

HP 260 Business Computer Systems



An integral part of your total solution

The HP 260 family ... reliable hardware to accompany proven software

Choosing the right computer solution for your organization is not an easy task. Each criterion for making a decision must be carefully examined and analyzed: What are the benefits? What are the trade-offs? What will be the long-term effects?

A total solution is made up of several parts: consulting, software, hardware, and support. Of course, one of your first concerns is finding the right application software.

But what about the system hardware? Will any system do, as long as the software is right? At Hewlett-Packard, we don't believe so.

The parts of your computer solution should complement one another. That's why we work as partners with our Value-Added System Suppliers. And that's why they prefer the HP 260 for their solutions. Because even the best software can't be used if the hardware isn't running.





Partnership

HP 260 Value-Added System Suppliers, also known as OEMs or VARs, are independent companies which use their industry expertise to provide innovative HP 260-based solutions.

Because System Suppliers work closely with you to understand your business, technical, and information processing requirements, they can offer unique software packages specially suited to your needs.

In addition, System Suppliers offer a broad spectrum of services. These can include: business consulting, system installation, application software training, maintenance, and support.

Over 200 Hewlett-Packard Value-Added System Suppliers have chosen the HP 260 family of business computers to drive their solutions.

Why?

Because it's dependable. Easy to use. And it allows high programmer productivity due to the friendly yet powerful BASIC/260 programming language.

But also because System Suppliers realize how important it is for you to have reliable and versatile hardware.

With more than 10,000 organizations already depending on the HP 260, this computer has proven itself as an ideal foundation for System Suppliers' application software.

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Built-in features ensure easy implementation and provide lasting value

Quality

At Hewlett-Packard, we take seriously our commitment to provide a superior product. In all phases of development, each element of every product must meet Hewlett-Packard's stringent quality standards.

From the R & D department, through documentation, marketing, and production, all HP products are designed to meet your expectations for functionality, usability, reliability, performance, and support.

Ease-of-use

Many computer systems require a dedicated operator to handle tasks like data backup and system start-up. But not the HP 260.

The HP 260 allows your employees to comfortably use and maintain the system with minimal training. Easily understood prompts guide the user step-by-step through a given task.

The result is increased productivity and greater information availability...without hiring an expensive computer professional.

Compatibility

Since the HP 260 Operating System (OS) was first introduced, it has been continuously enhanced to include new advances in technology.

The latest revision of the OS enables up to 15 concurrent system users, greater functionality, support of new peripherals, and integration of HP and IBM Personal Computers.

Despite the numerous changes and improvements the HP 260 has gone through, application programs developed for earlier systems will run with the latest OS.





Service and Support

HP 260 systems are backed by a comprehensive set of support services from Hewlett-Packard. Highly-trained HP sales, service, and support personnel are located in over 230 offices worldwide. You can be assured of receiving the assistance you need, when you need it.

Versatility

Because the HP 260 is used in a wide variety of applications, it needs to fit into a wide variety of environments.

Therefore, the HP 260 makes modest demands on facilities. The system doesn't need special air-conditioning or raised flooring. Quiet operation means that the HP 260 can fit into most offices without disturbing workers.

The compact System Processor Unit (SPU) can stand alone or be placed in a handy cabinet. In addition, Hewlett-Packard offers a full line of rugged, high-quality, modular furniture to complement and accommodate your computer system.

Greater information availability boosts productivity





Up to 15 users can quickly access important data

The HP 260 system is designed to effectively handle multiple users concurrently accessing data. A maximum of 15 users (or tasks) are able to efficiently share the SPU, mass storage devices, printers, and other system resources.

From each workstation, users can run application programs as needed, independent of others using the system. If several users are accessing the same data in a data base, record-level locking ensures data integrity. This is a built-in feature of the multi-user HP 260 system.

Since each task has its own block of memory, "swapping" data to and from mass storage is minimized. This saves time and disc space, and contributes to the high performance of the HP 260.

A true data base management system

IMAGE/260 is an information management system which allows data bases to be defined, created, and maintained. It can be easily accessed by many people who don't have – and don't need – sophisticated programming skills.

Data security can be controlled by requiring a password from a user wishing to access a data base. This password determines which data sets a user is entitled to access and the type of access allowed (e.g., read only).

In addition to IMAGE/260, the HP 260 System Software includes other subsystems such as FORMS/260, SORT/260, and REPORT WRITER/260 at no additional cost.

The HP 260 System Software makes the HP 260 work the way managers want all computers to work – quickly and efficiently.

Reliable system operation

The more your business relies on its computer system, the more critical it becomes to have dependable hardware. Several aspects of the HP 260 system work together to keep the time the system is "up" at an absolute maximum.

Built-in features, such as automatic hardware self-test diagnostics and interactive operating system diagnostics help detect and quickly correct problems.

The HP 260 SPU requires no preventative maintenance, and the system peripherals need only infrequent inspection or adjustment.

The HP 260 makes your future growth easy

Growth within the HP 260 family

If you start with a Series 30 system, you can quickly and easily move up to the more powerful Series 40 without making changes to your software.

System expansion through a range of high-quality Hewlett-Packard peripherals provides another economical way to grow, while protecting your investment in software. For example, you can expand your system to 15 workstations, four disc drives, and seven additional devices such as printers, plotters, data capture devices, or data entry terminals.

