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THE ELECTRONIC ENGINEER • Nov. 1971
Cover: top left. Has “uncertainty concerning the use of radio spectrum and the possibility of harmful radio interference” been a major cause of the loss of “millions of dollars and untold number of jobs”? The Assistant Director of the White House’s Office of Telecommunications Policy, Walter R. Hinchman, thinks so and you can read his provocative guest editorial on p. DC-3.

Bottom right. One of six types available from RCA on a sampling basis, this reflective liquid crystal readout may eventually show up in your DVM. Both reflective and transmissive readouts, priced now between $25.00 and $50.00 for engineering samples, will have to drop, however, to 50¢ a digit (for large quantities) to capture the DVM market. For the story on these readouts, see p. 10; and for our special report (with specifying tables) on DVMs, see p. 31. (Photo courtesy RCA Solid State Div.)

31 DVMS REVISITED By Stephen A. Thompson
Since we last looked at digital voltmeters in 1969, four more manufacturers and 38% more models have joined the fray. In most cases, this means more DVM for less money. For the complete story on 3, 4, and 5 & 6 digit models as to ranges, features, performance and price, check this.

DC-1 DATA COMMUNICATIONS following page 40
Events in this vital area have been happening so swiftly and are of such importance that we had to make this section a monthly feature. This month, we have Part 4 of the Data Terminals course, W. Hinchman of OTP on spectrum use, and a new area—Data Communications News.

DC-3 A SPECTRUM MARKETPLACE? By Walter R. Hinchman

DC-7 DATA TERMINALS COURSE—PART 4
Having presented the basics of data transmission, the innards of a terminal, and then the system itself, we now discuss the most common forms of data terminals: teletypewriters, the old reliable; alphanumeric CRTs for sophisticated applications; and touch-tones, familiar to all.

Introduction By Arthur J. Boyle, The Electronic Engineer
Teletypewriter terminals By J. Lee Wakefield, Teletype Corp.
Alphanumeric CRT terminals By Troy S. Adcox, Bunker-Ramo Corp.
The touch-tone terminal audio response system By Joel Naive, Wavetek Data Communications

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• Multivibrator covers 1 Hz to 1 MHz By R. Scarpulla, Excelion Industries
• Latch circuit provides noise immunity By S. R. Martin, Teletype Corp.
• Polarity inverter uses a dc voltage By Curtis Sewell, Lawrence Livermore Lab.
• Pulse differentiation with DTL By Norton Markin, Elta Electronics Industries, Ltd.
How to switch loads on your power supply!

Load switching sounds as if it ought to be elementary, yet it is fraught with opportunities for error. The problem is, we're very "voltage" oriented.

When you're dealing with voltage stabilized sources like the Kepco "PAT" voltage modules, Figure A is quite correct, but it's all wrong if your source is a current stabilized model like the Kepco CCP.

With the PAT voltage stabilizer, a load is manifested as a current drain, and the proper way to switch out the load is to use a series switch to open circuit the current. For the CCP current stabilizer, the load manifests itself as a compliance voltage so by complementary logic the proper way to switch out the load is to use a parallel switch to short circuit the voltage.

A voltage stabilizer is idle into an open circuit; a current stabilizer idles into a short circuit.

Get it wrong and you've got problems. If the voltage stabilizer is shorted or the current stabilizer open-circuited—each will rely on a limiting circuit to avoid an unbounded response—but you'll see all sorts of undesirable transient effects as the sources seek to protect themselves. An open-circuited current stabilizer, for example, rises to a high bounding voltage just waiting to zap the next load you connect . . . . Use the circuit of Figure B and the switching is clean and transient free.

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With a circuit breaker?

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A nontechnical development of extraordinary technical significance

Last month, the economic leaders of ten industrial countries* gathered in Washington to discuss, in nonelectronic terms such as liquidity, gold standard, special drawing rights, and Bretton Woods, several economic developments which undoubtedly will have momentous significance for electronic engineers.

Tool and die makers in Cincinnati, airframe builders in Seattle, computer men in Poughkeepsie, even unemployed engineers in California, all held their breath during the talks of the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Is it any wonder, then, that electronic engineers should, too? Not only should they; it's a must. Does it sound unusual for an electronics magazine to advise electronic engineers to be concerned with international economic policy? Far from it. If you value your job, you should be concerned.

If we were able to ignore such developments in the past, it was only because the electronics industry didn't depend on them for its growth. It could barely keep up with the growth of defense spending, its major customer for almost two decades. In those days we could turn inward and pay attention exclusively to technological developments so as to insure ourselves of a job.

For example, how many of us can trace both our jobs and advancement to the discovery of the transistor? The semiconductor industry alone employed roughly 200,000 persons in 1970, of which we estimate about 3,000 to be electronic engineers. What is more important, semiconductor components have created jobs, since none of the solid-state equipment that exists today, from transistor radios to minicomputers, would have been possible without transistors and ICs.

Let us estimate what effect the IMF talks now in progress in Washington may have on jobs. The graph on this page shows that American manufacturers sold about $5 billion worth of hardware for computers and peripherals in 1970. If the talks have the outcome expected by the United States, these sales could increase at close to 13% per year to almost $9 billion by 1975. Already, the computer industry employs over 20,000 electronic engineers; if this prediction comes true—and its outcome is largely dependent on how the IMF agrees to relate the dollar to other foreign currencies—the increased activity in the computer field could provide additional jobs for 6 to 9 thousand electronic engineers.

If this argument still isn't enough to interest you in the relationship between international economics and electronics, remember that there actually is no choice. A failure of the IMF talks could mean disaster not only to us in the electronics field, and to the tool and die maker in Cincinnati, but also to copper miners in Chile and to shoe factory workers in Italy.

We are no longer isolated from the economic forces that move the nation, let alone those that influence the whole world. No longer can we continue to be more concerned with computer-aided design, or with semiconductor models, or with bulk semiconductor effects, to the exclusion of the economic factors which shape the future of the industry. To have ignored them in the past was safe, but unnatural. To ignore them in the future will be sheer folly.

Alberto Socobony
Editor

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*These countries (Belgium, Canada, France, Holland, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States, and West Germany) were the major economic powers attending the gathering of the 118-nation International Monetary Fund.
"ISOPLANAR IS HERE, AND IT WORKS"
For opensers, a 256-bit TTL RAM that's dense as MOS but fast as bipolar. Debugged and deliverable now.

There Were Times We Had Doubts.

In March, when we announced the isoplanar process, we also announced that we weren't really sure it was commercially feasible.

We had had a lot of experience in production of bipolar memory components and systems (last year we shipped more than 8 million bits to Illiac IV alone). So we went ahead—but not too optimistic.

We selected a fully-decoded 256-bit RAM to prove we could produce a device of that complexity quickly, efficiently, and profitably, using the isoplanar process.

We could. And did.

Presenting—debugged and deliverable—our new 256-bit 93410 256-bit RAM. Fast, small, dense.

As Les Hogan, our President, said: "Isoplanar is here, and it works." Beyond our expectations.

And, looking ahead, isoplanar is where it is going to happen.

Isoplanar Technology. Briefly.

The old-fashioned planar process required a large region for p-+ isolation and isolation-to-base clearance. The isoplanar process shrinks this region and fills it with thick insulating silicon oxide that needs no separation from base and collector regions.

Selective etching of silicon nitride, without harming the oxide, provides simpler masking rules and a self-aligning base. Transistor geometries are smaller and parasitic capacitance is reduced. The structures are less sensitive to defects in manufacturing (reduction of the active isolation area, for example, eliminates failures due to oxide pinholes). The surface of the chip is flat, so the traditional metal-over-oxide step problems are eliminated; metallization is simpler and more reliable.

We got smaller, denser, more reliable products with higher yield. At a low cost to our customers. Plus a reasonable profit for us. What we hoped for, we got.

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- Power dissipation: 2 mW/Bit.

The 93410 is built on a 96 x 126 mil chip. It uses conventional, high-volume, reproducible metal widths and clearances. (For comparison, our own 256-bit 93400 bipolar memory for Illiac IV occupies a 110 x 140 mil chip, has only partial decoding, and typical access time of 50 Nsec.) It is available now in sample quantities (100-up) at $21.50 each in 16-pin hermetic ceramic DIP.

The 93410 is a superior product, per se. More important, it proves the economic feasibility of the isoplanar process. Today, there is a production of low-cost TTL or ECL read/write memories.

Soon, hopefully, for a host of other semiconductor devices.

Beyond Memory.

But isoplanar doesn't stop with memories.

The process, we feel, will profoundly effect the architecture of future generations of computers. Ultimately isoplanar technology will be used to fabricate together, on the same chip, combinations of memories and memory of much greater complexity than have been considered to date. Examples are content-addressable memories and multi-port registers.

What we have learned thus far indicates that, in the long run, isoplanar will prove valuable in all complex bipolar circuits.

The process will also bring about significant improvements in high-frequency low-noise transistors, diodes, linear devices, in low-cost realization of monolithic complementary MOS devices, in radiation-resistant circuits—in the universe of semiconductor devices.

For More Information.

