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## Latest TC ACCIS Release Contains ECDF Update

Release 5.0.116, dated 22 May 2000, was mailed on 26 June to U.S. Army sites maintaining the TC ACCIS application on COMPAQ Fileservers. The release tape contains an ECDF update, but no Z-LIN conversions.

Release 5.0.116 must be installed over Release 5.0.112. Thirty-three of the 40 TC ACCIS sites have installed Release 5.0.112. The other seven TC ACCIS sites, which are still at Release 5.0.109, must install Release 5.0.112 before they can install Release 5.0.116.

**ATTENTION ITO: It is recommended that sites involved in an active phase of a deployment not install the new release until the active phase has been completed.**

As with previous ECDF upgrades, each unit's default or AUDEL data (TDC "D" or "S") will be converted to reflect the new ECR values. Each unit's DEL data, which may have been changed by the UMO to accurately reflect deployment configurations, will remain unchanged except for minor exceptions.

One such exception involves containers that cannot be waived. Thus, if the ECR length is changed, the length for a non-waivable container must be changed in both the AUDEL and DEL so no "false" waivers are reported to FORSCOM in a COMPASS transmission.

Any Vehicle or Special Handling piece of equipment that has been deleted, and any loads that have been removed from either an AUDEL or DEL will be documented on one of the printouts produced automatically by the TC ACCIS ECDF conversion program during the Install process.

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## JPMO CONDUCTS SQT ON TC AIMS II 3.01

On 13 April 2000, the development contractor turned over version 3.01 to the Joint Program Management Office (JPMO). Prior to accepting the delivery, the JPMO is conducting a rigorous Software Qualification Test (SQT) in its test laboratory. The test began 17 April 2000.



SQT involves experts from each of the test scenarios using Service data. In other words, it is an attempt to do in the lab what unit movement personnel will do in the field. It is an iterative process (test-fix-test), providing the development contractor ample opportunity to correct deficiencies noted during the test. The first test iteration ended 9 June 2000. The next iteration is set to start 10 July 2000.

For the latest update on the TC AIMS II schedule, visit the TC AIMS II website at: the following address.

[http://www.tcaimsii.belvoir.army.mil/Schedule/Main\\_Schedule.htm](http://www.tcaimsii.belvoir.army.mil/Schedule/Main_Schedule.htm)

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## CHECKING TC ACCIS SERVERS

Recently we conducted a check of all the TC ACCIS servers on the planet Earth to ensure that they have the correct COMPASS address. The check netted only one site where the address had to be changed. Currently all servers should be sending COMPASS transmissions to the following address. [compass@forscom.army.mil](mailto:compass@forscom.army.mil). The COMPASS address can be verified or changed through the application using the following steps:

1. Logon as the ITO.
2. Select ITO EQUIPMENT LIST PROCESSING on the TC ACCIS MAIN MENU.
3. Select EQUIPMENT LIST ADMINISTRATION on the menu.
4. Select EQUIPMENT LIST TRANSACTION DATA on the menu.
5. Select MODIFY COMMUNICATIONS E-MAIL ADDRESSES on the menu.

The MODIFY ADDRESS screen allows you access to change COMPASS, COMPASS\_B, COMPASSM, GTN, GTN\_B, STACCS, STACCS\_B, STATUS\_A, and STATUS\_C addresses.

6. Enter the name of the address you want to modify.
7. When the name and address appear on screen, you will be asked if you want to modify the address. If the address is correct, enter "N" at the "=>" prompt. If you want to change the address, enter "Y" at the "=>" prompt.
8. Enter the address change at the prompt. The system will verify the address and ask you for comments. If you have no comments on the new address, press Enter. The new address and the date of modification will appear on the screen.
9. Press "Enter" to acknowledge the changes.
10. Enter an "E" to exit the MODIFY ADDRESS screen.

