

UNCTAD MONOGRAPHS ON PORT MANAGEMENT

*A series of monographs prepared for UNCTAD in collaboration
with the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)*

10

Computerized Container Terminal Management

by

*Eric Lui
Deputy Director
(Information Systems)
Port of Singapore Authority*

and

*Mrs Poh Hui Ying
Assistant Manager
(Information Systems)
Port of Singapore Authority*



**UNITED NATIONS
New York, 1993**

NOTE

The views expressed in this monograph are those of the authors and do not necessarily reflect those of the United Nations. The designations employed and the presentation of the material in this publication do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the Secretariat of the United Nations concerning the legal status of any country, territory, city or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

*
* * *

Other monographs in this series

- No. 1 Changing from day-work plus overtime to two-shift working
- No. 2 Planning land use in port areas: getting the most out of port infrastructure
- No. 3 Steps to effective equipment maintenance
- No. 4 Operations planning in ports
- No. 5 Container terminal pavement management and Supplement
- No. 6 Measuring and evaluating port performance and productivity
- No. 7 Steps to effective shed management
- No. 8 Economic approach to equipment selection and replacement
- No. 9 Recommendations on the planing and management of multipurpose terminals

UNCTAD/SHIP/494(10)

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

UNCTAD has been cooperating with the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) for many years, in various fields and in particular in the production, translation and distribution throughout the world of technical papers in the form of **Monographs** which help contribute to the development of the management skills needed for the efficient operation of ports in developing countries.

As a result of UNCTAD VIII, new developments have taken place in UNCTAD which has resulted in the adoption of a new work programme in the ports field. It is worth emphasizing that the previous objective of improving the efficiency of ports, on which the UNCTAD/IAPH monograph scheme was based upon, was reaffirmed.

The UNCTAD secretariat is therefore pleased to continue cooperating with IAPH in producing monographs where the practical experience gained by a specific port or individuals is presented for the benefit of the international port community. Such a scheme supplements the other research, training and technical cooperation activities carried out by the UNCTAD secretariat with the objective of fostering competitive maritime and international transport services, strengthen capacities for trade and promoting international cooperation and exchange of expertise. We would like to thank the authors for their contribution to these monographs, all of which have been made on a voluntary basis.

Y. Berthelot
Deputy Secretary General
UNCTAD

FOREWORD

When UNCTAD first decided to seek the co-operation of the International Association of Ports and Harbors in producing monographs on port management, the idea was enthusiastically welcomed as a further step forward in the provision of information to managements of ports in developing countries. The preparation of monographs through the IAPH Committee on International Port Development has drawn on the resources of IAPH member ports to record for the benefit of others the experience and lessons learnt in reaching current levels of port technology and management. In addition, valuable assistance has been given by senior management in ports of developing countries in assessing the value of the monographs at the drafting stage.

I am confident that the UNCTAD monograph series will be of value to managements of ports in developing countries in providing indicators towards decision-making for improvements, technological advance and optimum use of existing resources.

The International Association of Ports and Harbors looks forward to continued co-operation with UNCTAD in the preparation of many more papers in the monograph series and expresses the hope that the series will fill a gap in the information currently available to port managements.

Goon Kok Loon
Chairman
Committee on International
Port Development
IAPH

CONTENTS

Chapter	Paragraphs
I. INTRODUCTION	1 - 6
II. DEVELOPMENT CYCLE OF A COMPUTER APPLICATION	7 - 16
III. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL MANAGEMENT	17 - 20
IV. COMPUTERIZATION OF LOGISTICS CONTROL	21 - 25
V. COMPUTERIZATION OF CONTAINER CONTROL	26 - 30
VI. COMPUTERIZATION OF SHIP OPERATIONS CONTROL	31 - 36
VII. COMPUTERIZATION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL PERFORMANCE CONTROL	37 - 38
VIII. IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS	39 - 42

Annex

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN SAMPLE COMPUTER SCREENS

Chapter 1

INTRODUCTION

1. Container terminals are highly capital intensive. They have to be well managed in order to realize their potential capacity and achieve a reasonable level of efficiency and service performance to their customers. A good management system cannot be done without computerization.
2. The advancement of Information Technology provides a wide range of options for the container terminal operator to computerize its management system. It can range from a simple data entry and retrieval system with batch or on-line input to a highly sophisticated computer directed real-time operation system. The choice depends on the size of the operation and its projected growth in the medium term.
3. The Port of Singapore Authority (PSA) has invested over a hundred million Singapore dollars to build up its present suite of computer applications to support container terminal management and operations. Every year, tens of millions of dollars are also spent to maintain these applications to keep them up-to-date with the operational requirements. In 1991, PSA handled 6.35 million TEUs of containers. The number of on-line transactions in the mainframe computer for that year was 240 million. The largest computer file in its database was the container details file which had 50,000 records.
4. Irrespective of the degree of sophistication adopted, the computerization effort follows a certain methodology. It starts with analyzing the data flows from and to external organizations and data flows within the terminal. From this analysis, the necessary computer processes are identified and the accompanying data files can be created in a database management system.
5. The degree of sophistication and the extent of computerization adopted will depend on the handling capacity of the terminal and management's inclination in achieving manpower savings. These include manpower for data entry as well as for executing physical tasks in the terminal, such as gate processing and yard and shipside operation supervision.
6. This monograph describes the development cycle of a computer application and provides an outline for the computerization of some of the core functions in the container terminal. Sample screens and management reports are used to illustrate the development of these applications. It supplements two other studies published by UNCTAD, which are publications TD/B/C.4/AC.7/11 and TD/B/C.4/AC.7/11/Supp.1, entitled "Guidelines for port managers on the use of computers". These publications provide an overview of the general issues involved in computerization of port operations and give detail descriptions of computerized systems for container control, general cargo control and operations of ships in the port.

Chapter II

DEVELOPMENT CYCLE OF A COMPUTER APPLICATION

7. The development cycle of a computer application consists of eight phases.
8. The **feasibility study phase** is carried out before resources are committed to the development and implementation of a computer application. The study should include :
 - a. A description of existing procedures;
 - b. An analysis of alternative solutions regarding different types of equipment, programming tools and alternative solutions other than computer applications;
 - c. Benefits evaluation (tangible and intangible);
 - d. Cost evaluation (one-time and recurring);
 - e. Final selection of the solution, considering economic (costs and benefits), technical, operational and environmental factors. The solution must provide benefits, be technically possible to develop and operate smoothly in the user's environment.

The feasibility study ends with a written report which, after the user's acceptance forms a foundation for further development work.

9. The **system analysis phase** is carried out to obtain a good grasp of the existing work procedures and information flow. This should include :
 - a. A detailed review of the existing system;
 - b. Identification of the system objectives;
 - c. Identification of design constraints;
 - d. Analysis of the information needs and flow

At the end of the system analysis phase, a functional specifications is produced which describes the input, processing and output requirements (information needs) from the perspective of the application user. It forms the basis for further development work, after the user's approval.

10. The **system design phase** transforms the user requirements contained in the functional specifications into :
 - a. General system design;
 - b. Detailed system design

A decision should be made on whether to create the computer application in-house or buy from outside. Application packages if available, may be lower in cost and reduces the lead time to implement. However, in-house developed application offers greater operating efficiency and can cater to the unique needs of the organization more effectively.

