

Goldstone (GDSCC) Administrative Computing

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The GDSCC Data Processing Unit provides various administrative computing services for Goldstone. Those activities, including finance, manpower and station utilization, deep-space station scheduling and Engineering Change Order (ECO) control are discussed.

I. Introduction

Realizing the need in many administrative areas to assimilate data into useful management tools, GDSCC management initiated actions utilizing existing manpower to analyze those areas and develop the necessary software for data collection and reporting. This proved so successful that, in 1978, the GDSCC Data Processing Unit (DPU) was formed to enable full-time dedication to this program. The DP Unit presently consists of three people who perform data entry, systems analysis, software development and sustaining engineering on existing software. The DP Unit utilizes both the Information Processing Center (IPC) Univac computer via telephone lines and dumb terminals, and a Northern Telecom 410 intelligent terminal. The intelligent terminal utilizes a 10-Mbyte hard disk, 8-in. flexible diskettes, 64K memory and a bidirectional matrix printer for local data processing. It will also communicate with the IPC via telephone lines at a 1200-baud rate. Software written for the 410 is in either ANSI COBOL or TAL-II, the terminal's general application language. Software residing on the IPC is written in MBASIC.

II. Data Processing Unit Activities

A. Engineering Change Order (ECO) Management

A system was developed and a vigorous program initiated to bring the ECO's for all Goldstone stations under central

control with status reporting. This system was followed later by the Engineering Change Management (ECM) system residing on the IPC computers. The DP Unit performs data input and report generation services to the ECM System. Special programs to extract selected data from the system have also been developed (Fig. 1).

B. GDSCC Deep-Space Station Schedules

Schedules are supported via computer tie-lines rather than the teletype system. Software has been developed to provide the stations and maintenance unit with preliminary schedules extracted from the DSN data base which resides on the IPC. The schedules are in a format which allows maintenance and training data to be written in by the different units. The data are then entered into the intelligent terminal off-line, formatted and transmitted to the IPC for the DSN scheduling group (Fig. 2).

Final schedules are later extracted from the DSN data base and distributed to the appropriate units. Once the scheduled week is completed, real-time changes which occurred are input to the data base and a history file is established. The weekly Station Utilization Report is computer-generated from this history data (Fig. 3).

As an adjunct to the scheduling, a preventive maintenance (PM) system was developed which was compatible with the

DSN schedule. When the preliminary schedule is extracted, a report of those PM's which are due is also generated (Fig. 4). PM's are then planned by the units, input along with the other schedule data, and made a part of the final schedule. After the history schedule is complete, the PM information is extracted by the computer and the PM data base is automatically updated to reflect those which were performed.

C. Manpower Utilization

Manpower utilization is a system by which the man-hour expenditures by station operators and maintenance personnel are recorded and reported upon. These data provide management with an insight into how personnel time is being expended in various categories (Fig. 5).

D. Financial System

A system was initiated in the mid 1970's to satisfy a need to provide expenditure information to a level of detail not provided by the JPL financial system. To accomplish this, each account was subdivided into cost centers to which expenditures could be charged. This permitted Complex management to ascertain how much each unit, such as the carpenter shop, the air-conditioning shop, etc., was spending. It also provided information when allocating budgets. Since the initial system covered only those items which were processed through the contractor purchase order system, many expenditures and charges were not reflected in the reports. This system has

since been modified to accept data which are extracted from contractor data such as accounts payable, other direct charges (ODC) reports and award fees. Data are also extracted from the JPL SRM Resources Status Report detail backup reports. The system is not, however, operated on an accrual basis. Additional information is also accumulated as to projected man-hour, overtime hour and labor expenditures.

Extracted from these data are such reports as a monthly budget report (Fig. 6), a procurement accomplishment report (Fig. 7), a subcontractor utilization report, plots and reports which provide comparison data on projected versus actual expenditures in dollars, regular labor hours and overtime hours. Expenditure history reports for individual cost centers can also be extracted.

E. The Vehicle Utilization System

This system became an important function to reduce man-hours which were being required to manually extract data necessary to monitor the expenditures, gas consumption and periodic maintenance of the General Services Administration (GSA) vehicles being leased by the Complex. This is especially true with ever-increasing energy costs. Data are utilized from the daily gas log sheets from the GSA gasoline pumps and from the GSA billing sheets. Reports are generated which provide information on vehicles due for maintenance, monthly mileage and cost summaries, and data required for annual reporting to GSA (Fig. 8).