If you have any problems or questions pertaining to this procedure, please call us at 1 800-635-0921 Help Desk #2-159. ☒

## TC ACCIS ECDF Update

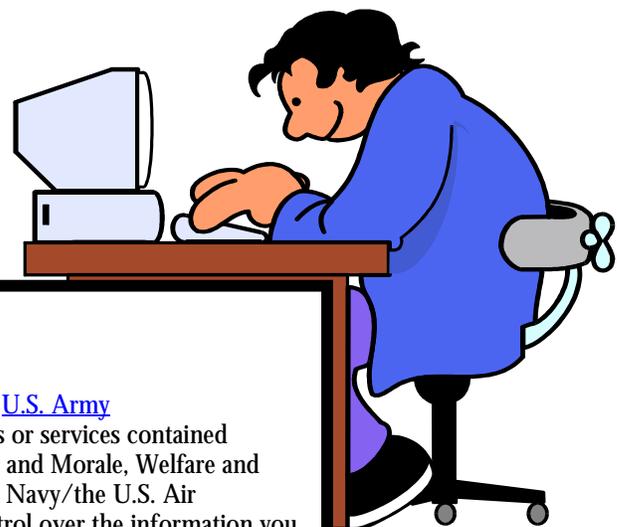
**ATTENTION ITO: The ITO should review any deletions or changes recorded on the printouts with the affected units.**

The ECDF convert produces one additional file, but this file can be so long it is not printed automatically. This file contains a list of all equipment deleted because the new ECR value is zero for Length, Width, Height, or Empty Weight.

**ATTENTION ITO: If the ITO wishes to view these files, please contact the TC ACCIS Customer Support Hotline: (800-635-0921, Extension: #2-159).**

There are two other noteworthy changes related to the ECDF upgrade. First, this conversion shall remove loads from vehicles in the unit's default or AUDEL (TDC "D" or "S") whose cargo capacity or Cube Limit has been eliminated (reduced to zero) and whose Height Limit is greater than zero. DEL data shall remain untouched. Second, this conversion shall no longer erroneously remove load(s) from waivable Special Handling (Air Force pallets and warehouse pallets) until the cumulative loads do not exceed the Maximum Weight and Cube Limit. Such loads should be removed in an AUDEL, but not a DEL.

A "tadmin" change adds a "COMPLETE" or "SELECTED" prompt window in the TC-AIMS II Dataport Program, allowing the ITO to export all of the equipment or to export selected pieces of equipment. ☒



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## **Farewell LTC (P) Haynes**

On 10 July, the TC AIMS II program bade farewell to its second PM, LTC (P) Jacob Haynes, who will be attending the Army War College in the next step of his upward career progression. LTC (P) Haynes, who came to TC AIMS II from the CONUS Freight Management System, is credited with ably steering the program through challenging times. Because of his demonstrated capabilities, LTC (P) Haynes was selected for promotion to COL almost as soon as he came aboard the program. Thereupon, he was selected for attendance at the Army War College.

With the completion of his tour with TC AIMS II, LTC (P) Haynes adds another project to his litany of project involvements including the CONUS Freight Management (CFM) system and Automated Air load Planning System (AALPS). He was previously named "PM of the Year" for his stewardship of the Tactical Quiet Generator Mobile Electronic Power project in 1996. LTC (P) Haynes has held numerous transportation and acquisition positions including APM, Mobile Electric Power, and Principle Evaluation for the Heavy Equipment Transport System (HETS). ☐

## **COL Nick Justice New PM for TC AIMS II**

On 10 July, COL Nick Justice assumed the position of PM, TC AIMS II. COL Justice comes to TC AIMS II with over 10 years of PM experience augmented by a wealth of education. Moreover, COL Justice's practical military experience is related to the automation field. His educational background includes three Masters degrees. ☐

## **Lemuel Hardaway Moves on to Fort Belvoir**

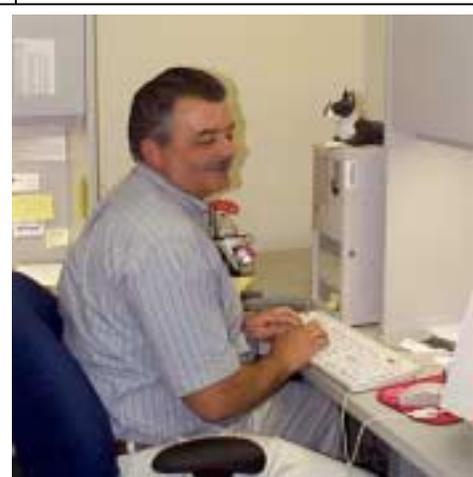
Lem Hardaway, the Government Functional Analyst for TC ACCIS, is moving on. Lem has accepted a position as Chief of the Inbound Division of the Joint Personal Property Shipping Office located at Fort Belvoir. He recently obtained his Bachelors in Management/Computer Information Systems. Lem retired from the U.S. Army in 1991, having worked for many years in a wide variety of military traffic management positions.

