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A significant streamlining of the Datasystem 500 family occurred in July 1973 when the original Model 520 (based upon the earlier PDP-11/20 minicomputer) was replaced by the new Model 530 (based upon the newer, more powerful PDP-11/40) for batch or time-shared operations. Also, the original DS-700 and 800 systems, based on the PDP-11/20 and PDP-15 systems, respectively, were replaced by Models 540 (also built on a PDP-11/40), 550, and 560. The larger DS-550 and -560 models are based on the top-of-the-line PDP-11/45. As originally announced in February 1972, the DEC DataOne of the most flexible small-tomedium-scale business computer families available today, the DS-500 line includes four current models based upon DEC's two most powerful 16-bit minicomputers and any of three operating systems designed for interactive time-sharing or medium-scale data base processing environments.

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A typical single-user, interactive Datasystem 530 configuration is shown here. Based on DEC's powerful PDP-11/40, this system adapts well to small-business EDP environments. This particular configuration includes, from left to right, a 45-ips TU10 D magnetic tape unit, 4.8 million bytes of storage provided by 2 RK05 disk drives, a PDP-11/40 central processor with 16,384 words of 1-microsecond main memory, a VT05 CRT display terminal, and a 132-position LS-11 dot matrix printer.

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Although the DS-500's are not marketed directly against installed IBM equipment, the DEC RPG language is largely compatible with RPG II on the IBM 1130, 360/20, and System/3. Whether planned or not, DEC often does encounter competition from these systems, as well as from the Burroughs B 1700, the Honeywell Model 58, 2020, or 62/60, the Singer System Ten, and the NCR Century 50 or 100. In this highly competitive market area, the relatively low cost and high per► FLOATING-POINT OPERANDS: Optional 32-bit single-precision operands with an 8-bit exponent and signed 24-bit fraction on the 530 and 540; and 64-bit double-precision operands with an 8-bit exponent and signed 56-bit fraction on the 550 and 560. Singleprecision hardware is available on the 530 and 540, while single- and double-precision hardware is available for Models 550 and 560. Floating-point software subroutines are also available for all models.

INSTRUCTIONS: One-, two-, or three-word instructions. Seventy-five standard instructions and four optional instructions are provided on Models 530 and 540; 80 instructions are standard on Models 550 and 560. Decimal instructions are available with the CTS/E 500 operating system.

Addressing is done to the byte level through 16-bit internal registers, allowing addressing of up to 64KB. (The upper 8KB is reserved for I/O registers.) A memory management option is required to address larger main storage.

Eight address modes are provided with each operand address, consisting of three bits to specify address mode and three bits to specify the register used to calculate the address. The modes consist of "Register" (operand in register), "Register Indirect" (operand address in register), "Auto Increment/Decrement Indirect" (selfincrementing/decrementing register which points to an address in memory), "Indexed", and "Indexed Indirect".

INTERNAL CODE: ASCII.

## MAIN STORAGE

STORAGE TYPE: Magnetic core or MOS, depending on model (see CAPACITY, below).

CYCLE TIME: 1.0 microsecond per word for core, and 450 nanoseconds per word for MOS.

CAPACITY: 32K to 56K bytes of core memory for Model 530 and up to 224K bytes for Models 540 and larger in increments of 32KB (the highest 8KB of address space is reserved for I/O device registers). For Models 550 and 560, a combination of core and MOS memory is available up to 256K bytes. The Model 560 has all semiconductor (MOS) memory for the basic 32KB, with up to 224KB being available with the addition of extra core.

Note that 8KB of main memory in all systems is typically reserved for I/O device registers.

CHECKING: Parity bit is standard with each word.

STORAGE PROTECTION: Hardware memory protection is standard in systems larger than 56K words.

## **CENTRAL PROCESSORS**

GENERAL: The DS-530 and 540 systems offer TTL logic to optimize performance with core memory. The top-of-the-line Models 550 and 560 use Shottky logic, multilayer PC boards, an additional bus, etc., to optimize performance with fast semiconductor memory.

REGISTERS: DS-500's have eight user-accessible 16-bit registers (six general-purpose, one stack pointer, and one

## PERIPHERALS/TERMINALS

| DEVICE                      | DESCRIPTION   | SPEED                                    |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| MAGNETIC TAPE               |   |  |
| TU10D                       | Industry-compatible; 45-ips; 7-track,<br>200/556/800 bpi; 9-track, 800 bpi  | 36 KBS                                   |
| LINE PRINTERS               |   |  |
| LS11<br>LP11-VA<br>LP11-WA  | 132-position, 64-character<br>132-position, 64-character<br>132-position, 96-character  | 60 lpm<br>300 lpm<br>230 lpm             |
| CARD EQUIPMENT              |   |  |
| CR11                        | Reader, 80-column   | 300 cpm                                  |
| TERMINALS                   |   |  |
| LA30<br>VT05B-A(-B)<br>LT33 | DECwriter, hard-copy output<br>Alphanumeric CRT, 20 lines x 72 characters,<br>local (remote)<br>KSR-33 local keyboard/printer | 30 cps<br>110, 115,<br>130 bps<br>10 cps |

▷ formance of the DS-500's have earned DEC a modest but growing share of the small business computer marketplace, with about 300 systems installed as of July 1974.

