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A New Wave of Migrants

- Dyalog APL was created by Dyadic Systems Ltd, when the mainframe consulting business faltered (1981)
- Most current users of Dyalog APL migrated from SHARP APL, IBM APL2, APL+Win, or APLX (or DEC APLSF, or ...)
- Waves of migrants
 - "Death" of mainframes and minicomputers (1980's)
 - Superior support for Windows GUI (1990's)
 - Now, "the cloud" (& a few more mainframes being shut down)

From APL2

Relatively straightforward

- A few language differences
 - Each on empty arrays
- User Interfaces and file I/O are usually already handled by simple cover-functions and can be emulated "easily"
- Linux or Windows apps may be making external calls which will require "tweaking"
- We are considering implementing "format by example" but so far it has not been necessary



Recent / Active APL2 Migrations

- Insurance company
 - No UI, manipulates text and Excel files
 - Handled by European Consulting Partner
- Sandvik (Sweden) in progress: Mainframe APL2 direct to Docker Containers and HTML/svg
 - Handled by Tiamatica in Malmö (Gilgamesh Athoraya)
- BIG Jewellers: Windows
 - Handled by Mark Wolfson @ BIG "with a little help"



Migrated APL2 Mainframe UI

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Locate Sort
CAPP/COR TEST ----- Routine definition - variables ----- 23-11-10 13:00
Routine....: X802WM
                                            saved: 23-10-05 12:04 by: STC
Description...: TEST AV SOAP GETLANGS WEBSERVICE
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Prompt variable that contains the information "grade":
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Var.
        Num Length Type Send Explanation
                                                             Line 20 of 99
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CHA1
CHA2
                             DUMMY
F1=Help
             F3=End
                         F6=Prompt
                                       F7=Up
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F8=Down

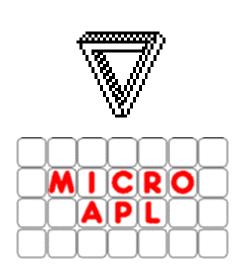
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From APL+Win or MicroAPL APLX

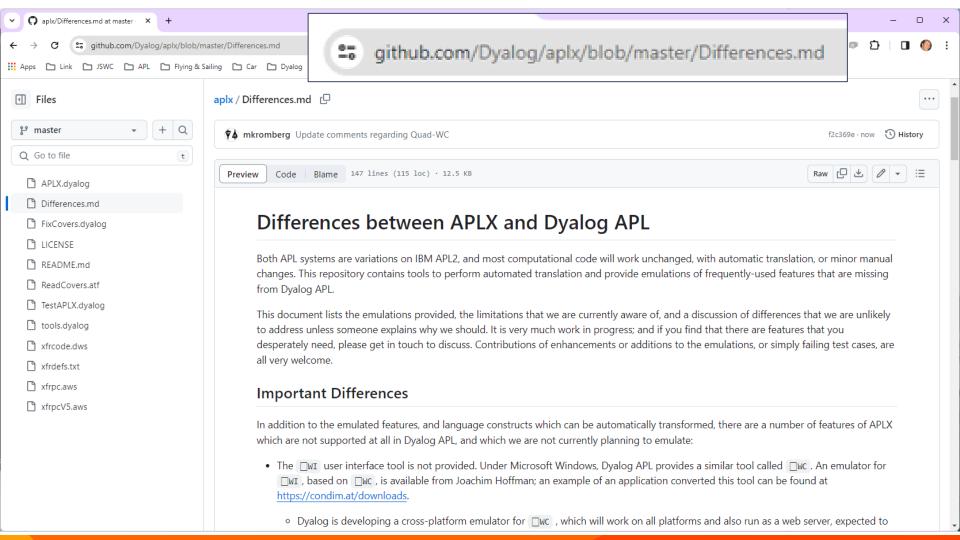
Same language differences as APL2, plus:

- Many system functions & control structures not found in Dyalog APL
- Double quotes ("Don't do this!")
- More advanced Graphical User Interfaces
- Calls to external libraries



APLX Migrations

- MicroAPL stopped developing APLX in 2016
 - Dyalog hosts a download of the last free version
- Dyalog developed migration tools in 2016
- A handful of users migrated using these tools



Recent / Active APL+Win Migrations

- Two European Insurance companies
 - One with GUI, completely rewritten in Dyalog APL, the other a pure service converted to Jarvis in Linux containers
 - Handled by a European consulting partner
- METSIM® in progress
 - Migration being handled by Dyalog
 - Will be used to develop tools to automate migration, including the Graphical User Interface
- More under discussion



