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Ni Jean Marie - 11/9/00

Here's some interesting stuff  
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what he'd pointed ~~you~~  
me at.

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at CERN.  
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This page can and should be be customised.  
If you have any comments, please contact  
Tim Berners-Lee [timbl@info.cern.ch](mailto:timbl@info.cern.ch).

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<TITLE>Online Help for WorldWideWeb</TITLE>

<H1>Help</H1>

To recall the initial page, use "Home" from the "Navigate" menu.  
For other information, double click on one of the following:

<ul>  
<li><a name=manual href=http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/NextStep/WorldWideWeb.html>

The user manual</a>

<li><a name=default href="default.html">The system default home page</a>  
<li><a name=top href="http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/DataSources/Top.html">

An overview of information world wide</a>

</ul>  
<h2>If these links don't go anywhere</h2>

Contact the person who installed this

application on this machine.

This file (WorldWideWeb.app/help.html) probably needs editing to  
change the name of the directory where the documentation has been put.

<p>  
The file WorldWideWeb/default.html is the default home page. That can be edited,  
too.

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BOX 3 FOLDER 2

Abstract

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# Designing the SLAC Information Architecture A Workplace for Users InterLab '96 Joan M. Winters Stanford Linear Accelerator Center 21 Aug 1996

Published in the *InterLab '96 Proceedings* by the National Renewable Energy Laboratory.

Designing the SLAC Information Architecture: A Workplace for Users

SLAC on the Web

Goal A

Goal B

Goal C

Major Aspects of Information Architecture

SLAC Page Architecture

SLAC Three Core Page Model

SLAC Home Page Usage Statistics

SLAC File Architecture

SLAC High-Level Subdirectories

SLAC High-Level Sub-Subdirectories

A Developer's Feedback

Some Key Points

This page was last updated 28 Sep 1996.

Winters

Send copy to

10/21/96

Tom Hanks

Dear Dave

How things are now for you

Have you really been

in the past to pick

up

up

up

from the other side

and you

you have time out

back

up

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Tom Hanks

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Paul Hanks

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# SLAC on the Web

## SLAC on the Web

- First WWW server in US in Fall, 1991
- SPIRES HEP Preprints first production application
  - Soon running thousands of accesses per month
- First production SLAC Home Page set installed November, 1993
  - Started an information architecture that has proven robust and extensible

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==T:== 10/16/96 11:53 WINTERS @SIAC.St Old WWW File for the Paper/Docs Book?

Received: from SIACVM by SIACVM.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU (Mailer R2.08 R208004) with BSMTP id 6008; Wed, 16 Oct 96 11:53:10 PST

Received: from SERV03.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU by SIACVM.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU (IBM VM SMTP V2R1) with TCP; Wed, 16 Oct 96 11:52:45 PST

Received: from DIRECTORY-DAEMON by SERV03.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU (PMDF V5.0-6 #10979) id <01IAPK698C0000BEG@SERV03.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU> for jmdcken@SIACVM.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU (MAILER@SIACVM)

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Received: by SIACVM (Mailer R2.08 R208004) id 5975; Wed, 16 Oct 1996 11:46:56 -0800 (PST)  
 Date: Wed, 16 Oct 1996 11:21 -0800 (PST)  
 From: "Joan M. Winters" <WINTERS@SIAC.Stanford.EDU>  
 Subject: Old WWW File for the Paper/Docs Book?  
 To: jmdcken@SIAC.Stanford.EDU  
 Message-id: <01IAPK4MOM1U00091J@SERV03.SIAC.STANFORD.EDU>  
 X-Envelope-to: jmdcken@SIACVM.SIAC.Stanford.EDU  
 Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Jean - Look what I found when cleaning up an old VM disk. It's the CERN WWW Home Page and inwards especially following the WWW Project thread. See:

FILENAME	FILETYPE	FM FORMAT	IRECL	RECORDS	BLOCKS	DATE	TIME	LABEL
WWW	CONSOLE	M0	V	82	1196	26	02/12/92	16:06:09 JCW400

I captured it using the VM spooled console.

SIAC is right there on the CERN home page, along with DESY, but not at Fermilab in sight! Note that this is about "three months after we figured out the SIAC WWW server first came up.

Cheers, Joan

++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ Forwarded Text ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++  
 Ready;  
 WWW

CERN INFORMATION - SELECT BY NUMBER  
 CERN Information

Help <1>  
 On this program, or the World-Wide Web project <2>.

Phone book <3>  
 People, phone numbers, accounts and email addresses. See also the analytical Yellow Pages <4>, or the same index in French : Pages Jaunes <5>.

"XFIND" index <6>  
 Index of computer centre documentation, newsletters, news, help files, etc...

News <7>  
 A complete list of all public CERN news groups, such as news from the CERN User's Office <8>, CERN

computer center news <9>, student news <10>. See also private groups <11> and Internet news <12>.

#### FROM OTHER SITES

See online data by subject <13>, pointers to other forms of online data <14>, and the following specific databases:

#### SIAC SPIRES <15>

The High Energy Physics preprint index at Stanford linear Accelerator, California. (This is the same information available via the OSPIRES facility on BITNET. Include the word "FIND" as the first keyword, eg: K FIND AUTHOR FRED.)

#### DESY documents <16>

Documents and help files from the DESY lab in Hamburg.

#### VMS Help <17>

VMS help data now available via a WWW gateway.

#### Hacker Jargon <18>

An index to a cross-referenced set of hacker terms. A demonstration of the WWW gateway to the Graz Technical University Hyper-G database.

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### The World Wide Web project

#### WORLD WIDE WEB

The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermedia <1> information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents.

#### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

See also: an executive summary <2> of the project, Mailing lists <3> you can join, Policy <4>, latest W3 news <5>.

