

Store-to-Oracle Data Flow Architecture

Store Services



Purpose

This document explains the files that are sent from the stores to corporate, and what processing is performed on them, to the point where they are loaded into the Oracle database and other locations within the corporate file servers. The goal is to document the data files, processes, and end-result of store data loading for the purpose of optimization and maintenance.

Audience

This is intended to serve business analysts and programmers. However, the high-level overviews at each chapter may also be of interest to managers and non-technical readers.

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Overview

This section describes the physical components involved with generating, moving, and processing data related to financial, customer and inventory.

Store Processing and Data Flow

Figure 1 depicts the process of receiving titles, inventory, and transactions at the store. During closeout, business data is transmitted to the Store Support Center (SSC) for batch processing and reporting.

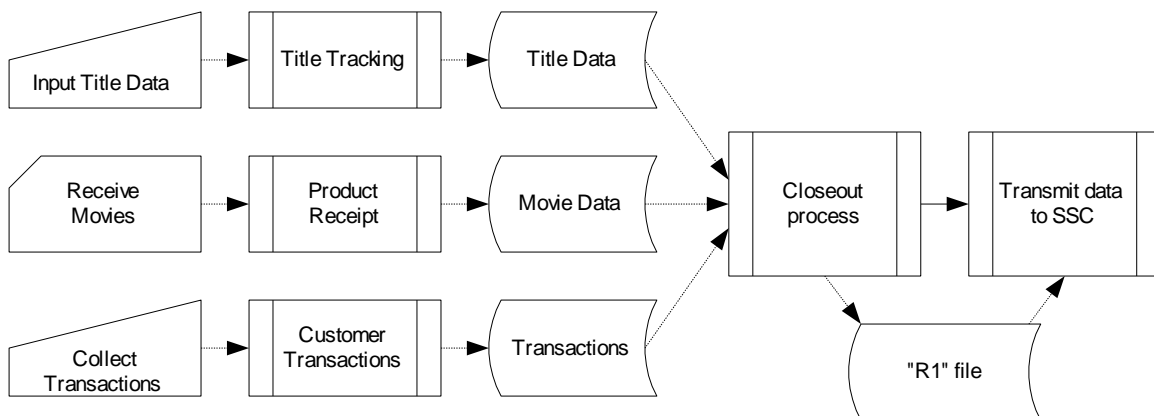


Figure 1. Store Processing Overview

At closeout, the data files are compressed and merged into a transmission file, which is then sent to Corporate.

Store-to-Corporate Communication

The Store-to-Corporate physical model is shown in Figure 2. The key process in moving the data to Corporate is the XCELLENET processors.

