CHARACTERISTICS LISTED IN CHARTS

STATUS O-operational system, number in parentheses denotes the approximate

date that the system went on the air. D-system under development with

anticipated date that operations will begin.

TYPE G-general purpose, S-special purpose.

COMPUTER manufacturer's name and number of central computers in system.

LANGUAGES basic languages available on system at present.

TERMINALS type of terminal equipment available, number of such terminals in

parentheses. Code: TT followed by number denotes TELETYPE terminals and model number, TY-typewriter, TLX-Telex console, CRT-cathode ray tube display, BR-Bunker Ramo series 200 display consoles, IBM 1050, 2741-keyboard consoles, IBM 2250, 2260, PHILCO-display

consoles, PLT-Plotter.

MAIN STORAGE first number denotes total core storage in words on system, second num-

ber in parentheses, if given, denotes maximum core storage available to

an individual user.

SECONDARY STORAGE DR-magnetic drum, DK-disk file, DC-data cell, MT-magnetic tape,

CORE-bulk core, CF-random access card file (K = 1024, M = 1,000,000

wds. per unit).

NO. OF USERS maximum number of users who can operate simultaneously at any given

time.

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TIME-SHARING SYSTEM SCORECARD

A SURVEY OF ON-LINE MULTIPLE USER COMPUTER SYSTEMS

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This guide is prepared periodically to keep the reader abreast of the rapidly increasing number of time-shared computer systems which are bringing man and machine together in close partnership for the pursuit of intellectual and administrative activities. By glancing at the following charts the reader can judge for himself the progress which is being made in this new and dynamic field. There are several different definitions of time-sharing. No single definition is adequate for all purposes. We have limited this survey to systems which have at least two independent, remote and simultaneously operable consoles (from the user's point of view). If the language capabilities of the system are extensive and general so that a user can create new languages while working on-line, we have denoted this as a general purpose time-sharing system. Where the language capabilities are more restrictive, permitting the user to work in only one specific problem area, we have used the term special purpose time-sharing system.

The number of commercial and research time-sharing systems has grown so rapidly in the past several months that it is no longer possible to list each individual system in a brochure of this size. Therefore, we have listed only the first or major occurrences of any time-sharing system which operates on a particular type of computer.

Information concerning the number of users that can be handled by any particular time-sharing system has been supplied by the organization involved. In some cases the numbers may be unduly optimistic but we have let the data stand as supplied.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The continued growth of commercial time-sharing is perhaps the most striking feature in this edition of the scorecard. Almost every major city in the country now has local access to at least one time-sharing service. Most organizations that now offer service are expanding geographically and several new companies are entering the scene. In addition, specialized time-sharing services are beginning to emerge such as the financial analysis service by White, Weld & Co. which will be built upon an SDS 940. Meanwhile, General Electric's MEDINET division has started to offer time-shared service to some hospitals in Massachusettts and New York on an experimental basis.

It is interesting to observe the almost universal slippage in the development of the newer time-sharing systems. Project MAC which expected to be in normal operation with a time-shared GE 645 in June of 67 now estimates that it will be operational in the summer of 68. Performance of the IBM 360/67 has also been disappointing, and some organizations that originally hoped to be operational by this time have declined to make any further predictions as to when their time-sharing capability will be fully realized. The SDS 940 which was reported as a fully operational 32 user system some time ago has also been beset by software problems. SDS now estimates a 32 user capability in March of 1968.

New machines that have been announced with a time-sharing capability include the Digital Equipment Corp. PDP-10, the RCA 70/46 and the Burroughs 5500.

The information reported in this survey is believed to be accurate and is published as a public service. Many of the systems described are still being modified and consequently their characteristics may change from time to time. Computer Research Corporation cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions. Readers desiring more detailed information about a particular system should write directly to the organization listed. This survey may not be reproduced in whole or in part for any purpose without the written consent of Computer Research Corporation. This material will be updated periodically to include new systems as they are developed and to correct any errors, omissions or changes which are brought to our attention. Copies of the updated survey will be sent upon request.