The steadily increasing number of systems houses using DS-500's (as well as equipment from other vendors) in applications-oriented turnkey systems presents an interesting and attractive alternative to the do-it-yourself programming approach for end users. Prospective small business computer users can expect to find the DS-500's sold under a wide variety of third-party names as time goes on, and users are well advised to give serious consideration not only to the DS-500 basic packages as available directly from DEC, but also to the availability of turnkey packages from non-DEC sources.  $\Box$ 

program counter), and one 16-bit processor status register. The general-purpose registers can be used as index registers, hardware stack pointers, or accumulators. In Models 530 and 540, there are two stack pointers (kernel and user modes), while Models 550 and 560 have three stack pointers (kernel, user, and supervisor modes), plus a full duplicate set of general-purpose registers.

INDIRECT ADDRESSING: Standard for all models.

INSTRUCTION REPERTOIRE: All DS-500 processors have 16 arithmetic, 21 branch, 7 trap and interrupt, 19 data manipulation, and 7 logic instructions. Optional floating-point instructions are also available.

INSTRUCTION TIMINGS: All times are for full-word, fixed-point operands, in microseconds.

|                     | Models     | Models 550, 560 |           |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Instruction         | 530, 540   | Core            | MOS       |
| Load/Store:         | 2.42/2.24  | 1.84            | 1.01      |
| Add/Subtract:       | 2.66/2.80  | 1.84            | 1.01      |
| Multiply/Divide:    | 9.66/11.30 | 4.68/8.58       | 3.86/7.76 |
| Compare and Branch: | 2.75       | 2.03            | 1.35      |

INTERRUPTS: Four-level automatic priority interrupt system, plus seven additional software-supported levels of interrupts for all models. Each of the interrupt levels can attach multiple, independently prioritized peripheral devices.

VIRTUAL ADDRESSING: The DS-500's can access up to 256KB of main memory in 64KB segments through one or two sets of eight address translation registers (150 nanoseconds per address translation) and an 18-bit Unibus interface. Two or more sets of length registers are used to delineate the bounds of addressability for individual programs, and these, together with associated status registers, give memory protection for multiprogramming.

PROCESSOR MODES: With memory management, Models 530 and 540 operate in either a "kernel" or a "user" mode, where the user mode restricts programs from modifying key machine states relating to memory mapping and protection. Models 550 and 560 with memory management have three modes: kernel, user, or supervisor. The supervisor mode is intended to facilitate multiprogramming by providing a control program state for more efficient system management.

STACK ORGANIZATION: All models have an instruction stack capability to facilitate the implementation of shareable (re-entrant) routines. The size of the pushdown stacks is limited only by the size of available memory.

#### INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL

UNIBUS: The DS-500 Models 530 and 540 have a single column Unibus that treats all components or modules of a system as equal-level devices for data access/transfers, including the processor, memory modules, and peripherals. Models 550 and 560 have two of these plus a special dedicated bus. The priority of any device connected to the busses is determined by its physical position, and the processor is normally attached so that it has the highest priority.

There is no logical limit to the number of device attachments that can be made to the Unibus, with bus access and control handled by the interrupt system. The maximum Unibus data transfer rate is 2.5 million words/second, and it always operates in a master/slave manner. On Models 550 and 560, a high-speed memory bus is provided to permit the execution of programs from high-speed semiconductor memory at up to eight million words per second without overloading the Unibus' capacity.

CONFIGURATION RULES: In general, each device that ties into the Unibus imposes a single "bus load," although the CPU and the multi-device bulk storage bootstrap loader impose two bus loads each. The Unibus can support 19 bus loads before a Bus Repeater must be added.

All DS-500 models are supplied with sufficient cabinets, mounting chassis, power supplies, and Bus Repeaters to enable the maximum configuration to be implemented without difficulty. The DS-530 processor is in one cabinet and will support up to 56KB of core, any of six peripheral device combinations, and up to four communications lines.

Models 540, 550, and 560 processors include an expander cabinet and will accommodate up to 224KB of main memory, any of six peripheral device combinations, and up to four communications lines.

In DS-500 systems requiring 5 to 32 lines for communications, a separate cabinet is supplied for this purpose.

SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS: Overlapped instruction execution and memory access is provided. Individual blocks of 16KB can be independently interleaved on Models 550 and 560.

## MASS STORAGE

RS11 FIXED-HEAD DISK: Stores up to 512KB per drive with an average access time of 16.9 milliseconds and a data transfer rate of 125KB/second. Up to eight RS11's can be attached to the controller.

**RK05 DECPACK REMOVABLE DISK CARTRIDGE** SYSTEM: This removable disk cartridge system stores up to 2.4 million bytes per drive with an average access time (including head movement) of 70 milliseconds, and a data transfer rate of 180.5KB/second. Up to eight RK05's can be attached to the controller.

