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We are longing to use ourlivingroom more freely.

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Request for Site's Distribution Preference

To: Station Agents

From: Jeanne North

Re: Distribution of NIC Documents

At various times, and particularly at the time of Susan Lee's recent phone poll of Sites, several Sites indicated their willingness to receive only one copy of documents distributed from the NIC.

If your site is one of these, Will you tell us the one person whom you want to designate as the recipient for the Site. This person will be expected by NIC to function as Station Agent in the supplying of NIC documents to others at the Site. Therefore this person will be regarded by NIC as the Station Agent, although they may be Liaison or other person as well.

Please address your information to Marcia Keeney.

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(J19661) 15-OCT-73 O8:31; Title: Author(s): Jeanne B. North/JBN; Distribution: /NSAG MLK MDK NLG; Sub-Collections: NIC NSAG NLG; Clerk: JBN: Origin: <NORTH>DISTCUT.NLS;1, 15-OCT-73 07:56 JBN ;

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R&D Contract Status Report for August, Project 2697

Stanford Research Institute Augmentation Research Center 333 Ravenswood Avenue Menlo Park, California 94025

Mr. Burns, RADC/PMA Department of the Air Force Headquarters Rome Air Development Center (AFSC) Griffiss Air Force Base, New York 13440

Dear Mr. Burns:

This responds to block 10 of DD Form 1664 with respect to contract F30602-73-C-0285 (SRI #2697).

The table below shows the man hours expended on the subject contract since the last reporting period (five weeks).

Cumulative to		Person Hours Expended
9/1/73		During Report
		Period
Supervisor	40	0
Senior Professional	0	0
Professional	832	376
Technical	0	0
Other	0	0
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We estimate that the percentage of technical completion at the end of August 30 per cent.

Sincerely,

Dirk van Nouhuys Research Analyst Augmentation Research Center

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(J19663) 15-0CT-73 20:00; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC RADC; Clerk: DVN; Origin: <VANNOUHUYS>AUGUSTMOLD.NLS;2, 15-0CT-73 11:51 DVN ; Title: Author(s): Van Nouhuys, Dirk H. /DVN; Distribution: /JCN DLS; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: KFB; Origin: <BYRD>R&DCONTRACT.NLS;6, 9-MAR-73 8:35 KFB ; DVN 15-0CT-73 20:05 19664 R&D Contract Status Report for September, Project 2697

> Stanford Research Institute Augmentation Research Center 333 Ravenswood Avenue Menlo Park, California 94025

Mr. Burns, RADC/PMA Department of the Air Force Headquarters Rome Air Development Center (AFSC) Griffiss Air Force Base, New York 13440

Dear Mr. Burns:

This responds to block 10 of DD Form 1664 with respect to contract F30602-73-C-0285 (SRI #2697).

The table below shows the man hours expended on the subject contract since the last reporting period (four weeks).

cumulative to		Person Hours Expended
9/29/73		During Report Period
Supervisor	40	0
Senior Professional	0	0
Professional	1104	372
Technical	0	0
Other	0	0
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We estimate that the percentage of technical completion at the end of September h5 per cent.

Sincerely,

Dirk van Nouhuys Research Analyst Augmentation Research Center

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Feople Do Use the Locators

With the new copy directory options (documentation, help, diropt) it is possible to learn how often a version has been read since its creation. The current version of <userguides, areclocator, > has been read 163 times since its creation December 4th and (nic, locator,) read 302 times since its creation October 15th. Feople Do Use the Locators

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(J19665) 4-JAN-74 14:38; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Distribution: /KIRK NDM RWW MDK JCN JEN DCE; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DVN; For Your Information





DVN 7-JAN-74 11:15 19666 Request For Demonstration of Split-Platen Terminet

> Augmentation Research Center Stanford Research Institute Menlo Park, California 94025 (415) 326-6200

General Electric Section 794-08 POB 4197, Lynchburg,Virginia.

Dear Sir:

We are cooperating with Information Sciences Branch at Rome Air Development Center in developing a Forms Generating System which will be used first at Rome with computation carried out on our machine in Menlo Park via the ARPA network.

For the Forms System we are interested in a terminal with a split platten and the capacity to turn the platen either Way by half steps. RADC would be the first to acquire a terminal.

RADC already uses some Termicettes.

I would like to see a demonstration of your Terminet 300 SP and it is likely Duane Stone at RADC would as well. If you are interested, please phone to arrange a time.

Sincerely,

Dirk H. van Nouhuys Augmentation Research Center

jc:Duane L. Stone, Rome Air Development Center (ISIM) Griffiss Air Force Base Rome, New York 13440

Phone: (315) 330-3857;

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PSO will meet to exchage information as usual this Thursday at 2:00 in the Parsley. JML KIRK MEJ and are expected to attend, and everyone is welcome.

(J19667) 7-JAN-74 11:26; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Distribution: /SRI-ARC; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DVN;

RWW 15-00T-73 08:50 19668

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Visit Log: Sverre Sem- Sandberg of Ericsson Sweden Oct 12 73

Sverre Sem-Sandberg of L M Ericsson visited Fri Oct 12. He is Manager of their info system dept. He seemed interested in NLS and Network developments. He was concerned about what steps he might take to get his people in contact with developments here. We discussed the ARPANET Tip in Norway, the Utility, the possibility of people from there coming here for a period of time. He said he would be back in touch. He is also a Vice President of IFIPS. 19668 Distribution Douglas C. Engelbart, 1 1a

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RWW 15-OCT-73 08:50 19668 Visit Log: Sverre Sem- Sandberg of Ericsson Sweden Oct 12 73

(J19668) 15-OCT-73 08:50; Title: Author(s): Richard W. Watson/RWW; Distribution: /DCE; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: RWW;

Revised Q-Card

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Dean, another thing for you to do is revise the Q-card. We should have it ready for people who start using the new language, but we can't complete it until we have a running system to debug against.

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Revised Q-Card

(J19669) 15-OCT-73 09:05; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Distribution: /NDM DIRT(fyi); Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC DIRT; Clerk: DVN;



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Grumble reply to AAM (See (19648,))

Grumble 1 (being asked for your ident) was the result of the ident file going bad. As soon as someone here discovers the problem exists, it is remedied by bringing in an older, good copy of the system ident file back.

Grumble 2 sounds like the result of trying to do an update on what had been originally a bad file. It is possible to w rk in NLS on a file without realizing it has some bad spots if you do not do anything which would reference the bad page. When you do something which reads in a bad page (commands which look at all pages include update, output, and file verify), the system will tell you the file is bad. You could have tried to recover the original file (assuming it was not bad, or had someone here recover the first good copy from a dump. Please do not grow paranoid about "Update" in general: what good would life be without a few surprises?



19670 Distribution Bgs Bugs, Diane S. Kaye, Harvey G. Lehtman, Charles H. Irby, Alex A. McKenzie, Grumble reply to AAM (See (19648,))

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(J19670) 15-0CT-73 09:30; Title: Author(s): Harvey G. Lehtman/HGL; Distribution: /BUGS AAM; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC BUGS; Clerk: HGL;

DVN 15-0CT-73 09:48 19671

Miscellaneous Items of Help Design; Work Breakdown for Writing About the New Command Language for the Next Few Weeks

On Wednesday the lothe te HELP design group met again. The most important conclusions of the meeting appeared in the mean time as a description of the commands, appearance to the user, maintenance tools. and link constraints of the HELP programs <Ljournal,19624,> and a description of the data base and allied matters, <ljournal.19634.>

we discussed drafts of these two documents and made minor changes.

We also discused or settled several matters outside the two documents just mentioned.

Since the data base design now calls for square brackets to mark options in syntax, we requested that full prompting(JJOURNAL, 19369, 2c) mark options by square brackets rather than by astrisk.

With others, I objected to certain points in Harvey's description of the operation of HELP that depend on the user understanding that the data base has a tree structure. We agreed to rename the "Probable Command", "TOP" to somthing else that would not imply topness, and to avoid mentioned the \uparrow , "upnode" command to HELP users.

We agreed that examples in HELP, primer, and, presumably, User Guide, and the hoped-for scenarios would demonstrate demand recognition with altmode used in the most effecient manner.

Introductory lines off examples will read: "You should see" instead of "It will look like"

Some people objected to the prompt K: on account of its adding to the printout a user has to face At first we agreed to buck the descison to DICk Watson, but Mike Kudlick later called a meeting on the general question of prompts and recongnition. That meeting resulted in <ljournal, 19639, >.

The working writers (dvn, jmb, kirk, ndm absent) of the data base met the following morning to distribute the remaining work They created the following work breakdown..

Round 1

Edit written concepts DVN	381
put in written and edited concepts INDIVIDUALS	322
Rewrite command syntax JMB	323



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Rewrite examples NDM	3a4
To fit efficient demand recognition and check for accuracy against the command syntax.	Заца
Rearange file KIRK JMB	325
Rewrite function statements DVN JMB KIRK (create effects staments, decide what should go in menu, what in show, etc.).	3a6
Decide what concepts need to be written == MDK before help can function.	3a7
write them	3a7a
Write new links DVN KIRK JMB	3a8
Rewrite Primer DVN	329
Edit assembled HELP for content (not links) .== NDM	3a10
Round 2 (assumming experimental system available)	30
Update Q-cardndm	301
Debug HELP for accuracy against NLS running commands against running commands EVERYONE.	302
Debug HELP by means of the nice maintenance programs HGL will write us NDM	363
Proof read assembled help JDC	364
Plan User Guide: Outline schedule, priorities, work assignements DVN	305
Round 3 Let Help Run	3с
Write User Guide.	301
Add non-critical concepts.	3c2
Search out the occasions where we need to talk in HELP about display-only matters, and add them.	303
Round h	30

Make improvements we cannot now foresee.

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(J19671) 15-0CT-73 09:48; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Distribution: /DIRT; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC DIRT; Clerk: DVN; Origin: <VANNOUHUYS>WEDNOTES.NLS;1, 15-0CT-73 09:40 DVN;

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TY Terminal loan for Energy Project use at SRI Washington

Special Messages (Tried to send them tied to the respective Idents, but it didn't go):

(Dave: fyi, Good Luck)

(Paul: can you check about their department's plans to buy or lease their own terminals? They'll need them; we are pinched for them.)

(Dirk: can you be sure our property-control records have this terminal 'signed out' appropriately?)

Dave Russel asked me Tuesday 9 Oct if ARC could help SRI's Energy-Project people to get set up at SRI's Washington office with a terminal so that over the next few weeks of high activity they could participate in the Network-dialogue mode. I provided the Execuport I had at home; SRI got it to Berg and Schmidt by Wednesday morning; Berg linked to me Wed morning to say that he had it.

SRI's Energy-project guys (whether here or in Wash) can receive SNDMSGS via address "ENERGY@SRI-ARC", or Journal mail in their initial files in that directory. Berg ident is DNB.

