X-CUA

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The X Window System under VM



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History of "X"

Display system developed at MIT

- "Project Athena" formed in 1983; funded by MIT, DEC, and IBM
- addressed the need to communicate between different kinds of computers over a variety of networks
- adapted Stanford University's windowing system ("W") to Unix, renamed "X"

Goal: permit graphical presentation under UNIX

— provided framework for a Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Led to formation of the X Consortium in 1987

- partnership to guide future X standards
- founding members included IBM, Apple, Tektronics, DEC, Sun, Hewlett-Packard and AT&T

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"X" Features and Functions

Object-oriented programming methods

— application deals with whole objects vs. screen areas

♦ Separates *client* and *server*

- application program is the <u>client</u>
- display management program is the <u>server</u>
- X Window server ("X server") handles the display; shares terminal with other X clients

Software comprised of:

- <u>intrinsics</u> library–simple objects used to create "widgets"–more complex objects
- <u>Xlib</u> functions—procedures to perform low-level primitives (e.g., "DrawLine", "CreateWindow")

Display is performed on an X Terminal

- real X Terminal–firmware X server/window manager
- PC running X server software
- UNIX/AIX workstation running X server software

Portable to virtually all platforms

- any hardware capable of supporting an X terminal
- any operating system that can support C & communications
- communicates over Ethernet, TCP/IP, or DECnet
- "X" software available on UNIX, PCs, MACs, etc.

Does not impose GUI rules

— adaptable to any GUI foundation: Open Look, OSF Motif, IBM's CUA

Why use "X"?

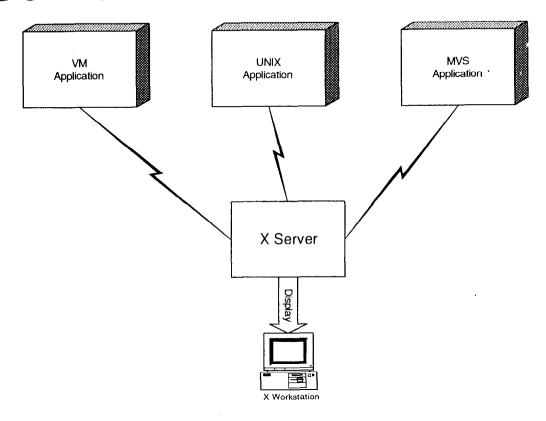
- It is an enabling technology
 - supports all GUIs, X terminals
- All platforms can interoperate
 - users may access distributed applications in parallel
- Allows seamless integration across networks
 - location of application is transparent (and usually irrelevant) to the user
- **Provides hardware-independent GUI foundation**
 - placement of client and server is unconstrained
- Network transparent-TCP/IP, DECnet, etc.
 - operates with existing communications

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Why use "X"? (continued)

- Supports corporate IS goals
 - provides user-friendly GUI, increases productivity
- ◆ An "Open" system-publicly available
 - non-proprietary; no vendor dependencies
- Increases product life cycle
 - applications can be developed <u>today</u>, ported to other platforms in the future if necessary

The X Server



Controls the display screen, resides on workstation

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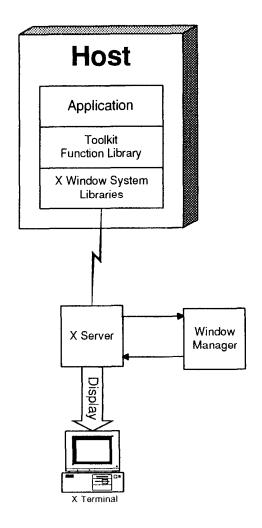
The X Server (continued)

- Receives instructions from the application in the form of X protocol messages
- Performs graphical tasks on behalf of the application (the X client)
 - understands terminal's characteristics
 - makes application device-independent
 - communicates geometry requests to window manager (a separate program usually included with X server)
- Sends event messages back to the X Client
 - client receives notification, e.g., "ButtonPressed", etc.

The X Server (continued)

- Can handle multiple, concurrent X clients (applications)
 - single server handles all clients of user's terminal

The X Client



- The X server produces the window's contents and physically writes the display
- The window manager places the "dressing" (borders, etc.) around the window and manages the screen's "real estate" (window position, etc.)

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The X Client (continued)

- Oblivious to terminal's characteristics
 - development effort focus is on tasks vs. environment
- May exist on the same or different platform
- Event-driven methodology
 - client establishes "callbacks" for desired events
 - client issues instructions, enters enabled wait state
- Receives event notification from X server
 - key pressed, window uncovered, etc.

What is X-CUA?

