

ADABAS

The Adaptable DATA Base System

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope in July you were disappointed when you did not receive your copy of the Monthly Newsletter. We didn't get enough material from the Users to justify a mailing. At this point we plan a mailing once every two months unless we find an increase in output.

Plans have already begun for next years Users Conference. The dates have been selected and a hotel has been reserved. I have received comments from several people and suggestions on improvements in next years program. My thanks to Alex Mayall (ICI England) and R. W. Pratt ("The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints"). I have found a user who will make a presentation on security. If you have a topic you would like to have discussed or are willing to talk about something you have done please let me know. It's not too early.

Don't wait until San Francisco, let's start the information flowing.

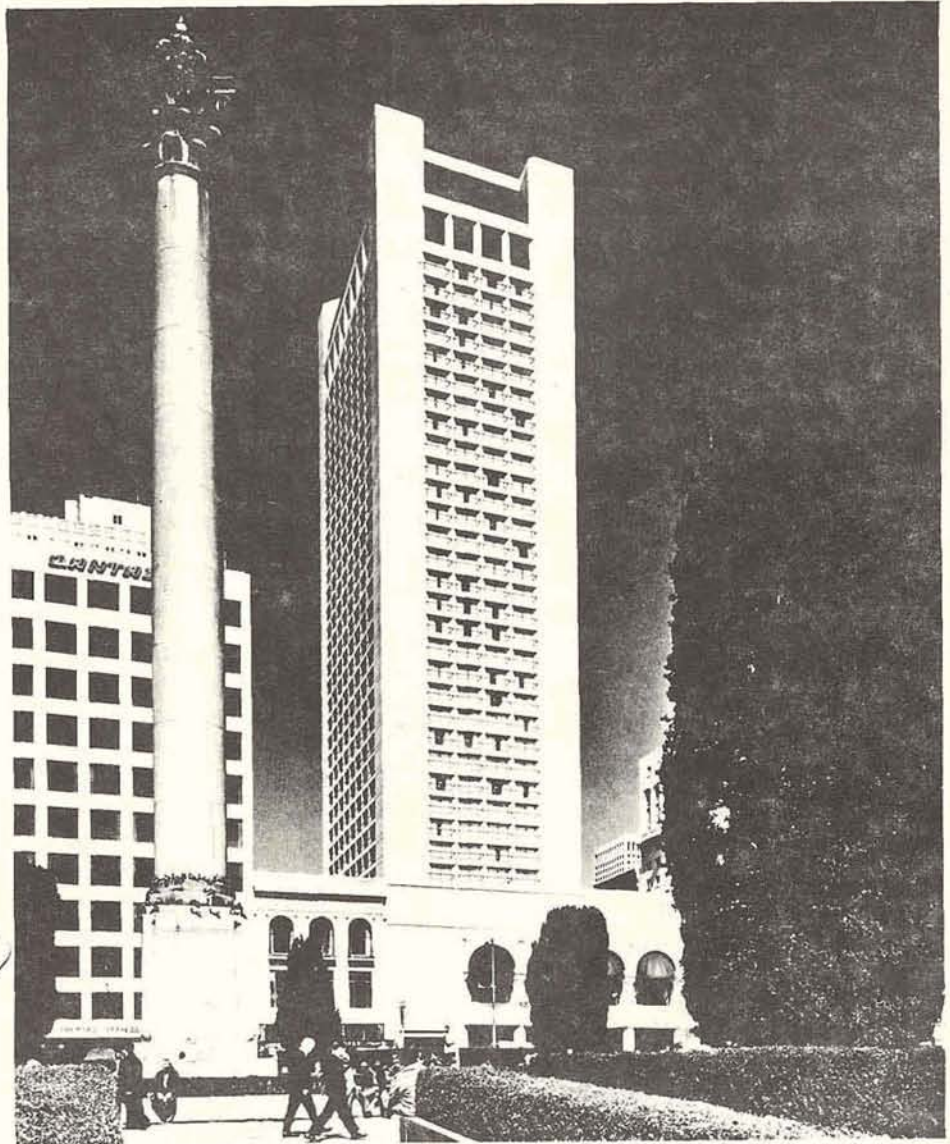


EDITORIAL POLICY

The ADABAS Newsletter is published bi-monthly to provide a means of communication among ADABAS users and between software ag and ADABAS users. This is your forum for making comments to be read by other ADABAS users. Without your participation the ADABAS Newsletter will not be effective.

