

Editorial

This third issue of our journal contains more paper than the paperless office would admit. Quite some part of it is taken up by John Whitehead's article on communicating word-processors. In reading this, I have reinvented the wheel by discovering again that all our nice little technological gadgets are rather limited in their usefulness if they cannot communicate.

For communication you need lines, suitable for data-transmission. For most of us, these lines simply are not there; we have to wait for the PTT's to get their data networks operational or our parent organizations to get their internal buzz-circuits. It is becoming clear that this will be the decisive factor for the penetration of information technology. We will rapidly need an infrastructure of telecommunications facilities. The importance of that is paramount; that is the reason why we plan to devote one of our subsequent issues to the theme of telecommunications. And we assure our readers that we will try to avoid too much technical jargon on protocols, interfaces etc....

We are experiencing a slight delay in the publication of this volume. One reason is that it is always difficult to get a new journal off the ground. Another is (believe it or not!) that we are rather critical in accepting manuscripts. However, do not let that deter you from sending them in. We will give them honest consideration.

By the way: where are your questions? If you have not got any, you should be the luckiest person in the profession. You certainly should write a paper about the way in which you reached that state of happiness. If you do, do not offer it to us; we simply shall not believe you.

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