An X-based toolkit

- adds CUA-compliant GUI functions to VM, AIX
- provides high-level X programming facilities for CUA-compliant applications ("CreateOpenDialog", etc.)
- programs can be written in C or REXX

Written in C

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- operates under UNIX, AIX, and VM
- X-CUA applications in C are portable

• Under VM, uses IBM's TCP/IP product

— enhanced version of the X Window support; recompiled using SAS/C to take advantage of advanced functions, permit royalty-free run time libraries.

What is X-CUA? (continued)

REXX function package

- it's REXX!
- runs in a saved segment for increased throughput
- relatively small applications due to non-redundancy

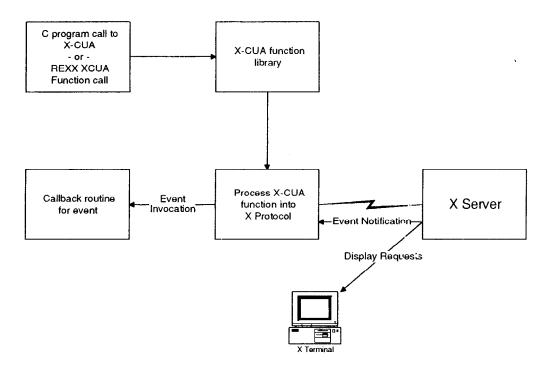
Provides enhanced 3270 emulation program

- supports extended attributes, PSS, graphics
- want a 3279 model 4?
- users logon to VM, invoke X-CUA application
- X-CUA application begins GUI dialog
- So...

What is X-CUA? (continued)

- Legacy systems can convert as resources permit
 - current system runs alongside in 3270 emulation
 - pieces of applications can be converted gradually

X-CUA's role



Applications in C or REXX call X-CUA

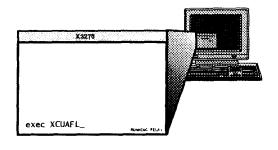
— use supplied "widgets" – objects which implement CUA constructs

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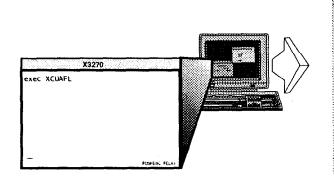
X-CUA's role (continued)

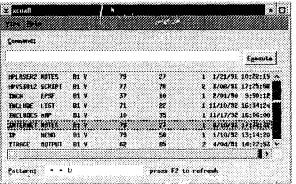
The process:

- application calls X-CUA function to build GUI display
- registers callbacks for desired events:
 - external REXX function—e.g., "MYSORT EXEC" to handle "Sort" button
 - a C routine
- calls X-CUA to make window visible
- X-CUA translates requests into X protocol
- X-CUA transmits requests to X server
- X server sends back event notification
- X-CUA invokes callback routine



- User logs onto VM through 3270 emulation
- Invokes X-CUA application
- X-CUA application begins initialization
- X-CUA application opens a new window on user's terminal
- Interaction is through new window

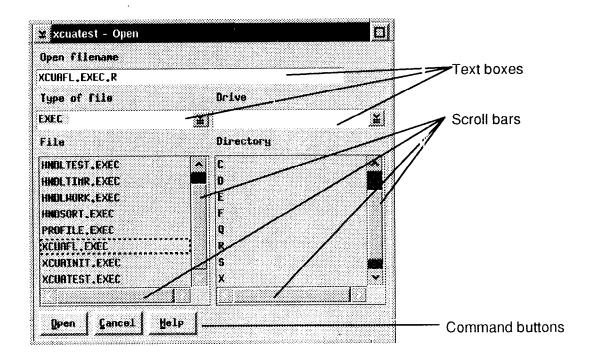




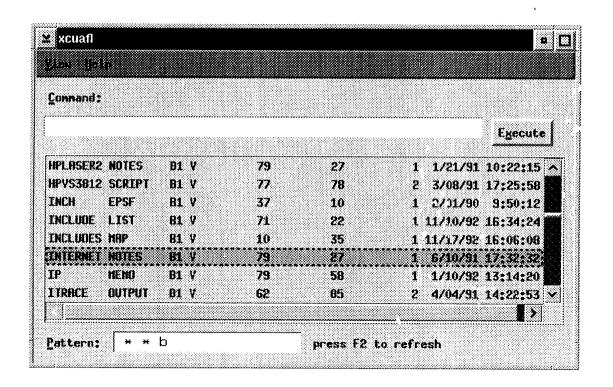
An X-CUA Widget

Open Dialog Box

- X-CUA handles scroll bars, text edit, etc.
- application is presented with completed data



