

Weekly availability is uptime/168.

SYSTEM AVAILABILITY - % of 672 hrs available
MVT - 95.4%, CMS - 97.4%, ELECTRIC - 91.3%.
MVT THROUGHPUT
Average jobs/week 14253
Average CPU hrs/week 208

TERMINAL SYSTEM USERS

CMS ELECTRIC
Registered users 686 1243
Active users 322 593

SERVICE LEVELS

Percentage of prime shift short jobs not turned round inside guideline:

MVT Batch Core size P12 P10 P8
0 - 210k 4.2 10.6 4.0
212k - 350k - 15.3 7.4
352k - 560k - 2.7 3.2

TERMINAL SYSTEMS

Response to trivial command during peak period:

CMS Week 1 Week 2 Week 3 Week 4
% < 1 sec 94.3 92.2 94.6 97.4
% < 3 secs 99.5 99.3 99.6 99.8

ELECTRIC

% < 2 secs 64.3 59.1 68.5 72.2
% < 5 secs 78.7 77.9 83.8 86.5

USAGE FOR CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR

MVT and ELECTRIC totals are for 47 weeks,
CMS totals are for 20 weeks from 5/10/81.

Board	MVT 195hrs	ELECTRIC AUS	CMS AUS
ASR	516	655	141
Engineering	830	379	134
Nuclear Physics	6833	5598	974
Science	1291	1828	274
Central Funding	243	904	4372 *
NERC	171	386	176
External	147	597	94
TOTAL	10031	10347	6165

* These entries include some usage due to "service" functions which are strictly an overhead and should be accounted separately.

Board	Prime	GEC	DEC-10	TOTAL
ASR	205	491	26	723
Engineering	13893	4888	6510	25292
Nuclear Physics	51	75	0	126
Science	402	743	2136	3282
Central Funding	5098	1532	1590	8222
System Overheads	4924	511	3428	8863
External	394	304	226	924
TOTAL	24967	8544	13916	47432

7. DIARY

USER MEETINGS

17 March 1982 - IBM Group Representatives in RAL Lecture Theatre

The programme for this meeting includes items on mainframe procurement, initial thoughts on MVS, some aspects of operations, progress reports on charging and control, VNET and networking as well as a general session.

31 March 1982 - Prime User Group at UMIST

RAL can only provide expenses for two ICF users from each site but anyone interested should contact Miss M Bolger, Atlas Centre, RAL. Tel Abingdon 21900, ext 6293

The following dates have been decided on for DECSys-10 Users Committee meetings during 1982:

Wednesday 10 March
Wednesday 2 June
Wednesday 1 September
Wednesday 10 November

The time and place for these four meetings is 10.30 am at the James Clerk Maxwell Building, King's Buildings, Edinburgh.

AIR-CONDITIONING SHUTDOWN

The two shutdowns of all computer systems (except network equipment) scheduled during 1982 for the maintenance of air-conditioning plant are:

0800 hrs Friday 16 April till late Monday 19 April
0800 hrs Friday 10 Sept till late Monday 13 Sept

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FORUM

COMPUTER NEWSLETTER

Newsletter of the SERC Central Computing Facility

No. 21 March 1982

1. MVT TO MVS - THE USER'S VIEW

The most encouraging view expressed by those responsible for the programme of conversion to MVS is that most users will require to make very few changes to existing programs, JCL and organisation of their work to get the most out of the new system.

In broad terms users may think of JES3 as a replacement for HASP and of MVS as a replacement for MVT. The new systems have an expanded range of facilities. The system messages (JCL, logging, error etc) will look different but will convey the same information.

The other areas where differences may affect users are:

- routing and control of output
- the dataset cataloging facilities
- specialised language support

Under the MVT, control records beginning with '/*' and any non blank character in column 4 are treated as comments and are ignored by the JCL interpreter. Under MVS/JES3 all such records are considered as JES3 commands and analysed. They must be valid commands or the job will be cancelled. However, records beginning '/*' with a blank in column 4 will still be treated as valid JCL comments.

A much finer control on routing of output is possible with JES3. For example the //FORMAT control record can be used to produce multiple copies of output datasets or to route different output datasets to different destinations.

The MVS dataset cataloging system offers us the facility for much more efficient management of datasets. A master catalog may contain entries for OS datasets, user catalogs and private OS catalogs. The master catalogs and user catalogs are VSAM datasets. They are portable between systems, allow catalogs to be on mountable volumes, minimise the effect of errors to damaged entries in catalogs and provide performance improvements by reducing contention for a catalog.

