



# Remembering the Future of Centralized Control- Decentralized Execution

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The advent of technological advancements in computers and communications capability has resulted in a frightening tendency to centralize execution of armed service operations." Visualizing order and control of aerospace power in this manner, will highlight the importance of tactics, techniques and methods, and their relationship to decentralized execution caused by centralized control. The best way to look at the execution of C2 is to start with the effect desired within the battlespace and function backwards. As you examine this thesis, it is necessary to focus on this distinction. To understand the significance of the USAF C2 tenet of "centralized control-decentralized execution," one must know how C2 is normally executed, in contingency theaters of operation. The historic success of air flow and space power, since its 1st use as a military device, has devoted to the development of "centralized control and decentralized execution. This thesis will focus on order and control (C2) as a surgical procedure and show that the USAF order and control tenet of "centralized control-decentralized execution," is key to the achievement of current and long term command and control work concepts which should drive system development.



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