User submitted comments will be printed in their entirety including the name and affiliation of the author. Success stories are solicited, of course, but critical comments are also desired as long as they are constructive.

Start those cards and letters coming.



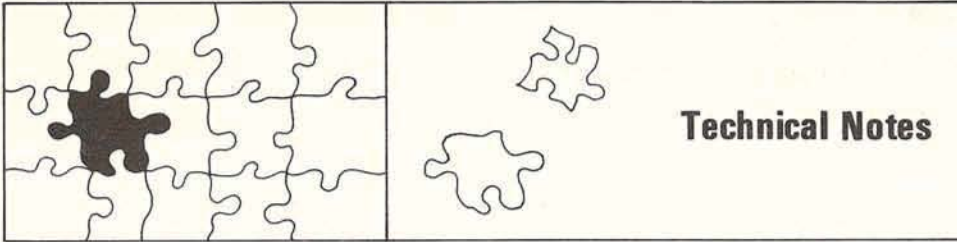
Hyatt on Union Square, San Francisco

THIRD USERS CONFERENCE— May 19-21, 1976

In Toronto a majority of ADABAS users voted to hold the Third International ADABAS Users Conference in San Francisco. All is now set to hold the conference at the Hyatt on Union Square on May 19-21, 1976. The Hyatt is a new hotel in the center of San Francisco and offers superior meeting room facilities. As in Toronto the con-

ference meetings will be on Wednesday through Friday.

Further details will be in future issues of the ADABAS Newsletter, including information about the San Francisco area. *Mark your calendar now* and consider making it a family vacation.



Technical Notes

Coming Up

The **software ag** Technical Services staff is in the process of putting together a new release of the MPM and ADALNK. We are going to send these new modules, in source form, on a mini-reel within the next few weeks. Also included will be:

1. A new, TYPE 1, SVC which you can use at your option. There is a significant performance improvement to be gained by using the TYPE 1.
2. A new FIX - RESTORE utility which operates much faster than the previous version.
3. A new FORMAT utility which operates faster and allows for multiple Data Set formatting in one execution.

The FIX - RESTORE and FORMAT utilities are in addition to the ones on the standard Release Tape. These were written by the **software ag** of North America staff in conjunction with one of our users. Along with these new utilities you will receive documentation concerning the JCL and control card requirements. The standard utilities will continue to be the official product. This release is being made simply to help you achieve your goals.

AVAILABLE NOW

We have numerous packages, both **software ag** and user generated, which could be useful to you. We will, upon demand, supply the code for these packages. These are not offi-

ADABAS DISTRIBUTORS

In the past year ADABAS has been introduced into a number of new countries throughout the world. ADABAS is now marketed and supported by organizations in 10 countries. The ADABAS distributors are:

United States

software ag of North America, Inc.
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cial products of **software ag** and carry no warranty. They include:

1. New version of ADASCRIP (known as ADACAN) which allows storing of ADASCRIP commands ("canning") and then execution of these commands through a simple entry, i.e.:

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FIND IN FILE PERSONNEL WITH
SALARY = 15000 AND DEPT =
DATAPROC AND SORT THEM BY
SOCSECNO AND DISPLAY SOCSECNO
2X LAST NAME 2X FIRST NAME 2X
AGE.
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Could be entered—after pre-definition.
WHO IN DATAPROC MAKES 15000.
This facility will, eventually, be part of the standard release, but needs some further development

2. ADADEC

A subroutine which allows input of a "un-load" tape and produces the equivalent of the input to ADAWAN (Decompressed data). Additional products are currently being tested and will be listed in future issues of the ADABAS Newsletter.

If you have anything to contribute to this "Software Bank"—don't hesitate to send it in.