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- X-CUA REXX functions:
 - XCUA("SubfunctionName", args...)
 - Toolkit, windowing functions
 - Performs calls to C-level subroutines
- GETARGS(), SETOPTION(), SETBUTTONREC(), etc.
 - X-CUA REXX utility functions
 - Provide bridge from REXX-think to C-think, vice versa

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Analysis of an X-CUA application (continued)

Let's get started:

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Analysis of an X-CUA application (continued)

First define the environment:

- Fetch Arguments
- Configuration defaults
- Options, if there are any
- Create primary window
- Examine arguments
- Configure presentation space

Analysis of an X-CUA application

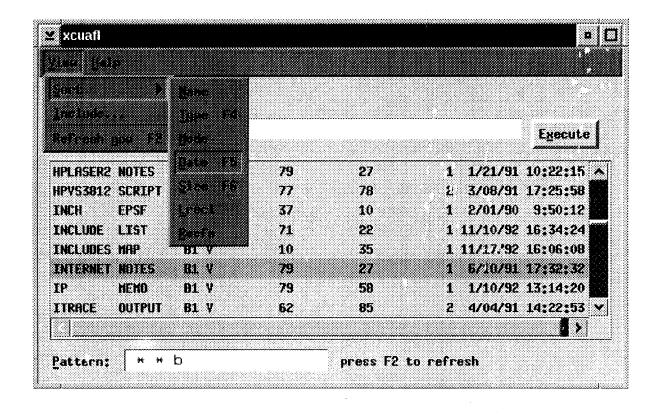
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Define the interface

- Create a client area
- Populate it with objects
- Register callbacks
- Define secondary windows

```
/* Create a Form widget as the client area and configure it.
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "hSpace", 10
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "vSpace", 10
 form = XCUA("XcuaCreateForm", "form", presentation, 'ARG.')
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "chars", 50
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "inset", TRUE
 command = XCUA("XcuaCreateSingleEntry", "command", form, 'ARG.')
 prompt = XCUA("XcuaAddFieldPrompt",command,"Command:","C","above")
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "below", form
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "rightof", form
 call XCUA "XtSetValues", prompt, 'ARG.'
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "label", "Execute"
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "mnemonic", "X"
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 3, "rightof", command
 call SETARG 'ARG.', 4, "acceptFocus", FALSE
 execute = XCUA("XtCreateManagedWidget", "execute", "PushButton", form, 'ARG.')
 call XCUA "XtAddCallback", execute, "triggerCallback", "XCUAFL", "EXECUTE"
 call XCUA "XcuaSetDefaultButton", form, execute
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background = XCUA("XcuaPropertyOf", form, "background")
call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "below", execute
call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "rightof", form
call SETARG 'ARG.', 3, "background", background
list = XCUA("XcuaCreateList", "list", form, 'ARG.')
call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "chars", 21
call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "inset", TRUE
pattern = XCUA("XcuaCreateSingleEntry", "pattern", form, 'ARG.')
prompt = XCUA("XcuaAddFieldPrompt",pattern, "Pattern:", "P", "left")
call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "above", form
call SETARG 'ARG.', 2, "rightof", form
call XCUA "XtSetValues", prompt, 'ARG.'
call XCUA "XcuaAddDescriptiveText", pattern, "press F2 to refresh", "right"
call SETARG 'ARG.', 1, "above", prompt
call XCUA "XtSetValues", list, 'ARG.'
call XCUA "XcuaSetText", pattern, filename
call XCUA "XcuaSetProperty", form, "initialFocus", command
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```
/* Define custom menus for this application.
 ACTION = 1
  CASCADE = 2
  SEP = 3
 call SETBUTTONREC 'VIEWBUTTON.', 1, CASCADE, "view", "View",, "V",, "VIEW."
  call SETBUTTONREC 'VIEW.',1,CASCADE, "sort", "Sort",, "S",, "SORT."
 call SETBUTTONREC 'VIEW.', 2, ACTION, "include", "Include...", "I", ,,
    "XcuaCallbackOpenDialog", include
  call SETBUTTONREC 'VIEW.', 3, SEP
 call SETBUTTONREC 'VIEW.', 4, ACTION, "refresh_now", "Refresh now", , "N", "F2",,
    "XCUAFL", "REFRESH"
 call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.',1,ACTION, "name", "Name",, "N",, "XCUAFL", "SORT NAME"
 call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.', 2, ACTION, "type", "Type", , "T", 'F4", "XCUAFL", "SORT TYPE"
 call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.',3,ACTION, "mode", "Mode",, "M",, "XCUAFL", "SORT MODE"
  call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.',4,ACTION, "date", "Date", "D", "F5", "XCUAFL", "SORT DATE"
  call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.', 5, ACTION, "size", "Size", "S", "F6", "XCUAFL", "SORT SIZE"
  call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.', 6, ACTION, "lrecl", "Lrecl", "L", "XCUAFL", "SORT LRECL"
  call SETBUTTONREC 'SORT.',7,ACTION, "recfm", "Recfm", "R", "XCUAFL", "SORT RECFM"
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```
/*
/* Set up the menu bar, create the custom menus.
//
/*
menubar = XCUA("XcuaMenuBarOf", presentation)
call XCUA "XcuaGenerateMenu", menubar, 'VIEWBUTTON.'
call XCUA "XcuaMenuBarVisible", menubar, "file", 0
call XCUA "XcuaMenuBarVisible", menubar, "edit", 0
call XCUA "XcuaMenuBarCallback", menubar, "help", "about", "XcuaProductInfo",,
    "This is XCUAFL, a CUA-compliant"||'15'x||,
    "X-based FILELIST utility."||'15'x||,
    "To contact the author, write to:"||'15'x||,
    " Relay Technology, Inc."||'15'x||,
    " 1604 Spring Hill Road"||'15'x||,
    " Vienna, VA 22182"
```