Migrating APL+Win Applications

Step 1: Export Source Code

- APL Workspace Transfer format is a standard agreed by APL vendors before 1980
- Most APL systems provide user or system commands IN and OUT to read and write this format
- The APL+Win user command]OUT creates a file in Transfer Format:

]OUT /tmp/out → /tmp/out.ATF

Step 1 – Export Source Code

Result of]OUT /tmp/out:

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XCPPR 0
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XNAAF 0 0
XNAAR 0 0
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 m' ' RD ½ 45 30 40 ä RD * Radii: Down: Offset, Inside, Outside m' '
 R12\%(R1\%40)*2'' R22\%(R2\%30)*2'' X0 \% 0 Ø Y0\%ý20'' Q%-180'' dx1
% R1+Q Ø dy1% R1+Q Ø A%2 \tilde{o} R12>(dx1*2)Ø.+dy1*2' ' dx2%10+R2+Q Ø dy2% ý30+R2
X+Q Ø B\%4\tilde{o}R22>(dx2*2)\phi.+dy2*2' ' R\%'' 123456789''[1+A+B]'
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```

Step 2: Create Text Source

Our new] IN command can create text source files

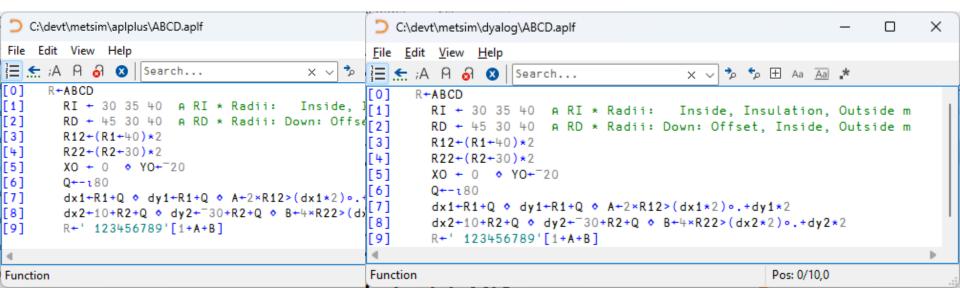
]IN /tmp/out.ATF -outdir=/path/aplplus -apl=APLPLUS

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                                                            R22+(R2+30)*2
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X+Q Ø B\%4\tilde{o}R22>(dx2*2)\phi.+dy2*2' '
                                                            R+' 123456789'[1+A+B]
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Step 3: Automatic Conversion

