Name abbreviations

The casual user of Multics needs to be warned when a potentially important system change has taken place, but he does not want to have ten lines of system description spew forth whenever he logs in. For this reason, an abbreviated system name is automatically printed on his console whenever he logs in. The abbreviation is accomplished by ~~the~~ concatenating the installation code with the last character of each major and minor ~~version~~ version of each ~~system~~ of the three levels of system, beginning with the hardcore system. Thus, pursuing the _{naming} examples given above, one has the abbreviated system name "MITMAC. BLA7A6". If the user, ^{observer} ~~observing~~ that the ~~abbreviated~~ abbreviated name has changed, he may request printing of the full name to learn more.