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TO: Multics Administrative Distribution
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SUBJECT: PDP-8 Script Performance Comparison between CTSS and
Multics System 7.0, 4.0, and 3.0.11

All figures are for two passes through the standard "Fortran debugging" script.

	Multics 3.0.11 6/25/69 12 users	Multics 4.0 9/25/69 24 users	Multics 7.0 3/30/70 21 users	CTSS 8/1/69 17 users
Average load while measuring				
CPU Time charged	87.9 sec.	50.3	28.7	70.97 sec.
Real time required	2702 sec.	2520	2298	2434 sec.
CPU time per interaction	1.91 sec.	.79	.436	1.07 sec.
Average response time	~18 sec.	12.4	5.2	5±1 sec.
Dollar charge	\$11.01	\$6.55	\$3.99	\$6.50
Cost per console hour	\$14.70/hr.	\$9.10/hr.	\$6.27/hr.	\$9.62/hr.

1. All prices are based on a Multics CPU charge of \$420/hr, a Multics dialup charge of \$1/hr, a CTSS CPU charge of \$330/hr, and no CTSS dialup charge.
2. Note that this script is, on balance, a smaller than average user of core memory, and is unfavorably charged by a Multics CPU price based on average core memory usage.