DECUS



OBJECTIVES

Digital Equipment Computer Users Society (DECUS) was established in March of 1961 to advance the effective use of Digital Equipment Corporation's computers and their peripheral equipment. It is a voluntary, non-profit users group supported by DIGITAL, and whose objectives are to:

advance the art of computation through mutual education and interchange of ideas and information, establish standards and provide channels to facilitate the free exchange of computer programs among members, and provide feedback to the manufacturer on equipment and programming needs.

The Society sponsors fechnical symposia twice a year (Spring and Fall) in the U.S., and once a year in Europe, Canada and Australia. It maintains a Program Library, publishes a library catalog, proceedings of symposia, and a periodic newsletter—DECUSCOPE. A DECUS-Europe organization was formed in 1970 to service European members.

THE COVER The cover for this issue was developed by the DIGITAL Art

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ADMINISTRATION

The policies of DECUS are formulated by an Executive Board consisting of President, President-Elect, Past President, Executive Director, Standing Committee Chairmen, Regional Chapter Chairmen and DIGITAL Representative.

The policies of DECUS are stated in the Bylaws of the society and any amendments or changes are made by formal vote of installation members.

The Administrative office is located at Digital Equipment Corporation, Main Street, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754. All correspondence relative to the Society should be directed to the attention of the DECUS Executive Director.

DECUS-Europe policies are formulated by a European Executive Board. The Board consists of Chairman, Executive Secretary, Committee Chairmen and a DIGITAL Representative.

Bylaws for DECUS-Europe have been established and any changes or amendments are by formal vote of European installation members.

The DECUS-Europe administrative office is located at Digital Equipment Co., Int.-Europe, 81, Route de l'Aire, 1227 Carouge/Geneva, Switzerland and all correspondence relative to DECUS-Europe should be directed to the attention of the DECUS Executive Secretary.

In 1972 a Canadian Executive Committee was formed to establish a formal Executive Structure for DECUS Canada. A yearly Canadian technical seminar is organized by the committee. Contact can be made with the Canadian Executive Committee through the DECUS office in Maynard.



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MEMBERSHIP

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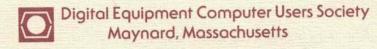
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MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 1972: INSTALLATION DELEGATES—7,052 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS—8,243



APPLICATION FOR INSTALLATION MEMBERSHIP

Installation Membership

A company or organization which now has, or which has on definite order, a Digital Equipment Corporation computer is eligible for Installation Membership.

An Installation should appoint a person immediately concerned with the use of the computer to act as delegate to the Society. A delegate receives all official communications and has a vote on DECUS policies and elections. An organization or company is eligible for as many voting delegates as it has DIGITAL computers.

(please type or print clearly)

Type of DIGITAL CPU Owned	Serial No.			
(Company or Organization owning DIGITAL Computer)				
APPOINTED DELEGATE	Signature*			
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Business Telephone: Area Code	Number	Ext.		
The above named delegate is a replace	ement for			
DIGITAL Sales Office servicing your area Indicate if: End User \square or OEM \square				
This computer was purchased from(Comple	ete only if purchased from	m company other than DIGITAL)		
*If this form was completed by someone	e other than delegate ind	licated above, please sign here		

PLEASE COMPLETE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE BOXES IN BOTH CONFIGURATION AND APPLICATION SECTIONS WHICH APPEAR ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE

Please allow up to 4 weeks for processing.

SUBMIT TO: DECUS Executive Director, Digital Equipment Computer Users Society, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754.

APPLICATION (PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES WHICH APPLY)