The general system design is derived after considering the alternative approaches to meet the functional specifications. One popular, but less creative approach is to "computerize" the existing

system. That is, to design a system that mirrors the logic and procedures of the existing system. A general system design depicts the relationship between major processing activities and has enough details for the application users to determine whether or not this is what they want. This will include:

- a. A graphic illustration that depicts the fundamental operation of the proposed application system;
- b. A written explanation of the graphic illustration;
- c. General descriptions of the outputs to be produced by the system, including display screens and hard-copy reports and documents.

The detailed system design is prepared after the general system design is approved by the application users. It specifies the detailed input, output, processing and control requirements and is the blueprint for further development work.

In designing the application system it will be necessary to :

- a. Institute manual procedures and controls in the system design to ensure data integrity and system security. These would include error detection, redundancy checks and provision for system recovery in the event of failure. Nevertheless, it is essential to strike a balance, to avoid an over-controlled system that is expensive to operate and produces information which is not timely.
- b. Strike a balance between a costly/flexible and a cheaper/less flexible design depending on the budget and time allocated for the project since most computer applications are likely to be changed during their useful life. These changes are unforeseen and can be very costly to make.

11. The **system construction phase** converts the detailed design into computer programs. This will involve :

- a. Preparation of detailed technical specifications for program development;
- b. Program creation, testing and documentation;
- c. Final system testing

12. The **user acceptance phase** involves user testing of the developed application to verify that all the specified requirements are met. This is done to obtain the user's approval to proceed with implementation of the application developed.

13. **User training** is carried out to familiarize the user with the operation of the computer application before its implementation. The training session will include :

- a. An introduction to the functionality of the application;
- b. A demonstration of the application;
- c. An introductory hands-on walk-through of the application;
- d. Familiarization with the application through hands-on practice session using test data.

14. A **post-implementation review** is conducted three to six months after the application is put into production. It is a critical examination of the application. The gestation period is necessary to allow several factors to stabilize: the resistance, anxieties and the learning curve of the system user. It also allows time for unanticipated problems to surface.

15. Once an application system is implemented and goes on-line, the application enters the **system maintenance phase**. An application system is dynamic and must be responsive to the changing needs of the organization. There are two approaches to system maintenance :

- a. Reactive approach which is the least desirable. This involves doing nothing to the application unless requested to do so by the people who use it.
- b. Proactive approach which is more effective. This requires the application to be reviewed once or twice a year by a review team made up of analysts and users. The team will interview users of the application at all levels, from clerks to executive management and information technology professionals assigned to the system. The focus of the interviews is system efficiency and effectiveness and how the system can be improved.

16. An application system cannot live forever. The accumulation of modifications and enhancements over time will eventually make the application system cumbersome and inefficient. In general, an application system will remain useful for four to seven years. Toward the end of the useful life it will be cumbersome to change and is better to redesign the system from scratch. This is the "death" stage of the application cycle. A new application is then "born" and the application development cycle is repeated.

Chapter III

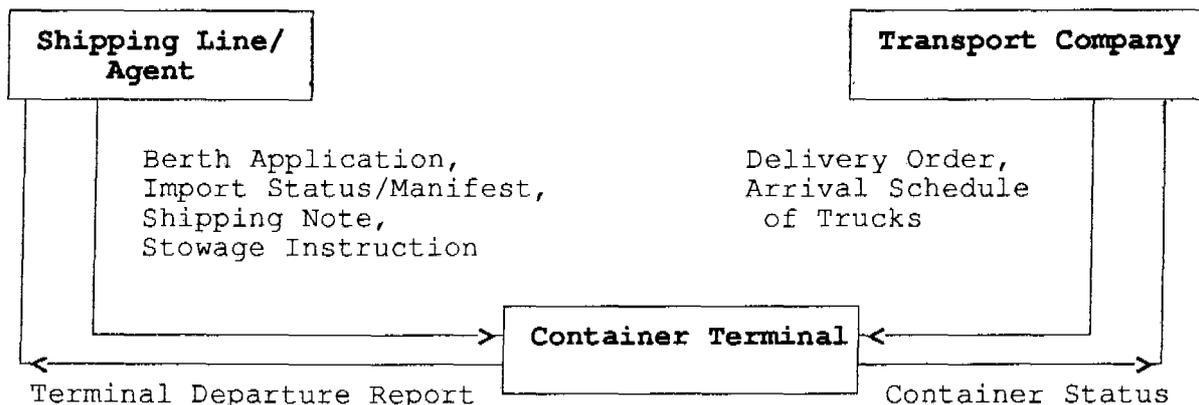
SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTAINER TERMINAL MANAGEMENT

17. Many processes in container terminal management can be computerized to increase the operational efficiency of the terminal. The degree of computerization adopted depends on the benefits which again depends on the projected level of activity, handling capacity of the terminal, management's inclination in achieving manpower savings and other environmental factors such as cooperation from the shipping community, the labour union and government regulatory bodies.

18. Generally, computerization should reduce the manual effort and paper flow, facilitate timely information flow among parties and enhance control and quality of service and decision made. The main benefits provided by a computer application in container terminal management are :

- Faster discharging and loading of containers;
- Increased productivity through faster turnaround of containers;
- Better monitoring of the storage of containers;
- Better utilization of terminal resources;
- High level of accuracy of information;
- High level of consistency of the information used by various departments of the terminal;
- Relieve the pressure of time-critical documentation and clerical workload;
- Better service for customers through more accurate and easily accessible information about a desired operation;
- Speeding up of invoices and thus income, if defined routines exist to translate operational events recorded in the computer into charges to the customer.

19. The information flow into and out of the container terminal has to be mapped out. Generally, for a typical terminal the flows are depicted below.



20. The core applications for Container Terminal Management can be grouped into :
- a. Logistics Control;
 - b. Container Control;
 - c. Ship Operations Control;
 - d. Container Terminal Performance Control.

Chapter IV

COMPUTERIZATION OF LOGISTICS CONTROL

21. Logistics control involves maintenance, planning and controlling the use of the expensive resources of the terminal such as berths, container stacking yard, container handling equipment and manpower.

22. An application module for **berth allocation** maintains information on past and berth usages and planned occupancy of the berths by incoming ships. Reports are produced to assist decision making on berth assignments. Berth assignments are validated to ensure that marine safety and other physical constraints are observed.

Inputs to the module will include berth application from shipping line/agent, current and planned occupation of the berths.

Outputs from the module will include a vessel schedule, berthing schedule and berthing chart. Samples of computer screen/report are given below. The annex gives an explanation of the abbreviations used in the screens.

a. Berth application screen

This captures details of berth application submitted by shipping line/agent.

		Berth Application		03/06/92-1220	
VSL/VOY	: SD STAR	123N	A/C	:	375811
GRT	: 4536		TYPE	:	CF
LOA	: 119 m		AGT	:	SEA-LAND
BTR	: 060692 0700		P FR	:	PEMNL
ETU	: 060692 2359		P TO	:	MYPKG
BTH DFT	: 8.6 m		UNBTH DFT	:	8.6 m
WHARFSIDE	: PORT				
		- CNTR DISC -	- CNTR LOAD-		
		20FT 40FT	20FT 40FT		
LADEN (GP)	:	100	30	160	20
MT	:	10	5	10	3
HAZARDOUS	:	5	3	2	4
OH	:	2	2	1	0
OW	:	0	1	0	1

b. Berth allocation screen

This captures details of berth assignment to a vessel.

