Tape Utility version 7.0A now available

Version 7.0A of Global Tape Utility is now available.

This version is similar to version 7.0 except it now allows Global Tape Utility to operate on Unix computers as well as BOS computers.

OPERATION UNDER UNIX

Global Tape Utility V7.0A is the first version of Global Tape Utility which runs on System Manager (Unix). This is also the first version of Global Tape Utility that can be used to backup and restore separated subunit domains (ie. format T224Z for System Manager (Unix), T151Z for System Manager (MS–DOS and Windows))

The Global Tape Utility dialogue for System Manager (Unix) is identical to that for System Manager (BOS).

For Global Tape Utility to operate with System Manager (Unix) new BACNAT software must be installed using the `-u' option of glinstall.

At the time of writing the following BACNATs have been upgraded to operate with Global Tape Utility:

5522	SCO Unix 5¼" BACNAT variant 3.84
5527	SCO Unix 3½" BACNAT variant 3.84
5535	Motorola MPC–88 (floppy) BACNAT variant 3.85
5536	Motorola MPC–88 (tape) BACNAT variant 3.85
5523	Sun SPARC Sun 4.1.x BACNAT variant 3.86

The remaining BACNATs will be updated in due course and further bulletins will announce the support of Global Tape Utility on the other supported Unix platforms.

Global Tape Utility will work with most Unix tape drives; see the configuration notes for more details.

Note that product TF "Exabyte–specific Global Tape Utility" is not applicable for Unix configurations.

Tapes produced by version 7.0A of the Global Tape Utility are identical in format to the tapes produced by version 7.0 of the Global Tape Utility.

Tapes produced by Global Tape Utility on a Unix computer can not be read by Global Tape Utility on a DOS or BOS computer. Tapes produced by Global Tape Utility on a DOS computer can not be read by Global Tape Utility on a Unix computer. However, QIC–24, QIC–120 and QIC–150 tapes produced by Global Tape Utility on a SCSI tape drive on a BOS computer *may* be directly readable on some Unix computers. Fortunately, this is possible for all five of the above configurations but the `no rewind' device driver must be used for the SCO and Motorola computers.

Please refer to appendices H and I of the Global Tape Utility manual version 7.0 and to the configuration notes for further details. For your information we attach appendices H and I. All configuration notes for the above 5 configurations have been updated.

DOCUMENTATION AND OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

The version 7.0 manual, which will be available shortly, describes the full facilities of version 7.0A of the tape utility whether it operates on BOS or Unix. A new document `MTERV7.0A – Tape Utility version 7.0A Release Notice' explains the differences between version 7.0 and 7.0A.

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

Version 6.0A of the Tape Utility was superseded by version 7.0 in August 1992; version 6.0A will be available until 31st October 1993 and will be supported until 30th April 1994. Version 7.0 of the Tape Utility is now itself superseded by version 7.0A; version 7.0 will also be available until 31st October 1993 and supported until 30th April 1994. The default version of the Tape Utility will change to 7.0A on 21st November 1992.