Apparently there is a significant flurry of activity in the ARPA Energy Project, and Berg and Schmidt may be at Washington for a while.

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DCE 15-0CT-73 13:59 19672 TY Terminal loan for Energy Project use at SRI Washington

(J19672) 15-OCT-73 13:59; Title: Author(s): Douglas C. Engelbart/DCE; Distribution: /pr dnb rww jcn bc drb dnb dvn ; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DCE ;

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The Line processor Available for General Use

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I am sitting here using the line processor and find it quite easy to use. It is available for general use by anyone and I would like to encourage others at ARC to spend time using it to get their impressions. The directions for how to use it on on top. I, Charles or Martin can quickly show you how to turn it on if the directions aren't clear. The Line Processor Available for General Use

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(J19673) 15-0CT-73 14:18; Title: Author(s): Richard W. Watson/RWW; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: RWW; Letter to Joseph B. Reid

Augmentation Research Center Stanford Research Institute Menlo Park, California 94025

Joseph B. Reid Universite du Quebec 2875 Boul. Laurier Ste-Foy, Quebec 10, CANADA

Dear M. Reid:

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of the current catalog. Your points are well taken. I'd like to respond to them.

Yes, we need an improved stoplist. There are some English candidates not yet included. We have discussed this subject in regard to English Words and have not taken action. I had not even noticed the foreign word problem. What we can also do, and I believe it may be simpler, is to delete the statements (in these indexes each line is a statement) which are not acceptable to index practice. We usually do some of this deletion; and as you may see, many title words are not substantive and could be dispersed with, except that the stoplist would become very long.

True, we did not update the number listing 13458 because of the length, but not just because of the length of the entire document. We proposed to number the new pages in a separate series, but the length was still such that the the NIC director ruled no update at all at present. That is one reason for the questionnaire mailed with the ARPANET NEWS in July. Support is needed to indicate the usefulness of the listing. My desire is to make one more print of the entire listing, including a number of old documents now included, and printing on both sides. Overlapping when necessary.

Thank you for your interest. We need to know how the NIC documents are received and get suggestions for improvement.

Sincerely,

Jeanne B. North Augmentation Research Center 1

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Letter to Joseph B. Reid

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(J19674) 15-OCT-73 15:08; Title: Author(s): Jeanne B. North/JBN; Distribution: /JBR2; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: KIRK; Origin: <KELLEY>NORTH.NLS;4, 15-OCT-73 14:46 KIRK;

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Structural Position of Lexicon in Help Database

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I suggest that the lexicon be moved to branch one of the database so that it can be structured and still be searched first.

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(J19675) 15-OCT-73 15:40; Title: Author(s): Kirk E. Kelley/KIRK; Distribution: /DIRT; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC DIRT; Clerk: KIRK;

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For time being, please avoid over-long statements

Mil: Peading your memo (19563,) to Ken on TENEX Link features (which, by the way is a very good contribution), some of your statements are too long to see in one Tasker screenful, and (unfortunately, but hopefully "for the time being") a DNLS user can't scroll down within a statemnt. Please don't use such long statements on Journal memos, o.k.? At least until DNLS gets Jump to Line capability. (If you're interested, see the memo about this that was triggered by my trying to read your memo and feeling grumpy about the Jump to Line that was taken out of DNLS when we changed from the CDC 3100 to the SDS 940 -- 19580,).



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For time being, please avoid over-long statements

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(J19676) 15-OCT-73 18:09; Title: Author(s): Douglas C. Engelbart/DCE ; Distribution: /mej rww (Dick: fyi) jcn (Jim: fyi) ; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DCE ; DCE 15-OCT-73 18:09 19677 Visit Log: 11 Oct 73, Lewis Finkelstein, New York City Transit Authority, and David Herron, SRI

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Visit Log: 11 Oct 73, Lewis Finkelstein, New York City Transit Authority, and David Herron, SRI

Mr. Lewis Finkelstein, New York City Transit Authority. (See Journal item of pre-visit notice -- 19583,). Dave Herron is a Senior Management Consultant with SRI, and participates in a fairly sizeable contract from the NYC Transit Authority. Finkelstein's SRI visit was basically about tha contract; the visit here was at his request.

Finkelstein had a general sort of interest; apparently nothing that Was specific in terms of needs or possibilities within the Transit Authority. Dick and I both greeted them, and had some general discussion. Dick then gave them some brief demonstrations, and some more ARC literature:

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(J19677) 15-OCT-73 18:09; Title: Author(s): Douglas C. Engelbart/DCE; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: DCE ;

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Mr. Burns, RADC/PMA Department of the Air Force Headquarters Rome Air Development Center (AFSC) Griffiss Air Force Base, New York 13440

Dear Mr. Burns:

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This responds to block 10 of DD Form 1664 with respect to contract F30602-73-C-0285 (SRI #1894).

The table below shows the man hours expended on the subject contract since it began in June (three weeks).

Cumulative to 6/30/73		Person Hours Expended During Report Period
Supervisor	40	hO
Senior Professional	0	0
Professional	200	200
Technical	0	0
Other	0	0
	240	

We estimate that the percentage of technical completion at the end of June was 15 per cent.

Sincerely,

Dirk van Nouhuys Research Analyst Augmentation Research Center

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(J19679) 15-OCT-73 19:21; Title: Author(s): Dirk H. Van Nouhuys/DVN; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC RADC; Clerk: DVN; Origin: <VANNOUHUYS>JUNEMOLD.NLS;1, 15-OCT-73 11:47 DVN ; Title: Author¤(s): Van Nouhuys, Dirk H. /DVN; Distribution: /DLS JCN; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: KFB; Origin: <BYRD>R&DCONTRACT.NLS;6, 9-MAR-73 8:35 KFB ;

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Request for assistance from all DNLS users

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It seems there was some confusion about the message I sent last week on collecting command frequency information (19510,). I intended for people to begin collecting information without further notice, however this was unclear to several people.

This message is to clarify the previous one and to let all DNLS users know that beginning Tuesday, October 16, we would like you to start collecting data on command frequency in the following manner.

Before you logout of a DNLS session, use the command, G(oto) U(se measurements) F(requency Count) S(ave). This will create a file in your directory, QBVMXYZ.LAN (where XYZ is your ident). An output quickprint of this file will produce two tables of information which you can leave in Susan Lee's in-box.

If the response to this request is insufficient, the alternative will be to resurrect a section of NLS code which will automatically create the above mentioned files when someone is working. The problem with this is that the existing program which collects this data can only be run at night and will therefore collect data only on the last session of the day for each user.

Your cooperation in this will be appreciated.

If anyone has any questions or complaints please direct them to me (SRL).

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Donald C. (Smokey) Wallace, Richard W. Watson, Don I. Andrews, 1a A. Jim Blum, A. Analysis, Meredith(Reddy) E. Dively, Jeanne M. Leavitt, Rodney A. Bondurant, Jeanne M. Beck, Mark Alexander Beach, Judy D. Gooke, Marcia Lynn Keeney, Carol B. Guilbault, Susan R. Lee, Elizabeth K. Michael, Charles F. Dornbush, Elizabeth J. (Jake) Feinler, Kirk E. Kelley, N. Dean Meyer, James E. (Jim) White, Diane S. Kaye, Paul Rech, Michael D. Kudlick, Ferg R. Ferguson, Douglas C. Engelbart, Beauregard A. Hardeman, Martin E. Hardy, J. D. Hopper, Charles H. Irby, Mil E. Jernigan, Harvey G. Lehtman, Jeanne B. North, James C. Norton, Jeffrey C. Peters, Jake Ratliff, Edwin K. Van De Riet, Dirk H. Van Nouhuys, Kenneth E. (Ken) Victor 10

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(J19680) 15-0CT-73 20:16; Title: Author(s): Susan R. Lee/SRL; Distribution: /SRI-ARC; Sub-Collections: SRI-ARC; Clerk: SRL; Origin: <LEE>JUNK.NLS;1, 15-0CT-73 19:51 SRL;

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FTPIG

Abhay,

I would be most appreciative if you could add my ident to the FTPIG. I am at SDAC-tip and am currently working on our own version of an FTP server. If you see fit to add my name the following should be of help. Alan R. Hill ARH

SDAC-TIP 314 Montgomery St. Alexandria, Va. 22314 Teledyne - Geotech (703) 836-3882 ext 294

Thanks.





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Meetings sponsored by Groups in the Network are indicated by *.

(graph) Conference on Computer Graphics and Interactive Techniques, July 15-17, 1974, University of Colorado,

This will be a formal conference with papers later published in the Journal of Computers and Graphics or in the proceedings. Ira Cotton will chair a session on Graphics and Networks, Jim George of Colorado State University will chair a session on Standards, and Andy van Dam of Brown University is planning one on Division of Labor between Central and Satellite Computers. Robert Schiffman of the University of Colorado, Boulder Colorado 80302, is the Conference General Chairman, and Jon Meads of Tektronix, Delivery Station 81-872, Box 500, Beaverton, Oregon 97005, is the Program Chairman. Contact any of these if you have suggestions or wish to submit a paper.

... excerpted by JBN from Network Graphics Note 4, Nic 19474

(decus) DECUS 1973 Fall Symposium, November 27-30, Hyatt Regency, San Francisco.

Attendees will register for Mini/midi computer sessions, or for Decsystem-10 sessions. Advance registrations are to be made with DECUS, 146 Main St., Maynard, Mass. 01754. Fee: \$45 or \$60 member, \$50 or \$65 nonmember. Daily registration \$17 and \$20.

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(bbn-net) STATUS REPORT on the TERMINAL IMP

(This status report assumes the distribution of Software Release 316 which in some cases is still Pending)Alex A. Mckenzie [BBN-NET]

The first Terminal IMP (TIP) was delivered to the field in late 1971. At the end of October 1973, nineteen TIPs were

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operational within the network at the following sites:

NASA, Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, California 4a2 University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii 4a3 University of Southern California, Los Angeles 4a4 Fleet Numerical Weather Central, Monterey, California 4a5 Tymshare Data Services, Cupertino, California 4a6 Range Measurements Laboratory, Cocoa Beach, Florida 4a7 University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah 4a8 Air Force Global Weather Central, Lincoln, Nebraska 4a9 U.S. Department of Commerce, Boulder, Colorado 4a10 University of London, London, England 4a11 Norwegian Seismic Array, Kjellar, Norway 4a12 Seismic Data Analysis Center, Washington, D.C. 4a13 MITRE Corporation, Washington, D.C. 4a14 Advanced Research Projects Agency, Washington, D.C. 4a15 U.S. Air Force Environmental Technical Applications Center, Washington, D.C. 4a16 National Bureau of Standards, Washington, D.C. 4a17 Computer Corporation of America, Cambridge, Massachusetts 4a18 Rome Air Development Center, New York 4a19 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Further, TIPs are imminently scheduled for delivery to Rutgers University and Kirtland Air Force base, and a TIP is to be installed at Bolt Beranek and Newman for service to the user community in the Boston area. Given the proliferation of TIPs over the past two years, the fact that TIPs account for a large portion of the network's traffic, and the fact that the TIP

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software development effort is reaching a plateau, it seems appropriate to give a complete status report on the TIP effort.

