

To: Distribution  
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Subject: System Maintenance Status, October 18 - November 14

## 1. Significant Events

As we are sure most have noticed, performance has become quite a problem within the last couple of weeks. The system is somewhat overloaded and many users are having problems logging in. This has been especially critical because numerous hardware problems have resulted in extended periods when the full configuration has been unavailable. We have a number of installations waiting which should improve performance but cannot log in to get them installed. But our first concern is to get the full hardware complement operating properly again.

A major delay in the installation of the p11 and fortran compilers has occurred due to a lack of disk space. However, more disk space has been added and we hope the new compilers will be in by the end of next week. These new versions will be compatible with the new separate static conventions.

### A. Online System Installations

Within the last month, there have been 15 logical changes to the online libraries. The two major changes were the installation of another answering service to support MCS features and a new, improved version of `bound_tolts_` which we are hoping will work. Several changes to the network library were also installed.

The p11 and fortran compilers have still not been installed. The major delay was caused by a lack of disk space. Since space is no longer a problem we hope the compilers will be installed by the end of next week.

`Peruse_text` which has been neglected for several years (the last time the `lpt` segments were modified was in 1973) and `help` has assumed many of its functions, so `peruse_text` will be deleted from the system on November 18th.

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## B. Other Installations

Hardcore systems MSS 27.1, 27.1a, 27.2, 27.2a, 27.2b, 27.2c have been installed. MSS 27.1 moved access control information into the KST. MSS 27.2 provided a new command processor and linker providing capability for separate static.

Salvager 2.32 was also installed to fix a critical problem with flushing the paging device, as the system would not run without SCU A as low order memory.

## C. Crash Analysis

Most of the crashes within the last month have been due to hardware problems such as parity errors.

Also we lost almost four hours of time due to an error in the cable attachment on disk drives 3 and 4. This was then followed by loading the wrong firmware the next morning with the result that we were down for seven more hours.

	Oct 18-24	Oct 25-31	Nov 1-7	Nov 8-14	Total
Hardware	4	2	2	4	12
Hardware Suspected	0	0	0	0	0
Software	0	2	0	1	3
Software Suspected	0	0	0	0	0
Not Yet Analyzed	0	1	1	1	3
Not Available	0	0	1	2	3
Other	0	0	0	0	0
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Total	4	5	4	8	21

## 2. Problem Areas

Our major problem has been in the area of performance. The system has been somewhat overloaded and has become especially exaggerated due to the numerous hardware problems. There are a number of installations that will alleviate some of this problem and we hope to have them installed by the end of next week.

We also have occasional hardware problems which we are unable to track down. These problems are presently categorized as MINOR GLICHES of one form or another.

We have also discovered that mcs tty dim does not support Billerica's RNPs as we have crashed a number of times while using it. We all hope this problem will be corrected as soon as possible.

### 3. Task Status

Hopefully Pattle will have the p11 and fortran compilers installed by the end of next week. Grace now has test\_tape working and will be submitting an MCR reporting the fix shortly. Roger has converted the metering and network daemons from SysDaemon to the Daemon project. Dave has begun working on autocall and has reviewed the operators handbook and debuggers guide.

Peter is now working on the IBM 1130 and Grace is starting to work on the Prime 300 computer. Grace and Roger have been working on changing the hardcore header so that all non-system (SysDaemon/SysAdmin) acs are removed. The change for this is ready to be submitted.

### 4. Work Planned for the Coming Month

The major work planned involves the installation of the compilers and of hardcore system MSS 27.3 which contains a new version of system control and a variety of other fixes.

PROJECT System and User Support AREA

TASK DESCRIPTION PERSONNEL START FINISH P-M CHANGES-SIAIUS

Online Installations	Kelley Oratel	Continuing Task		
Maintain source lists	Roach	Continuing Task		
Maintain cross reference lists	Kelley (Oratel)	Continuing Task		Should be run soon. (Has not been run since February).
Maintain listings	Oratel	Continuing Task		
Crash Analysis	Ackerman-- Lewis (Jordan)	Continuing Task		
Hardcore Installations	Ackerman-- Lewis (Kelley)	Continuing Task		
Operator Interface	Jordan (All)	Continuing Task		
Maintain Hardcore Cross Reference	Jordan	Continuing Task		
Consulting	All	Continuing Task		
Meter System	Roach	Continuing Task		Monitor normal operation design and run various performance tests.

PROJECT Programming Support AREA

TASK DESCRIPTION	PERSONNEL	START	FINISH	P-W	CHANGES-STATUS
Maintain and improve library submission tests	Kelley	Continuing Task			
Convert cross reference to v2		4/15/73			
Upgrade all online installation tool exec_coms for the 6180 and install in the libraries and document them.	Kelley	3/26/73			ec's have been revised.
Look into compare_source_statement as replacement for cpa					Compare pl/1 source statements ignoring differences in comments and formatting
Design and implement an online system for registering modules being worked on, etc.					
Make test_tape work again	Ackerman-Lewis				Ready for submission
Provide Prime support.	Ackerman-Lewis				
Provide Network support as needed.	Jordan				
Assist in Implementation of an	Jordan	10-27-75	12-15-75		

PROJECT Library Maintenance Tools Project AREA Installation tool enhancements

TASK DESCRIPTION	PERSONNEL	START	FINISH	P-W	CHANGES-STATUS
Honeywell PLM - AN80: Library Maintenance Manual	Kelley				continuing
library_cleanup: to replace cleanup using the library descriptor	Kelley	11/04/74	11/18/74		awaiting installation
object_test: fix bug which deletes some ALM segments	Kelley	11/04/74	09/02/75		Awaiting MCR approval
Fix bug in library command  delete.	Kelley				MCR 1274 - Awaiting installation
Fix bug in msa_manager_ introduced with MSS 27.0	Kelley				MCR submitted
check format produced by crossreferencer	Kelley				started