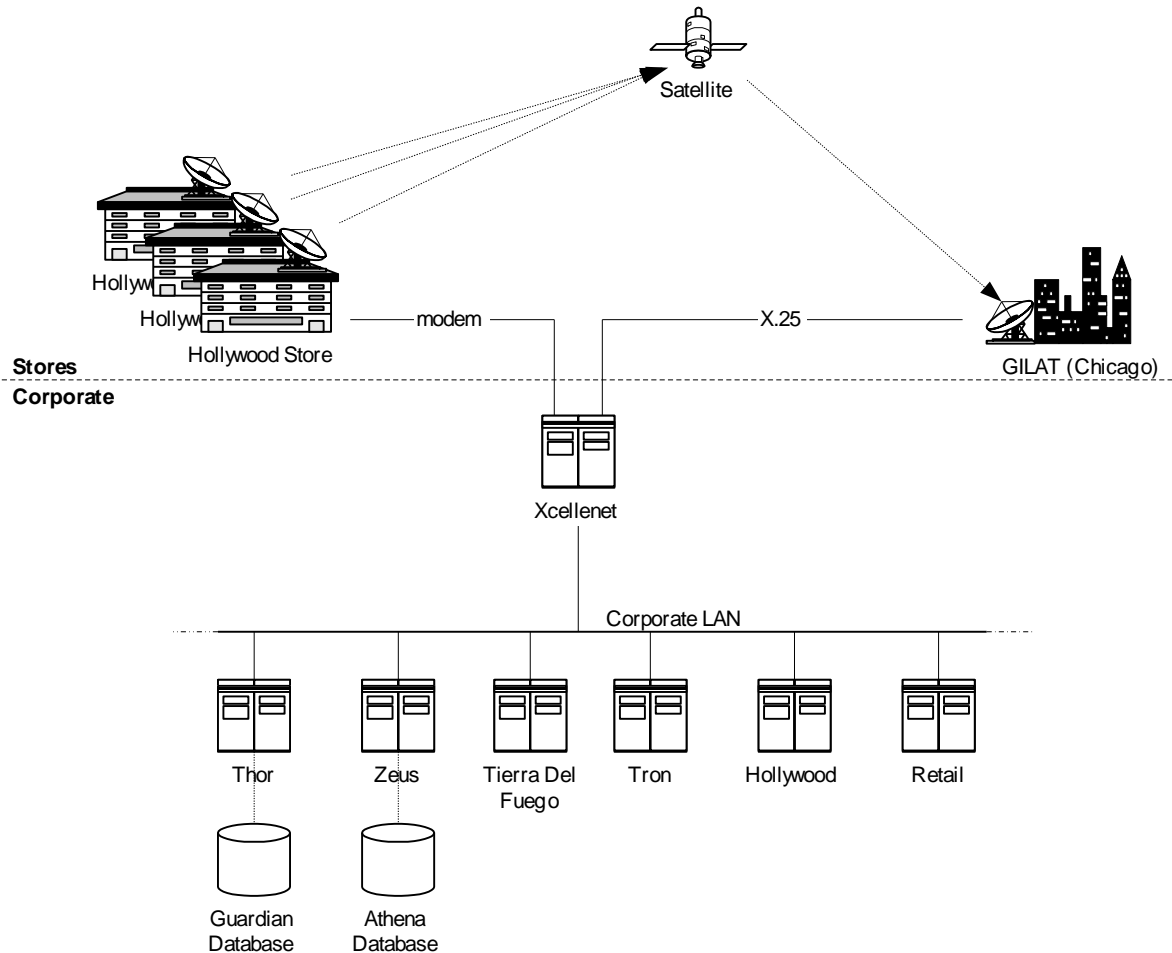


Figure 2. Communications from Store to Corporate

Figure 2 shows the paths used to move data between stores and Corporate. Communication typically occurs at closeout (2-3am), and via the satellite path. Modem communication is used when the satellite path fails.

Corporate Processing and Data Flow

Figure 3 shows the batch processing which retrieves the files from the stores, loads them into the corporate databases, and generates revenue, operations and financial reports.

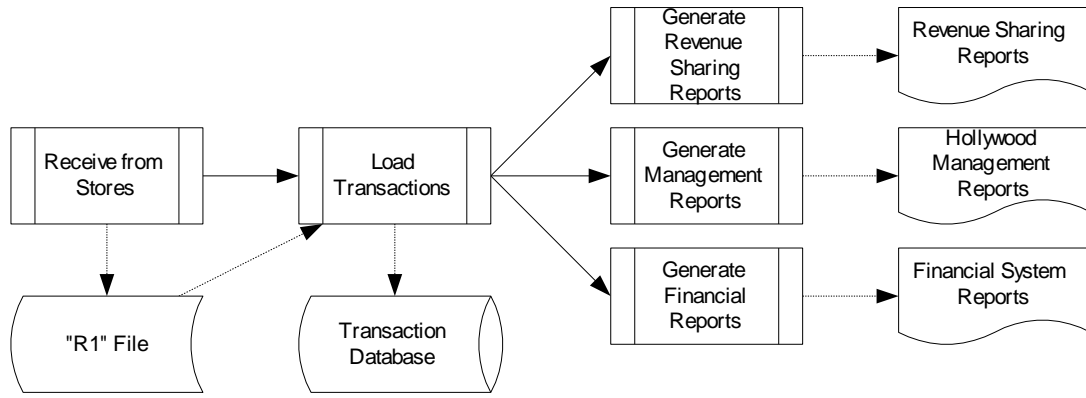


Figure 3. Corporate Processing Overview

Files Received from the Stores

Figure 4 shows how the R1 transmission file is received at the XCELLENET corporate server, split into the component files, which then are moved and/or split for further processing on different servers.

