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Decommissioning of DEC-KL10 Computer System

The DEC-KL10 will not be generally available after the end of this year and may in fact be shut down at that time.

Consequently, all users are urged to make arrangements to transfer any valued programs or data to another platform and close their accounts by 24 December 1991.

In determining what to do with files, consider online files, archived (FMS) files, and (if applicable) files on private disk packs/magnetic tapes. After any necessary conversion (see below), files can be:

- transferred to an existing or new account on one of the Centre's other system (UNIX, VMS or VM/CMS), in which case reasonable assistance at no charge will be provided.
- transferred to a network connected system or placed on magnetic media—we can provide assistance at \$50 per hour.
- discarded, in which case you need do nothing as they will disappear when the account is closed on 24 December 1991.

Online files

Binary files such as program object and executable files cannot be run on other systems and should be discarded. Program source and "flat" data files can be moved to another system or placed on tape; however, program source files will in most cases require some changes in order to be recompiled. Some data such as 1022 files **must** be extracted if required before being transferred. Note that even if the KL-10 were to remain for a short time, 1022 itself which must be used to extract data from its files will not be accessible as its licence expires on 24 December 1991.

FMS files on the Centre's Archives

These should be retrieved to an online area and then treated in the same way as online files.

Private Disk Packs & Magnetic Tapes

If you have any KL-10 magnetic tapes and/or RP06 disk packs registered with the Centre, please note that as the format of such media is not compatible with other systems, all required files **must** be converted before the KL-10 is retired. Once converted the media can be re-registered and attached to an existing (or new) account on one of the other Centre machines, or taken away as above.

Help

For advice, please contact the Help Desk in the first instance—email **CHELP** or phone **365 4116**. Information on charges may be obtained from the **Accounts Desk** on **365 3765**.

In order to reduce the congestion and panic caused by a last minute rush to transfer or dispense with data, users are strongly advised to make arrangements **now**.

Computer Accounts Relocated

All computer accounts enquiries should be directed to **Vanessa Thomas** on **365 3765** at the Help Desk on Level 2 (ground floor) of the Prentice Building (#42 on campus maps).

Photocopier Relocated

The Xerox 1090 (mono) Photocopier previously housed with Photography in the basement of the Parnell building has been relocated.

It now resides with the Operations group, ground floor of the Prentice Building (#42 on campus maps). All black and white photocopying work requests should be brought to the Help Desk or forwarded by internal mail to *Operations Group, Prentice Centre*. Colour photocopying is still offered by Photography in the basement of the Parnell Building.

Scoring multiple choice exam papers now faster and easier

Optical scanning and analysis of multiple choice exam papers has been improved.

To eliminate the need for erasing, remarking or correcting pencil marked exam sheets, the Prentice Centre has developed an online editing program. Now the lecturer can correct the problems on the answer sheet quickly, without the need to reread the sheet through the scanner. This has several advantages: no tampering with the exam paper and quick easy corrections. The marked sheets are still processed the same way, but the bad sheets are easily corrected from the error report.

With the introduction of charges for Operators' time (currently \$25 per hour), online editing can reduce the processing time. Other charges are: 10 cents per sheet purchase (available from Stores) and 25 cents per sheet scanning. To make bookings or for more information, contact the **Help Desk** on **365 4116** or electronic mail to **CHELP**.

SPSS Statistical Software site licence possible

Versions of SPSS are currently available on the Centre's UQVAX and UQVM hosts.

It may be possible however, for the Centre to negotiate a site licence for SPSS to run on a number of other platforms. Before entering into negotiation however, it is important to gauge existing interest so please let us know if an SPSS site licence could be of interest to you.

A site licence reduces the cost of using SPSS on non-Prentice computers on campus. Departments would pay an annual fee to the Centre which would provide distributions and updates, as well as act as the point of contact for problems.

We should like to know approximate numbers and type of systems on which SPSS might be installed. To indicate your interest or to find out more contact the **Software Librarian** on **365 4075** or send electronic mail to **cclibrarian@cc.uq.oz.au**.

Course Schedule

November–December 1991

“A clever theft...

...was praiseworthy amongst the Spartans; and is equally so amongst Christians, provided it be on a sufficiently large scale.”

Herbert Spencer writing about a hundred years ago catches the essential elements of a practice he could never have dreamt of... the theft of computer software.

It does require a measure of skill. In some University quarters it seems to attract prestige, rather than the reverse, and, even if we are only to believe the software houses, it is certainly widespread enough. The plan fact is however, that making illegal copies of software or otherwise breaching software copyright or licensing conditions is a serious offence under the Copyright Act, and may lead, upon conviction, to fines of up to \$250,000 for organisations and \$50,000 or six months imprisonment for individuals.

So determined are some owners of popular software packages, that an association; the Business Software Association of Australia (BSAA), has been formed with the objective of stamping out software theft. BSAA can act on information received and approach organisations where thefts are occurring, either in a co-operative way to implement policies and procedures to counteract the practice, or, in the case of flagrant breaches, use an “Anton Pillar” order to gain control of the software itself pending further legal proceedings.

