Automated Operations Development for Advanced Exploration Systems

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Abstract—Automated space operations command and control software development and its implementation must be an integral part of the vehicle design effort. The software design must encompass autonomous fault detection, isolation, recovery capabilities and also provide “single button” intelligent functions for the crew. Development, operations and safety approval experience with the Timeliner system on-board the International Space Station (ISS), which provided autonomous monitoring with response and single command functionality of payload systems, can be built upon for future automated operations as the ISS Payload effort was the first and only autonomous command and control system to be in continuous execution (6 years), 24 hours a day, 7 days a week within a crewed spacecraft environment. Utilizing proven capabilities from the ISS Higher Active Logic (HAL) System 1, along with the execution component design from within the HAL 9000 Space Operating System 2, this design paper will detail the initial HAL System software architecture and interfaces as applied to NASA’s Habitat Demonstration Unit (HDU) in support of the Advanced Exploration Systems, Autonomous Mission Operations project. The development and implementation of integrated simulators within this development effort will also be detailed and is the first step in verifying the HAL 9000 Integrated Test-Bed Component 3 designs’ effectiveness. This design paper will conclude with a summary of the current development status and future development goals as it pertains to automated command and control for the HDU.

I. Introduction

In April 2012, the International Space Station (ISS) laboratory module Destiny will have been supporting science research in Earth orbit for over eleven years. Many of the spacecraft development and scientific research accomplishments of the ISS program have been documented in the media, professional journals and academic publications. One of the vitally important systems supporting ISS is a software tool commonly referred to as “Timeliner.”

During the early years of ISS operations, NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC) ISS Payload Operations and Integration Center (POIC) Flight controllers were routinely sending dozens of commands daily just to configure data systems, activate and deactivate experiments and many other routine, complex, yet necessary activities in order to successfully utilize the ISS as a world-class science facility.

Fortunately, NASA had anticipated that this would be the case and had planned to use the Timeliner User Interface Language (UIL) on ISS. The Timeliner UIL 3 was developed by the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in 1981 for use in simulating tasks performed by astronauts aboard the Space Shuttle. In 1992, Timeliner was selected by NASA as the user interface language for the ISS, and it was incorporated into the ISS Command and Control Multiplexer-DeMultiplexer (MDM) and the Payload MDM (PLMDM).

Beginning in 1999, software engineers at the POIC, working with Draper, began developing autonomous blocks of software, called Timeliner Bundles in new and innovative ways to reduce ground controller workload, add reliability and to a certain extent, put a virtual-controller onboard. From those humble beginnings to the present, engineers, scientists and flight controllers have developed an autonomous and continuously executing system onboard the ISS called Higher Active Logic (HAL). The HAL System performs autonomous monitoring with


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command responses for Payload Systems and Subsystems. The design of the ISS HAL System was the proof of concept for the execution component for the larger HAL 9000 System design.

In September 2011, software engineers at MSFC were asked to begin development of incorporating Timeliner-TLX™ within the NASA’s Habitat Demonstration Unit/Deep Space Hab (HDU/DSH) (Figure 1.) simulation environment in support of the Advanced Exploration Systems (AES), Autonomous Mission Operations (AMO) project, and convert Procedure Representation Language (PRL) [4] scripts into Timeliner-TLX™ scripts. This paper describes the development and analysis of integrated simulators within the Timeliner-TLX™ environment, how to “qualify” the Timeliner-TLX™ scripts from the converted PRL scripts, testing all paths of execution, and how the initial HAL System software architecture and interfaces are applied to HDU/DSU. The development and implementation of integrated simulators within this development effort will also be detailed and is the first step in verifying the HAL 9000 Integrated Test-Bed Component [2] designs’ effectiveness. This design paper will conclude with a summary of future development goals as it pertains to automated command and control for deep space missions.

Figure 1: NASA’s Habitat Demonstration Unit/Deep Space Hab

II. Procedure Execution Capability

Once the ability to convert PRL procedures to Timeliner-TLX™ auto-procedures was accomplished, a rapid way was needed to execute the procedures for analysis and comparison of logic flows. The ability to insert faults within the command paths and at each system/sub-system was also desired in order to fully exercise the procedure by traversing all paths of execution. The HAL 9000 System design included an integrated test bed with resident simulations (Figure 2.) for verification and validation of newly created procedures. Could the simulation be embedded within the Timeliner-TLX™ Execution Components or would they be required to be external simulations? The decision was made to implement an integrated simulation within Timeliner-TLX™ that would respond to the commands within the converted PRL HDU/DSH procedures.
This opened the door for initial design and development of Timeliner-TLX™ based simulations for auto-procedure interaction that could be employed within the HAL9000 Test Bed. The possibility of up-linking the simulation and converted PRL procedures for scenario testing with ISS directed that the auto-procedures and simulation be compatible with the Timeliner Executor resident on the International Space Station Payload Multiplexer / De-Multiplexer (PLMDM).