Congratulations to Lem from the TC ACCIS family. ☐

## **CHANGE OF COMMAND**

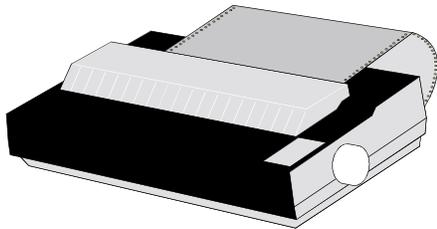
A Change of Command was held at the 27<sup>th</sup> Transportation Battalion on 12 May 2000 where LTC Brian Waters passed his flag to the new Commander, LTC Todd Mellman. LTC Waters is now the G3 at 3<sup>rd</sup> COSCOM, Weisbaden, Germany. LTC Mellman is no stranger to the TC ACCIS community. He was on the Project Manager's staff in the TC ACCIS Office from 1992-1994.

We salute LTC Waters and wish him all the best in his new position. Our heartiest welcome to LTC Mellman as the 27<sup>th</sup> Transportation. Battalion Commander ☐



## Old Printers Never Die, Do They?

As the C.ITOH line printers age, it is becoming more frequent that repairing them is considered to be "economically unfeasible". Before you accept that determination, be aware that replacing the C.ITOH line printer is rather expensive. The current replacement for the C.ITOH 300/400/600/800 is the CI-1000SQE 940 LPM, which costs over \$5000. However, it is considerably faster and is state of the art. The CI-1000SQE 940 can be purchased and configured as a LAN printer with the additional expense of an internal LAN card. The internal LAN card allows the printer to be physically placed in areas that have only LAN access (areas that do not have Systechs, Digiboards, or multiplexors). For additional information, visit [www.citoh.com](http://www.citoh.com) or call the TC ACCIS Help Desk. ☐



## Texas Instrument TI-8920 Printers

The Texas Instrument printers (TI-8920) are approximately eight years old. Those installations that are experiencing problems with their TI GBL printers may contact Genicom for the purchase of replacement parts or printer repairs. Genicom acquired the TI printer division and can be contacted directly through their Website or phone number listed below.

[www.genicom.com](http://www.genicom.com)

Telephone: 1-800-Genicom (1-800-436-4266)

The Part Number for the ribbon on the Texas Instruments 8920 is # 2551152-0011 ☐

### A Little History of Our Flag

The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. The first flag, called the Grand Union, was first flown at the headquarters of the Continental Army on January 1, 1776. Betsy Ross, a seamstress, is said to have contributed to this design. She had an upholstery business, which made flags for navy ships in Pennsylvania. A legend still persists that she showed George Washington how to make a five-pointed star, and suggested thirteen stars in a circle for the first flag. Her descendants claimed that she offered the design. Actually, she and George Washington never met! George Washington did design the Grand Union, but an often-quoted remark attributed to him might not be true:

*We take the stars from heaven, the red from our mother country, separate it by white in stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her...*

On June 14, 1777, Congress proposed that the United States have a national flag instead of the British Union Jack. The thirteen stars of the flag represented the thirteen new states. There were few public ceremonies honoring the Stars and Stripes until 1877, when on June 14, it was flown from every government building in honor of the centennial of the adoption of a national flag. Schools had unfurled American flags over their doors or outside the buildings long before this; but in 1890, North Dakota and New Jersey made a law that required their schools to fly the flag daily. The first official Flag Day was observed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1893. New York also proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. Other states were slow to follow. Some people thought that the day was too close to Memorial Day and Independence Day.

In August 1949, President Harry S Truman proclaimed June 14 as Flag Day. Since then, the President proclaims the commemoration yearly, and encourages all Americans in the country to display the Stars and Stripes outside their homes and businesses. Individual states determine how they will observe the day. Usually the flag is flown from all public buildings, speeches are made in public places, and ceremonies take place in towns or cities.

During the War of 1812 between the British and Americans, lawyer Francis Scott Key was escorting a prisoner to freedom by ship when he saw an American flag surviving a battle in Baltimore Harbor. The flag inspired him to write the poem, which provides the words for The National Anthem. The "Star-Spangled Banner" is sung at large public gatherings such as sports events. Many television and Radio stations play the anthem before the station closes down for the night. ☐

# Maintenance Re-Visited

Several installations have contacted us recently inquiring about the existing maintenance agreements. In an effort to clear up any misunderstandings, we felt it necessary to provide this update.

Starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY98, PM TC ACCIS through Research, Analysis and Maintenance (RAM), Inc. embarked on a major Compaq system upgrade. The effort also included the replacement of the old Unisys Dumb Terminals with Dell Optiplex G1 Desktops and Dell Latitude CP Laptops.

PM TC ACCIS provided an Initial Maintenance Package for the Compaq Servers and the Dell Computer Equipment.

There are two maintenance agreements funded by PM TC ACCIS in effect and they both expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2001. In this regard, continuing maintenance for the Compaq Servers and Dell Computer Equipment will become the responsibility of the installations, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. As this date nears, we will attempt to provide you with known sources for the continuation of

Compaq 4500/5000/5500 (Depending on the Site) with (4) 2.1GB Disk Drives (4) 9.1GB Disk Drives  
Compaq SCSI storage Expander (Disk Cab)  
Compaq SCSI storage Expander (Cart Tape) 4/16GB Turbo Dat Drive  
Smart UPS 2200 from APC (120V or 240V)  
CTX 14" Desktop Color Console Monitor  
(2) Pentium Pro 166/256K Kit  
Redundant Processor Power Modules  
DigiBoard/DigiChannel C/X system (card and 16 Port RJ-45 box)  
\* DigiBoard/DigiChannel C/X concentrator boxes (RJ45)  
Power Supply for DigiBoard Concentrator  
X.25 DDN Card Netcomm II/SGX Router for UNIX  
xabyte QIC 1GB Internal Tape Drive  
Compaq External Tape Cabinet (ShoeBox)  
Intelligent EISA Host Adapter  
Disk Storage Expansion Cabinet  
Compaq Computer Keyboard

\* Number depends on the specific site.

maintenance. It is anticipated that this information will be available by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of FY01.

The current Compaq Maintenance Agreement is through Technology Management Associates (TMA) with ENTEX Corporation providing the on-site maintenance support. If you encounter problems with the Compaq Server during the normal business day, please contact the

**TC ACCIS Customer Service Hotline at:  
1-800-635-0921**

**Mr. Rich Wilson enter #...2...151**

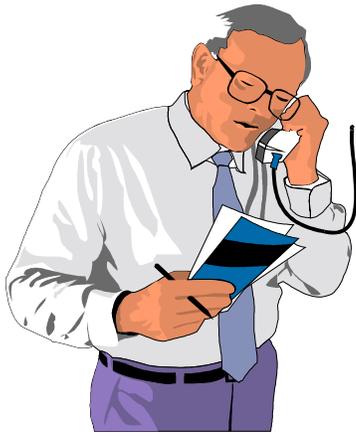
**Mr. John Weldon enter #...2...152**

They will assist you with trouble-shooting and isolation of the problem. Once the problem has been identified, the installation will then call the Trouble Desk at Technology Management Associates (TMA) at 1-800-600-8622. When you call them you must have the Compaq Server Serial Number located on the front metal plate behind the lockable door. In the event of an emergency or you are unable to reach anyone at the TC ACCIS Hotline, you may contact Technology Management Associates (TMA) directly. The following items are covered under this maintenance agreement:



The current Dell Maintenance Agreement is through Dell Computer Corporation providing for next business day, parts delivery service. If you encounter problems with the Dell Computers during the normal business day, please contact the TC ACCIS Customer Service Hotline 1-800-635-0921 (for Mr. Rich Wilson enter #...2...151 or for

Mr. John Weldon enter #...2...152). They will assist you with trouble-shooting and isolation of the problem. Once the problem has been identified, the installation will then call Customer Technical Support at Dell Computer Corporation. The following numbers should be used based on the type of equipment:



# CURRENT TC ACCIS INSTALLS

## Maintenance

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1-800-624-9896 Optiplex G1 Desktops in the US  
 06103-971-200 Optiplex G1 Desktops Germany Only  
 1-800-235-1490 Latitude CP Laptops US/Germany

When you call them you must have the Dell Service Tag, a five-character code, located on the back plate on the Dell Optiplex G1 and on the bottom of the Dell Latitude CP.