*** GDSCC ECM DATA BASE EXCEPTION REPORT ***

AS OF 15 JUN 81

(ALL DATES IN YYMMDD FORMAT)

A. ECO'S SHIPPED BY THE COE BUT NOT YET RECEIVED BY THE FACILITY (30 DAYS +):

STATION NUMBER	PROJECT	ECONBR	SUBSYS	ECO TITLE	(SF DATE) SHIP DATE
1	10	MJS	78.296 92.2	ADD 168KB TRI-CHANNELER @43 Z	790221*
2	10	DSN	79.186 39.0	GDSCC AIRPORT RUNWAY UPGRADE	800328*
3	10	DSN	80.055 38.14	FTS CS STD MON INTERFACE M	810301*
4	11	DSN	79.006 40.3A	SSA UPGRADE OBSOLETE PARTS T	810128*
5	11	MJS	80.123 34.91	AUTO-UPLINK TUNE BY MDA S/W#R	810227*
6	11	MJS	80.209 14.92	DYA-5081 S/W-50 PPS INTRPTS R	801230*
7	12	MUL	77.005 34.1A	MDA LOCK MONITOR MOOS (MVFH)	770304*
8	12	DSN	77.127 37.0	DISH DOCR SAFETY SWITCH-26M	800420*
9	12	DSN	80.055 38.14	FTS CS STD MON INTERFACE M	810301*
10	12	MJS	80.123 34.91	AUTO-UPLINK TUNE BY MDA S/W#R	810227*
11	12	MJS	80.209 14.92	DYA-5081 S/W-50 PPS INTRPTS R	801230*
12	12	DSN	81.046 38.0	DELETE VLF RCVR-PHAS RECRDR R	810511*
13	14	DSN	76.167 38.0	REMOVE OBSOLETE FREQ AMPS	770310*
14	14	DSN	77.015 39.5	SJ DOC FEEDCONE FIRE SENSORS	791001*
15	14	DSN	80.055 38.14	FTS CS STD MON INTERFACE M	810301*
16	14	MJS	80.123 34.91	AUTO-UPLINK TUNE BY MDA S/W#R	810227*
17	14	MJS	80.169 37.1	ADD BU HI-PERFORM MASER-64M#T	810420*
18	14	MJS	80.209 14.92	DYA-5081 S/W-50 PPS INTRPTS R	801230*
19	14	DSN	81.046 38.0	DELETE VLF RCVR-PHAS RECRDR R	810511*

B. ECO'S INDICATING A MISSED COMPLETION DATE (FS = A; B OR C):

STATION NUMBER	PROJECT	ECONBR	SUBSYS	(SB) SUBSYSTEM TEST DATE	(SY) SYSTEM TEST DATE	PROJECT DUE DATE	(FS) FACILITY STATUS
1	10	DSN	80.075 92.2	810503	810503	810501	C
2	10	DSN	80.100 94.3	801119	NONE	810301	B
3	11	DSN	77.127 39.6	810601	810601	790101	B
4	11	DSN	79.101 39.1	810610	810610	800601	B
5	11	DSN	80.075 92.2	810610	810615	810501	B
6	12	MJS	79.145 29.0A	810601	810601	800201	B
7	12	MJS	79.145 39.6	810601	810601	800201	B
8	12	MJS	80.119 46.11B	810411	810415	800226	B
9	14	VIK	77.270 29.0D	810601	810601	790401	B
10	14	MJS	77.321 29.0	810601	810601	800101	B
11	14	DSN	78.150 35.14	810511	810610	810701	C
12	14	DSN	78.300 39.10	810429	810429	800601	B
13	14	MJS	79.012 39.6	810504	810504	800701	B
14	14	DSN	79.157 32.5	810531	810531	801101	C
15	14	DSN	79.247 31.2	810520	810520	810101	B
16	14	DSN	80.075 92.2	810610	810610	810501	B
17	14	DSN	80.164 32.8	810601	810615	810301	C
18	14	DSN	80.174 39.6	810503	810503	810601	B
19	14	DSN	80.189 39.92	810518	810630	801124	C

