

# Initial En Route Qualification Training

Instructor
Lesson 43
Computer Equipment
And Message Entry, Part 1

Course 50148001

#### **LESSON PLAN DATA SHEET**

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RADAR-ASSOCIATE POSITION USER MANUAL; TI6110.100,

RADAR POSITION USER MANUAL

HANDOUT(S): COMPUTER MESSAGE CHECKLISTS and LAB QUICK REFERENCE

**GUIDE** 

**EXERCISE(S)/** ERAM CBIs / MESSAGE PRACTICES 1 - 3 (PERFORMED IN THE

**ACTIVITY(S)**: CLASSROOM)

**END-OF-LESSON** NONE

TEST:

PERFORMANCE NONE

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MATERIALS: NONE

OTHER PERTINENT NONE

**INFORMATION:** 

**NOTE:** As you prepare for this lesson, recall and be prepared to talk about examples and personal experiences that illustrate or explain the teaching points in the lesson.

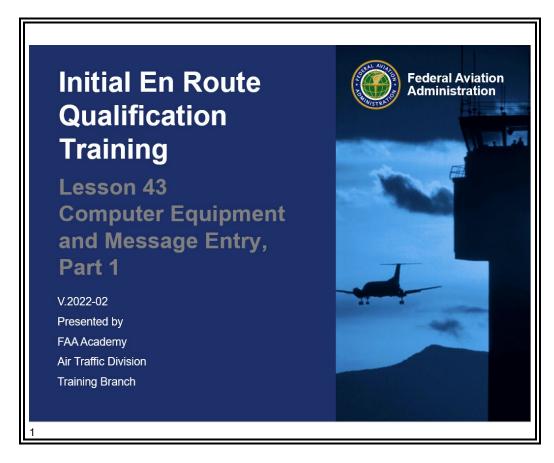
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#### INTRODUCTION

Gain Attention





In the course so far, you have learned to coordinate and separate using non-automated procedures. In this lesson, you will apply the same concepts via automated procedures.

# **INTRODUCTION** (Continued)

# Opening Scenario



# COMPUTER MESSAGE ENTRY AND EQUIPMENT

Using the equipment is a critical aspect of your position as a Radar-Associate controller. Understanding the procedures associated with the equipment allows for safe and expeditious sector operations.

**NOTE:** The term "message" is being replaced with the term "command" when entering data into the ERAM computer. While you may hear the term "message" in your training at the Academy, the term "command" will be used at ERAM facilities during Stages 2, 3, and 4. For example, computer "message" entry will become computer "command" entry.

#### **Purpose**

In this lesson, you will learn about the equipment controllers use as well as the preferred methods for computer messaging.

# **INTRODUCTION** (Continued)

#### Lesson Objectives



#### **LESSON OBJECTIVES**

In accordance with FAA Order JO 7110.65, Tl6110.101, and Tl6110.100, you will be familiar with:

- Purpose of ERAM and its basic operations
- Benefits of EDST
- Hardware used in the Radar-Associate position
- Computer messages
- EDST entries

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**SOUTE:** Teach from graphic.

# EN ROUTE AUTOMATION AND MODERNIZATION (ERAM)

Purpose of ERAM TI6110.101, par. 2.2.2



 The ERAM system provides air traffic controllers with advanced tools to manage information and to facilitate interacting with that information.

System Overview TI6110.101, par. 1.3.1 • The system combines real-time flight plan data, radar track data, site adaptation, aircraft performance characteristics, winds and temperatures aloft to construct four-dimensional flight profiles (trajectories), for active and proposed flights.

**NOTE:** The four-dimensions are longitude, latitude, altitude, and time.

- For active flights the system adapts to observed behavior of aircraft
  - Adjusts speeds, climb/descent rates
    - → This allows the system to maintain aircraft trajectories to get the best possible prediction of future aircraft positions

# EN ROUTE AUTOMATION AND MODERNIZATION (ERAM) (Continued)

#### Area of Interest (AOI) TI6110.100, par. 2.1

- ERAM introduces the "flight planning" area of interest (AOI) that is an adapted area outside of the Center Boundary within which flight plan data is available from other ERAM facilities.
  - The center boundary is also referred to as the Area of Responsibility

#### **Operations** TI6110.101, pars. 1.3.2, 1.3.4, 1.3.5

- There are two types of basic operations:
  - Plan Processing includes:
    - Current Plans is the trajectory of an aircraft's active flight plan
      - → The system **must** have a flight plan in order to model a trajectory

**NOTE:** Track data is **not** mandatory to model a trajectory, but it will make it more accurate.

 Trial Plans is the trajectory for a proposed amendment created at the RA position

**NOTE:** The system uses these trajectories to continuously detect potential conflicts with other predicted trajectories/Special Activity Airspace (SAAs):

- Up to 20 minutes into the future
- To provide notification to the appropriate sector
- Tracking Processing includes:
  - Conformance Monitoring is where track report data, such as Computer Identification Number (CID), beacon code, time, position, and altitude, is submitted from the system every 12 seconds
    - → Conformance Monitoring checks track data against the Current Plan trajectory
    - → If the data is out of conformance, it will re-conform

# **EN ROUTE AUTOMATION AND MODERNIZATION**

(ERAM) (Continued)

Primary Function of ERAM Decision Support Tools (EDST) TI6110.101, pars. 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.4

- Prior to ERAM, paper strips and the User Request Evaluation Tool (URET) were the initial Radar-Associate tools used to detect conflictions.
  - · URET functionality has been incorporated into ERAM
- Conflict Probe is the automatic detection and notification of predicted aircraft-to-aircraft and aircraft-to-airspace conflicts
  - · Allows for timely resolution
  - Improves traffic flow
- Trial Planning allows the system to check a desired amendment before issuing the clearance to see if the planned amendment will resolve the conflict and/or cause any other conflicts.
  - Can be converted to a flight plan amendment with a mouse click
- Flight Data Management is the primary source of flight data for proposed and active aircraft of interest to the sector.

#### **EDST BENEFITS**

# Benefits to Controllers





- EDST is a decision support tool.
  - EDST does **not** change controller responsibility for separation of aircraft
  - EDST is a tool to help the controller make decisions
    - The controller **still** decides when and how to use this information
      - → As a controller, you will use the same skills and apply the same good judgment that you have been taught so far in your training
- EDST is more timely and accurate than a strip operation.
  - EDST always displays the most up-to-date flight data

**NOTE:** When a new strip comes off the printer with updated flight plan information, that strip may **not** make it to the active bay in a timely manner. Consequently, controllers may be using old, inaccurate flight plan data to make decisions. This does **not** happen with EDST.

 EDST uses radar track data as well as flight plan data to predict conflicts

# **EDST BENEFITS** (Continued)

# Benefits to Controllers (Cont'd)

**NOTE:** Times on strips can be up to 3 minutes off **without** the controller receiving an update. Because of this, aircraft with the same estimates over a common fix can miss by dozens of miles. RA controllers may spend quite a bit of time addressing traffic situations that do **not** really exist. Because EDST uses radar track data, it is far more accurate than strips in predicting conflicts.

**NOTE:** Discuss the amount of time spent looking for conflicts in the nonradar lab.

- EDST enhances efficiency of the sector team by providing:
  - Relief from routine tasks, such as stripmarking and strip manipulation
    - A MITRE Corporation study for the FAA found that 60% of the RA controller's time is spent marking, moving, and manipulating strips
  - Automated prediction of potential conflicts
    - Conflicts are prominently displayed on the EDST screen
    - EDST always uses the most up-to-date information (flight plan data and radar track data) to provide conflict notification
    - This allows more time for the RA controller to assist the Radar controller in:
      - → Managing sector workload
      - → Responding to user requests
      - → Strategic planning
  - More efficient use of time
    - Controllers keep their eyes on the radar glass, not on the strips
    - Helps controllers recognize traffic situations as they develop
    - Helps to perform required coordination
    - Looks for conflicts
    - Uses trial planning
    - RA and Radar controllers communicate more with each other

**NOTE:** Particularly when busy, a controller's most valuable commodity is extra time—time to evaluate situations and make good decisions. EDST helps to provide that extra time.

# **EDST BENEFITS** (Continued)

#### Benefits to Airspace Users

- Automated conflict prediction provides a more accurate assessment of user requests.
- Enhanced amendment capabilities provide greater access to direct routings.
- Flight time and fuel consumption are reduced due to aircraft flying more direct routes.
- Restrictions in route, altitude, and speed are reduced.