#### Project Status <6>

A list of project components and their current state. (e.g. Line Mode <7>, NextStep <8>, Daemon <9> )

#### People <10>

A list of people involved in the project.

#### History <11>

A summary of the history of the project.

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

#### How to provide data <12>

How can I make my own data available on the web?

#### Protocols <13>

A description of the network protocols used.

#### HTML format <14>

A description of the mark-up language used for some documents and for search hit-lists.

#### Addressing <15>

The syntax of W3 document addresses.

#### Design Issues <16>

A list of decisions to be made when designing or

selecting a hypertext/IR system. See also related products <17> .

Design notes <18>      Notes of meetings, etc, mostly historical.

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Data sources <19>      Sources of data on the web itself

News <20>      Some internet/usenet newsgroups of possible interest to the Worldwideweb project.

Coding standards <21>      A basic style guide for W3 code contributors.

#### DISTRIBUTION

See the README <22> file, and copyright <23> notice. Tar files are available by anonymous ftp from info.cern.ch in directory /pub .

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Summary -- /WWW

#### WORLDWIDEWEB - SUMMARY

The WWW <1> project merges the techniques of information retrieval and hypertext to make an easy but powerful global information system.

The project is based on the philosophy that much academic information should be freely available to anyone. It aims to allow information sharing within internationally dispersed teams, and the dissemination of information by support groups. Originally aimed at the High Energy Physics community, it has spread to other areas and attracted much interest in user support, resource discovery and collaborative work areas. Reader view

The WWW world consists of documents, and links. Indexes are special documents which, rather than being read, may be searched. The result of such a search is another ("virtual") document containing links to the documents found. A simple protocol ("HTTP <2> ") is used to allow a browser program to request a keyword search by a remote information server.

The web contains documents in many formats. Those documents which are hypertext, (real or virtual) contain links to other documents, or places within documents. All documents, whether real, virtual or indexes, look similar to the reader and are contained within the same addressing scheme.

To follow a link, a reader clicks with a mouse (or types in a number if he or she has no mouse). To search and index, a reader gives keywords (or other search criteria). These are the only operations necessary to access

the entire world of data.  
Information provider view

The WWW browsers can access many existing data systems via existing protocols (FTP, NNTP) or via HTTP and a gateway. In this way, the critical mass of data is quickly exceeded, and the increasing use of the system by readers and information suppliers encourage each other.

Making a web is as simple as writing a few SGML <3> files which point to your existing data. Making it public involves running the FTP or HTTP daemon <4> , and making at least one link into your web from another. In <ref.number>, Back, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:

daemon <4> , and making at least one link into your web from another. In fact, any file available by anonymous FTP can be immediately linked into a web. The very small start-up effort is designed to allow small contributions. At the other end of the scale, large information providers may provide an HTTP server with full text or keyword indexing. This may allow access to a large existing database without changing the way that database is managed. Such gateways have already been made into Digital's VMS/Help, Technical University of Graz's "Hyper-G", and Thinking Machine's "W.A.I.S." systems.

The WWW model gets over the frustrating incompatibilities of data format between suppliers and reader by allowing negotiation of format between a smart browser and a smart server. This should provide a basis for extension into multimedia, and allow those who share application standards to make full use of them across the web.

This summary does not describe the many exciting possibilities opened up by the WWW project, such as efficient document caching, the reduction of redundant out-of-date copies, and the use of knowledge daemons. There is more information in the online project documentation, including some background on hypertext and many technical notes.

Try it  
You can try the simple line mode browser <5> by telnetting to info.cern.ch with user name "www" (no password). You can also find out more about WWW in this way.

It is much more efficient to install the browser on your own machine. The line mode browser is currently available in source form by anonymous FTP from node info.cern.ch [currently 128.141.201.74] as  
/pub/WWWlineMode\_v.vv.tar.Z.

(V.vv is the version number - take the latest.)

Also available is a hypertext editor <6> for the NeXT using the NeXTStep graphical user interface in file  
/pub/WWWNeXTStepEditor\_v.vv.tar.Z

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list

HYPERTEXT REFERENCES :=

- [1] TheProject.html
- [2] Protocols/HTTP/AsImplemented.html
- [3] Markup/Markup.html
- [4] Daemon/Overview.html
- [5] LineMode/Browser.html
- [6] Next/WorldwideWeb.html

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### The HTTP Protocol As Implemented In W3 HTTP AS IMPLEMENTED IN WWW

This document defines the Hypertext Transfer protocol (HTTP) as currently implemented by the WorldWideWeb <1> initiative software. This is a subset of the proposed <2> full HTTP protocol. No client profile information is transferred with the query. Future HTTP protocols will be back-compatible with this protocol.

The protocol uses the normal internet-style telnet protocol style on a TCP-IP link. The following describes how a client acquires a (hypertext) document from an HTTP server, given an HTTP document address <3> .  
CONNECTION

The client makes a TCP-IP connection to the host using the domain name <4> or IP number <5> , and the port number <6> given in the address.

During development, the default HTTP TCP port number is 2784 -- this will change when an official port number is allocated.

The server accepts the connection.

Note: HTTP currently runs over TCP, but could run over any connection-oriented service. The interpretation of the protocol below in the case of a sequenced packet service (such as DECnet(TM) or ISO TP4) is that that the request should be one TPDU, but the repose may be many.  
REQUEST

The client sends a document request consisting of a line of ASCII characters terminated by a CR LF (carriage return, line feed) pair. A well-behaved server will not require the carriage return character.

This request consists of the word "GET", a space, the document address <7> , omitting the "http:", host and port parts when they are the coordinates just used to make the connection. (If a gateway is being used, then a full document address may be given specifying a different naming scheme).