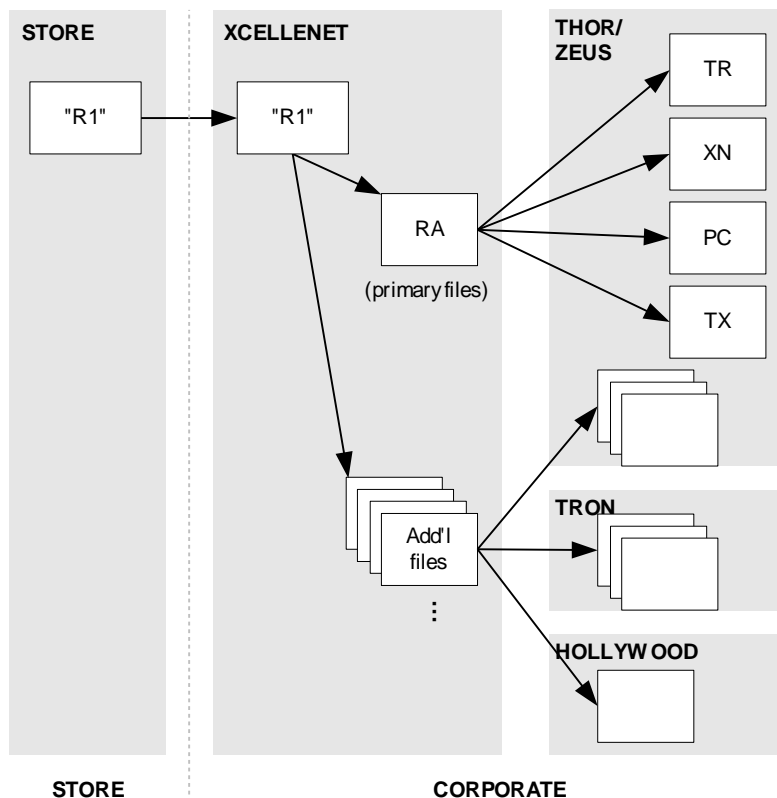


Figure 4. File Processing Overview

"R1" is the transmission container file. One is received from each store. These contain compressed copies of files which are moved and processed further upstream. The content of R1 is the transactions, customers, and additional store/employee info for the day's business.

The closeout process at each store assembles several files to create a compressed transmission file, called R1. This file typically is between 75k-500k in length.

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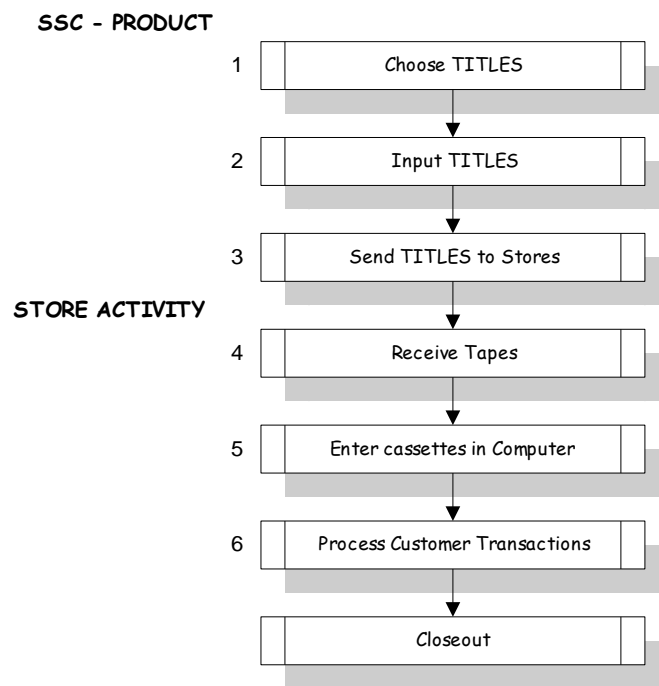


Figure 5. Store Activities Overview

Transaction Processing

Types of transactions:

- Rentals – The MAINTRAN program writes to the following files: TRANS.DAT, MOVIES.DAT, NHIST.DAT
- Returns
- Sales
- Refunds/Exchanges

- Edit Transactions
- Other

Transactions types are associated with single-character codes. This is listed in “TR – Transaction Info,” on page 83.

