

Architectural Assessment Tool (AAT) Phase II Final Briefing

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- Overview of SINCGARS and Link-16
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AAT Phase II Overview

- AAT is aimed at assessing impacts of passing IP through Link-16 Tactical Data Links (TDLs).
- Phase II Goals:
 - Design the Operations Network Requirements (ONR)
 Database for IP through Link-16. (Task 2.1)
 - Design combined SINCGARS/Link-16 Scenario. (Task 2.2)
 - Design, Build, Test and Deliver the AAT. (Task 2.4)
 - Provide Final Briefing.
 - Provide User Familiarization Training.





Background Material

- SINCGARS Radio & Simulation
- Link-16 Terminals, Link-16 NMS & Simulation





SINCGARS Overview

- VHF Radios widely deployed in the Army for tactical communications, e.g., fire control.
- Range from 300 m to 35 Km.
- Data terminals use TCP/IP.
- Radio sub-nets based on Frequency assignments.
- Internet Routing between sub-nets is via gateways.
- Data rates vary from 1.2 to 16 Kbps.
- Simulation uses:
 - TCP and IPv4 Models.
 - Source of TCP/IP traffic for AAT
 - Scenario file for deployments.
 - Unit colors for sub-net identification.
 - Organization file for network connectivity.
 - "Mission Thread" traffic models.
 - Event file drives Threads.







SINCGARS Related Models







SINCGARS Comm's Models

	SINCGARS Mis	sion Thread Data
		an Thread Madel
	SINCGAR5 MISSI	
	Data Terminal / Inter	net Control Models
Layer	Description	GSS Model
7	Application	
6	Presentation	COUL
5	Session	(Connection Oriented Upper Layer)
4	Transport	ТСР
3B	Internet	IP
3A	Intranet	MIL_220_INTRANET
2	Data Link	MIL_220_DATA_LINK_LAYER
1	Physical	MIL_220_PHYSICAL_LAYER
	SINCGARS	Radio Model



Deployment Model

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(Unit Organization & Mission Threads)

Unit Organization for Networking

Mission Thread Definition



Uses Unit <u>Instances</u> & Addresses (Unit= Soldier + Radio)

Thread Definition Uses Generic Unit <u>Types</u>

Events on Specific Units Create <u>Instances</u> of Threads









Link-16 Network Management System

Integrated Tool Suite

•Captures Generic Requirements

•Supports Interactive Planning:

•Dynamic Scenario Creation

•Requirements Definition

Connectivity Analysis

•Time Slot Automation:

Optimizes Allocations

•Runs Fast!

•Simulation:

High Fidelity ValidationPerformance Analysis



Key Foundation for Architectural Assessment Tool







Many models are shared between the Link-16 Planning Tool & Simulation



Link-16 Threads











- We recognized that AAT really needed to be a combination of component tools:
 - Planning, Network Design, and Simulation
- Link-16 NMS architecture served as the basis for these tools with SINCGARS components and capabilities integrated into it.



Simulation & Scenario Design (Task 2.2)





Figure 1 - Prototype AAT Planning Tool

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AAT Simulation Software Design

•AAT Planning:

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• Combined Link-16 and SINCGARS planning capabilities into one tool.

•AAT Simulation:

• Combined Link-16 and SINCGARS simulation capabilities into one tool.

•Retained Link-16:

- Generic Req'ts Manager.
- Time Slot Allocation Tool.

Separated SINCGARS pieces. New Gateway Model & Files. Merged Together:

- Models
- Scenarios
- Simulation Controls
- Graphics & GUIs
- Network Designs
- Event Handling





Scenario Design Considerations







AAT Scenario Design (Task 2.2)

- Merged SINCGARS deployment into the PSI Link-16 Korona scenario: Five groups of 5 SINCGARS Units.
- Korona Link-16 scenario force deployment:



Deployed SINCGARS/Link-16 Gateways

PSI Korona Scenario Based on NEA III 2010



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SINCGARS Deployments in Korona





Low power SINCGARS radios plus rugged Terrain

required tight clusters of radios.