The search functionality of the protocol lies in the ability of the addressing syntax to describe a search on a named index <8> .

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A search should only be requested by a client when the index document itself has been described as an index using the ISINDEX tag <9> .  
RESPONSE

The response to a simple GET request is a message in hypertext mark-up language ( HTML <10> ). This is a byte stream of ASCII characters.

Lines shall be delimited by an optional carriage return followed by a mandatory line feed character. The client should not assume that the carriage return will be present. Lines may be of any length. Well-behaved servers should restrict line length to 80 characters excluding the CR LF pair.

The format of the message is HTML - that is, a trimmed SGML document. Note that this format allows for menus and hit lists to be returned as hypertext. It also allows for plain ASCII text to be returned following the PLAINTEXT tag <11> .

The message is terminated by the closing of the connection by the server.

Well-behaved clients will read the entire document as fast as possible. The client shall not wait for user action (output paging for example) before reading the whole of the document. The server may impose a timeout of the order of 15 seconds on inactivity.

Error responses are supplied in human readable text in HTML syntax. There is no way to distinguish an error response from a satisfactory response except for the content of the text.

#### DISCONNECTION

The TCP-IP connection is broken by the server when the whole document has been transferred.

The client may abort the transfer by breaking the connection before this, in which case the server will not record any error condition.

Requests are idempotent <12> . The server need not store any information about the request after disconnection.

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#### HYPERTEXT TRANSFER PROTOCOL

See also: Why a new protocol? <1> , Other protocols used <2>

This is a list of the choices made and features needed in a hypertext transfer protocol. See also the HTTP protocol as currently implemented <3> .

#### UNDERLYING PROTOCOL

There are various distinct possible bases for the protocol - we can choose

Something based on, and looking like, an Internet protocol. This has the advantage of being well understood, of existing implementations

being all over the place. It also leaves open the possibility of a universal FTP/HTTP or NNTP/HTTP server. This is the case for the current HTTP.

Something based on an RPC standard. This has the advantage of making it easy to generate the code, that the parsing of the messages is done automatically, and that the transfer of binary data is efficient. It has the disadvantage that one needs the RPC code to be available on all platforms. One would have to choose one (or more) styles of RPC. Another disadvantage may be that existing RPC systems are not efficient at transferring large quantities of text over a stream protocol unless (like DD-OC-RPC) one has a let-out and can access the socket directly.

Something based on the OSI stack, as is Z39.50. This would have to be run over TCP in the internet world.

Current HTTP uses the first alternative, to make it simple to program, so that it will catch on: conversion to run over an OSI stack will be simple as the structure of the messages is well defined.

IDEMPOTENT ?  
Another choice is whether to make the protocol idempotent or not. That is, does the server need to keep any state informat about the client? (For example, the NFS protocol is idempotent, but the FTP and NNTP protocols are not.) In the case of FTP the state information consists of

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15:47:08 \* MSG FROM MAILER : \* New mail from  
<lee\_collins@gateway.qm.apple.com>

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- [1] whyHTTP.html
- [2] RelevantProtocols.html
- [3] HTTP/AsImplemented.html
- [4] HTTP.html#5

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#### The HTTP Protocol As Implemented In W3

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<ref.number>, Back, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:

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RESPONSE

The response to a simple GET request is a message in hypertext mark-up language ( HTML <10> ). This is a byte stream of ASCII characters.

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<ref.number>, Back, Quit, or Help:

W3 ADDRESS SYNTAX: BNF  
BNF -- /Addressing

This is a BNF-like description of the W3 addressing syntax <1> . We use a vertical line "|" to indicate alternatives, and [brackets] to indicate optional parts. Spaces are representational only: no spaces are actually allowed within a W3 address. Single letters stand for single letters. All words of more than one letter below are entites described elsewhere in the syntax description. (Entity names are here linked to their definitions, probably making this difficult to read with the line mode browser.)

An absolute address specified in a link is an anchoraddress <2> . The address which is passed to a server is a docaddress <3> .