☐ General Research	□ Industrial	☐ Data Acquisition	□ Other
Physics	☐ Process Control	Analysis & Display	□ Information
□Nucleor	☐ Machine Tool	☐ Signal Averager	Retrieval
□ Low Energy	Utilities	☐ Pulse Height Analy-	☐ Editing
☐ High Energy	☐ Materials Handling	zer/Time of flight	☐ Graphical Man/
□ Biomedical	☐ Automotive	☐ Optical Systems	Machine System
Psychology	□ Aerospace	☐ Chromatographs	☐ Hotel
Neurology	☐ Electronics	☐ Spectrometers/	☐ Retail
Physiology	Other	Spectrophotometers	☐ Financial
Cardiology	☐ Transportation	☐ Diffractometers	☐ Architecture
☐ Clinical Chemistry	☐ Graphic Arts	☐ Navigation Systems	
☐ Patient Monitoring	☐ Government	Other	
☐ Patient Interviewing	□ AEC		
□ Nuclear Medicine	DOD	☐ System & Device	computer
Radiology	□NASA	Control	
□Cytology	□NIH	□ Process Control	configuration
☐ Pulmonary Function	□Army	□ Numerical Control	9-9
□ Biochemistry	□Navy	☐ Component Testing ☐ Flow Control	K core
Biophysics	☐ Air Force	Other	□ DECtope
☐ Biomedical	□ Coast Guard	Li Olliei	☐ Magtape (Type)
Engineering	Other	□ Non-Business Data	□ Disk Fixed Head
Biology	☐ Foreign Government	Calculation	(Swapping)
☐ Hospital informa-	☐ Atomic Energy	☐ Simulation/Hybrid	□ Disk paks (Type)
tion Systems	□ Defense	Computation	List terminals:
☐ Medical Teaching	☐Space Administra-	□Off-Line Digital	LIST TETT TIMOS:
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cal Research	tration	□ On-Line Time-	
Other	Military	sharing	
	Other	☐ Tape Preparation	
☐ Chemistry	Service Bureau	(Typesetting)	
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☐ Oceanography	☐ Commercial		
□ Navigation	Publishing Newspapers	☐ Business Data Calcu-	
☐ Communications	□ Periodicals	lation	Interfaced to: (Please
□ Education	Books	☐ Inventory Control	list other computers to
Primary	Other	☐ Market Research	which this system is in-
□ Secondary	□ Engineering	Accounting	terfaced, Include other
☐ College and	□ Civil	☐ Invoicing ☐ Management In-	than DIGITAL equip-
University	☐ Mechanical	formation System	ment).
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☐ Technical	□ Nuclear	☐ Message Concentra-	
□ Other	□ Electrical	tion & Switching	

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Digital Equipment Computer Users Society Maynard, Massachusetts

APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual Member

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To qualify for individual membership in DECUS, one must be:

A user of a DIGITAL computer (not the appointed installation delegate) with a bonafide interest in DECUS activities.

An individual member cannot vote but can participate in all other activities. (please type or print clearly)

NA/ME			
COMPANY OR ORGANIZATION			
MAILING ADDRESS			
THE RESERVE TO SERVE THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPE			
T. I. I. A C. de Number	Ext.		
Telephone: Area CodeNumber			
User of the following DIGITAL computer(s)			
oser of the John Wing Branks components			
Nearest DIGITAL Sales Office			
	Signed		

Submit to: DECUS Executive Director, Digital Equipment Computer Users Society, Maynard, Massachusetts 01754.

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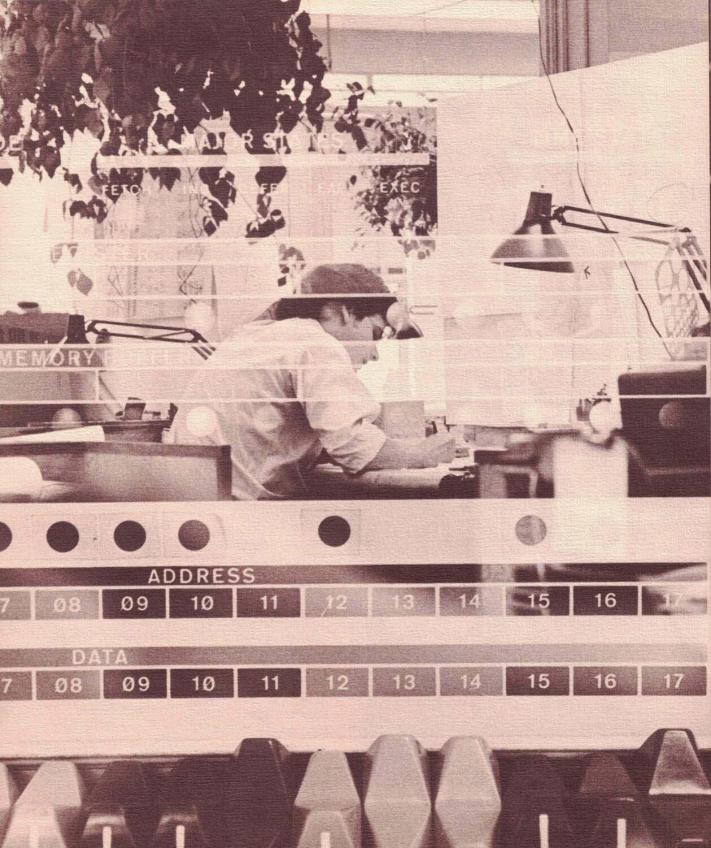
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ACTIVITIES

Two nation-wide symposia are held each year—one in the Spring and the other in the Fall. Seminars are also held annually in Europe, Canada and Australia. The proceedings and papers presented at the symposia and seminars are published shortly after each meeting and are sent automatically to meeting attendees and upon request to others.