Berth Allocation		03/06/92-1220	
VSL/VOY	: SD STAR 123N	A/C	: 375811
GRT	: 4536	TYPE	: CF
LOA	: 119 m	AGT	: SEA-LAND
ETB	: 060692 0700	BTH NO	: C03
WM FR	: 340	WM TO	: 459
WHARFSIDE	: PORT		
CRANES	: 31 32		
ETC	: 060692 2330		

c. Vessel berthing screen

This captures details of vessel which have berthed alongside.

Vessel Berthing		06/06/92-0710	
VSL/VOY	: SD STAR 123N	TYPE	: CF
GRT	: 4536	A/C	: 375811
LOA	: 119 m	AGT	: SEA-LAND
ATB	: 060692 0700	BTH NO	: C03
WM FR	: 340	WM TO	: 459
WHARFSIDE	: PORT		

d. Vessel unberthing screen

This captures details of vessel which have unberthed.

Vessel Unberthing		07/06/92-0040	
VSL/VOY	: SD STAR 123N	TYPE	: CF
GRT	: 4536	A/C	: 375811
LOA	: 119 m	AGT	: SEA-LAND
ATU	: 060692 2330	BTH NO	: C03
WM FR	: 340	WM TO	: 459
WHARFSIDE	: PORT		

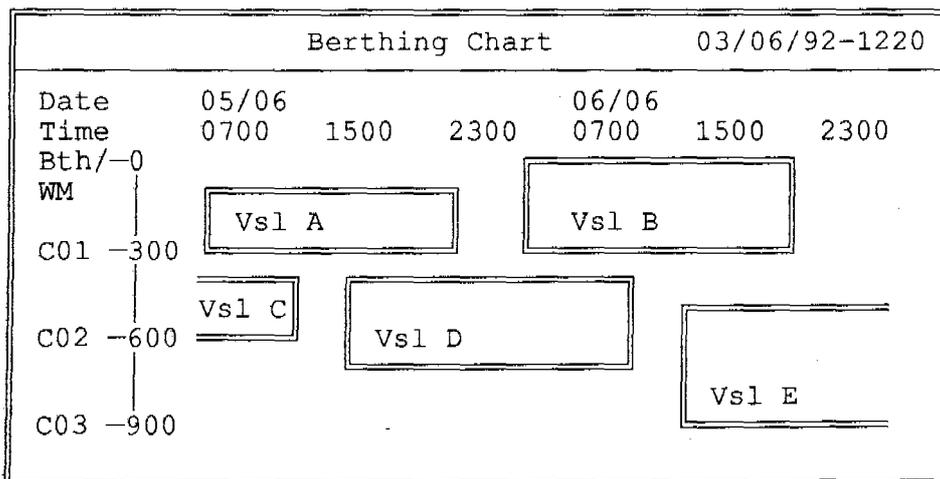
e. Vessel schedule screen

This shows the berth application details of vessels which have applied for berths in chronological order of vessel's BTR (Berth Time Required) to facilitate assignment of berths by the berth planner.

Vessel Schedule 05/06 to 06/06 03/06/92-1220							
VSL/VOY		TYPE	BTR	P FR	DISC	BTH/UNBTH	
		LOA	ETU	P TO	LDG	DFT	
MS GLORY	23	C2	05/2300	MYPNG	199	8.8	
			169	06/0700	THBKG	216	8.9
SD STAR	123N	CF	06/0700	PHMNL	121	8.6	
			119	06/2359	MYPKG	139	8.6
MV STAR	45W	CF	06/0800	THBKG	110	8.5	
			110	06/2359	THBKG	100	8.4
N TOPAZ	83S	C2	06/0700	HKHKG	220	8.9	
			159	06/2359	TWKSH	200	8.8

f. Berthing Chart

This shows a graphical layout of vessel assignments to available berths.



g. Berthing schedule screen

This shows the schedule of vessels berthing at the terminal in chronological order of vessel's ETB (Estimated Time of Berthing, ie date/time a berth is assigned to the vessel).

Berthing Schedule 05/06 to 06/06 03/06/92-1220					
VSL/VOY	TYPE	ETB	DISC	BTH/WM	CRANES
	LOA	ETC	LDG	FR TO	ASSGN
MS GLORY 23	C2	05/2300	199	C03	15,16,17
	169	06/0600	216	410 579	
SD STAR 123N	CF	06/0700	121	C02	13,14
	119	06/2330	139	270 389	
MV STAR 45W	CF	06/0830	110	C01	11,12
	110	06/2359	100	030 140	
N TOPAZ 83S	C2	06/0700	220	C03	15,16,17
	159	06/2300	200	410 569	

23. An application module for **yard allocation** maintains a profile of all the yard space in the terminal and information on the allocation of yard space to ships. The system tracks the balance of yard space reserved in relation to the actual volume and mix of inland export containers received to-date.

Inputs to the module will include the profile of yard space in the terminal, yard space allocation to incoming ships and yard space freed by outgoing ships.

Outputs of the module will report on the yard space allocated and their balance. Samples of computer screen/report are given below.

a. Yard Profile screen

This captures details of yard blocks in the terminal.

Yard Profile						03/06/92-1220
YARD BLOCK	:	J				
ROW FROM	:	21				
ROW TO	:	28				
YARD TYPE	:	SC	(Straddle Carrier)			
MAX GRD LOAD	:	299	(Metric Tonnes)			
SLOT FROM	SLOT TO	MAX HGT	EQPT TYPE	EAT SEQ	CNTR TYPE	
1	14	3	SC	B	GP	
15	28	3	SC	S	OH OW FR	

b. Yard allocation screen

This captures the yard ranges allocated to each vessel berthing at the terminal.

Yard Allocation										03/06/92-1220
VSL/VOY : SD STAR										123
PORT	SZ	CAT	WC	YD BLK	ROW FR	TO	SLOT FR TO		HIGH	
1	DEHAM	2	AB	X	U	02		08		4
2	DEHAM	2	GP	M	W	01	06	01	02	4
3	DEHAM	2	GP	H	W	01	06	03	04	4
4	DEHAM	4	GP	M	W	01	06	05	06	4
5	DEHAM	4	GP	H	W	01	06	07	08	4
6	DEHAM	2	OW	H	Z	03	03	01	04	1

c. Yard allocation and balance screen

This shows the yard ranges allocated to a vessel, the number of slots occupied and the balance left for incoming containers.

Yard Allocated and Balance										03/06/92-1220
VSL/VOY : SD STAR										123
PORT	/SZ/CAT/WC	YD BLK	ROW FR	TO	SLOT FR	TO	HT	NO. OCCP	SLOTS BAL	
1	DEHAM/2 /AB /X	U	02		08		4	02	02	
2	DEHAM/2 /GP /M	W	01	06	01	02	4	36	12	
3	DEHAM/2 /GP /H	W	01	06	03	04	4	15	33	
4	DEHAM/4 /GP /M	W	01	06	05	06	4	05	19	
5	DEHAM/4 /GP /H	W	01	06	07	08	4	20	04	
6	DEHAM/2 /OW /H	Z	03	03	01	04	1	03	01	

24. An application module for **manpower roster/deployment** maintains a roster of the staff available for deployment. The module derives the staff roster, plans or alternatively captures the manpower deployment plan worked out manually. The module keeps track of work done by each of the staff and facilitates computation of staff remuneration.

