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<<< SCRI::SCRATCH_DISK:[NOTES]JOKES.NOTE;1 >>>
-< "Heard any good jokes lately?" >-

Note 68.1 DEC Wars! 1 of 1
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-< The Digital Joke - Version N.m >-

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A Digital Marketing Manager got married to a women who had been married eight times before, and on his wedding night his wife informed him that she was still a virgin. This puzzled the Marketing Manager since after eight marriages he thought that at least one of her husbands would have been able to perform. He asked his new bride to explain the phenomena. Her comments were as follows:

My first husband was a Digital Sales Representative who spent our entire marriage telling me, in grandiose terms, "it's gonna be great".

My second husband was from Software Services, and he was never quite sure how it was supposed to function, but he said he would send me a documentation.

My third husband was from Field Service who constantly said that everything was diagnostically ok, but he just couldn't get the system up.

My fourth husband was from Educational Services, and he simply said, "those who can... do; whose who can't... teach".

My fifth husband was from Digital's Manufacturing Organization who said that he had the orders, but he wasn't quite sure when he was going to be able to deliver.

My sixth husband was a Digital engineer. He told me that he understood the basic process but needed three years to research, implement, and design a new state of the art method.

My seventh husband was from Finance&Administration. His comment was that he knew how, but he just wasn't sure whether or not it was his job.

My eight husband was from Standards and Regulations and told me that he was up to the standards but that regulations said nothing about how to do it.

The wife said sweetly to her new husband, "now I am married to you, a man of marketing" and the husband looked at his wife and simply said, "I know I have the product, I'm just not sure how to position it".

{ed The longest version of this joke, so far.}

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Edited by Brad Templeton. MAIL, yes MAIL your jokes to funny@looking.ON.CA
Attribute the joke's source if at all possible. I will reply, mailers willing.

If you MUST reply to a rejection, include a description of your joke because there is 0 chance I will remember which one it was.

Please stop submitting SPR's. This is our system. We designed it, we built it, and we use it more than you do. If there are some features you think might be missing, if the system isn't as effective as you think it could be, TOUGH! Give it back, we don't need you. See figure 1.

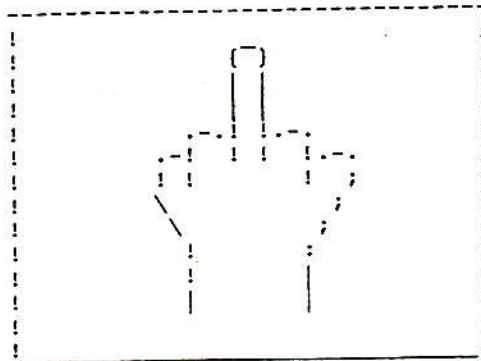


Figure 1.

Forget about your silly problem, let's take a look at some of the features of the VMS operating system.

1) Options. We've got lots of them. So many in fact, that you need two strong people to carry the documentation around. So many that it will be a cold day in hell before half of them are used. So many that you are probably not going to do your work right anyway. However, the number of options isn't all that important, because we picked some interesting values for the options and called them ...

2) Defaults. We put a lot of thought into our defaults. We like them. If we didn't, we would have made something else be the default. So keep your cotton-picking hands off our defaults. Don't touch. Consider them mandatory. "Mandatory defaults" has a nice ring to it. Change them and your system ~~crashes~~, tough. See figure 1.

3) Language Processors. They work just fine. They take in source, and often produce object files as a reward for your efforts. You don't like the code? Too bad! You can even try to call operating system services from them. For any that you can't, use the assembler like we do. We spoke to the language processor developers about this, they think a lot like we do, they said "See figure 1".

4) Debuggers. We've got debuggers, one we support and one we use. You shouldn't make mistakes anyway, it is a waste of time. We don't want to hear anything about debuggers, we're not interested, See figure 1.

5) Error Logging. Ignore it. Why give yourself an ulcer? You don't want to give us the machine to get the problem fixed and we probably can't do it anyway. Oh, and if something breaks between 17:00 and 18:00 or 9:30 and 10:30 or 11:30 and 13:30 or 14:30 and 15:30 don't waste your time calling us, we're out. See figure 1.

6) Command Language. We designed it ourselves, it's perfect. We like it so much we put our name on it, DCL- Digital's Command Language. In fact we're so happy with it, we designed it once for each of our operating systems. We even try to keep it the same from release to release, sometimes we blow it though, See figure 1.

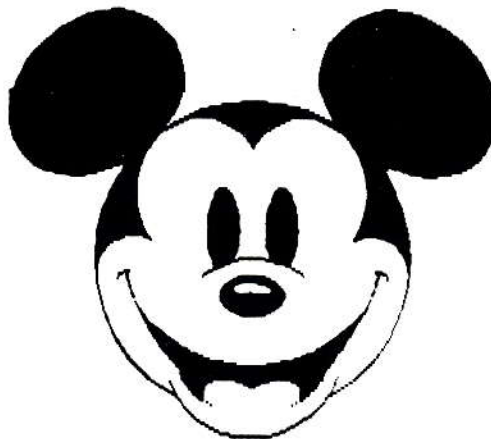
7) Real Time Performance. We got it. Who else could have done such a good job? So the system seems sluggish with all those priority 18 processes, no problem, just make them priority 1. Anyway, realtime isn't important anymore like it used to be. We changed our groups name to get rid of the word realtime, we told all our realtime users to see figure 1 a long time ago.

In conclusion, stuff your SPR. Love VMS or leave it, but don't complain.

A VAX SYSTEM MANAGER'S TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. COME TO WORK EACH DAY WILLING TO BE FIRED.
2. CIRCUMVENT ANY ORDERS AIMED AT STOPPING YOUR DREAM.
3. DO ANY JOB NEEDED TO MAKE COMPUTER SERVICES WORK REGARDLESS OF YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION.
4. FIND PEOPLE TO HELP YOU - MAKE DISCIPLES, NOT USERS.
5. FOLLOW YOUR INTUITION ABOUT PEOPLE YOU CHOOSE, AND ONLY WORK WITH THE BEST - UNLESS YOU ARE THE BEST.
6. ALWAYS WORK UNDERGROUND AS LONG AS POSSIBLE
-- PUBLICITY TRIGGERS THE CORPORATE IMMUNE MECHANISM.
7. NEVER BET ON A RACE UNLESS YOU ARE RUNNING IN IT.
8. REMEMBER IT'S EASIER TO ASK FOR FORGIVENESS THAN FOR PERMISSION - SO MAKE THE ISSUE WORTHWHILE.
9. BE TRUE TO YOUR GOALS, BUT BE REALISTIC ABOUT THE WAYS TO ACHIEVE THEM - GUERRILLA TACTICS WORK BEST SOMETIMES.
10. HONOUR YOUR SPONSORS - GIVE THEM CREDIT WHERE DUE.

-- Gary Wong, BCVAXLUG.



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IS A VAX USER

Understanding the Technology