Color coding shows communications sub-groups.

Sub-groups are connected by SINCGARS gateways.



Operational Network Requirements Database (Task 2.1)



AAT Phase 2 – Task 2.1: Operations Network Requirements (ONR) Database

This is the Read Me file for the AAT Phase 2 Task 2.1 delivery CD. The contents of this CD are as follows:

- Read Me Task 2.1.doc this file.
- AAT Task 2.1 report.doc the documentation for this task that includes the AAT Operations Network Requirements (ONR) Database.
- KORONA_AAT.NET: The Link-16 ONR Network Design file. This is a binary file that requires a Link-16 Planning Tool to view.
- PSI_L16_NMS: The PSI Link-16 Network Management System (NMS) Planning Tool (PLANTOOL2D. EXE) and associated support files. The Planning Tool can be used to view the AAT Phase 2 ONR Database (KORONA_AAT.NET). When the tool starts, load the version of the Korona scenario for AAT (S-KORONA_DEMO.SCN). Next load the ONR database by following the sequence in Figure 2.









Operational Network Requirements (ONR) Database (Task 2.1)

 Designed Link-16 Networks to handle transport of TCP/IP messages through Link-16 and to/from Link-16 Platforms (Terminal Host)

Added four new Operational Nets to basic Korona Network.

- Assumptions:
 - Existence of a new SINCGARS IP/Link-16 Gateway.
 - SINCGARS Data Terminal "terminates" the TCP/IP message and passes whole message:
 - Link-16 Platforms do not have to terminate TCP/IP.
 - IP header overhead is avoided.
 - Retained information: Data size, Addresses, Message ID.
 - Nominal bandwidth of 4.8 Kbps needed for IP through Link-16.
 - Nominal bandwidth for IP to/from Link-16 is ~1 Kbps





Link-16 Uses TDL-J (J-Series) Messages

- TDL-J Words (J-Words) are:
 - 70 bits long, most use Fixed Word Format (FWF)
 - Fields are bit-oriented for minimal overhead
- Each Message typically consists of 1-8 J-Words
 - Exception: J28.2 (0) Text Message can support up to 240 J-Words for a maximum of 13,680 characters.
- Each Message has a specified set of transmit and receive rules, which can specify:
 - Response times
 - Repetition rates
 - Receipt Compliance
 - Predefined values for different fields













TDL-J (J-Series) Messages



	Message Category	Message	e Sets	
	Network Management	J0.x, J1.x		
	Precise Participant Location & Identification	J2.x		
Example Follows	Surveillance	J3.x		
	Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW)	J5.4		-J Messayes
	Intelligence	J6.0	form of a	ddressing
	Information Management	J7.x, J8.x		
	Weapons Coordination & Management	J9.x, J10.x		
	Control	J12.x, J14.x (reserved)	x, J17.x, J16.x	
	Platform & System Status	J13.x		
	Threat Warning	J15.0		
	Text Messaging	J28.2(0)		
	National Use	J28.x, J29.x	c, J30.x	
	Miscellaneous	J31.x		
	Round Trip Time (RTT)	RTT-A, RTT	-B, RTT-REP	





J3.2 Air Track Message Example

J3.2 – Air Track Message consists of 3 TDL-J Words:







24	23	22	21	20	19:	18:	17 :	16:	15:	14:	13:	12	11	10:	09	08	07:	06	05	04	03	02:	01	00:
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J3.2E		ATR PLATFORM TY	PE	BIT # POSITION BITS 41-466	
J3.2C1					
NO STATEMENT	0	AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING	16	MINE WARFARE HELICOPTER	31
FIGHTER	1	AND CONTROL (AEW)		TRANSPORT HELICOPTER	32
FIGHTER BOMBER	2	MARITIME PATROL AIRCRAFT	17	PATROL	34
ATTACK	3	(MPA)	10	MISCELLANEOUS FIXED WING	35
BOMBER	4	DROWE	10	MISSILE CONTROL UNIT	36
RECONNAISSANCE	5	REMOTELY DILOTED VENTCLE	20	SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILE	37
TANKER	6	(RDW)	20	(SAM)	
TANKER (BOOM ONLY)	7	FTXED WING GUNSHIP	21	AIR-TO-SURFACE MISSILE	38
TANKER (DROGUE ONLY)	8	CIVIL. AIRLINER	22	(ASM)	20
INTERCEPTOR	9	CIVIL, GENERAL	23	SUKFACE-TU-SUKFACE	עכ
FRANSPORT	10	LIGHTER THAN AIR (LTA)	24	LOGISTIC	40
AIRBORNE COMMAND POST	11	GLIDER	25	AIR-TO-AIR MISSILE (AAM)	41
(ACP)		DECOY	26	SUBSURFACE-TO-SURFACE	42
MISSILE CARRIER	12	HELICOPTER (HELO)	27	MISSILE	
MISSILE	13	ATTACK HELICOPTER	28	SURFACE-TO-SUBSURFACE	43
ELECTRONIC WARFARE (EW)	14	HELICOPTER GUNSHIP	29	MISSILE	
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Can also use 12-bits for <u>Specific</u> Aircraft Types: > 600 types defined

*From MIL-STD-6016C

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Why is Link-16 Important to Airborne Networking and NCO/NCW?





- Link-16 is <u>the</u> tactical RF communications heart of NCO/NCW today and in the near future.
- Link-16 is <u>currently</u> the "last digital mile" to the war fighter.
- Link-16 utilization will increase over the next 5+ years.
- Link-16 platforms will be around for 10-20 more years. There is a HUGE investment in equipment, testing, deployments, etc. Even larger investment in Operational Flight Programs (OFPs), e.g., Host programs.

Exponential Growth in Link-16 Platforms









TDLs in Relation to the GIG







Challenges in Network Centric Transformation



- Exponential Growth & Utilization of Link-16.
- Maximizing use of Link-16
 - Leveraging and extending Link-16 "legacy" terminals
 - WDL-A, JTRS Link-16, etc.
- Link-16 relationship to IPv6 & IP Waveforms, e.g., TTNT
 - Integration of TDLs into IP environment.
- IPv6 Performance:
 - Tactical Message Latency
 - Waveform Susceptibility
- Integration of stove-piped systems:
 - AOC
 - DLARS, TBMCS (T-Bone), GCCS (JC2), etc.
- Large investments limited answers (or analyses) to date.









Korona Link-16 Networks

Original AAT Operational Nets

	J-Words	Message Rate	Unit Time	Response Time	Acknowledgement	Relay Requested	Data Type	Packing Limit
AIRCONTROL_BACKLINK	3	3	24 secs	2	Yes	No	FWF	STD
AIRCONTROL_UPLINK	6	16	12 secs	2	Yes	No	FWF	P2DP
ELECTRONIC WARFARE	6	32	12 secs	12	Yes	No	FWF	P4
ENGAGEMENT_COORD	1	768	12 secs	10	Yes	Yes	FWF	P4
FTR_TO_FTR_CT	6	48	12 secs	10	Yes	No	FWF	P2DP
FTR_TO_FTR_TARGET	6	18	12 secs	10	Yes	No	FWF	P2DP
MISSION_MGT	4	6	12 secs	10	Yes	Yes	FWF	P2DP
NEEDLINE	2	288	12 secs	10	No	No	FWF	P4
PPLI_A	6	128	12 secs	10	No	No	FWF	P2DP
PPLI_B	6	3	12 secs	12	No	Yes	FWF	P2DP
RESIDUAL_MSG	2	288	12 secs	10	No	No	FWF	P4
RTT_B	3	1	12 secs	10	No	No	RTT	STD
SURVEILLANCE	6	192	12 secs	1	No	Yes	FWF	P4
VIDEO_DOWNLINK	24	1024	12 secs	10	No	No	FREETEXT- UNENCODED	P4
VOICE_1	24	128	12 secs	10	No	No	FREETEXT- UNENCODED	P4