1. Fabrication, Installation and Maintenance

The TIP is fabricated by BBN by combining a Multi-Line Controller with a 316 IMP. The former is constructed by BBN, the latter by Honeywell. Completed systems are extensively tested both off and on the network before shipment to the field. TIPs are installed by a BBN field engineer with the help of a Honeywell field engineer. The BBN field engineer also aids site personnel in connecting Hosts and data sets to the TIP. Once installed, the TIP is under a Honeywell maintenance contract although BBN engineers are regularly sent to the field to help with difficult problems. In practice the basic Multi-line Controller has proven to be almost 100% free from failure although there have been failures of Line Interface Units, the modules to which terminals or data sets are connected.

All TIPs in the network are configured with at least 28 kilowords of core memory of which 16 kilowords is dedicated to the IMP and the remainder is dedicated to the TIP. Two TIPs have been delivered with a magnetic tape option and these have an additional 4 kilowords of memory (or 32 kilowords total). The Wright-Patterson machine and most future TIPs will have 32 kilowords of core as Honeywell now manufactures only 8-kiloword banks of memory.

At present all TIPs have at least one Host interface although this is only used at about half the TIP sites. Two Host interfaces are possible at present, and this will be expanded to three at some time in the future. A TIP can handle up to 63 modem and terminal devices.

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2. Documentation and the TIP Users Group

In addition to numerous informal and working publications to date, five formal publications about the TIP have been written. These are: -

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BBN Report 2183, "User's Guide to the Terminal IMP" (kept current through updates). A guide to using a TIP from a terminal, including discussion of how to make a logical connection to a flost and how to operate the TIP magnetic tape option.

BBN Report 2184, "Hardware Manual for the BBN Terminal Interface Message Processor" (October 1972). A complete hardware logic description of the Multi-Line Controller (limited distribution).

BBN Report 2277, "Specifications for the Interconnection of Terminals and the Terminal IMP" (kept current through updates). The description of how to connect modems and terminals to the Line Interface Units of the TIP's Multi-Line Controller (limited distribution).

S. Ornstein, F. Heart, W. Crowther, H. Rising, S. Russell, and A. Michel, "The Terminal IMP for the ARPA Computer Network". Proceedings of AFIPS 1972 Spring Joint Computer Conference, Vol. 40, pp. 243-254 (May 1972).

N. Mimno, B. Cosell, D. Walden, S. Butterfield, and J. Levin, "Terminal Access to the ARPA Network -- Experience and Improvements", Proceedings of the Seventh Annual IEEE Computer Society International Conference (COMPCON 73), pp. 39-43 (February 1973).

The most important source of informal TIP documentation is the TIP User's Group Note series. Notes in this series are published in a timely fashion and are primarily used to warn users of impending system changes and to poll users as to their desires for future improvements. These notes, as well as TIP User's Guide updates, are distributed directly or through site representatives to all TIP Users. We estimate that there are presently between 700 and 1000 TIP users, from Hawaii to Norway.

3. Terminal and Modem Handling Capabilities

The TIP presently assumes all terminals use 8 bit characters

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except IBM 2741s; although TIP hardware exists to vary this, the TIP software does not presently allow variation. The TIP allows the following modem and terminal rates when they are clocked internally to the TIP: 75 bps, 110 bps, 134.5 bps, 150 bps, 300 bps, 600 bps, 1200 bps, 1800 bps, 2400 bps, 4800 bps, 9600 bps, and 19200 bps. Speeds in excess of 2400 bps are supported for output only.

The following rates are allowed when clocked externally to the TIP: any rate up to 3.3 Kbs for input or output, and any rate from 3.3 to 19.2 Kbs for input only.

The TIP handles a variety of terminal and modem types as listed below.

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3.1 Terminals (see footnote [1] below)

- KSR-33 Teletype compatible terminals; i.e., ASCII terminals without requirement for special timing or parity calculations.
- KSR-37 Teletype compatible terminals; i.e., ASCII terminals requiring even parity output.
- ODEC Printer; an ASCII printer requiring special timing considerations.

- MEMOREX Printer; an ASCII printer requiring special timing considerations.

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- Execuport compatible terminals; i.e., Teletype compatible terminal requiring special timing for a slow carriage return and line feed.
- IBM PTTC and Correspondence 2741 compatible terminals; i.e., EBCDIC terminals with the 2741 transmit and receive interrupt options but requiring a special line turnaround protocol.

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There are a large number of terminals compatible or "almost compatible" with those listed above; many of these have been used with the TIP by various groups. The TIP does not handle remote job entry terminals or other terminals requiring complex protocols.

3.2 Modems

The TIP will work with the appropriate options of Bell 103 or 113 series modems up to 300 baud. Specifically included are the Vadic equivalents of the Bell modems.

Above 300 baud fewer options exist. For 4-wire, private line, full duplex operation, the Bell 202R, and (if properly configured) the 202D may be used up to 1800 baud. The 202C is intended for two-wire dial up use and, since it is a half duplex device, will not work with the TIP. The Supervisory-channel version provides only a 5-baud reverse path which is of no use to the TIP. With certain cross-connections, a simplex device (such as a line printer) can be run with a 202C but the complexity and the software constraints cause us not to recommend it.

No Bell modem exists for 1200 baud dial-up operation. The only such modems known to us are the Vadic 3400 series, which have been tested by BBN and seem to work as advertised. They are available with many strap options, including a set which handles the 103 protocol, allowing direct replacement in the case of devices which are now using the 103 and are limited by transmission speed.

Several manufacturers sell (or advertise) dial-up modens which provide 1200 baud transmission in one direction and 110 or 150 in the other. In concept, this is an obvious choice for CRT terminals. However, evaluation of many of these units has led us to be extremely cautious. Those that malfunctioned tended to have few problems with their modulators or demodulators, but frequently failed to establish connections due to inadequate hand-shaking-protocol logic.

In December or January a report summarizing the specific

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problems and solutions of the various modem choices will be issued to TIP users.

Recently BBN implemented a complete modem "hang up" protocol which is required for use of automatic-answer 103 modems connected to some central switching offices (the TIP previously relied on hang-up procedure originating in the carrier's central office, but not all central offices originate this procedure). In addition, the "hunt" bit for a port can no longer be altered by a dial-in user.

4. Magnetic Tape Option

Significant modifications have been made to the magnetic tape option since it was originally developed. The major characteristics of the option as it now exists are listed below:

- The TIP magnetic tape option follows a simple, efficient, robust, but ad hoc protocol.

- A tape transfer will "ride through" the destruction of a message or even a network partition for an extended period without data loss (assuming that the source and destination TIPs survive for the duration of the transfer).

- The tape option uses the network optimally with respect to throughput by allowing multiple messages to be simultaneously in transit.

- The tape option uses messages optimally by packing 2 2/3 6-bit bytes into every 16 bit word transferred.

- The maximum size record which can be handled is currently 2400 frames (7-track tape); this maximum is tailored to the user's requirements.

- The option is in routine use between GWC and ETAC for the transfer of two tapes every day. It also will soon be in daily

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use between GWC and AFCRL via Lincoln Labs.

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5. Use of the Resource Sharing Executive (RSEXEC)

The TIPs now make extensive use of the TENEX RSEXEC [2]. The TENEX RSEXEC currently is run on many network TENEX systems and a package (called TIPSER) which allows direct TIP use of the TENEX RSEXEC runs on BBN-TENEX, ISI-TENEX, and will soon run on the SRI-ARC TENEX.

TIP use of RSEXEC is presently initiated by the TIP user command @N [3]. This initiates a broadcast of a TIP message to all network RSEXECs running TIPSER. A connection is made between the TIP and the first RSEXEC to respond. Over this connection, the TIP user can access a number of useful services. At the present time these are:

- A "NETNEWS" service which allows the IMP and TIP system programmers and the NCC staff to communicate to users. The headline of the latest news is typed immediately on connection to TIPSER.

- A "GRIPE" service which allows users to communicate to the IMP and TIP system programmers and to the NCC staff.

- A "HOSTAT" service which reports which Hosts in the network are up and available.

A "LINK" service which allows a TIP user to make a two-way connection between his terminal and any user of a TENEX system running RSEXEC.

- A "SNDMSG" service which provides a general purpose "mail" distribution facility.

- A "TRMINF" service which gives the TIP user information about his terminal including the name of the TIP he is using and the TIP MLC port to which his terminal is attached.

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- More than seventeen other services (commands) are presently available to the TIP user through TIPSER. Included are text editing (e.g., delete character, delete line, retype line) and terminal control (e.g., full duplex, set attention character) commands, as well as commands for finding other network users, finding an unloaded server TENEX, and commands which help in learning to use the RSEXEC.

We plan to continue expanding the facilities available to TIP users through the RSEXEC. Most immediately, we plan to add a facility which will give users news relating specifically to the TIP they are using, such as an announcement of an updated preventative maintenance period for the TIP. This will also include a facility which permits the site person responsible for the TIP to add a site specific news item and edit out old news items. Other facilities which will eventually exist via RSEXEC are:

- on-line access to the TIP User's Guide and other documents such as the Resource Notebook.

-TIP passwords, access control, and accounting

- generalization of the LINK and SNDMSG services to allow addressing of other TIP users as well as Host users.

- a READMAIL service which allows TIP users to receive mail independent of any server Host.

- an expanded TRMINF service to provide TIP status (e.g., number of users on TIP, load average).

- a distributed virtual file system for TIP users.

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6. Software Improvements

Since the installation of the first TIP in the field, hundreds of improvements have been made in the TIP software system. Since July 1972 the changes visible to users have been 4a70

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documented in a series of "Letters to TIP Users" published as RFCs and TIP Users Group Notes [4]. Consequently, we will not describe the software development to date [5]. We will, however, list a few of what we think are the nost important upcoming software changes:

- The TIP logger will be made re-entrant.

- The new TELNET protocol will be implemented -- 'this and the previous task are highest priority and should be done by early in 1974.

- The TIP's handling of terminals will be extended to the simulation of tabs and formfeeds, handling of line and page overflow (especially for CRT terminals), motor control, X-ON/X-OFF handling, and using a reverse channel for "Go Ahead."

- Improvement of TIP messages to the user.

- Making various TIP options yet more modular.