**RP03** MOVING-HEAD DISK: Stores up to 40 million bytes per drive with an average access time (including head movement) of 29 milliseconds, and a data transfer rate of 266.6KB/second. Up to eight RP03's can be attached to the controller. Each drive has its own free-standing cabinet.

## INPUT/OUTPUT UNITS

See Peripherals/Terminals table.

## COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL

TYPE I SUBSYSTEM: Allows 1 to 4 asynchronous communications lines (DS5C3, -4, -5) to be added to the processor cabinet.

TYPE II SUBSYSTEM: A programmable multiplexor that allows 1 to 32 asynchronous communications lines.

DS5C3 SINGLE LINE UNIT: Single, asynchronous line, with speed and code set by switches: 10, 30, and 240 bps available; for local device connection.

DS5C4 SINGLE LINE UNIT: Single-line, asynchronous, with EIA interface for modem connection to remote terminal. Speed and code set by switches: 110, 150, and 300 bps available.

DS5C5 PROGRAMMABLE LINE UNIT: Asynchronous single-line unit with EIA interface for modem connection to remote terminals. Speed and code are set under software control to adapt to incoming calls from terminals at different speeds: 110, 150, or 300 bps.

#### SOFTWARE

OPERATING SYSTEMS: Three different operating systems are available for any of the DS-500 models. Each is provided with an appropriate level of program development and utility system support.

COMMERCIAL OPERATING SYSTEM: COS-500 is a disk-based, batch-oriented system that offers program development support for RPG II (compatible with IBM System/3 and Burroughs B 700 and B 1700), a MACRO Assembler, and FORTRAN IV (compatible with IBM 1130), as well as program development aids for on-line debugging (ODT), RPG trace, general-purpose editing (EDIT-II), and non-DEC RPG conversion aids.

COS-500 runs on a 64KB system with two disk drives, a card reader, operator console, and line printer. COS-500 systems were first delivered in July 1972.

COMMERCIAL DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: CDMS-500 is a data management system based upon MUMPS-11, (Massachusetts General Hospital Multi-Programming System) and is designed to support 1 to 32 active users with a data base of up to 320 million bytes. CDMS-500 supports variable-length data strings stored without preformatting in a hierarchical storage structure where frequently used data is optimally placed. Program development support for the MUMPS high-level Interpretive language is also provided. A powerful sort program (System/3-compatible) is also provided.

The minimum DS-500 system required for CDMS-500 is a 32KB processor with one disk drive. An 8-user configuration requires a 64KB main memory, two or more disk drives, an industry-compatible magnetic tape drive, and a line printer. CDMS-500 systems were first delivered in August 1973.

COMMERCIAL TIME-SHARING SYSTEM: CTS/E is an outgrowth of the Resource Time Sharing System (RSTS) and its extended (RSTS-E) version. CTS/E-500 can support up to 32 concurrent users (depending upon

processing demands) on a Model 540, 550, or 560 system, or 8 concurrent users on a Model 530 system (up to about 6 if heavy usage is expected). Program development support for BASIC-PLUS is provided by CTS/E-500. The minimum configuration consists of a 96KB DS-500 system, two disks, and a line printer. A powerful sort program (System/3-compatible) is also provided. CTS/E-500 systems were first delivered in February 1972.

PROGRAMMING: Under COS-500, RPG II is the most popular language. Under CDMS-500, the MUMPS interpretive language is used, and with CTS/E-500, BASIC-PLUS is used.

APPLICATIONS: All applications must be developed either by the user or by a systems house. DEC does not directly provide applications such as payroll, etc.

PRICING: The DS-500 models are available for purchase or on third-party full-payout leases for one-, three-, and five-year terms (arranged by DEC through Digital Leasing, a subsidiary or U.S. Leasing Corporation). Five-year terms, for instance, are available for a monthly payment of 2.2% of the purchase price.

One operating system is provided with each DS-500 at no additional charge. COS-500 is available separately for \$6,500, CDMS-500 for \$10,000, and CTS/E-500 for \$6,500. SUPPORT: Separately priced hardware maintenance by DEC is available through a field support force of more than 1,000 personnel. Purchase of a DS-500 includes full installation/setup of the hardware and desired operating system.

EQUIPMENT: The following typical purchase prices include controllers, adapters, and software.

FOUR-USER TIME-SHARING DEC DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of a 96KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CTS/E, LA30 DECwriter, a 4.8MB DECpack disk storage, 60-lpm printer, four CRT's, and four-line data communications interface. Purchase price is \$86,453.

TWELVE-USER TIME-SHARING DEC DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of a 128KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CTS/E, LA30 DECwriter, 512KB swapping disk, 7.2MB DECpack disk storage, 9-track magnetic tape unit, four CRT's, teletype, and 10-line data communciations interface. Purchase price is \$142, 424.

FOUR-USER DATA MANAGEMENT DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of 56KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CDMS, LA30 DECwriter, 40MB DECpack disk storage, 9-track magnetic tape unit, 300-1pm printer, four CRT's, and four-line data communications interface. Purchase price is \$108,179.