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anchoraddress      docaddress <4> [ # anchor <5> ]
docaddress          httpaddress <6> | fileaddress <7> | newsaddress
                    <8> | telnetaddress <9> | gopheraddress <10> |
                    waisaddress <11>
httpaddress         http : // hostport <12> [ / path <13> ] [
? search <14> ]
fileaddress         file : // host <15> / path <16>
newsaddress         news : groupart <17>
waisaddress         waisindex | waisdoc
waisindex           wais : // hostport <18> / database <19> [ ?
search <20> ]
waisdoc             wais : // hostport <21> / database <22> /
wtype <23> / digits <24> / path <25>
groupart            * | group <26> | article <27>

```

<ref.number>, Back, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:  
list

HYPERTEXT REFERENCES : =

- [1] Addressing.html
- [2] #47
- [3] #22
- [4] #22
- [5] #20
- [6] #1

[7]	#51
[8]	#92
[9]	#55
[10]	#72
[11]	#105
[12]	#3
[13]	#9
[14]	#11
[15]	#43
[16]	#9
[17]	#90
[18]	#3
[19]	#95
[20]	#11
[21]	#3
[22]	#95
[23]	#102
[24]	#24
[25]	#9
[26]	#87
[27]	#85
[28]	#81
[29]	#87

<ref.number>, Back, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:  
help

WWW Line Mode Browser: COMMANDS AVAILABLE Version 0.14

You are reading document:

'http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/Addressing/BNF.html'

<RETURN> Produces the next page of the remaining text.  
TOP Returns to the first page of the present document.  
LIST Produces a list of hypertext references  
which have been accumulated from the text  
already shown on the screen.  
<number> Select a referenced document by number  
(from 1 to 29)  
RECALL Gives a list of the previous nodes  
visited.  
RECALL <number> Returns to a previously visited document  
numbered in the recall list.  
HOME Returns to the starting node  
BACK Moves back to the previous node  
Q Quits the program.

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### Hypertext Mark-up Language

#### HTML

The WWW <1> system uses marked-up text to represent a hypertext document for transmission over the network. The hypertext mark-up language is an SGML <2> format. This defines the basic syntax used. The particular language, the set of tags and the rules about their use, and their significance is not part of the SGML standard. There being no standard on this, we have adopted a set which seems sensible. We call them HTML -- hypertext markup language. HTML is not an alternative to SGML, it is a particular format within the SGML rules (an SGML "DTD"). HTML parsers should ignore tags which they do not understand, and ignore attributes which they do not understand of tags which they do understand.

See also:

The tags <3>                    A list of the tags used in HTML with their significance.

Example <4>                    A file containing a variety of tags used for test purposes, and its source text <5>.

#### DEFAULT TEXT

Unless otherwise defined by tags, text is transmitted as a stream of lines. The division of the stream of characters into lines is arbitrary, and only made in order to allow the text to be passed through systems which can only handle text with a limited line length. The recommended line length for transmission is 80 characters. The division into lines has

no significance (except in the case of example sections <6> and PLAINTEXT <7> ) apart from indicating a word end. Line breaks between tags have no significance.

<End>

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### Hypertext HTML formatting example

#### TEST DATASET

This is an example bit of hypertext - compare the formatted version with the original HTML source <1>. Let's try introducing an initial paragraph between the H1 and the H2 headings.

This file was typed into WWW (on the NEXT) and saved.  
INTRODUCTION

This file contains a test set of HTML mark-up, as a test of hypertext browsers and an example of the syntax of the tags. See also:

An arbitrary news article <2>

The newsgroup on hypertext <3>

More details about the WWW project. <4>

That is the end of the list.

#### SOME ANCHORS

anchors come in two forms: whole nodes or parts of nodes. The line mode browser can't currently (Nov 91) jump to a part of a node: it always jumps to the top.

Leading to whole nodes

Here is an anchor which leads to the VM FIND command. <5> Note the nested highlighting (hp2) within the anchor. If you want to click on this, <6> you will go to the system default page.

Leading to anchors within nodes

Now THIS <7> leads to anchor #2 in this file, and if you want to click on THIS, <8> you should go to the system default page with anchor #2 selected. Now the word "destination" is a named destination anchor, connected to the word "source" <9> . Clicking on the destination shouldn't do anything. Selecting the source should lead to the destination.

Now let's go through the limited set of markup tags which we accept. The title, "Hypertext HTML formatting example" was between TITLE tags. "Test Dataset" at the top of this page was a Level One Heading (H1). The quick

list  
recall

?????

quit  
hx

hx  
CMS

CMS  
jk1jk1  
SCSABN: invalid FCB ( 6) at X'0000CB', processing terminated  
SCSABN: recursiveabend duringabend recovery  
HCPGIR450W CP entered; disabled wait PSW 00060000 15E4E3E2  
IPL CMS  
SIAC XA CMS 5.6 11/01/91 15:32

TEST disk for testing files prior to installing on the U or Y disks.

CMS29E ( 59C R ) RO  
CMS5A5 ( 1A7 P ) RO

660 USERS, 295 LOGGED, 365 DISC, 0 DIALED, 0 NET  
AVGPROC-100% 03  
XSTORE-000320/SEC MIGRATE-0006/SEC  
XSTORE MDC READS-000169/SEC WRITES-000009/SEC HIT RATIO-099%  
STORAGE-031% PAGING-0020/SEC STEAL-000%  
Q0-00000(00000)  
Q1-00003(00000) E1-00000(00000) DORMANT-00642  
Q2-00002(00000) EXPAN-002 E2-00000(00000)  
Q3-00017(00000) EXPAN-002 E3-00000(00000)  
PROC 0001-100%  
PROC 0002-100%

Conference LEPNEWS has 45 new items.  
Conference PUBEXECS has 73 new items.  
Conference XA-ASM has 8 new items.  
Conference XA-FORT has 15 new items.

FILES: 0058 RDR, 0001 PRT, NO PUN  
Ready;  
vmstatus restore  
Disk S(190) could not be accessed  
Ready;  
qdiskid

Label	CCU	Mode	Stat	Owner	Vaddr
TMP193	193	A	R/W	TDisk	-
JCW198	198	B	R/W	WINTERS	0198
JCW192	192	D	R/W	WINTERS	0192
BE191	195	E	R/O	BEBO	0191
JCW194	194	J	R/W	WINTERS	0194
JCW400	400	M	R/W	WINTERS	0400
JCW191	191	N	R/W	WINTERS	0191
MAIL	1A6	O	R/O	RENATA	0195
CMS5A5	1A7	P	R/O	XAMAINIT	05A5

CMS29E 59C R R/O MAINT 028E  
 MNT190 190 S R/O XAMAIN 0190  
 CMS59E 59E T R/O \$TDISK 049E  