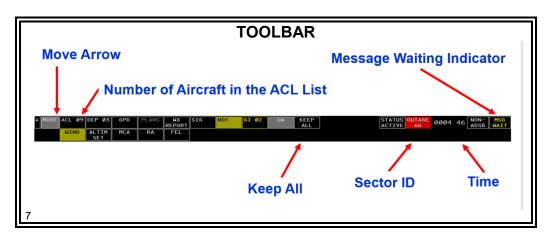
#### RADAR-ASSOCIATE POSITION HARDWARE

Flat Panel Display TI6110.101, par. 3.3.1



- Flat panel display is the main interface with system.
  - It can be adjusted for viewing at RA-Position or R-Position





- The Toolbar is located either at the top or bottom of the flat panel monitor and is **always** displayed.
  - No other displays can overlap the Toolbar
  - It contains buttons for accessing each of the major display windows, as well as information about the system status

**Toolbar** (**Cont'd**) Tl6110.101, par. 3.3.1

- The window buttons on the Toolbar serve as a toggle to either minimize or maximize all ERAM windows
- To display any ERAM window that is **not** currently displayed, left-click on its button on the Toolbar
- The Toolbar includes the following buttons:

Button	Displays		
MORE	Displays second row of access buttons		
ACL	Aircraft List		
DEP	Departure List (DL)		
GPD	Graphic Plan Display		
PLANS	Plans Display		
WX REPORT	Weather Station Report View		
SIG	SIGMETS View		
NOT	NOTAMS View		
GI	General Information Messages View		
UA	Update Area View		
STATUS ACTIVE	Status View		
OUTAGE 66	Outage View		
NON - ADSB	Turns on/off the ADSB indicator of ADSB equipped aircraft		
WIND	Wind Grid Display		
ALTIM SET	Altimeter Settings View		
MCA	Message Composition Area View		
RA	Response Area View		
FEL	Flight Event List		
KEEP ALL	Keeps all aircraft in the ACL from dropping off display. VCI indicator box turns gray.		

**NOTE:** Later in this lesson you will take a series of computer-based instructions (CBIs) which will provide more detail on the displays listed in the table.

**NOTE:** Explain to students that we will discuss **only** some of the Toolbar buttons at this time, but that the CBIs later in this lesson will provide greater detail for all the buttons.

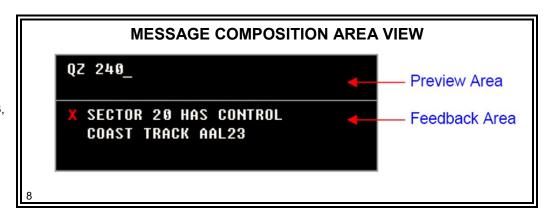
# **Lists** Tl6110.101, par. 3.3.1

- Aircraft List (ACL) is the same as the "active" bay.
  - It is the primary display the Radar-Associate controller interfaces with when operating the EDST system
  - It displays flight data and alerts for active flights.
  - The ACL does **not** display any times
- O Departure List (DL) is the same as the "suspense" bay.
  - It uses the same format as the ACL to show proposed departures
  - It displays P time before the flight identification
  - It displays the code before the route of flight
  - You must look at the route of flight to determine the departure point
  - The DL does not display speed of aircraft

Message Composition Area (MCA) View

TI6110.101, pars. 3.6.1, 3.6.3, 3.6.7





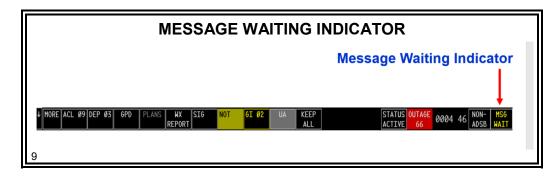
- ⊙ The Message Composition Area View (MCA) consists of the:
  - Preview Area which is used to type commands
  - Feedback Area which displays command feedback in the form of Accept, Error, and Reject messages
- MCA View
  - If the cursor is **not** in an input area of an ERAM display and the user starts typing, the MCA View will pop to the top of the display and the characters typed will be echoed in the Preview Area
- Clearing the Preview of MCA
  - Press the CLEAR key to erase all text in the Preview Area

#### Response Area (RA) View

Tl6110.101, pars. 3.9.1, 3.9.2, 3.9.6

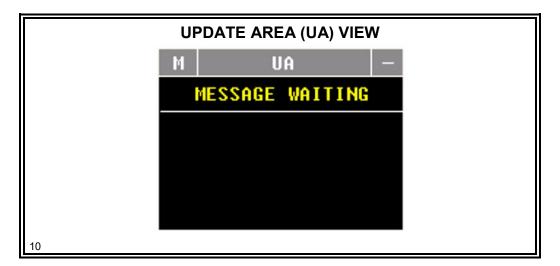
- The Response Area View provides an area to display requested information.
- Left/middle-click the RA button on the Toolbar to access the Response Area.
- There are two ways to clear the Response Area:
  - Middle-click anywhere on the RA View to display the View menu
  - Left/middle-click CLEAR to remove the message text

Message Waiting Indicator TI6110.101, par. 3.3.4



- The last box on the right side of the Toolbar is the Message Waiting Indicator.
  - If there is a message waiting in the Update Area View, MSG WAIT appears in yellow in the box; otherwise, it displays in gray.

Update Area (UA) View TI6110.101, par. 3.7.3



⊙ The Update Area (UA) View displays update messages.

#### Acknowledging Queued Messages TI6110.101, par. 3.7.4

- There are three ways to view messages:
  - Left/middle-click on the 'MSG WAIT' button on the Toolbar
  - Press the MSG ACK key
  - Left/middle-click 'MESSAGE WAITING' in the Update Area View
- Acknowledging the queued message raises the Update Area View to the top of the screen and shows the queued message.
  - Any previously displayed message in the UA View is cleared

# Clearing the Update Area

Tl6110.101, par. 3.7.5

- There are three ways to clear the Update Area:
  - Left/middle-click on the empty MSG WAIT button on the Toolbar
  - Press the MSG ACK key
  - Left/middle-click to empty 'MESSAGE WAITING' area in the Update Area View

#### System Status Information

TI6110.101, par. 3.3.3

- The numbers on the ACL and DEP buttons indicate the number of aircraft entries in the Aircraft List and Departure List.
- The SIG, NOT, and GI buttons have a yellow border and yellow text when there are unacknowledged entries in their view.

Trackball Mouse TI6110.101, par. 2.3.3



• Using the trackball mouse requires proper placement of the cursor before completing a function.

Trackball Button	Button Name	Function
Left	Select Button	When pressed (or clicked) it either:  1. Selects an object  2. Executes an immediate action
Middle	Implied Command Button	When pressed, it activates an implied command.
Right	Implied Delete Button	When pressed, removes information from the display.

**NOTE:** When using the trackball, controllers often use the memory aid SAD—select, activate, and delete.

#### **KEYBOARD**

# Keyboard



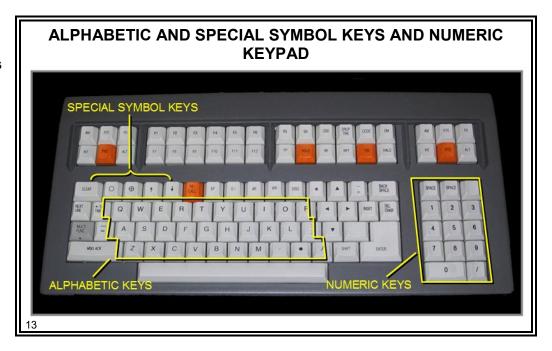


- The keyboard provided at each RA position:
  - Is used to enter data and to request information from ERAM
  - Consists of:
    - Alphabetic and Special Symbol Keys and Numeric Keypad

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- Hard-Labeled Function Keys
- Text-Editing Keys
- Immediate Action Hard-Labeled Function Keys

Alphabetic and Special Symbol Keys and Numeric Keypad

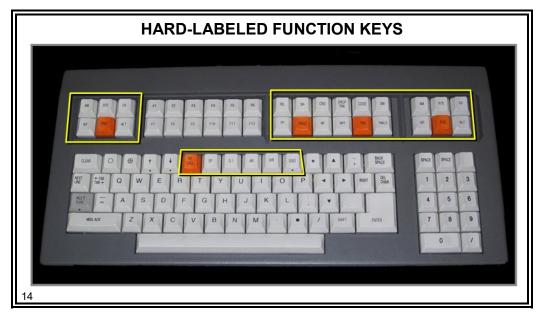


- Default mode is Overstrike.
- All alphabetic, numeric, and special symbol keys will auto-repeat if held down.