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| ORGANIZATION | STATUS | TYPE | COMPUTER(S) | LANGUAGE(S) | TERMINALS | MAIN STORAGE | SECONDARY STORAGE | NO. OF USERS | REMARKS |
|--|---|------|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|--------------------|---|
| Bell Telephone Laboratories ¹ Murray Hill, New Jersey | D (1/68) | G | GE-645 ² | FORTRAN IV, COBOL, PL/1, SNOBOL | TT-37 IBM 1050 CRT (10) | 256K | DK (40M Wds.) DR (4M Wds.) Tape Loop (100M Wds.) | 100 | Highly interactive system for research and production computing. |
| Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. ³ Cambridge, Mass. | O (6/64) | G | PDP-1D ⁴ | MIDAS, TELCOMP ⁵ | TT-33 (90) | 24K (4K) | DR (128K Wds.) DR (2 units, 25M Wds. each) MT (2 units) | 64 | Medical information and communications system for hospitals. Also used for computational and data management facility. |
| C. S. I. R. O. Canberra City, Australia | O (7/66) | G | CDC 3600 | CIDER, INTERP, STATIST, 3600 FORTRAN, COMPASS | CDC 210 (6) CDC 250 | 32K (2K) | DR (2 units, .5M Wds. each unit) DK (12.5M Wds.) MT (8) | 7 | General purpose scientific computations. |
| Dartmouth College ⁶ Kiewit Computation Center Hanover, N. H. | O (9/67) | G | GE-635 DATANET-30 (4) | BASIC, ALGOL-35 (1/68) FORTRAN (1/68) | | 64K (24K) | DR (768K Wds.) DK (2 units, 4M Wds.) MT (6 units) | 200 | Datanet-30's have 16K core memory each. Educational and research use. |
| Edinburgh University Department of Machine Intelligence and Perception Edinburgh, Scotland | O (6/67) | G | Elliot 4120 | POP-2 | TT (20) | 32K (16K) | | 8 | POP-2 language suitable for list processing and numerical computation using FORTRAN type statements. |
| General Electric Research & Development Center Schenectady, New York | O (7/66) | G | GE-265 | BASIC, ALGOL, FORTRAN, LISP and others | CRT (3) | 16K (6K) | DK (20M Char.) MT (6 units) | 21 (TT) 3 (CRT) | Uses include: scientific programming, data acquisition from experiments, system programming development. |
| Lawrence Radiation Laboratory University of California Livermore, California | Partial O (7/67) Complete D (6/68) | G | PDP-6 (2) CDC 7600 CDC 6600 (3) CDC 3600 IBM-7030 IBM-7094 (2) | FORTRAN, LISP, Assembly Languages | TT (200) PLT (10) | 256K ⁶ Words | DK (8 x 10 ⁸ bits) DC (3.2 x 10 ⁹ bits) Photo-Digital Store (1 x 10 ¹² bits) | | Use is mostly scientific computation. |
| Lincoln Laboratory — MIT Lexington, Mass. | O (2/66) | G | TX-2 | CORAL, VITAL, MARK 5, LABGOL | TY (5), CRT (4), RAND TABLET, PDP-338 Remote Terminal | | DR (20M Wds.) | 6 | System features fast response time for on-line graphical communication. |