7. Bandwidth Capabilities

The TIP can physically handle 63 terminals and data sets. A recent recalculation of the TIP bandwidth indicates that there has been little decrease in the total bandwidth which may pass through the TIP to and from its 63 terminals. The maximum terminal traffic is still about 80 Kbs (e.g., eight 9600 bps CRT terminals doing only output [6]). The maximum total TIP throughput of Hosts, wideband lines, and terminals is still about 600 Kbs full duplex and must satisfy the inequality

H+L+15T<600 Kbs

where H, L, and T are full duplex Host, line, and terminal traffic respectively (e.g., a 50 Kbs line with full traffic in both directions counts as only 50 Kbs).

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4a88 Footnotes 4a89 [1] In addition to those listed below, at BBN we have a heavy duty Data-Products printer connected to the TIP, in a manner which requires no special software, through a special interface which provides an external clock to the TIP at maximum rate. 4a90 [2] R. Thomas, "A Resource Sharing Executive for the ARPANET", Proceedings of the AFIPS 1973 National Computer Conference and Exposition, Vol 42, pp. 155-163 (June 1973). 4a91 [3] Later this may be made automatic. 4a92 [4] RFCs 365 and 386, and TIPUG Notes 5, 8, 12, 13, 14, and 19. 4a93 [5] Perhaps the most important change in the software is in the area of increased adapta Assuming sufficient buffer space is available and that no special software timing or parity calculations are necessary. 4a94 (using) ARPANET USERS Interest Group Charter 4b USING Note #6 J. Iseli (MITRE-TIP) NIC 19025 D. Crocker (UCLA-NMC) N. Neigus (BBN-NET) 4b1 BACKGROUND 4b2The ARPANET Users Interest Group (NIC Ident = USING) was formed at a meeting of 15 Network people on May 23, 1973 in an attempt to improve the Network user's working environment. USING will attempt to represent the interests and needs of users in the

Network community, so as to increase awareness of user requirements and encourage better provision of the needed
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services. The group believes that the Network is moving beyond a concentration of resources in self-perpetuating research and development; the Network is becoming a service and its viability as such is dependent on user satisfaction.

A second group, the ARPANET Users Group (NIC Lient = USERS) is organized as a forum for users to express their desires and complaints. Acting as a steering committee and lobby for this group, USING will forward their ideas to the appropriate centers.

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Group membership, in USING, is open to individuals interested in working to improve Network user support and able and willing to make meaningful contributions to USING's activities.

Membership, in USERS, is open to any interested person.

SCOPE

USING has set as its scope those facets of Network activity that affect the provision of services to users. This includes the availability of resources, their reliability and ease of use.

GOALS

USING's overall goal is to ensure that the ARPANET becomes a coherent system in which users can regulate their own working environment according to their level of experience and the degree of transparency (of specific system idiosyncracies) they desire. System resources should be self-documenting, and all levels of assistance (on- and off-line) should be available, again, to be regulated by the user.

Short Term Objectives, for the initial 6-12 months

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1. Specification of a user-level Common Command Language

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2. Specification of a Network Editor for CCL;	4514
3. Further definition and focusing of User Issues;	4ь15
4. Encouraging establishment of a User's consulting service;	4ь16
5. Publication of a New-Users Handbook.	4617
Long Term Activities	4ь18
1. Monitor and/or provide impetus for user-priented Network development efforts, including resource directories, tutorials [static and dynamic], training courses and referral services;	4ь19
2. Provide mechanisms to encourage, analyze, and respond to user feedback;	4ь20
3. Develop profile information relative to users' requirements, types, usage attributes, and affiliations;	4b21
 Stimulate mechanisms to facilitate entry of new users to the ARPANET; 	
5. Sponsor user seminars and encourage formation of viable user working groups where appropriate.	4522
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(kuo) An ONLINE INTERVIEW with DR. FRANK KUO	4c
Following is an online interview conducted 25 October 1973 by Jean Iseli, MITRE-TIP, Editor of the ARPANET Newsletter, with Dr. Frank Kuo of the ALOHA System, University of Hawaii, author	
or the article in this issue, the about system.	4c1

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- ji: Dr. Kuo, can anything be said at this time relative to tentative or firm plans for when the BCC 500 system will be available on the ARPANET? Let me defer till last the several questions I wanted to ask about your work in satellite communications.
- FFK: NOT REALLY. THE 500 IS NOT YET ON THE NETWORK AS A HOST. WE EXPECT THAT IT WILL BE EQUIPPED WITH AN NCP AROUND THE END OF THE YEAR. AS YOU KNOW, THE MACHINE IS MOSTLY AN EXPERIMENTAL MACHINE. AT LEAST, IT IS A ONE OF A KIND. THUS WE HAVE THE USUAL SERIOUS PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTATION, ETC., WHICH MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO ACCOMMODATE NUMBERS OF USERS ALL OVER THE NETWORK. CERTAINLY, IT MUCH EASIER FOR TENEX TO FACE THIS PROBLEM. ALL WE CAN REALLY SAY NOW IS SOMETIME AROUND THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.
- ji: I can well understand that. Could you maybe tell us a little bit about the type of network users you might, when the machine is available on the Net, like to see employ it. My understanding is that it contains may unusual and forefront features.
- FFK: THANKS FOR THE COMPLIMENT...BUT TO A USER IT LOOKS LIKE MANY OF THE OTHER SYSTEMS NOW ON THE NETWORK. ITS COMMAND LANGUAGE STRUCTURE LOOKS SOMEWHAT LIKE TENEX'S (ALTHOUGH IT IS DIFFERENT, OF COURSE) AND OTHER THAN THAT, WELL IT JUST COMPUTES. ALL OF THE REALLY FANCY FEATURES RELATE TO THE SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE, AND THE USER HAS NO WAY OF TELLING THAT WHEN HE IS ON LINE. IT WILL RUN OLD XDS 940 SOFTWARE AND IT DOES ACCOMMODATE SPL, A SYSTEMS PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE DEVELOPED BY PETER DEUTSCH AND BUTLER LAMPSON SEVERAL YEARS AGO WHEN THEY WERE AT BCC. OTHER THAN THAT, THE SPL LANGUAGE RESEMBLES OTHER LANGUAGES NOW AVAILABLE (SAIL, BLISS, ETC.)
- ji: Would it be fair to represent that the BCC 500 will then be a general server to the Net?
- FFK: PROBABLY NOT. WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT USED BY A NUMBER OF PEOPLE, OF COURSE, BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO SUPPORT THE PUBLIC AT LARGE. IT WILL BE USED BY A SELECTED NUMBER WHO IN SOME SENSE WORK CLOSELY WITH US OR OTHERWISE SOMEHOW KNOW HOW TO USE IT. FOR NOW AND FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL

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MONTHS, IT MUST BE CONSIDERED ONLY FOR "FOOLING AROUND".

- ji: The reason for my interest on this point is that, as you may know, we assist ARPA in helping new network users satisfy their interest in the network. We have found that an understanding of the status of a site, relative to its desire for general network users, is mandatory to avoid much unnecessary confusion and embarassment. Aside from the interests you mentioned in the fine article that you and Wayne submitted to us, are there other categories of interest or areas of collaboration that might be mentioned to better characterize for our readership, the
- ALOHA system, and in particular the BCC 500 intended user community?
- FFK: THE BCC 500 WILL BE USED PRIMARILY BY THE PEOPLE AT NASA AMES AND XEROX PARC WHO ARE FAMILIAR WITH THE XDS 940. IT WILL BE USED AS A RESEARCH MACHINE FOR OUR WORK ON SYSTEM SECURITY. IT IS TOO EARLY YET TO DESCRIBE THIS WORK, AS THIS IS AN AREA THAT WE ARE JUST MOVING INTO IN SUPPORT OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ILLIAC SYSTEM. MEL PIRTLE AND WAYNE LICHTENBERGER ARE WORKING VERY CLOSELY ON THIS PROBLEM, WHICH IS JUST IN THE DEFINITION STAGE NOW. I CAN SAY QUITE A BIT MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF TASK 1 IF YOU WISH TO PROCEED NOW.
- ji: Fine, your article prompted several questions about the broad and powerful implications of the work you are doing in satellite communications. Maybe I could just ask a few preliminary questions first to broaden our understanding: (1) The function of your MENEHUNE communications computer -- could you maybe amplify in this area a little, and (2) the "link" you mentioned to the University of Alaska, and other possible links; will that also provide access to ARPANET resources to these existing and proposed "links"?
- FFK: THE MENEHUNE FUNCTIONS MUCH LIKE AN IMP ON A RADIO CHANNEL INSTEAD OF LEASED LINES. IT HAS BUFFERING, ERROR DETECTION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT, TIMEOUT, PACKET ASSEMBLING AND DISASSEMBLING CAPABILITIES. THE MACHINE ITSELF IS A 16K HP 2100; SK IS DEDICATED TO THE RADIO CHANNEL AND SK IS TO BE USED FOR OUR MINI-NCP WHICH IS BEING WRITTEN AND DEBUGGED NOW. WHEN THE NCP IS COMPLETED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR, THE USERS OF THE

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RADIO CHANNEL CAN ACCESS THE ARPANET THROUGH THE REGULAR ALOHA RADIO CHANNEL. SINCE THE MENEHUNE TREATS THE SATELLITE USERS ON THE ATS-1 AS ANY OTHER USER, ATS-1 USERS CAN ACCESS THE ARPANET VIA OUR MENEHUNE. HOWEVER, WE MUST GET PERMISSION FROM ARPA FOR OUTSIDE (ATS-1 USERS) TO ACCESS ANY PARTICULAR SYSTEM. WE'LL FACE THAT WHEN WE GET ALL CONNECTED.

- Is my understanding correct in the following: .ii: (1) The MENEHUNE computer will be interconnected to the ARPANET, (2) The MENEHUNE computer is also much like a TIP in that it will contain an NCP; and (3) The MENEHUNE will, in a manner of speaking, provide potential access to ARPANET resources (given that appropriate issues are ironed out) for the ALOHA user community?
- FFK: THE MENEHUNE WILL BE CONNECTED TO THE ARPANET THROUGH A HOST PORT ON THE HAWAII TIP. THE OTHER HOST ON THE TIP WILL BE THE BCC 500. THUS THE HAWAII TIP WILL ENABLE ALOHA RADIO CHANNEL USERS TO ACCESS BOTH THE ARPANET AND THE BCC 500.
- ji: What I find so exciting in the work you are doing is the terrific potential for economically distributing access to the many benefits inherent in an ARPANET to a global community. Remote areas, with the inexpensive ground station you mention in the article, can avail themselves of network resources without the significant expense of communication lines and necessity for local IMPS/TIPS or costly alternatives.
- FFK: YOU'VE SAID IT ALL. I'D JUST LIKE TO ADD A POINT. WE ARE IN DAILY VOICE CONTACT VIA ATS-1 WITH FIJI, NEW ZEALAND, ALASKA, AUSTRALIA, AND NASA AMES. ONCE WE PROVIDE THESE FACILITIES WITH PROTOTYPES OF OUR MENEHUNE (DOCUMENTS AND BLUEPRINTS, MAINLY) THEY CAN BE ON THE AIR SENDING DATA. THE HP2100 SYSTEM PLUS THE TCU'S COST IS LESS THAN HALF OF A TIP. THIS IS WHERE THE REAL BREAKTHROUGH WILL COME. FOR THE PEOPLE WHO ARE UNFAMILIAR WITH THE TECHNICAL ISSUES OF SATELLITE BROADCASTING ON AN ALOHA CHANNEL, I REFER THEM TO THE PAPERS IN THE 73 NCC PROCEEDINGS BY ABRAMSON, KLEINROCK AND ROBERTS.