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 JCW223 223 Z R/W WINTERS 0223  
 Ready;

1 CMS PRESERVE A1  
 PAO MAIL A0  
 Ready;

qdiskid  
 Label CCU Mode Stat Owner Vaddr

TMP193 193 A R/W Tdisk -  
 JCW198 198 B R/W WINTERS 0198  
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 CMS19E 19E Y/S R/O \$YDISK 029E  
 JCW223 223 Z R/W WINTERS 0223  
 Ready;

q cons  
 CONS 0009 ON LDEV L041F TERM START  
 0009 CL T NOCONT NOHOLD COPY 001  
 0009 TO WINTERS RDR DIST BIN 048  
 0009 FLASH CHAR MDFY  
 0009 3215 NOEOF OPEN 1131 NOKEEP NOMSG NONAME  
 Ready;  
 sp cons close  
 ==:B:==

READY FORM STANDARD  
 FLASHC 000 DEST OFF  
 0 FCB





Received: from SLACVM by SLACVM.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU (Mailer R2.08 R208004) with  
 BSMTP id 6008; Wed, 16 Oct 96 11:53:10 PST  
 Received: from SERV03.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU by SLACVM.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU  
 (IBM VM SMTP V2R1) with TCP; Wed, 16 Oct 96 11:52:45 PST  
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 (PMDF V5.0-6 #10979) id <01IAPK7698C0000BEY@SERV03.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU> for  
 jmdeken@SLACVM.SLAC.Stanford.EDU; Wed, 16 Oct 1996 11:51:39 -0800 (PST)  
 Received: from SLACVM.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU (MAILER@SLACVM)  
 by SERV03.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU (PMDF V5.0-6 #10979)  
 id <01IAPK4L229C00091J@SERV03.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU> for  
 jmdeken@SLAC.Stanford.EDU; Wed, 16 Oct 1996 11:49:38 -0800 (PST)  
 Received: by SLACVM (Mailer R2.08 R208004) id 5975; Wed,  
 16 Oct 1996 11:46:56 -0800 (PST)  
 Date: Wed, 16 Oct 1996 11:21 -0800 (PST)  
 From: "Joan M. Winters" <WINTERS@SLAC.Stanford.EDU>  
 Subject: Old WWW File for the Paper/Docs Book?  
 To: jmdeken@SLAC.Stanford.EDU  
 Message-id: <01IAPK4MQM1U00091J@SERV03.SLAC.STANFORD.EDU>  
 X-Envelope-to: jmdeken@SLACVM.SLAC.Stanford.EDU  
 Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Jean - Look what I found when cleaning up an old VM disk. It's the  
 CERN WWW Home Page and inwards especially following the WWW Project  
 thread. See:

FILENAME	FILETYPE	FM	FORMAT	LRECL	RECORDS	BLOCKS	DATE	TIME	LABEL
WWW	CONSOLE	MO	V	82	1196	26	02/12/92	16:06:09	JCW400

I captured it using the VM spooled console.

SLAC is right there on the CERN home page, along with DESY; but not at  
 FermiLab in sight! Note that this is about three months after we  
 figured out the SLAC WWW server first came up.

Cheers, Joan

++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ Forwarded Text ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++ ++

Ready;  
 www

CERN Information

# CERN INFORMATION - SELECT BY NUMBER

- Help <1> On this program, or the World-Wide Web project  
<2>.
- Phone book <3> People, phone numbers, accounts and email  
addresses. See also the analytical Yellow Pages  
<4>, or the same index in French : Pages Jaunes  
<5>.
- "XFIND" index <6> Index of computer centre documentation,  
newsletters, news, help files, etc...
- News <7> A complete list of all public CERN news groups,  
such as news from the CERN User's Office <8>, CERN  
computer center news <9>, student news <10>. See  
also private groups <11> and Internet news <12>.

## FROM OTHER SITES

See online data by subject <13>, pointers to other forms of online data

<14>, and the following specific databases:

SLAC SPIRES <15>      The High Energy Physics preprint index at Stanford Linear Accelerator, California. (This is the same information available via the QSPIRES facility on BITNET. Include the word "FIND" as the first keyword, eg: K FIND AUTHOR FRED.).

DESY documents <16>

Documents and help files from the DESY lab in Hamburg.

VMS Help <17>

VMS help data now available via a WWW gateway.

Hacker Jargon <18>

An index to a cross-referenced set of hacker terms. A demonstration of the WWW gateway to the Graz Technical University Hyper-G database.

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The World Wide Web project

#### WORLD WIDE WEB

The WorldWideWeb (W3) is a wide-area hypermedia <1> information retrieval initiative aiming to give universal access to a large universe of documents.

#### GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

See also: an executive summary <2> of the project, Mailing lists <3> you can join, Policy <4> , latest W3 news <5> .

Project Status <6>

A list of project components and their current state. (e.g. Line Mode <7> , NeXTStep <8> , Daemon <9> )

People <10>

A list of people involved in the project.

History <11>

A summary of the history of the project.

#### TECHNICAL DETAILS

How to provide data <12>

How can I make my own data available on the web?

Protocols <13>

A description of the network protocols used.

HTML format <14>

A description of the mark-up language used for some documents and for search hit-lists.

Addressing <15>

The syntax of W3 document addresses.

Design Issues <16>

A list of decisions to be made when designing or selecting a hypertext/IR system. See also related products <17> .

Design notes <18>

Notes of meetings, etc, mostly historical.

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Data sources <19>      Sources of data on the web itself  
News <20>              Some internet/usenet newsgroups of possible  
                         interest to the WorldWideWeb project.  
Coding standards <21>      A basic style guide for W3 code contributors.

#### DISTRIBUTION

See the README <22> file, and copyright <23> notice. Tar files are available by anonymous ftp from info.cern.ch in directory /pub .

<End>

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Summary -- /WWW

#### WORLDWIDEB - SUMMARY

The WWW <1> project merges the techniques of information retrieval and hypertext to make an easy but powerful global information system.

The project is based on the philosophy that much academic information should be freely available to anyone. It aims to allow information sharing within internationally dispersed teams, and the dissemination of information by support groups. Originally aimed at the High Energy Physics community, it has spread to other areas and attracted much interest in user support, resource discovery and collaborative work areas.

#### Reader view

The WWW world consists of documents, and links. Indexes are special documents which, rather than being read, may be searched. The result of such a search is another ("virtual") document containing links to the documents found. A simple protocol (" HTTP <2> ") is used to allow a browser program to request a keyword search by a remote information server.