We've put together a package of information about the isoplanar process, products and prognosis. It's available for the asking.

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Liquid crystal displays are beginning to show

The push to get liquid crystal readouts into the market place is on. The three latest contenders for the market are on slightly different time schedules. But never-the-less, they are close to making inroads.

RCA showed liquid crystal displays at WESCON, and have been offering engineering samples. Prices for single-digit, 7-segment, transmissive types is $25.00. Four-digit, 7-segment reflective types go for $75.00. We also hear that RCA is willing to license other companies to make liquid crystal displays. Our front cover is an RCA liquid crystal display.

General Electric Co.’s Research and Development Center described liquid crystal display panels under development to the audience at the International Electron Devices meeting in mid-October. Their device consists of eight numerals that require a total of only 16 leads.

![This liquid crystal display by G.E. is in the development stages. It requires only 16 leads for all 8 numerals.](image)

A single lead connects all common segments and decimal points. In addition, each of the 8 characters across the display has a separate lead, so that each character can be activated independently or simultaneously. Each character is scanned electronically in sequence to learn which ones are to be activated.

Eight-digit liquid crystal displays are available in engineering quantities from North American Rockwell Microelectronics Co. (NRMEC) for $40.00. Each digit is a seven-segment numeral with decimal, ⅛ in. high and ⅛ in. wide. Displays plug into a strip connector. Reflective or transmissive types both operate at 15 to 20 V.

A decision is expected shortly on marketing the displays in quantity. Quantity prices are expected to be about 50¢ per digit, decoding extra.

Liquid crystal displays look very promising because of low power requirements and, hopefully low cost. But they, at this time do have some problems. They are slower in operation than other display types, are temperature sensitive, and require a light source of some type to be seen.

Want more information about liquid crystal displays?
For RCA, Circle Reader Service #240
For G.E., Circle Reader Service #241
For NRMEC, Circle Reader Service #242

Ma Bell sounds off

Bell Labs engineers are working on a device that dials a telephone number when given spoken commands. The dialer device has integrated circuitry that converts sound waves into electrical pulses. These open and close the switches to obtain a dial tone, execute a phone number, and terminate a call.

A circular display of ten lamps, labeled with the numerals zero through nine, is used with the voice control device. The lamps light continuously in numerical order. Any voice utterance or sound that coincides with a lighted numeral activates that number. Speaking the numbers “one,” “three,” and “five” (or any other sound) as the corresponding numerals light up enables the device to store all of the digits in a telephone number in its memory.

Carrier injection boosts bipolar density.

Scientists at the Philips Research Laboratories, Eindhoven, The Netherlands, are working on a new design/processing technique for integrated circuits. The technique, called Integrated Injection Logic (I2L), holds significant advantages for large scale integration of bipolar ICS.

Currently, most ICS include a resistor in the supply lead to the individual transistors in each cell. These resistors serve to protect the transistors from overloading. Naturally enough, the resistors eat up valuable real estate and also create heat dissipation problems.

With the Philips approach, the resistors are replaced with a diode. These diodes, when forward biased, inject charge carriers into the transistor and provide the energy for the circuit to switch. While a conventional TTL gate requires about 20 picojoules to change states, an equivalent I2L gate switches on 1 picojoule. This reduction in energy consumption also makes the approach attractive for battery-powered circuits.

Handicapped people will now be able to use the telephone thanks to a new phone that may be dialed by sound.

As a sound is made, the corresponding lamps remain lighted slightly longer in the display. This indicates registration of the numbers in the device’s memory. The memory transmits stored digits to telephone dialing circuitry on special command.

After it is dialed, a telephone number remains in the memory and may be reused any time the dialing command is given. But, dialing a new number erases the old one. This technology should find many future uses in control-type applications.
Whiskers are out.

The new military standard for 1.5 watt power zeners is Unitrode's double pin bonded design.

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Solid state sales way off... According to recent Electronic Industries Association data, U.S. factory sales of solid state industry products during the first six months of 1971 totaled 1.4 billion units valued at $557.4 million, off 21.4% and 16.2%, respectively, from unit and dollar sales during the same period last year.

Running to stay even... Semiconductors claimed only a small share of the 19 billion non-IBM bits sold in 1970. Intel's marketing manager, Mike Markkula, contrasts this with the 5-10% share of a 25 billion-bit market semis will capture in 1971, at about 1¢/bit. Semiconductor memory manufacturers will divide about $12-25 million, but since 1971 prices are only half of 1970 prices, constant cash flow will require doubling sales.

Put something back... Xerox Corp. has a program whereby employees take time off to individually contribute to social welfare projects. Under set guidelines it's possible for company employees in the U.S. to take up to a year's leave with full pay to pursue a self-selected project that may "put something back into society." Applicants may be any one who has worked for Xerox for at least three years. A seven-member employee evaluation committee will select those to be granted leaves.

Computer, catch that crook!... Collins Radio Co. was awarded a contract by the state of Iowa to supply a communications oriented computer system for use in a statewide data network. The system, known as TRACIS (Traffic Records And Criminal justice Information System) will integrate vital information in a single data bank.

Another one bites the dust... General Electric recently became the fourth large company in 2 years to drop its integrated circuit operation. Following the precedent set by Sylvania, Philco-Ford and United Aircraft (Unisem), GE announced it does not see sufficient returns to justify the large investments required to become a force in the IC business. GE officials stressed that the decision concerns the Integrated Circuit Products Department only and will not affect the other GE semiconductor and component departments. About 520 employees are expected to be affected by the shut-down.

Filling the printer gap... Printer Technology, of Woburn, Mass., has been founded on the conviction that there is a definite gap in the computer printer field. Their Printec-100 uses a helical print wheel with three complete character sets instead of the conventional single set. The result is a $1700 (in OEM quantities) printer that gives you full characters (not a dot matrix pattern) and a 100 character/second print rate.

Japanese exports to triple... Japanese electronic exports will increase from $2 billion in 1970 to $6 billion in 1980, according to a recent SRI report. Industrial and telecommunications exports will replace consumer electronics products in the number one spot. Likewise, opportunities for outside suppliers will mushroom because the internal market growth of the Japanese economy will create an import market growing by more than 15% annually.

A cadet network... Cadets at the U.S. Military Academy are now learning computer fundamentals, thanks to a data communications network with 65 General Electric "Terminet" teleprinters. After first-year students complete a 45-hour course, they can use the system to solve problems they encounter in advanced engineering and sciences classes.

Bits of information... Zenith Radio Corp. was presented the 1971 IR-100 award for its M-40R laser light modulator... Aveco Electronics Div. has received a USAF Aeronautical Systems Division contract by which a downed airman can communicate his position to search and rescue teams, from any point on the globe.

Du Pont's "Freon" 116 is finding applications in high and low voltage gas filled power transformers, as a dielectric in radar transmitters and antennas, high energy particle counters, and in underground high voltage power cables... Union Carbide has grown a sapphire which weighs 28,000 carats... Our friends at Integrated Circuit Engineering Corp. report that they are still alive and well with business prospects increasing.

Epoxy Technology, Inc. have completed a test and evaluation program which is said to show that electrically-conductive epoxies are superior as a low-cost method for mounting semiconductor chips... Dumont Electron Tubes Div. of Fairchild Camera and Instrument Corp. has produced substantial improvement in the luminous and infrared sensitivities of the S-1 photoemissive cathode.

Metrologic Instruments, Inc. warned that the construction of a 10-W CO2 laser described in a Scientific American article could create extreme physical health hazards... Cambridge Research and Development Corp. Group has applied for patent protection for a new electronic method to speed up or slow down recorded speech without distorting tone and pitch... Corning's glass memory modules are being used in photocomposition typesetting machine made by Star Parts Co.

Codex Corp. recently announced a major contract for high-speed modems. Expected to approach $500,000, the contract is with Forsvarets Matierverk, the material administration of the Swedish government.
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BUSS QUALITY FUSES
DVMs revisited

More DVMs within a narrower price range mean a better buy for you.

Stephen A. Thompson, Western Editor—Los Angeles

Fierce competition and tighter markets have not halted the swell of companies making digital voltmeters or the proliferation of different models. Since our last survey,* there are four more manufacturers and 38% more models to choose from. The table shows the changes.

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When you compare surveys, you will notice the general improvement in specs. Our list includes base prices and prices with options of 130 DVMs. The option that offers the widest price fluctuation is ac voltage. Also, there are wide variations in measurement methods and cost, from simply scaling the peak voltage value, to sophisticated, accurate determination of rms values of complex waveforms. Any prospective buyer should be familiar with these various methods, and evaluate their merits against his needs before making a decision. Most manufacturers can supply excellent literature on this subject.

Three's a crowd

Any feeling that 3-digit DVMs are getting cheaper is pure illusion. On average, models introduced since 1969 have a $90 higher base price and a $79 higher all-option price than the 1969 survey. Unretired 1969 models tend to be the higher-priced ones, and they actually push the price averages of all 1971 models up an additional $2 (base price) and $40 (all options price) over the new model averages.