**NOTE:** The numeric keypad is reversed from conventional keyboard.

Hard-Labeled Function Keys

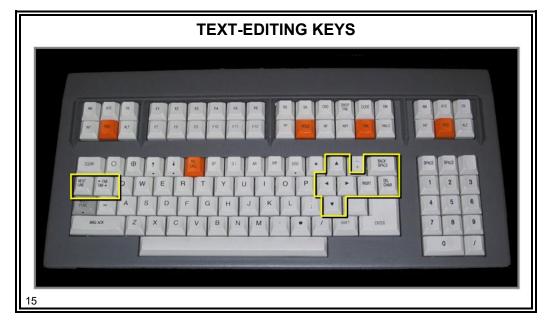




- ⊙ 30 keys
  - 24 on the top two rows and 6 above the QWERTY array
- Used as message designators

# Text-Editing Keys





- Insert (INSRT) key
  - Used to place the editor in Insert mode
- Delete Character (DEL CHAR) key
  - Used to delete the character at the location of the keyboard cursor
- TAB key
  - · Used to tab right or, with a Shift action, to tab left
    - Holding the TAB key down results in continuous tabbing
- NEXT LINE key
  - Used to move the keyboard cursor to the first character position of the next line of the Preview Area
- BACKSPACE key
  - Used to move the keyboard cursor one character position to the left, deleting the character in the position
- Keyboard cursor arrow keys
  - Used to move the keyboard cursor within the Preview Area
    - Holding any of the keyboard cursor arrow keys down results in continuous movement of the keyboard cursor

Immediate Action Hard-Labeled Function Keys

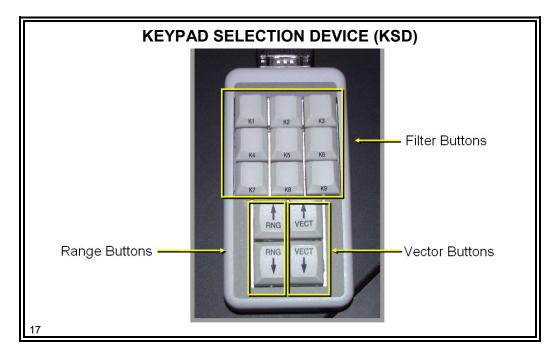




- ⊙ RECALL key
  - Used to retrieve a previously entered message
- Message Acknowledge (MSG ACK) key
  - Used to acknowledge the next message in the update queue at the Dposition
- Space bar and Space key
  - Used to enter a single space
- ENTER key
  - Used to enter an input message displayed in the MCA
- Multifunction (MULTI FUNC) key
  - Darker gray than other keys
  - Always used in conjunction with other keyboard entries
- CLEAR key
  - Used to remove from the display all the information in the Response Area

Keypad Selection Device





- The Keypad Selection Device (KSD) operates independently from the trackball and includes:
  - Filter buttons
    - Enable immediate action commands that toggle a subset of filters on or off
      - → Filter buttons are site-specific.
  - Vector (VECT) and Range (RNG) buttons
    - Change the vector and range settings

#### Knowledge Check





#### **KNOWLEDGE CHECK**

- **QUESTION:** To move the cursor to the next lower line of text, press the \_\_\_\_\_ key.
  - A. Tab
  - B. Next Line
  - C. Backspace

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\*\*NOTE: Click once to show answer.

ANSWER: B

# Equipment CBIs



#### **CBIS FOR LESSON PLAN PAGES 1-23**



- · Working with Windows
- Areas and Columns
- · Interacting with Entries
- Entry Coding
- NOTAMs, Gls, and SIGMETs
- Status and Outage Views
- Wind Grid

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**NOTE:** Inform students that the CBIs focus on the EDST equipment listed on the slide.

# Working with Windows CBI

- In the Working With Windows CBI, you will:
  - Operate EDST windows
  - Learn the functions of the RA trackball
  - Learn how to use the Message Composition Area (MCA), Response Area (RA), and Update Area (UA)
  - · Perform basic EDST functions

# Areas and Columns CBI

- On the Areas and Columns CBI, you will:
  - Identify the different posting areas on the ACL and DL and their functions
  - · Change the flight plan sort order
  - · Identify columns in the ACL and DL

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# Interacting with Entries CBI

- In the Interacting with Entries CBI, you will:
  - Learn Keep List entries
  - Use the Add/Find Box
  - Use the Bookkeeping Box
  - · Highlight entries
  - Enter and suppress free-form text
  - Move flight plans to and within the Special Postings Area

# **Entry Coding CBI**

- ⊙ In the Entry Coding CBI, you will:
  - Interpret color coding for:
    - IAFDOF
    - Unsuccessful Transmission Message (UTM)
    - Embedded Route Text (ERT)
    - Flights IDs
      - → Aircraft Identification (call sign)
      - → Discrete beacon code
      - → Computer Identification Number (CID)

# NOTAMs, GIs, and SIGMETs CBI

- In the NOTAMs, GIs, and SIGMETs CBI, you will:
  - Access views
  - Learn the entry coding
  - Suppress/restore entries
  - Sort and filter NOTAMs
  - Forward and delete GI messages

#### Status and Outage Views CBI

- In Status and Outage Views CBI, you will learn about:
  - RA position Status button and views
  - RA position Outage button and views

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- Wind Grid CBI ⊙ In Wind Grid CBI, you will:
  - Learn the purpose of the Wind Grid Display
  - Switch between temperature and wind data
  - Recenter the display
  - Change the display range and altitude

#### **Directions**

- Complete the following EDST equipment CBIs in the order shown:
  - 1. Working with Windows
  - 2. Areas and Columns
  - 3. Interacting with Entries
  - 4. Entry Coding
  - 5. NOTAMs, GIs, and SIGMETs
  - 6. Status and Outage Views
  - 7. Wind Grid

#### Time

#### Guidelines

• Take your time. There is a lot of information to digest.

PNOTE: Discuss the use of headsets during the CBI.

- Make sure to read the text as well as listen to the narration
- You are only required to do something if you hear "try it"
- The CBI lessons do **not** show a fully functional system
- Even though there are sometimes several ways to accomplish a task within the EDST, the CBIs generally show and teach the "best" way to do

**NOTE:** Sometimes the CBI may **not** allow you to perform a function with an alternate method. You may get an "incorrect" response. This is because the CBI is showing you the quickest and best way of using EDST.

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#### Message Practice 1

**NOTE:** Using the SIGNAL computer program, the students will complete Message Practice 1 in the classroom lab. Instructions on operating the classroom equipment to run MP 1 thru MP 3 are in the equipment section of the instructor syllabus.

**NOTE:** Perform each message practice checklist twice per student.

**NOTE:** For students checklists are in the handout section of their binders labeled "Computer Message Checklists MP 1-4 HO". Checklists for instructors are in binders in each classroom and should be handed out for the scenario and then picked up by the lead instructor.

#### HARD-LABELED FUNCTION KEY ENTRIES



# FLIGHT PLAN MESSAGE FP N213T C210/A 2304 220 KVKS P1210 70 KVKS..VKS..MHZ.V18.MEI.. KATL/0132

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\*\*NOTE: Tell students to retrieve Lab Quick Reference Guide from Appendix B. Explain that they can then use this guide in the classroom and the lab.

**NOTE:** While most computer entries can be made using the EDST, there are still those that may **only** be made using the hard-labeled function keys. Some messages may be made using both EDST and the function keys, but our goal is to teach you the most efficient way to make an entry.

A <b>computer message</b> consists of a series of fields in a specified order It enables two-way communication to take place between the specialist and the computer.
A <b>field</b> is one or more continuous nonspace characters separated from each adjacent field by a space.
<b>Elements</b> are items of information within a field, composed of characters that are separated by special characters ( <b>never</b> a space).
<b>Character</b> is a graphic symbol, such as the clear weather symbol (O), or a letter or number on the alphanumeric keyboard.

#### Element Separators

- O Common element separators include:
  - "/" is used to separate elements in aircraft data and route

Example: H/B763/I

• "." is used to separate unlike elements in the route

Example: KMLU.V18.MHZ.V9.SQS.V535.HLI..M41

• ".." is used to separate like elements in the route

Example: KMLU..MHZ..SQS..KGWO

• "./." is used to indicate that expired route elements have been omitted (tailored) or that future route elements not pertinent to the fix/sector have been omitted (truncated)

Example: KATL./.MEI.V18.MLU..KMLU

**NOTE:** Element separators will also be used in EDST route entries.

# Knowledge Check

\*\*NOTE: Ask students the following questions based on slide 20.

**QUESTION:** What is the aircraft type?

Answer: C210/A

**QUESTION:** Are there element separators in this field?

**Answer**: Yes

**QUESTION:** How many fields are in this flight plan message?

Answer: 9

**QUESTION:** How many characters are in the route of flight?

Answer: 20

#### Flight Identification for Message Entries

- There are four ways to identify a flight:
  - Aircraft identification (call sign)
  - · Discrete beacon code
  - Computer Identification Number (CID)
  - Trackball entry

# Initiating a Message

- To begin a message using the hard-labeled function keys, select the key to begin the message (this is the first field in the message), followed by the correct format for that message.
  - When the key is selected, 2 letters display in the MCA identifying the keyboard shortcut for that specific message

**Example:** To change an aircraft's route, select the RTE hard-labeled function key. The letters QU appear in the MCA and the space is automatically inserted. You may now begin typing in the next field.

 However, if you choose to use the keyboard shortcut for a particular message, you must insert a space before beginning the rest of the message

**Example:** To change an aircraft's route, enter QU for the keyboard shortcut. You will also need to enter a space.

#### Flight Plan Message

- This is the order that **must** be followed to enter a flight plan message using fields:
  - 1. FP key message type (Field 1).

**NOTE:** Click once to show Field 1 on the slide.

2. Aircraft identification - call sign (Field 2).

**NOTE:** Click once to show Field 2 on the slide.

**NOTE:** The aircraft call sign **must** begin with a letter and be between 2 and 7 characters in length.

#### Flight Plan Message (Cont'd)

- 3. Aircraft data (Field 3) includes the:
  - Number of aircraft or Special Aircraft Indicator, followed by a slant (/);
  - Aircraft type, followed by a slant (/); and the
  - Equipment suffix.