## **EQUIPMENT PRICES**

|                   |   | Purchase<br>Price | Monthly<br>Maint. |
|-------------------|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| DATASYSTEM 50     | 00 BASIC SYSTEMS  |                   |                   |
| D\$53             | DS 530, includes PDP-11/40 processor, 16K words,<br>LA 30 console       | \$22,380          | \$175             |
| DS54              | DS 540, includes PDP-11/40 processor, 16K words,<br>EIS,* LA 30 console | 28,000            | 224               |
| DS55              | DS 550, includes PDP-11/45 processor, 16K words,<br>LA 30 console       | 38,395            | 303               |
| DS56              | DS 560, includes PDP-11/45 processor, 16K words,<br>LA 30 console       | 47,195            | 507               |
| *Extended Instruc | tion Set  |                   |                   |
| MEMORY/PROCE      | SSOR OPTIONS  |                   |                   |
| DS5-C             | 56KB Total Memory   | 6,160             | 35                |
| DS5-D             | 64KB Total Memory   | 8,888             | 35                |
| DS5-F             | 96KB Total Memory   | 15,818            | 70                |
| DS5-H             | 128KB Total Memory  | 21,978            | 105               |
| DS5-K             | 160KB Total Memory  | 28,908            | 140               |
| DS5-M             | 144KB Total Memory  | 35,068            | 175               |
| KS5-P             | 224KB Total Memory  | 41,998            | 210               |
| FP11-B            | Floating Point Processor for DDS 550, DDS 560                           | 5,290             | 59                |
| MASS STORAGE      | (TAPE AND DISK)   |                   |                   |
| RS11              | Disk Drive, 512KB/drive   | 9,900             | 56                |
| RK05              | DECpack Disk Cartridge, 2.4MB/drive                                     | 5,335             | 84                |
| RP03              | Disk Drive, 40MB/drive  | 20,000            | 210               |
| RK05-K            | Cartridge for RK05  | 99                | 0                 |
| 30-09589-02       | Cartridge for RP03  | 295               | 0                 |
| DS5X1             | Controller for 8 RK05's   | 6,490             | 56                |
| DS5X2             | Controller for 8 RK05's and 8 TU10's                                    | 10,055            | 91                |
| DS5X3             | Controller for 8 RS11's and 8 RK05's                                    | 12,430            | 91                |
| DS5X4             | Controller for 8 RP03's and 8 TU10's                                    | 16,630            | 133               |

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# DEC Datasystem 500 Series

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|----------------|--|--------------------|-------------------------|
| MASS STORAGE   | (TAPE AND DISK) (Cont.)  |                    |                         |
| DS5X5<br>DS5X6 | Controller for 8 RS11's and 8 TU10's<br>Controller for 8 RS11's,<br>8 RK05's and 8 TU10's      | \$22,570<br>15,995 | \$168<br>126            |
| TU10D          | Industry-compatible Magnetic Tape Drive, 45 ips,<br>36 KBS                                     | 8;250              | 98                      |
| LINE PRINTERS  |  |                    |                         |
| LS11           | Printer, 64-character, 60 lpm  | 5,915              | 67                      |
| LP11           | Printer, 64-character, 300 lpm   | 9,900              | 165                     |
| LP11           | Printer, 96-character, 230 lpm   | 11,900             | 112                     |
|                |  | ·                  |                         |
| CR11           | Reader, 30 cpm   | 4,860              | 70                      |
| TERMINALS      |  |                    |                         |
| LA30           | DECwriter, 30 cps  | 3,195              | 42                      |
| LT33           | Keyboard Printer   | 1,275              | 35                      |
| VT05B-A        | CRT (Local), 1440 characters   | 2,795              | 31                      |
| VT05B-B        | CRT (Remote), 1440 characters  | 2,870              | 31                      |
| COMMUNICATIO   | NS   |                    |                         |
| DS5C1          | Communications subsystem Type I  | 204                | O                       |
| DS5C3-AA       | Local asynchronous line unit for LT33  | 470                | 8                       |
| DS5C3-AE       | Line unit for local 30-cps LA30 or VT05  | 470                | 8                       |
| DS5C3-AN       | Line unit for local 240-cps VT05   | 470                | 8                       |
| DS5C4-AA       | EIA line unit for 110-baud, 11-unit terminal   | 495                | 8                       |
| DS5C4-AD       | EIA line unit for 150-baud, 10-unit terminal   | 495                | 8                       |
| DS5C4-AE       | EIA line unit for remote 30 cps LA30, or VT05, or<br>equal 300-baud, 10-unit code              | 495                | 8                       |
| DS5C5-AA       | EIA remote; 4-line modem control; expandable to 8 lines  | 2,370              | 32                      |
| DS5C5-AB       | EIA remote; 8-line modem control, expandable to 12 lines                                       | 3,316              | 39                      |
| DS5C5-AC       | EIA remote; 12-line modem control, expandable<br>to 16 lines                                   | 4,262              | 46                      |
| DS5C5-AD       | EIA remote; 16-line modem control  | 5 <b>,208</b>      | 53                      |
| DS5C5-AE       | Line adapter; 4 lines EIA  | 533                | 14                      |
| DS5C5-AF       | Line adapter; 4 lines, 2 mA (current loop),<br>TTY, LA30, VT05                                 | 187                | 7                       |
| DS5C5-AG       | Line adapter; 4 lines, EIA/CCITT with control;<br>used for expansion of DS5C5-AA, -AB, and -AC | 946                | 7                       |
| DS5C6          | Communications subsystem type II; includes<br>16-line multiplexor, expandable to 32 lines      | 6,715              | 56                      |
| DS5C7          | 16-line multiplexor expander   | 6,620              | 63                      |

