

CDC Software Status

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General CDC Group

- controlfreaks.org
- Ongoing, active group
- Preservation of software & documentation
- Execution on emulators
- IP issues
 - CDC Syntegra British Telecom
 - Existing → “Syntegra concession”
 - New effort to expand access to CDC materials
 - Possible roles for CHM
 - Help with sponsorship, endorsement, etc
 - End destination for physical artifacts

PLATO-specific Group

- cyber1.org
- Another active group, dedicated to reviving the PLATO computerized learning environment
- Preservation of software, documentation, and “courseware”
- Execution on emulators
- IP issues
 - Various organizations, including academic
 - Another place where CHM could help sponsor, etc

Possible hardware acquisition

- FAA uses CDC-based PLATO system for training
- Runs on an old Cyber 830 – may be the last Cyber still running (in a production environment)
- Scheduled for shutdown “soon”
- Good contact at the FAA
 - Craig Burson, active member of controlfreaks.org
- Would CHM be interested?
 - 830 is not itself a milestone machine
 - Represents final development of Cray’s 6600 architecture
 - Running system – needs no restoration project
 - Comes as a running PLATO system – more interesting to visitors than most old machines (e.g. batch jobs, ttys etc)

Prospective new SCC member

- Mike Cochran
- Key member of both controlfreaks.org and cyber1.org
- Local (Redwood City)
- Likes liaison and community-building
- Hopes to attend April SCC meeting