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POLICY ABOUT MULTICS DEMONSTRATIONS

Requests for demonstrations of Multics are received from time to time, and in the interest of protecting Multics users, the following policy and procedures will be followed.

Demonstrations are, by purpose, either for showing Multics as a system or for showing a particular user program or subsystem that has been implemented under Multics. However, the Center usually will not differentiate between purposes of demonstrations, but between the amount of planning and publicity that accompanies them.

Casual demonstrations, with no particular advance publicity, can be performed at any time with the usual risks of loading and system availability. Scheduled demonstrations, on the other hand, always should be approached with caution and with some degree of coordination with the Center.

Casual Demonstrations

1. At his own risk, a user can demonstrate the facilities of Multics that he feels are pertinent. No approval of Center personnel is required.
2. The Center in no way guarantees service at the time of the demonstration and likewise makes no claim that the user's program or Multics, in general, will perform as expected at that particular time.

Planned Demonstrations

1. The user must notify the Center's Manager of User Services (Dick Steinberg, Room 39-427, Ext. 7184) about the nature and object of the demonstration at least one week prior to the demonstration.
2. Within three days of the initial request, the Manager of User Services will confirm with the user the time and nature of the proposed demonstration. If the Center cannot insure the planned availability of the system, the user will be notified.
3. Assuming approval, the user now is free to publicize the demonstration. The Center will make every effort to assure the availability of the service or programs that are to be demonstrated.