Averages for the 1969 listings and the new listings are shown at the bottom of each chart. The 3-digit DVMs with all the options are better than 1969 models by about two and one-half ranges, one-half a feature, and 50c less per range. Three of them have frequency ranges, which could be the next major evolutionary step for DVMs.

Performance specifications are almost ignored in this classification, because 3-digit DVMs are bought to replace analog multimeters. When I asked one representative for CMR (common mode rejection) and NMR (normal mode rejection) data, he replied, "They drilled those numbers into me over and over when we first got this meter, and said everyone would ask for them. You are the first, and now it's been so long that I forgot them."

Four's too many

The 4-digit class is still the numerical king with 59 models. Since multimeters are invading this domain, prices are dropping. Almost every spec improved since 1969, and the base price dropped an average of $255. The average new listing, with all the options, gives you six more ranges and an extra system feature for $110 less. The cost per range dropped $50, or about 40%. Three models have frequency ranges too, and that number should rise rapidly.

Great bargains, if you have the money

The 5 & 6-digit class saw the average base price cut by $980, and the all-option price by a whopping $1,430. In the performance specs, which is what this class is all about, it was a mixed bag. Common mode noise rejection deteriorated by 14 dB, and ac measuring speed lost one quarter of a second. Combined 90-day accuracy specs improved about 13%. The significant performance improvement came in the temperature specs. They improved by about 64%, largely through improvements in ic technology.

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36. **615**
37. **3430A**
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39. **IM-102**
40. **8035**

#### NO. OF RANGES

1. **100**
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5. **50**
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#### FEATURES

1. **Programmable**
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3. **AC measuring**
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A spectrum marketplace?

Extensive study and debate about use of the radio spectrum has led to many new concepts, including spectrum pollution, waste, engineering, and monitoring, during the last decade. One particular concept which enjoys a widespread consensus is that there exists a “spectrum resource,” whose allocation and use must be “optimized.” However, there are widely divergent views on the exact nature of this resource, what constitutes its “optimum” allocation and use, and how that goal can best be achieved.

Some people view the spectrum resource as unidimensional, i.e., possessing only the frequency domain. Others attribute to it varying degrees of multi-dimensionality. I have advanced the concept of the spectrum resource as a multi-dimensional “space” (electro-space) whose dimensions correspond to the several characteristics by which electromagnetic radiation from one source can be distinguished from that of any other.

Equally divergent views on what constitute “optimum” allocation and use of the spectrum resource are held by those concerned with spectrum use. The defense communicator considers the allocation and use which provide complete flexibility in meeting operational and contingency requirements to be the optimum. To the typical business user, it is the arrangement which allows him to maximize profits or minimize costs. The allocator sees optimum allocation as the one which lightens his work load or the pressures placed on him by existing and prospective users. And the communication engineer generally seeks the allocation and use which will maximize the information transfer capacity per unit of bandwidth or cost.

Because each of these optimization concepts reflects a particular value system, it is difficult to challenge any one of them. However, the economist has challenged their collective use, claiming it results in a series of sub-optimizations and inefficiencies rather than in overall optimization. Instead he suggests that the “optimum” is the allocation which maximizes the net benefit society realizes from the spectrum resource—a concept quite different from any of the others.

Under existing mechanisms, spectrum resource use is allocated by Federal administrators operating under the vague objectives of serving the public interest, convenience, and necessity; supporting the national security; or protecting life and property. The economist contends that this approach does not facilitate the maximization of net benefits to society because it does not take into account the value the spectrum resource has for individual users or potential users. He also maintains that spectrum value can only be measured in economic terms, for only in that context can the user evaluate the comparative value of other resources or of non-radiating communications alternatives. Finally, the economist holds that no centralized system of value analysis is likely to serve as well as the marketplace in achieving the most efficient allocation of scarce resources.

These are powerful arguments which cannot be substantiated or refuted within the confines of this editorial, but it can be demonstrated that they are neither superficial nor of purely academic interest. For example, the introduction of domestic satellite systems and specialized communications common carriers, and the proposed expansion of mobile communications systems have been delayed for years in the regulatory process. These delays have cost the U.S. economy millions of dollars and an untold number of jobs by foreclosing investments which would have been made. While many factors have contributed to these delays, a major cause has been the uncertainty concerning the use of the radio spectrum and the possibility of harmful radio interference.

Simply stated, the way in which the radio spectrum is allocated has a major impact on economic growth and employment patterns in the communications industry. But unlike the other resources which this industry consumes, there is no mechanism in the spectrum allocation process whereby economic value can be taken into account.

The FCC has recently taken an important step toward incorporating economic values in the spectrum allocation process by establishing a sliding scale of license fees. This step is in many ways incomplete and imperfect, lacking as it does an exact measure of the amount of spectrum resource used or a measure of the actual value derived from that resource use. In addition to this step, others are needed, including the elimination of regulatory barriers to the entry of new radio services and to the direct transfers of spectrum rights among individual users and between government and non-government use. In the extreme, these mechanisms could take the form of a “free market” in spectrum resource rights, although it would be difficult to define clearly such rights in order to avoid centralized coordination. But the most important step will occur when the communications/electronics industry and its customers realize that the way to greater growth in radio services lies in some form of spectrum marketplace and that this is a necessary prerequisite to many of the sophisticated spectrum engineering approaches which have been suggested.

Introducing Walter R. Hinchman

On returning from the World Administrative Radio Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland, this summer, Walter Hinchman commented, "You lose in some areas, while you gain in others." A pragmatic approach on a meeting that set international boundaries for space communications for the next 10 years, and one reflected in this editorial on spectrum economics. At present, Hinchman, Assistant Director in the White House's Office of Telecommunications Policy, holds program management responsibility for broadband communications services, domestic satellites, communications carriers, and spectrum plans and policies. Previously, he assisted in the development of White House recommendations on domestic satellite systems, served on the President's Task Force on Communications Policy (radio spectrum management and domestic satellite communications), and worked as an engineer in government and private industry.
Circuit quality... The Defense Communication Agency suggested to the FCC that leased circuit tariffs should contain "a clear indication as to what action the carrier will take to insure the circuit quality as ordered is actually provided on a continuing basis." DCA continued, "the advent of our sophisticated voice and data networks and associated switching and terminal equipment has tended to mask the degradation of individual circuits."

Government think tank... A mixed bag of electronic engineers, physicists, social scientists and others have quietly slid over from the Department of Commerce’s Office of Telecommunications to the White House’s Office of Telecommunications Policy. Given a far-reaching charter, these think-tankers, some 50 in number, will try to understand the needs of our society and how communications can help solve them. Top priority item: CATV.

Digital modulation inquiry... Reacting to the data comm explosion, the FCC has called for an inquiry into the use of digital modulation techniques in microwave radio operations. The agency stated that PCM systems might cause destructive interference to FDM systems, such as those used in private and common carrier setups now. Comments were requested by Nov. 15 and replies by Dec. 16.

Overseas data... The Conference Europeane Des Postes et Telecommunications (CEPT), the European telecomm group, recently commissioned a $1 million market study on the future of data communications in Europe. The two firms jointly handling the study will be England’s PA International Management Consultants Ltd., and Quantum Science Corp., Palo Alto, Calif.

Baby, it’s cold out here... The Federal Communications Commission has instituted a telephone answering service for questions on the price freeze. For problems related to the communications industry and the price freeze, call area code 202, 632-7052 or 632-7030.

Doctor, I’ve got a sick terminal... A new service, called “Termicare,” has been offered to Western Union Data Services Co. customers with ailing terminals. These customers may call Mahwah, N.J., without toll charge, to test and diagnose the patient.

The sky’s the limit... Beginning what has been estimated as a $257 million system, the Board of Directors of Aeronautical Radio, Inc. gave the go-ahead for planning of two initial microwave segments. Speaking of the recent FCC decision and the planned air transport industry system, the ARINC chairman, John S. Anderson said, “The recent FCC action... may open new opportunities in providing the most cost-effective systems.

Change of heart... Just one year and two days after RCA’s Robert W. Sarnoff pledged that, "We are determined to attain an industry rank second only to IBM in this country. ... RCA is prepared to commit whatever resources are necessary," the giant electronics firm left the general-purpose computer business. In addition to absorbing an estimated $250 million loss, RCA will now channel its computer efforts into "the development, manufacture and marketing of specialized data communications systems... and specially designed business systems."

A challenge... In asking for a modification of the FCC’s new rules on microwave radio facilities, Western Union stated that industry could not supply either an i-f combiner or a hitless switch. Western Union elaborated, "To date, no equipment manufacturer has demonstrated the ability to supply... a switch or combiner, and... no such component will be operational... within at least the next three years.”

Improved cable... Bell Telephone Laboratories reported a new low capacitance cable that permits signal regenerators to be spaced at 2½-mile intervals, instead of 1-mile distances. The cable, which is undergoing field-testing before implementation in the T-2 system next year, is said to offer lower crosstalk and lower signal loss.

Electronic mail... New York and Washington businessmen, tired of waiting days for important papers, can rely now on prompt electronic service, according to the U.S. Postal Service. Costing $4.25 for the first page (8½ x 11 in.) and $3.00 for each succeeding page, the new facsimile service will transmit mail “in hours rather than days,” says a postal official.