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ji: Dr. Kuo, I want to thank you very, VERY such for the real and RARE delight of sharing this discussion with vou. 4c16 FFK: THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS OUR WORK. 4c17 One more question, please. Would you consider a member j1: of your staff writing a summary of the forthcoming session in Hawaii, the network subconference. I believe our readership would be most interested in that. 4c18 FFK: NORM ABRAMSON IS CHAIRMAN OF THE SUBCONFERENCE. INCIDENTALLY, VINT CERF AND BOB KAHN WILL ALSO BE HERE THEN FOR AN INWG MEETING. SO I ENCOURAGE ALL MEMBERS OF THE ARPA NETWORK COMMUNITY TO COME FOR THESE TWO EXCITING MEETINGS. 4c19 ji: Fine, I will contact Norm. Thank you again, Frank. 4c20 (n5) FEATURED SITES Co-Featured sites : CMU and ALOHA 5 (cmu) CARNEGIE-MELLON COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT 5a

By

Howard Wactler for Allen Newell

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The Computer Science Department evolved as a graduate education and research department of the university in 1965. The research pursued spans the entire spectrum of computer science, emphasis varying with changing interests of the faculty. The computing facility is based around two PDP-10 processors whose system embellishments support the research needs. This service is complemented by an engineering lab facility staffed with eleven full-time engineers and technicians that enables us to support efforts from speech understanding to (multi)processor design and measurement. Our efforts are funded by a collection of

grants, gifts, and contracts, the largest being with ARPA/IPT.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reflecting the interests of faculty and students, our efforts include artificial intelligence, speech and visual recognition, operating systems, programming languages and system building systems, graphics, complexity theory, numerical analysis, performance measurement, and the design of computer hardware systems. We select just three of these for mention below.

C. mmp and Hydra

The CMU multi-mini processor is constructed around a set of up to 16 PDP-11 computers, connected through a crosspoint switch to a large sharable memory of up to 2120 words. The present configuration has grown to three processors and four memory ports; the operation of the 16 X 16 switch is anticipated by January. The kernel of the operating system, named Hydra, is running on the PDP-10 and portions are now functioning on the prototype system being driven by test programs. Hydra is built in BLISS, which is an implementation language on the PDP-10 that produces object code for either the PDP-10 or PDP-11. It is intended that this processor will be significant in satisfying the real-time I/O and processing requirements of the speech understanding system and other similar network computational needs. It provides as well a fertile environment for our research in computer structures, operating system design, interprocess and processor communication and measurement.

Speech Understanding System

The Hearsay system is operational on our PDP-10's and has been demonstrated live at several workshops. The system utilizes simultaneous analysis of context, syntax and semantics in a speech recognition task in a limited domain. Its continuing improvement with evolving heuristics and programming techniques is being measured and charted. There is significant interaction and data sharing with other network sites engaged in similar efforts. The needs of this project have spurred the development of a high performance intelligent video terminal (50,000 vectors/sec) for monitoring the system performance and the 5a5

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XCRIBL system for hard copy, raster scan, computer output of arbitrary type font text, graphics and half-tone images on the Xerox Graphics Printer for recording it.

Artificial Intelligence

Work is proceeding in this area on several fronts, many closely related to work in human cognition. Automatic protocol analysis programs (PAS-II) exist to transform human verbal behavior to problem behavior graphs (a trace of how the human solves the problem). There is work on production systems, which are composed of productions (a condition and an action) and a collection of data structures for encoding the information upon which the productions act. Productions systems are being used both to explore the structure of the human inmediate processor and as a general form of programming system for understanding programs. Other work continues on understanding systems, with MERLIN as the vehicle for investigation. Chess also continues to be a serious research endeavor. Many of these programs were constructed with L*, a system building kernel language on the PDP-10, presently being bootstrapped for the PDP-11.

FACILITY

Two independent PDP-10 KA10's running embellished DEC "10/50" systems complemented by DEC, Stanford and CMU language processors provide the base of our service. Presently, the two machines communicate with each other only over the network. We expect to soon add C.mmp and the university's 360/67 and 1108 as additional hosts on our IMP. Both of our systems have approximately 200K of memory, 600K swapping space and 40 million words of disk storage. One system (10A) is considered the general user machine with 40 terminal lines and 20 hour per day scheduled user uptime. The alternate system (10B) supports all the specialized speech and vision hardware, mountable private disk structures and specialized terminals, and thus serves as the primary machine for those engaged in sensory perception research. The same machine is used for system development and experimentation therefore having scheduled downtimes and a less stable performance.

Our system provides TELNET, FTP and MAIL service but only a limited set of HELP functions presently exists. Expected in the first quarter of 1974, a specialized hardware interface between 5a8

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PDP-10's and PDP-11's (C.mmp) will provide for data transfers at estimated rates of 5 megabits/sec while at the same time giving us the means for implementing a common communications front end for all our systems. It is anticipated that such a front end will eventually alleviate the PDP-10's and C.mmp of much of the lowest level IMP-network service burden.

Usage information is available from S300HW0992MU-10A via FTP mail or through the NIC to ident HDW.

(aloha) The ALOHA System

By

Franklin F. Kuo

The ALOHA System is composed of a related series of contracts and grants from a variety of funding agencies with principal support from ARPA, which deal with two main themes: computer communications (TASK 1), and computer structures (TASK 2).

Under computer-communications there is work in (a) studies on computer-communications using radio and satellites; (b) the development of a prototype radio-linked timesharing network; (c) system studies and planning for a Pacific area computer communications network linking major universities in the U.S., Japan, Australia and other Pacific countries.

Under computer structures, we are engaged in research/development in multiprocessor computing structures, computer networks, and geographically distributed computing systems. This work is being undertaken in two phases: (1) the establishment of a research facility, and (2) the research work itself. The research facility is centered around the BCC 500 computing system.

TASK 1: Radio Communications

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Developments in remote access computing during the latter part of the 1960's have resulted in increasing importance of remote timesharing, remote job entry and networking for large information processing systems. The present generation of computer-communication systems is based on the use of leased or dial-up common carrier facilities, primarily wire connections. Under many conditions such communication facilities offer the best possible communications option to the overall system designer of a large computer-communication facility. In other circumstances, however, the organization of common carrier data communication systems seriously limits the possibilities of a large information processing system.

Since September 1968, the ALOHA System Project at the University of Hawaii has investigated alternatives to the use of conventional wire communications in a geographically diffuse computer system. When the constraint of data communications by wire is eliminated a number of options for different methods of organizing data communications within a computer-communications net are made available to the system designer. The ALOHA System Project has investigated the use of a new and simple form of random access communications for a statewide university computing system; the first links in this UHF radio-linked computer system, were set up in mid-1971.

Since that time the ALOHA System has been in continuous operation. The ALOHA network uses two 24,000 baud channels at 407.350 MHz and at 413.475 MHz in the upper UHF band. ALOHA uses packet switching techniques similar to that employed by the ARPANET, in conjunction with a novel form of random-access radio-channel multiplexing.

We are now developing a Phase II ALOHA network with mini- and micro-computers as programmable terminals and repeaters. This effort is part of the work undertaken by the Packet Radio Group under the direction of Robert E. Kahn of ARPA. In conjunction with the hardware development we are also conducting system studies on the effects of different channel protocols upon system performance and also on the properties of the random-access channel (known now as the ALOHA Channel) used in different modes.

TASK 1: Satellite Communications

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We are now conducting experiments on the effective uses of high capacity satellite channels for packet switched communications. The experiments are centered around the geosynchronous satellites ATS-1 of NASA and INTELSAT IV of COMSAT.

With the development of new digital communications systems by COMSAT in which data at the rate of 50 Kbaud can be transmitted through a single voice channel, data transmission by satellite has become both technologically and economically realizable. During the past year we have initiated two specific research projects for satellite extension of the ALOHA System and several theoretical studies involving the unique properties of satellite channels. The first of the projects involves the use of large commercial ground stations and the establishment of an ARPANET SATELLITE SYSTEM; the second involves the use of small inexpensive ground stations in a joint research effort with NASA Ames Research Center. In regard to the ARPANET SATELLITE SYSTEM we have been involved in a joint study with ARPA, BBN, UCLA, and Xerox PARC to design a suitable protocol for packet communications via satellite.

In December 1972, a 50 kilobaud data channel using a single PCM voice channel was installed between the COMSAT ground stations at Paumalu, Hawaii, and Jamesburg, California. The first subscriber of this service was ARPA for the inclusion of the ALOHA System into the ARPANET. The BCC 500 computer is planned to be the main HOST of the Hawaii TIP. We are also planning to connect the MENEHUNE (the communications computer for the ALOHA Net) as the second HOST.

The second satellite project involves the use of the NASA satellite ATS-1 using small inexpensive ground stations which cost less than \$5,000 each. Thus far we have progressed to the point where an ALOHA random access burst mode channel is in operation between the University of Hawaii, NASA/AMES Research Center and the University of Alaska. During the following year we plan to interface this channel into computer near each of these ground stations, extend the number of ground stations to other sites, including possibly universities in Japan (Tohoku), Australia (Sydney), and other Pacific countries and establish a small ground station satellite network on an experimental basis.

We are also studying the possibility of using a complete transponder on a U.S. domestic satellite for ARPA Network 14 A. F. S.

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operation. Such a transponder might provide negabit or higher rates using a transponder dedicated to packet switched operation and terminating in a large number of moderately priced ground stations at a cost of only a fraction of the expected land line costs by the end of 1974. In addition to the lower costs and higher speeds, a packet switched transponder on a domestic satellite would provide for higher network connectivity and enhanced possibilities for new forms of resource sharing.

TASK 2: Background

Task II of the ALOHA System is concerned with multiprocessor computing structures and systems. Its primary research facility is the large BCC 500 system which was brought from Berkeley, California when the Berkeley Computer Corporation ceased activities.

The main ideas involved in the 500's design were formulated by Project GENIE at UC Berkeley during 1967 and 1968. At that time it was planned that a private company would participate with UC in a joint design effort for a multi-user computing system designed expressly for online activities. This arrangement did not work well, however, and in early 1969 a number of persons from the project left UC and formed BCC with the specific goal of building a working prototype of a similar system.