| Lincoln Laboratory — MIT Lexington, Mass. | O (9/67) | G | IBM 360/67 | MACRO Assembler FORTRAN IV | IBM 2741 (30) | 128K | DR (1M Wds.) DK (56M Wds.) | 20 | Establishment of a large computational facility for scientific and engineering research. |
| Lockheed Georgia Co. Marietta, Georgia | O (7/65) | G | IBM 360/50 | FORTRAN IV | IBM 1050 (36) IBM 2200 (6) | 64K (20K) | DK (6.45M Char.) | 42 | System named RAX, developed from earlier 360/40 system, used mostly for engineering. |
| Lockheed Palo Alto Research Laboratories Palo Alto, California | O (12/66) | S | IBM 360/30 | 360 Assembly Language (7/68) | IBM 2260 (4) Sanders 720 | 64K Bytes | DK (2 Units, 2.75 M Bytes each) DC (418M Bytes) MT (1 Dual) | 12 | System named LACONIQ. Information retrieval and updating, research. |
| MIT Dept. of Civil Eng. Cambridge, Mass. | D (6/68) | S | IBM 360/40 | COGO, STRUDL, ICETRAN | IBM 2741 (5) | 128K Bytes | DK (2) | 10 | System named ICES. Uses include Engineering, Science, Management. |
| MIT Dept. of Electrical Eng. Cambridge, Mass. | O (5/63) | G | PDP-1 | Macro Assembler | TY (5) | 12K (8K) | DR (88K Wds.) ⁷ MT (6 Units) ⁸ | 5 | Experimental time-sharing system for student use in thesis and research projects. |
| National Bureau of Standards Washington, D.C. | O (4/66) | G | MOBIDIC B 2 | DESCAL CL6, CAS, EDIT | TT-33, 35 (4) CRT | 16K (6K) | DK (1M Wds.) MT (4 Units) | 6 . | Uses include research in the design of on-line systems and terminals. |
| Northern Electric Co., Ltd. Research & Development Laboratories Ottawa, Ontario, Canada | O | G | CDC 3300 (2) | | TT (70) 8130 (4) | 82K 65K (4K) | DK (12 Units, 8.2 M Char. each) MT (10 Units) | 35 | Scientific and Business use. |
| Ohio State University Columbus, Ohio | D (9/68) | G | IBM 360/50 IBM 360/75 | PL/1, | IBM 2741 (20) IBM 2260 (8) | 512K Bytes 1024K Bytes | DR (1 Unit) DK (1 Unit) | 14 | |
| Perkin Elmer Corp. Norwalk, Conn. | O (10/67) | G | SDS-9300 SDS-930 | (Text Editor), FORTRAN IV, META-Symbol, SLIP (12/67) | TT-33, 35 BR IBM 2741 IBM 1050 | 32K 16K (22K) | DK (67M Char. 1/68) MT (4 Units) DR (4 Units, 8M Char.) | 16 | Uses include lens design, circuit analysis, scientific engineering and research. |
| Project MAC — MIT (Phase One) Cambridge, Mass. | O (10/63)9 | G | IBM-7094 | FORTRAN, MAD. | TT-35 (\$4) IBM 1050 (56) TLX (1) CRT (2) | 64K (32K) | DK (36M Wds.) DR (.5M Wds.) MT (12 Units) | 30 | Project MAC is an MIT research program sponsored by the Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA), D.O.D., under a contract with the Office of Naval Research. |