**NOTE:** Click once to show Field 3 on the slide.

4. Beacon Code (optional) (Field 4).

\*\*\* NOTE: Click once to show Field 4 on the slide.

**NOTE:** If you omit the beacon code, the computer will assign one consistent with the equipment suffix unless a tentative flight plan (which consists of a call sign and beacon code) already exists. In that event, the computer will add the remainder of the flight plan information to the existing tentative flight plan.

- 5. Filed true airspeed in knots is 2 to 4 digits (Field 5).
- **NOTE:** Click once to show Field 5 on the slide.
  - 6. Fix (Field 6) is the point where processing begins. The fix is 2 to 12 characters in length and includes:
    - Fix name (NAVAID or intersection, etc.)
    - Latitude/Longitude
    - FRD

**\*\*NOTE:** Click once to show the Field 6 on the slide.

#### HARD-LABELED FUNCTION KEY ENTRIES

#### Flight Plan Message (Cont'd)

- 7. Coordination Time (at the fix) (Field 7) is **always** 5 characters, with the first character being one of the following letters:
  - E estimated time (for active flights)
  - P proposed departure time
  - D actual departure time

**Example:** P1300, E1455, D1232

**NOTE:** Click once to show Field 7 on the slide.

**NOTE:** When the first 2 digits are XX, the minutes represent a relative time from the current time, for example, EXX02 is 2 minutes after the current time; EXX00 is the current time.

- 8. Assigned altitude for active flights (Field 8)
- 9. Requested altitude for inactive flights (Field 9)

**NOTE:** Click once to show Field 9 on the slide.

**NOTE:** You will either have an entry for Field 8 or 9. The computer will know if it's an assigned altitude or a requested altitude based on the letter in front of the time.

- 10. Route of flight (Field 10)
  - First element must always be a fix
  - Last element must always be a fix
  - Element separators are used to separate elements in the route (either one dot or two)
  - Airways, STARs, SIDs are considered "routes", not fixes
  - An ETE /ETA may be attached to the last fix of the route using a slant (/) to separate the last fix and the 4 digit time

\*\* NOTE: Click once to show Field 10 on the slide.

#### Flight Plan Message (Cont'd)

- 11. Pertinent remarks (optional) (Field 11)
  - A clear weather symbol (O) is used for intercenter remarks
  - An overcast symbol (circle with a plus in the middle) is used for intracenter remarks (⊕)
  - If using both, the intracenter remarks precede the intercenter remarks

**NOTE:** Knowing field numbers is **only** relevant when using the amendment key (AM) to change flight plan data.

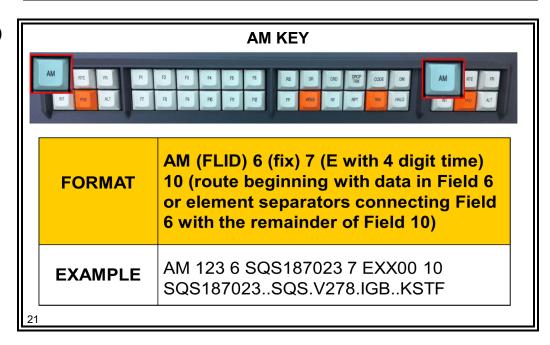
#### **Eligibility**

- A message affecting flight plan data requires sector eligibility (track control).
- O Eligibility:
  - Begins when a handoff (track control) is accepted on an aircraft
  - · Is terminated when an aircraft is handed off to another sector
  - Eligibility override is /OK

**NOTE:** All messages using the keyboard require you to press ENTER at the end of the message.

#### **MESSAGES REQUIRING A FUNCTION KEY**

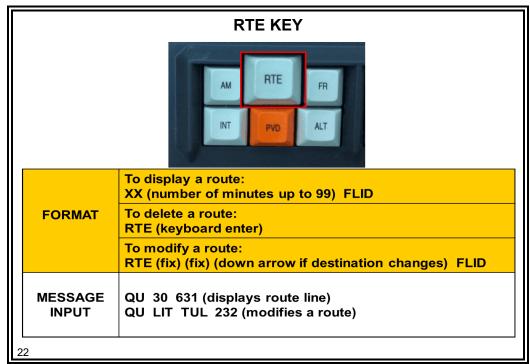
AM Key (AM)



- Purpose is to amend any aircraft data (identifying the fields).
- The one AM you will use in the ZAE Radar Lab is referred to as a 6-7-10.
  - It is called this because it amends Field 6 (fix), Field 7 (time at the fix), and Field 10 (route)

**NOTE:** If a down arrow is used to indicate a new destination, it is inserted directly after the last letter of the new destination.

RTE Key (QU)

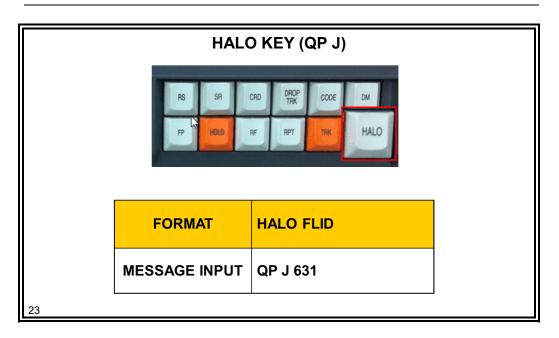


 Purpose is to view a route segment and to modify a route using fixes only.

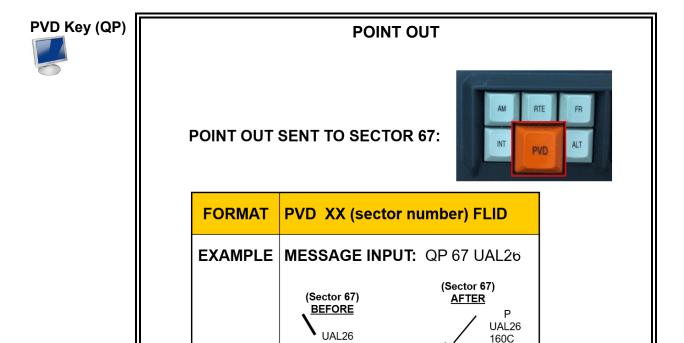
**NOTE:** Remember to use spaces to separate each field if modifying a route.

**NOTE:** Normally the flight id is the last element of a "QU" message.





- Purpose is to display Distance Reference Indicator or Halo around the selected target to assist in maintaining minimum separation.
  - Results in a 5 mile circle or "halo" around the specified target for a visual reference
- The format to remove a specific halo is the same as the format to display it.



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\*\*\* NOTE: Teach from graphic.

- Purpose is to:
  - Display a FDB on another sector which is used for point outs and traffic.

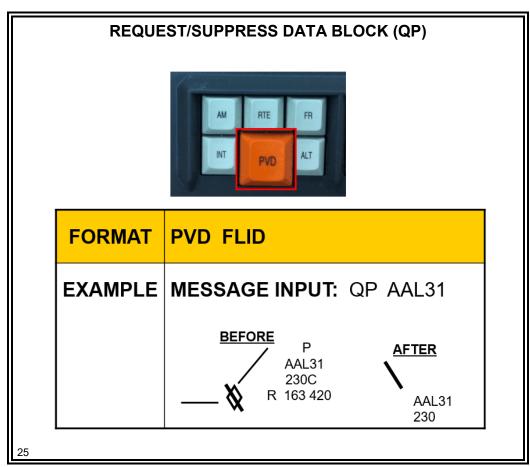
**NOTE:** If sector number is omitted, **not only** did you **not** send the data block to other sectors, your FDB is temporarily suppressed.

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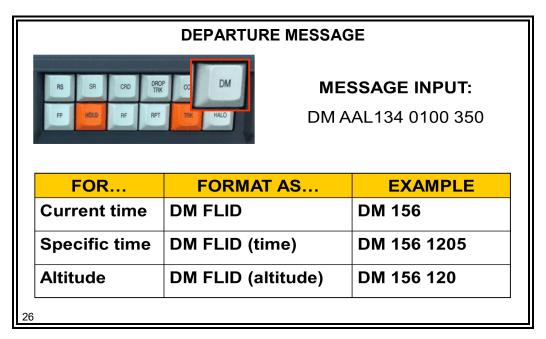




**SOLUTION** NOTE: Teach from graphic.

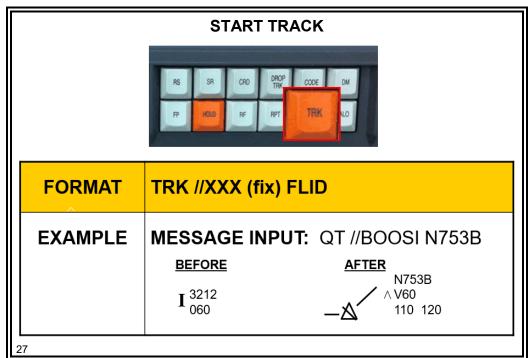
Remove a FDB that was forced to your sector.