This effort came to an end two years later when, with the nation's economy in a severe recession and the entire computing industry in an accompanying "adjustment", the company ran out of available development capital a few months short of its goal of producing income on its prototype. The system itself, however, was almost complete and had been running an operating system for six months.

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The equipment was acquired by the University of Hawaii upon the formation of Task II and was brought to Honolulu in early 1972. Since that time much of the Task's efforts have been directed to setting up the system once again and reconstructing some of the hardware after careful analysis of its state. Software development has also been done since the system has been locally usable beginning in March, 1973. By December 1973 the system will achieve full host status on the ARPANET and will be 1363

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operated regularly. By virtue of the time difference between Hawaii and the mainland -- especially the East Coast -- the system might be especially attractive for browsers.

TASK 2: BCC 500 System

The system hardware includes two central processors and five special purpose processors, 128K 24-bit words of central memory (i.e., visible to all processors), 32K words of additional memory connected to some of the special purpose processors, 4 million words of drum storage (transferring at 2 megawords/sec, or 6 megabytes/sec) and 380 megabytes of disk storage. The central processors are provided each with memory maps giving them the ability to address 256K words of page1, virtual memory of which half is available for user programs.

The special purpose processors implement those portions of the operating system which are concerned with global system tasks. These include memory management -- central memory allocation, dynamic drum allocation, disk allocation and all page traffic between these devices; character input/output -- to and from terminals including the handling of break and/or wakeup characters and remote echo strategies; central processor scheduling; and the NCP process for network protocol handling. Those operating system functions which are oriented toward the individual user process, i.e., which can be done by calls from the user process not requiring its blocking, are performed on the CPU's in a conventional manner. The systems code for these functions resides in one of two hardware-implemented system rings (a third ring permits the user to process to run while permitting the system full protection from it).

All the system software is written in SPL, a systems-programming language developed by BCC for operating systems and utility subsystems (like compilers). There is no assembly language. All compiled code is reentrant and sharable between tasks.

The CPU's have a special mode selectable in their state word which permits them to execute XDS 940 machine language directly. A utility program, called the 940 Emulator, is available to all users and operates in conjunction with 940 programs, serving to translate 940 system calls which are

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otherwise trapped into equivalent sequences of 500 system calls. In this fashion all available 940 software will run on the 500 system.

We will welcome your online exploration of our system as it assumes host status and direct your attention particularly to the SPL language. Please address your questions and comments to: Wayne Lichtenberger, 486 Holmes Hall, University of Hawaii, 2540 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

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(n6) PROTOCOLS

(impl) Implementation Schedule

The New TELNET (NIC 18639 and NIC 18640) is scheduled to go into effect on 1 January 1974.

The new FTP (NIC 17760) is scheduled to go into effect 1 February 1974.

The User sitting at his terminal should not notice the changeover, and will not have to do anything different.Jon Postel

(tel-option) Updated TELNET Option

A completely updated version of 18492, Remote Controlled Transmission and Echoing TELNET Option, has been issued by D. Crocker and J. Postel as NIC 19859. The corrections are pointed up in NIC 19860, issued as RFC 581., and will be distributed by NIC to holders of the Protocol Notebook.

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(n7) RESOURCE NEWS New Programs and Publications

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(traffic) Traffic Statistics for September 1973

Network Liaisons have received RFC 579 by Alex McKenzie, NIC 18801, which gives Host throughput statistics for September, showing the traffic for each Host. Internode traffic totalled 86,793,910 packets, intranode traffic was 22,232,380, giving daily averages of 2,893,130 and 742,746 respectively. Packets/messages (internode) was 1.07.

(abstracts) Abstracts of Recent Network Documents abstracted by Mil Jærnigan

Alex Reid (Communications Studies Group, Joint Unit for Planning Research, University College London and London School of Economics). New Directions in Telecommunications Research: A Report Prepared for the Sloan Commission on Cable Communications. 62p. June 1971. NIC 18595.

Alternative criteria for future developments in person-person telecommunications are considered. Relevant allied areas discussed are information theory, applied and experimental psychology, management theory, sciology, urban and regional planning, geography, and human communication techniques. Future research is suggested in community communications, human aspects of telecommunications, rather than simply the needs of business firms. The psychological background of telecommunication as related to technology is explored.

D. K. Branstad (National Security Agency, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland). Security Aspects of Computer Networks. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-427. Sp. NIC 18603.

Connecting various types of terminals and various computer systems in either geographically local or distributed networks creates many technical problems. Under consideration is the definition of the communication and switching requirements of a network of different computers, terminals, and users with various access authorizations. The general problem 7ь

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is described, as is the impact that security requirements have on a network, and some possible approaches to a solution.

Eric F. Harlsem, Suzanne D. Landa (RAND Corporation, Santa Monica, California). VIEW: A Distributed System for Graphical Analysis of Large Data Bases. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, April 16-18, 1973. Paper 73-431. 8p. NIC 18604.

The VIEW System is designed to aid researchers via graphical analysis of large, remotely-located data bases. In order to access remote data storage facilities (e.g., the trillion-bit Laser Store), modules of VIEW are distributed over the ARPANET, with the main analysis module on the UCLA 360/91. The user/system interface was designed to satisfy a set of user-generated specifications and to allow syntactically different inputs to remote data retrieval systems. Terminal input/output is in a Network standard format, allowing use of VIEW from any graphics terminal connected to the Network.

Stuart Wecker (Digital Equipment Corporation, Programming RSD, Maynard, Massachusetts). A Building Block Approach to Multi-Function Multiple Processor Operating Systems. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-425. 9p. NIC 18601.

A description of the structure of a functionally flexible operating system created from building block modules. Independent communicating modules structure the functions and services, connected by an operating system base which provides the communication facilities. The functional modules communicate and synchronize their actions via explicit data exchanges over well-defined communication channels. This explicitness of communication allows for the independent movement of these modules within the system environment, making this structure suitable for multiple processor and computer network configurations.

W. Michael Lay, David L. Mills, Marvin V. Zelkowitz (University of Maryland, Computer Science Center, College Park, Maryland). Design of a Distributed Computer Network for Resource Sharing. 7c3

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In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-426. 7p. NIC 18602.

A distributed operating system for an integrated network of minicomputers is proposed. This system provides the network resources and controls the sharing of these resources by using blocks of virtual memory called segments. Segments can be used for programs and data, and can be transmitted as messages between processes. Processes are given capabilities to influence their own environment, as well as that of other processes, through standard message communication procedures. The network design allows processes to be location independent so that they need not be aware of the hardware configuration (possibly distributed over several sites) upon which they execute.

Julius S. Aronofsky (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas). National Networks for Education. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-419. 5p. NIC 18600.

A discussion of the trend towards regional and national educational computer networks as a means of progress on three levels of academic community involvement: (1) hardware/software research for nonuniversity users; (2) instruction of students and their preparation for coping with the impact of computers on society; (3) optimum use of computers as part of educational technology. A commentary is given on some recent publications and also comments on a series of EDUCOM sponsored meetings. Future directions are discussed.

Benjamin J. Loret (Joint Technical Support Activity, Washington, D.C.). Prototype Worldwide Military Command and Control System Intercomputer Network. In: AIAA, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabana, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-416. 9p. NIC 18606.

Experiments are being developed leading to specs for operationally linking the WWMCCS standard Honeywell 6000 series computers in 1970s. Network connectivity will use leased lines, four interconnected Honeywell 316 IMPs (one for network control, one for each 766

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computer). Experiments will include workload sharing concepts, system software and communications requirements, overall system responsiveness resulting from various data distribution strategies. Experiments, simulations, and communications/ADP tradeoff analyses will lead to definition of specs for ADP and communications hardware, software and interface.

E. Levin (System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, California). The Future Shock of Information Networks. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-18 April 1973. Paper 73-439. 10p. NIC 18605.

During the past five years the burgeoning growth of the large scale distributed computer processing systems tied together through an information network are being recognized as having an impact on our nation comparable to the recent great technological developments such as nuclear energy, supersonic aircraft, space flight, lasers and TV. In many ways, our daily lives will be altered to a greater extent by information networks than any other recent technology. Possibly the most dramatic changes will be a cashless society and a computerized government, although protection of individual rights is a deep concern. Greatest danger is one of insufficient policy rather than insufficient technology.

A. Shoshani, I. Spiegler (System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, California). The Integration of Data Management Systems on a Computer Network. In: AIAA Proceedings, Computer Network Systems Conference, Huntsville, Alabama, 16-13 April 1973. Paper 73-417. 8p. NIC 15717.

An approach is discussed to integrate data management systems on a computer network for the purpose of data sharing. Properties of the common language are explored, and a method of implementing the translation interfaces by a meta-compiler is described. More flexibility can be achieved by the use of a natural language processor. Some conclusions are drawn regarding the desirability and feasibility of this approach.

IRICON, International Information Service via Computer Oriented Network. (ITALCABLE, Rome, Italy.) 12p. December 1972. NIC 18594. 7c8

Brochure describing the services, communications handling and tariff arrangements on the ITALCABLE store-and-forward, message switching computer network. The services possible for private networks and subscribers, computer utility services, traffic pattern logistics, quick retrieval of messages, leased channels and telex positions are described.

Louis Pouzin (IRIA-Institut de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique, Rocquencourt, France). Presentation and Major Design Aspects of the CYCLADES Computer Network. Submitted for presentation at the Third Data Communications Symposium. 23p. April 1973. NIC 18256.

CYCLADES, a general purpose heterogeneous computer network launched in France in 1972, has as its purpose the construction of a prototype network to foster experiments in areas such as data communications, computer interactions, cooperative research, distributed data bases, in a realistic environment, with a variety of operational services acceptable to customer standards. Design is a carefully layered architecture, providing for an extensible structure of protocols and network services, tailored to various classes of traffic and applications.

Louis Pouzin (CYCLADES, Institut de Recherche en Informatique et Automatique - IRIA). INWG Note 35 - Efficiency of Full-Duplex Synchronous Data Link Procedures. 9p. June 1973. NIC 18255.

An examination of the efficacy of certain procedures for transmission, some of which claim to be full-duplex, but in actual practice, are not. An evaluation is made based on their ability to sustain a full speed traffic as offered by the bandwidth. This is of prime importance for computer-to-computer traffic, where line speed will be the major throttle and efficiency will be directly related to proper use of the bandwidth. It will be shown that the best procedures are a multiplexing of independent channels, while others are only a lame approximation of full duplex.

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(n9) OTHER NEWS

(net-people) Jon Postel relocates

Jon Postel (JBP) [Co-chairperson for Protocols (with Alex McKenzle of BBN)] has joined the technical staff at the MITRE Corporation. His new address is:

> Jon Postel The MITRE Corporation -W185 1820 Dolly Madison Blvd. Westgate Research Park McLean, Virginia 22101

His telephone number is: (703) 893-3500 Ext. 2350.

