

Subject: [SCC_Active_Members] Notes from last month's NLS status report
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I apologize for neglecting to send these out after last month's meeting.

NLS/Augment Talking Points
SCC Meeting 2/15/2006

Technical

- Cooperating with NFS funded HyperScope project run by Eugene Kim of Blue Oxen
- Jonathan and Phil to get second NLS system installed on Phil's machine
 - Phil will investigate interfacing existing keysets to JAugTerm under Windows and MacOS
 - Once done, will try to move Doug over to JAugTerm, and tune until he's satisfied
 - Long-term would prefer making entire window system keyset enabled, rather than just JAugTerm
- Jonathan Cheyer is continuing to study NLS internals and datastructures
 - Investigating feasibility of creating an XML based data model to match current structures
 - Would like to export NLS content using data model for study and reuse
- Artifacts
 - Jonathan now has all Doug's keysets and is working with a Sun engineer to identify working and document their interfaces
 - Ken Harenstein will donate his schematics for the Line Processor
 - Dave Hopper (the author of the DOS AugTerm program has Line Processor #1 and will donate
 - Jeff Rulifson has given Jonathan a CD with source code and materials from early SDS 940 (c. 1968) version NLS
 - Need to get paper/PDF forms to give people with artifacts to donate (web form isn't good enough)
- Phil is investigating options for more keysets
 - Talking with John Sechrest at AO in Portland about building small lot -- John will provide quote in the next week
 - Looking at commercially available USB chordic keyboards. None are exact match, but several are promising:
 - Bellaire wireless: <http://www.bellaire.demon.co.uk/newcykey.htm>
 - Infogrip BAT: http://www.infogrip.com/product_view.asp?RecordNumber=12
 - Jeff Rulifson recommends considering commercially available ones; may eliminate need to use mouse buttons to make up for only 5 keys
 - Have found several chordic keyboard "standards" out there; will investigate whether any of these would be acceptable
- Jonathan needs to get additional modules that Raylene Pak did not include with Augment release she gave us

- e.g. Spreadsheet
- Add them in before public release

Legal

- Boeing
 - Continuing saga with Boeing.
 - Working with Sally Abel to find wording that Kathy Gallagher's boss at Boeing will sign off on.
 - Issue is that they have no records; all hearsay, are being cautious
 - Kathy had originally said Boeing would commit to following:

"Boeing has no existing or continuing ownership rights or interests in the Augment software, including (but not limited to) any copyright and/or trademark rights in the work, and will not take any action against the CHM in connection with any rights associated with or interests in Augment:

- If she balks at that, will at least will try for the following:

"McDonnell Douglas transferred registered US trademarks 1487229 and 73256814 for AUGMENT to British Telecommunications PLC on 11/20/1989, prior to Boeing's acquisition of McDonnell Douglas. Boeing has no records on the software itself. Consequently, Boeing cannot make any claim about its ownership of copyrights or other intellectual property in the software, or take any position regarding the use of Augment by the Computer History Museum."

- BT
 - Potential win at BT!
 - Simon Garrett of BT has agreed to provide a letter.
 - Phil has given John Toole draft request letter with wording to send to Peter Ratcliffe at BT, who will write on behalf of BT
 - Other potential lead at BT, Kevin Purell went cold
- MCI/Verizon
 - Jonathan's network has led to contact with Janis Manning, Verizon's Assistant General Counsel, Trademarks & Copyrights, and Anita Odonovich, an attorney who works in her group. Will follow up later this week
 - Ken Harrenstein has relayed our request to Vint Cerf for assistance;
 - Vint has agreed to help (like Lew Platt at Boeing).
 - Need to pass Jannis's and Anita's name on to Vint once we get a game plan.

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		(evening)



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