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The PM Corner

FAREWELL TO TC ACCIS PERSONNEL

The TC ACCIS Flag is flying at half-mast again due to the recent loss of some key members of the TC ACCIS community. This time Eileen Wilmer, Dave Hicks, Rich Garrity, Kevin Sharp, Jim Hirtle, and Spear Bullock III have left.

Dave Hicks, a TC ACCIS veteran with over 11 years of TC ACCIS association returns to MTMC where he accepted a position in the Command Operating Center. As a functional analyst with TC ACCIS, Dave helped develop the rail load-planning module and has had his fingerprints on a number of other TC ACCIS modules.



Although Eileen Wilmer officially left the TC ACCIS organization in March of 1997, when TC ACCIS personnel were split between the Automated Airload Planning System and TC ACCIS, she continued to play a role with TC ACCIS. Such was her commitment. In May, she retired from federal service. We're all happy Eileen will finally get a chance to relax (though we doubt that it will last too long). The remaining folks at TC ACCIS will always remember her incredible commitment (bordering on the fanatical) to the TC ACCIS customers.

Also leaving us is Rich Garrity, of RAM Inc., who was with the project for 7 years. He held the position of Documentation Team Leader and was responsible for writing the enormous End User Manual.

RAM, Inc. contractor, Kevin Sharp, was with the project for 5 years in the Configuration Management section where he made numerous procedural improvements.

Yet another RAM, Inc. contractor, Spear Bullock III, has left. He was with the project for approximately 3-1/2 years. He held several positions on the project: Programmer, SCCS Coordinator and CM Branch Chief.

RAM, Inc. contractor, Jim Hirtle, was with the project for 3-1/2 years. He held the position of documentor and was responsible for writing and updating existing Subsystem Specifications, Maintenance Manuals, the Computer Operations Manual, and VDDs.

Please join us in wishing all of our friends success and happiness in their new assignments. ☹

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Looking to the Future

Coming Upgrade to make Pentiums TC AIMS II Ready

Beginning this July, members of the PM, TC ACCIS will begin upgrading hardware at TC ACCIS sites to prepare them to run TC AIMS II. The upgrade effort will essentially involve two efforts: installation of workstations/laptops and upgrade of servers.

For those sites that do not now have dual processors, we will be upgrading servers so that they are able to run synchronous dual processors. We will also replace all platforms with faster processors: 166MHz vs. 100MHz. A substantial increase in the amount of RAM is also in store. All sites will be expanded to 256MB of RAM. Furthermore each server will interface with a new disk expansion cabinet which will feature 4 x 9.1 G drives.

The second part of this effort involves installation of PCs and laptops. We will swap out the dumb terminals with which your server currently connects with a mix of PCs and laptops. The laptops and PCs will also be loaded with Windows NT, the designated future operating system of TC AIMS II. These computers will not be loaded with any other applications since they are intended for TC ACCIS/TCAIMS II use only.

One very important note: we are only exchanging your current dumb terminals. We will not be exchanging new PCs for whatever old PCs you have. We will be exchanging PCs/laptops for dumb terminals on a one-for-one basis. The size

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TC ACCIS Assists in the Redeployment of Desert Thunder

LTG Franks Sees Good TC ACCIS Work In Kuwait.

Lieutenant General Tommy R. Franks, Commanding General of the Coalition Task Force-Kuwait likes TC ACCIS *and* the people who make it work.

Rich Wilson, Eric Worth and Steve Oge recently received "star notes" from the general who was favorably impressed by the team's responsiveness and dedication.

LTG Franks made note of the team's "dedication and timely efforts" which he said "provided the ability to input deployment equipment list data, and...(provided) shipping labels to all redeploying units."



From the reports we've heard back here, we know that LTG Franks is right. The team met this urgent mission with their usual readiness and competence. As members of a three-person Transportation Coordinator Automated Command and Control Information System (TC ACCIS) team tapped to support redeploying troops associated with Operation Desert Thunder, they hit the ground running and established a fully operational TC ACCIS site, with full capability to interface with all TC ACCIS partners. A five-day TC ACCIS training session explaining ITO and UMO functions was

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of our workstation/laptop overall purchase prevents us from changing this exchange basis. Our exchange is based on our understanding of your dumb terminal population as confirmed by a recent telephonic census of your site. Furthermore, for the most part we will be placing either PCs or laptops in the same general location that dumb terminals are currently placed-- although we can certainly entertain reasonable requests for small adjustments.