Files

The files and their content include:

- TRANS.DAT – Transaction detail
- MOVIE.DAT – Movie titles
- ACCSRY.DAT – Accessories on-hand
- MEMBER.DAT – Customers
- TRANSFER.DAT – PO Receiving transfers (previously used to track *all* transfers).
- XFERHIST.DAT – Transfer history – used to track all transfer activities.
- Sales Summaries –

Additional information on these files is in Appendix A. File Formats at the Store, on page 57.

Closeout/Transmission Processing

Each store provides daily business activity data to Corporate. This is compiled at a point called closeout, and generated as a set of data files.

Several processes run during closeout that converts the daily activity data into a format useful at Corporate:

- TT2TR – Copies transaction data from TRANS.DAT into the TR file (store transactions) and TX file (rental returns).
- TRNUPD z
- TRNRPT
- PCUPDATE – Copies inventory data from MOVIE.DAT, MEMBER.DAT, ACCSRY.DAT, TRANSFER.DAT, and XFERHIST.DAT into the PC file.
- XFERPACK
- ZERONR

Data transmission is initiated with the closeout process. This section is concerned with the transmission of the data generated by TT2TR and other data-generating processes that run during closeout.

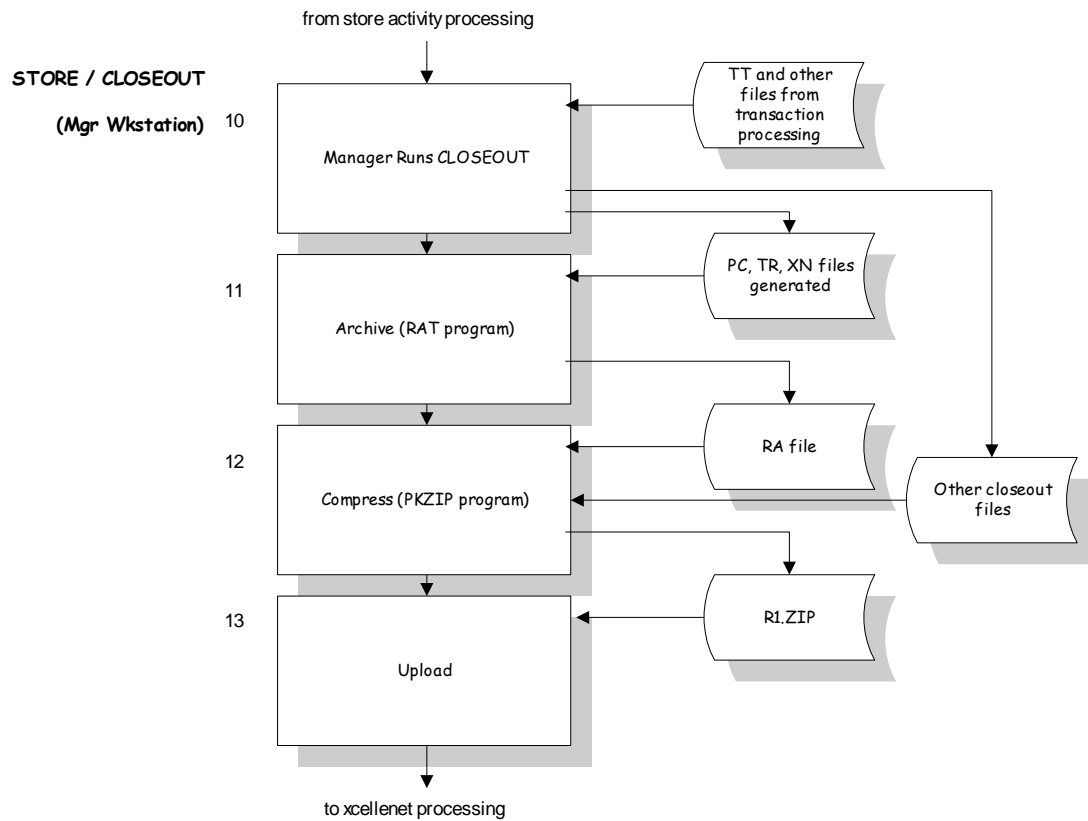


Figure 6. Closeout process

The store manager initiates closeout through the Hollywood menu. Part of the closeout process includes the following batch programs:

- HLYW.MNU
- EOD.BAT
- COMM.BAT
- EOD2.BAT

HLYW.MNU

When closeout is initiated, the transaction (TR) and the extra info files (XN) are created. The file name is appended with the store number and Julian date.

