AB-CO Review Controls for BDI

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AB-BDI-SW Mandate:

In

■ The AB/BDI Software Section provides the software necessary to develop, test, deploy operationally, diagnose and maintain the different instruments produced by the group.

This include the following responsibilities:

- The Real Time Front End Software for our instruments including the remote control communication interface.
- The Expert Graphical User Interfaces [GUI] for our instruments.

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AB-BDI-SW Mandate:

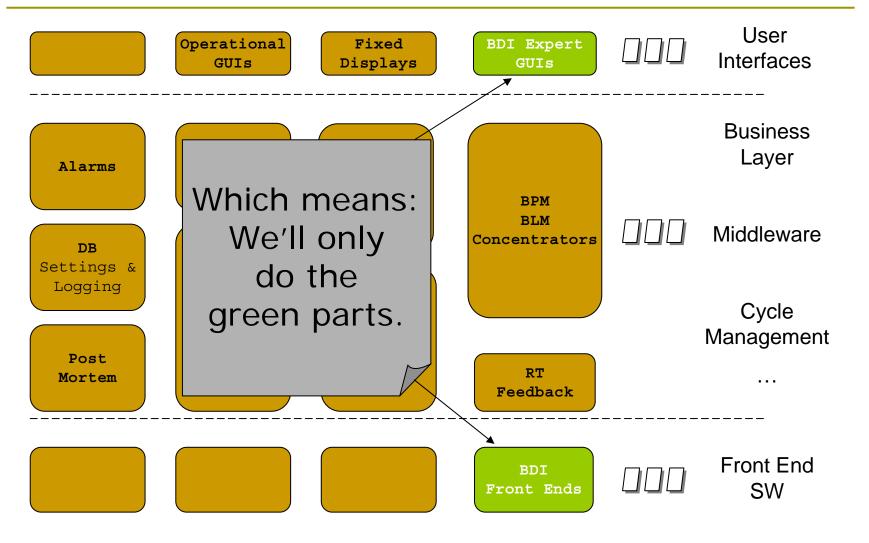
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- This does not include the following responsibilities:
 - The Operational GUIs for our instruments and related middle-tier software are NOT under BDI responsibility.

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AB-BDI-SW Mandate:

Overview



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Baseline Services Expected Now: Color Code

- □ Green means OK, i.e. somebody is taking care, we know who he/she is and this support is adequate.
- Orange means that something/somebody is there but things have to be improved.
- Red means that the service is missing.
- Gray means mentioned elsewhere.
- Blue looks nice

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Hardware Selection & Order & Spares

- We expect CO to select (or design) and buy (or build) the standard boards (CTRx, RSxxx, ADCs, ICV196...) and computers (VME CPU, PC, Gateways, Field buses...).
 - How do we organize new requests for CPU and standard boards for all domains?
- We expect CO to keep some standard board spares for immediate replacements and urgent new requests.
- We expect CO to provide a tool showing the current LHC CPU situation, i.e. how many ordered (for what), received and given.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Hardware Test & Installation 1/2

- We expect CO to test and configure (address, firmware...) the standard modules: CPU, standard boards (CTRx, RSxxx, ADCs, ICV196...) and Fan Trays
- Once installed, we expect firmware upgrades (CPU, CTR, Fan Trays...) to be fully in CO's hands with no intervention from BDI apart final tests.
- Following BDI requests (How?, Who takes care of the infrastructure requests?), we expect CO to configure the DB (Ethernet, standard boards configuration, boot sequence...) so that we can 'plug&play' the crate.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Hardware Test & Installation 2/2

- We fill the crate with these boards and install it (CO did so far in the PS world).
- We expect CO to provide the tool to remotely diagnose, control and monitor (remote console and reboot, power supply and temperature monitoring...) these crates.
- We expect CO to provide the tool and recipe for inserting drivers and processes in the boot sequence (the same everywhere).
- We expect CO to provide the tool and recipe to change a CPU in a few minutes.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: OS Selection & Upgrade & Debugging

- We expect CO to select and support the operational Operating Systems (currently Linux, LynxOS and ?WindowsXP?).
- CO is responsible of their tests, upgrades and debugging (especially for drivers issues).
- We expect CO to re-compile (but not re-deploy!) the operational front-end code after upgrade (for GM and FESA) and inform equipment developers of any necessary test or change in the code.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Front End Configuration

- We expect CO to provide the tool and recipe for inserting drivers and processes in the boot sequence (see installation).
- This tool has to 'communicate' with the FESA deploy DB (see DB).
- IEPLC and FESA databases have to be synchronized (see DB).
- Design & Data Editing and Navigation has to be limited to a configurable set of users.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Front End Software