Two digital communication test systems will be built by Tau-Tron, Inc. of Lowell, Mass., for ComSat, under a $35,000 contract. They will test ComSat’s global satellite communications system (now under development) under simulated noise, to measure errors at data rates from 1 to 120 Mb/s.

Bits and bytes... GTE International was awarded a $6,500,000 contract for the first microwave communications system in the Republic of Central Africa.


Nippon Electric Co. has been awarded a $48,763 Intelsat contract to fabricate, test and deliver two FDM/PCM Decoders, to be used with experimental digital satellite communications equipment employing time division multiple access techniques.
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Up to now, our course has not been concerned with specific types of data terminals. This installment is going to remedy that situation. It is devoted to data terminals in their three most common forms.

**Teletypewriters**

The teletypewriter is a rare breed of cat. Basically an electromechanical device, it has been successfully adapted to the electronic world. Conceived and developed before World War I, the teletypewriter has a history of yeoman service in message communication systems spanning more than four decades before the modern computer even came on the scene. Finding widespread application as both an I/O device and a remote terminal, the teletypewriter has moved from the message environment to the data environment with scarcely a noticeable loss in stride.

**Alphanumeric CRTs**

If the teletypewriter is the workhorse among terminals, then the alphanumeric CRT terminal is the thoroughbred. Utilizing technologies far more suitable than teletypewriters for interfacing with high-speed computers, the CRT gives the user quick and convenient access to very large amounts of data. Its impact on industries, such as the airlines and brokerage houses, has been nothing short of phenomenal.

One of the biggest pluses the CRT offers is its ease of operation. Operators entering data can edit and correct before this data is ever transmitted. Preprinted formats can be displayed to guide the operator as to where and when each bit of information is entered. In addition, as an output device, the CRT can give you relatively large amounts of data at electronic speeds. Since the CRT does not give you hard copy directly, most systems use a combination of CRTs and some type of hard copy terminals.

**Touch-tone terminals**

We are all familiar with the most common example of touch-tone terminals, the Touch-Tone® telephones of the Bell System. Combining tone generating keyboards with an audio response capability gives you a computer communications system which is close to being the ultimate in human compatibility. The last article in this installment is based on just such a system designed by Wavetek Data Communications and installed at the Rohr Corp. plant in Chula Vista, Calif. The system includes over 400 touch-tone terminals plus 70 CRT displays.

In the next installment, our course is going to look at some of the more advanced forms of terminal equipment. Among the topics we will cover are two of the hottest areas in data communications today, the non-impact printer and facsimile transmission equipment.
TELETYPETRITER terminals

J. Lee Wakefield, Teletype Corp., Skokie, Ill.

Among the definitions you will find for communication in Webster's Collegiate Dictionary is "a process by which meanings are exchanged between individuals through a common system of symbols." This must have been the definition which a certain young engineer, Frank Pearne, had in mind in 1902 when he conceived the first practical teletypewriter. Although Pearne himself lost interest in the project, his concepts were developed by the founders of Teletype Corp. and in 1912 Western Union and five railroads were using the teletypewriter to "exchange meanings through a common system of symbols." You will find further acceptance of his ideas in the records of the Chicago Police Force, which mentions the installation in 1922 of 37 Model 12 teletypewriters. As the story goes, all 37 were kept extremely busy trying to keep up with a number of well-known, not-to-mention infamous, citizens who populated the Chicago area during the 1920's.

Of course at that time teletypewriters were just that, typewriters with an ability to communicate over distance. Since then, however, they have grown in both complexity and flexibility, until today when they are probably the most widely used terminal in the data communications industry. No longer just a keyboard and a printer, most tele typewriters now include punched or magnetic tape recording, sophisticated control logic, and newer faster printers that bear little resemblance to the original typing mechanisms.

Regardless of sophistication, today's "teletypewriter" terminals include at most five main components that directly contribute to its communications capability. These are printer, keyboard, tape recorder, tape reader, and terminal logic. The proliferation of terminals available to the systems designer is mostly a result of combining these basic building block components into a variety of configurations, and offering them in a variety of speeds, codes, and flexibilities.

Choosing a terminal

When selecting a terminal, the first consideration is that of speed. Data terminals, in general, are divided into three speed classifications: standard, medium, and high speed. Teletypewriter type of equipment fit into the standard and medium speed ranges. Standard speed terminals operate in the range from 0 to 30 character/s; medium speed terminals from 30 to 480 char/s; and high speed terminals operate above 480 char/s.

To arrive at the optimum speed (or possibly speeds) for the system, you must know the volume of data going to and from each terminal location in the system; and the urgency associated with the data communicated to each location.

Another basic consideration is the choice of a communications language or code. There are two universally accepted communications codes, Baudot and ASCII, plus other codes which are either primarily data processing codes or are special communications codes for special interest groups.

The choice between one or the other code is basically a choice between a small and a large vocabulary. With the Baudot code, 58 characters and machine controls can be communicated. With ASCII, 128 characters and controls can be communicated. If the data is largely of the message variety, Baudot code is probably sufficient. But if the data is more complex, either as to the number of symbols or as to the number of machine controls required to format the data or control the communications procedure, ASCII may be the better choice.

Receive capability

A very important constraint on the system is the receive capability, if any, required for each location. You must decide whether a man-readable or a machine-readable output is required, or possibly both are needed at certain locations.

For a man-readable output, the choice is between a printout or a volatile display. With a printout output, there are page-width printouts and tape-width printouts. Tape-width printout can be used, however, at a savings in paper costs, where the data is in a highly redundant format, such as stock quotations.

If your system calls for the page-width printout, the next choice is between impact and non-impact methods of printing. Non-impact printers are faster than impact printers, but cannot produce copies of the printout. Consequently there will be a tradeoff between the need for speed and the need for copies, if both are required.

For the machine-readable option, you have a choice of media to consider: punched paper tape, punched card, or magnetic tape. Magnetic recording is more expensive, both the tape itself and the recording terminal. But magnetic recordings are reusable; and they are also much more compact, since the recording density is much greater. The other side of the coin is with punched cards or tape, short recordings can be economically recorded on separate cards or lengths of tape. Short recordings, however, cannot be economically recorded on separate magnetic tape cartridges. The investment in cartridges would be too great.
In choosing between punched cards and punched tape, remember that cards provide the room to hand-write additional unrecorded information, and lend themselves more readily to hand sorting, than do lengths of punched tape. Also, if the data is printed as well as punched, the printing on tape is harder to read since it must be squeezed between the holes on punched tape but is allotted an area of its own on punched cards. On the other hand, recording data on punched cards can be wasteful. Seldom do recordings come out to be card length, so either the remainder of the card is wasted if the recording is less than card length, or the remainder of the next card is wasted if the recording runs longer than card length. With punched tape recording, each recording is exactly as long as it needs to be.

Send capability

The fundamental decision regarding the send capability of a terminal is whether manual or record entry is required. Manual entry is a direct way to communicate. Record entry is indirect in that manual entry must precede it. But record entry is more efficient in that errors can be seen and removed prior to transmission, without wasting valuable transmission time.

Record entry terminals are also efficient in that the transmission takes place at maximum terminal speed instead of maximum typing speed. Also, with recording capability, data can be recorded and batched during business hours and transmitted after business hours to take advantage of the lower after hours transmission charges.

For manual data entry, there are several types of keyboards from which you may choose. These are alphanumeric keyboards, numeric-only keyboards, and alphanumeric with numeric cluster keyboards. If the terminal uses the Baudot code, the choice is restricted to an alphanumeric keyboard, whose format operation will be familiar only to a trained teletypewriter operator. With ASCII code, the choice is between alphanumeric, of a format familiar to any typist; numeric-only, familiar to an adding machine operator; and alphanumeric with numeric cluster, familiar to a typist with a keypad telephone dial. The decision is based on the type of data to be entered and the operator's training.

Error control

In trying to control errors, here are some figures you must consider. Operators cause one error per every 1000 characters that they keyboard. The transmission facilities add to this one error per every 10,000 characters, and the terminals add to these one error per every 100,000 characters. Obviously, the largest source of errors is the terminal operator. Operator errors can be reduced with training, and experience, and in some cases with equipment. Terminals are available with optional operator control features which alert the operator to block out improper format or erroneous character sequence. Still other schemes involve record verification via double entry of the data, by the same or different operators.

In order to catch transmission errors, many terminals are available with optional error detection devices. Such devices include error flagging data with the data being communicated. The vertical parity scheme, for example, adds a parity bit to the bits that represent a character during its transmission. Should an odd number of bits change states during the transmission, the parity bit will indicate character errors due to transmission distortions.

Other, more effective, error check schemes are available. Horizontal and spiral parity schemes, for example, check for probable errors by adding an entire check character for a certain number of characters in the transmitted data. The receiving terminal, equipped for the scheme, compares this check character against its own computation of what the check character should be. If the computed check character does not agree with the received check character, the entire block of characters sent since the last check character is declared erroneous and is re-sent. Still other schemes are available, at the price of increasing sophistication, and accuracy. How powerful an error checking scheme you should choose depends on how devastating an error in your data will be. Costly errors dictate sophisticated error control hardware; inexpensive errors do not warrant the expense.