Apply automated transformations to the original source

]todyalog /path/aplplus /path/dyalog A2K



Automatic Substitutions

```
— FRFX C;FN;I;L;N;X;z;Z;□elx
                                                        Many Thanks to VS Code!
— :IF 2=∏NC 'ΔMOP'
1+ FRFX C; FN; I; L; N; X; z; Z; \( \Delta \text{QELX} \)
2+ : IF 2=#.A2K.ΔNC 'ΔΜΟΡ'
  :If ΔMOP[10]=0
 ΔFRFX+'NO FILES FOUND' ◊ Πelx+'→Δ90'
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   ΔFRFX+'NO FILES FOUND' ◊ ΔQELX+'→Δ90'
    \rightarrow (0\inpL+(1(\in°1)(pX)p(,X)#.A2K.\triangleSS '.CR')\neqX+#.A2K.\triangleXLIB \triangleMDL, 'FNC')/\triangle90
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    :FOR I :IN ι(ρL)[1] ♦ FN+ΔMDL, 'FNC\',L[I;]
      □NUNTIE =1 ♦ FN □XNTIE =1 ♦ Z+□NREAD =1 82 ,□NSIZE =1
8+
      □NUNTIE =1 ♦ FN □NTIE =1 ♦ Z+#.A2K.ΔNREAD =1 82 ,□NSIZE =1
      Z+FSTM Z \diamond Z+((Z[;1]=\DeltaB)^Z[;2]='A')\phiZ+(^/Z[;1 2]=\DeltaB)\phiZ+(-~\vee/Z=':')\phiZ,\DeltaB
      ΔFRFX+ΔFRFX FCAT FN, '...',N+φ□FX Z
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atfmap.txt

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:catch%:else	☐FSTIE%#.A2K.∆FSTIE	<pre>□TCBEL%(□UCS 7)</pre>
:catchall%:else	<pre>□FTIE%#.A2K.∆FTIE</pre>	<pre>□TCBS%(□UCS 8)</pre>
:endtry%:endtrap	□HTOPIC%#.A2K.∆HTOPIC	<pre>□TCESC%(□UCS 27)</pre>
:returnif%→0/~	□IDLIST%#.A2K.∆IDLIST	<pre>□TCFF%(□UCS 12)</pre>
:try *%:trap 0	□IDLOC%#.A2K.∆IDLOC	<pre>□TCHT%(□UCS 9)</pre>
:try%:trap 0	□INT%#.A2K.ΔINT	<pre>□TCLF%(□UCS 10)</pre>
;□ALX%;∆QALX	□KEYLOG%#.A2K.∆KEYLOG	<pre>□TCNL%(□UCS 13)</pre>
;□ELX%;∆QELX	□KEYW%#.A2K.∆KEYW	<pre>□TCNUL%(□UCS 0)</pre>
; □SA%; ∆QSA	□LIB%#.A2K.∆LIB	□TYPE%#.A2K.∆TYPE
;□WSELF%;∆WSELF	□LIBD%#.A2K.∆LIBD	□UCMD%#.A2K.∆UCMD
□ALX%∆QALX	□LIBS%#.A2K.∆LIBS	□UCS%#.A2K.∆UCS
□ALX+%#.A2K.ΔSetALX	<pre>□LOG%#.A2K.∆LOG</pre>	□USERID%□AN
□AV%#.A2K.∆AV	☐MF%☐MONITOR	□VI%#.A2K.ΔVI
□CHDIR%#.A2K.∆CHDIR	□MIX%#.A2K.ΔMIX	□WCALL%#.A2K.∆WCALL
□CHDIR%#.A2K.∆CHDIR	□NA%#.A2K.ΔNA	□WGIVE%#.A2K.∆WGIVE
□CN*%□N	□PEEK%#.A2K.∆PEEK	□WI%#.A2K.ΔWI
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□DEF%□FX	□POKE%#.A2K.∆POKE	□WKEYS%#.A2K.∆WKEYS
□DR%#.A2K.∆DR	□POKES%#.A2K.ΔPOKES	□WSELF%ΔWSELF
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		D)///10C

System Functions Emulated

□XLIB => #.A2K.∆XLIB

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R←∆XLIB X
X,←'*'↓≈≠X
:If O∈pR←↑⇒□NINFO⊡1⊢X
:If v/'?*'∈X
R←O Op' '
:Else
'XFHOST ERROR FindFirstFile 1 0 3 The system cannot find the path specified.'
□SIGNAL 22
:EndIf
:Else
R←R[♠R;]
:EndIf
```

Tricky Differences

A B[I]

A (B[I]) or (A B)[I] ?

f.g when f or g are not scalar functions

Detect and rewrite

:LeaveIf

Enhance Interpreter?

Static Analysis could help with some of these

Work in Progress

```
:FOR c :IN col \Leftrightarrow \rightarrow (^{\wedge}/0=1 \downarrow STACK[;c])/\Delta 90 \Leftrightarrow STACK[1;c]+1
:FOR c :IN col \Leftrightarrow \rightarrow (^{-}0(\epsilon \degree 1)0=1 \downarrow STACK[;c])/\Delta 90 \Leftrightarrow STACK[1;c]+1
```

- \(\) on empty nested arrays can return a result with a different prototype
- The above is a quick hack to allow us to make progress, probably we will map

```
^/ to All
v/ to Any
```