The University of Queensland, in common with other Australian Universities, endeavours to ensure that departments and individuals are aware of their obligations in respect to having and using properly licensed software and makes every effort to minimise the need for, and risk of, violations of the law.

These measure include:

- negotiating lower priced site or educational licences for many popular software packages.
- ensuring through the Technology Shop and Workstation Support Group that validly licensed software is acquired or made readily available for every computer purchased.
- providing facilities for potential purchasers to try out software in the PC Laboratory.
- providing advice and support through the Workstation Support Group.

So if you want to learn more about your responsibilities in this area and how to prevent software theft, or how to protect yourself against PC viruses, in fact on any matter, it pays to contact the Workstation Support Group on 365 4018 first.

Course	UQ Price	Ext Price	Date	Time
November				
Introduction to UNIX	free	\$240	Nov 5–8	9–12 am
Introduction to WordPerfect	\$80	\$240	Nov 5–8	9–12 am
Advanced MSDOS	\$60	\$180	Nov 5–7	1–4 pm
Using AARNet	free	\$60	Nov 7	1–4 pm
Introduction to Macintosh	\$60	\$180	Nov 11–12	1–4 pm
Introduction to TopText*	free	\$240	Nov 11, 12, 14, 15	1–4 pm
Introduction to MSDOS*	\$80	\$240	Nov 12–15	9–12 am
Using VAX Mail	free	\$60	Nov 13	1–4 pm
Introduction to SAS	free	\$300	Nov 18–21	9–12 am
Introduction to VAX/VMS	free	\$240	Nov 18–22	1–4 pm
Introduction to Word (PC)	\$80	\$240	Nov 19–21	1–4 pm
Introduction to SPSS-X	free	\$300	Nov 25–29	9–12 am
Introduction to WordPerfect	\$80	\$240	Nov 26–29	9–12 am
Special Topics in WordPerfect (Tables)	\$20	\$60	Nov 26	1–4 pm
Introduction to QuattroPro	\$60	\$180	Nov 27–29	1–4 pm
December				
Using AARNet	free	\$60	Dec 2	9–12 pm
Introduction to UNIX	free	\$240	Dec 2–5	1–4 pm
Advanced WordPerfect	\$80	\$240	Dec 3–5	9–12 am
Introduction to MSDOS*	\$80	\$240	Dec 3–6	1–4 pm
Special Topics in WordPerfect (Equations)	\$20	\$60	Dec 6	9–12 am
Introduction to SAS	free	\$300	Dec 9–13	1–4 pm
Introduction to WordPerfect	\$80	\$240	Dec 9–12	1–4 pm
Introduction to Word (Mac)	\$80	\$240	Dec 11–13	9–12 am

Note: *

Introduction to MSDOS covers version 5.0 (the course has been extended to 4 half-days).

*TopText is a typesetting program running on Brolga. It is the “public” system to replace JUSTIF on the KL-10. See Bulletin 23 (July 1991) for more information on TopText.

Bookings and Payment

To enrol in any course, telephone Vanessa Thomas on 365 3765 or see Vanessa at the Help Desk on Level 2 (ground floor). Bookings are to be confirmed by payment within three days.

Payment is to be made either by Interdepartmental requisition form, or by cash or personal cheque. The UQ Price is available to University staff and postgraduate students. Undergraduate students and external clients must pay the Ext Price.

Please address all correspondence to *Course Bookings, Prentice Centre*.

SAS now available for staff and students!

As of October 1991, the Prentice Centre is now licenced to supply SAS to The University of Queensland staff and students for use on their own PCs at home.

The modules that are currently available and their normal annual licence fees are:

SAS Base/STAT Software (required).....	\$50
SAS/GRAPH Software (optional)	\$25
SAS/IML Software (optional).....	\$25
SAS/FSP Software (optional)	\$25

SAS licences expire each year on 17 December. A new SETINIT (password) will be required after this date to re-enable the Software.

As a special introductory offer for November and December, 1992 licence fees will be discounted by 40%. People ordering after December 1991 will be required to pay the full licence fees. This offer is open to students, staff and departments.

We have also compiled several SAS Special Packs. These will include the software (on 1.44 or 1.2 MB floppy disk), licence and manuals for the various packages:

1. The SAS Starter Package\$305(1.2MB)/\$320(1.44MB)
This includes the SAS Base and SAS/STAT Licence, Installation Guide, Introductory Guide, Language Guide, sTAT Users Guide, Procedures Guide, Tech Report P200 and 201, and the software on either 1.2MB or 1.44 MB floppy disks.
2. SAS/GRAPH Add on Package\$110(1.2MB)/\$125 (1.44MB)
This includes the SAS/GRAPH Licence, GRAPH Users Guide and the software on either 1.2 or 1.44MB floppy disks.
3. SAS/IML Add on Package\$50(1.2MB)/\$60(1.44MB)
This includes the SAS/IML Licence, IML Users Guide and the software on either 1.2 or 1.44MB floppy disks.
4. SAS/FSP Add on Package.....\$69(1.2MB)/\$75(1.44MB)
This includes the SAS/FSP Licence, FSP User Guide and the software on either 1.2 or 1.44MB floppy disks.