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DACS Centers

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Providing assistance for  
your data acquisition  
and control system  
applications

Data acquisition and control systems call for a special brand of expertise.

You have to be knowledgeable in the application and its associated instrumentation. You have to know computers and programming systems as well.

To provide that foundation, IBM has established Data Acquisition and Control System (DACS) Centers in key locations across the country.

The centers teach and demonstrate the specific skills DACS users need to make their systems most productive. Under conditions similar to those in the application environment itself, users learn to prepare for the system before installation.

They learn to program—to test—to debug.

They can simulate their own firm's programs from beginning to end. And they may have the assistance of DACS Center staff members experienced in various application areas.

Manned by specialists in control, system design and programming, each center has its own IBM 1800 Data Acquisition and Control System with process signal simulation and instrumentation equipment. In addition, the centers also provide assistance for those using the IBM System/360 Model 44 in data acquisition applications.



## Education

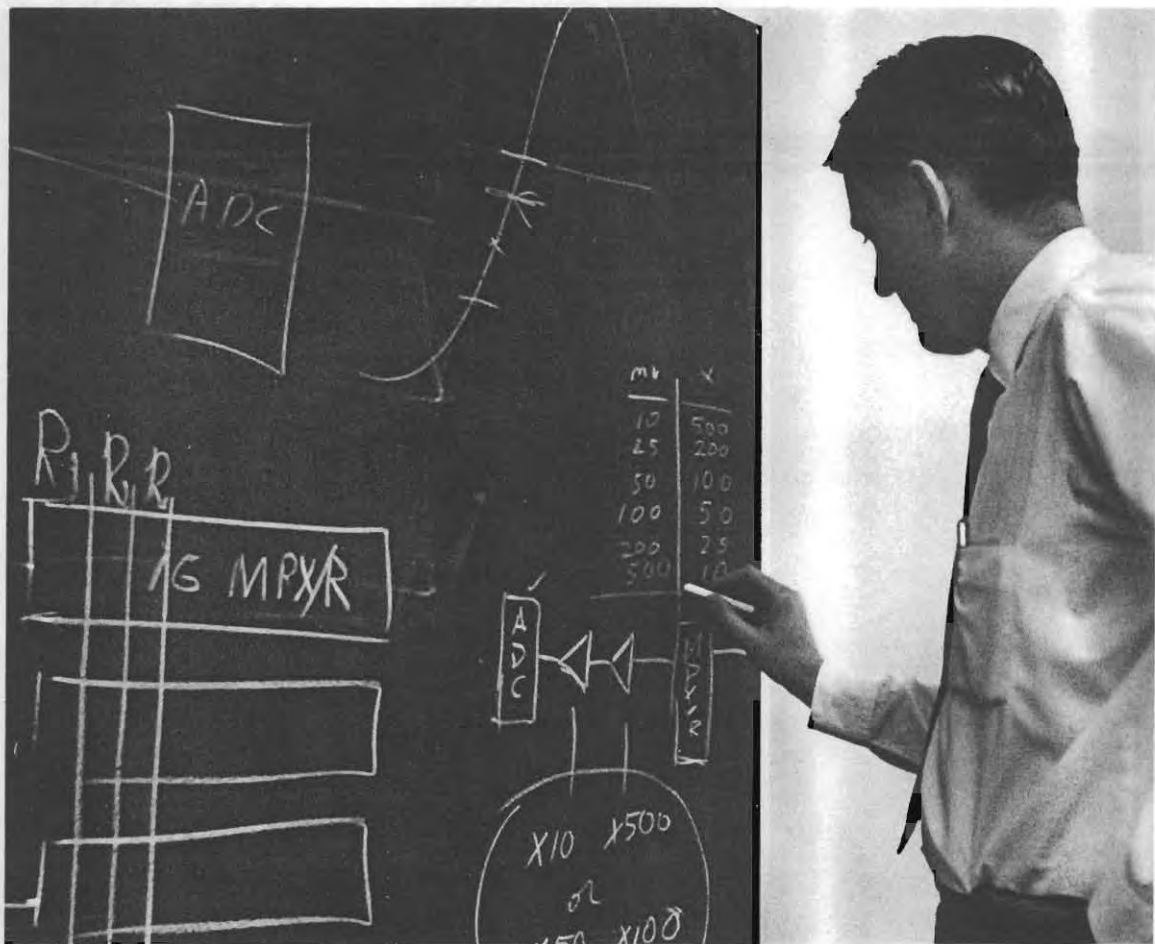


Personalized instruction provides in-depth knowledge of data acquisition and control systems and methods. Specialized course material covers:

- IBM 1800 Data Acquisition and Control System.
- IBM 1800 Multiprogramming Executive Operating System (MPX).
- IBM 1800 Time-Sharing Executive System (TSX).

Students gain in-depth knowledge of the over-all system, so they can effectively apply their knowledge to the efficient operation of their own companies' DACS systems.





The complexities of system design call for application insight and extensive knowledge of the operating capabilities of the 1800. These abilities are supplied by the systems engineers assigned to each DACS Center. With their help, a system can be developed to meet your individual application.

DACS specialists help you define the over-all objectives of your proposed system. They draw on their own knowledge and experience and that of the center's technical spe-

cialists to achieve those objectives through consideration of technical feasibility, programming approaches, interface requirements, instrumentation needs, environmental requirements, and computing and data storage requirements.

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How should a flexible Operating System be organized for *your* application?

How can it best take advantage of the capability of the 1800 System?

