

Questions for Potential Multics users

- 1. Is there interest in using Multics? Why?
    - 2. a. Could use as well as any other
    - b. Want to be member of Multics Community at M.I.T.
    - c. Need the advanced features of Multics
- (Did you run up against the limitations of CTSS?)
- 2. Do you know what Multics has to offer? (See Technical <sup>Comparison</sup> ~~companion~~ c/CTSS)  
 What would be the best way to explain technical aspects?
  - 3. How does your schedule fit in with Multics availability?
    - a. Experimental use for a few - Summer 1969
    - b. General Availability in October 1969
  - 4. What languages and other tools are necessary for you to make use of Multics?

Are you prepared to help build any of those tools? Do you know of any other community <sup>interest</sup> ~~inherent~~ in doing so? Are the primary languages (AED, FORTRAN IV, and PL/I) of interest or useable? *How about secondary languages - JML, BCL, BON, BASIC.*

- 5. How about budget problem? <sup>s</sup>
  - a. Is subsidy desirable or necessary during <sup>your</sup> period of tool building and transition to Multics? Do you have any suggestions for sources of such subsidy? *{ How much is needed and for how long? Is subsidy needed for computer costs only, or for people's costs also?*
  - b. Is <sup>price</sup> ~~prior~~ structure a controlling factor in your ~~desire~~ <sup>ability</sup> to use Multics? Suppose <sup>prices</sup> ~~pieces~~ (and performance) were initially about the same as CTSS? Suppose they were better, say <sup>by</sup> a factor of two or a factor of <sup>four?</sup> ~~five?~~ At what date would there improved <sup>prices</sup> ~~pieces~~ be necessary; in what way would they influence the amount of money you were willing to spend for Multics time?

- 5 c. What approximate computation budgets have you had in the past?  
 What fraction of this budget might you <sup>direct</sup> ~~designate~~ towards  
 Multics? Can you ~~estimate~~ the future growth of this budget?  
 Are there conditions on this growth?
6. What kind of commitment do you need (or do your sponsors require)  
 from Multics?
- a. Length of service <sup>at M.I.T. 1, 2, ... 5 years? longer?</sup> ~~1, 2, 3, or 5 years?~~
- b. Follow-on <sup>hardware</sup> ~~brochure~~ at M.I.T. with better performance? <sup>When needed? Why?</sup>
7. What kind of "exportability" commitment do you require?
- a. exportability is unimportant.
- b. exportability is not a requirement but would be nice.
- c. Ability for other (non-M.I.T?) user<sup>s</sup> to dial into a Multics  
 installation and use your programs or data?
- d. Ability for other (non-M.I.T.?) users to run your programs  
<sup>their (non-Multics?)</sup> at ~~there~~ <sup>^</sup> ~~(non-M.I.T.?)~~ installations?
- e. Ability for other <sup>non</sup> ~~the~~ M.I.T.?) users to purchase a machine  
 on which they can run Multics and your programs or subsystem.
- f. other exportability features?
8. Does the availability of Multics mean that you might propose initiation  
 or continuation of support for projects you might otherwise defer or  
 abandon? What kind of computation budget might be involved?