III. HAL9000 Simulation Integration Context

The HAL 9000 Integrated Test Bed (Figure 3) includes the 9 planning engines, the 9 Timeliner-TLX™ Execution engines, and the 9 Timeliner-TLX™ simulators (4 of which utilized for HDU/DSH simulation). The Test Bed would be utilized for qualifying crew authored, in-flight developed procedures during the mission. These procedures would be required to pass test bed execution in order to be hosted in the real-time environment. The initial development and checkout of internal Timeliner-TLX™ simulations for HDU/DSH PRL procedure conversion support and the data exchanges that would be required has shown a limited but valuable aspect to procedure qualifying in that all paths of execution can be induced to verify the logic of the procedure and its flow control when anomalies are encountered, but does not utilize a true command interface.
Since the procedures and simulation both execute within the same Timeliner-TLX™ Execution Engine, the capability to format and transmit a command to the simulation without using the Timeliner-TLX™ “Command” statement was needed. Timeliner-TLX™ Command Statements are linked directly to external I/O interfaces and will be used to send commands to actual HDU/DSH Hardware. A conversion option was needed to place command data into memory that would be monitored by the simulation. The ISS HAL System 3 [1] instituted a ground request handling function that essentially had the capability required. The PRL converter was designed with an option that would place all command data and routing into Timeliner Current Value Table (CVT) variables. These variables reside within global memory available to all Timeliner-TLX™ auto-procedures. The HDU/DSH Timeliner-TLX™ simulation would monitor for this data, interpret the routing and command data and perform the end item data generation that was utilized by the executing procedure. The converter also has the option of generating the Timeliner-TLX™ Command statements when desired to send commands to the actual HDU/DSH.

The Simulation was divided into separate command handlers in an attempt to mirror the HAL9000 Execution Component design, the Power handler, the Communications handler, the Environmental Control and Life Support System (ECLSS) handler, and the Activity handler. The HAL 9000 system design also includes Propulsion, Guidance Navigation and Control (GNC), Safety, Robotics and HALMain functional separations but these were deemed not to be required for the HDU/DSH procedure execution at this time.

The Power command handler performs only functions related to the HDU/DSH power system and sub-systems. The ECLSS command handler performs only functions related to HDU/DSH ECLSS and Thermal Control Systems (TCS). In the HAL9000 design TCS is part of ECLSS and not classified separately. The COMM command handler performs only functions related to communication systems and subsystems as well video systems. The Activity command handler performs all “activity” related functions such as avionics configurations, and utility type functions such as turning lights on/off. This division of command functions follows the planning and execution functions of the HAL 9000 System design and also allows a division of processing within the simulation to not only assist in negating a memory race condition, but also to allow multiple commands to be processed simultaneously when commanding different systems and sub-systems when multiple procedures are in execution. Nominal procedure logic qualification will be one at a time, but some procedures invoke procedure steps within other procedures which drives the requirement for simultaneous procedure execution.

Upon development and initial testing of the command handlers with the initial converted PRL procedures, an execution “race” condition was apparent in that the execution timing within the Timeliner-TLX™ execution engine
allowed a converted PRL procedure to attempt multiple commands in its “time slice” before the targeted command handler was able to read memory in its “time-slice”. Although the number of statements per execution pass is configurable within the Timeliner-TLX™ system, it was decided to use “Wait” statements after each command in order to synchronize the command requests from the PRL procedures to the HDU/DSH simulation. Issuing a Wait statement within a Timeliner-TLX™ auto-procedure causes the procedure to “give up” its’ time slice, effectively allowing the simulation the time to process the command data request. This condition arises due to the nature of the procedure authorship where the author issues several commands without checking the end items until all commands are sent. This is a “rapid fire” command method or command chain which was unexpected as nominally end items are checked after each command is sent and before sending the next command in the procedure. The time period to wait was settled at 3 seconds, 1 second to release the time slice, 1 second to process the data and perform the end-item function, and 1 second to message the console of the function performed. An example of this type of procedure was encountered in the initial PRL procedures where power is commanded to a Power Distribution Unit (PDU), and the commands to power other devices interfaced to the PDU are sent immediately thereafter. If the PDU did not power up or required a power up time period, all other commands to that PDU would be rejected and the procedure author would not know of the failure until after execution as the end items of the commands were not checked until after all commands were sent. The HDU/DSH Timeliner-TLX™ Simulation command interface context is shown in Figure 4.

