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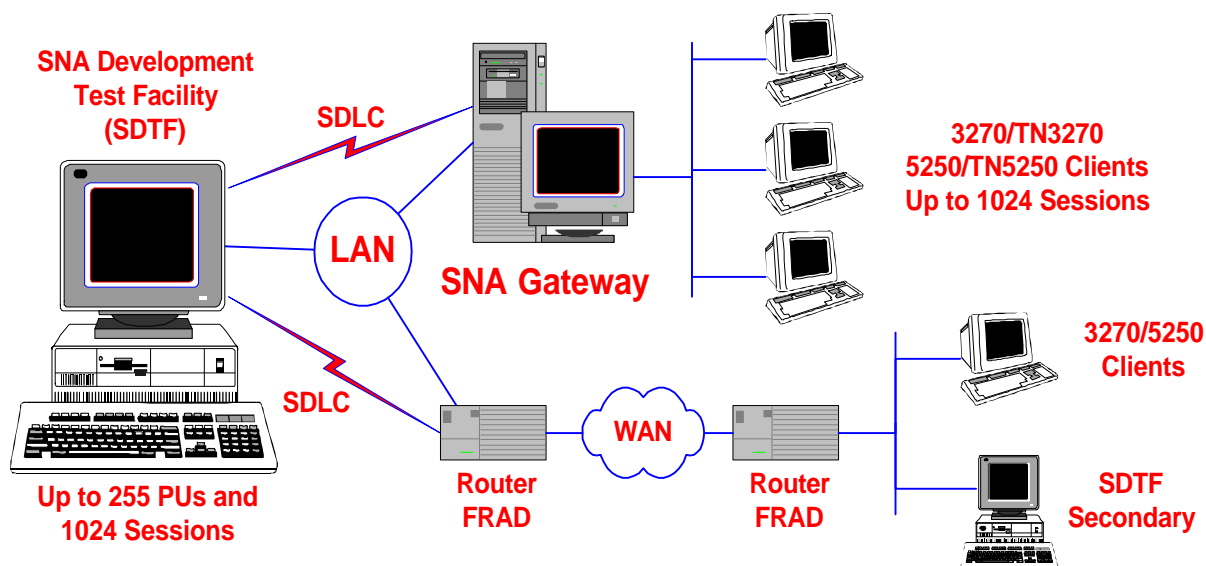
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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

New Version of SNA Development Test Facility (SDTF™) Adds SNA Ping Utility and 3270 Secondary Simulation

GARLAND, Texas, August 28, 1998 - Applied Computer Technology (ACT), a leading provider of PC-based SNA and TCP/IP testing solutions, is now shipping Version 8630 of SDTF. The new version contains new features and enhancements to provide SDTF users with the latest testing technology to develop, validate, and evaluate SNA 3270, 5250, RJE, APPC, and APPN hardware and software products.



Among the new features provided with Version 8630 is LLCPing, a menu-driven SNA LAN (Token Ring or Ethernet) performance and diagnostics utility. LLCPing provides connectivity and performance tests for SNA networks similar to the capability of TCP/IP's PING. It is useful in resolving LAN connection problems, measuring node response time, and monitoring node availability. LLCPing can also discover multi-segment active nodes and routing paths, as well as display LAN adapter information.

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Another new feature included with this release is the SNA Client Simulation System (SNAsec), a stand-alone 3270 client simulation program, which communicates with primary SDTF 3270 tests. SNAsec is ideal for testing gateways, bridges, routers, FRADs, LLC converters, and other intermediate network components, and can simulate up to 254 SNA (SDLC/LAN) LU2 sessions. "Not only an economical and powerful testing solution, the combination of SNAsec and SDTF provide a quantum leap forward in testing a large number of sessions, without requiring a laboratory full of test systems", said Burt Gearhart, President of ACT.

ACT also added a 5250 PU2.1 Banking Application, which supports up to 254 concurrent sessions. This application creates data streams, which simulate real world banking transactions and is a valuable tool for trade shows and product demonstrations.

Enhancements and improvements made to the SNA Development Test Facility (SDTF) include: CD-ROM online documentation in Portable Document Format (PDF), Windows 95, 98, and NT support, and Year 2000 Compliance.

SDTF provides extensive libraries of ready-to-run tests and allows development of additional tests using an open API. Available in a variety of configurations, SDTF ranges in price from \$10,000 to \$34,000. A demo of SDTF may be downloaded from: <http://www.acomtech.com/actdemo.html>.

Applied Computer Technology (ACT), founded in 1981, and headquartered in Garland, Texas, is a leading provider of complete, cost-effective SNA and TCP/IP testing solutions. ACT's other testing products include SNAsim, a PC-based SNA 3270/5250 testing and traffic generation tool, and ITF, a PC-based TCP/IP TN validation testing software. For more information, contact ACT at (972) 271-6550 or visit the ACT home page at: <http://www.acomtech.com>.

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