We anticipate that the management of the laptops, particularly, will be a great challenge—even while we acknowledge that there is a real need for them. Laptops have proven to be very pilferable. This means that there must be particular vigilance on their accountability. Our overall purchase of PCs and laptops will feature a 65/35 split favoring the PCs.

If you have both a unique need for laptops and the ability to safeguard these, then allowing you more than a 35% laptop mix will ease the management burden of other sites. Consequently, let us know your special needs and abilities. 🖨

provided such that the JMCC understood how TC ACCIS would be a beneficial part of the redeployment planning strategy. They worked directly with JMCC, JOPES, and AMC to ensure accurate data transfer across all major commands, provided TC ACCIS reports to the JMCC so a line-by-line “scrub” of data could be performed, and provided COMPASS data to FORSCOM and ATCMD data to the Port Commander. During the period April 7 – April 14, 1998, this team assisted 72 units in the processing of 1456 pieces of equipment for redeployment. 🖨

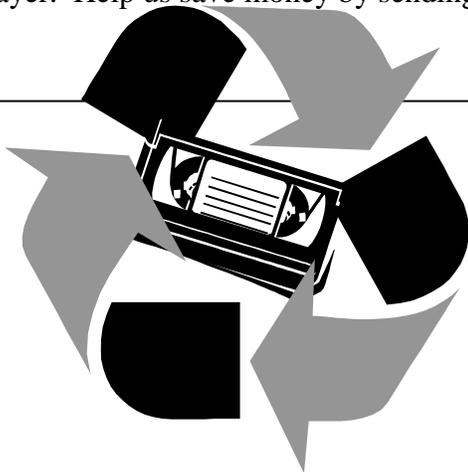
Return Previous Versions of TC ACCIS

Please return all Exabyte tapes from previous versions of TC ACCIS to the Project Management Office. In the event you may need to re-install the software, always keep the install tape of the version that is presently on your system. All previous versions should be returned.

Thank you for your cooperation. 🖨

Did You Know?

Since 1996, we have shipped 300 Exabyte tapes in support of fielded software releases. At \$30.00 per tape, that is \$9,000. In the larger scheme of things, that’s not much—but it is your money Mr. and Ms. Taxpayer. Help us save money by sending back all but the tape for the last install.



NEXT RELEASE

4.0.27X

ATCMD CHANGE
NEW ECDF DATA

Aaron Mack Update

Aaron was released from the Woodrow Wilson Rehabilitation Center at the end of May. He had undergone a series of final exams in life skills to ensure that he will be prepared to handle the various changes and situations he is likely to encounter after leaving the confines of the rehab center.

Aaron is happy to be home. His future plans are still a bit hazy, but keep a lookout for more information as it becomes available. His progress to date has been remarkable, and he is now ready to build a new life for himself and his family. Once again, he thanks you all for the cards and calls. They help keep his spirits high. ☺

Get 'em While They're Hot

TC ACCIS Has EPROM Chips For You!

Thanks to a donation from Ft. Drum, TC ACCIS has excess EPROM chips for your scanners.

After we received the "virgin" chips from Ft. Drum, we used our EPROM write machine to burn the chips, i.e., load the operating firmware. Only chips that have had this customized software loaded can fully exploit existing TC ACCIS MSL capabilities. These chips can be used on Intermec 9440 scanners. We cannot attest to the chips applicability in other scanners.

GOPAX: Off TC ACCIS And Online

The Groups Operational Passenger System (GOPAX) now has a production web site that will accept your group movement requirements and post your routings once they are procured by either MTMC for surface transportation or AMC for air transportation.

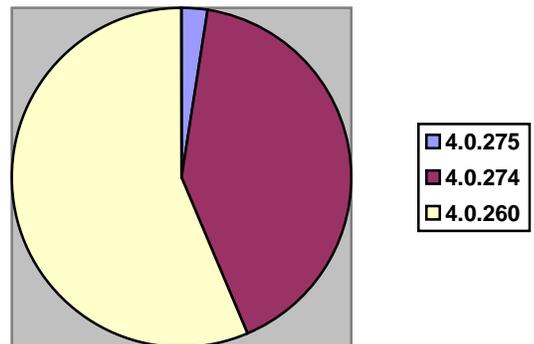
Your requests should now be submitted directly to the MTMC GOPAX web site as opposed to using the TCACCIS functionality to interface with the GOPAX system. The web site address is 144.101.8.185/ TMOMAIN.htm. To obtain more information about the procedures, a userid and password to gain access to the GOPAX web system, as well as any technical assistance you may require in the process, please contact the Passenger Support Technical Team located at MTMC:

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**(703) 681-6084
761-6084. ☺**

What TC ACCIS Looks Like

Good Response to 4.0.274



Most TC ACCIS sites are onboard with the latest and greatest releases.