Two languages still in use at RAL will no longer be supported - COBOL F and PL/1 F. There are, however, supported versions of these languages and conversion of programmes to use them should cause few problems.

Jed Brown - User Interface Group

2. EXTRACT FROM MINUTES OF CCSIW - 3/2/82

The following items of interest have been taken from the Central Computing Site Users Meeting held on Wednesday 3 February 1982.

- (a) The JOB status facility was implemented on 3 February. A series of help files are available.
- (b) ELECTRIC now processes the new style ROUTE cards correctly.
- (c) IBM 3270 type terminals have been rented for R1 and some tuition sessions held. Requests for further sessions should be addressed to D F Parker of User Interface Group. These terminals will be replaced by CIFER terminals with 3270 emulation to SERC specification later this year.
- (d) ELECTRIC and CMS charging algorithm. M R Jane reported that it is proposed to modify the charge rates as shown below.

TIME	C(t)	TIME	C(t)
00.00 - 08.00	0.1	14.00 - 17.00	1.0
08.00 - 10.00	0.4	17.00 - 22.00	0.4
10.00 - 12.00	1.0	22.00 - 24.00	0.1
12.00 - 14.00	0.6		

Please note that the only change in charge rate is from 0.8 to 1.0 for the morning peak session and that it applies for a shorter time, 1000 hours to 1200 hours instead of 0900 hours to 1200 hours. The lunchtime session has been increased by 1 hour and the afternoon session ends at 1700 hours instead of 1800 hours. These changes will be implemented from the beginning of the financial year 1982/83.

Projected capacities in AUS are:

1982/83	25000 (CMS)	7500 (ELECTRIC)
1983/84	35000 (CMS)	3750 (ELECTRIC)
1984/85	45000 (CMS)	1000 (ELECTRIC)
1985/86	50000 (CMS)	1000 (ELECTRIC)

The later figures do not imply that ELECTRIC will be available then.

(e) M R Jane reported that it has been agreed to allow exchange of ELECTRIC AUS for CMS AUS at the rate of 2 for 1, but not vice versa.

3. GRAPHICAL KERNEL SYSTEM (GKS)

Following the completion of the Technical Review of GKS at a meeting in Abingdon in October 1981, GKS was adopted by the International Standards Organisation (ISO) as a Draft Proposal for an international graphics standard. After an Editorial Review in November 1981, GKS 7.0 (the version registered as the Draft Proposal) was produced. This is now available as part of a Rutherford Appleton Laboratory report:

GKS - The First Graphics Standard by F R A Hoggood

Anyone interested may obtain a copy of the 260-page report (RL-82-007) from:

The Library
Rutherford Appleton Laboratory
Chilton
Oxon OX11 0QX
Tel Abingdon 21900 ext 384

Dale Sutcliffe - Applications Group

4. FILE TRANSFER FACILITY ON SERCNET

1. One of the primary functions of the network is the transfer of files from machine to machine. This is performed by a system that is largely transparent to the user.

For GEC users the command is TRANSFER, for PRIME and Dec-10 users and CMS users the command is FTP. CMS FTP can not yet respond to requests from other machines. It must issue the requests. All other machines can both respond to requests and issue them. The FTP command will usually prompt for details required to set up the transfer request. To cause files to be transferred from (or to) your machine, you need to know how the command on your machine works. This can be found from the user manual supplied to you. The main points are shown in the examples below. In all cases the requirements are as follows:-

a. Remote machine 'name' - the mnemonic of the other machine involved in the transfer. The mnemonics of most SERCNET machines can be found in the 'Hitch Hikers Guide to SERCNET'. Most consist of 4 characters, the first two signifying the site, the third indicating machine type and the last being used to distinguish between machines of the same type at the same site. Examples are:
RLPB (Rutherford Lab Prime B),
CAGA (Cambridge Gec A).

b. Remote user identifier/password combination - of the other user involved in the transfer.

2. Example of PRIME FTP

All entries by the user are shown underlined.

a) PRIME to GEC-SENDING a file (LOGIN.CPL) to a GEC file (.FTPTEST) in DEMO's filestore.

