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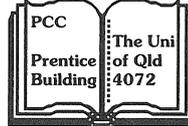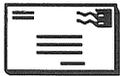
Now there's...

Directory Services!

Need to send an electronic mail message to your colleague overseas but you don't know the address?
Now there's a solution—Directory Services.

The Prentice Computer Centre is introducing a new facility called Directory Services. Directory Services enables you to find electronic mail addresses, telephone numbers, postal addresses, and facsimile numbers quickly. There are even pictures of some people! Until now, there has been no service for finding electronic mail addresses. Users have had to telephone or write to addressees to seek information, and keep their own directory.

Online and up-to-date information will be available on thousands people from The University of Queensland, other Brisbane, Queensland, and Australian tertiary intitutions, as well as tertiary institutions around the world. No more wasting time with bits of paper. It's on your computer at your fingertips!

Directory Services is the results of months of work during 1990 by the Centre's Network Engineering Group. The project has been part of a world-wide co-operative effort involving 300 organisations from 14 countries.

Here's how...

Users of this service need to have a mainframe computer account on one of UQVAX, Brolga or UQVM. Enquiries on how to open an account should be directed to **Accounts** on **365 3765**.

The terminal you use should be a VT100 equivalent. When you log on, enter:

for UQVAX: **set term /vt100**

then, **setup ds**

for Brolga: **set term=vt100**

Start Directory Services by entering:

for UQVAX, Brolga, UQVM: **ds**

*(Note: All commands on Brolga should be typed in **lower case**.)*

The **ds** command starts the program. If at any time you require help, press **H** to access the help menu. The easiest way to find information is:

1. Press **S** for search; followed by the name of the person to search for; then press enter (i.e., **S** *name* <enter>).

   The computer will provide a numbered list of all people of that name, plus more—just in case you can't spell!

2. Scroll through the list until you find the person you want.

3. Press the number of that entry to see information about that person.

   The Help Menu will assist you with other Directory Services functions.

4. Once you have your information, press **Q** to quit Directory Services and return to the mainframe prompt.

No Extra Charge!

No special privaleges are needed to access Directory Services. It runs in the same way as other mainframe programs. You need to pay only for CPU time—that is, the time you spend processing on the computer. Directory Services will be available for you to use from 6 January 1991.

Updating Information

Information on The University of Queensland staff will be updated nightly from the University's telephone directory. An update from the University's payroll will be received weekly. Since the program is fed the information from Administration, any errors you detect should be corrected through Administration.

More Information

Contact the **Help Desk** on **365 4116**.

PCC amalgamates with Audio-Visual Services

The Prentice Computer Centre and the Division of Audio-Visual Services are combining to form one unit of The University of Queensland. The intention is to provide a central focus for computing and allied technology on and off the St Lucia campus.

The formal merger will take place on 1 January 1991 with staff housed in the Prentice Building.

The amalgamation will unite users of similar technology presently separated by organisational barriers, under the leadership of **Mr Alan Coulter**. Mr Coulter, former Director of the Prentice Computer Centre, has been seconded to The University of Queensland Downtown for the past 2 years. He will return as Director of the new organisation on 1 February 1991.

The new organisation will provide teaching and research with better services than ever before.

More on the merger in a later issue.

PCC Courses Schedule
January–March 1991

January

Course	Dates	Time
Introduction to WordPerfect	Jan 8–Jan 11	9–12 am
Introduction to PC/MSDOS	Jan 8–Jan 10	1–4 pm
Introduction to WordPerfect	Jan 15–Jan 17	9–12 am
Introduction to VAX/VMS	Jan 15–Jan 18	1–4 pm
Advanced PC Management	Jan 21–Jan 23	9–12 am
Introduction to SAS	Jan 21–Jan 25	1–4 pm
Introduction to WordPerfect	Jan 29–Feb 1	9–12 am
Introduction to DBase III	Jan 29–Feb 1	1–4 pm

February

Course	Dates	Time
Introduction to SPSS-X	Feb 4–Feb 8	9–12 am
Introduction to UNIX	Feb 4–Feb 7	1–4 pm
Advanced WordPerfect	Feb 11–Feb 13	9–12 am
Introduction to PC/MSDOS	Feb 11–Feb 13	1–4 pm
Introduction to CP/CMS	Feb 11–Feb 14	1–4 pm
Introduction to FORTRAN Programming	Feb 18–Feb 22	9–12 am+1–4 pm
Introduction to WordPerfect	Feb 19–Feb 22	9–12 am
Introduction to DBase III	Feb 26–March 1	1–4 pm
Introduction to PC/MSDOS	Feb 26–Feb 28	1–4 pm

March

Course	Dates	Time
Advanced PC Management	March 4– March 6	9–12 am
Introduction to SAS	March 4–March 8	9–12 am
*Introduction to Quattro Pro	March 5–March 7	1–4 pm
PC↔Mainframe Communications	March 8	9–12 am
Introduction to WordPerfect	March 11–March 14	9–12 am
Introduction to ORACLE	March 11–March 15	1–4 pm
Advanced WordPerfect	March 18–March 20	1–4 pm
Introduction to UNIX	March 19–March 22	9–12 am
Introduction to WordPerfect	March 25–March 28	9–12 am
Introduction to PC/MSDOS	March 25–March 27	1–4 pm

This course is in addition to lists previously circulated.

To Enrol

Attendance at courses is free for University staff (academic and general) and postgraduate students. **Telephone 365 4111** to enrol in any course. For course content descriptions, refer to The Prentice Bulletin No 7, available at the **Help Desk (365 4116)**. Course enquiries should be directed to **365 4111**.

Advanced courses assume people attending have a strong familiarity with the contents of the corresponding introductory course. Those enrolled in Applications courses (e.g., WordPerfect, DBase III, SAS) should have a strong familiary with the content from the corresponding operating system course (e.g., PC/MS DOS, VAX/VMS, UNIX). Other introductory courses assume no previous knowledge.

Season's Greetings

from the Prentice Computer Centre

Access to Library Catalog Improved
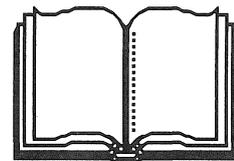
Mainframe computer users are able to access the University Library's online catalog via the campus network, UQNet.

However, we have had reports from users who have had difficulty in gaining access. Those problems have been solved.

Anyone on a UNIX system (e.g., Brolga), on a VMS system (e.g., UQVAX), or on UQVM can access the Library by entering: **telnet library**

(Note: All commands on Brolga should be typed in lower case.)

If you are still experiencing trouble, it may be because of the Library's limited capacity. Wait a few minutes, then try again. When you are ready to disconnect from the Library, enter: **bye**

You will be returned to your usual mainframe prompt.

Problems with accessing the Library directly via the Micom have also been solved. The Micom prompts terminal users to select a host name, and users respond by entering **LIBRARY**. Users accessing the Library from home via their modem may use this method.

Don't forget! If you are visiting another linked tertiary institution anywhere in the world, you can access the Library.

If you have queries concerning access to the Library's online catalog, pick up a brochure from the Library, or contact the **Help Desk** on **365 4116**.