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|--|-----------|------|---|---|---|------|---|---|-----------------|--|
| Project MAC — MIT (Phase Two) Cambridge, Mass. | D (1/68) | G | GE-645 ² | ALGOL, ¹¹ COBOL, FORTRAN IV, PL/1 | TT-37 IBM 2741 | | 256K | DK (40M Wds.) DR (4M Wds.) MT (8 Units) | 100 | Initial limited system operation by early '68. Prototype system by summer of '68 with continual development thereafter. |
| Purdue University Computer Science Department Lafayette, Indiana | O (9/67) | G | IBM-7094 | File Generation, TEXT-90 (12/67), FORTRAN | TT-33 (2) IBM 1052 (| (2) | 32K (16K) | DK (9 Megawords) MT (9 Units) | 4 | System named PTSS. |
| RAND Corporation Santa Monica, California | O (11/65) | G | PDP-6 | JOSS II | TY (30)12 | | 32K | DK (6M Wds.) DR (1M Wds.) | 30 | Interpretive system with compact conversational language for small numerical problems. |
| Stanford University Stanford, California | O (8/64) | G | PDP-1 | Assembly Language | PHILCO CF TT-33, 35 | RT | 32K (12K) | DR (131K Wds.) DK MT (2 Units) | 100 | An IBM 360/67 will be operational in 1968. |
| System Development Corp. Santa Monica, California | O (1/64) | G | AN/FSQ-32 PDP-1 | TINT, IPL-TS, JOVIAL, LISP | TT-33, 35 TY, CRT, T IBM 1052 | ΓLX | 65K (47K) 16K Buffer | DR (5 Units, 139K Wds. each) DK (1 Unit, 4M Wds.) ¹³ MT (12 Units) | 30 | Oriented to command and control experimentation and other general uses. |
| TRW Systems Group Redondo Beach, California | O (1/65) | S | Bunker- Ramo 340 | Culler-Fried System for Mathematical Analysis | 4 Consoles ¹⁴ BBN Conso | ole | 16K | DR (48K Wds.) MT (2 Units) | 4 | Highly flexible system for on-line manipula- tion, specification and execution of mathema- tical and symbolic operations with graphical display of results. |
| U.C.L.A. Western Data Processing Center Los Angeles, California | O (11/64) | G | IBM-7740 ¹⁵ IBM-7040/ 7094 | | IBM 1050 (| (12) | 32K | DK DR | 12 | Jointly financed by UCLA and IBM, system services UCLA and 88 other California schools. |
| United States Military Academy West Point, New York | O (12/65) | G | GE-225 (3) DATANET 30 | CADETRAN 16 | TT (15) | | 8K 16K (6K) | DK (18M Char.) MT (6 Units) | 15 | |
| University of California Irvine, California | O (1/66) | G | IBM 1410 IBM 1440 | JOSSI ⁵ Coursewriter | IBM 1050 (| ` ′ | 100K Characters | DK MT (5 Units) | | Uses include computer-assisted instruction and the administration of student enrollment. |
| University of California Irvine, California | D (1/68) | G | IBM 360/50 | ISIS CAL | IBM 2741 (IBM 2260 (| (3) | 512K Bytes (8K Bytes) | DK (12 Units 7.25 M Bytes each) MT (4 Units) | | Instruction, Administration and Research. |
| University of California Project GENIE Berkeley, California | O (4/65) | G | SDS-930 | FORTRAN II, ALGOL, LISP, SNOBOL, CAL, DDT, QED, ARPAS, QSPL | TT-33 (8) TT-35 (8) CRT (2) DATAPHON | ľ | 48K (38K) | DR (1.3M Wds.) MT (2 Units) DK (144M Wds.) | 16 | Features hardware address mapping. The SDS 940 system is based on the results of this ARPA sponsored project. |
| University of California Santa Barbara, California | D (1/67) | G | IBM 360/50 | Culler-Fried System, FORTRAN IV | 20 Consoles ¹ RAND TAB IBM 1050 (3 | BLET | 64K | 4 DK (1.8M Wds.) DR (1M Wds.) Core (.5M Wds.) | 16 | Extension of the Culler-Fried system now operating on the RW400. The 360/50 system has simultaneous background processing. |
| University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois | O (1/66) | G | ILLIAC II PDP-7 | FORTRAN | TT-33, 35 (8 CRT | 8) | 8K (6K) | DK (10M Wds.) DR (64K Wds.) | 7 | Experimental time-sharing system for general university research. |
| University of Massachusetts Amherst, Mass. | O (9/67) | G | CDC 3600 PDP-8/680 | BASIC, SNOBOL, COGO, SMALL, FORTRAN IV | TT-33, 35 | | 32K (8K) | DR (2 Units, 2M Char. each) DK (2 Units, 8M Char each) MT (4 Units) | 32 17 | Uses include education and varied research programs in diverse fields. |
| University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, Penn. | O (6/65) | G | IBM-7040 PDP-8 | MAP, ALGOL, LISP, SNOBOL | TT-35 (4) BR (2) | | 32K (24K) | DK MT (6 Units) | 6 | Uses include information retrieval, research, and multiprogramming experimentation. |
| University of Pittsburgh Computer Center Pittsburgh, Penn. | O (3/66) | G | IBM 360/50 | ALGOL, PIL, ¹⁸ FORTRAN IV, PL/1 (1/68), Assembler | IBM 1050 (3 IBM 2741 (2 | 20) | 128K Bytes, 1M Bytes LCS (32K Bytes) | DK (2 Units, 7.5M Bytes) | 24 | General University research and education. Online LINC-8 for medical research available in late 1967. |
| University of Utah Salt Lake City, Utah | D (12/67) | G | UNIVAC 1108 | FORTRAN V, TRAC, COBOL, ALGOL | TT-35 (20) | | 131K (65K) | DR (6 Units, 1.5M Wds.) MT (8 Units) FASTRAND II | 20 | Plans include the addition of more displays and bulk core memory. |