The web contains documents in many formats. Those documents which are hypertext, (real or virtual) contain links to other documents, or places within documents. All documents, whether real, virtual or indexes, look similar to the reader and are contained within the same addressing scheme.

To follow a link, a reader clicks with a mouse (or types in a number if he or she has no mouse). To search and index, a reader gives keywords (or other search criteria). These are the only operations necessary to access the entire world of data.

#### Information provider view

The WWW browsers can access many existing data systems via existing protocols (FTP, NNTP) or via HTTP and a gateway. In this way, the critical mass of data is quickly exceeded, and the increasing use of the system by readers and information suppliers encourage each other.

Making a web is as simple as writing a few SGML <3> files which point to your existing data. Making it public involves running the FTP or HTTP daemon <4> , and making at least one link into your web from another. In <ref.number>, Back, <RETURN> for more, Quit, or Help:

daemon <4> , and making at least one link into your web from another. In fact, any file available by anonymous FTP can be immediately linked into a web. The very small start-up effort is designed to allow small contributions. At the other end of the scale, large information providers may provide an HTTP server with full text or keyword indexing. This may allow access to a large existing database without changing the way that database is managed. Such gateways have already been made into Digital's VMS/Help, Technical University of Graz's "Hyper-G", and Thinking Machine's "W.A.I.S." systems.

The WWW model gets over the frustrating incompatibilities of data format between suppliers and reader by allowing negotiation of format between a smart browser and a smart server. This should provide a basis for extension into multimedia, and allow those who share application standards to make full use of them across the web.

This summary does not describe the many exciting possibilities opened up by the WWW project, such as efficient document caching, the reduction of redundant out-of-date copies, and the use of knowledge daemons. There is more information in the online project documentation, including some background on hypertext and many technical notes.

Try it

You can try the simple line mode browser <5> by telnetting to info.cern.ch with user name "www" (no password). You can also find out more about WWW in this way.

It is much more efficient to install the browser on your own machine. The line mode browser is currently available in source form by anonymous FTP from node info.cern.ch [currently 128.141.201.74] as  
/pub/WWWLineMode\_v.vv.tar.Z.

(v.vv is the version number - take the latest.)

Also available is a hypertext editor <6> for the NeXT using the NeXTStep graphical user interface in file  
/pub/WWWNeXTStepEditor\_v.vv.tar.Z

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list

#### HYPERTEXT REFERENCES :=

- [1] TheProject.html
- [2] Protocols/HTTP/AsImplemented.html
- [3] Markup/Markup.html
- [4] Daemon/Overview.html
- [5] LineMode/Browser.html
- [6] NeXT/WorldWideWeb.html

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RDR FILE 1133 SENT FROM MAILER PUN WAS 6161 RECS 0036 CPY 001 M NOHOLD NOKEEP  
15:47:08 \* MSG FROM MAILER : \* New mail from  
<lee\_collins1@gateway.qm.apple.com>

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- [1] WhyHTTP.html
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BNF -- /Addressing

#### W3 ADDRESS SYNTAX: BNF

This is a BNF-like description of the W3 addressing syntax <1> . We use a vertical line "|" to indicate alternatives, and [brackets] to indicate optional parts. Spaces are representational only: no spaces are actually allowed within a W3 address. Single letters stand for single letters. All words of more than one letter below are entites described elsewhere in the syntax description. (Entity names are here linked to their definitions, probably making this difficult to read with the line mode browser.)

An absolute address specified in a link is an anchoraddress <2> . The address which is passed to a server is a docaddress <3> .

anchoraddress	docaddress <4> [ # anchor <5> ]
docaddress	httpaddress <6>   fileaddress <7>   newsaddress <8>   telnetaddress <9>   gopheraddress <10>   waisaddress <11>
httpaddress	h t t p : / / hostport <12> [ / path <13> ] [ ? search <14> ]
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waisindex	w a i s : / / hostport <18> / database <19> [ ? search <20> ]
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- [1]        Addressing.html
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- [3]        #22
- [4]        #22
- [5]        #20
- [6]        #1
- [7]        #51
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- [9]        #55
- [10]       #72
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- [15]       #43
- [16]       #9
- [17]       #90
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- [19]       #95
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- [21]       #3
- [22]       #95

[23]	#102
[24]	#24
[25]	#9
[26]	#87
[27]	#85
[28]	#81
[29]	#87

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help

WWW Line Mode Browser:        COMMANDS AVAILABLE Version 0.14

You are reading document:  
'http://info.cern.ch/hypertext/WWW/Addressing/BNF.html'

<RETURN>	Produces the next page of the remaining text.
TOP	Returns to the first page of the present document.
LIST	Produces a list of hypertext references which have been accumulated from the text already shown on the screen.
<number>	Select a referenced document by number (from 1 to 29)
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RECALL <number>	Returns to a previously visited document numbered in the recall list.
HOME	Returns to the starting node
BACK	Moves back to the previous node
Q	Quits the program.

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#### HISTORY OF PREVIOUS NODES :-

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authorisation, which is not trivial to establish every time but could be,  
and current directory and transfer mode which are basically trivial. The  
proposed protocol IS idempotent.