Manual Steps



Foreign Function Calls

Mechanical manual translation

```
3 r+4p0

- r[1]+('DLL U4+',ΔHASP_DLL,'.hasp_login(U4,*C1,*U4+)') □na 'hasp_login'

- r[2]+('DLL U4+',ΔHASP_DLL,'.hasp_logout(U4)') □na 'hasp_logout'

- r[3]+('DLL U4+',ΔHASP_DLL,'.hasp_read(U4,U4,U4,U4,*C1+)') □na 'hasp_read'

- r[4]+('DLL U4+',ΔHASP_DLL,'.hasp_write(U4,U4,U4,U4,*C1)') □na 'hasp_write'

- r+--^/r=1

4+ r[1]+0≠≢'hasp_login' □NA 'U4 ',ΔHASP_DLL,'|hasp_login U4 <0C1[] =U4'

5+ r[2]+0≠≢'hasp_logout' □NA 'U4 ',ΔHASP_DLL,'|hasp_logout U4'

6+ r[3]+0≠≢'hasp_read' □NA 'U4 ',ΔHASP_DLL,'|hasp_read U4 U4 U4 U4 U4 =C1[]'

7+ r[4]+0≠≢'hasp_write' □NA 'U4 ',ΔHASP_DLL,'|hasp_write U4 U4 U4 U4 C1[]'

8+ r+--^/r=1
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We *may* add automated conversion

CSV files

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[1]
[2]
             □ntie <sup>-</sup>1
[3]
         size + \Pinsize ^{-1}
[4]
         text + #.A2K. ANREAD -1 82 size
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[6]
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         rows
[7]
                        + text~(□UCS 13)
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         text
                                                      \Box \mathsf{CSV}
[8]
         linefeed
                   + text=(□UCS 10)
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         linefeed
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[10]
         text[linefeed] + ','
                                                                           comma separator
                                                                          eparator
[11]
                        + ',',text
[12]
         text
                        + (-1)↓ text
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[13]
                                                  A Make a cutting pattern (like 1 2 2 2 3 3 3 3)
         cut
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                                                  A Cut the text string where the cut ag patern increases
[14]
         pieces
                        + cut < text
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                        + 1↓"piea
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         pieces
                             /popieces)÷rows
[16]
                                                  A Find the number of columns
         cols
[17]
         □nuntie -1
[18]
                cols p pieces
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[19]
```

```
[1]
          q+maskBetwQuotes y
[2]
          -~q^yε' ',#.A2K.ΔAV[10],#.A2K.ΔCRLF
[3]
             ✓y A remove non-quoted whitespace (space, tab, cr, lf)
                                               r+{x} jsonParseFast y;a;q
[4]
          q+a/q
                                      [[1]
                                               a+maskBetvQuotes v
[5]
        □:select
                                      [2]
                                               a+~q^y €' ', □UCS 10 13
[6]
            :case
                                      [3]
                                               y+a/y A remove non-quoted whitespace (space, tab, cr, lf)
[7]
              v+1\downarrow^-1\downarrow v
                                               a+a/a
[8]
              a+1↓-1↓a
                                              -: select 1
              y+(~q^(q maskBetws ad[6]
[9]
                                                 :case '{'=ty
[10]
              r+newDict <[1]((0.5×
                                                   y+1↓-1↓y
[11]
              r.keys+jsonParse2"r.
                                                    a+1↓-1↓a
[12]
              :if 0=#.A2K.ΔNC 'x'
                                                    y+(~q^(q maskBetwBraces y)^(q maskBetwBrackets y)^yε',:')<y
[13]
                r.values+jsonParse2[10]
                                                    r+3pc''
[14]
                                                      er)+'`dict'
              :endif
                                      [[11]
[15]
                                      [12]
            :case '['=ty
                                      [13]
[16]
              y+1\downarrow^-1\downarrow y
                                                       JSON
                                      [14]
[17]
              a+1↓<sup>-</sup>1↓a
                                      [15]
[18]
              r+(~a^(a maskBetwBrad
                                      [16]
[19]
              :if 0=#.A2K.ANC 'x'
                                      [[17]
[20]
                r+jsonParse2"r
                                      [18]
                                                   v+1↓-1↓v
[21]
              :endif
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                                                    a+1↓-1↓a
[22]
            :case '"'=tv
                                                   r+jsonParseFast"(~q^(q maskBet $races γ)^(q maskBetwBrackets γ)^γε',')=γ
[23]
              r+1↓-1↓v
                                      [21]
                                                   :if 0= NC 'x'
[24]
            :case (ty)∈'tf'