◆ Load the contents of the primary window:

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call XCUAFL primary, "REFRESH"
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Make it visible:

```
call XCUA "XcuaOpenPrimary", primary
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Enter the main event handling loop:

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rc = XCUA("XcuaMainLoop",app_context)
exit rc
```

And the handler for possible syntax error:

SYNTAX:

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say "Syntax error" rc "occured on line" sigl":" errortext(rc)
if (symbol('APP_CONTEXT') <> "LIT") then
  call XCUA "XtDestroyApplicationContext",app_context
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exit rc

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Analysis of an X-CUA application (continued)

Callbacks revisited

- X-CUA applications are event-driven, via callbacks
- The application is called as a command
- The callback handler is called as a function
- We use PARSE SOURCE to determine calltype, handle both in the same source file

```
/* ----- */
 /* Callback()
 /* Function: Handle callbacks
 /*
    _____
 CALLBACK:
parse arg widget, client_data, call_data, callback_id
  valid = "EXIT EXECUTE REFRESH SORT INCLUDE"
  label = word(client_data, 1)
  if (find(valid, label) == 0) then
   return
  signal value (label)
  /* ------ */
  /* Handle an XcNcloseCallback.
  EXIT:
    call XCUA "XcuaExit", 0
  return
```

```
do until (item == '00000000'x)
   next = XCUA("XcuaNextItem",item);
if (XCUA("XcuaItemSelected",item)) then do
   label = XCUA("XcuaItemLabel",item)
   parse var label fname ftype fmode .
   call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting",primary,TRUE
   call RunCommand directive,fname,ftype,fmode
   call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting",primary,FALSE
   'ESTATE' fname ftype fmode
   if (rc == 28) then
      call XCUA "XcuaDeleteListItem",item
   end
   item = next
end
return
```

```
/* Handle an XcNtriggerCallback for the REFRESH menu choice.
   REFRESH:
     primary = XCUA("XcuaPrimaryOf", widget)
     presentation = XCUA("XcuaPropertyOf", primary, "clientArea")
     form = XCUA("XcuaScrolledOf", presentation)
     pattern = XCUA("XcuaGetChild", form, "pattern")
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     list = XCUA("XcuaGetChild", form, "list")
     call XCUA "XcuaSetProperty", pattern, "error", FALSE
     directive = XCUA("XcuaSubstr",pattern,0,-2)
     parse upper var directive fname ftype fmode
     if (fmode = '') then
       fmode = 'A'
     if (ftype = '') then
       ftype = '*'
     if (fname = '') then
       fname = '*'
```

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```
stacked = queued()
   'MAKEBUF'
   'LISTFILE' fname ftype fmode '( NOHEADER DATE FIFO )'
   if (rc \neg == 0) then do
     'DROPBUF'
     call XCUA "XcuaSetProperty", pattern, "error", TRUE
     return
   end
   stacked = queued() - stacked
   call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting", primary, TRUE
  call XCUA "XcuaClearList", list
   do i=1 to stacked
    parse pull lab∈1
    call XCUA "XcuaAddListItem", list, label
   end
   'DROPBUF'
  call XCUA "XtCallActionProc", list, "bod"
  call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting", primary, FALSE
return
```