This causes, in principle, a problem when trying to map a non-idempotent  
system (such as library search systems which stored "result sets" on  
behalf of the client) into the web. The problem is that to use them in  
an idempotent way requires the re-evaluation of the intermediate result  
sets at each query. This can be solved by the gateway intelligently  
caching result sets for a reasonable time.

REQUEST: INFORMATION TRANSFERRED FROM CLIENT

Parameters below, however represented on the network, are given in upper  
case, with parameter names in lower case. This set assumes a model of  
format negotiation in which in which the client says what he can take, and  
the server decides what to give him. One imagines that each function would  
return a status, as well as information specified below.

When running over a byte stream protocol, SGML would be an encoding  
possibility (as well as ASN/1 etc).

GET document name      Please transfer a named document back. Transfer  
the results back in a standard format or one which  
I have said I can accept. The reply includes the  
format. In practice, one may want to transfer the  
document over the same link (a la NNTP) or a  
different one (a la FTP). There are advantages in  
each technique. The use of the same link is  
standard, with moving to a different link by  
negotiation (see PORT <4> ).

SEARCH keywords      Please search the given index document for all  
items with the given word combination, and  
transfer the results back as marked up hypertext.  
This could elaborate to an SQL query. There are  
many advantages in making the search criterion  
just a subset of the document name space.

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## HYPertext TRANSFER PROTOCOL

See also: Why a new protocol? <1> , Other protocols used <2>

This is a list of the choices made and features needed in a hypertext  
transfer protocol. See also the HTTP protocol as currently implemented  
<3>.

## UNDERLYING PROTOCOL

There are various distinct possible bases for the protocol - we can choose

Something based on, and looking like, an Internet protocol. This has  
the advantage of being well understood, of existing implementations  
being all over the place. It also leaves open the possibility of a  
universal FTP/HTTP or NNTP/HTTP server. This is the case for the

current HTTP.

Something based on an RPC standard. This has the advantage of making it easy to generate the code, that the parsing of the messages is done automatically, and that the transfer of binary data is efficient. It has the disadvantage that one needs the RPC code to be available on all platforms. One would have to chose one (or more) styles of RPC. Another disadvantage may be that existing RPC systems are not efficient at transferring large quantities of text over a stream protocol unless (like DD-OC-RPC) one has a let-out and can access the socket directly.

Something based on the OSI stack, as is Z39.50. This would have to be run over TCP in the internet world.

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## The HTTP Protocol As Implemented In W3

### HTTP AS IMPLEMENTED IN WWW

This document defines the Hypertext Transfer protocol (HTTP) as currently implemented by the WorldWideWeb <1> initiative software. This is a subset of the proposed <2> full HTTP protocol. No client profile information is transferred with the query. Future HTTP protocols will be back-compatible with this protocol.

The protocol uses the normal internet-style telnet protocol style on a TCP-IP link. The following describes how a client acquires a (hypertext) document from an HTTP server, given an HTTP document address <3> .

#### CONNECTION

The client makes a TCP-IP connection to the host using the domain name <4> or IP number <5> , and the port number <6> given in the address.

During development, the default HTTP TCP port number is 2784 -- this will change when an official port number is allocated.

The server accepts the connection.

Note: HTTP currently runs over TCP, but could run over any connection-oriented service. The interpretation of the protocol below in the case of a sequenced packet service (such as DECnet(TM) or ISO TP4) is that that the request should be one TPDU, but the repose may be many.

#### REQUEST

The client sends a document request consisting of a line of ASCII characters terminated by a CR LF (carriage return, line feed) pair. A well-behaved server will not require the carriage return character.

This request consists of the word "GET", a space, the document address <7> , omitting the "http:", host and port parts when they are the coordinates just used to make the connection. (If a gateway is being used, then a full document address may be given specifying a different naming scheme).

The search functionality of the protocol lies in the ability of the addressing syntax to describe a search on a named index <8> .

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A search should only be requested by a client when the index document itself has been descibed as an index using the ISINDEX tag <9> .

#### RESPONSE

The response to a simple GET request is a message in hypertext mark-up language ( HTML <10> ). This is a byte stream of ASCII characters.

Lines shall be delimited by an optional carriage return followed by a mandatory line feed chararcter. The client should not assume that the carriage return will be present. Lines may be of any length. Well-behaved servers should retriect line length to 80 characters excluding the CR LF



pair.

The format of the message is HTML - that is, a trimmed SGML document. Note that this format allows for menus and hit lists to be returned as hypertext. It also allows for plain ASCII text to be returned following the PLAINTEXT tag <11> .

The message is terminated by the closing of the connection by the server.

Well-behaved clients will read the entire document as fast as possible. The client shall not wait for user action (output paging for example) before reading the whole of the document. The server may impose a timeout of the order of 15 seconds on inactivity.

Error responses are supplied in human readable text in HTML syntax. There is no way to distinguish an error response from a satisfactory response except for the content of the text.

#### DISCONNECTION

The TCP-IP connection is broken by the server when the whole document has been transferred.

The client may abort the transfer by breaking the connection before this, in which case the server will not record any error condition.