                                      [22]
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[25]
              A true/fal
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                                                   :andif ~0(€°1)2≡/2="r
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                                                      r+'`table'(2>tr)(c[1]>3>"r)
[26]
                                      [25]
                                                    :endif
[27]
                                      [26]
                                                 :case '"'=ty
[28]
              A number
                                      [27]
                                                   r+1↓-1↓y
[29]
              r+t#.A2K.ΔFI y
                                      [28]
                                                 :case (ty)∈'tf'
          :endselect
                                      [29]
                                                    A true/false
                                      [30]
                                                   r + y
                                      [31]
                                                 :else
                                      [32]
                                                    A number
                                      [33]
                                                   r+t□FI y
                                      [34]
                                               :endselect
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r+{x} jsonParse2 y;a;q

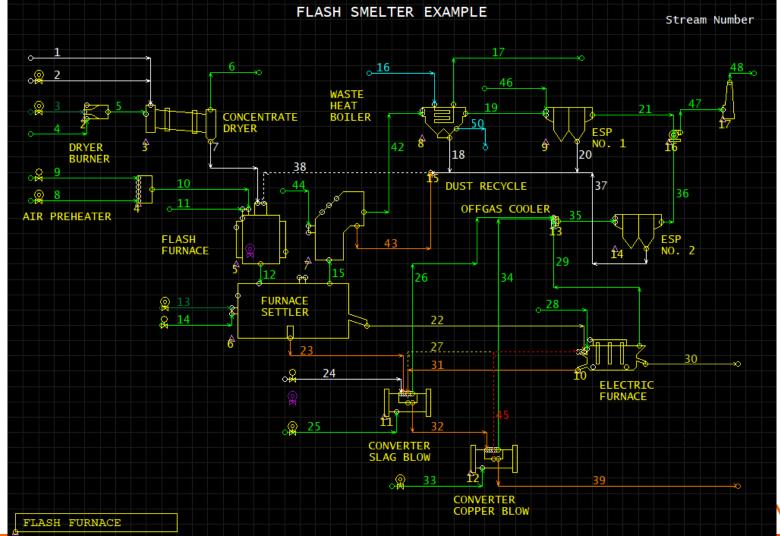
Component Files

- - Uses an APL+Win runtime application and binary SCAR format via TCP sockets
- Allows parallel operation of old + new versions of the application code
- Component files can be migrated gradually

The Hard Part

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Uvi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'Move')
z+'METSIM.mov'
z+'METSIM.mov.mUp' □vi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GU') ('onClick' 'GCTR 0 1 ♦ ΔSYM+1 ♦
z+'METSIM.mov.mDn' □wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GD') ('onClick' 'GCTR 0 <sup>-</sup>1 ♦ ΔSYM+1 ♦
z+'METSIM.mov.mLf' □wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GL') ('onClick' 'GCTR □1 0 ◊ ΔSYM+1 ◊
z+'METSIM.mov.mRg' □vi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GR') ('onClick' 'GCTR 1 0 ♦ ΔSYM+1 ♦
z+'METSIM.mov.mPU' [wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PU') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1[(ρSEC)[1][Is
z+'METSIM.mov.mPD' [wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PD') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1[(ρSEC)[1][Is"
z+'METSIM.mov.mHO' [wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PH') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1
z+'METSIM.mov.mEN' [wi 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PE') ('onClick' '2 FSEC (ρSEC)[1]
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∆size+size+wf □wi 'size'
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z+'METSIM.mov' #.A2K.ΔWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'Move')
z+'METSIM.mov.mUp' #.A2K.∆WI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GU') ('onClick' 'GCTR 0 1 ◊ ΔS
z+'METSIM.mov.mDn' #.A2K.AWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GD') ('onClick' 'GCTR
z+'METSIM.mov.mLf' #.A2K.ΔWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GL') ('onClick' 'GCTR <sup>-</sup>1 0 ◊ ΔS
z+'METSIM.mov.mRg' #.A2K.ΔWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'GR') ('onClick' 'GCTR
z+'METSIM.mov.mPU' #.A2K.ΔWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PU') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1[(ρSEC)
z+'METSIM.mov.mPD' #.A2K.ΔWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PD') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1[(ρSEC)
z+'METSIM.mov.mHO' #.A2K.AWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PH') ('onClick' '2 FSEC 1
z+'METSIM.mov.mEN' #.A2K.AWI 'New' 'Menu' ('caption' 'PE') ('onClick' '2 FSEC
wf #.A2K.∆VI 'scale' 1 ♦ ∆scale+(wf #.A2K.∆VI 'scale')[4 5] ♦ wf #.A2K.∆VI 'scale' 5
Δsize+size+wf #.A2K.ΔWI 'size'
                                                            A avail form area
```







Demo



ΔWI Status September 2024

Some Support

button imagelist picture richedit check label combo list scroll edit listview selector form spinner menu timer frame page

No Support

```
activecontrol listview status activeobject mdiform toolbox commandbar media trackbar commandbutton option tree datetime printer grid progress
```



Declaration of Intent

- We have hired two new APL developers in 2024
- METSIM® migration complete expected around end of 2024
- Our partners in Germany, USA and Sweden are gaining experience of migrations

Migration Status

- AWI is close to supporting all of METSIM®
 - Additional features will be added to support future migrants
- We will produce a document enumerating differences and documenting emulation functions
- All migration tools and documentation will be free and open source
- We *may* also decide to add new features to v20
 - For example : LeaveIf