# SOFTWARE PRICES

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|---------|---------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| DS5X-XJ | CTS/E         | \$ 6,500          | \$ 0              |
| DS5X-XL | CDMS          | 10,000            | 0                 |
| DS5X-XT | COS and CDMS  | 13,500            | 0                 |
| DS5X-XY | COS and CTS/E | 10,250            | 0                 |

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Human engineering features and additional customer support services are also included in the DEC Datasystems package, such as delivery, installation, shake-down of operations under the user's choice of operating system. On as nearly a direct comparison basis as possible, packaged DDS-500's tend to cost more than the separately purchased DEC components, but this increase is generally well worth the price for low-volume systems houses or for sophisticated end users (considering both the system packaging and the higher throughput via faster core memory).

The basic marketing strategy for DEC's DDS-500 is to promote the systems as alternatives to centralized computing facilities in large or geographically dispersed companies that have at the remote sites either localized time-sharing requirements, numerous small-to-medium scale data bases, or medium-sized batch processing requirements. A DDS-500 system can also be considered as a centralized computing facility on its own merit for medium-sized companies.

Although the DDS-500's are not marketed directly against installed IBM equipment, the DEC RPG language is highly compatible with RPG-II on the IBM 1130, 360/20, and System/3. Whether planned or not, DEC often does encounter competition from these systems as well as from the Burroughs B 1700, Honeywell Model 58 or 2020, the Singer System Ten, and the NCR Century 50 or 100. In all, however, the relatively low cost and high performance of the DDS-500's have earned DEC a modest but growing share of the small business computer marketplace (with about 150 systems installed as of July 1973).

The steadily increasing number of systems houses that make use of the DDS-500's (as well as equipment from other vendors) in applications-oriented turnkey systems presents an interesting and attractive alternative to the do-it-yourself programming approach for end users. Prospective small business computer users can expect to find the DDS-500's sold under a wide variety of third-party names as time goes on, and users are well advised to give serious consideration not only to the DDS-500 basic package as available directly from DEC, but also to the availability of turnkey packages from non-DEC sources. □

Addressing is done to the byte level through 16-bit internal registers allowing addressing of up to 64KB. (The upper 8KB is reserved for I/O registers.) A memory management option is required to address larger main storage.

Eight address modes are provided with each operand address consisting of three bits to specify address mode, and three bits to specify the register used to calculate the address. The modes consist of "Register" (operand in register), "Register Indirect" (operand address in register), "Auto Increment/Decrement" (self-incrementing/decrementing operand address in register), "Auto Increment/ Decrement Indirect" (self-incrementing/decrementing register which points to an address in memory), "Indexed", and "Indexed Indirect".

INTERNAL CODE: ASCII.

MAIN STORAGE

STORAGE TYPE: Magnetic core or MOS, depending on model (see CAPACITY, below).

CYCLE TIME: 1.0 microsecond per word for core, and 450 nanoseconds for MOS.

CAPACITY: 32K to 56K bytes of core memory for Model 530 and up to 224K bytes for Models 540 and larger in increments of 16KB (the highest 8KB of address space is reserved for I/O device registers). For Models 550 and 560, a combination of core and MOS memory is available up to 256K bytes. The Model 560 has all semiconductor (MOS) memory for the basic 32KB with up to 224KB being available with the addition of extra core.

Note that 8KB of main memory in all systems are typically reserved for I/O device registers.

CHECKING: Parity bit standard with each byte.

STORAGE PROTECTION: Hardware memory protection is standard in systems larger than 56K words.

## CENTRAL PROCESSORS

GENERAL: The DDS-530 and 540 systems offer TTL logic to optimize performance with core memory. The top-of-the-line Models 550 and 560 use Shottky logic, multilayer PC boards, an additional bus, etc., to optimize performance with fast semiconductor memory.

REGISTERS: DDS-500's have eight user-accessible 16-bit registers (six general-purpose, one stack pointer, and one program counter), and one 16-bit processor status register. The general-purpose registers can be used as index registers, hardward stack pointers, or accumulators. In Models 530 and 540, there are two stack pointers (kernel and user modes), while Models 550 and 560 have three stack pointers (kernel, user, and supervisor modes), plus a full duplicate set of general-purpose registers.

INDIRECT ADDRESSING: Standard for all models.

INSTRUCTION REPERTOIRE: All DDS-500 processors have 16 arithmetic, 21 branch, 7 trap and interrupt, 19 data manipulation, and 7 logic instructions. Optional floating-point instructions are also available.