Fig. 1. ECM data base exception report example

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06/12/81          SCHEDULE FOR DSS-11
                   WEEK 25
                   FINAL STATION COPY
DSN SCHED-----LAST UPDATE-----STA SCHED
06/10/81 0091550          06/12/81
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DOY START-END USER  ACTIVITY          PASS CALIB EQUIPM CAT CONF          F
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166 0015-1000 PN-11  TKG PASS          3000 A -A  000063 1A1 A000
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166 1000-1555 DSS-11 MAINTENANCE          -          2A1 A700
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166 1000-1030 DSS-11 PM 02.00-1-0.01  NIB  -  JERSCH 2A1 A700
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166 1030-1530 DSS-11 PM 29.00-1-0.01  NIB  -  JERSCH 2A1 A700
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166 1555-1920 HEL-01 TKG PASS          2380 B - 3 200063 1A1 A000
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166 1920-0025 PN-12  TKG PASS          1123 A - 3 800063 1A1 A000
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167 0025-0955 PN-11  TKG PASS          3001 A -A  000063 1A1 A000
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167 0955-1240 DSN    AGC WEEKLY          -          1A3 A700
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167 1240-1545 DSS-11 TRAINING          -          2B1 A700
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Fig. 2. Deep Space Station schedule example

DSS-11 STATION UTILIZATION REPORT
FOR
WEEK 23, 1981

	SDH	EUH	PER
I. DSN USER SUPPORT			
A. 1. SPACECRAFT TRACKING			
PIONEER-11	50.92	45.50	31.82%
PIONEER-12	27.17	22.92	16.98%
HELIOS-1	20.58	15.50	12.86%
VOYAGER-1	12.33	11.33	7.71%
2. PROJECT RELATED SUPPORT			
3. DSN PROJECT PREPARATION			
DSN	10.08	10.08	6.30%
B. RADIO SCIENCE			
OSS	3.75	3.00	2.34%
C. ADVANCED SYSTEMS			
D. SPECIAL			
SUB-TOTAL	124.83	108.34	78.02%
II. FACILITY ACTIVITIES			
A. MAINTENANCE			
1. PREVENTIVE	31.33		19.58%
2. CORRECTIVE (DOWNTIME)	0.00		0.00%
3. CORRECTIVE (NO DOWNTIME)	0.00		0.00%
B. PERSONNEL TRAINING	3.83		2.40%
C. DSN ENGINEERING			
1. ENGINEERING SUPPORT	0.00		0.00%
2. DEVELOPMENT OR TESTING	0.00		0.00%
3. MINOR MODS	0.00		0.00%
III. OTHER ACTIVITIES			
A. MAJOR MODIFICATIONS	0.00		0.00%
B. HOST COUNTRY RADIO SCIENCE	0.00		0.00%
C. MISCELLANEOUS	0.00		0.00%
TOTAL HOURS	160.00	108.34	100.00%