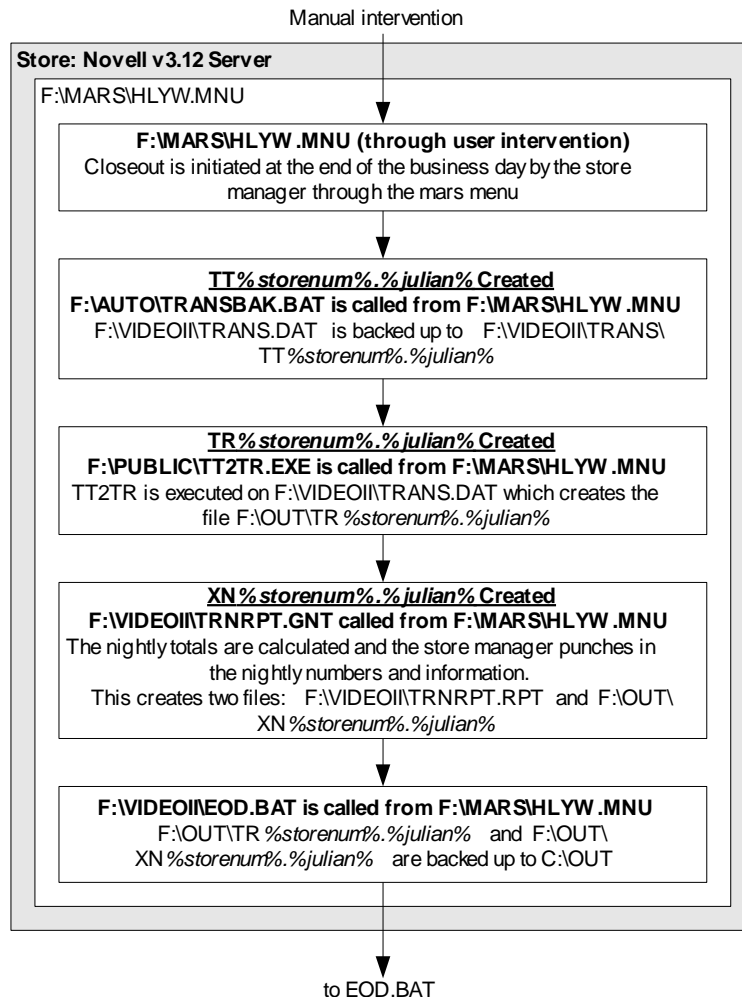


Figure 7. Store Process Summary: HLYW.MNU

EOD.BAT

The customer info (PC), PCUPDATE, and RA files are created. The TR, XN, and PC files are zipped into the R1 transmission file.