Technical Tips

Accessing TC ACCIS through EWAN (telnet)

Problem: In the March/April news letter we reported to our users that the version of "telnet" that comes with Windows95 does not allow the TC ACCIS user to add, modify, or delete loads for Vehicles and Special Handling. We informed you that within Shareware, there is an Ewan version of "telnet" which allows the user to use the Function keys (F1 - F9) [less F5] within the TCACCIS application. Unfortunately, now that you have been advised where to find EWAN, it is no longer available there.



Solution: There are two other locations whereby you will find an EWAN version of telnet. The addresses are listed below:

http://www.lysator.lui.se/~zander/ewan_dl.html

<http://cws.internet.com/16term.html>

If you have any questions with the download of this free Shareware software, please call the RAM hotline at 1-800-635-0921, ext. 1060. ☎

More Technical Tips

Digital Audio Tape (DAT) Drives

When the Compaq 4500 was installed at each installation, the System Administrators were

advised that the DAT drives need to be cleaned after eight hours of usage. This means approximately once a week. It is important not to forget to clean the tape drives. If they are allowed too much time in-between cleaning, the back-up procedure will eventually fail. At this point, the cleaning process will require that the cleaning tape be run several times, in order to properly clean the drive. Try and set aside a time of day, once a week to ensure the DAT drive can be cleaned.



NOTE: The DAT tapes that you are using will soon be two years old. Their life span is approximately two years. It is time to start budgeting in order to purchase new tapes.

Another Technical Tip

How to use File transfer protocol to retrieve a file

The File Transfer Protocol (FTP) utility transfers files between two hosts using the standard protocol. The hosts can be on the local or remote network.

The name of the remote host can be specified on the command line. If specified, ftp immediately attempts to connect to an ftp server on that host; otherwise, ftp enters its command interpreter and awaits instructions from the user. When ftp is awaiting commands, the prompt ftp> is displayed.

At the # sign type *ftp 'sitename'* and press return key (for example "sitename" eustis-tcaccis)

Enter remote site login and password.

Name: *login name*

Password: *password*

ftp> type *hash* and press the return key

ftp> type *binary* and press the return key

Change into the directory where the file is to retrieve is located.

ftp> type *get 'filename'* and press return where *'filename'* is the exact name of the file being retrieved

The system will write # signs to the screen while the transfer occurs. When the transfer is complete, the user will be notified.. Log out of **ftp** as follows:

ftp> type *bye* and press the return key.

Newsflash!

USAREUR has again requested TC ACCIS functional/technical support for some immediate training as well as for the continued re-deployment of troops and equipment from the Balkan Theater in support of Operation Joint Guard. On May 17, Steve Oge returned to Tuzla, Bosnia to provide some training for the remote printing of MSLs at the Tuzla location. As you may know, the TC ACCIS server is located in Taszar, Hungary, but the requirement surfaced to print MSLs locally at Tuzla. Initial thoughts were to move the TC ACCIS server from Taszar to Tuzla, but this would have been serious overkill, not to mention that we do not currently have the TC ACCIS communications infrastructure in Tuzla that we have in Taszar. Some creative use of the existing communications capabilities was the best answer. Armed with some documentation enabling the local site to accomplish this task, Steve trained the personnel on site to access the Taszar server via Ewan telnet, create the required MSLs, and then ftp the resultant MSL data file back to the PC in Tuzla. Once the file is on the local PC, TC ACCIS micro-utilities are used to print the MSLs on a local MSL printer. Having completed this piece of the effort, Steve remained to support TC ACCIS operations and subsequent re-deployment. Steve will return to CONUS on June 20.

Eric Worth traveled to the Balkan Theater on June 5 to support a possible move of the TC ACCIS server to another location in Taszar after serious building damage occurred during a recent storm and to relieve Steve Oge in Theater. Sufficient overlap was allowed for the smooth turnover of responsibilities. Eric will continue to support USAREUR re-deployment efforts through July 15 in Taszar.

Thanks to these individuals for their continued willingness to support Operation Joint Guard requirements.

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