- We expect CO to support FESA and upgrade it with care and transparence (See Next Presentation).
- We expect CO to support GM (incl. BODY and GM2FESA adaptor) in the PS world.
- We expect CO to support the driver generator, integrate it as a FESA tool and upgrade it with care and transparence.
- We expect CO to provide the drivers and access libraries of the CO standard boards

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Timing

- We expect CO to design and provide the GMT hardware, firmware, software and diagnostic tools.
- We expect CO to integrate the GMT into FESA everywhere and provide sufficient simulation facilities.
- We expect CO (CO request) to configure the local timing events on request (we suffered from looong instantiation time).
- CO is responsible for the LHC BOB Master hardware and firmware.
- We expect CO to add beam type information in the SPS and LHC telegrams.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Data Bases

- We expect CO to merge new and legacy, PS and SPS front end configuration DBs together and harmonize the tools.
- IEPLC and FESA databases have to be synchronized.
- CO has to provide the tool to insure INB tracing of the VME crates and their contents.
- We expect CO to make the necessary links between on line DB and offline (layout, MTF) DB
- What is CO role in terms of AB and AB-BDI quality assurance (MTF, EDMS, naming conventions...)?

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Application Tools 1/2

- BDI will as much as possible rely on OASIS (under CO responsibility) for the analog signal acquisition in LHC.
- But a few cases will probably exceed OASIS capacity and some devices (fast oscillo...) will have to be controlled through *LabVIEW*. We also count on CO for these applications.
- We expect CO to be responsible for the video transmission from LHC to CCC and Equipment Labs and corresponding applications (matrix control...)

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Application Tools 2/2

- We expect CO to provide and support a replacement of NODAL for quick, disposable hardware expert programs for FESA (*Jython*).
- We expect CO to maintain a proper *Mathematica* (incl. *Mathlink*) installation on both Linux and Windows operational platforms.
- We expect CO to supply and support the following packages used in our expert GUI's:
 - Adequate Java Dataviewer.
 - GMT synchronization and introspection (C++ and Java).
 - C++ and Java interface to FESA servers.
 - Storage space for MD's and corresponding Java interface.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Application - Legacy

Our men/months to maintain BISCoTO and FESA#1 have been transferred to FESA#2. So:

- SPS Legacy software issues have to be tackled (could be on FESA camp via a SLEquip2CMW gateway)
- Our CPS SW consolidation effort has been approved and financed by the department (2 Russian collaborators) and is based on FESA like agreed in 2003. BDI/SW, with CO/FE and CO/DM, made a lot of effort to reduce the impact on legacy software to a minimum. We want to know who to contact for this minimum to be done.
- AB/CO/AP and AB/OP have to clarify their respective responsibilities for these legacy applications.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Application - New

- It has been decided in 2003 that BDI will not supply operational GUI's and corresponding middle tier software. But we have to interface together.
- We work with CO/AP (Vito) for LEIR and EA North with OP (Jorg) for SPS with OP (Mike) for LHC and found nobody yet willing to renovate applications in the PS complex. There also, the respective mandates of AB/AP and OP is not crystal clear.
- We need a 'Jorg' in the PS world
- We expect LHC sector test instrumentation software requirements (BPM, BLM, BCTF, BTV) to be published by the end of the year (LSAT). LHC full ring by Q2 2006.

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Baseline Services Expected Now: Piquet & General Services

- We expect CO to provide and support the infrastructure and software related to Alarms, SW and HW interlocks and LHC Postmortem
- We rely on these services (including timing) to develop our software. We need CO to provide them as much as possible during shutdowns
- We would be in favor of CO providing a Piquet service 'a la PS' all over CERN for all GM and FESA software but specific LHC issues may have to be considered

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Conclusions (1/2)

- We need and expect these services now and corresponding improvements soon.
- For each of these services, we want to know who (human beings, not sections) does and does not what and where in CO for the 2 coming years especially when things change.
- We'll rely more than ever on AB/DM tools for front end hardware inventory and software design, deployment and configuration. Be good and quick on CPS/SPS/LHC harmonization!

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Conclusions (2/2)

- There is still a lot of work ahead but we are confident that we can have an effective FESA tool and solid organization around (FC/DM/HT&BDI) to face the important software front end coming deadlines (see FESA Presentation).
- We are less confident that the amount of work to do can be digested on the application and middle-tier side
- This lack of confidence is maybe just due to the fact that we don't work so close together for such a long time like with FESA.

So let's do it.

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