Inputs to the module will include staff details, staff roster and deployment plan. Outputs of the module include the staff roster and manpower deployment plan. Samples of computer screen/report are given below.

a. Staff record screen

This captures details of each operations staff of the terminal.

Staff Record		03/06/92-1220
STAFF NO	:	AB123
NAME	:	JOHN TAN
EFFECTIVE DATE	:	01/06/85
JOB FUNCTION	:	C (Container Machine Operator)
SECTION/UNIT	:	S1 (Section 1)
RELIGION	:	B (Buddhist)
SKILLS	:	QC (Quay Crane) YC (Yard Crane) SC (Straddle Carrier)

b. Staff roster screen

This captures the roster of each operations staff of the terminal.

Staff Roster		03/06/92-1220
STAFF NO :	AB123	NAME : JOHN TAN
JULY 92	1 2 3 4 5 H 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 0	P 1 2
GRP ROSTER	3 0 2 2 R 1 1 3 3 0 2 2 R 1 1 3 3 0 2	
INDV ROSTER	1	2
LEAVE CODE		V V
LIGHT DUTY		

c. Staff deployment screen

This captures details of the staff deployment to support terminal operations.

Staff Deployment		03/06/92-1220
STAFF NO	:	AB123
NAME	:	JOHN TAN
JOB FUNCTION	:	C (Container Machine Operator)
SKILLS	:	QC (Quay Crane) YC (Yard Crane) SC (Straddle Carrier)
ROSTER DTE/SHFT:	04/06/92 1	
DEPLOYMENT AREA:	QC 12	

d. Manpower deployment list

This shows the overall deployment of operations staff to support terminal operations in a shift. For example, the deployment of manpower to support ship operations.

Manpower Deployment Plan 03/06/92-1900					
DATE : 04/06/92 SHIFT : 1					
CRANE	VESSEL(S)	OPTR	TA WHARF	TA SHIP	PM DRIVERS
11	SIRI BHUM EAGLE BREEZE	SD142	ND033	ND111	PD479 PD770 PD102 PD542
12	SIRI BHUM EAGLE BREEZE	SD153	ND022	ND080	PD071 PD080 PD391 PD550
13	MS TAURO METTE MS	SD053	ND161	ND220	PD506 PD317 PD503 PD626
14	MS TAURO METTE MS	SE102	NE123	NE324	PE320 PE319 PE335 PE336

25. An application module for **equipment deployment** maintains record of the type and quantity of equipment available for deployment and details of equipment utilization. The module plans or alternatively captures the deployment plan worked out manually. Samples of computer screen/report are given below.

a. Equipment record screen

This captures details of each container handling equipment in the terminal.

Equipment Record		03/06/92-1220
EQPT NO	:	YC001
EQPT TYPE	:	YC (Yard Crane)
EFFECTIVE DATE	:	01/06/85
NO ROWS ACROSS	:	06
NO TIERS	:	05
ASSET NO	:	34111
MANUFACTURER	:	MITSUBISHI

b. Equipment deployment screen

This captures the deployment of the equipment to support terminal operations or for preventive maintenance.

Equipment Deployment Record		03/06/92-1220
EQPT NO	:	YC001
NO ROWS ACROSS	:	06
NO TIERS	:	05
DATE/SHIFT	:	04/06/92 1
DEPLOYMENT AREA:		BLK W

c. Equipment deployment list

This shows the overall deployment of container handling equipment for preventive maintenance and repair and to support terminal operations in a shift.

Equipment Deployment Plan									03/06/92-1900		
DATE :									04/06/92	SHIFT :	1
SC	AREA	OPTR	YC	AREA	OPTR		YC	AREA	OPTR		
001	BLE	TE021	001	BLR	PF033		016	BLR	TD010		
002	B/D	-	002	BLS	PF077		017	BLS	TD217		
003	RYD	TE178	003	BLT	PF247		018	P/M	-		
004	BLG	TE110	004	BLU	PF271		019	BLU	TE126		
005	P/M	-	005	BLV	PF448		020	BLV	RE245		
006	BLF	TF422	006	BLW	PE364		021	BLD	TE093		
007	BLH	TF074	007	BLX	PE023		022	BLE	RE095		
008	SBY	-	008	P/M	PE422		023	SBY	-		
009	RYD	TF066	009	BLY	LD057		024	BLY	TE827		
010	BLN	TF430	010	BLZ	LD650		025	BLZ	TE453		
			011	B/D	-		026	RYD	RF230		
FM	AREA	OPTR	012	RYD	TF870		027	B/D	-		
			013	BLA	TF163		028	BLA	TD910		
001	BLY	LD023	014	BLB	TD888		029	BLB	TF186		
002	P/M	-	015	BLC	TE568		030	P/M	-		

d. Equipment utilization screen

This captures details of equipment utilization during one of the operational shift.

Equipment Utilization Record		03/06/92-1900	
EQPT NO	:	YC001	
DATE/SHIFT	:	03/06/92 1	
EQPT OPTR	:	LD023	
TIME		OPERATIONS	
FR	TO	CODE	
0700	0830	01	(Ship - Discharging Operations)
0830	1000	11	(Yard - Receiving Operations)
1000	1100	01	(Ship - Discharging Operations)
1100	1145	99	(Standby for Meal Break)
1145	1230	02	(Ship - Loading Operations)
1230	1300	12	(Yard - Shifting Operations)
1300	1400	02	(Ship - Loading Operations)
1400	1500	98	(Standby for Operations)

Chapter V

COMPUTERIZATION OF CONTAINER CONTROL

26. Container control involves the receiving of export container from inland and import container discharged from ships at a port. It also involves the releasing of import container to consignee and loading of the export container onto ships at a port.

27. The relatively short turnaround time of the vessels demands an up-to-date record of the containers received, released and stored in the terminal. Keeping an up-to-date manual record would be very labour intensive and tedious. The massive volume of information to be maintained warrants the use of a computer system to reduce the manual effort to ensure accuracy in the information recorded. An up-to-date inventory of containers and their locations in the yard speeds up operations when a specific container has to be retrieved. Special emphasis should be given to obtain information of containers in advance for planning of ship operations, so that ship operations can start upon berthing of the vessel.

28. An application module for **container documentation** maintains records of requests for shipment, discharge and delivery of containers. The module produces documentary proof for purpose of control on the entry and exit of containers from the terminal gate.

Inputs to the module will include shipping note, import status or manifest and delivery order. Outputs of the module include an equipment interchange receipt. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Import container record screen

This captures the details of each container declared for discharge from a vessel at the terminal.

Import Container Record	03/06/92-1220
VSL/VOY : AXEL MS 9112	
CNTR NO : MAEU 5025945	CELL NO : 090106
CNTR OPTR : MS	STATUS : F (L/E/F)
PLOAD : IDPKU	SIZE : 2
WEIGHT : 18000	DG : N (Y/N)
RF TEMP : (+/-) (C/F)	
O-WIDTH : (C/I)	
O-HEIGHT : (C/I)	
O-LENGTH : (C/I)	
OTH-SP-DTL:	

b. Export container record screen

This captures the details of each container declared for shipment on a vessel at the terminal.