INSTRUCTION TIMINGS: All times are for full-word, fixed-point operands, in microseconds.

|                     | Models     | Models 550, 560 |           |
|---------------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Instruction         | 530, 540   | Core            | Mos       |
| Load/Store:         | 2.42/2.24  | 1.84            | 1.01      |
| Add/Subsract:       | 2.66/2.80  | 1.84            | 1.01      |
| Multiply/Divide:    | 9.66/11.30 | 4.68/8.58       | 3.86/7.76 |
| Compare and Branch: | 2.75       | 2.03            | 1.35 🕨    |

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# PERIPHERALS/TERMINALS

| DEVICE         | DESCRIPTION   | SPEED     |   |
|----------------|---|-----------|---|
| MAGNETIC TAPE  |   |           |   |
| TU10D          | Industry-compatible, 45 ips, 9-track<br>(800 bpi)/7-track (200, 556, 800 bpi) | 36 KBS    |   |
| LINE PRINTERS  |   |           |   |
| LS11           | 132-position, 64-character  | 60 lpm    | 1 |
| LP11-J         | 132-position, 64-character  | 300 lpm   |   |
| LP11-K         | 132-position, 96-character  | 300 lpm   |   |
| CARD EQUIPMENT |   |           |   |
| CR11           | Reader, 80-column   | 300 cpm   |   |
| TERMINALS      |   |           |   |
| LA30           | DECwriter, hardcopy   | 30 cps    | - |
| VT05B          | Alphanumeric CRT, 20 lines X 72 characters                                    | 110, 115, |   |
|                |   | 130 bps   |   |

INTERRUPTS: Four-level automatic priority interrupt system, plus seven additional software-supported levels of interrupts for all models. Each of the interrupt levels can attach multiple, independently prioritized peripheral devices.

VIRTUAL STORAGE: The DDS-500's can access up to 256KB of main memory in 64KB segments through one or two sets of eight address translation, registers (150 nanoseconds per address translation), and an 18-bit Unibus interface. Two or more sets of length registers are used to delineate the bounds of addressability for individual programs, and these, together with associated status registers, give memory protection for multiprogramming.

PROCESSOR MODES: With memory management, Models 530 and 540 operate in either a "kernel" or a "user" mode, where the user mode restricts programs from modifying key machine states relating to memory mapping and protection. Models 550 and 560 with memory management have three modes: kernel, user, or supervisor. The supervisor mode is intended to facilitate multiprogramming by providing a control program state for more efficient system management.

STACK ORGANIZATION: All models have an instruction stack capability to facilitate the implementation of shareable (re-entrant) routines. The size of the push-down stacks is limited only by the size of available memory.

## INPUT/OUTPUT CONTROL

UNIBUS: The DDS-500 Models 530 and 540 have a single column Unibus that treats all components or modules of a system as equal-level devices for data access/transfers, including the processor, memory modules, and peripherals. Models 550 and 560 have two of these plus a special dedicated bus. The priority of any device connected to the busses is determined by its physical position, and the processor is normally attached so hat it has the highest priority.

There is no logical limit to the number of device attachments that can be made to the Unibus, with bus access and control handled by the interrupt system. The maximum Unibus data transfer rate is 2.5 million words/second, and it always operates in a master/slave manner. On Models 550 and 560, a high-speed memory bus is provided to permit the execution of programs from high-speed semiconductor memory at up to eight million words per second without excessively overloading the Unibus' capacity.

CONFIGURATION RULES: In general, each device that ties into the Unibus imposes a single "bus load," although the CPU and the multi-device bulk storage bootstrap loader impose two bus loads each. The Unibus can support 20 bus loads before a Bus Repeater must be added.

All DS-500 models are supplied with sufficient cabinets, mounting chassis, power supplies, and Bus Repeaters to enable the maximum configuration to be implemented without difficulty. The DDS-530 processor is in one cabinet and will support up to 56KB of core, any of six peripheral device combinations, and up to four communications lines.

Models 540, 550 and 560 processors include an expander cabinet and will accommodate up to 224KB of main memory, any of six peripheral device combinations, and up to four communications lines.

In DDS-500 systems requiring 5 to 32 lines for communications, a separate cabinet is supplied for this purpose.

SIMULTANEOUS OPERATIONS: Overlapped instruction execution and memory access is provided. Individual blocks of 16KB can be independently interleaved on Models 550 and 560.

### MASS STORAGE

RS11 FIXED-HEAD DISK: Stores up to 512KB per drive with an average access time of 16.9 milliseconds and a data transfer rate of 125KB/second. Up to eight RS11's can be attached to he controller.

RK05 DECPACK REMOVABLE DISK CARTRIDGE SYSTEM: This removable disk cartridge system stores up to 2.4 million bytes per drive with an average access time (including head movement) of 70 milliseconds, and a data transfer rate of 1,805KB/second. Up to eight RK05's can be attached to the controller.

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RP03 MOVING-HEAD DISK: Stores up to 40 million bytes per drive with an average access time (including head **)** 



movement) of 29 milliseconds, and a data transfer rate of 266.6KB/second. Up to eight RP03's can be attached to the controller. Each drive has its own free-standing cabinet.

#### **INPUT/OUTPUT UNITS**

See Peripherals/Terminals table.

