IBM System/34 New Product Announcement

IBM announced significant enhancements to the System/34 small business computer during September 1977. Among the new capabilities are doubled main memory capacity (from 64K to 128K bytes), additional communications capabilities in the form of one additional BSC/SDLC communications adapter, and a more versatile remote workstation with an integral controller that can form 8-terminal clusters. In addition, two new application software packages, designed to take advantage of the System/34's multi-workstation capabilities, were announced.

NEW PROCESSING UNITS: Two new memory sizes are now available for the System/34: 96K bytes and 128K bytes. The new 96KB and 128KB processors, like the smaller System/34 processors, are available in models with a choice of single- or double-sided diskette drives and 8.6, 13.2, or 27.1 megabytes of fixed-disk storage. The combinations of memory size, diskette, and fixed-disk storage, then, yield 12 additional models and increase the total number of System/34 models from 18 to 30.

3500 SECOND COMMUNICATIONS ADAPTER: The expanded communications capabilities are provided by the new 3500 BSC/SDLC communications adapter, which permits attachment of one additional communications line to the System/34 processor. The 3500 communications adapter has characteristics identical with those of the 2500 communications adapter previously announced for use with the System/34, but can be added only after a 2500 adapter is incorporated into the system. Along with the new communications adapter, a complement of two 1200-bps modems, four 2400-bps modems, one EIA interface, and two Dataphone Digital Service adapters were introduced for use with it. These new units parallel similar units offered for use with the 2500 communications adapter and have identical characteristics.

5251 MODEL 12 DISPLAY STATION: This terminal is the key to the System/34's new remote workstation capability. It can be attached to the processor via the 2500 or 3500 communications adapters and associated modems or interfaces. Two cluster attachments, the 2550 4-line cluster and the 2551 8-line cluster, permit the attachment of up to four or eight, respectively, 5251 Model 11 display terminals or 5256 printers via individual cable connections. Further, up to four displays or printers can be attached to each of the four cable connections through the 2680 cable-through feature.

The combination of the new 3500 communications adapter and the new 5251 Model 12 display terminal subsystem expands the System/34 workstation capacity to 64 remote workstations plus the 8 local workstations that were part of the original specifications. The remote workstation capability can be added to any System/34 model, and it is expected that the resident supervisor for the workstation enhancement will add about 8K bytes to the system software memory requirements.

MANUFACTURING ACCOUNTING AND PRODUCTION INFORMATION CONTROL SYSTEM (MAPICS): This new software system consists of 11 application packages for order entry and invoicing, inventory management, accounts receivable, sales analysis, general ledger, accounts payable, payroll, product data management, material requirements planning, production control and costing, and data collection system support. Each of the 11 modules is licensed separately for a monthly fee ranging between \$35 and \$90. Most of the modules can be used separately, but the sales analysis module requires at least one of the order entry and invoicing, accounts receivable, or inventory management modules; the material requirements and planning module requires both the inventory management and product data management modules; and the production control and costing module requires the inventory management module. Eight of the modules are scheduled for availability in November 1978, while product data management will be ready in December 1978, material requirements planning in January 1979, and production control and costing in February 1979.

DISTRIBUTION FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM (DFAS II): This system is designed for distributors handling goods from as many as 20 companies. Like the MAPICS software package, DFAS II is designed to take advantage of the System/34's multiple-workstation capabilities. It consists of three independent, separately licensed modules: general ledger, accounts payable, and payroll. Each can be used separately. Availability date for DFAS II is November 1978.