Export Container Record	03/06/92-1220
VSL/VOY : BALTIMAR SUN 92/06	
CNTR NO : NOSU 2175226	
CNTR OPTR : NA	STATUS : F (L/E/F)
PLOAD : IDPKU	SIZE : 2
WEIGHT : 18000	DG : N (Y/N)
RF TEMP : (+/-) (C/F)	
O-WIDTH : (C/I)	
O-HEIGHT : (C/I)	
O-LENGTH : (C/I)	
OTH-SP-DTL:	

c. Container delivery screen

This captures details of request to deliver container from the terminal.

Container Delivery Request	03/06/92-1220
CNTR NO : NOSU 2175226	
DELV DATE : 04/06/92	DELV TIME : 1000 - 1200
HAULIER : ACS	
DELV ORDR : 92/56/034	

d. Import container list

This shows the containers declared for discharge from a vessel.

Import Container List	03/06/92-1220						
VSL/VOY : TAHAN AIR 74S							
CNTR NO	CELL NO	OPTR	ST	PLOAD	SZ	WT	DG
MAEU 5025945	090106	MS	F	IDPKU	2	18.0	N
ICSU 4148175	090206	MP	F	IDPKU	2	19.5	N
BARU 3312442	090306	MP	F	IDPKU	2	16.0	N
TPHU 6182612	090406	MP	F	IDPKU	2	14.0	N
XLCU 2089453	090506	NL	F	IDPKU	2	23.0	N
TPHU 6026862	090606	SB	F	IDPKU	2	17.0	N
XCLU 2082295	090706	SB	F	IDPKU	2	12.4	N
TRIU 2929323	090204	NL	F	IDJKT	2	19.9	N

e. Equipment interchange receipt

This shows the details of container to be received at or to be released from the terminal gate. It serves as a documentary proof for purpose of control on entry and exit.

EQUIPMENT INTERCHANGE RECEIPT		Serial No : 123456K	
(to be filled in by person effecting shipment/delivery) DECLARATION Haulier signature Seal No : Date/Time Name & NRIC No staff signature Employee No	Weighbridge Figures		
	Overall Weight		
	Chassis Weight		
	Prime Mover Wt		
	Gross Cntr Wt		
		Condition Codes	
		o Damage	o Hole
		o Dent	o Part Missing
		o Cut	
		Container No	ICSU 4920756
Vessel/Voyage SIRI BHUM 12N	Special Details		
Cntr Sz/Status/Wt 2/F/24000	Yard Location		
Haulier ACS	Date/Time Processed		
Date/Time In	Date/Time Offloaded		
Date/Time Mounted	Date/Time Out		

29. An application module for **gate management** controls the arrival and exit of containers at the terminal gate. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Export receiving screen

This shows the schedule available for hauliers to bring in inland export containers to the terminal for storage prior to their loading.

Export Receiving Schedule			03/06/92-1220	
Schd Date : 04/06/92				
VSL/VOY	ETB	SNO	BOOKING AVAIL	
AKA BHUM	482N 04/1900	1	40	
AL WAJBA	58 04/1900	1	20	
BENALDER	106 04/2100	2	40	
P GARFIELD	046N 05/0700	3	20	
NEW GENLORD	5691 05/0700	3	20	
TAKARI IV	4078 05/0900	3	20	

b. Delivery schedule screen

This summarises the number of containers requested for delivery from the terminal gate.

Delivery Schedule		03/06/92-1220	
Schd Date : 04/06/92			
TIME FR/TO	NO 20-FT	NO 40-FT	
0700 - 0759	20	10	
0800 - 0859	32	12	
0900 - 0959	40	21	
1000 - 1059	30	29	
1100 - 1159	28	20	
1200 - 1259	17	09	
1300 - 1359	10	05	

c. Container arrival screen

This captures details of a container which has arrived at the terminal gate for storage or for direct loading at the shipside.

Container Arrival Record		03/06/92-1220	
DATE/TIME	:	03/06/92 1220	
CONTAINER NO	:	ICSU 4920756	
CONDITION CODE	:	D (Dent)	
CONTAINER WT	:	24000	
YD RANGE ASSGN	:	Blk W Row 5 Slot 05 High 4	

d. Container exit screen

This captures details of a container which is brought to the terminal gate for delivery from the terminal.

Container Exit Record		03/06/92-1220	
DATE/TIME	:	03/06/92 1220	
CONTAINER NO	:	XCLU 2082295	
CONDITION CODE	:		

30. An application module for **yard management** maintains record of containers stacked in the terminal yard. Reports are produced by the system to monitor the stay of containers in the yard. Samples of computer screens/reports are shown below.

a. Container movement screen

This captures the last known location of the container in the terminal yard.

Container Movement Record	03/06/92-1230
CONTAINER NO	: ICSU 4920756
YARD LOCATION	: W05051

b. Container record screen

This shows the details of each container record maintained in the computer system.

Container Record	03/06/92-1240		
CONTAINER NO	: ICSU 4920756	YD LOCN	: W05051
LDG VSL/VOY	: SIRI BHUM 12N	CNTR SZ	: 2
CNTR STATUS	: F	CNTR WT	: 24000
CNTR OPTR	: NP	COND	: Dent
HAULIER	: ACS	ARRIVED	: Y
SP DETAILS	:	PDISC	: MYBKI
DG-IMO-CLASS	:	STOW CAT	: GP
REEFER TEMP	:		
O-WIDTH	:		
O-HEIGHT	:		
O-LENGTH	:		

c. Yard layout screen

This shows a pictorial view of container lying within a specified yard range.

Yard Layout Blk W Row 05 Slot 05-06 03/06/92-1245		
Row 05	Slot 05	Slot 06
4		
3		NYKU 6741293 F/2/18000/GP
2		MOLU 5006809 F/2/17000/GP
1	ICSU 4920756 F/2/24000/GP	NOSU 2175226 F/2/18000/GP

d. Container lying screen

This shows the details of containers lying in the terminal yard beyond a specified number of days.

Container Lying Beyond 7 days				03/06/92-1245	
CONTAINER NO	VSL/VOY		DAYS		REMARKS
NOSU 2175226	TAHAN AIR	74S	7		SHUT-OUT
TPHU 2873914	TAHAN AIR	74S	7		SHUT-OUT
GSTU 4648297	AYSEN	20N	7		BTR DELAYED
GSTU 4617300	AYSEN	20N	7		BTR DELAYED
CTIU 1907228	AYSEN	20N	7		BTR DELAYED
NEPU 2444141	LLOYDIANA	30D	7		SHUT-OUT
LTIU 4235677	LLOYDIANA	30D	8		SHUT-OUT
LTIU 4235614	LLOYDIANA	30D	8		SHUT-OUT

Chapter VI

COMPUTERIZATION OF SHIP OPERATIONS CONTROL

31. Ship operations control involves planning, executing and monitoring the loading/discharging operations of ships at a port.

32. To ensure that ships are turned around within it allocated port time, it is essential to pre-plan an efficient sequence of ship operations and monitor closely the progress of operations. For marine safety, it is also critical that the discharging and loading activities are carried out in a manner which ensures the stability of the ship whilst alongside. Ships must also sail in a stable condition for its voyage to the next port, therefore, computation of the ship's trim and stability is essential.

33. An application module for **discharge planning** plans the sequence of discharge of container from a ship taking into consideration the ship structure and stowage of containers on board the ship. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Discharging list

This provides instructions to discharge containers from a ship.