Requests are idempotent <12> . The server need not store any information about the request after disconnection.

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## HyperText Mark-up Language

### HTML

The WWW <1> system uses marked-up text to represent a hypertext document for transmission over the network. The hypertext mark-up language is an SGML <2> format. This defines the basic syntax used. The particular language, the set of tags and the rules about their use, and their significance is not part of the SGML standard. There being no standard on this, we have adopted a set which seems sensible. We call them HTML -- hypertext markup language. HTML is not an alternative to SGML, it is a particular format within the SGML rules (an SGML "DTD"). HTML parsers should ignore tags which they do not understand, and ignore attributes which they do not understand of tags which they do understand.

See also:

The tags <3>

A list of the tags used in HTML with their significance.

Example <4>

A file containing a variety of tags used for test purposes, and its source text <5>.

#### DEFAULT TEXT

Unless otherwise defined by tags, text is transmitted as a stream of lines. The division of the stream of characters into lines is arbitrary, and only made in order to allow the text to be passed through systems which can only handle text with a limited line length. The recommended

line length for transmission is 80 characters. The division into lines has no significance (except in the case of example sections <6> and PLAINTEXT <7> ) apart from indicating a word end. Line breaks between tags have no significance.

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## Hypertext HTML formatting example

### TEST DATASET

This is an example bit of hypertext - compare the formatted version with the original HTML source <1>. Let's try introducing an initial paragraph between the H1 and the H2 headings.

This file was typed into WWW (on the NeXT) and saved.

#### INTRODUCTION

This file contains a test set of HTML mark-up, as a test of hypertext browsers and an example of the syntax of the tags. See also:

An arbitrary news article <2>

The newsgroup on hypertext <3>

More details about the WWW project. <4>

That is the end of the list.

#### SOME ANCHORS

anchors come in two forms: whole nodes or parts of nodes. The line mode browser can't currently (Nov 91) jump to a part of a node: it always jumps to the top.

##### Leading to whole nodes

Here is an anchor which leads to the VM FIND command. <5> Note the nested highlighting (hp2) within the anchor. If you want to click on this, <6> you will go to the system default page.

##### Leading to anchors within nodes

Now THIS <7> leads to anchor #2 in this file, and if you want to click on THIS, <8> you should go to the system default page with anchor #2 selected. Now the word "destination" is a named destination anchor, connected to the word "source" <9> . Clicking on the destination shouldn't do anything. Selecting the source should lead to the destination.

Now let's go through the limited set of markup tags which we accept. The title, "Hypertext HTML formatting example" was between TITLE tags. "Test Dataset" at the top of this page was a Level One Heading (H1). The quick

list  
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quit  
hx

hx  
CMS

CMS  
jkljkl  
SCSABN: invalid FCB ( 6) at X'0000CB', processing terminated  
SCSABN: recursive abend during abend recovery  
HCPGIR450W CP entered; disabled wait PSW 00060000 15E4E3E2  
IPL CMS  
SLAC XA CMS 5.6 11/01/91 15:32

TEST disk for testing files prior to installing on the U or Y disks.

CMS29E ( 59C R ) RO  
CMS5A5 ( 1A7 P ) RO

660 USERS, 295 LOGGED, 365 DISC, 0 DIALED, 0 NET  
AVGPROC-100% 03  
XSTORE-000320/SEC MIGRATE-0006/SEC  
XSTORE MDC READS-000169/SEC WRITES-000009/SEC HIT RATIO-099%  
STORAGE-031% PAGING-0020/SEC STEAL-000%  
Q0-00000(00000) DORMANT-00642  
Q1-00003(00000) E1-00000(00000)  
Q2-00002(00000) EXPAN-002 E2-00000(00000)  
Q3-00017(00000) EXPAN-002 E3-00000(00000)  
PROC 0001-100% PROC 0000-100%  
PROC 0002-100%

Conference LEPNEWS has 45 new items.  
Conference PUBEXECS has 73 new items.  
Conference XA-ASM has 8 new items.  
Conference XA-FORT has 15 new items.

FILES: 0058 RDR, 0001 PRT, NO PUN  
Ready;  
vmstatus restore  
Disk S(190) could not be accessed  
Ready;  
qdiskid

Label	CCU	Mode	Stat	Owner	Vaddr
TMP193	193	A	R/W	Tdisk	-
JCW198	198	B	R/W	WINTERS	0198
JCW192	192	D	R/W	WINTERS	0192
BEB191	195	E	R/O	BEBO	0191
JCW194	194	J	R/W	WINTERS	0194
JCW400	400	M	R/W	WINTERS	0400
JCW191	191	N	R/W	WINTERS	0191
MAIL	1A6	O	R/O	RENATA	0195
CMS5A5	1A7	P	R/O	XAMAIN	05A5
CMS29E	59C	R	R/O	MAINT	028E
MNT190	190	S	R/O	XAMAIN	0190
CMS59E	59E	T	R/O	\$TDISK	049E
CMS59F	59F	U	R/O	\$UDISK	049F
CMS19E	19E	Y/S	R/O	\$YDISK	029E

JCW223 223 Z R/W WINTERS 0223

Ready;

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CMS PRESERVE A1

FAQ MAIL A0

Ready;

qdiskid

Label	CCU	Mode	Stat	Owner	Vaddr
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TMP193	193	A	R/W	Tdisk	-
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JCW192	192	D	R/W	WINTERS	0192
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BEB191	195	E	R/O	BEBO	0191
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JCW194	194	J	R/W	WINTERS	0194
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JCW400	400	M	R/W	WINTERS	0400
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JCW191	191	N	R/W	WINTERS	0191
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MAIL	1A6	O	R/O	RENATA	0195
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CMS5A5	1A7	P	R/O	XAMAIN	05A5
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CMS29E	59C	R	R/O	MAINT	028E
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MNT190	190	S	R/O	XAMAIN	0190
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CMS59E	59E	T	R/O	\$TDISK	049E
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CMS59F	59F	U	R/O	\$UDISK	049F
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CMS19E	19E	Y/S	R/O	\$YDISK	029E
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JCW223	223	Z	R/W	WINTERS	0223
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Ready;

q cons

CONS 0009 ON LDEV L041F TERM START

0009 CL T NOCONT NOHOLD COPY 001 READY FORM STANDARD

0009 TO WINTERS RDR DIST BIN\_048 FLASHC 000 DEST OFF

0009 FLASH CHAR MDYF 0 FCB

0009 3215 NOEOF OPEN 1131 NOKEEP NOMSG NONAME

Ready;

sp cons close



OK  
✓ feeding of MHW TEST 191  
on tape RLO631 4/7/92 11:18.37 = 6m