DASH for VAXstation

FutureNet's DASH schematic design software is now available on DEC's VAXstation 2000 desktop workstation. DASH can also be used with any of the VAXstation family of graphics workstations.

The VAXstation 2000 may be used in clusters with DASH products when connected via the Local Area VAXcluster Network.

DASH for the VAXstation 2000 system is $7495. RSN 13

DDSC and Hilo-3 now on VAX design system

Designer's Database Schematic Capture and Hilo-3 CAE software from Tektronix are now available on DEC's multiuser VAX design system.

DEC's High-End Electronics Design Solution System, which incorporates DDSC and Hilo-3, gives each engineer a dedicated VAXstation 2000 for interactive design tasks, as well as access to a VAX 8550 for logic simulation.

The basic configuration of the Electronics Design Solution System is 12 VAXstation 2000 workstations, VAX 8550, Local Area VAXcluster system, and DDSC and Hilo-3 software.

Both DDSC and Hilo-3 are supported by Tektronix's Designer's Database that allows design trade-off analysis and a team of designers to have immediate access to pertinent information.

Prices not provided. RSN 14

Design software for PC users

Accel Technologies has developed Tango-PCB, a software package for designing multilayer PCBs on an IBM PC or compatible, for a total cost of $495.

Tango-PCB accepts the netlist output of the schematic capture package as input to the PCB layout program. It supports the netlist format from Omission's Schema schematic software.

The software can design PCBs as large as 32×19". Five zoom levels and nine grid sizes are available, with a resolution of 1 mil.

Tango-PCB can handle eight layers, including power and ground planes, plus text and component overlay. A library of common components is supplied with the system, and user-created components can be added.

Other features include track stacking, multicolor checkplots, support of 16 colors in the EGA 640×350 pixel mode, rubberbanding, and block operations.

To run Tango-PCB, the user needs an IBM PC or compatible with 256K RAM and two floppy disks or one hard disk, PC or MS DOS 2.0 or higher, and a color graphics adapter or enhanced graphics adapter with RGB monitor. RSN 15

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