DISC		WT	CNTR NO	ST	ACTUAL YD	LOCN/	CNTR
SEQ			CELL		YD RANGE	ASSGN	COND
1	3.5	MAEU 4005631	300610	E	() () () ()	Y R 21-29 S 09-10	5 H
2	3.5	MAEU 2530136	300510	E	() () () ()	Y R 21-29 S 09-10	5 H
3	3.5	MAEU 2069480	300410	E	() () () ()	Y R 21-29 S 09-10	5 H
4	3.5	MAEU 2021268	300310	E	() () () ()	Y R 21-29 S 09-10	5 H
5	3.5	MAEU 2089669	300210	E	() () () ()	Y R 21-29 S 09-10	5 H

34. An application module for **stowage planning** assists the planner in picking export containers from the terminal yard and loading them onto the ship.

Inputs to the module include export container records, ship profile and stowage instruction. Outputs from the module include wharf tickets, loading list, loading bay plan and terminal departure reports. Samples of computer screens/reports are shown below.

a. Wharf ticket

This is printed for each export container declared for shipment on a ship. It contains the details of the container essential for ship planning. The ship planner fills in the vessel cell location and the loading sequence.

			Wharf Ticket		
Container No		Vessel Name		Voyage No	
OLCU 2101864		ANRO AUST		16715	
Yard Location		Port of Discharge		Wt Class	
E 32 45 1		AUSMB		M	
Vsl Cell No		Loading Sequence		Size/Type	
				2200	
Bay	Row	Tier			

b. Loading list

This provides instructions on the sequence of picking export containers from the terminal yard and loading them to specific cell locations on board the ship.

Loading List		03/06/92-1445				
Vessel/Voyage : Baltimar Sun 92/06						
Bay : 11D		Crane Sequence : F040			Sz : 2	
SEQ	CNTR NO	OP	YD LOC	CELL	WT	PDISC
01	IEAU 2067603	KH	U83392	110182	20.5	IDPKU
02	GLDU 0102472	KH	U84392	110282	19.3	IDPKU
03	TPHU 6537991	KH	U83322	110382	19.5	IDPKU
04	TPHU 6559563	KH	U84324	110482	19.1	IDPKU
05	KHLU 9023005	KH	U81363	110582	16.5	IDPKU
06	ICSU 4746670	KH	U82382	110682	20.4	IDPKU

c. Loading bay plan

This provides a pictorial view of containers to be loaded on board a ship.

Loading Bay Plan						03/06/92-1645
Vessel/Voyage : Baltimar Sun 92/06						Bay : 11D
PKU/SIN HLCU 2081820 HL 5.7 110584	PKU/SIN BENU 2323011 BC 3.6 110384	PKU/SIN HLCU 2045274 IH 5.0 110184	PKU/SIN OCLU 0669896 PO 4.0 110284	PKU/SIN HLCU 2355562 HL 6.0 110484	PKU/SIN OCLU 0771383 PO 3.1 110684	TIER:84 30.63KG * 27.4T 839MT
PKU/SIN KHLU 9023005 KH 16.5 110582	PKU/SIN TPHU 6537991 KH 19.5 110382	PKU/SIN IEAU 2067603 KH 20.5 110182	PKU/SIN GLDU 0102472 KH 19.3 110282	PKU/SIN TPHU 6559563 KH 19.1 110482	PKU/SIN KHLU 9023005 KH 16.5 110682	TIER:82 28.01KG *111.4T 3120MT
4.93TG * 22.2T 109MT	2.46TG * 23.1T 56MT	2.46TG * 25.5T 63MT	4.93TG * 23.3T 114MT	9.85TG * 25.1T 247MT	7.93TG * 19.6T 155MT	TOTAL 138.8T 4013MT
Row : 05						Row : 06
Row : 03		Row : 01		Row : 02		Row : 04

d. Terminal departure report

This provides information on the discrepancies of containers discharged, ie overlanded or shortlanded; summary of loadings at the terminal and details of containers loaded at the terminal, with a separate listing for each type of special containers such as reefers, uncontainerized cargo, dangerous goods, etc. An extract of the sample report is shown below.

Terminal Departure Report		03/06/92-1245			
1. VSL/VOY : BREMEN EX 03/026					
2. CONTAINER SHORTLANDED / OVERLANDED :					
CNTR NO	CELL	REMARKS			
HLCU 2621927	020582	Shortlanded			
HLCU 2061969	020582	Overlanded			
3. LOADING SUMMARY :					
	HL	MO	NY	TOTAL	
EUHAM					
20/40 LADEN	149/ 95	31/ 29	62/ 16	242/140	
TOTAL WT	2116.9	670.1	667.5	3454.5	
EULEH					
20/40 LADEN	55/ 24	14/ 24	15/ 14	84/ 62	
TOTAL WT	719.2	421.9	225.5	1366.6	
EURTM					
20/40 LADEN	32/ 11	34/ 11	35/ 30	101/ 52	
TOTAL WT	389.0	341.8	649.3	1380.6	
TOTAL (EUROPE)					
20/40 LADEN	236/120	79/ 64	112/ 60	427/244	
TOTAL WT	3225.1	1433.8	1542.3	6201.7	

Terminal Departure Report		03/06/92-1245	
4. COASTAL LADEN CONTAINER DETAILS FOR EUHAM :			
OP	CNTR NO	CELL	G.WT REMARKS
1	NY NYKU 6630984	420286	12.7
2	NY NYKU 6730129	420486	10.1
3	NY NYKU 6586270	420686	9.5
4	HL HLCU 2056643	451286	5.6
5	HL HLCU 2938940	471282	12.8
6	HL HLCU 2017776	471184	6.7
7	HL HLCU 2061296	471284	6.5
8	NY NYKU 2166134	490582	7.1
5. REEFER CONTAINER :			
OP	CNTR NO	CELL	PDISC G.WT REMARKS
1	MO MOLU 5063579	140484	EUHAM 10.3 C-21-21
2	HL HLCU 2707088	390282	EUHAM 12.4 C+01+01
3	HL HLCU 2705634	390482	EUHAM 10.0 C+02+02
4	HL HLCU 2703267	510582	EURTM 24.5 C+03+03
6. DANGEROUS GOODS :			
OP	CNTR NO	CELL	PDISC G.WT IMO
1	MO TRIU 2517417	391082	EUHAM 11.0 6.1
2	HL HLCU 2352202	510882	EUHAM 11.5 2.2
3	HL HLCU 2904180	570718	EUHAM 7.0 4.1
7. UNCONTAINERIZED CARGO : NIL			
8. OVERSIZED CONTAINER : NIL			

35. An application module for **trim and stability** computes the trim and stability of the ship.

Inputs to the module include the ship's arrival and departure tank conditions, transit, discharge and loading weight summary. Output from the module is the trim and stability report. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Transit weight screen

This captures the transit container weight summary.

Transit Weight										03/06/92-1245
VSL/VOY : B KENARI					245	BAY : 23H				
PORT	STBD								TIER	
08	06	04	02	01	03	05	07	WT	NO	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	08	
12.9	11.1	9.0	11.0	10.0	12.0	13.5	11.5	91.0	06	
11.9	12.1	8.0	12.0	10.0	11.0	14.5	10.5	90.0	04	
13.1	12.1	10.0	12.4	14.2	12.3	15.2	12.2	101.5	02	

b. Trim and stability report

This shows the ship's computed trim and stability statement. An extract of the statement is shown below.

