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What did we do during the 1999 summer heat wave? Plenty! We worked very hard to improve the quality and selection of services available to you from NERDC. I think you will like what we have done and in the following paragraphs I will tell you about some of our projects.

GatorLink mailboxes were increased in size from 10 megabytes (MB) of storage space to 15MB. This means that you can store messages that add up to 15MB of space in your mailbox. If someone sends you a message that causes you to exceed your mailbox limit, it will be placed in your mailbox and you will get a warning message to let you know that you must take action to clear your mailbox so that you can receive more mail.

We introduced the Gartner Group's Research Services and Talking Technology Series. While these Research Services have been available to UF users for some time via the UF/Gartner Group alliance, only now is a search engine available to navigate the research databases. The Gartner Group is well known for its research about computing and information technologies. The Gartner Talking Technologies Series is a collection of audio news magazines that offers the latest news on information technology. Both of these services are available from the UF/Gartner Alliance home page at http://netg.ufl.edu/gartner.html.

NERDC has created a separate OS/390 (MVS) system environment to serve as a platform where applications developers can test their programs for Year 2000 readiness. Please call NERDC Associate Director Andy Olivenbaum at (352) 392-2061, or e-mail him at cao@ufl.edu if you need more information about this facility.

We added ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) to our dial-up services. ISDN provides an end-to-end digital connection from your home to NERDC as well as data transfer rates of five to seven times faster than conventional analog dial-up speeds. We have also been busy working on an upgrade to our modem pool. You can read more about this later in this issue.

Effective July 1, 1999, NERDC rates were reduced by 50 percent for selected CPU and disk storage charges. We were able to pass this savings on to you due to recent capacity and demand conditions. We are always happy to do this and hope that this will help you meet your computing needs for the coming year.

Our new Web-based documentation system, DOCWEB, replaced the older DOCSYS. In addition to NERDC News, NERDC documents, and vendor documents, you now have access to "The NERDC Guidebook" - a general overview of our systems and services, "Update" articles, and "Q&A: The NERDC FAQ File." It's a simple system to use and includes a search feature that makes finding your topic of interest much easier.

We upgraded the IBM 9672-R45 processor (OS/390, MVS) to a model R55 processor and upgraded the central memory. This increased the number of CPUs from four to five and doubled memory to a total of 4GB.

The phase-out of NERVM continued over the summer and our Q&A column features this topic. On July 31, we removed the NERVM POP mail server. If you have not moved to another server and are not able to get mail, check out the Q&A section of this issue for helpful information. We know that some of you are sorry to see NERVM services go away. We think of NERVM as an old friend, too. But, we are very happy to be able to turn our energies and resources to providing you more modern and more advanced services on our remaining platforms.
We also introduced the ability to restrict access to your web pages by userid/password challenge or IP address exclusion. If you have a need to make information available but still want it to be protected from people outside your group, this facility could be helpful to you. The instructions for this feature are a part of NERDC document D0122 [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0122/d0122.html], *Putting Your World Wide Web Home Page on NERDC*.

Other changes that occurred this summer include an upgrade to the OS/390 (MVS) operating system to Version 2 Release 6 and an upgrade to the IOF (Interactive Output Facility) software that lets users track jobs and data sets on NERMVS.

If you would like more information about our summer projects, check out the summer issues of /Update and NERDC News articles. You can read them all from DOCWEB (http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu). You are also welcome to call us at the NERDC Support Desk (352-392-2061). We enjoy hearing from you and hope you will continue to share your ideas, suggestions, and concerns with us.

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