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EQUIPMENT PRICES

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BASIC SYSTEM						
5340 Model D11 Model D12 Model D21 Model D21 Model D23 Model E11 Model E12 Model E13 Model E21 Model E22 Model E23	System Unit; includes CPU, main memory, fixed disk storage and one diskette drive 96K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 8.6 megabytes of disk storage 96K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 13.2 megabytes of disk storage 96K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 27.1 megabytes of disk storage 96K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 8.6 megabytes of disk storage 96K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 13.2 megabytes of disk storage 96K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 27.1 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 8.6 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 13.2 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 1 drive, 27.1 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 8.6 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 8.6 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 13.2 megabytes of disk storage 128K bytes, Diskette 2D drive, 27.1 megabytes of disk storage	\$32,700 34,480 41,860 34,860 36,640 44,020 35,900 37,680 45,060 38,060 39,840 47,220	\$165.00 175.00 210.00 170.00 180.00 215.00 175.00 185.00 220.00 180.00 190.00 225.00	\$ 962 1,034 1,259 1,028 1,100 1,325 1,050 1,122 1,347 1,116 1,188 1,413	\$ 875 940 1,145 935 1,000 1,205 955 1,020 1,225 1,015 1,080 1,285	
PERIPHERALS						
5251 Model 12	CRT Display Station; attaches up to eight 5251 Model 11 display stations or 5256	4,050	39.00	140	119	
2550	printers; Model 4600 keyboard required Cluster Adapter for 5251 Model 12 display; permits attachment of up to four 5251 Model 11 displays or 5256 printers; four cable connections; can be used with 2680 cable-through feature to attach up to four 5251 Model 11's per line; cannot	1,520	10.00	47	40	
2551	be used with 2551 dual cluster; max. one per system Dual Cluster Adapter for 5251 Model 12 display; same characteristics as 2550 cluster adapter except attaches up to eight 5251 Model 11 displays or 5256 printers	3,040	20.00	94	80	
5601	2400-bps Non-Switched, Multipoint Integrated Modem; for use with 2500 communications adapter	2,240	11.50	71	65	
3500	Second BSC/SDLC Communications Adapter; requires 2500 adapter and either an integrated modem, EIA interface, or Dataphone Digital Service adapter	2,880	20.00	88	80	
3702	EIA Interface; for use with 3500 adapter; permits attachment of IBM and non-IBM modems; cannot be used with 650X, 660X, 6610, or 525X modems or adapters;	430	4.50	13	12	
6500	requires 5734 Processor Unit Expansion C; may require 4703 internal clock 1200-bps Integrated Modem; for use with 3500 adapter; non-switched lines; requires 5734 Processor Unit Expansion C and 4703 internal clock; cannot be used with other modems	660	5.00	19	18	
6501	1200-bps Integrated Modern with Auto-Answer; same characteristics as 6500 integrated modern	880	7.00	26	24	
6600	2400-bps Integrated Modem; for use with 3500 adapter; non-switched point-to- point lines; equivalent to IBM 3872 modems; requires 5733 and 5735 Processor Unit Expansions; cannot be used with other modems	2,240	11.50	71	65	
6601	2400-bps Integrated Modem; for use with 3500 adapter; non-switched multipoint control; same characteristics as 6600 modem	2,240	11.50	71	65	
6602	2400-bps Integrated Modem; for use with 3500 adapter; non-switched multipoint tributary; same characteristics as 6600 modem	2,490	13.00	78	71	
6610	2400-bps Integrated Modern; for use with 3500 adapter; switched lines; Auto- Answer capability; same characteristics as 6600 modern	2,550	14.00	79	72	
7953	Switched Network Backup Unit; for use with 660X modems; requires 3500 adapter; cannot be used with 7954 backup unit	540	3.50	16	15	
7954	Switched Network Backup Unit; for use with 660X moderns; includes auto-answer capability; requires 3500 adapter; cannot be used with 7953 backup unit	828	5.00	25	23	

^{*}Rental prices include equipment maintenance.

SOFTWARE PRICES

	Monthly License
Manufacturing Accounting and Production Information Control System (MAPICS): Order Entry and Invoicing Inventory Management Accounts Receivable Sales Analysis General Ledger Accounts Payable Payroll Product Data Management Material Requirements Planning Production Control and Costing Data Collection System Support	\$50 45 35 45 35 35 47 75 90 90 53
Distribution Financial Accounting System II (DFAS II): General Ledger Accounts Payable Payroll	35 35 47