Trim & Stability Statement					03/06/92-1900
VSL/VOY : WANA BHUM					11N
BAY-NAME	WEIGHT	V-MOMENT	L-MOMENT	LCG	
01D	0.0	0	0	55.49-	
01H	0.0	0	0	55.22-	
07D	16.0	267	88-	5.53-	
07H	206.2	775	1,105-	5.36-	
09H	0.0	0	0	1.72	
09D	218.5	927	354	1.62	
11D	0.0	0	0	7.86	
11H	241.1	1,032	1,919	7.96	
13D	61.9	1,034	1,525	24.63	
13H	444.7	2,179	10,926	24.57	
L O A D E D S H I P S U M M A R Y					
ITEM	WEIGHT	V-MOMENT	L-MOMENT	F.S.C	
FUEL OIL	739.0	5,016	5,155-	347	
DIESEL OIL	0.0	0	0	0	
LUBRICATION OIL	0.0	0	0	0	
FRESH WATER	248.0	2,612	15,452	289	
WATER BALLAST	3,368.0	9,411	49,632	8,354	
OTHER TANKS	0.0	0	0	0	
CARGO	1,188.4	6,214	13,531	0	
STORES	216.0	2,311	7,862	0	
LIGHT SHIP	5,846.6	55,669	51,859	0	
T O T A L :	11,606.0	81,233	33,917	8,990	
DISPLACEMENT OF LOADED SHIP = 11,606.0					
T R I M S T A T E M E N T					
FORWARD DRAFT	= 3.41				
AFT DRAFT	= 6.55				
MEAN DRAFT	= 4.93 M (SUMMER LOAD LINE : 8.98 M)				
MEAN DRAFT	= 4.93 M (SUMMER LOAD LINE : 8.98 M)				

S T A B I L I T Y S T A T E M E N T			
K.M	=	10.37	MTC = 19,771.8490
K.G	=	7.00	LCB = 2.4218-
G.M AVAILABLE	=	3.37 M	LCF = 2.2099-
F.S.C	=	0.77 M	
CORRECTED G.M	=	2.60 M	(MIN G.M REQUIRED : 0.50 M)

36. An application module for **loading and discharging** accounts for all the containers discharged from and loaded on a ship at the terminal. It also maintains records of progress of ship operations.

Inputs to the module include discharging list, loading list and operations time sheet. The output from the module is the container discharge discrepancy list. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Container discharge screen

This captures details of containers discharged.

Container Discharged	03/06/92-1245
VSL/VOY : OCEAN OSAKA	16/233
CNTR NO : MOLU 4206253	LANDED/OVER/SHORT : L
YD LOC : N50131	CONDITION CODE :
	DISCH OVERSIDE ? : N

b. Container loaded screen

This captures details of containers loaded.

Container Loaded	03/06/92-1245
VSL/VOY : OCEAN OSAKA	16/233
OPTION =====> 1	CRANE SEQ/BAY :
1 LOAD BY VESSEL	
2 LOAD BY CNTR	
3 LOAD BY SEQ/BAY	

c. Quay crane operations time sheet screen

This captures details of progress of ship operations.

Quay Crane Operations Time Sheet		04/06/92-0915			
VSL/VOY	: NOR SUSAN	911-1	CRANE	: 21	
OPRN DATE	: 03/06/92				
	OPTR	OPRN CODE	TIME START	BAY	20F 40F
1	SG167	50	2300		
2		60	2310		
3		50	2325		
4		35	2330		
5		12	2335	09D	10
6		12	0005	09D	05
7		12	0030	10D	11
8		12	0100	10D	08
9		12	0125	11D	08
10		12	0155	11D	07

d. Discharge discrepancy list

This list highlights containers shortlanded or overlanded.

Discharge Discrepancy		04/06/92-1245	
VSL/VOY	: NOR SUSAN	911-1	
CONTAINER SHORTLANDED / OVERLANDED :			
	CNTR NO	CELL	REMARKS
	HLCU 2621927	020582	Shortlanded
	HLCU 2061969	020582	Overlanded

Chapter VII

COMPUTERIZATION OF CONTAINER TERMINAL PERFORMANCE CONTROL

37. Container terminal performance control involves monitoring and reviewing the performance of all aspects of operations in the terminal to ensure the expensive resources are well utilized and a high service level is achieved. Staff should be kept regularly informed of the performance levels achieved as a feedback on their contributions. Good performance should be recognized in the form of incentive payments to motivate them to even higher levels of performance.

38. An application module for container terminal performance control will measure and report the utilization of expensive resources and the customer service levels achieved for management review and follow up. Samples of computer screen/report are shown below.

a. Container chassis service level

This report highlights the level of service achieved by the container handling equipment in the mounting and offloading of containers in the yard. The report may be produced on a daily, weekly or monthly basis to meet the needs of the managers.

Container Chassis Service Level for Week Ending 31/05/92										
CH Arrived & Serviced	Service Time (Hr)								Total No	
	=<0.5		=<1.0		=<1.5		>1.5			
	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	%	No	
10 - 11	557	72	155	20	39	5	28	4	779	
11 - 12	545	66	182	22	52	6	46	5	825	
12 - 13	656	67	215	22	64	7	37	4	972	
13 - 14	576	72	167	21	30	4	26	4	799	
14 - 15	514	64	162	20	62	8	65	7	803	
15 - 16	685	62	266	24	79	7	67	4	1,097	
TOTAL	3,533	67	1,147	22	326	6	269	5	5,275	

b. Container throughput report

This summarises the volume of containers handled at the terminal for each shipping line/agent.

Analysis of Operator's Performance for May 1992 04/06/92						
OPERATOR	IMPORT		EXPORT		TOTAL	
	20F	40F	20F	40F	20F	40F
MAERSK	500	1000	901	1230	1401	2230
AMERICAN PRESIDENT	300	1100	232	924	532	2024
EASTASIA MARITIME	1235	624	823	542	2058	1166
MITSUI - OSK	1520	456	535	893	2055	1349
NEPTUNE ORIENT	1302	618	1023	522	2325	1140
NYK	1202	612	905	342	2107	954

c. Equipment utilization report

This analyses the usage of container handling equipment.

Equipment Utilization for May 1992								04/06/92	
Equipment Type : Yard Crane									
No of Equipment: 45									
Activity Type	1st Shift		2nd Shift		3rd Shift		Total		
	HOURS	%	HOURS	%	HOURS	%	HOURS	%	
STANDBY	300	3	215	2	650	6	1165	3	
SHIP OPRNS	5060	45	6734	60	4950	44	16744	50	
YARD OPRNS	5700	51	4052	36	5420	49	15172	45	
PREV MAINT	50	.5	79	1	100	.8	229	.7	
BREAKDOWN	50	.5	80	1	40	.2	170	.3	
TOTAL	11160	100	11160	100	11160	100	33480	100	

d. Yard utilization report

This computes the utilization level of yard space in the terminal.

