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$TAPE version 7.0 for BOS now available

$TAPE version 7.0 is now available. This version of $TAPE is, like previous versions, only suitable to run on Global System Manager for BOS.

The work to produce a version of $TAPE which operates with a common tape format for each of BOS, Novell, DOS and Unix is incomplete. Nevertheless there is sufficient demand in the reseller network for the BOS-specific features to justify this BOS-specific release. We intend to call the version of $TAPE which operates on both BOS and Unix by the name version 7.0A; this will be available in the next few weeks. Once version 7.0A is available, version 7.0 will cease to be available.

A release notice is available listing the facilities of $TAPE in detail together with installation and upgrade facilities. A $TAPE manual is being produced and will be available in the next couple of weeks. Before the manual is available, $TAPE version 7.0 is only suitable for experienced users of version 6.0A of $TAPE. Users of version 6.0A $TAPE will receive a release notice with version 7.0; the version 7.0 manual will be back-ordered.

Both `general' (code TE) and `Exabyte-specific' (code TF) versions are available.

The full features of version 7.0 $TAPE are explained in the release notice; however, the more significant features are listed here:

- **new facility:** Option to verify after save

- **new facility;** Option to save and compare on those drives capable of doing this

- **new facility;** Option to verify alone

- **new facility;** Catalogues of lists of units to be saved

- **addition to save function;** Can select for saving by searching volume descriptions

- **addition to save function;** Option to save the units previously saved onto the tape currently mounted

- **addition to save function;** More sophisticated handling of open files

- **addition to restore function;** More sophisticated handling of protected units

- **addition to restore function;** Handles long volume-name descriptions

- **bugs fixed;** A number of bugs have been fixed

Despite all the dialogue changes involved in the above enhancements earlier jobs written to run $TAPE will continue to operate without modification.

Version 6.0A of $TAPE is now superseded; it will be available until 31st October 1993 and will be supported until 30th April 1994. The default version of $TAPE will change to 7.0 or 7.0A on 21st November 1992.