• Purpose is to activate/depart a proposed flight.

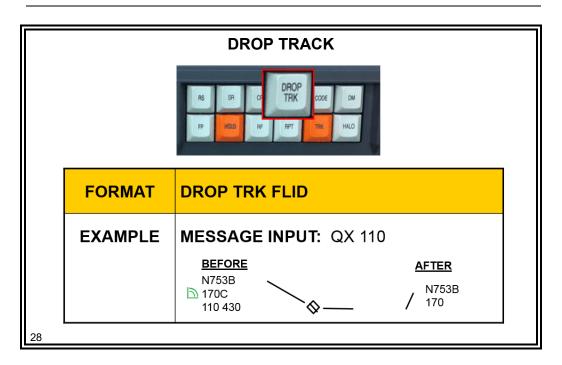




• Purpose is to initiate a track for an aircraft at a specific fix.

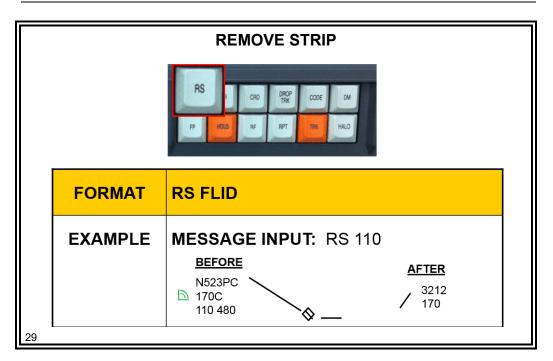
**NOTE:** You will be required to start tracks on all aircraft cleared out of KVKS and 0M8 when the clearance is issued. Be as accurate as possible. System tracking accuracy **may** be compromised if more than 5 miles.





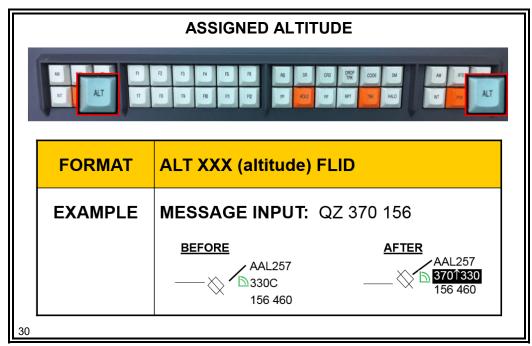
• Purpose is to discontinue tracking a particular flight while maintaining flight plan data.





- Purpose is to remove all flight plan data and associated tracks from the system.
- Confirmation is required. Enter "Y" to confirm the data removal or press the CLEAR key to void the action.

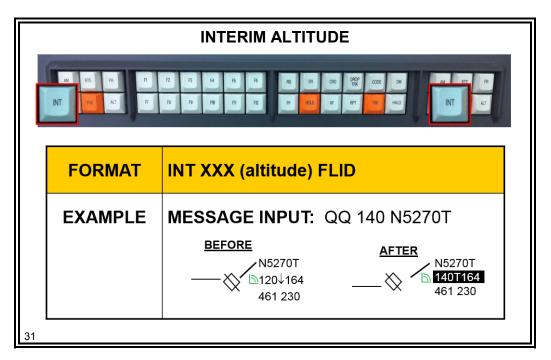




- Purpose is to originate or change the assigned altitude for a specific aircraft.
  - Assigned altitude in FDB changes, updates are sent to appropriate facilities, and B4 character changes, if appropriate

**NOTE:** Leading zeros are required for the altitude.

INT Key (QQ)



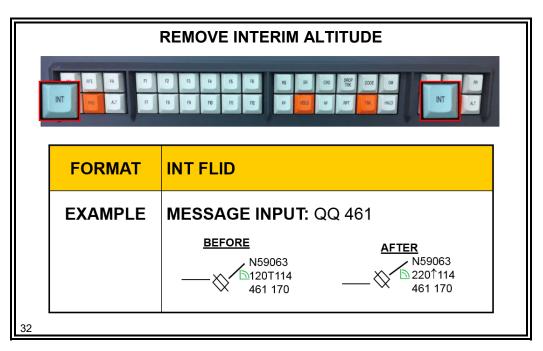
- Purpose is to keep FDB updated and current.
  - Ensures FDB reflects actual status of aircraft; keeping current reduces false conflict alerts
  - Assigned altitude in FDB is replaced by the interim altitude
  - Updates are sent to appropriate facilities
  - B4 character changes to a "T"

**NOTE:** This entry does **not** change the altitude in the flight plan database.

**NOTE:** Leading zeros are required for the altitude.

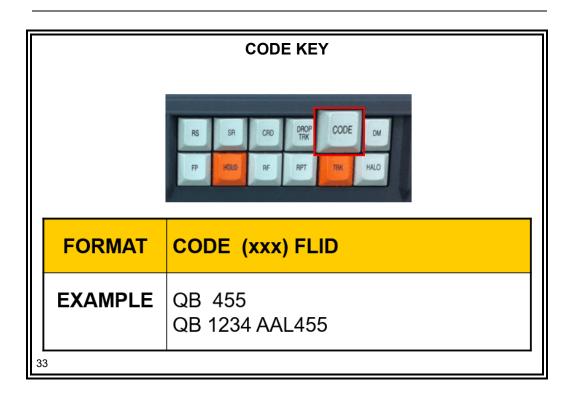
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- Purpose is to remove the interim altitude.
  - The interim altitude is replaced by the assigned altitude and the B4 character returns to normal

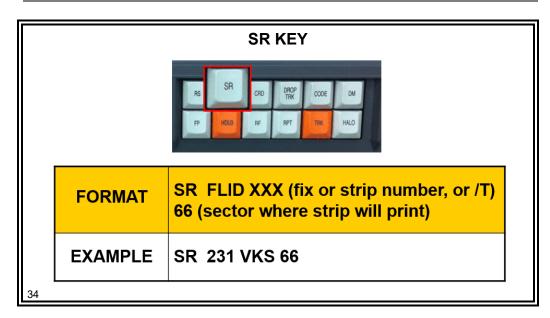




- Purpose is to change, delete, or add an equipment qualifier.
  - Beacon code is **not** allowed as FLID
  - Updated message is sent to other sectors

**NOTE:** Explain to students that this key has other functions **not** taught in this lesson.





Purpose is to request a printed strip.

# CP Key (UU)



- Purpose is to move the ACL display forward on the EDST screen.
  - When the CP key is selected a "UU" message is started which brings the ACL to the front of the EDST. The CP key has other functions that if used by your facility will be trained at your facility.

### **MESSAGES REQUIRING NO FUNCTION KEY**

VFR Abbreviated Flight Plan



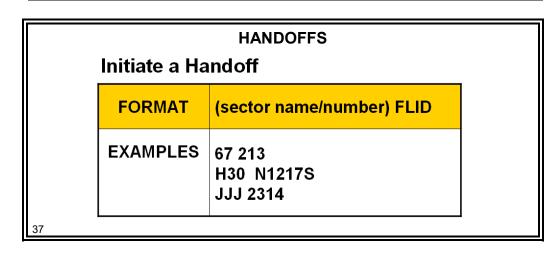
FORMAT VP (aircraft data) (route) FLID  EXAMPLES VP C172/A SQSMEM 1501 VP BE35/I HEZ N23RG	VFR A	BBREVIATED FLIGHT PLAN
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	FORMAT	VP (aircraft data) (route) FLID
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- Purpose of the VP is to convert a tentative flight plan (call sign and code) to a full VFR flight plan.
- Results in the VFR flight plan creation starting at the aircraft's present location, using the current clock time, and "VFR" as the altitude.

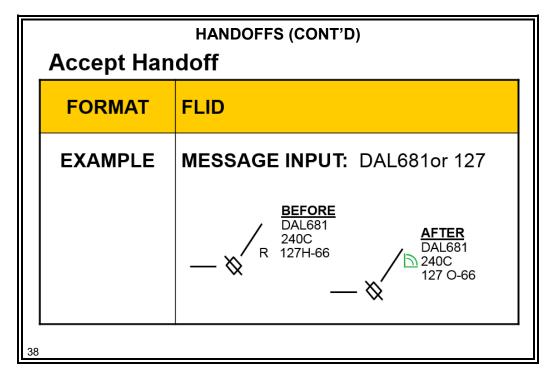
**NOTE:** Do **not** use this message to create a flight plan for an IFR aircraft.

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Purpose is to initiate or accept a handoff.

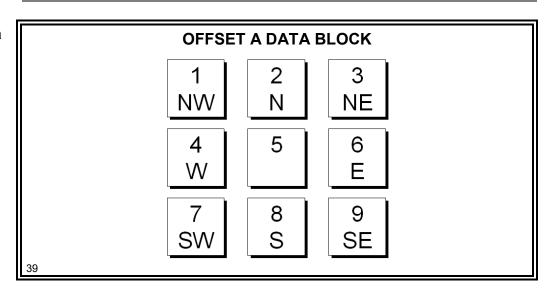


**NOTE:** If you accept a handoff, you assume track control. Track control is **not** the same as having control to move the aircraft.