![Diagram](image-url)

**Figure 4: HDU/DSH Command Interface Context**

In the HAL 9000 System design, the request handlers require a “Sequence ID” be provided by the requesting sequence for validating the source of the request. This is an important function for negating code and procedure errors during execution but with PRL procedures and their conversion, there was no way to assign unique sequence id’s since upon conversion each PRL “step” was converted to a sequence, each PRL procedure was converted individually, the order and number of PRL procedures can change and the HAL 9000 Development Methodology[2] was not employed as in this methodology all procedures are Timeliner-TLX™ procedures from beginning of operations development and are assigned unique identifiers.

### V. Command Handler Code

The sample code segment in Figure 5 depicts a 1 second control loop where the request handler samples memory for a command request. The handler only looks for a command id that is not zero, and if one arrives, flags that a request is in progress. Requesting sequences must check to see if a request is in progress and if the command id is equal to zero before populating a request. This will make a sequence wait until a request has completed before issuing another request. Note also the code for identifying the sequence making the request. As mentioned earlier, this source validation has not been implemented, but the code remains.

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Set ACTYRequestInProgress = 0   -- none in progress at this point
every 1.0         -- Look for a command every second
if HDUACTYRequestID /= 0 then   -- do we have a request?
set ACTYRequestInProgress = 1  -- we got a request, indicate processing
set RequestComplete = 0        -- Indicate not completed
set RequestingSeqID = HDUACTYRequestingSeqID -- who sent us the request?
set CurrentRequest = HDUACTYRequestID - 100  -- save the request ID

Figure 5: Sample Control Loop Code

The sample code segment in Figure 6 depicts a function execution within the Activity Command Handler of the
HDU/DSH Simulation.

-- ****************************
-- *** Check for XHAB      ***
-- ****************************
if SystemID = 4 then -- XHAB
if SubSys1ID = 14 then -- CRIO
if SubSys2ID = 16 then -- CTRL1
set XHAB_CRIO_CTRL1_OPERATION_MODESENSOR_1 = HDUACTYRequestData1
Message "ACTY: XHAB CRIO CTRL1 OPERATION MODE SENSOR 1 SET"
end if
end if
if SubSys1ID = 16 then -- HUMFAC
if SubSys2ID = 16 then -- CTRL1
set XHAB_HUMFAC_CTRL1_OPERATION_MODESENSOR_1 = HDUACTYRequestData1
Message "ACTY: XHAB HUMFAC CTRL1 OPERATION MODE SENSOR 1 SET"
end if
end if
if SubSys1ID = 17 then -- INFLATION
if SubSys2ID = 16 then -- CTRL1
set XHAB_INFLATION_CTRL1_OPERATION_MODESENSOR_1 = HDUACTYRequestData1
Message "ACTY: XHAB INFLATION CTRL1 OPERATION MODE SENSOR 1 SET"
end if
end if

Figure 6: Function Code Sample

The command routing data was read from memory as well as the command id. The routing data is checked, in
the first case XHAB->CRIO->CTRL1. The code structure allows the insertion of a fault flags anywhere along the
path and including the end item data. An example of fault insertion is depicted in Figure 7.

-- ****************************
-- *** Check for XHAB      ***
-- ****************************
if SystemID = 4 and XHABFault = False then -- XHAB
if SubSys1ID = 14 and CRIOFault = False then -- CRIO
if SubSys2ID = 16 and CTRL1Fault = False then -- CTRL1
set XHAB_CRIO_CTRL1_OPERATION_MODESENSOR_1 = HDUACTYRequestData1
Message "ACTY: XHAB CRIO CTRL1 OPERATION MODE SENSOR 1 SET"
end if
end if
end if

Figure 7: Command Routing Code Sample
The routing information within the command data is used to determine the logical and or physical path the command travels before reaching the destination. The end item variable(s) are set in memory, a message is generated to trace the execution and the requesting procedure can now check the end items for continued execution or anomaly resolution.