Fig. 3. Deep Space Station utilization report example

 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE REPORT

DSS-11 WEEK 26
 PM'S DUE FOR PERIOD 173/81 TO 179/81
 AS OF 06/12/81

PM NUMBER	HRS RQD	DUE	LAST DONE	LAST SCHED	OD	DESCRIPTION
01.03-2-1.03	4.0	81162	81132	81132		SDA PHASE & GAIN ALIGNMENTS
01.03-2-2.01	2.0	81175	81085	79136		POWER SUPPLY CHECKS
02.00-1-0.01	0.5	81159	81152	81164		10/20 KW TXR CHECKLIST
02.00-2-2.01	4.0	81179	81089	81089		H.E. INSPECTION
05.02-1-0.02	1.0	81161	81154	81168		HDDTR
06.00-2-1.21	12.0	80347	80317	81128	6	ANT HYDROMECHANICAL INSPECTION
06.01-2-3.40	4.0	80156	79341	79341	2	OUT OF BALANCE FORCE
06.01-2-3.41	3.0	76181	76001		10	FOUNDATION LEVEL CHECK
06.01-2-3.42	0.0	76181	76001		10	OPTICAL TRACKING ALIGNMENT CKS
06.01-2-3.43	0.0	76181	76001		10	ACQUISITION AID ALIGNMENT CKS
06.01-2-4.53	0.0	77001	76001		4	ORTHOGONALITY CHECK
06.01-2-4.54	24.0	78277	77277		2	POLAR SHAFT ALIGNMENT
06.01-2-5.60	72.0	78001	76001		1	DIS CURVATURE OPTICAL CKS
06.02-2-1.18	1.0	81049	81019	81019	4	LEVEL VIALS CK
06.02-2-4.34	02.0	80001	79001		1	LUBE PRESSURE SWITCH CHECKS
06.03-2-0.01	01.0	81147	81140	81140		SERVICE BULL AND PINION GEARS
06.03-2-0.02	00.5	81144	81137	81137	1	SERVICE MAIN DRIVE BRAKES
06.03-2-0.03	02.0	81159	81152	81152		SERVICE LOW SPEED CLUTCH
06.03-2-1.05	02.0	81136	81106	81106	1	MAIN DRIVE GEAR REDUCER CK
06.03-2-1.06	01.0	81154	81124	81124		LOW SPEED GEAR REDUCER CK
06.03-2-1.07	00.5	81150	81120	81120		TACH DRIVE BELT CK
06.03-2-1.08	00.5	81171	81141	81141		LIMIT SW DRIVE CHAIN CK
06.03-2-1.09	06.0	80255	80225	80225	9	LIMIT SWITCH CHECK
06.03-2-1.10	01.0	81170	81140	81140		GEAR REDUCER BOX CK
06.03-2-1.11	01.5	81103	81073	81073	2	BULL-PINION GEAR BACKLASH (EAST)
06.03-2-1.12	01.5	81103	81073	81073	2	BULL-PINION GEAR BACKLASH(WEST)
06.03-2-1.13	01.0	81103	81073	81073	2	BULL-PINION GEAR BACKLASH(NORTH)
06.03-2-1.14	01.0	81103	81073	81073	2	BULL-PINION BEAR BACKLASH(SOUTH)
06.03-2-1.17	01.0	80321	80291	80291	7	DECLINATION SHIFT
06.03-2-3.32	04.5	79289	79109	79109	3	LOW SPEED CLUTCH CHECK
06.03-2-3.33	01.0	81154	80339	81163		LUBE PINION SHAFT CARRIER BEARINGS
06.03-2-3.34	01.0	81110	80295	81163		LUBE DEC SHAFT BEARINGS
06.03-2-3.39	01.0	81007	80192	80192		LOW SPEED REDUCER DRAIN
06.03-2-4.51D	24.0	80067	79067	79067	1	MAIN DRIVE BRAKE MAINT
06.03-2-4.51H	24.0	80067	79067	79067	1	MAIN DRIVE BRAKE MAINT
06.03-2-4.55	10.0	81053	80053	80053		PINION CARRIER BEARINGS
06.03-2-6.70D	10.0	79001	76001			CLEAN MAIN DRIVE GEAR REDUCER
06.05-2-1.19	03.0	81159	81129	81162		HYPERBOLA DRIVE MECHANISM
29.00-1-0.01	06.0	81159	81152	81164		SUBSYSTEM HOUSEKEEPING
29.00-1-1.15	4.0	81152	81122	81162		MANUAL MODE TESTS
29.00-1-1.19	4.0	81165	81135	81163		AUTOMATIC TEST
29.00-1-1.20	1.0	81165	81135	81163		RELIABILITY TEST
35.04-1-0.04	1.0	81161	81154	81168		LINE PRINTER
37.02-1-1.08	00.5	81171	81141	81171		S-BAND MASER GAIN AND B/W MEASUREMENTS
37.02-2-1.01	3.0	81150	81120	81120		TWM/CCR MONTHLY INSPECTION
91.06-1-0.02	00.3	81162	81155	81169		OPERATOR MAINTENANCE

* NBR IN OD COLUMN - OVERDUE PERIODS SINCE DUE DATE...

END OF REPORT

Fig. 4. Preventive maintenance report example

FISCAL YEAR 91 THRU APR. 81
22 MAY 81

COST CENTER			DISBURSEMENTS										EXPENDED							
CODE	TITLE	MONITOR	FY	BUDGET					ACTUAL					OBLIG	PROJ	COMM	EST	EXPENDED		
				BUDGET	SIS	JPL	MATL	LABOR	ODC	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE	BALANCE						BALANCE	
405B	IPC UTILIZATION(BPU)	EVERETT	21561	0	13299	0	0	0	8262	0	8262	0	8262	0	8262	0	8262	582	622	
405C	IPC UTILIZATION(MR)	TODD	1310	0	359	0	0	0	951	0	951	0	951	0	951	0	951	582	272	
405D	SMART TERMINAL MAINT	EVERETT	2000	0	0	0	0	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	582	02	
500A	WATER TESTING	ALDERSON	1273	0	0	0	544	0	729	0	729	0	729	0	729	0	729	582	432	
500B	GDSCC TELEPHONE	POTTER	11249	0	7485	0	0	0	3764	0	3764	0	3764	0	3764	0	3764	582	672	
500C	GDSCC WATER SUPPLY	POTTER	14447	0	10755	0	0	0	3692	0	3692	0	3692	0	3692	0	3692	582	742	
500D	TELEPHONE - BARSTON	MARTIN	5599	0	1327	0	0	0	4272	0	4272	0	4272	0	4272	0	4272	582	242	
500F	RODENT & PEST CONTROL	ALDERSON	3342	0	0	0	1553	0	1789	0	1789	0	1789	0	1789	0	1789	582	462	
500G	GDSCC GRNDS KEEPING	ALDERSON	12365	0	0	0	7142	0	5223	0	5223	0	5223	0	5223	0	5223	582	582	
500H	ELECTRICAL CONTRACT	ALDERSON	2000	0	0	0	0	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	582	02	
500J	WELDING CONTRACT	ALDERSON	2000	0	0	0	0	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	0	2000	582	02	
922L	PLANT MAINT	MISC	18172	0	13060	0	13943	0	6488	-15319	0	-15319	0	-15319	0	-15319	0	-15319	582	1842
ACCOUNT TOTALS				95318	0	46285	23182	0	6488	19363	0	19363	0	19363	0	19363	0	19363	582	802