In the event of an emergency or you are unable to reach anyone at the TC ACCIS Hotline, you may contact Customer Technical Support at Dell Computer Corporation directly. The following items are covered under this maintenance agreement:

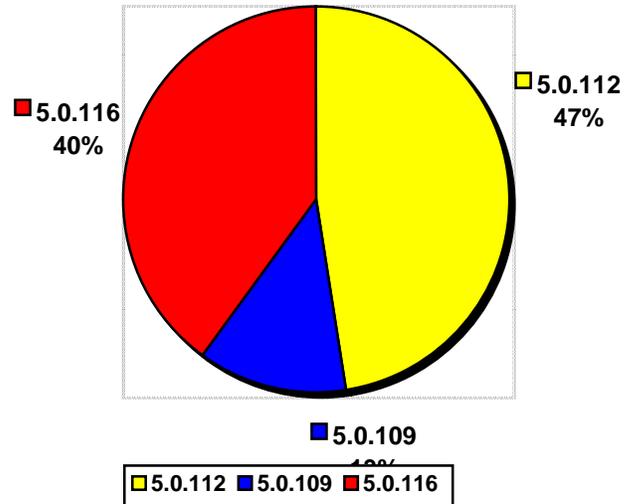
*Dell Optiplex G1/L+ P6266 Desktop 512K Cache, WUOL 10/100*

- W/Internal 2MB Video
- W/Logitech Mouse
- W/Dell 17" 1028L Color Monitor
- W/Win 95 Keyboard
- W/128MB, SDRAM, 1DIMM
- W/14/32X IDE CD-ROM
- W/USR Telephony 33.6/56K
- W/3.2GB EIDE
- W/1.44M Floppy Disk Drive
- W/Windows NT Version 4.0

*Dell Latitude CP Laptop, M233XT, 13.3 XVGA TFT*

- W/64MB, 1DIMM, EDO
- W/20X CD-ROM
- W/56K PCMCIA Modem from 3Com
- W/2.1GB HD, 12.5MM
- W/3COM 10/100, CRDBUS LANCard

If there are any further questions, please call the TC ACCIS Hotline. ☎



# TC ACCIS is Successful with MRM #15

As we introduced in our March/April newsletter, DoD is undertaking a thorough reengineering of its transportation documentation and financial processes, and TC ACCIS is involved. The scope and goals of the reengineering effort are contained in the Management Reform Memorandum (MRM) #15. The effort, while maintaining current readiness capability, seeks to make several improvements, to include—

**Reducing Infrastructure Costs**  
**Eliminating DoD-Unique Documentation and Processes**  
**Reducing Data Requirements/Improving Accuracy**  
**Increasing use of Electronic Commerce**  
**Employing Best Commercial Practices**  
**Introducing a Single Documentation**  
**Billing Process for All Modes**

The ultimate vision is for MRM #15 to transform the DoD transportation system into a single payment process that greatly increases process cycles at a far lower overall cost than is currently realized.

Because of its GBL for Unit Move Rail capabilities, TC ACCIS is playing a vital role in the MRM #15 effort. TC ACCIS will send GBL data that supports the construction of an EDI set used by PowerTrack.

The first short-term prototype activities began on 23 May 2000 at Fort Hood, using the GBL for Unit Move Rail capabilities from TC ACCIS to support a Rail move to Fort Carson via Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railways Company. The Freight Department at Fort Hood successfully ran the TC ACCIS prototype Commercial Bill of Lading (CBL) interface with the PowerTrack system in which a flat ASCII file with CBL header data was generated and e-mailed directly to PowerTrack at the same time the CBL hard copy was being printed at the installation. This allowed the entry of Bill of Lading and Delivery Data into PowerTrack and ensured speedier carrier payment. Success was pronounced on 26 May 2000.

The next short-term prototype will be conducted at Fort Hood on 28 May, 2000 for Rail move to Fort Knox, KY.

## E-Mail of the Deployer Newsletter

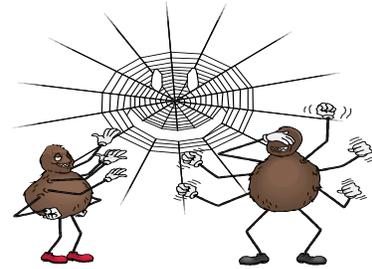
The TC ACCIS PM is requesting that all recipients of the TC ACCIS/TC-AIMS II newsletter FAX or e-mail their e-mail address to the TC ACCIS POC.

Newsletters will continue to be mailed to those who do not have e-mail available.

POC: Cecilia Powers, (703) 923-1065  
E-mail: powersc@peostamis.belvoir.army.mil  
FAX: (703) 923-1099

## TC ACCIS Website

The TC ACCIS Website resides on a COMPAQ Proliant 5000 server running SCO UNIX 5.0.0 on Dual 200 MHz processors. The system is physically located at the PM's office in Springfield, VA. The server is attached to a fractional T1 connection. The web site is served by the Apache web server version 1.3.9. The URL (Universal Remote Address) is <http://belvoir-tcaccis.army.mil>.