Specialized consultation is available in each DACS center for IBM's proven 1800 Operating Systems:

- MPX—Multiprogramming Executive Operating System
- TSX—Time-Sharing Executive System

## System Testing



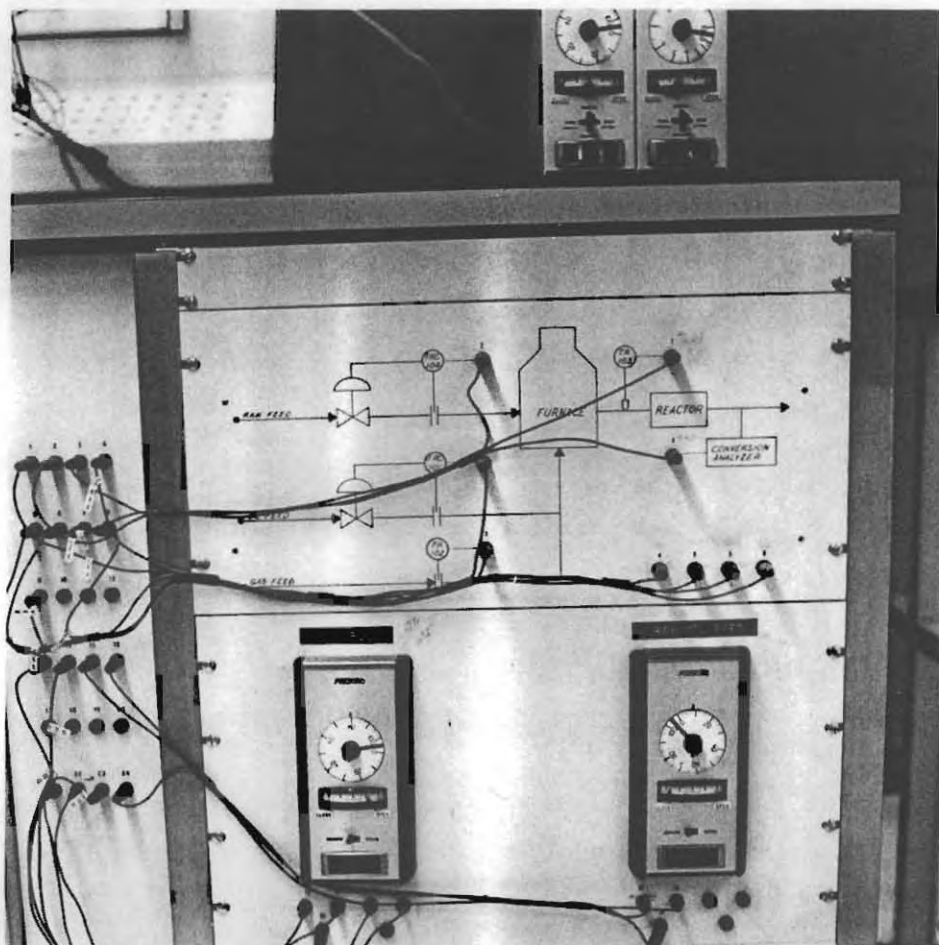
Recognizing that most 1800 applications are completely different from one another, the DACS Center makes equipment available so that you can test your own application.

You can configure the DACS Center 1800 to look just like your own. You have plug-board dollies to interface and check out your special instrumentation. You can simulate real-time events, and make use of the process signal simulator and special instrumentation.

Skilled programmers can provide assistance for you during pre-installation programming testing.



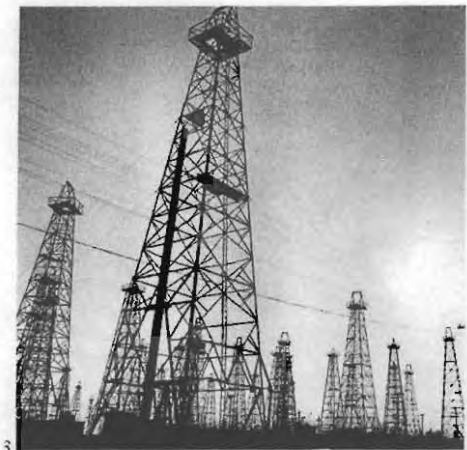




To show the power of IBM DACS-oriented programs, demonstrations can be set up for MPX and TSX, as well as application programs such as PROSPRO, a process control language.

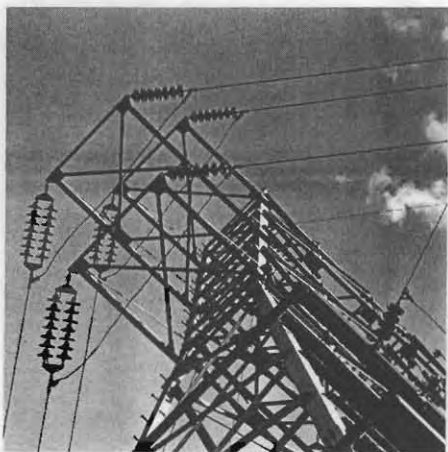
To determine system feasibility, you can also arrange for demonstrations of your own special equipment in operation with the 1800.





The DACS Center can help define solutions for your application problems. You profit from the professional personnel staffing the center. They have experience in such application areas as process control, plant automation systems, telemetry data analysis, patient monitoring, biomedical data acquisition, dynamometer testing, chromatograph monitoring, water plant control, gas pipeline surveillance, laboratory automation, power generation, traffic control.

- 1 *Process control*
- 2 *Medical data acquisition*
- 3 *Oil field control*
- 4 *Manufacturing test*



- 1 Power dispatch and control
- 2 Nuclear data acquisition
- 3 Traffic control
- 4 Automotive manufacturing
- 5 Lab automation—mass spectrometer
- 6 Lab automation—tensile test





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Consult your IBM representative for further information about IBM DACS Centers. He can tell you how to obtain the specialized assistance that they have to offer. Let IBM DACS Centers contribute to the efficient operation of your organization's data acquisition and control systems.