Alphanumeric CRT terminals

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Since CRT terminals were introduced to the commercial user several years ago, their growth has been explosive. Almost all phases of teleprocessing use one or more of the many available models.

The early pioneers in the CRT field were the commercial airlines. Reservation and other similar inventory functions were being served by CRT terminals as early as 1963. Other industries soon discovered the versatility of these terminals and thus began the phenomenal population growth of the alphanumeric CRT terminal. Now it is common to see CRT terminals in banks and brokerage houses, on factory floors, in warehouses, at nursing or laboratory stations in hospitals, on executive's desk or anywhere that requires speedy access to a data base.

The S/N CRT terminal is a normal evolutionary step up from mechanical devices such as the teletypewriters. It has the basic elements of a teletypewriter: an alphanumeric keyboard for data entry and a display area for output. The other elements that make up an S/N CRT terminal are a character generator, communication adapter, storage modules, and video/sync drivers. Hard-copy printers can
be slaved to the terminal, if permanent copy is required.

The advantages over the electromechanical devices are numerous. The sending and receiving of data can be accomplished at computer speeds in local environments and at full line speeds for remote locations. Most commonly used communication facilities are 1200 baud asynchronous and 2400 baud synchronous, although 4800 baud is gaining in popularity as the quality of modems and lines improve. Some 9600-baud systems exist today and will undoubtedly be common in the near future.

The keyboard functions are simple and lend themselves to the operator's needs. The ease of editing and making corrections simply by overtyping, erasing, or just moving data from one field to another, makes the job of reducing errors an easy task. Local buffering of the messages in the terminal allows the operator to perform the necessary verification and corrections off-line without taking computer or communication time. Only after the message has been composed and verified does the operator depress the SEND or TRANSMIT key and cause the data to be sent to the computer at high speeds. Costly errors are eliminated before they reach the system. The CPU can pre-format the screen with fixed headings such as name, customer number, etc., with tab points, leaving spaces to be filled in by the operator. The cursor or entry marker is automatically repositioned to the next field after the proper number of characters have been entered. Individual characters or entire fields may blink to alert operator to errors or other critical conditions. The speed and ease of operation permits order entry clerks, customer service representatives, etc. to create, retrieve and update records of a central data base while the client is still on the phone.

Of the several types available, your keyboard should be selected with your application in mind. The typewriter-oriented keyboard is required for extensive data entry and text composing applications. Other keyboards have the keys arranged in a block formation, i.e., from A through Z. Non-typist personnel such as nurses, doctors, clerks, and executives adapt better to these simple layouts. Keyboards with numeric clusters are useful for applications requiring numeric input. System application and editing keys are integral parts of the keyboards and should be conveniently located. Sending commands to the program by depressing one function key eliminates the thought and time required for a multiple keystroke instruction.

The display area uses a phosphor-coated cathode ray tube. Some of the available displays use commercial television tubes, but others use specially designed displays. The latter are usually of a better quality because environmental factors such as lighting and contrast are taken into consideration in the design. The display adapters are of two basic types. Serial
How many yen to the dollar?

The CRT terminal has found its way into a wide variety of data communications systems. A typical example (although the application may be somewhat atypical) is the CATS (Computer Assisted Trading System) installed at American Express International Banking Corp.

The system supports the American Express traders who deal in the buying and selling of foreign currencies. It is not at all unusual for these traders to turn over up to a million dollars of foreign currency during one transaction. In so volatile a business, up-to-the-second information is an absolute necessity.

The system itself consists of four CRT terminals operating on-line with an IBM 360/65 located two blocks away. Traffic between the two locations is carried by a 2400-baud synchronous line which is duplexed to provide backup. Through the terminal keyboard, each trader can call up the latest information to establish his position in any currency by reviewing the screen.

A fifth CRT terminal is used to verify all trades and a pair of receive only printers complete the system. The printers provide contracts on-line and are used to prepare various checks, ledgers and positions off-line.

Adapters that interface to modems use standard (EIA RS-232-C) signals. Modem controls and delays must be handled by the adapter. Parallel adapters can connect directly to the computer input/output channels such as the selector or multiplexer of the IBM 360/370. Operating in bit-parallel mode in a local environment allows high-speed transfer of data between the terminal and computer.

Selecting a terminal is a logical process. First, you should analyze the job that the CRT will serve and itemize the required and desirable features. Simple, uncluttered keyboards and crisp, stable displays are absolutely necessary for the operators. Standard and reliable communication disciplines are required by the system network. Flexibility and optional features should be analyzed closely by the system programmers. The supplier must be reliable and capable of servicing the product he sells. After analyzing your requirements and the capabilities of the terminal, only then can a cost justification program begin.

The system can make use of both single station and multi-station units in the same network. The single station can serve locations requiring no more than one CRT and one hard-copy device. A multi-station configuration can cluster as many as 36 terminals and several hard-copy printers to one control unit. The CPU can send a general poll to the control unit instead of individually polling the terminals. This technique eliminates unnecessary traffic on the communication lines.

The alphanumeric terminal will very soon relinquish the spotlight to the more glamorous and intelligent terminals on the horizon. However, it will remain a very vital part of the teleprocessing industry for many years to come, much as the teletypewriter has survived the electronic revolution.
The touch-tone terminal audio response system

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There is a sleeping giant among data terminals. We're referring to the touch-tone terminal, and it could well become the most used terminal of all before the end of this decade. Touch-tone terminals have two very important advantages over all other types of terminal equipment: simplicity of use and substantially lower cost.

The advantages of the touch-tone terminal as a data entry device are obvious. However, in the typical data communications environment, we also need a means for the computer to respond to the operator at the terminal. In most cases, this is accomplished visually by means of a printer of some kind, or a cathode ray tube. With touch-tone terminals, however, the computer can "talk" to the operator.

The audio response system

A typical audio response system consists of the terminals, the communications equipment, the audio response unit and the central computer. Tone-coded data is generated by the user on an ordinary touch-tone telephone or on special touch-tone terminals. This data is sent to the central computer over voice-grade switched lines or over a dedicated communications network. The computer returns the answer in digital form to the Audio Response Unit where it is converted into a spoken message by automatically assembling words, numerals, letters and phrases which have been pre-recorded on an audio drum.

Modern audio response systems have large vocabularies and offer a great number of computer access channels, making it possible for many users to simultaneously communicate with the central computer. As an example, the Rohr Corp. has an audio response system with over 400 touch-tone terminals. At 3:30 each afternoon, in less than 3 minutes, over 1,000 Rohr employees sign out using touch-tone terminals. Each receives back a cheery "OK" from the central computer with the average transaction taking less than 5 seconds.

In addition to the telephone, a number of companies are offering special touch-tone pads to input data for computer-controlled audio response systems. These compact terminals, designed for desk-top operation, are small and light enough to be carried in a briefcase.

Touch-tone terminals generate audio frequencies each time a key is depressed. A typical example is the numeric terminals which use a multi-frequency coding system consisting of two groups of four frequencies each, permitting up to 16 separate button combinations. Numeric characters require the depressing of only one button, while alphabetic characters require two or three depressions. Wavetek recently developed the industry's first alphanumeric touch-tone terminal. It has 49 keys and contains all the letters of the alphabet, numerals 0 through 9, punctuation marks and special characters for inputting data to the computer via an audio response system. This simplifies the use of such response systems in areas where quantities of alphanumeric input data must be generated.

The Audio Response Unit

The general-purpose controller for a voice-response computer/communications system is the Audio Response Unit (ARU). Linking the computer multiplex channel and the receiver data sets, it provides voice response (and in some instances, ASCII code) to the remote terminals.

Various methods are used to generate the voice response. Some ARUs employ photographic film strip techniques, a few use digital-to-analog conversion schemes, and others utilize magnetic audio drums. In Wavetek systems, the ARU is a fixed head-per-track magnetic audio drum with individual words pre-recorded on separate tracks. A single ARU handles up to 64 input/output lines and has a vocabulary of up to 256 words.

The Audio Response Unit accepts inquiries or data from the remote terminals and transmits it to the central computer under control of a teleprocessing monitor program. After the required processing, the computer constructs a response message which is transmitted to the ARU where it is interpreted one character at a time. Each character identifies a unique word pre-recorded on the analog drum. The associated word is extracted from the drum and transmitted to the terminal originating the transaction. The sequence in which words are transmitted to a terminal is controlled by the computer application program which constructs the response message. The vocabulary (either male or female voice) is chosen by the user from words associated with the planned applications.

Our experience with Rohr Corp. on their audio response system points out that relatively few words are required to...
This block diagram shows a typical audio response system. The solid portion is the equipment complement for operation over the switched telephone network. The dashed path is a typical system for private line operation. The color boxes represent the equipment normally supplied by Wavetek. We have included the terminal in this category, although this is not necessarily the case. The system can also accommodate Touch-Tone® phones, CRTs or teletypewriters.