The primary task that Jon will be responsible for is the Evaluation of Network Control Programs.Editor

(telenet) Telenet Applies to Establish Network

Telenet Communications Corp., a subsidiary of BBN, has filed an application with the FCC to establish and operate a "value-added" network based on the packet switching technology now being used in the ARPANET.

The system will use land-based and satellite communications channels leased from other carriers. Customers will connect their computers and terminals to Telenet switching centers.

Usage charges to customers will be based on the volume of data. The proposed rate charge favors high-volume users, with rates ranging from \$4 to \$0.48 per 1000 packets, depending on total 9a1

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monthly traffic for each subscriber computer. Night usage prices will be halved. 963 Computer connection links to Telenet will range from \$500 to \$4500 per month for leased lines of from 4800 to 50,000 bit/sec capacity. 9b4 Terminal connections will be priced on transmission speed, but customers may use either dial-in or dedicated lines. Dial-in use will cost from \$0.50 to \$2 per hour. 9b5 Dedicated terminal charges will range from \$50 to \$220 per month, depending on transmission speed, in addition to leased line cost. 966 Initially, there are to be IMPS and TIPS in 13 cities, to begin operation with in 18 to 21 months after an FCC permit. 957 abstracted by JBN from Computerworld, 17 Oct, p.17. 9b8 (n10) FORUM 10 To return to contents outline type s[how]n1 CR 10a (u1) Update 13 November 11 (tenex) New Tenex ReleaseExtracted from <documentation>exec.blurb@case-10 and from a Message from Bill Plummer@BBN by ji. 11a The following represents recent changes made to the TENEX EXEC. The standard changes are indicated first, and followed by Case-10 specific changes which may also be of interest to the general TENEX user community. 11a1 The following include the BBN implemented changes in the new EXEC 1.51: 11a2

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A single [†]T does nothing but ding, 2 [†]T's within 15 seconds will request the old "verbose" typeout -- but this will be honored only if at least a minute has elapsed since the previous verbose typeout.

TRMSTAT command has been added. This command prints all kinds of (interesting?) information about your teletype such as whether you have tabs, your control character sets, wake-up sets, etc, etc.

LENGTH command allows you to specify the page length of your terminal.

Several new terminal types are supported; type a "?" to the "TERMINAL" command in TENEX EXEC to see them.

Ephemerons: A .SAV file can be declared ephemeral or not ephemeral by the commands: DEPHEMERAL (file) <file-name> and DNOT EPHEMERAL (file) (file-name) A file which is ephemeral shows on a directory listing with a ";e". An ephemeral file, when run by typing its name only to the Exec's "a" is run in a separate fork instead of the regular user fork. This means that after such a program exits, the program you were running praviously, is still there. The overall effect is to make a program look like an Exec command. If you 'C out of an ephemeral, you cannot continue it. (just as you cannot continue a TYPE or DIRECTORY command.) You can however tC out of a regular program, run an ephemeral program, and then CONTINUE the original program.

The AUTHOR subcommand has finally been added to the DIRECTORY command. This subcommand types the name of the last person who wrote into a file.

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The INTERROGATE command has been updated slightly - a little smarter, and prints more information.

The changes made to EXEC 1.51 at case-10 in addition to the above, include:

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1) The SYSTAT command now prints the runtime, (in milleseconds) the connected directory (if different from logged in directory) and the foreign host for network users. Also, the detached jobs are listed last.

2) A WHO command has been added for the sake of those poor people stuck on slow terminals who won't appreciate the longer typeouts of the SYSTAT command. This command lists job number, user name and teletype only.

 The ASSIGN command has been modified to search for an unassigned magtape or DECtape drive.

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@ASSIGN (device) MTA or DTA

will look for the first available device, then print

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to indicate which unit it found. Note: On DECtapes, unit 0 is always skipped since monitor types like to keep the system tape mounted on DTAO. Any DECtape which is mounted is skipped even if not assigned since some people put up a tape and fail to assign it.

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4) Account number checking has finally been implemented by BBN, and we have changed over to their system to simplify Exec maintenance. From a user's viewpoint, there should be no changes other than slower response.

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5) 10/50 compatible CCL commands have been added:

@COMPILE <stuff>
@LOAD <stuff>
@XQT <stuff>

where <stuff> is a list of file names and switches calls the CCL subsystem, and hands it "command <stuff>". CCL then generates the appropriate command files for MACRO, SAIL, LOADER, etc. and then calls whatever programs are needed. If any of these commands are typed

with no argument, the last argument typed is used. If no argument has ever been used, Exec will complain.

NOTE: since these commands all work through CCL, all 10/50 restrictions apply to the argument. That is, there is no recognition, files must be 6 character names and 3 character extensions, and other directories must be specified as [0,directory-number] following the file name. These commands were not meant to be correctly implemented or lasting, but only a quick measure to bring TENEX at least up to the human engineering level of 10/50 in the program compiling/running area.

For more information on the format of CCL commands, see the DECsystem-10 users! handbook,

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6) A DESCRIBE command has been added to provide descriptions of Exec commands or other TENEX features. The format is

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@DESCRIBE <item>

were <item> is the command or feature. ? may be typed to get a list of items. (Be prepared for a long list.) The items preceeded by a "-" are lists of items which fall into various catagories. For example,

@DESCRIBE -ACCESS-COMMANDS
The access-commands are:
login, logout, change, detach, attach.

would indicate the access commands which can be described are LOGIN, LOGOUT, ...

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7) The autologout timing characteristics have been changed. If a job is not logged in, and types a "LINK" command, his autologout grace period is extended to 10 minutes. On a BREAK (links) command, his period is cut back to the usual shorter time.

8) A new command, NUMBER has been added to provide the directory number given a directory name. This is useful for compatibility programs (or CCL) where you cannot use the usual <directory> construction. Format is:

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aNUMBER (for directory name) <directory> directory number n. 11a22 9) A new command NAME is the inverse of NUMBER. Given a directory number, it tells you the directory name. 11a23 @NAME (of user number) <number> directory-name 11a24 10) Another new command, ERSTR gives you the error message for a given error number. (For programs which don't do the conversion themselves.) 11a25 @ERSTR (error number) 600123 **OPENF:** Write access not allowed 11a26 11a27 (ifi-forum) Institute for the Future : Computer Conferencing

The Institute for the Future, a small, nonprofit research organization based in Menlo Park, California, has developed a program for computer conferencing which is available on the ARPA network. The program is called FORUM and will be fully distributed in March 1974, but it can already be used in pre-release form on the USC-ISI and BBN sites of the network. Other PDP-10 sites interested in running FORUM under TENEX are invited to contact Dr. Jacques Vallee at (415) 854-6322 to make arrangements for transfer of the program.

FORUM is a re-entrant, assembly language program that uses a fully-paged file system. It operates well interactively even during peak loads. The system enables geographically distributed users to interact on either a real-time or a delayed basis under a variety of conference formats ranging from free discussion to a full questionnaire structure.

The participant can gain a rapid view of all conferences open to him-- both those in which he is a registered member and 11b2

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those which are public. Within a given discussion, he can interact in real-time with all active participants in the group. He can submit anonymous entries, send private messages, and follow changes in paticipant status. The numbering of entries provides an easy reference to previous comments in the discussion.

FORUM contains support software for a variety of CRT terminals. Automatic pagination, scrolling, and cursor control in line editing are among the support features.

Program documentation is provided online by typing a question mark at any point. Users wishing to experiment with the pre-release version of FORUM are welcome to contact us.

(u2) Update 18 November

(hostname)

Standard Host Name Policy Announcement by Vint G. Cerf

Recently there have been many inquiries and exchanges concerning standard host names for the ARPANET, particularly for TELNET and FTP implementation. A recent note from Clements at BBN asking for a standard list of names, and a note from Abhay Bhushan advising the community of the new name, "MIT-DMS" for MIT-DMCG underlines the revived interest in this subject.

In response to the need for more coordinated planning and standardization, Steve Crocker recently assigned Mike Kudlick (SRI-ARC/NIC) the responsibility of negotiating with all present and new hosts to select a standard host name for each. The intent is to have all protocols implement the standard host names when host names are needed (e.g. TELNET and FTP). Local implementors may want to make up short 'nicknames' as well, and this is not prohibited. The standard list is required and others are permitted.

The target date for preparing the official standard host name list is 31 December 1973. Of course, the list will grow as new hosts are added. Mike Kudlick will arrange negotiations for host names with each host technical liaison. A brief statement of the naming conventions appears below for your information.

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To recapitulate the simple rules, host names consist of up to 48 characters drawn from the alphabet (A-Z), the digits (0-9) and the minus sign (-). There is no distinction made between upper and lower case letters. The first character of the name must be a letter and the last character must not be a minus sign, otherwise no restrictions are imposed on the syntax of host names. In order to accommodate multiple networks, we also specify that a complete host name includes a prefix of up to 24 characters, enclosed in parentheses, designating the network in which the host resides. The characters used in the network name are drawn from the same set as for host names, and follow the same syntax rules. No attempt has been made to impose any further structure on these names. As an example of valid names, we have:

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(ARPANET)MIT-DNS (CYCLADES)IRIA Erewhon-FAKESITE 12a5 fUnNyNaMe-sameas-funnyname (TYMNET)Host-186

(NPLNET)beebleberry-and-associates

The network name prefix need not be supplied for intranetwork usage. The prefix is merely a means of indicating that a foreign host (that is, one not in the network from which access is being made) is being referenced.

Note that no embedded blanks are permitted.

When the first official host name list has been compiled (no later than year's end) it will be published in the ARPANET NEWS. Some thought is also being given to establishing a machine readable copy of this list with corresponding host numbers so that TELNETs and FTPs can update their tables dynamically on a periodic basis. Similarly, it will be possible to interrogate the Resource Notebook online by host name to find out important things such as responsible personnel, how to get accounts, what services are available, etc.

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(u3) Update 20 November

(sussex) London TIP Connection

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Typescript by j1

The London TIP, SUSSEX, which is host forty two (42) decimal, or fifty two (52) octal, can now be reached by users of the ARPANET. To facilitate trial usage, the following TENEX Telnet Typescript was constructed to show entry to the PDP-9 front end to the Rutherford High Energy Laboratory IBM 360/195, and subsequent entry and logout to the IBM 360/195. In the experience of the author, exploration of this facility is very straightforward in that the system provides adequate information for the experimental user.