### COMMUNICATIONS CONTROL

TYPE I SUBSYSTEM: Allows 1 to 4 asychronous communications lines (DS5C3, -4, -5) to be added to the processor cabinet.

TYPE II SUBSYSTEM: Allows 5 to 32 asynchronous communication lines (DS5C3, -4, -5) to be added to the processor cabinet.

DS5C3 SINGLE LINE UNIT: Single, asynchronous line, with speed and code set by switches: 110, 300, and 2400 bps available.

DS5C3 SINGLE LINE UNIT: Single-line, asynchronous with EIA interface for modem connection to remote terminal. Speed and code set by switches: 110, 150, and 300 bps available.

DS5C5 PROGRAMMABLE LINE UNIT: Asynchronous single-line unit with EIA interface for modem connection to remote terminals. Speed and code are set under software control to adapt to incominb calls from terminals at different speeds: 110, 150, or 300 bps.

See Peripherals/Terminals table for specific communications terminals.

#### SOFTWARE

OPERATING SYSTEMS: Three different operating systems are available for any of the DDS-500 models. Each is provided with an appropriate level of program development and utility system support.

COMMERCIAL OPERATING SYSTEM: COS-500 is a disk-based, batch-oriented system that offers program development support for RPG-II (compatible with IBM System/3, Burroughs B 700 and B 1700), a MACRO Assembler, and FORTRAN IV (compatible with IBM 1130), as well as program development aids for on-line debugging (ODT), RPG trace, general-purpose editing (EDIT-II), and non-DEC RPG conversion aids. A powerful sort program (System/3-compatible) is also provided.

COS-500 runs on a 32KB system with two disk drives, a card reader, operator console, and line printer. COS-500 systems were first delivered in July 1972.

COMMERCIAL DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM: CDMS-500 is a data management system based upon MUMPS-11, (Massachusetts General Hospital Multi-Programming System) and is designed to support 8 to 10 active users with a data base of up to 320 million bytes. CDMS-500 supports variable-length data strings stored without performatting in a hierachical storage structure where frequently used data is optimally placed. Program development support for the MUMPS high-level Interpretive language is also provided.

The minimum DDS-500 system required for CDMS-500 is a 32KB processor with one disk drive. A 10-user con-

figuration requires a 56KB main memory, two or more disk drives, an industry compatible magnetic tape drive, and a line printer. CDMS-500 systems were first delivered in August 1973.

COMMERCIAL TIME-SHARING SYSTEM: CTS-500 is an outgrowth of the Resource Time Sharing System (RSTS) and its extended (RSTS-E) version. CTS-500 can support up to 32 concurrent users (depending upon processing demands) on a Model 550 or 560 system; or 8 concurrent users on a Model 530 or 540 system (up to about 6 if heavy usage is expected). Program development support for BASIC-PLUS is provided by CTS-500. The minimum configuration consists of a 56KB DDS-500 system (80KB for 32 users), two disks, and a line printer. CTS-500 systems were first delivered in February 1972.

PROGRAMMING: Under COS-500, RPG-II is the most popular language. Under CDMS-500, the MUMPS interpretive language is used, and with CTS-500, BASIC-PLUS is used.

APPLICATIONS: All applications must be developed either by the user or by a "systems house." DEC does not directly provide applications such as payroll, etc.

PRICING: The DDS-500 models are available on purchase, or third-party full payout leases for one-, three-, and five-year terms (arranged by DEC through Digital Leasing, a subsidiary of U.S. Leasing Corporation).

Five-year terms, for instance, are available for a monthly payment of 2.2% of the purchase price. One operating system is provided with each DDS-500 at no additional charge. COS-500 is available separately for \$6,500, CDMS-500 for \$10,000, CTS-500 for \$5,000 and CTS-500/E for \$6,500.

SUPPORT: Separately priced hardware main tenance by DEC is available through a field support force of more than 1,000 personnel. Purchase of a DDS-500 includes a full installation/setup of the hardware and desired operating system.

EQUIPMENT: The following typical purchase prices include controllers, adapters, and software.

FOUR-USER TIME-SHARING DEC DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of a 64KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CTS, LA30 DECwriter, 4.8MB DECpack disk storage, 60-lpm printer, four CRT's, and four-line data communications interface. Purchase price is \$90,873.

TWELVE-USER TIME-SHARING DEC DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of a 128KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CTS/E, LA30 DECwriter, 512KB swapping disk, 7.2MB DECpack disk storage, 9-track magnetic tape unit, four CRT's, teletype, and 10-line data communications interface. Purchase price is \$162,905.

FOUR-USER DATA MANAGEMENT DATASYSTEM 540: Consists of 48KB PDP-11/40 CPU operating under CDMS, LA30 DECwriter, 40MB DECpack disk storage, 9-track magnetic tape unit, 300-lpm printer, four CRT's and four-line data communications interface. Purchase price is \$126,660.

BASIC BATCH-ORIENTED DEC DATASYSTEM 530: Consists of a 32KB PDP-11/40 operating under COS-500, LA30 DECwriter, 4.8MB DECpack disk storage, 300-cpm card reader, and 60-1pm printer. Purchase price is \$61,169.