Yard Utilization for 03/06/92						04/06/92	
BLK	EQPT	20FT	40FT	GROUND AVAIL	SLOT USED	AVE STACKING GROSS	HEIGHT NET
T7	FM	116	43	180	57	1.12	3.54
T8	FM	84	37	60	44	2.63	3.59
T9	FM	239	45	144	102	2.28	3.23
U1	YC	286	67	162	147	2.59	2.86
U2	YC	164	93	162	108	2.16	3.24
U4	FM	204	53	246	109	1.26	2.84
U5	YC	335	142	240	193	2.58	3.21
U	SC	10	85	146	64	1.23	2.81
TOTAL		1437	565				

e. Vessels berthed report

This analyses the frequency of berthing and the port stay of the vessels.

Vessels Berthed in May 1992								05/06/92
VSL	VOY	SHPG	LINE	TYPE	BTH DATE/TIME	FR-TO	MOVES	
1 HARI BHUM	48S	RCL		CONVL	T01 25-0010	25-0715	188	
2 NED ROUEN	2112	NEDLLOYD		RORO	M19 25-0010	25-2030	214	
3 TANAH AIR	40N	NOL		CONVL	T03 25-0345	25-0650	58	
4 ANDERS MS	9208	MAERSK		3rd G	K14 25-0635	25-1900	480	
5 SHENTON	13W	NYK		FEEDER	T01 25-1015	26-0310	649	

Chapter VIII

IMPLEMENTATION CONSIDERATIONS

39. Information technology is now an essential element in the global economy. The efficient operation of a container terminal also depends on how efficiently it can process large volumes of information. Therefore, the application of information technology to container terminal operations and management is critical to the success of the terminal. This will also include electronic data interchange of information between the terminal and its users.

40. Depending on the size of the terminal, the computer application can range from a simple online data entry and retrieval system to a highly sophisticated computer directed real-time system. There is also a range of computer hardware to match each level of application. For a medium sized terminal, a mix of micro-computers and mini-computers offers sufficient capacity to meet its processing needs. It also allows for the addition of processors in the network to cater for growth. A mainframe computer will only be considered if there is a need for a central depository of corporate data from several mini-computers managing several terminals for centralized administrative functions.

41. Another consideration is the need to protect the investment in the application software being used by the terminal. The software should be written in languages and operating systems that can be ported to a wide range of hardware. This will prevent locking in to a proprietary vendor for the hardware.

42. Finally, the environmental issues with regard to reliability of power supply, quality of telecommunication lines, the availability of hardware and software vendors and the availability of trained computer staff will have an impact on the degree of sophistication and design of the computer application. For instance, if the container terminal is situated in a remote part of a country where the environmental factors are adverse, then a highly reliable and simple design is preferred. On the other hand, if the container terminal is situated close to a big city and it handles a high throughput of containers, then the state-of-the-art application can be recommended.

ANNEX

Abbreviations used in Sample Computer Screens

A/C	Account Number
AGT	Vessel Agent
ATB	Actual Time of Berthing
ATU	Actual Time of Unberthing
AVAIL	Available
BAL	Balance
BTH DFT	Berthing Draft
BTH NO	Berth Number
BTR	Berth Time Required
CAT	Container Category
CH	Chassis
CNTR	Container
CNTR DISC	Discharging Container
CNTR LDG	Loading Container
COND	Container Condition
CRANES ASSGN	Cranes Assigned
DELV DATE	Delivery Date
DELV ORDR	Delivery Order
DELV TIME	Delivery Time
DISC	Discharge
DG	Dangerous Good Container
DISC SEQ	Discharging Sequence
DTE/SHFT	Date/Shift
EAT SEQ	Eating Sequence
EQPT	Equipment
ETB	Estimated Time of Berthing
ETC	Estimated Time of Completion
ETU	Estimated Time of Unberthing
FM	Freight Lifter (Medium)
FR	Flat Rack Container
F.S.C	Free Surface Constant
G.M	Metacentric Height
GP	General Purpose Container
GRP ROSTER	Group Roster
GRT	Gross Registered Tonnage
G.WT	Gross Weight
HGT, HT	Height
INDIV ROSTER	Individual Roster
K.G	Center of Gravity above keel
K.M	Metacenter above Keel

Abbreviations used in Sample Computer Screens (cont.)

LCB	Longitudinal Center of Buoyancy
LCF	Longitudinal Center of Floatation
LCG	Longitudinal Center of Gravity
LDG	Loading
L-MOMENT	Longitudinal Moment
LOA	Vessel Length Overall
MAX GRD LOAD	Maximum Ground Load
MT	Empty Container
OCCP	Occupied
OH, O-HEIGHT	Overheight Container
O-LENGTH	Overlength Container
OP	Container Operator
OPTR	Operator
OPRN CODE	Operation Code
OPRN DATE	Operation Date
OPRNS	Operations
OTH-SP-DTL	Other Special Details
OW, O-WIDTH	Overwidth Container
PDISC	Port of Discharge
P FR	Port From
PLOAD	Port of Loading
PM	Prime Mover
PREV MAINT	Preventive Maintenance
P TO	Port To
RF	Reefer Container
SC	Straddle Carrier
SCHD DATE	Schedule date
SHPG LINE	Shipping Line
SNO	Serial Number
SP DETAILS	Special Details
ST	Container Status
STBD	Starboard
STOW CAT	Stowage Category
SZ	Container Size
TA	Traffic Assistant
UNBTH DFT	Unberthing Draft
V-MOMENT	Vertical Moment
VSL/VOY	Vessel/Voyage
WM FR	Wharf Mark From
WM TO	Wharf Mark To
WC	Weight Class
WT	Weight

Abbreviations used in Sample Computer Screens (cont.)

YC	Yard Crane
YD BLK	Yard Block
YD LOC	Yard Location
YD RANGE ASSGN	Yard Range Assigned

كيفية الحصول على منشورات الأمم المتحدة

يمكن الحصول على منشورات الأمم المتحدة من المكتبات ودور التوزيع في جميع أنحاء العالم. استعلم عنها من المكتبة التي تتعامل معها أو اكتب إلى : الأمم المتحدة، قسم البيع في نيويورك أو في جنيف.

如何购取联合国出版物

联合国出版物在全世界各地的书店和经售处均有发售。请向书店询问或写信到纽约或日内瓦的联合国销售组。

HOW TO OBTAIN UNITED NATIONS PUBLICATIONS

United Nations publications may be obtained from bookstores and distributors throughout the world. Consult your bookstore or write to: United Nations, Sales Section, New York or Geneva.

COMMENT SE PROCURER LES PUBLICATIONS DES NATIONS UNIES

Les publications des Nations Unies sont en vente dans les librairies et les agences dépositaires du monde entier. Informez-vous auprès de votre libraire ou adressez-vous à : Nations Unies, Section des ventes, New York ou Genève.

КАК ПОЛУЧИТЬ ИЗДАНИЯ ОРГАНИЗАЦИИ ОБЪЕДИНЕННЫХ НАЦИЙ

Издания Организации Объединенных Наций можно купить в книжных магазинах и агентствах во всех районах мира. Наводите справки об изданиях в вашем книжном магазине или пишите по адресу: Организация Объединенных Наций, Секция по продаже изданий, Нью-Йорк или Женева.

COMO CONSEGUIR PUBLICACIONES DE LAS NACIONES UNIDAS

Las publicaciones de las Naciones Unidas están en venta en librerías y casas distribuidoras en todas partes del mundo. Consulte a su librero o diríjase a: Naciones Unidas, Sección de Ventas, Nueva York o Ginebra.