This touch-tone terminal includes a full alphanumeric keyboard. The built-in speaker for the audio response system can be seen on the upper left portion of the unit.
handle many transactions. Each day over 3,000 people use this system for labor and attendance records. The system is also used to keep track of thousands of parts being built, work-in-process inventory control, tool tracking and engineering change orders, just to name a few. Over 50,000 individual transactions are made daily on the system with a total vocabulary of just 96 words.

**receivers for the switched network**

There are a number of communications equipment configurations available depending on such factors as the size and application of the system and whether it is to operate over private lines or over the public switched telephone network. When the system operates over the switched telephone network, the receiver contains multiple data sets, each independently controlled by the computer transmission control program. Each receiver data set is linked to the telephone network through a Data Access Arrangement (DAA), providing tone detection and demodulation of signals received from the remote terminal over common telephone lines.

When a terminal initiates a call to a receiver data set, a transmission circuit is established between the terminal, DAA, receiver, ARU and computer. Each character is transmitted to the data set as the user enters information. As the characters are detected, they are demodulated and transmitted to the ARU. Response words are received from the ARU following an instruction from the control program, which places the data set in a transmit mode. As each word is accepted, it is transmitted to the terminal. As instructed by the control program, the receiver continues to switch between receive and transmit modes until the terminal is disconnected.

**Concentrator receiver for private lines**

This type of unit concentrates or switches incoming calls to idle receiver data sets in addition to performing all the functions of the receiver described above. When a terminal initiates a call, the concentrator detects an off-the-hook signal as a request for service. It makes the connection between the terminal and the first available receiver data set, signals that the connection is made, automatically generates terminal identification, and proceeds to the next available receiver, data set and requesting terminal. The concentratorreceiver can also operate as a remote unit, concentrating or switching incoming calls from a remote facility to idle receiver data sets located at the central computer site. Each concentrator line and receiver data set is linked to leased telephone lines through a Data Access Arrangement.

**receiver/controller**

This unit performs all of the functions of the receiver data set. However, in addition, it can switch an Audio Response Unit line from a calling terminal to a supervisor control station and make a voice connection between the terminal and the supervisor. When the computer transmission program issues an attendant instruction, the calling terminal is disconnected from the ARU line and the supervisor control stations are signaled. When a supervisor control station responds, the ARU line is connected to the responding supervisor for visual display and the supervisor is connected to the calling terminal for voice communication. This type of receiver/controller is very useful in applications such as banking or credit verification when the computer answer is a “maybe,” requiring further interaction between the clerk at the remote station and a supervisor at a central location. Supervisor control stations may be equipped with a CRT display and a switchboard, making it possible for the supervisor to answer requests for assistance from the computer and at the same time, converse with the audio terminal user. In operation, the receiver/controller signals the supervisor control stations that assistance is required. The first available supervisor to answer this request takes the call by operating a lighted patch board. When a supervisor answers a call, all request lights go out and an in-use light goes on at the answering station. If two supervisors answer at once, the switchboard automatically gives one of them control of the call.

**Mixing terminals**

As we mentioned previously, one of the main advantages of an audio response system is the low cost of remote touch-tone terminals. This, of course, means that for a given price an audio response system can have far more remote stations than systems using CRT displays or teleprinters.

Audio response is flexible, however, since more expensive terminals such as CRTs, teleprinters or alphanumeric pads can be integrated into the total system in areas where more detailed information is required or a permanent record is needed. An example is a bank system where low-cost numeric touch-tone pads are located at every desk, counter and teller station, with a smaller number of CRT displays or teleprinters strategically placed. A person wishing to make an inquiry dials the computer as though making a common telephone call. Once this is done, the caller receives a ready tone indicating connection with the computer. The caller now enters inquiry information through the touch-tone keypad. The application program analyzes this information and constructs the appropriate output message which is transmitted as voice to the telephone terminal originating the inquiry. A typical response message might say “Account balance overdrawn.” In cases where a complete account profile is desired, the response can be on the CRT displays or teleprinters.

**Summary**

On-line computer audio response systems have a lot going for them. They offer simplicity and economy and the spoken word is fast and to the point. The touch-tone telephone is the simplest, most economical remote terminal of them all.

All of this means that audio response makes it feasible for a company's computer communications network to be within arm’s reach of hundreds, or even thousands, of people who need to input data regularly and receive answers back immediately, regardless of where they are physically located with respect to the central EDP center. In fact, the on-line audio response system utilizing large numbers of touch-tone terminals and a fewer number of CRT displays, might well be the beginning of a true paperless society.
VOICE AND DATA MODEM

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PORTABLE A/N TERMINAL

The Source 2002 is a complete battery powered, portable data recording and transmission terminal in a briefcase. The unit has full alphanumeric capability, a strip printer, and a special option which provides two way communication with an EDP center. MSI Data Corp., 1381 Fischer Ave., Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627.

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Receiving the largest number of your votes as the outstanding idea of our June 1971 issue is "Sinusoidal frequency halving." The winning idea was authored by Mr. Marvin K. Vander Kooi. Mr. Vander Kooi has an extensive background in applications engineering, particularly in the operational amplifier area. At the time he submitted this IC Idea to us, he was employed by Fairchild Semiconductor, in Mountain View, Calif. Since that time he has made a change and is now at National Semiconductor.
Multivibrator covers 1 Hz to 1 MHz

Richard T. Scarpulla, Excellon Industries, Torrance, Calif.

This circuit is a relatively standard multivibrator, with one addition. The 100 pF capacitor across the feedback resistors extends the control range of the relatively small RC network.

The circuit shown operated up to 4 MHz, but is sensitive to stray capacitance above 1 MHz. Adding a 3 pF compensation capacitor reduced the maximum frequency to 1.5 MHz.

You will find the circuit an excellent testing device where a wide frequency control range is needed. The low end is limited by the practical size of \( C_2 \). The high end is a function of the frequency response of the device you use.

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Latch circuit provides noise immunity

S. R. Martin, Teletype Corp., Skokie, III.

This circuit needs a pulse of predetermined minimum length to set the latch. You will find it useful in rejecting noise, since any pulse less than time \( T \) will not activate the circuit.

The minimum length pulse which will set the circuit is determined by the \( RC \) combination. For \( R = 10 \, k\Omega \), the value of \( C \) is determined by \( C = T/3.424 \), where \( C \) is in pF, is \( > 10^4 \) pF and is non-polarized. The time \( T \) is the desired minimum length pulse and is in ns.

A high to low transition at pin 1 of the 9601 gives you a high to low pulse of length \( T \) at the output. If the input pulse is longer than \( T \), two highs are seen at pins 4 and 5 of the 846, causing its output to go low and setting the latch. If the input pulse is shorter than \( T \), pin 5 of the 846 goes low before pin 4 goes high and the circuit will not activate.

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**Polarity inverter uses a dc voltage**

Curtis Sewell, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory, Livermore, Calif.

You may find this simple circuit a handy addition, especially when building test equipment. In this type of application, it is often desirable to include a pulse polarity inverting switch that allows you to select positive or negative pulses. If you use the most obvious method and switch an inverter in and out of the circuit, the switch is included in the signal path. The resulting stray capacitances can cause degradation of the pulse.

This circuit uses a single exclusive-or gate and changes the dc voltage at one input so the gate either inverts or does not invert. The result is a switchable inverter with no pulse degradation.

![Diagram of polarity inverter circuit](image)

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**Pulse differentiation with DTL gates**

Norton Markin, Elta Electronics Industries Ltd, Ashdod, Israel

Many applications require differentiated pulses to clock flip-flops, reset logic or initiate a sequence of action. The conventional approach is to use an RC circuit to do this differentiation. With this scheme, you use only DTL circuits and eliminate the need for discrete components.

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![Diagram of pulse differentiation circuit](image)

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Circle Reader Service #33
New mini has ROM microprocessor

Though the 2100A may look simply like a more powerful 2116 to the outside world, this new general-purpose minicomputer from Hewlett-Packard has innards vastly different than those of its predecessors.

In fact, it is different than any of its mini competitors in that the 2100A has a microprocessor in the heart of its control section; and this microprocessor—which gives the machine its power and unique features—is built with ROMs, not with hardwired diode matrices.

The computer within

The microprocessor controls the communications between the input storage, arithmetic and logic unit output, and control portions of the machine. Thus, it is an inner computer that implements the operation of program instructions, and retains full systems compatibility (including software and interfacing) with HP's previous machines—the 2114, 2115, and 2116.

The inner computer is a 196-ns, microprogrammed processor that uses a 24-bit microinstruction. Microcoding is in a three-operand format and stored in 1024 words of non-destructive read-only memory. (These ROMs are bipolar ICs with a 75-ns access time.)

The 2100A's processor uses 256 words of read-only memory; but the ROM storage has 1024 words available. So you can use three-quarters of the ROM storage for future needs: you can incorporate special instructions, add macro instructions, hardware functions, and so on. In short, you can expand the 2100A to meet your future needs and you can tailor it, should you like, to facilitate a particular class of applications.

Cores still here

The 2100A's mainframe memory is an HP-designed three-wire, folded-planar core structure that includes parity generation and checking. The microprocessor provides page-oriented addressing (1024 words/page), with two pages of direct addressing and indirect addressing to all pages.

