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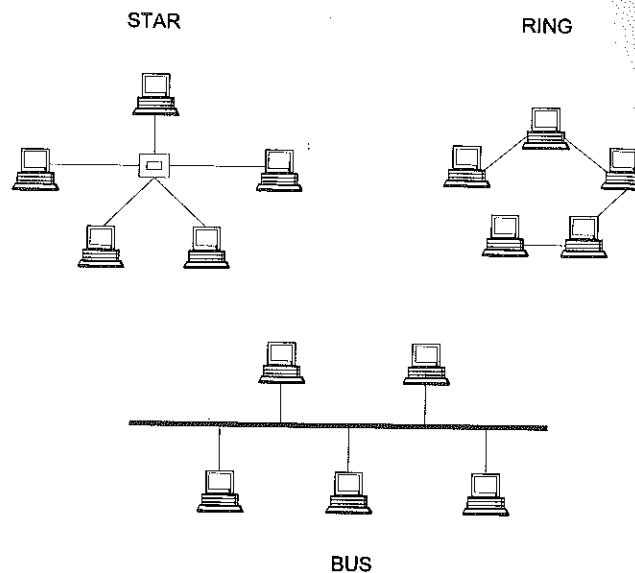
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Topologies



TOPS

(1) A multiuser, multitasking, timesharing, virtual memory operating system from Digital that runs on its PDP-6, DECsystem 10 and DECsystem 20 series.
 (2) (Transparent OPERating System) A peer-to-peer LAN from Sitka Corporation, Alameda, CA, that uses the LocalTalk access method and connects Apple computers, PCs and Sun workstations. Its Flashcard plugs LocalTalk capability into PCs.

TOPVIEW

IBM's first windowing environment for PCs, developed in the mid 1980s. The PCs of the time were too underpowered, and the interface was too unsophisticated, so it never caught on, much like the first versions of Windows.

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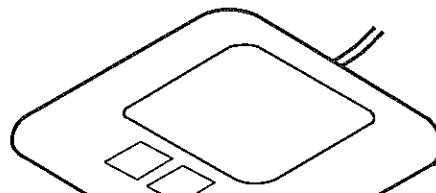
An early network DBMS from Cincom Systems that ran on a variety of minis and mainframes.

total bypass

Bypassing local and long distance telephone lines by using satellite communications.

touchpad

A stationary pointing device that provides a small, flat surface that you slide your finger over using the same movements as you would a mouse. You can tap on the pad's surface as an alternate to pressing one of the touchpad keys. See *mouse*, *trackball* and *pointing stick*.



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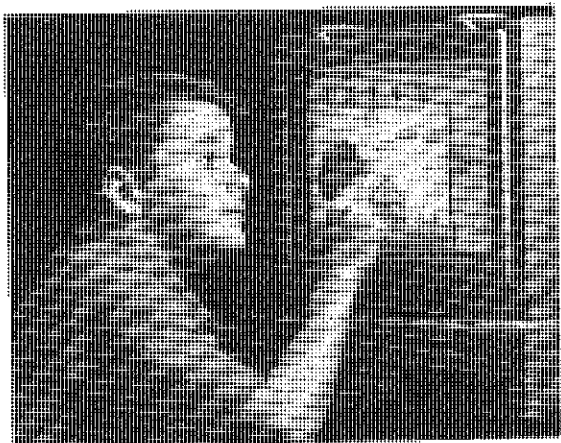
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touch screen

A touch-sensitive display screen that uses a clear panel over on the screen surface. The panel is a matrix of cells that transmit pressure information to the software.



Touch Screen

This Richardson Texas firm makes touch screen overlays for PCs and Macs that are used in a wide variety of applications.

(Photo courtesy of Keytec, Inc.)

tower

(1) A floor-standing cabinet taller than it Desktop computers can be made into towers by turning them on their side and inserting them into a floor-mounted base.

(2) (Tower) Series of UNIX-based single and multiprocessor computer systems from NCR that use the Motorola 68000 family of CPUs.

TP0-TP4

(Transport Protocol Class 0 to Class 4)
The grades of OSI transport layers from least to most complete and specific. TP4 is a full connection-oriented transport protocol.

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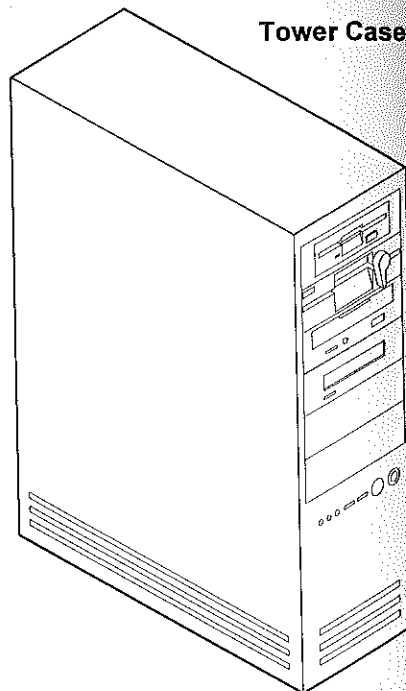
(Transient Program Area) See *transient area*.

tpi

(Tracks Per Inch) The measurement of the density of tracks recorded on a disk or drum.

TP monitor

Tower Case



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