**NOTE:** While accepting a handoff is an easy computer entry, it is usually done by the Radar Controller for frequency management.

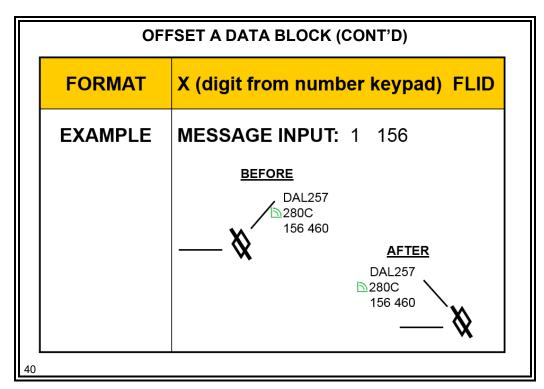
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Offset a Data Block



 Purpose is to change the position of the FDB relative to the position symbol.





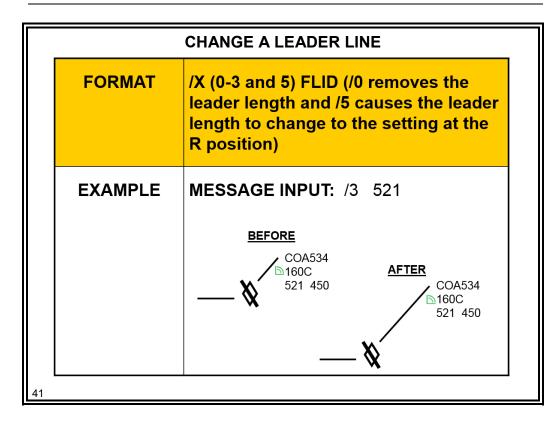
**SOUTE:** Teach from graphic.

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Change a Leader Line

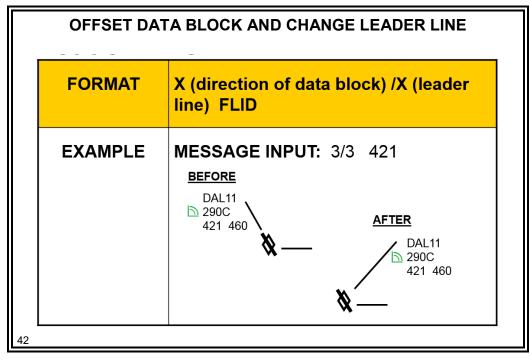




• Purpose is to change the length of the leader line.

Offset Data Block/Change Leader Line





 Purpose is to offset a data block and change a leader line at the same time.

### Knowledge Check





#### **KNOWLEDGE CHECK**

- **QUESTION:** To reposition the FDB to the east, which number on the keypad would you select?
  - A. 3
  - B. 6
  - C. 7

**PNOTE:** Click once to show answer.

ANSWER: B

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### Knowledge Check (Cont'd)





### **KNOWLEDGE CHECK**

**QUESTION:** Which entry will cause the leader length to reset to the R position setting?

A. 10

B. 1/

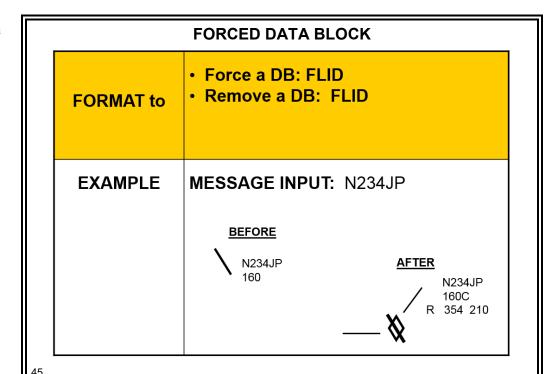
C. /5

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\*\*NOTE: Click once to show answer.

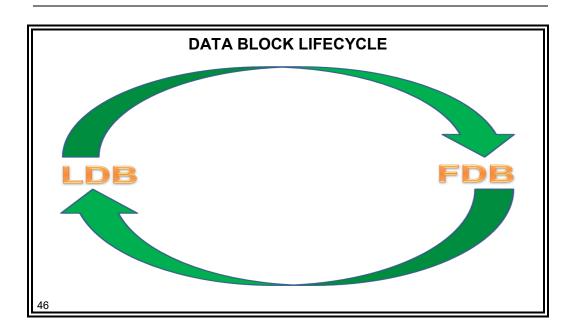
ANSWER: C

Forced Data Block



• Purpose is to force or delete the display of a specified data block for which you do **not** have track control.





**NOTE:** Walk students through the cycling process.

**NOTE:** This is **only** for aircraft that are **not** your track control.

IF YOU HAVE	AND YOU ENTER	YOU GET
Paired LDB	FLID	FDB
FDB	FLID	Paired LDB

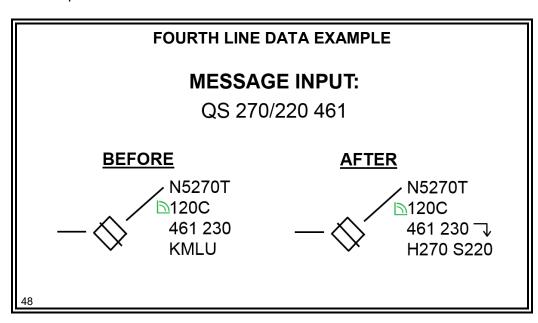
# Fourth Line Data



FOURTH LINE DATA			
MESSAGE TYPE	INPUT	RESULT	EXAMPLE(S)
QS	Heading FLID	Enters heading into fourth line of data block	H270
QS	/Speed FLID	Enters speed into fourth line of data block	\$250
QS	Heading/Speed FLID	Enters heading and speed into fourth line of data block	H270 \$250
			H080/MGM
	OFree-form text	Enters the free-form text	PH
QS	FLID	into fourth line of data block	DN
			D20L
			DR/AEX
QS	*/ FLID	Deletes heading from fourth line of data block	
QS	/* FLID	Deletes speed from fourth line of data block	
QS	* FLID	Deletes all stored fourth line data	

• Purpose is to enter and delete fourth line data block information.





\*\*NOTE: Teach from graphic.

#### Message Practice 2

**NOTE:** Using the SIGNAL computer program, the students will complete Message Practice 2 in the classroom lab. Instructions on operating the classroom equipment to run MP 1 thru MP 3 are in the equipment section of the instructor syllabus.

**NOTE:** Perform each message practice checklist twice per student.

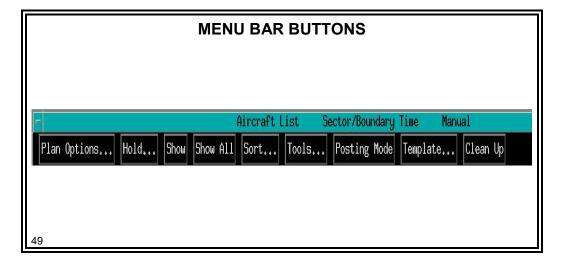
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### **EDST ENTRIES**

Menu Bar Buttons TI6110.101, par. 4.3

**NOTE:** This lesson introduces you to EDST messages. The format of EDST messages is taught in the CBIs.





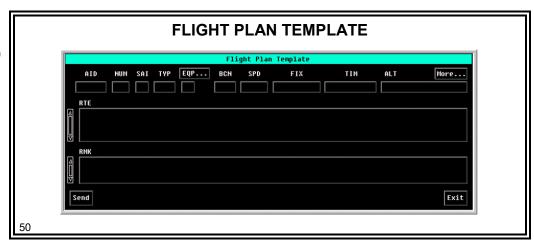
• The menu bar buttons shown below enable you to access various command options when managing flight data.

Buttons	Description
Plan Options	Displays the Plan Options Menu, which is used to amend a flight plan, enter interim altitude, access previous route data, or specify an action to be taken on the selected Aircraft List entry.
Hold	Displays the Hold Data Menu, which is used for entering hold information such as location, direction, turn direction, leg length and EFC time for the specified entry.
Show	Used to graphically display or remove a selected aircraft's current plan and any alerts assigned to the sector on the Graphic Plan Display.
Show All	Used to graphically display or remove a selected aircraft's current plan and show all alerts assigned to that aircraft on the Graphic Plan Display.

Menu Bar Buttons (Cont'd) TI6110.101, par. 4.3

Buttons	Description
Sort Menu	Displays the Sort Menu for the Normal Posting Area. When a sort criterion is selected, the title bar of the Aircraft List is changed accordingly to show the new "sort by" selection.
Tools Menu	Displays the Tools menu, which is used to select restrictions, check the airspace status and display coordination column.
Posting Mode	Toggles between the automatic and manual posting modes for the Aircraft List. When a posting mode is selected, the title bar changes accordingly.
Template	Opens either the Flight Plan Template to create a flight plan (if <b>no</b> entry is selected) or the Amendment Template to amend a flight plan (if an entry is currently selected).
Clean Up	Cleans up the ACL by removing all entries coded gray for deletion.