Memory modules provide 4k, 8k, 12k, 16k, 24k, and 32k-word configurations without additional power supply or cabinetry. Cycle time is 980 ns, and word length is 16 bits, with a 17th parity bit.

Input/output

The 2100A can use all of HP's 49 (so far) interface cards. Equipment interfaces to the computer via plug-in cards in the machine's mainframe.

There are 14 I/O channels, and an extender increases this to 45 channels. An optional multiplexed I/O lets you connect 56 devices to a 2100A I/O channel through your own controller.

Normally, data moves over an I/O bus between the peripheral gear and the 2100A's memory via two working registers (A and B, 16 bits each). As an option, should you need higher speed or program-independent transfers, direct memory access (DMA) is available.

With DMA, two channels are dynamically assignable to any of the 45 I/O channels. Operating in a cycle-stealing mode, DMA provides a maximum data-transfer rate of 1 MHz Maximum blocks of 32k words can be transferred.

Interrupts are multilevel priority based, and the location of the interrupt processing subroutine may be anywhere in memory. Within three machine cycles after an interrupt, transfer may be made to an interrupt processing subroutine, and the return linkage stored in memory.

Getting it all together

The 2100A inherits a wide range of software packages, including assemblers, compilers, operating systems, and subroutines. Plus, of course, all of HP's peripherals and I/O interface kits.

In short, the 2100A is a powerful mini; its microprocessor provides, as standard features, such things as extended arithmetic instructions, power-fail interrupt with automatic restart, memory parity check with interrupt, and memory check.


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IC SOCKET ADAPTERS

These adapters are used for mating discrete components with dual-in-line sockets. The family includes 2 8-pin, 1 12-pin, 2 14-pin, 2 16-pin, and 1 18-pin adapter. Cambridge Thermionic Corp., 445 Concord Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

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MODULAR POWER SUPPLIES

Series B supplies come in five case sizes with dc outputs from 1 to 200 V and from 50 mA to 10 A. Line and load reg. are 0.1% and ripple 1 mV rms for most models. From $60.00 to $190.00 ea. Acpian Corp., Easton, Pa. 18042.

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These relays operate from 10 to 250 Vac or Vdc with factory preset delays from 1-300 s. Packages include axial lead, plug-in, and pc mounting. As low as $6.25 ea. in small quan. TDR Electronics, 19 Burnside St., Bristol, R.I.

Circle Reader Service #278
One package for the basic measurements

A new class of digital instrument, the Multimeter-Counter, is in production at California Instruments Co. in San Diego. The CALICO Model 8420 is the first to have pushbutton selection of voltage, resistance, and frequency in one instrument. It is designed for general purpose field service or laboratory use and costs $695 each.

The 8420 is a 1½ digit multimeter with 50% overrange. It has four ac and dc voltage ranges from 1-1,000 V full scale, five ohms ranges from 1k-10MΩ, and four frequency ranges from 10 kHz to 10 MHz. All ranges are protected to 200 V, minimum. You can connect the inputs to a wall socket and select ranges without damaging anything.

Frequency is automatically counted at voltages from 0.1-250 V rms. There is a sensitivity control for measuring noisy signals. Voltage and resistance integration times are 100 ms, and frequency takes one second. Accuracy is 0.01% for 30 days at 25°C ± 10°C, or for 90 days at ±5°C. The three-step integration and ratio-metric measurement techniques are used in all ranges, i.e., the external (unknown) resistance, voltage, or frequency is compared to an internal reference. This maximizes common circuitry and minimizes redundant components. One A/D converter and amplifier are common to many circuits. A 1 MHz crystal oscillator clocks all functions. The precision resistors used in the ohms circuits are also used in the voltage circuits.

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LOW-POWER 64-BIT MEMORY

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Model 300 is a bipolar meter featuring small size, < 4.2 W power consumption, < 2 µV/°C zero drift, < 30 ppm/°C full scale drift and zero warm-up time. It will meet all its specs over a range of -10° to +60°C. Electro-Numerics Corp., 2961 Corvin Dr., Santa Clara, Calif. 95051.

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THUMBWHEEL SWITCHES

These miniature switches snap together, side by side, on 5/16 in. centers. They come in a range of switching versions which include encoders, decoders, decimal and 1248 bcd code—straight and complementary. The A. W. Hayden Co., 232 N. Elm St., Waterbury, Conn. 06720.

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DIP PLASTIC PACKAGES

Both of these new low-cost 14 and 16 lead dip packages will plug in on 0.300. One is a pin-type package available with either tin or gold plated pins. About 16¢ in quan. The other is a standard lead frame “ic” type. 13¢ ea. in quan. U.S. Electronic Services Corp., Holgar Ind. Park, Clifton Heights, Pa. 19018.

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MPC series, dc operated relay is only 0.400 in. high but affords power handling capability of 50 W/pole. Standard coil voltages are 6, 12, 24 and 48 Vdc. Allied Control Co., Inc., 100 Relay Rd., Plantsville, Conn. 06479.

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Model 1017 time delay relay is available with “unit timing” indicating light in eight adjustable time ranges from 0.02 to 1000 s. Industrial Solid State Controls, Inc., 435 W. Philadelphia St., York, Pa. 17405.

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LED INDICATOR

Series “QT/D-200” LED indicator, intended for application in computer and control display applications, has a micro-grooved lens which scatters but does not attenuate light. Marco-Oak Industries, subs. of Oak Electro/Netics Corp., 207 So. Helena St., Anaheim, Calif. 92803.

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Model LP-520 has a color coded visual readout system at the probe tip that indicates logic “1”, ‘0’ and “pulse” (50 ns or greater) conditions in any 5 V digital logic system. Gating, memory and high speed pulse detection features are available as add-ons. Kurz-Kasch, Inc., 1421 S. Broadway, Dayton, Ohio 45401.

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The G2600-B has a nominal voltage of 3.2 V and operates on a flat discharge curve. It will operate for 500 h at from -40° to 75°F with a continuous current drain of 1 mA and for 400 h at 165°. Honeywell Inc., Power Sources Ctr., Montgomeryville, Pa. 18936.

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These 14 contact dip sockets, have a low 0.218 in. profile to provide high density packaging. Large tapered entry channels aid ic insertion and reduce lead damage. Vero Electronics, Inc., 171 Bridge Rd., Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787.

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LOGIC STATUS INDICATOR

The LL-4S provides four bits of side viewing logic status in a dip package. It is TTL/DTL compatible and each input represents only one unit load. $6.00 (500 quan.). Unique Devices Co., Box 786, Reseda, Calif. 91335.

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OPTICAL SWITCH

New optical switches (Model OS-391S-060 or -200) have Schmitt Trigger circuitry and custom thick film phototransistor and an infrared LED (light emitting diode). The circuit has typical square wave rise times of 50 ns and fall time of 200 ns. HEI, Inc., Jonathan Industrial Ctr., Chaska, Minn. 55318.

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DIGITAL PANEL METER

Compact, 3½ digit, ac type digital panel meter Model 4335-F has a single plane 7-bar fluorescent wide angle display, indicating capabilities to 1999, accuracy from ±0.2% to ±1% and a display response time of 3 s. $320.00. Triplott Corp., Bluffton, Ohio 45817.

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CONDUCTIVE COATING

New, conductive polyurethane coating for use in severe environments is a single-package, heat-activated product, curing at temps of 250°-350°F. It offers resistivity values in the range of 200-500 Ω/in. Lord Corp., 1635 W. 12th St., Erie, Pa. 16512.

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MICROMINIATURE SWITCH

Model 8631 butt contact spst momentary pushbutton switches are only 0.635 in. in overall length with a 0.251 in. dia. Contacts are rated at ½ A res. load at 115 Vac or 28 Vdc; or ¼ A at 250 Vac. C&K Components, Inc., 103 Morse St., Watertown, Mass. 02172.

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PHOTO-RESIST STRIPPER

Dynastrip 400 stripper removes a wide range of photo-resists. Miscible with water, it is non-oxidizing, reducing or corrosive to metals used in photoetching. Municplex, Inc., 10 Stuyvesant Ave., Lyndhurst, N.J. 07071.

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The Eldorado 8C is a desk-size machine with an 8-digit readout, full 4-function keyboard, constant key, over-flow and minus signs, and both fixed and floating decimal. And, it sells for less than $200.00. Eldorado Electrodata Corp., 60 Chalmar Rd., Concord, Calif. 94520.

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CASSETTE HEADS

New Mini-Digital Cassette heads for 0.150 in. systems, are offered in “read-after-write” format. They use a technology which reduces crosstalk between the write and read gaps to 2%-4% at a tape speed of 10 ips and a write current of 150% of saturation compared with previous crosstalk levels of about 20%. Nortronics Co., Inc., 8101 Tenth Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn. 55427.

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WRITABLE CONTROL STORES

OmnioROM units let you modify on site, in real time; under keyboard, console or software control, the contents of your ROM—and to do so as many times as is necessary to debug or to optimize your software. After the new contents are in place the unit operates as a true ROM. Memory Systems, Inc., 3341 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, Calif.