NOTES

Development in cooperation with Project MAC, Massachusetts Institute of Technology.
Multiple processor time-sharing system.
Developed with the Massachusetts General Hospital under contract from the National Institutes of Health.
Based upon an earlier 5-station PDP-1 System operational 9/62.

Based on the RAND JOSS language.
The 256K core storage applies only to the PDP 6's.
To be replaced by a larger model early in 1968.
Units have been installed but are not operational.
Initially time-shared in 1961 at the M.I.T. Computation Center.
Other languages include FAP, SLIP, COGO, SNOBOL, STRESS, GPSS, COMIT, OPL-1, and OPS-3.
Most Project MAC Phase I languages will be implemented later.

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Selectric with JOSS keyboard and paging.
Additional unit available in January of 1968.
Each console consists of two keyboards and a storage tube display.
System currently utilizes five computers in addition to central 7740.
Cadetran is an extended teaching dialect of FORTRAN.
64 with added communications ports.
Based on the RAND JOSS language.

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COMMERCIAL TIME-SHARING SYSTEMS

Users can purchase remote, on-line and interactive computer services from the organizations listed below.

| ORGANIZATION | COMPUTER | CONVERSATIONAL LANGUAGES | TERMINALS | NO. OF * USERS | MINIMUM CHARGE PER MONTH | AVG. CHARGE PER TERMINAL HR. | CHARGE PER MIN. OF CPU TIME | DISC § STORAGE/ CUSTOMER |
|---|--|--|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Allen-Babcock Computing, Inc. Palo Alto, California | IBM 360/50 ¹ | PL/1 (on-line subset) | IBM 2741 TT-33, 35, 37 Friden 7100 IBM 1050 | 90 | \$385.00 | None | \$5-\$102 | 100K+ |
| Applied Logic Corp. Princeton, New Jersey | DEC PDP-6, PDP-10 (12/67) ³ | FORTRAN IV DDT, JOSS MACRO-10 Compact COBOL LISP, SNOBOL-6 | TT-33, 35 CRT | 304 | None | \$5.00 | \$6.00 | 0+ |
| Bolt Beranek and Newman Inc. ⁵ Cambridge, Mass. | PDP-7/8 | TELCOMP | TT-33 | 6 | None | \$12.50 · | None | None |
| CEIR Inc. Arlington, Virginia | GE-235 DATANET-30 | BASIC ALGOL | TT-33, 35 | 40 | \$250.00 | \$6.00 | None | 120K |
| Computer Sharing Inc. Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania | SDS 940 | CAL, ARPAS, BASIC, DDT, FORTRAN IV, FORTRAN II | TT-33, 35 | 32 | None | \$307 | None | 60K+ |
| COM-SHARE Inc. Ann Arbor, Michigen | SDS 940 | BASIC, CAL, FORTRAN IV, SNOBOL, TAP, DDT, FORTRAN II | TT-33, 35 | 64 | \$100 .00 | \$10-\$20 | \$2.50 | 0+ |
| DIAL-DATA, Inc. Newton, Mass. | SDS 940 | CAL, DDT, QED, FORTRAN II, BASIC, ALGOL, FORTRAN IV, SNOBOL, ARPAS | TT-33, 35 | 32 | \$100 .00 | \$13.50 | \$3.00 | 60K+ |
| General Electric Co. ⁸ Information Service Dept. Bethesda, Md. | GE-235 DATANET-30 | BASIC, ALGOL, FORTRAN | TT-33, 35 PLT | 40 | \$100 .00 | \$10.00 | \$2.40 | 0+ |
| International Business Machines 9 New York City | IBM 7044 | QUIKTRAN | IBM 1050 IBM 2741 | 80 | \$125.00 | \$12.50 ¹⁰ | None | 0+ |
| Intinco Limited London, England | UNIVAC 418 (2) | Stockbrokers Language | TT-33 (60) | 60 | 11 | 11 | 11 | , |
| KEYDATA Corp. (Adams Assoc.) Cambridge, Mass. | UNIVAC 491 | KOP III | TT-28 | 200 | 12 | 12 | 12 | |
| Pillsbury Occidental Company 13 Raleigh, North Carolina | GE-265 | ALGOL, BASIC, FORTRAN | TT-33, 35 PLT, CRT | 40 | \$108 .50 | \$10.00 | \$3.00 | 0+ |
| REALTIME Systems Inc. New York, New York | B-5500 | FORTRAN IV, COBOL, ALGOL | TT, TLX, TWX, CRT | 15 | \$500 .00 | \$15.00 | \$8.35 | 0+ |
| TYMSHARE Inc. Los Altos, California | SDS 940 | CAL, BASIC, QED, DDT, FORTRAN IV, ARPAS, ALGOL | TT-33, 35 PLT | 60 | \$80,0 0 or \$390 .00 | \$13-\$16 | None | 60K+ |
| VIP Systems Corp. Washington, D.C. | IBM 1440 | IBM Administrative Terminal System | IBM 2741 | 40 | \$375 .00 | \$7.50 | None | 100K+ |

^{*} In all cases the number of simultaneous users can be increased by addition of equipment or by duplicating the computer system.

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- Special operation codes for efficient conversational interaction added.
 Dependent on amount of core used.
 This new system will be in operation early in 1968.
 Will be increased to 40 in late January.
 Systems located in Cambridge, Massachusetts, East Orange, New Jersey, and London, England.
 Cambridge and East Orange handle 32, London handles 16.
 For first 20 hours, \$25/hour thereafter.

- 8. Service available from offices located in 33 major metropolitan areas.
 9. Other systems in Chicago, Cleveland, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, and

- Toronto.

 10. For first 5 hours, \$11 for hours 6 thru 75. \$9 thereafter.

 11. A charge of approximately \$5,000 per year plus a usage charge of \$.05
- per inquiry.

 12. For accounting and management uses. Charges on basis of message transmissions, processor time and storage used.

 13. Trade name Call-A-Computer.

[§] Number denotes amount allocated in characters or bytes, + indicates more available at extra charge.