**Templates** Ti6110.101, pars. 4.4.9, 4.4.10



- When the user selects the Template menu bar button and no aircraft is selected, the Flight Plan (FP) template displays.
  - The user fills in the required fields and left-clicks on the SEND button to submit the flight plan

**NOTE:** FP template on EDST will accomplish the same thing as an FP message using the FP key.

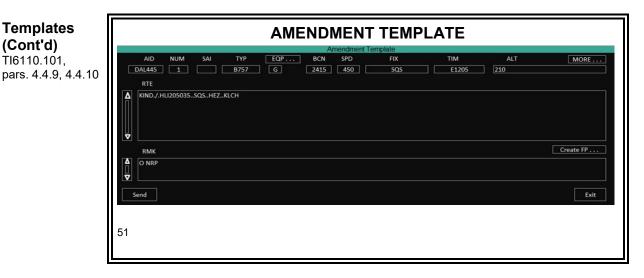
- Aircraft data is broken into 4 separate boxes
  - NUM number of aircraft in the flight
  - SAI special aircraft indicator ex. H for a heavy aircraft
  - TYP type aircraft
  - EQP equipment suffix

**NOTE:** EDST FP template has these 3 elements in 4 different boxes; the FP key combines all the aircraft data using a slant (/) to separate the elements. **Example:** 4/F16/P.

- BCN and RMK are still optional fields
- Remark symbols are still required: O and (overcast symbol O with a plus in the middle)
- Letters E, P, or D are still required before the time

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### **Templates** (Cont'd) TI6110.101,



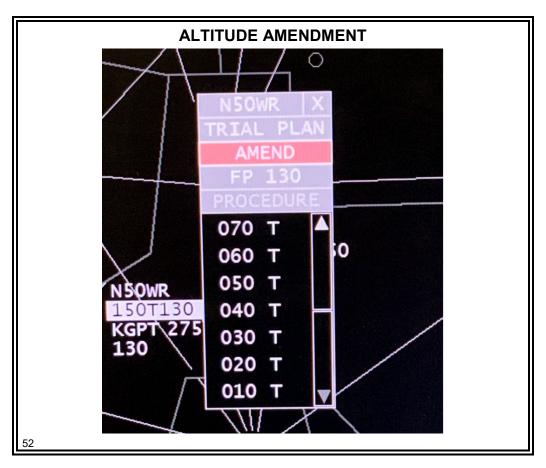
- When a user selects an aircraft on the ACL, and then left-clicks on the Template menu bar button, the Amendment Template opens populated with the flight plan data.
  - The FIX field (Field 6) is populated with the aircraft's current location
  - The TIM (time)(Field 7) is populated with the aircraft's time at the current fix
  - The RTE field (Field 10) is populated beginning with the current fix and the remainder of the route
- When a user selects an aircraft on the DL, and then left-clicks on the Template menu bar button, the Amendment Template opens populated with the flight plan data.
  - The FIX field (Field 6) is populated with the aircraft's departure point
  - The TIM field (Field 7) is populated with the aircraft's proposed time
  - The RTE field (Field 10) is populated with the complete route

# Templates CBI

• In the Templates CBI, you will learn more about Flight Plan and Amendment templates.

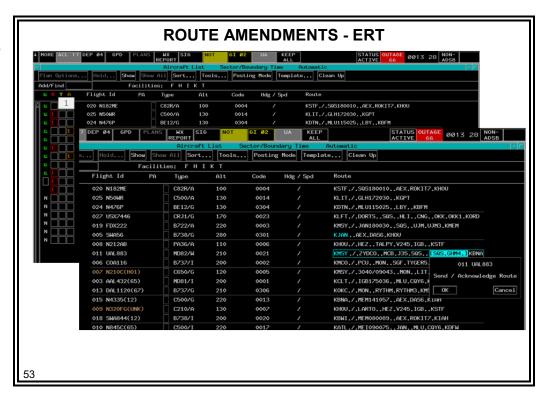
#### Altitude Amendments CBI TI6110.101.





- In the Altitude Amendments CBI, you will:
  - Create an ERAM altitude amendment
  - · Assign and delete an interim altitude
  - Identify the purpose and components of the Altitude and Eligibility menus
  - Identify functions and coding of the Plans Display

### Route Amendments TI6110.101, par. 4.6.18



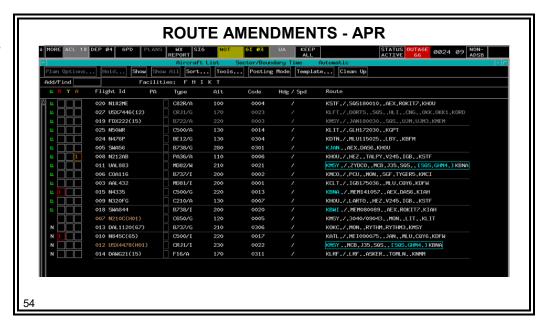
- ERT (Embedded Route Text)
  - ERT routing appears in the route string as blue text
    - This implies that the routing has been forwarded in ERAM, but has not been issued to the pilot (once the R-side has issued the ERT routing, right-click on it to delete the color coding)

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#### Route Amendments (Cont'd) TI6110.101,



par. 4.6.18



#### APR (ATC Preferred Route)

- A blue departure fix indicates than an ATC Preferred Route has been adapted for the flight's destination airport and the aircraft's current route does **not** include any of those adapted routes.
- Left-click on the route string to bring up the route menu
- Choose the appropriate routing

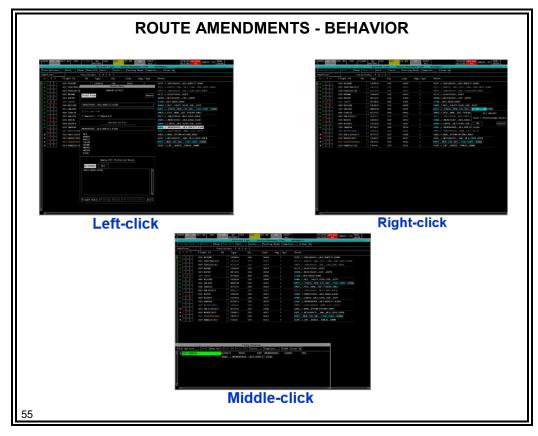
**NOTE:** This will be discussed in more detail in the CBL.

The difference between ATC Preferred Routes and ERT Routes is that ERAM automatically inserts ERT at a predefined point. This occurs even though the controller may **not** have issued the route to the aircraft. ERAM does **not** automatically insert ATC preferred routes.

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Route Amendments (Cont'd) TI6110.101, par. 4.6.18



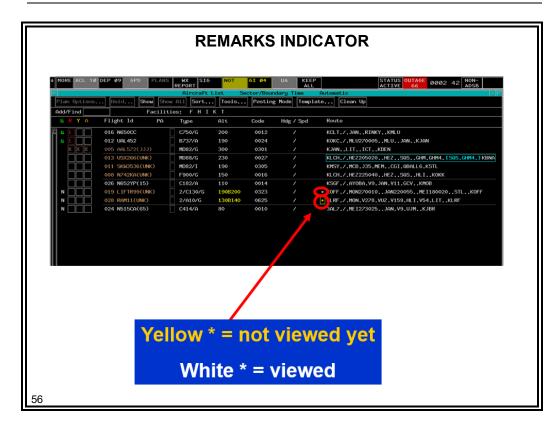


### Route field click behavior

- · Left-click to display the route menu
- Middle-click to display/remove the Plans Display containing Flight Plan Readout
- Right-click on the ERT to display the Send/Acknowledge Route menu

Remarks Indicator TI6110.101, par. 4.6.17; JO 7110.65, par. 13-1-5





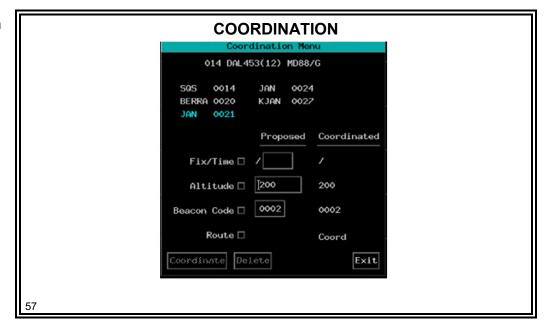
- The Remarks Indicator is the column immediately preceding the route.
  - A yellow asterisk (\*) indicates that an entry has remarks that have not yet been viewed
    - Left-click on the asterisk to view the remarks
  - A white asterisk (\*) indicates remarks have already been viewed
    - Remarks must be viewed by the sector team at least once

### Route Amendment CBI

- In the Route Amendment CBI, you will:
  - Identify functions of the Route menu
  - Acknowledge Embedded Route Text (ERT) on ACL
  - Select an ATC Preferred Route (APR) from the Route Menu
  - Create amendments