VI. Fault Insertion

The ability to insert a non-response capability to a command or to insert a failure signature (data indication) is extremely important in the auto-procedure certification process. During the initial ISS auto-procedure development, it was required by the MSFC Mission Operations Laboratory (MOL), the ISS Computer Safety Working Group, the Payload Software Control Panel (PSCP), the Timeliner Operations Review Panel (TORP) and the Avionics Software and Control Board (ASCB), that all paths of execution be tested. This was accomplished during rigorous testing with the Space Station Training Facility (SSTF) and the Payload Software Integration and Test Facility (PSIVF), by utilization of numerous data load commands to on-board memory setting up the data conditions prior to execution. This method encompassed many hours of test time as well as producing and documenting the test results proving all paths of execution were employed during certification testing. Each auto-procedure had to be executed numerous times in order to explore each path of execution. The creation of auto-procedures for path and logic control of auto-procedures being certified allows real-time insertion of faults during the testing, negating numerous commanding prior to test execution. It also reduces the test time as well as the amount of facility resources needed for such path and logic testing. It does not fully qualify an auto-procedure though as actual flight hardware or flight equivalent units or flight certified simulations must be utilized for the final qualification for flight readiness. It should also be noted that during ISS testing with external facilities, it became very difficult to data load failures since these were joint Operational Readiness Tests (ORT), not all procedure paths could be induced due to impacts to other test groups participating in the ORT. The internal simulation capability alleviates some of these problems.

VII. Conclusion

The design described in this paper enhances the development of automated operations for the AES-AMO. The Timeliner-TLX™ language and system is a vital requirement, as without its execution structure and language components, the design could not be accomplished or, at a minimum, the increased costs and development schedule impact would adversely affect our progression. The Timeliner-TLX™ system is flight qualified and human rated allowing for immediate development use. Future development will support deep space missions by allowing the crew single command functionality for on-board functions, crew authoring of procedures, and crew validation/verification of procedures on-board. This will allow the crew to develop and execute procedures on-board and will reduce communication requirements with earth-based assets for procedure execution in case of communication delays and/or permanent loss of communications. The “pre-qualification” of crew authored auto-procedures can be done via the integrated Timeliner-TLX™ simulations. This pre-qualification provides for logic path testing of all paths and fault insertions. High fidelity testing will be required to fully qualify an auto-procedure for real-time execution, as external simulations/services will be required in order to declare a procedure as “flight ready”. Currently, the future goals are the development of a diagnostic failure model of an HDU/DSH subsystem, and to automate the model by interfacing with real-time telemetry, providing failure data to Timeliner-TLX™ Command & Control (C&C) systems and having Timeliner-TLX™ procedures perform the responses.

AMO’s mission is to demonstrate advanced capabilities for autonomous and crew-centered operations, with emphasis on reducing the crew’s workload and dependence on mission support from Earth-based control centers. This design paper describes a small effort within AMO’s mission and will further the advancement toward on-board procedure authorship and validation/verification.
### Appendix A

**Acronym List**

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### Appendix B

**Glossary**

**HAL 9000 Space Operating System**

HAL 9000 Space Operating System is a crew-integrated, autonomous command and control system designed specifically for fully automated, long-duration deep space vehicles.

**Habitat Development Unit/Deep Space Hab**

Habitat Development Unit-Deep Space Hab is a one story, 4-port habitat unit with an approximate volume of 56 cubic meters. The HDU/DSH shell can accommodate an inflatable loft for additional laboratory or habitation volume. HDU/DSH project is a multi-center team project consisting of NASA architects, scientist, and engineers, working together to develop sustainable living quarters, workspaces, and labs for next-generation space missions.
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References


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What is Timeliner?
History of Timeliner?

• Timeliner is both a programming language and an execution environment.

• The programming language is a scripting or procedural language.
  • Used to write automated procedures that can execute autonomously, be event, time, ground and/or crew command driven (or combination of these).
  • Can be used in conjunction with manual procedures

• Created by the Charles Stark Draper Laboratory in 1982.
  • Used to emulate the actions of the Space Shuttle crew in timelines and on-board crew procedures.

• Chosen as the User Interface Language (UIL) for the Space Station Program in 1992.
  • Currently, Timeliner is being used by the U.S. Core and Payload communities.
Automated Operations Development for Advanced Exploration Systems-Introduction

• Automated Space Operations command and control software development and implementation is an integral part of the Deep-Space vehicle design effort.