New Operational Nets for AAT

					Messages	Unit of	Resp					
		Source	Destination		Per Unit	Time	Time		Data		Data	
Net ID	Net Type	Platform	Platform	J-Words	Time	(sec)	(sec)	Ack	Туре	J-Series	Encoding	Packing
162	IP_THRU_L16	PATRIOTICC_2_4	JTAGS_2_4	6	120	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4
164	IP_THRU_L16	JTAGS_2_4	PATRIOTICC_2_4	6	120	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4
163	IP_TO.FROM_L16	PATRIOTICC_2_4	F18_2_6	2	100	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4
165	IP_TO.FROM_L16	F18_2_6	PATRIOTICC_2_4	2	100	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4



Link-16 Networks for IP Messages

Link-16 Networks for transport of IP Messages through Link-16 ~ 4.8 KBps throughput

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Link-16 Networks for transport of IP Messages through to/from Link-16 Platforms ~ 1.28 KBps throughput







• Scenario Generation:

- SINCGARS Deployments
- Dynamic Link-16 Deployments (Movement paths)

Connectivity Analysis (Interactive and Visual)

- SINCGARS sub-networks and Radio Gateways
- RF and Network connectivity for Link-16
- SINCGARS/Link-16 Gateway placements
- Link-16 Relay needs

Link-16 Network Requirements and Design (Time Slot Allocations)

Networks for transport of IP through TADIL and to/from Link-16 Platforms

Off-Line creation/modification of:

SINCGARS Organization





AAT Planning Tool Architecture



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• Scenario Loading and Execution:

– Static SINCGARS and Dynamic Link-16 Deployments.

• Loading and Operation of Networks:

– SINCGARS Form Sub-nets, Link-16 Time Slots Allocated.

Connectivity Analysis (Interactive and Visual)

- SINCGARS Sub-networks and Radio Gateways.
- RF and Network Connectivity for Link-16.

Thread-based Message Traffic Generation

- Loading of SINCGARS and Link-16 Thread Files.
- Execution of SINCGARS and Link-16 Event files to Stimulate Message Traffic.
- IP to IP direct, IP to IP through Link-16 Gateways, IP to/from Link-16 Platforms.

Network Performance Analysis

- Dynamic During Operation.
- Post Analysis of Thread and Link CSV Output Files, e.g., Import into Excel.



AAT Simulation Tool Architecture







New Gateway Model



Gateway Functionality

- Receives transmission request from SINCGARS Data Terminal*.
- Look-up table maps SINCGARS IDs to Link-16 IDs.
- Look-up table associates Link-16 platforms and Nets with SINCGARS addresses.
- Uses Message Size.
- Retains Source & Destination Addresses.
- Supports:
 - TCP/IP through Link-16 Terminals
 - TCP/IP to/from Link-16 Hosts
- Passes messages received over Link-16 to connected SINCGARS Data Terminal.

* Data Terminal terminates TCP message before transmission request to Gateway.





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AAT System Capabilities







Network Definition & Design Dynamic Scenarios to Simulation







Link-16 Network Design

TSA_OUT

Analysis of design trade-offs & requirements impacts

****	*****	***	*****	* * * *	****	*****	*******	****			
*NET	GenID	s	INDEX	RR	NET	DESCR	IPTION				
****	****	*	****	* *	***	*****	*******	****			
1	1	A	48	9	0	Slots	required:	8			
2	2	A	32	9	127	Slots	required:	16,	Slots	allocated:	8
3	3	A	2	12	127	Slots	required:	64			
4	4	С	26	10	1	Slots	required:	16			
5	5	в	6	11	1	Slots	required:	159,	Slots	allocated:	160
5	5	в	14	11	1						
5	5	в	1	11	1						
5	5	в	9	11	1						
5	5	в	5	11	1						
6	6	в	15	11	1	Slots	required:	96			

Performance Outputs

AAT_THRDS.CSV Overall Thread Performance Data

AAT_MSGS.CSV

Detailed Performance Data for Thread Links

NETS.OUT Details on Link-16 Network Design

NET_TRAF.OUT Performance Data for each Link-16 Net

Supplied Thread Examples

Pure SINCGARS IP Thread Case:

- Single thread triggered once.
- Based on Army Copperhead Fire Mission.
- Provided as a SINCGARS-only reference.