OK, ftp
FTP VT.6: Default Parameters (without passwords):
Remote site = RRGB Local treepath = NTIN18>

```
> site caga
> remote demo demo
> send login.cpl .ftpctest
> list
```

b) To list FTP requests already in the queue.

```
Listing (without passwords) of queue for remote
site CAGA
NTIN18 09.02 04/03/82 Size 1 Kbytes LOGIN.CPL
Send LF=NTIN18>LOGIN.CPL
RU=demo
RF=.ftpctest
```

c) To determine current parameter settings and obtain list of all remote sites known.

```
> status
Status Information (without passwords):
```

```
Remote site = CAGA Type = GEC
Local treepath = NTIN18>
Remote user = demo
```

Possible Remote sites are:
(There is not enough room for the list here)

```
> quit
OK,
```

3. Example of GEC FTP

a) GEC from PRIME-FETCHING a file (.initjcl) from NTIN18 filestore (startup)

```
Ready transfer
TRANSFER process for MAFS, version 10
Remote computer?
RLPB
Local filename? (null implies a device)
.initjcl
Remote filename? (null implies a device)
Startup
Remote username?
ntin18
Remote password? (this is not echoed)
```

```
Local username?
demo
Local password? (this is not echoed)
```

```
remote account?
ntin18
Local account?
demo
options? (default is SEND, APPEND or MAKE)
fetch
Ready
```

4. Examples of DEC 10 FTP

Full documentation is available in the Edinburgh DEC10 Installation Manual, Document 3A55B.

a) To transfer a file (EXAMPLE.TXT) from the user's own directory [12,45] (his UFD) to user NTBE34 on a PRIME(RLPB) on the SERCNET, and give it a different name(EXAMPLE).

```
FTP RLPB EXAMPLE=EXAMPLE.TXT
PRIME login name for RLPB EXAMPLE : NTBE34
PRIME login password for RLPB EXAMPLE : MYPASS
```

```
EXIT
b) To list FTP requests already in the queue, with
starred entries showing those in progress:
FTP/LIST
```

```
Seq# User Destination Source
4577 [12,45] RLPB_EXAMPLE=ERCC_EXAMPLE.TXT[12,45]
```

c) To list the nodes to/from which files may be transferred, referring to them by site mnemonic. At the time of writing there were over 65 such mnemonics. The full names of the sites, machines, mnemonics, and network addresses are given in the documentation.

```
FTP/NODE
(There is not enough room for the list here)
```

```
EXIT
```

d) To cancel a transfer request :

```
FTP/KILL:4577
EXIT
```

e) To examine the log of transfers made to/by the user:

```
TYPE FTP.LOG
f) To obtain a reminder of the basic form of the
FTP command:
```

```
HELP FTP
OR
FTP/HELP
```

5. Example of CMS FTP

a) To transfer a file (EXAMPLE.TXT) from RLPB to CMS as EXAMPLE TEMP

```
ftp
DASD 120 LINKED R/O; R/W BY NIFTP
DMSACC7231 B (120) R/O
remote computer
rlpb
Local file ( default : NIFTP DATAFILE )
example temp
Remote file ( default is device )
example.txt
Remote username
nsin15
Remote password
fcc
```

remote account options (default : SEND APPEND, MAKE NOPFCC LOGO AS CII,EBDICI)
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```
Caution : fetching to existing file
PUN FILE 5460 TO NIFTP . COPY 001 NOHOLD
```

```
Initiation completed OK
DASD 120 DETACHED
R: %
b) The following shows transfer completed messages
during the same session and commands to move the
file to the A disk.
```

```
PUN FILE 5463 FROM NIFTP COPY 001 NOHOLD
PUN FILE 5464 FROM NIFTP COPY 001 NOHOLD
15:29:45 MSG FROM NIFTP : FTP FINISHED OK
query rdr all
```

```
NIFTP 5463 A PUN 00000006 001 NONE 02/24 15:29:4
4 USERLOG MAIL PH-58
NIFTP 5464 A PUN 00000044 001 NONE 02/24 15:29:4
4 EXAMPLE TEMP PH-58
NIFTP 5480 A PUN 00000006 001 NONE 02/24 15:31:0
7 USERLOG MAIL PH-58
NIFTP 5481 A PUN 00000044 001 NONE 02/24 15:31:0
8 EX TEMP PH-58
R: %
```

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FOLLOWING MAIL ADDED TO: MAIL LOG A0
```

```
Transfer of EXAMPLE.TXT of NSIN15 on RLPB to EXAMPLE
TEMP
Initiated at 15.29.30 on 24 FEB 82
Transfer completed OK at 15.29.44 on 24 FEB 82.
58 records transferred.
```

```
R(00013):%
xrdr
DISK LOAD EXAMPLE TEMP (5464) ORIGIN: NIFTP
R(00003):%
disk load
EXAMPLE TEMP T1
Jed Brown and I Georgii - User Interface Group
```

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