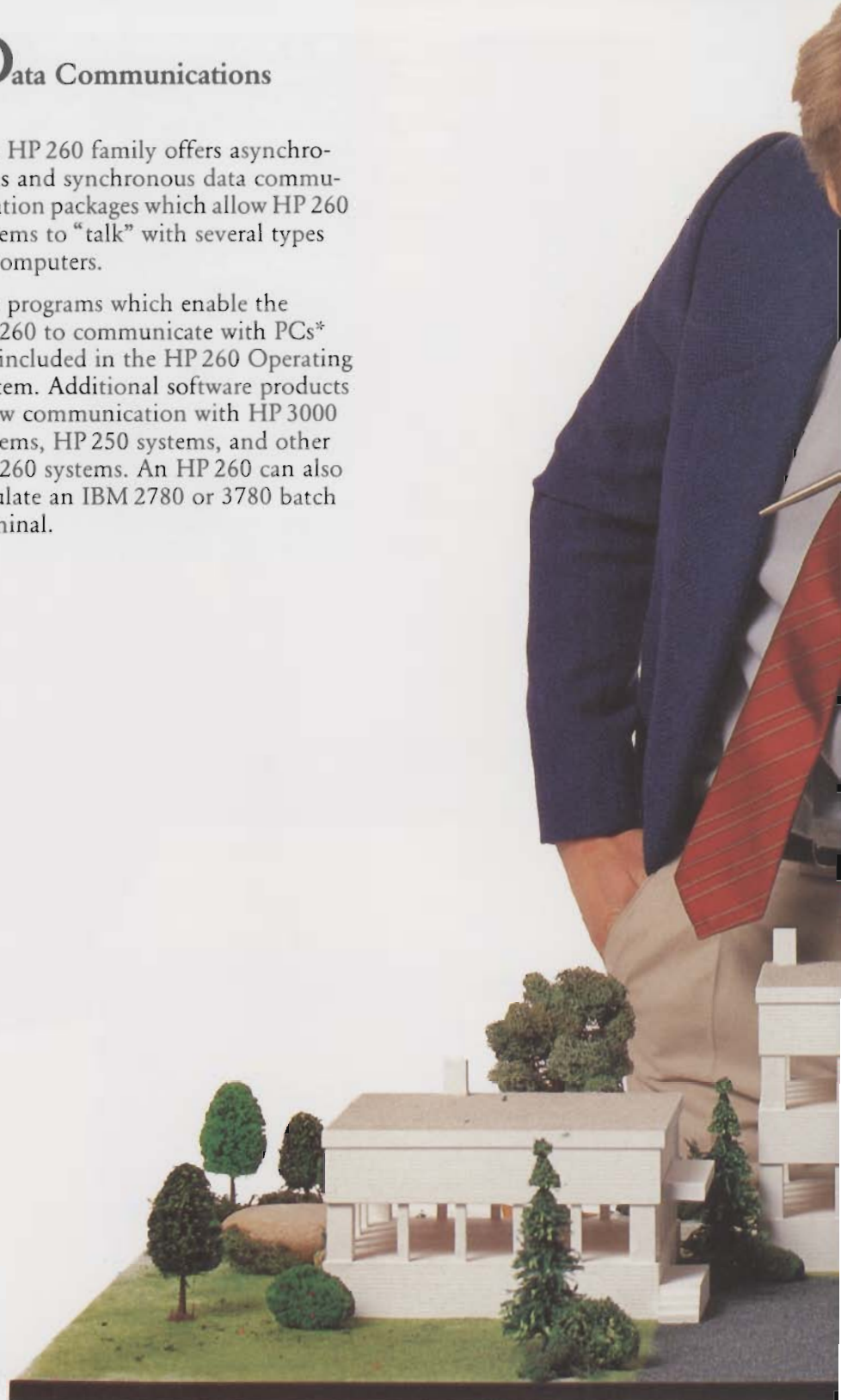
Additionally, if your organization operates from more than one location, a network of HP 260 systems is an easy way to share information and save costs.

Data Communications

The HP 260 family offers asynchronous and synchronous data communication packages which allow HP 260 systems to "talk" with several types of computers.

The programs which enable the HP 260 to communicate with PCs* are included in the HP 260 Operating System. Additional software products allow communication with HP 3000 systems, HP 250 systems, and other HP 260 systems. An HP 260 can also emulate an IBM 2780 or 3780 batch terminal.

* HP 150 II (HP TOUCHSCREEN II), HP Vectra, HP Portable PLUS, IBM PC, IBM PC AT, and IBM PC XT running terminal emulator software.





Long-term growth opportunities

As your company continues to prosper, your processing needs might eventually require the capabilities of a computer system larger than an HP 260. With Hewlett-Packard, you can then move up to our popular HP 3000 business computer family.

An upgrade program is available to protect both your application software and hardware investments. The HP Business BASIC/V language enables HP 260 programs to run on an HP 3000 in the same friendly environment. Return credits cover any hardware which cannot be integrated into your HP 3000 system.

Within the HP 3000 family you can grow to systems supporting hundreds of users, without making a single change to your software.

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