```
/* Handle a SORT call
SORT:
parse var client_data . field .
  primary = XCUA("XcuaPrimaryOf", widget)
  presentation = XCUA("XcuaPropertyOf",primary, "clientArea")
  form = XCUA("XcuaScrolledOf", presentation)
  list = XCUA("XcuaGetChild", form, "list");
  ASCENDING = TRUE
  DESCENDING = FALSE
  REFRESH = TRUE
 NOREFRESH = FALSE
  select
   when (field == 'NAME') then do
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 19, 20, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 10, 17, NORLFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 1, 8, REFRESH
    end
    when (field == 'TYPE') then do
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 19, 20, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 1, 8, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 10, 17, REFRESH
    end
```

Analysis of an X-CUA application

(continued)

```
when (field == 'MODE') then do
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 10, 17, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 1, 8, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 19, 20, REFRESH
  end
  when (field == 'DATE') then do
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 72, 73, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 69, 70, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 66, 67, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 60, 61, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 57, 58, NOREFRE3H
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 63, 64, REFRESH
  end
  when (field == 'SIZE') then do
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 35, 44, NOREFRESH
    call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, DESCENDING, 46, 55, REFRESH
  end
```

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when (field == 'RECFM') then do
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 35, 44, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 46,55, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 22, 22, REFRESH
    end
    when (field == 'LRECL') then do
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 19, 20, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 10, 17, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 1, 8, NOREFRESH
      call XCUA "XcuaSortList", list, ASCENDING, 24, 33, REFRESH
    end
  otherwise
    call XCUA "XcuaInfoMessage", widget, "sort message", "Unrecognized",
      "sort type '"field"'"
    return
  end
 call XCUA "XcuaSetPosition", list, 0, 0
return
```

```
/* Handle an INCLUDE call
  /* ----- */
  INCLUDE:
    call GETCALLBACKEVENT 'EVENT.', call_data
    drop result
    string = GETSTRING(event.result)
call XCUA "XcuaCloseDialog", widget
    primary = XCUA("XcuaPrimaryOf", widget)
    presentation = XCUA("XcuaPropertyOf", primary, "clientArea")
    form = XCUA("XcuaScrolledOf", presentation)
    pattern = XCUA("XcuaGetChild", form, "pattern")
    list = XCUA("XcuaGetChild", form, "list")
    parse upper var string fname ftype fmode
    if (fmode = '') then
     fmode = 'A'
    if (ftype = '') then
     ftype = '*'
    if (fname = '') then
     fname = '*'
```

```
stacked = queued()
  'MAKEBUF'
  'LISTFILE' fname ftype fmode '( NOHEADER DATE FIFO )'
  if (rc \neg == 0) then do
    'DROPBUF'
    return
  end
  stacked = queued() - stacked
  call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting", primary, TRUE
  do i=1 to stacked
    parse pull label
    call XCUA "XcuaAddListItem", list, label
  end
  'DROPBUF'
  call XCUA "XcuaSetWaiting", primary, FALSE
return
```

```
/* RunCommand()
                                                                 */
/* Function: run a command on a file, with substitution.
                                                                 */
            */
RUNCOMMAND:
parse arg command, fn, ft, fm
 subbed = 0
 index = 1
 do until (index == 0)
   index = pos('/',command,index)
   drop sub
   if (index > 0) then do
     flag = substr(command,index+1,1)
     word = substr(command, index, 2)
     upper flag
     if (flag == 'N') then sub = fn
     else if (flag == 'T') then sub = ft
     else if (flag == 'M') then sub = fm
     else if (flag == '0') then sub = ' '
     else if (flag == ' ') then do
       sub = fn ft fm
       word = '/'
     end
   end
 end
```

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if (symbol('SUB') <> "LIT") then do
    subbed = 1
    command = delstr(command,index,length(word))
    command = insert(sub,command,index-1)
    index = index + length(sub)
    end
    else if (index > 0) then
        index = index + 1
    end

if (¬subbed) then
    command = command fn ft fm

address CMS command

return
```

X-CUA Requirements

- X Terminal
- VM and/or AIX (currently; other Unix to follow)
- IBM TCP/IP (for VM)
- In Alpha test, GA scheduled for Q3

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Summary

- X-CUA provides an enabling tool to move mainframe-based application user interfaces to a GUI
 - CUA-compliant
 - not vendor-specific
- Provides true, transparent, seamless interoperability
- Maximizes productivity through familiarity, GUI power

Summary (continued)

- ◆ CUA compliance enables standardization, reduced training costs
- Legacy systems may be updated with a modern look while preserving corporate investment
- Many legacy systems <u>belong</u> on the mainframe;
 X-CUA allows these to stay there