Meetings Since 1970

U.S. Meetings

May 4-5, 1970 Traymore Hotel Atlantic City, New Jersey

November 19-21, 1970 Shamrock Hilton Houston, Texas

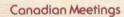
May 13-15, 1971 Royal Coach Atlanta, Georgia

November 11-13, 1971 Fairmont Hotel San Francisco, California

May 10-13, 1972 Parker House Boston, Massachusetts November 29-December 2, 1972 Royal Inn Anaheim, California

May 2-5, 1973 Holiday Inn, Penn Center Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 28-December 1, 1973 Hyatt Regency San Francisco, California



September 17-18, 1970 Airport Hilton Montreal, Canada

June 10-11, 1971 University of New Brunswick Fredriction, New Brunswick, Canada

January 11-12, 1973 Inn on the Park Toronto, Canada

European Meetings

September 17-19, 1970 Kunstlerhaus Munich, Germany September 22-24,1971 Grand Hotel Krasnapolsky Amsterdam, Holland

September 20-22, 1972 Palais des Fetes Strasbourg, France

September 12-14, 1973 Royal Garden Hotel London, England

Australian Meetings

May 28-29, 1971 Iluka Motor Inn Surfers Paradise, Queensland

August 21-23, 1972 University of New South Wales Kensington, N.S.W.



JOINT USERS GROUP

The Society has been a member of JUG, the Joint Users Group of the Association for Computing Machinery, since April 1964. DECUS sponsored the first JUG Executive Workshop in April 1966 and has participated in workshops held each year since. The workshops consist of administrative personnel from several user groups. The purpose of the meetings is to establish means for intercommunication among user groups.

LOCAL USER GROUPS

DECUS encourages subgrouping of users with common interests. One of the most successful subgroupings has been Local User Groups. Local groups, called LUG's, have been formed all over the world. There are over 30 active groups to date in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Australia. Groups are, basically, geographic in nature; however, they may be geographic and specific as well. For example the New England DECsystem-10 Users and British Columbia PDP-11 Users.

Information on existing LUG's and how to join or form a LUG may be obtained by contacting the DECUS office in Maynard or Geneva.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Special Interest Groups (SIG's) are formed to promote interchange of specialized information and have no geographical limitations. Specializations may be for application areas, subject areas, such as languages, or even specific computer lines. A group of users must petition the Executive Board for recognition as a Special Interest Group. The group must have a chairman, but its organization is otherwise at the discretion of the SIG and Executive Board.

Examples of active SIG's are DECsystem-10 Users, Users in Education, OS/8 Users, Newspaper Users, Laboratory Users, Special Interest Group in Interactive Graphics, BATCH Users, etc.

For further information on these groups, please contact the DECUS office in Maynard.

DECUS PROGRAM LIBRARY The DECUS Program Library is one of the major activities of the users group. It is maintained and operated separately from the DIGITAL library and contains programs contributed by users. Programs are available for all DIGITAL computer lines. The Library contains many types of programs, such as executive routines, editors, debuggers, special functions, games, maintenance and various other classes of programs. Library Catalogs are issued which list all programs available from DECUS. There are submission standards which programs must meet before they are accepted into the Library. Review procedures determine whether the program remains in the Library, is changed, or is removed. Forms and information for submitting programs to the Library may be obtained from a DECUS office. Programs are available to all members on a request basis. Requests for programs should be made on DECUS Library Request forms and directed to the DECUS Program Library. In most cases, a nominal service charge will be associated with a program. Information on program charges is published in the Library Catalog. European members may forward requests through the European DECUS office in Geneva. As of December 1972, the Library contained approximately 1,600 programs.

PUBLICATIONS decuscope

DECUSCOPE is the Society's technical newsletter. Published since April 1962, the aim of this informal news "scope" is to facilitate the interchange of information. Society members are invited to submit ideas, programming notes, letters, and application notes for publication. DECUSCOPE is mailed as issued to all members. Circulation reached 16,500 in 1972.

All submissions to DECUSCOPE should be sent to the Editor, DECUSCOPE, at the DECUS Office in Maynard or Geneva.

decus proceedings

DECUS Proceedings contain papers presented at all DECUS Technical Symposia. Proceedings are published shortly after each meeting and are sent automatically to meeting attendees, and upon request to others. The Proceedings detail information on the work being done in areas of software, hardware, and applications by the many members of DECUS.

decus program library catalog

The DECUS Program Library Catalog contains detailed information on programs available from the DECUS Library. Catalogs are divided according to computer line. A member must request the catalog of his interest. Periodic updates are sent automatically.