HTML is used to create Web pages and Microsoft Office 98 and Microsoft FrontPage 98 are utilized to create the documents to be posted. Acrobat 4.05 is also used to convert documents to PDF format.

The site is up 24 hours a day, 7 days a week with 99% Uptime.

When you visit our Web site, you will be able to access our archived newsletters and the TC ACCIS Frequently Asked Questions. Links to TC-AIMS II, MTMC, and FORSCOM are also provided.

### *Other Useful Sites*

<http://www.searchmil.com/>  
<http://www.gtn.scott.af.mil/gtn1.htm>  
<http://www.deploy.eustis.army.mil/>  
[http://www.defenselink.mil-admin-dod\\_web\\_policy\\_12071998.html](http://www.defenselink.mil-admin-dod_web_policy_12071998.html)  
<http://www.peostamis.belvoir.army.mil/>  
<http://www.tcaimsii.belvoir.army.mil/>

## Does your site have excess equipment?

One of the most important roles of the TC ACCIS PMO, is to identify those who have excess equipment and marry them up with folks who may not be so blessed.

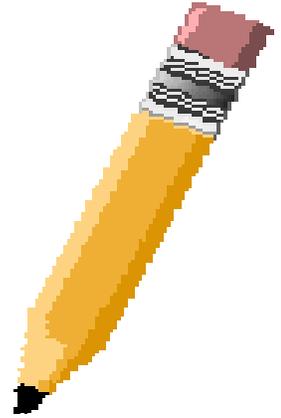
On quite a few occasions, we have facilitated the cross leveling of peripheral equipment. It's been a win-win situation for everyone. The site providing the excess equipment gains space and relieves themselves of maintenance, property, and security burdens. The gaining site does not have to bear the expense of procuring new equipment.

You can help us with this role by letting us know if you have excess equipment or outstanding needs. Just call the TC ACCIS Help Desk 1-800-635-0921 ext. #2-154  
Thanks for your help. ☺

# The Puzzle Page

Take time out of your busy day  
to complete this little crossword puzzle.

Hint: All of the answers have to do with TC ACCIS.



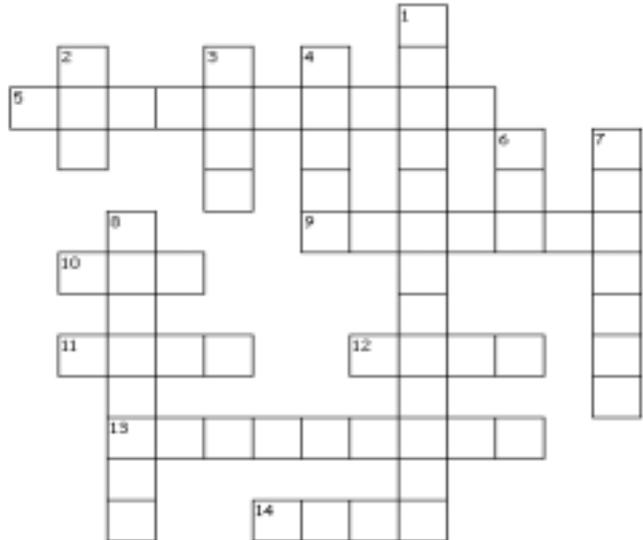
## Computer Components

### Across

5. A line or circuit interconnecting several stations.
9. One million bits.
10. Network interface card.
11. Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.
12. A unit of signaling speed.
13. Boost the strength of a signal.
14. Integrated services digital network.

### Down

1. The layout of a network.
2. Transmission path or circuit
3. A circuit, channel, or link.
4. Performs necessary signal transformations.
6. Acts as a junction box.
7. A device that connects two dissimilar networks.
8. Filters packets into or out of the network.



## Word Search

O R E T S A M R N A V I B R S  
 P S O L D I E R D C I D E M P  
 E Y D D E C X M U O C G G R E  
 R A D M I N I S T R A T O R C  
 A H Y F L R G N U N I G P R I  
 T L F R A I A I A W R S C O A  
 O O A L A E E M N A N A H L L  
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 MAJOR

MARINE  
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 PROJECTMANAGER  
 SAILOR  
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 SOLDIER  
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