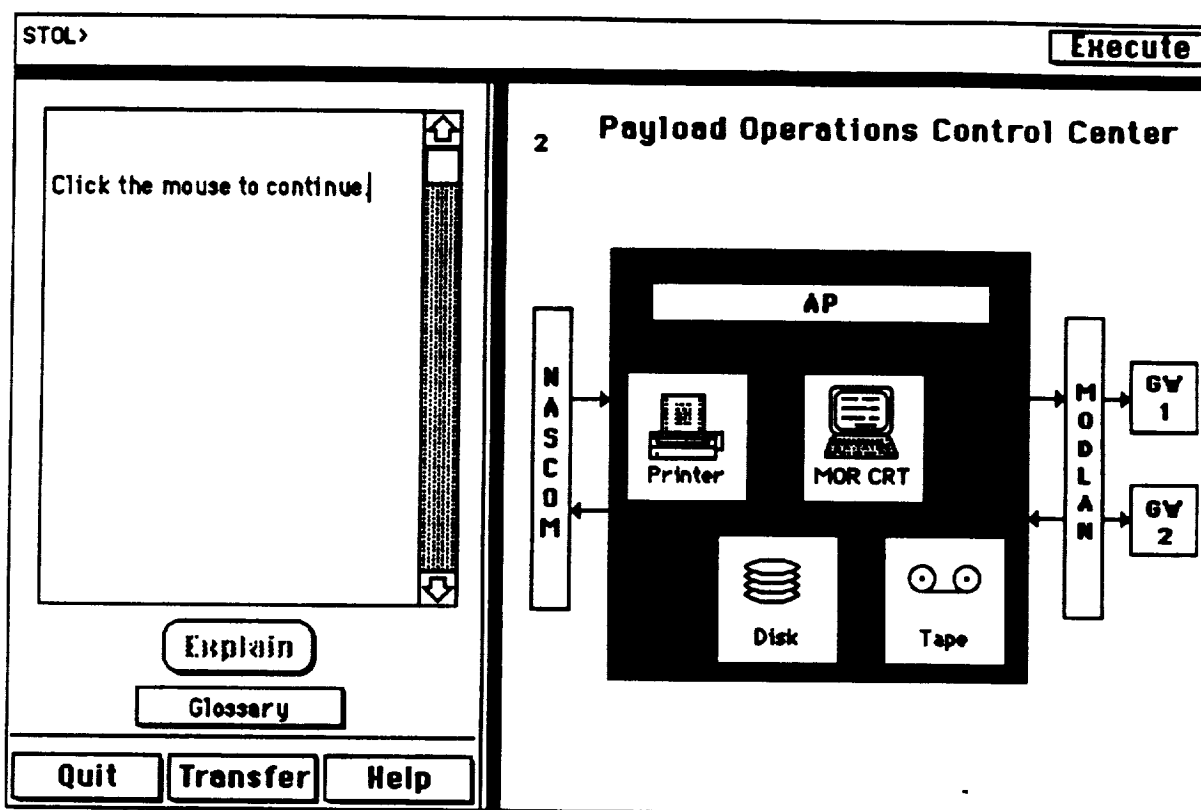
STOL Problem Presentation



Animated Feedback Provided



Animated Feedback (continued)



Hypertext Glossary

CLRSTAT		Alias: none	
Directives	Semantics	Find Semantics	
ACCESS ACQUIRE ASGMAST ASK ATTITUDE ATTSAVE CHECK CLRSTAT CONVERT CREDIR DATE DEVICE	The CLRSTAT directive is used to clear the MODLAN host statistics kept at the AP. When the CLRSTAT directive is issued, all of the statistics are set to 0, except the total number of sessions open, which is set to the number of active sessions. Normally, the statistics are cleared when the DOCS sends a clear statistics request over the network management session.		
Arguments		Find Arguments	
No arguments required for CLRSTAT			
Syntax			
CLRSTAT			
Examples			
CLRSTAT			
Quit	Transfer	Help	Return to Lesson

STOL Certification Tool

The STOL Certification Tool was developed to:

- collect error data on STOL users (commands, aliases, arguments, syntax)
- provide a basis for developing and validating STOL ITS student models
- provide a tool for certification of STOL users after and during training (including STOL ITS training)
- develop algorithms/rules for student assessments

The certification tool has a simple interface and architecture. . .

Certification Tool Poses a Problem. . .

STOL CERTIFICATION AID

Question 4 of 61 :

You need to change only the yellow high limit for "CTRAT" to 70. What one-liner directive would you use to make that change?

Skip

Answer:



Glossary

Enter

Pause

Quit

And the Student Responds. . .

STOL CERTIFICATION AID

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Answer:

LIMITS CHG CTRAT,,,70.0

Glossary **Enter** **Pause**
Quit

After which the tool determines whether the response is correct, logs the data, and poses a subsequent problem.

The Student May Also Access a Detailed STOL Glossary

CFGMON

Current Search Term:
conversionF

Directives **Semantics**

<p>ACCESS ACQUIRE ASGMAST ASK ATTITUDE ATTSAVE BASELINE CFGDEF CFGMON CHART</p>	<p>DIRECTIVE KEYWORD: CFGMON</p> <p>ALIAS: CFGM</p> <p>ACCESS: MC, CC, FC</p> <p>INPUT MODE: ONE LINER ONLY</p> <p>SUBSYSTEM: TELEMETRYSTANDARD: YES</p> <p>GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The CFGMON directive is used to activate the configuration monitor software, which performs a one shot comparison of telemetry parameter values to predefined comparison constants. When a comparison fails, an event message is generated. The mnemonics to be compared, the comparison functions, the comparison constants, and associated event message information must be read into memory before</p>
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Arguments

<p>/ANALOG /BACKGROUND /BASE /BILEVEL /COLUMNF /COMMAND /CRT</p>	<p>Find Term Show Syntax Show Examples Show Parameters</p>
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Remarks

None

Quit **Help**

Computer-Human Interaction Models (CHIMES)

CHIMES is a prototype expert system under development which evaluates/analyzes user-computer interface designs.

CHIMES:

- accepts interface descriptions (tasks, operations)
- accepts interface designs
- initiates interface design evaluations
- summarizes interface design deficiencies
- provides recommendations for modifying/improving interfaces

CHIMES is directed at detailed interface design evaluation, addressing concerns such as:

- screen density
- visual demand
- readability
- target identification
- object manipulation