MIMIC Commands

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General

The mimic interface can be used either straight from ICL or it can be spawned as a seperate subprocess if multiple commands are required.

At times ICL can tie up the mimic interface if this happens, indicated by ICL saying that the process requires further data "¡CR¿ to abort" try typing NO then pressing return twice if pressing return alone does not work.

Using from ICL

Commands can be entered one at a time using the MIMIC command.

Getting help

Format: `MIMIC HELP`

Description: Enters the mimic help system, this is used the same as help in DCL and gives information on using the mimic interface.

Going to next screen

Format: `MIMIC PAGES`

Description: Lists the names of all the available mimic pages. This is the same list as that given on the mimic display.

Going to next screen

Format: `MIMIC NEXT`

Description: Switches the visible mimic page for the next one in the list.

Going to next screen

Format: `MIMIC PREVIOUS`

Description: Switches the visible mimic page for the previous one in the list.

Going to a specified page

Format: `SCREEN` *screen_name*

Description: Switches the visible mimic page for the one given.

screen_name: The screen name, one of the names given by the PAGES command.

Updating the screen

Format: `MIMIC UPDATE`

Description: Used to refresh the screen if it appears to have become out of date.

Selecting or Re-starting the Mimic

The MIMIC may be run on either the Vaxstation or the IKON. The command below allows the user to re-start the MIMIC on either display device. If a MIMIC is already running it will be stopped first.

Re-starting the MIMIC

Format: `MIMIC_START`

Description: Used to restart the MIMIC. You are prompted for the display type : either VAXSTATION or IKON.

Using a seperate process

By using a seperate process for the mimic interface multiple commands can be used and interaction problems with ICL can be avoided. All the commands given above can be used, but in this case the MIMIC keyword before them is left out. Furthermore the keypad can be used to enter the commands. Further information on the mimic interface can be found by entering HELP inside it.

Entering the mimic interface

Format: `SPAWN MIM_INTER`

Description: Used to enter the mimic interface.