IP Through Link-16 Thread (Default on CD):

- Single thread triggered once.
- Based on Pure SINCGARS thread with Links through Link-16:
 - Several links through Link-16.
 - Several links to/from Link-16 platform.

Complex IP/Link-16 Threads:

- Two different thread types:
 - One triggered once.
 - Another triggered twice.

(Three thread instances.)



(One thread instance.)

(One thread instance.)





Architectural Assessment Example

- Assessment of Four Different Link-16 Network Designs
 - Original AAT ONR plus three lower bandwidth variations.
- Impact of AAT Networks on other Link-16 Networks
- Impact on Thread Performance

AAT Network - Test Variations





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	AAT	162	6	120	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4	60.00	150	9.00	30	2.5	0.40	4.50
u	ona-	164	6	120	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4	60.00	150	9.00	30	2.5	0.40	4.50
e	Kor	163	2	100	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	16.67	75	1.25	17	1.4	0.71	1.28
		165	2	100	12	2	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	16.67	75	1.25	17	1.4	0.71	1.28

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ron	163	2	50	12	4	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	8.33	75	0.63	16	1.3	0.75	1.20
K	165	2	50	12	4	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	8.33	75	0.63	16	1.3	0.75	1.20

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	a-A	164	6	30	12	8	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4	15.00	150	2.25	15	1.25	0.80	2.25
	oron	163	2	50	12	4	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	8.33	75	0.63	16	1.3	0.75	1.20
	¥	165	2	50	12	4	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	8.33	75	0.63	16	1.3	0.75	1.20

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T-Sn	162	6	12	12	12	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4	6.00	150	0.90	6	0.5	2.00	0.90
AA-	164	6	12	12	12	No	Free Text	NA	No	P4	6.00	150	0.90	6	0.5	2.00	0.90
rona	163	2	10	12	12	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	1.67	75	0.13	3	0.3	4.00	0.23
Ko	165	2	10	12	12	No	Free Text	NA	Yes	P4	1.67	75	0.13	3	0.3	4.00	0.23

Slower/Smaller (Supplied on Documentation CD)

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Free Text Bits per J-Word 150 Bits Unencoded, 75 Bits Encoded

AAT Nets Impact on Other Networks





Throughput of Thread Links Thru Link-16



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- Installation / Uninstall Information
- Support Documentation
- Detail on AAT System Operation:
 - AAT Input/Output files (Planning and Simulation)
 - AAT Planning Capabilities:
 - Scenarios (SINCGARS, Link-16, Gateways)
 - SINCGARS Networks
 - Link-16 Networks and Automated Time Slot Allocation
 - Mission Thread Design and Operation
 - Gateway Set-up Files
 - AAT Simulation and Performance Measures
- Included Operational Files
- AAT Constraints
- Planning for New Tests



Final Conclusions



- Architectural Assessment Tool (AAT):
 - System was Designed, Developed, Tested, Applied and Delivered
 - Consists of Planning, Network Design & Simulation Components
 - Includes:
 - Merged SINCGARS(TCP/IP) / Link-16 Scenario
 - Operations Network Requirements Database:
 - Designed for TCP/IP through Link-16 and to/from Link-16
 - Tested and Refined
 - New TCP/IP to Link-16 Gateway Model
 - Threads, Events and other files:
 - Developed and tested to generate message traffic.
 - User Documentation
 - Applied to Assessment of Network Design Alternatives
- User Familiarization Training Material is ready.

The AAT Planning and Simulation System is Ready for Use!