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COMMUNICATIONS PRINTER

This 100 line/m data communications printer terminal fills the price/performance gap between teletypewriter output devices and computer oriented line printers. Clear multiple copy printout can be delivered at 1200 Baud over a dial-up or leased line network. Tally Corp., 8301 S. 180th St., Kent, Wash.

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DIGITAL RECORDER

Model 240 digital cassette recorder has a tape drive that operates wholly external to the cassette. This design makes possible a tape path similar to that of large reel-to-reel transports with precision tape guidance and positive tape tension control in all operating modes. It has a recording density of 800 bpi (ECMA compatible) and a transfer rate of up to 16,000 bps. Bell & Howell Co., Electronics & Instruments Group, 360 Sierra Madre Villa, Pasadena, Calif. 91109.

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12-BIT D/A CONVERTER

These DTL/TTL compatible MP1812A and AN1812M high speed converters come in all std. unipolar and bipolar 12 binary bit or 3 BCD digit configurations. Typical settling time to 1/2-bit accuracy is 5 µs. The AN1812M consists of a MP1812A modulac mounted on a pc card. Analogic, Audubon Rd., Wakefield, Mass. 01880.

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HV MULTIPLIERS

"CRT Pac" multipliers have a metal (aluminum) case to shield rfi and permit wide latitude in mounting. Designed for use in TV receivers, monitors, radars, and various visual displays, they can be supplied as a tripler or quadrupler, with output voltages up to 36 kV. Semtech Corp., 652 Mitchell Rd., Newbury Park, Calif. 91320.

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MULTIPLYING D/A CONVERTER

Model 310-12 is a 12-bit D/A converter that combines sub-microsecond settling time and multiplication in a single package. Analog settling is <5 µs full scale, and full scale output current is 2 mA. Hybrid Systems Corp., 95 Terrace Hall Ave., Burlington, Mass.

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INTERFACE UNIT

"Hyper-Typer" interface unit lets you incorporate an IBM I/O Selectric typewriter into your EDP system as either an output printer or an input station. Hyptech Corp., 7343 W. Wilson Ave., Harwood Heights, Ill. 60656.

Circle Reader Service #371

OPTICAL ROM MEMORY

Model 401-22 uses fiber optics rather than complex and delicate lens systems of normal optical memories. It is for applications requiring frequent program changes. Quadri Corp., 2950 W. Fairmont, Phoenix, Ariz. 85017.

Circle Reader Service #372

BATCH TERMINAL

Model 345 is a cassette magnetic tape system designed to expand the power of terminal installations, and to give the terminal user the convenience and ease of handling of cassette data storage. De- com Industries, Inc., 715 N. Pastoria Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif. 94086.

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DRUM RECORDING HEAD

This precision, flying magnetic drum recording head uses high density barium titinate pad materials. The single channel unit costs as little as $7.00 ea. Lipps, Inc., 1630 Euclid St., Santa Monica, Calif. 90404.

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Triad also makes and stocks DC to DC and DC to AC open style, ferrite core transformers, and DC to AC vertical-shielded types. Engineering Bulletin TY-67 gives you complete information on all Triad transistor power supply transformers. Write for information: Triad-Utrad Distributor Division, 305 N. Briant St., Huntington, Ind. 46750.
Optoelectronics revolution

An interesting and informative article titled "The Vanguard of the Optoelectronics Revolution" comes to us from knowledgeable sources of Motorola Semiconductor Products. Stressing the need to recognize that new application potentials exist in the field of optoelectronics, the authors have directed most of their discussion to light sensors and light emitters. The article indicates that LS1 capabilities are compatible with this new technology and offers applications to prove the point. Motorola Semiconductor Products, Inc., 5005 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, Ariz. 85008.

Circle Reader Service #375

Keyboard wall chart

This keyboard selection guide is a handy wall chart summarizing essential data on keyboards for you. It's sponsored by Micro Switch and compiled by the editors of The Electronic Engineer (you saw it in our September issue). It gives you explanations of common terms, reference graphs of the USASCII and the EBCDIC codes, a keyboard illustration and diagrams of keyboard switches, and a useful checklist for keyboards. For your free copy of this keyboard selection guide

Circle Reader Service #376

Disc recorders

One of two new brochures from Ampex describes wideband magnetic disc recorders and gives you plenty of information on applications where the recorders might be used to record and reproduce bandwidths up to 12.6 MHz. The other discusses the DE-700 phase encode package that provides every function needed to read and write phase-encoded information with automatic conversion to and from NRZ format. Ampex Corp., M.S. 7-13, 401 Broadway, Redwood City, Calif. 94063.

Circle Reader Service #377

Scan converter applications

Based on the new Hughes type H-1268B miniaturized 1-in. dia. tube, this 8-page brochure discusses the basic operation (supplemented with diagrams and dimensional drawings) and typical data processing applications of scan converters. Look for information on computer buffer-storage service, multisensor display, picture freeze, and scan conversion. Hughes Aircraft Co., 2020 Oceanside Blvd., Oceanside, Calif. 92054.

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Power supply handbook

This huge 130-page catalog is more than just a catalog of power supplies. First, there are the quick reference power selection guides, giving you the most important specs in handy chart form. Then products are classified in four sections: components, systems, instrumentation, and kits, and you're given thorough technical data as well as photos for each product. All this helps you to find the power supply that's really the best suited for your application. Lambda Electronics Corp., 515 Broad Hollow Rd., Melville, N.Y. 11746.

Circle Reader Service #379

Recorders and accessories

Included in this short form catalog are typical applications, the advantages of bit-by-bit incremental recording vs. continuous buffered incremental recording, descriptions and specs for continuous and incremental digital cassette recorders, plus accessory modules for interfacing to data terminals, minicomputers, etc. Applications covered include minicomputers, key to tape, acquisition, remote data logging, graphic display systems, and automatic message transmission/receiving equipment. Memodyne Corp., 369 Elliot St., Newton Upper Falls, Mass. 02164.

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DataPrint™ system

The CMC 36 DataPrint system offers you a computer-controlled, off-line means of operating IBM 1403 Model N1 line printers. This 12-page booklet describes the features and capabilities of the system, summarizes hardware specs, and depicts basic and dual system configurations for you through block diagrams. Computer Machinery Corp., 2231 Barrington Ave., Los Angeles, Calif. 90064.

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Semiconductor applications

Articles on the selection, application, use, and maintenance of discrete power semiconductors and subsystems are available in the form of "technical tips." Suggested for design engineers, engineering managers, and purchasing managers, the data provided gives concrete information for solving design problems pertaining to power semiconductors and subsystems. The first tip, titled "Thyristor Selection and Calculations for Pulse Applications" discusses a new procedure for selecting the right thyristor for the right application using information available on data sheets. Westinghouse Electric Corp., Semiconductor Div., Youngwood, Pa.

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Designing with analog gates

This 8-page application note shows you how hybrid analog gates can be used to obtain extreme isolation between a control or switching signal and information being gated. It's illustrated with schematics, and it covers ac and dc swing, interfacing with TTL, and the use of referral resistors. Even applications for analog gates are covered. Teledyne Semiconductor, 1300 Terra Bella Ave., Mountain View, Calif. 94040.

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Power supply selection

Here's the latest update of HP's famous dc power supply selection guide. The 40-page handbook lists both general-purpose and special-purpose power supplies by voltage and current in easy-to-read tables. Performance data and operating features are included, plus you get outline drawings and photos. Hewlett-Packard Co., 1601 California Ave., Palo Alto, Calif. 94304.

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Detailed information is provided for all kinds of diodes in this 8-page guide. There are specs and dimensions for voltage variable capacitors, low-current Zeners and reference diodes, logarithmic and high voltage diodes, click suppressors, and precision voltage standard modules. All data is clearly arranged in chart form supplemented by occasional charts and diagrams. CODI Semiconductor, Pollitt Dr., Fair Lawn, N.J.

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A high-speed random access ROM system has been designed for PDP users. The subject of a new catalog, the system features capacity additions of 1024 words to 32,768 words, and includes the controls needed to interface with the PDP-8's data break, a mechanical chassis for easy rack mounting in the PDP-8 cabinet, a power supply, and a user software system. Memory Technology Inc., 83 Boston Post Rd., Sudbury, Mass. 01776.

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That's a lot for one book to handle, but this book does it well. The first part covers design, outlining both the factors that determine performance characteristics and the techniques available for their control. The second part goes on to applications, describing circuit operations allowing design adaptation from the specific circuits described. You'll also find sections on op amp theory and definitions of the performance parameters. It's over 500 pages long and is yours for $15 from Burr-Brown Research Corp., International Airport Industrial Park, Tucson, Ariz. 85706.

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IC packaging panels

A revised catalog gives you 28 pages of information on high density packaging panels and related accessories for interconnecting dual-in-line ICs. You’re given test data in chart form, info on available options, specs, and photos and dimensional drawings for each product. Information to look for includes data on panels, enclosure and rack assemblies, plug and header assemblies, accessories and separate pins, custom panels, and wire wrap services. Augat Inc., 33 Perry Ave., Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

IC catalog for design

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RCA Commercial Engineering, Harrison, N.J. 07029.

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