Fig. 6. Budget report example

GDSCC
PROCUREMENT ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT
FOR
JUNE, 1981
06/15/81

PART 1: SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

A. FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS RECEIVED:	18	TOTAL VALUE \$	6850.85
PURCHASE ORDERS RELEASED	: 24	TOTAL VALUE \$	228408.07

B. TOTALS:

PURCHASE REQUISITIONS OUTSTANDING:	0	TOTAL VALUE \$	0.00
PURCHASE ORDERS NOT RECEIVED	: 36	TOTAL VALUE \$	45512.09
PURCHASE ORDERS NOT PAID	: 106	TOTAL VALUE \$	26610.61
PURCHASE ORDERS RELEASED THIS FY	: 536	TOTAL VALUE \$	733586.20

C. 1. AVERAGE DAYS FROM TIME OF PR INITIATION TO PROCUREMENT RECEIPT:

FOR ROUTINE ACTION :	8.5
FOR PRIORITY ACTION:	5.2
FOR SUBCONTRACTS :	5.7

2. AVERAGE DAYS FROM TIME PR IS RECEIVED BY PROCUREMENT TO PO RELEASE:

FOR ROUTINE ACTION :	8.7
FOR PRIORITY ACTION:	2.4
FOR SUBCONTRACTS :	20.3

3. AVERAGE DAYS FROM TIME PO IS RELEASED UNTIL RECEIVED FROM VENDOR:

FOR ROUTINE ACTION :	22.8
FOR PRIORITY ACTION:	14.8
FOR SUBCONTRACTS :	14.7

Fig. 7. Procurement accomplishment report example

PERIOD FROM 04/21/81 TO 05/20/81

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VEHICLE CL TAG	O D O M E T E R BEGIN	END	TOTAL MILES	GAL-OF-GASOLINE GSA PUMP	CR-CARD	AVG MPG	NOTES	REMARKS
G42-30946	078402	079391	01489 *	116.6		12.8		TRM 05/15/81
G42-30947	072825	073282	00457 *	35.0		13.1		TRM 05/12/81
G42-30949	080966	082694	01728 *	100.1		17.3		TRM 05/14/81
G42-32376	064293	065216	00923 *	72.5		12.7		
G42-32377	086141	087234	01093 *	108.7		10.1		TRM 05/18/81
G42-32378	089040	089958	00918 *	91.5		10.0		TRM 05/20/81
G42-32380	069742	071210	01468 *	142.5		10.3		
G42-33277	054003	057327	03324 *	258.7		12.8		
G42-33288	069947	071420	01473 *	117.5		12.5		
G42-33290	056096	058509	02413 *	166.6		14.5		
G42-33291	040916	042204	01288 *	112.6		11.4		
G42-33292	050654	053011	02357 *	147.4		16.0		
G42-33293	012187	048392	4627 *	152.8		11.9		
G42-28150	011726	014066	02340 *	162.9		14.4		
G43-29532	028646	029989	01343 *	106.3		12.6		
SUBTOTAL			45,935	3,590.6		12.8		

TOTAL	47 VANS	87,943	6,733.3
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GRAND--TOT	112 VEHICLES	200,786	13,608.8	51.6
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NOTE(1)      ODOMETER READING OF TOTAL MILES IS NEGATIVE
NOTE(2)      TOTAL MILES EXCEEDS 4000
NOTE(3)      THE END ODOMETER READING IS ZEROES
NOTE(4)      THE AVG-MPG EXCEEDS 30.0
NOTE(5)      NO GSA PUMP TRANSACTIONS THIS PERIOD

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END OF REPORT

Fig. 8. Vehicle use report example