• The Software design must encompass:
  • Autonomous Fault Detection
  • Isolation
  • Recovery Capabilities
  • “Single Button” Intelligent Functions for the Crew

• Timeliner (TLX) accommodates all of the “must haves” for the Advanced Exploration Systems software design

• Timeliner has been executing/supporting onboard the International Space Station (ISS) for about 11 years.

• The Timeliner System onboard the ISS performs autonomous command responses for Payload Systems and Subsystems.

• The Timeliner System onboard the ISS was proof of concept for the execution component of the larger HAL 9000 design.
HAL 9000/ Timeliner (TLX) Procedure
Execution Potential Capabilities

- Intelligent Operations Layer on top of avionics
  - Moves ground operations and planning to on-board

- Timeliner-TLX™ for Operations monitoring and commanding

- Crew Autonomy / Risk Mitigation for Communication delays and for Permanent Loss of Communications

- HAL9000 Real-Time Planning Engines
  - Direct control of execution
  - Crew Interface

- Major Operations Paradigm shift to human factors
Commonality needed for least amount of impact:

Changes Human Factors for Long Duration Deep Space Missions
- Single crew command for on-board functions
- Timeliner Procedure per function

Communication delays
- Develop and run procedures on-board
- Reduces comm requirements with earth-based assets for procedure execution

Crew Authoring of On-Board Procedures
- Verification
- Validation
- Implementation

Mitigation of Permanent Loss of Communication
- Crew Autonomy
Timeliner (TLX) Overview

- Timeliner (TLX)
  - Activity is a procedure or set of procedures
  - All procedures are auto-procedures in the HAL System
- Manual Procedures (Physical)
  - Auto procedure gives direction on physical steps
  - Crew gives confirmation physical steps performed
- Provides current state of activities
  - Situational awareness for autonomous monitoring & real-time replanning.
    » Mitigates Comm light time delays impact
    » Can provide input for activities prognosis analysis (external non-HAL function)
    » Resource Utilization Predicts
      » Can compare with resource utilization from previous executions of the activity; used for resource planning in the HAL Executives.
• Auto Procedures (manually initiated or autonomous)
  – Command operations
  – End Item Verification
  – Each Step verified before processing
  – Self-Contained
    • Provides both nominal and off-nominal operations
  – Targeted systems/devices that do not provide an end item response are candidates for Hardware/Software design changes

• Crew Authoring of Procedures
  – Verification
    • Command correctness
    • Telemetry end items for each command
  – Validation
    • Logic path exercising (Did it work?)
      – Pre-Qual with internal SIM; final qual with Flight certified SIM/Testbed (on-board)
Deep Space Habitat Simulation Capability

- Conversion of PRL procedures to Timeliner-TLX™ auto-procedures occurred.
- Quick way to execute the converted procedures for analysis and comparison of logic flows was needed.
- The Simulation provided the ability to insert faults within the command paths and at each system/subsystem level; this provided the ability to fully qualify the procedure by executing all paths of execution.
- The HAL9000 System design contains an integrated test bed with a resident simulation for verification and validation of newly created autoprocesses.
HAL 9000 Simulation Integration Context

• HAL 9000 Integrated Test Bed includes:
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Simulation Command Handling

- The procedures and simulation both execute within the same Timeliner-TLX™ Execution Engine.
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Fault Insertion

• The ability to insert a non-response capability to a command or to insert a failure signature (data indication) is extremely important in the auto-procedure certification process.

• From previous experience during the initial ISS auto-procedure development, it was requirement that all paths of execution be tested.

• The creation of auto-procedures for path and logic control of auto-procedures being certified allows real-time insertion of faults during the testing, negating numerous commanding prior to test execution.

• With this simulation, all paths of execution is tested with the insertion of a failed signature.
Summary

- This design enhances the development of automated operations for the AES-AMO.
- The Timeliner-TLX™ language and system is a vital requirement, as without its execution structure and language components, the design could not be accomplished or, at a minimum, the increased costs and development schedule impact would adversely affect our progression.
- The Timeliner-TLX™ system is flight qualified and human rated allowing for immediate development use.
- Future development will support deep space missions by allowing the crew single command functionality for on-board functions, crew authoring of procedures, and crew validation/verification of procedures on-board.
- Future goals are the development of a diagnostic failure model of an HDU/DSH subsystem, and to automate the model by interfacing with real-time telemetry, providing failure data to Health Management Systems.
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