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TELNET typescript file started at TUE 20 NOV 73 0743:00

#connection.to 52 is complete.#
INDRA COMPUTING SERVICE - 15 45 GMT ON 20 NOV 73
TYPE %H<CR> FOR HELP

%h

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THE HOST AT ULICS IS A PDP-9 AS FRONT END TO AN IBM 360/195 COMMANDS TO THE PDP-9 ARE : %HELP (%H) %LOGIN ID=**,ACCT=** %LOGOUT %OPERATOR (%O) %STATUS (%S)

ALL COMMANDS TERMINATE WITH CARRIAGE RETURN WHEN NOT LOGGED IN TO 360 ALL LINES GO TO OPERATOR

WILL USA USERS PLEASE TYPE A COUPLE OF LINES SAYING WHO THEY ARE BEFORE THEY LOG IN TO THE 360

FOR FURTHER HELP LOGIN TO THE 360 WITH: %LOGIN GUEST AND IF SUCESSFUL TYPE: TYPE JB=HELP

THE IBM 360/195 IS UP

THE SYSTEM HAS NO PROMPT AND ONLY TWO CONTROL CHARS: CTRL U TO CANCEL A LINE DELETE (177) TO DELETE A CHAR %login guest USER 21 F7 BL= 140/ 250 TL= 114 NL= 6 TG= 0 NG= 0 TJ=

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0.45 NJ= 9
%logout
OK F7 BL= 140/ 250 TL= 114 NL= 7 TG= 0 NG= 0 TJ=
0.45 NJ= 9
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I just got a Journal Message from Jeanne North saying that some sites had agreed to get only one copy of future NIC Document distribution. I can't remember having any conversations with anyone about this, and therefore assume that BBN-NET is not such a site. Please correct me if I'm wrong. Regards,

Alex McKenzie

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On Additional Query Commands

Some thoughts about naming three proposed Query commands:

1) To position the user at the "top" of the data base, the Query command could be any or all of these ---GO TO QUERY <cr> QUERY <cr> GO TO HELP <cr> HELP <cr>

2) To position the user at the same point he was at when he entered Query/Help, the command could be RESTART <cr>

3) To position the user at a place where he can get more general information about Query and/or Help, the command could be SHOW MORE HELP <cr>



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Believe it or not, there is still a WAR (weekly analysis report)! Apologies for the gap, but attribute it to AUGMENTATION. In the upcoming week I plan to produce the backlog of reports beginning with the most recent first. For the RADC people, only the most recent report will have an account of disc usage. -bah OCT 7-13. 1973: A WEEK IN REVIEW

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WEE	KLY ANALYSIS	REPORT:					1
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WEE	K: OCT 7 - 1	.3, 1973	(24 HOURS	/DAY)			3
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TOT	AL SYSTEM CPU	1: 64.993					5
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	(ARC)						6a
	IDENT	CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS	CON/CPU:1	6al
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	(STAFF)						6a3
	(JMB)	.554	16,268	.034	.852	29.365	6a3a
	(DCE)	1.052	31.877	.033	1.619	30.301	6a3b
	(SRL)	.352	11.779	.030	.542	33.463	6a3c
	(NDM)	6.299	30.825	.204	9.692	4.894	6a3d
	(JCN)	.536	27.297	.020	.825	50.927	6a3e
•	(DVN)	.752	23.675	.032	1.157	31.483	6a3î
	(PR)	.104	3.745	.028	.160	36.010	6a3g
	(RWW)	.045	1.751	.026	.069	38.911	6a3h
							6a3i
	TOTAL	9.140	147.217		14.916		6a.3j
							6a3k
	(PSO)						6a4
	(JML)	.096	10.073	.010	.148	104.927	6a4a
	(BAH)	1.492	28,713	.052	2.296	19.245	6a4b
	(MEJ)	1.282	74.631	.017	1.973	58.215	6a4c

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(KIR)	1.026	33.939	.030	1.579	33.079	6a1a
						6a4e
TOTAL	3.896	147.356		5.996		6a4f
						6a4g
(NIC)						625
(JDC)	.077	13.706	.006	.118	178.000	6a5a
(EJF)	.587	15.844	.037	.903	26.991	6250
(CBG)	.161	3.642	.011	.248	22,621	6a5c
(MDK)	.321	6.064	.053	.494	18.891	6a.5d
(MLK)	.350	18.491	.019	.539	52.831	6a5e
(JBN)	1.511	43.070	.035	2.325	28.504	6a5f
						6a5g
TOTAL	3.007	100.817		4.627		6a5h
						6a5i
(HARDWARE)						62.6
(MEH)	.013	.173	.075	.020	13.308	6a6a
(JR)	-	-	-	-	-	6a6b
(EKV)	-	-	-	-	-	6a6c
						6a6d
TOTAL	.013	.173		.020		6a6e
						6a6f
(TENEX)						627
(DIA)	.211	11.801	.018	.325	55.929	6a7a
(WRF)	.259	10,123	.026	.399	39.085	6a7b
(KEV)	1.623	29.418	.055	2.497	18,126	6a7c

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(DCW)	1.247	38.288	.033	1.919	30.704	6a7d
						6a7e
TOTAL	3.340	89.630		5.140		6a7f
						6a7g
(NLS)						628
(CFD)	2.595	45.516	.057	3.993	17.540	6a8a
(JDH)	.559	18.131	.031	.860	32.435	6a8b
(CHI)	1.188	31.376	.047	2.289	21.086	6a8c
(DSK)	-	-	-	-	-	6a8d
(HGL)	.626	16.754	.037	.963	26.764	6a8e
(EKM)	. 420	9.258	.045	.646	22.043	6a8f
(JEW)	.542	10.071	.054	.834	18.581	6a8g
						6a8h
TOTAL	6.230	131.106		9.585		6a8i
						6a8j
(GROUP) TOTAL	S					60
GROUP	CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS		601
						662
(STAFF)	9.140	147.217	.062	.852		6b3
(PSO)	3.896	147.356	.026	5.996		604
(NIC)	3.007	100.817	.030	4.627		605
(HARDWARE)	.013	.173	.075	.020		606
(TENEX)	3.340	89.630	.037	5.140		607
(NLS)	6.230	131,106	.048	9.585		608
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TOTAL 25	.626 616	.299	26.	220		6010
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(STATS)						6c
HIGHEST CPU:	NDM 6.2	99 hrs	LOWEST CP	U: M	EH .013 hrs	6c1
HIGHEST CON:	MEJ 74.6	31 hrs	LOWEST CO	N: M	EH .173 hrs	602
HIGHEST CPU/C	ON: NDM	.204	HIGHEST C	ON/CPU:1:	JDC 178	6c3
						6c4
(OVERHEAD)						60
PETERS	1.820	39.867	.046	2.800	21.905	6d1
BACKGROUND	2.263	107.091	.021	3.482	47.323	642
CAT	11.835	30.450	.389	18.210	2.573	6d3
DOCB	-	-	-	-	-	6d4
DOCUMENTATION	.124	7.522	.016	.191	60.661	645
GILBERT		-	-	-	-	. 606
NETINFO	-	-	-	-		607
NIC-WORK	-	-	-	-	-	648
OPERATOR	.718	41.021	.018	1.105	57.132	649
PRINTER	6.605	106.297	.062	10.163	16.093	6d10
SYSTEM	.922	106.300	.009	1.419	115.293	6d11
SYSTEM	.547	152.557	.004	.842	278.898	6d12
SYSTEM	5.172	104.932	.049	7.958	20.288	6d13
CATALOG	.003	.063	.048	.005	21.000	6d14
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TOTAL	30.009	696.100		46.175		6016
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(XEROX)							6e
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NAME		CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS	CON/CPU:1	6e2
							6e3
COWAN		.008	.323	.025	.012	10.375	6e4
DEUTSCH	I	.012	.174	.069	.018	14.500	6e5
SATTERI	HWAITE	.279	8.252	.034	. 429	29.577	6e6
SWEET		.050	3.118	.016	.077	62.360	6e7
							6e8
TOTAL		.349	11.867		.536		6e9
							6e10
(RADC)							6f
							6f1
NAME	CPU HRS	S CON HRS	CPU/CO	N % SYS	CON/CPU	1:1 DIR	6f2
							6£3
BERGS	.396	28.643	.014	.609	72.331	51.000	6f4
BETHK	.121	7.850	.015	.186	64.876	73.000	6 f 5
CAVAN	.150	8.074	.019	.231	53.827	115.000	6f6
IUORN	.072	3.796	.019	.111	52.722	38.000	6f7
KENNE	.215	12.257	.018	.331	57.009	81.000	618
LAMON	.268	8.089	.033	.412	30.183	116.000	619
LAWRE	.164	16.888	.010	.252	102.976	40.000	6f10
MCNAM	.130	6.201	.021	.200	47.700	103.000	6f11
PANAR	.193	9.006	.021	.297	46.663	122.000	6f12
RZEPK	.032	2.709	.012	.049	84.656	66.000	6f13



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SLIWA	.003	.05	3.057	.005	17.667	11.000	6fl4
STONE	.150	16.11	,028	.692	35.816	259.000	6f15
THAYE	.011	.640	.017	.017	58.182	26.000	6f16
TOMAI	.064	2.83	9 .023	.098	44.359	50.000	6f17
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TOTAL	2.269	123.16	2	3.490		1151.000	6f19
(PER CEN	T TOTAL	DISK C	APACITY)			2.363%	6f20
							6f21
(NETUSERS)	TOP FIV	Έ					6g
							6gl
NAME		CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS	CON/CPU:1	6g2
							6g3
UCLA-NMC		1.100	22.210	.050	1.692	20.191	6g4
NSRDC		.898	41.333	.022	1.382	46.028	6g5
GUEST		.579	27.429	.021	.891	47.373	6g6
SAAC=TIP		.437	17.957	.024	.672	41.092	6g7
MITRE-TI	Ρ	.431	25.032	.017	.663	58.079	6g8
							6g9
TOTAL		3.445	133.961		5.300		6g10
							6gll
(NET)		CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS	CON/CPU?;1	6 h
							6hl
TOTAL		5.190	228.168	.023	7.985		6h2
							6h3
(OTHER)		CPU HRS	CON HRS	CPU/CON	% SYS	CON/CPU:1	61

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BAIR	.531	20.186	.026	.817	38.580	6i2
ENERGY	.052	6.856	.008	.080	131.846	613
JIMB	.352	12.049	.029	.542	34.230	6i4
MARRAH	.057	2.856	.020	.088	50.105	615
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TOTAL	.992	42.247		1.527		6i7
						618

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Request for NGG Note Distribution

I wish to have the contents of the file <NBS-TIP>NGG-COTTON.NLS; distributed as a Network Graphics Group Note. Please destroy the file after you copy it for distribution. 19726 Distribution Marcia Lynn Keeney,

Please continue with GUFS!

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Response to my message asking for help in gathering data on command frequency has been varied, but it has been more positive than negative. If all DNLS users would continue to use the measurements command on Thursday and Friday I think we will have enough information. Thanks, and again please direct any questions to me (SRL).

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Alex, I did get the original copy of your reply, and I got the second copy. Thank you very much. By the way, why didn't you think I got the first copy? -- Ken See. 1

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