QUIKJOB

software ag is now a licensed vendor of a product called QUIKJOB. The decision to take this step was based upon my sincere belief that QUIKJOB would be an asset to any installation and especially useful to our customers. I have recommended QUIKJOB to numerous installations previous to our becoming a vendor of the product.

QUIKJOB is, basically, a utility language that looks like COBOL but requires no compile. QUIKJOB allows the user to:

- do complex mathematical routines
- table lookup
- simple file maintenance
- "PERFORM" previously coded routines
- "CALL" external routines—including ADABAS
- generate complex reports
- automatic accumulation and totaling
- install and use the product on the same day the tape is received
- perform "DITTO" like functions with enormously expanded capabilities

QUIKJOB III leases for \$125.00 per month and a 30 day trial is available. I will be glad to send more information to anyone interested.

SUPPORT

If you are not receiving the level of support you feel you should be getting—call me. If I don't solve your problem—call my boss. In other words I'll do everything I can to help you.

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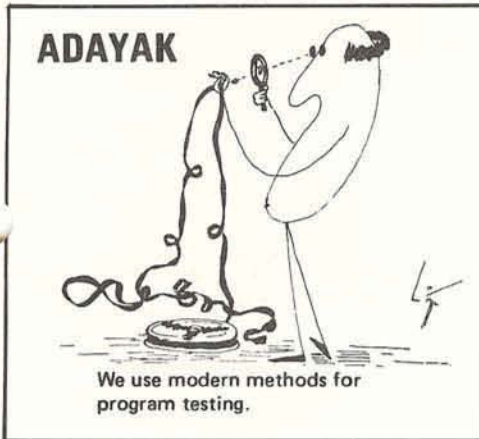
The International ADABAS Users Group would like to welcome the following new U.S. ADABAS users and their representatives.

National Liberty Corporation
Liberty Park
Frazer, Pennsylvania 19355

National Liberty is an insurance company in the Philadelphia area. They began discussions with software ag in March 1975 at the Computer Caravan in Philadelphia and agreed at that time to a Demonstration of ADABAS. After in-depth study of ADABAS and other DBMS's, National Liberty selected ADABAS. Ralph Plummer, (215) 648-5465, is the Data Base Administrator.

Washington State University
Pullman, Washington

Washington State has installed ADABAS under the multiple-installation agreement with the Washington State Data Processing Authority. This computer center acts as a service center for higher education agencies throughout the state. Major state-developed applications using ADABAS will be a large Personnel/Payroll System and a State-Wide Library System. WSU is developing a Student/Course data base for the University. Dr. Enburg, (504) 335-5536, is interested in sharing ideas with other ADABAS users.



COMPUTATIONAL ADASCRIPIT

As announced at the Users Conference in Toronto by Larry Minnaugh and Bob Hafey of the U.S. Navy Fleet Material Office, a computational capability has been added to ADASCRIPIT. This computational module will allow the user to sum numeric fields in one or more records and perform computations on these summed fields using the sum of other fields, numeric literals, or the count of the number of records found. Intermediate totals may be used, and the results of any computations may be saved for subsequent queries.

These user modifications to ADASCRIPIT are available to other

ADABAS ON GSA SCHEDULE

Effective July 3, 1975, ADABAS is available to agencies of the United States government for purchase or lease from the GSA Authorized ADP Schedule Price List. This contract culminates almost a year of effort by software ag.

The appearance of ADABAS on the GSA Schedule makes the acquisition of ADABAS much easier for US government agencies.

ADABAS users. software ag has agreed to distribute the computational module for the convenience of the ADABAS users. Please call software ag in Reston to obtain documentation and/or a copy of the modifications.

ADABAS ON ACM '75 PROGRAM

"An Introduction to ADABAS—the Adaptable DATA BASE System" is the title of a presentation to be made by John N. Maguire at ACM 75 as a part of the commercial program. ACM 75 is being held October 20-22, 1975 in Minneapolis. This presentation is a part of software ag's continuing program to educate computer professionals as to the features and functions of ADABAS.

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