Coordination and Hold Menus TI6110.101, par. 4.6.16





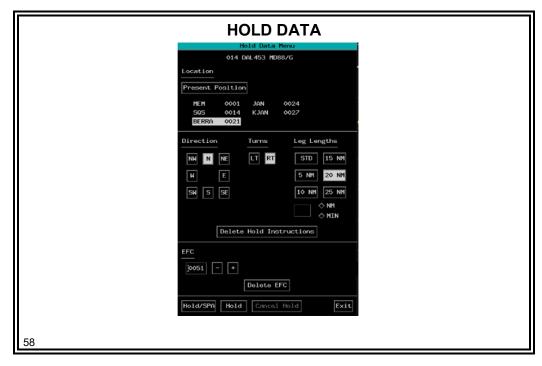
- ⊙ To open the Coordination column:
  - From the Tools Menu, select Options and then click Display Coordination column

**NOTE:** Open the Coordination column at the beginning of each scenario in the Radar Lab.

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Coordination and Hold Menus (Cont'd) TI6110.101, par. 4.6.16





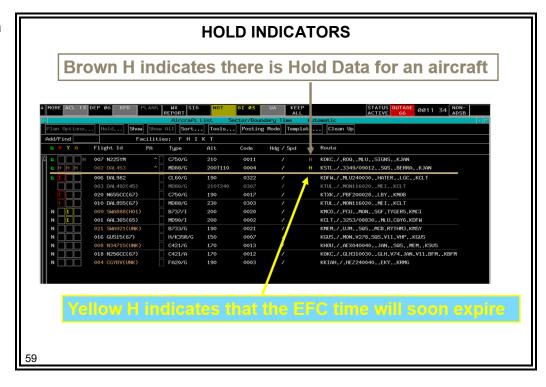
- The Hold Data column follows the Heading/Speed column.
  - · The column displays an 'H' if any Hold Data exists for the aircraft
- O Hold Data includes:
  - Hold location (**must** be in the aircraft's route)
  - · Direction of hold
  - Turn direction
  - · Leg length
  - EFC

**NOTE:** To change alternate airport and Runway Visual Range, select the aircraft in the ACL, Template, More, and type in updated data.

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Coordination and Hold Menus (Cont'd) TI6110.101, par. 4.6.16





FNOTE: Click twice to display text.

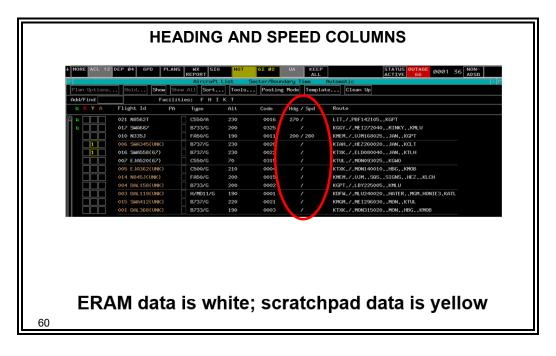
- O Hold indicators include:
  - A brown H indicates there is Hold Data for an aircraft
  - A yellow H indicates that the EFC time will soon expire

#### Coordination and Hold Menus CBI

- In the Coordination and Hold Menus CBI, you will:
  - Learn about the coordination and hold menu elements
  - Enter and delete coordination data
  - Enter, delete, modify, and display hold data

Heading and Speed Columns TI6110.101, par. 4.6.15





#### Heading and Speed Columns CBI

- In the Heading and Speed Columns CBI, you will:
  - Recognize the display of heading and speed data
  - Interpret color and other coding in the Heading/Speed column
  - Enter and delete heading/speed data in ERAM and scratchpad

### **EDST CBIs**



#### **CBIS FOR LESSON PLAN PAGES 58-70**



- Templates
- Altitude Amendments
- Route Amendments
- Coordination and Hold Menus
- Heading and Speed Columns

\*\*NOTE: Have students complete the EDST CBIs listed on the slide.

#### Message Practice 3

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### IN CONCLUSION



### **LESSON REVIEW**

The following topics were covered in this lesson:

- ERAM purpose and functions
- EDST benefits
- RA position hardware and keyboard
- Computer messaging
- EDST entries

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\*\*NOTE: Teach from graphic. Review and elaborate briefly on the topics covered in this lesson.

# APPENDIX A: ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTROL SYMBOLS

Clearance Abbreviations JO 7110.65, tbl 13-1-1

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
А	Cleared to airport (point of intended landing)
В	Center clearance delivered
С	ATC clears (when clearance relayed through non-ATC facility)
CAF	Cleared as filed
D	Cleared to depart from the fix
F	Cleared to the fix
Н	Cleared to hold and instructions issued
N	Clearance not delivered
0	Cleared to the outer marker
PD	Cleared to climb/descend at pilot's discretion
Q	Cleared to fly specified sectors of a NAVAID defined in terms of courses, bearings, radials, or quadrants within a designated radius
Т	Cleared through (for landing and takeoff through intermediate point)
V	Cleared over the fix
Х	Cleared to cross (airway, route, radial) at (point)
Z	Tower jurisdiction

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# **APPENDIX A: ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTROL SYMBOLS** (Continued)

Miscellaneous Abbreviations JO 7110.65, tbl 13-1-2

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
ВС	Back course approach
CT	Contact approach
FA	Final approach
FMS	Flight management system approach
GPS	GPS approach
I	Initial approach
ILS	ILS approach
MA	Missed approach
MLS	MLS approach
NDB	Nondirectional radio beacon approach
OTP	VFR conditions-on-top
PA	Precision approach
PT	Procedure turn
RA	Resolution advisory (Pilot-reported TCAS event)
RH	Runway heading
RNAV	Area navigation approach
RP	Report immediately upon passing (fix/altitude)
RX	Report crossing
SA	Surveillance approach
SI	Straight-in approach
TA	TACAN approach
TL	Turn left
TR	Turn right
VA	Visual approach
VR	VOR approach

# **APPENDIX A: ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTROL SYMBOLS** (Continued)

EDST Equivalents for Control Information Symbols JO 7110.65, tbl 13-1-3

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
T dir	Depart (direction if specified)
<b>1</b>	Climb and maintain
$\downarrow$	Descend and maintain
CR	Cruise
AT	At
X	Cross
M	Maintain
/airway	Join or intercept (airway, jet route, track, or course)
=	While in controlled airspace
WICA	While in control area
dir ECA	Enter control area
dir OOCA	Out of control area
dir ESA	Cleared to enter surface area. Indicated direction of flight by appropriate compass letter(s)
TSA alt	Through surface area and altitude indicated direction of flight by appropriate compass letter(s). Maintain special VFR conditions (altitude if appropriate) while in surface area
250 K	Aircraft requested to adjust speed to 250 knots
-20 K	Aircraft requested to reduce speed 20 knots
+30 K	Aircraft requested to increase speed 30 knots
SVFR	Local Special VFR operations in the vicinity of (name) airport are authorized until (time). Maintain special VFR conditions (Altitude if appropriate)
B4	Before
AF	After or Past
1	Until
*instructions*	Alternate instructions
REST	Restriction
AOB	At or Below
AOA	At or Above
-	From-to (Route, time, etc.)
(Alt)B(Alt)	Indicates a block altitude assignment. Altitudes are inclusive, and the first altitude shall be lower than the second (Example 310B370)

# **APPENDIX A: ABBREVIATIONS AND CONTROL SYMBOLS** (Continued)

EDST Equivalents for Control Information Symbols (Cont'd) JO 7110.65, tbl 13-1-3

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
V time	Clearance void if aircraft not off ground by time
CL	Pilot canceled flight plan
+info+	Information or revised information forwarded
**alt**	Other than assigned altitude reported Example" **50**
ARC mi. dir.	DME arc of VORTAC, TACAN, or MLS
C freq.	Contact (facility) or (freq.), (time, fix, or altitude if appropriate). Insert frequency only when it is other than standard
R	Radar contact
R alt	Requested altitude
R/	Radar service terminated
RX	Radar Contact Lost
RV	Radar vector
RVX	Pilot resumed own navigation
НО	Handoff completed
Е	Emergency
W	Warning
Р	Point out initiated. Indicate the appropriate facility, sector, or position.
FUEL	Minimum fuel
EFC time	Expect further clearance at (time)
- fix	Direct to fix
FRC	Full route clearance
IAF	Initial approach fix
NORDO	No Radio
PT	Procedure turn
RLS	Release
REQ	Request
SI	Straight in

### **APPENDIX B: LAB Quick Reference Guide**

# <u>FP</u> – AID TYP (BCN) SPD FIX TIM ALT/RAL RTE

RTE (QU)

HALO (QPJ)

PVD (QP)

DM

TRK (QT)

**DROP TRK (QX)** 

RS

ALT (QZ)

INT (QQ)

CODE (QB)

SR

**HOLD (QH)** 

**AM** 

VP

# APPENDIX B: LAB Quick Reference Guide (Continued)

# **USING HOT NONE KEY**

<u>Handoffs</u> :		
Offset a FDB:		
Change leader line:		
Force data block:		
4 <sup>th</sup> line (QS):		