## EQUIPMENT PRICES

|                             |   | Purchase  | Monthly |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|---------|
|                             |   | Price     | Maint.  |
| DATASYSTEM 500 BASIC SYSTEM |   |           |         |
|                             |   |           |         |
| DS53<br>DS54                | Model 530   | \$ 25,790 | \$ 276  |
|                             | Model 540   | 32,764    | 325     |
| D\$55                       | Model 550   | 42,533    | 397     |
| DS56                        | Model 560   | 50,766    | 533     |
| MEMORY/PROCESSOR OPTIONS    |   |           |         |
| DS5-B                       | 16KB Memory Add-on                                      | 5,700     | 63      |
| DS5-C                       | 24KB Memory Add-on                                      | 12,765    | 119     |
| DS5-D                       | 32KB Memory Add-on                                      | 15,617    | 119     |
| DS5-E                       | 48KB Memory Add-on                                      | 18,980    | 175     |
| D\$5-F                      | 64KB Memory Add-on                                      | 24,860    | 238     |
| DS5-G                       | 80KB Memory Add-on                                      | 30,080    | 294     |
| DS5-H                       | 96KB Memory Add-on                                      | 35,480    | 350     |
| DS5-J                       | 112KB Memory Add-on                                     | 41,180    | 413     |
| DS5-K                       | 128KB Memory Add-on                                     | 46,580    | 469     |
| DS5-L                       | 144KB Memory Add-on                                     | 51,980    | 525     |
| DS5-M                       | 160KB Memory Add-on                                     | •         | 588     |
| DS5-N                       | 176KB Memory Add-on                                     | 57,680    |         |
| KS5-P                       |   | 63,080    | 644     |
|                             | 192KB Memory Add-on                                     | 68,480    | 700     |
| FP11-B                      | Floating Point Processor for DDS 550, DDS 560           | 5,290     | 59      |
| MASS STORAGE (TAPE AND DISK | )   |           |         |
| RS11                        | Disk Drive, 512 KB/drive                                | 9,900     | 56      |
| RK05                        | DECpack Disk Cartridge, 2.4 MB/drive                    | 5,500     | 84      |
| RP03                        | Disk Drive, 40 MB/drive                                 | 20,000    | 210     |
|                             |   | 20,000    | 210     |
| RK05-K                      | Cartridge for RK05                                      | 99        | 0       |
| 30-09589-02                 | Cartridge for RP03                                      | 295       | 0       |
| DS5X1                       | Controller for 8 RK05's                                 | 7,044     | 56      |
| DS5X2                       | Controller for 8 RK05's and 8 TU10's                    | 10,770    | 91      |
| DS5X3                       | Controller for 8 RS11's and 8 RK05's                    | 13,524    | 91      |
| DS5X4                       | Controller for 8 RP03's and 8 TU10's                    |           | 133     |
| DS5X5                       | Controller for 8 RS11's and 8 TU10's                    | 19,171    |         |
| DS5×6                       | Controller for 8 RS11's,                                | 25,651    | 168     |
| 20070                       | 8 RK05's, and 8 TU10's                                  | 17,250    | 126     |
| TU10D                       | Industry-compatible Magnetic Tape Drive, 45 ips, 36 KBS |           |         |
|                             |   | 8,250     | 98      |
| LINE PRINTERS               |   |           |         |
| LS11                        | Printer, 60 lpm   | 5,975     | 67      |
| LP11-J                      | Printer, 300 lpm  | 17,500    | 105     |
| LP11-K                      | Printer, 300 lpm  | 19,000    | 112     |
| CARD EQUIPMENT              |   |           |         |
| CR11                        | Reader, 300 cpm   | 4,860     | 70      |
| TERMINALS                   |   |           |         |
| LA30                        | DECwriter, 30 cps                                       | 3,195     | 42      |
| LT33                        | Keyboard Printer  | 1,275     | 35      |
| VT05B-A                     | CRT (Local), 1440 characters                            | 2,795     | 31      |
| VT05B-B                     | CRT (Remote), 1440 characters                           | 2,870     | 31      |
| COMMUNICATIONS              |   | 2,070     | 0.1     |
|                             |   |           |         |
| DS5C1                       | Communications Subsystem I                              | 203       | 0       |
| DS5C2                       | Communications Subsystem II                             | 4,642     | 7       |
| DS5C3                       | Local Line Unit   | 473       | 8       |
| DS5C4                       | EIA Line Unit   | 495       | 8       |
| DS5C5                       | EIA Line Unit   | 858       | 14      |
| H312                        | Null Modem Adapter                                      | 60        | 0       |
|                             | 202   | _         | -       |
| DS5X-XE                     | COS   | 6,500     | 0       |
| DS5X-XG                     | CTS   | 5,000     | 0       |
| DS5X-XJ                     | CTS/E   | 6,500     | 0       |
| DS5X-XL                     | CDMS  | 10,000    | 0       |
| DS5X-XT                     | COS and CDMS  | 13,500    | 0       |
| DS5X-XY                     | COS and CTS/E   | 10,250    | 0       |
|                             |   |           |         |