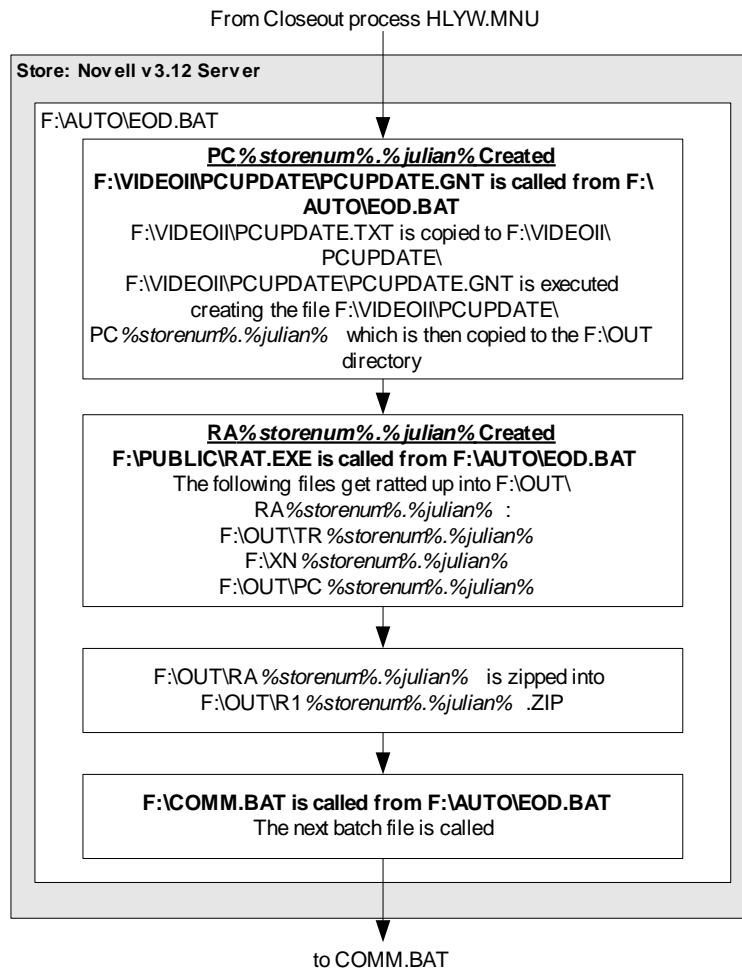


Figure 8. Store Process Summary: EOD.BAT

COMM.BAT

The R1 file is sent via the primary connection (VSAT satellite). When sent, it arrives as R1%storenum%.ZIP. If 65 attempts to connect using VSAT fail, the file is sent via the secondary connection (modem line). If 120 attempts on the modem line fail, COMM.BAT exits and user intervention is required to transmit the file. This is done by RESEND.BAT.

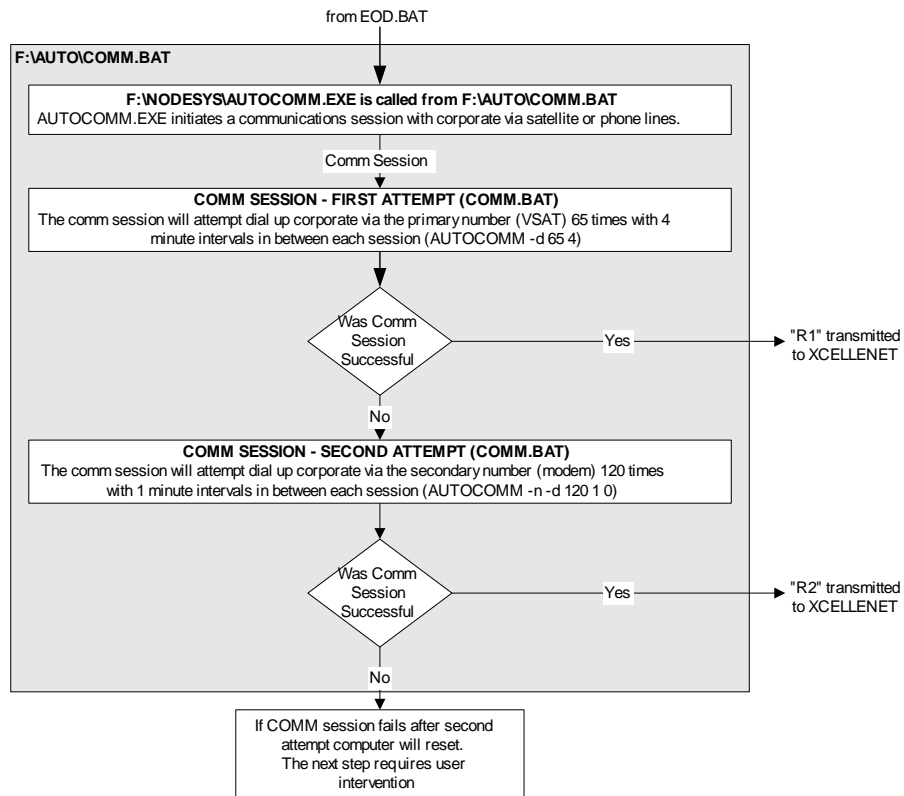


Figure 9. Store Process Summary: COMM.BAT

EOD2.BAT

This program produces reports of the success of the transmission to Corporate.

RESEND.BAT

RESEND.BAT is not part of the automated closeout process, but is activated manually when user intervention is required. This is done by the store personnel or tech support. This batch file contacts Corporate using the primary connection. When sent, the file arrives as R2%storenum%.ZIP. If 65 attempts fail, it switches to the secondary connection. If 120 attempts fail, RESEND.BAT exits.

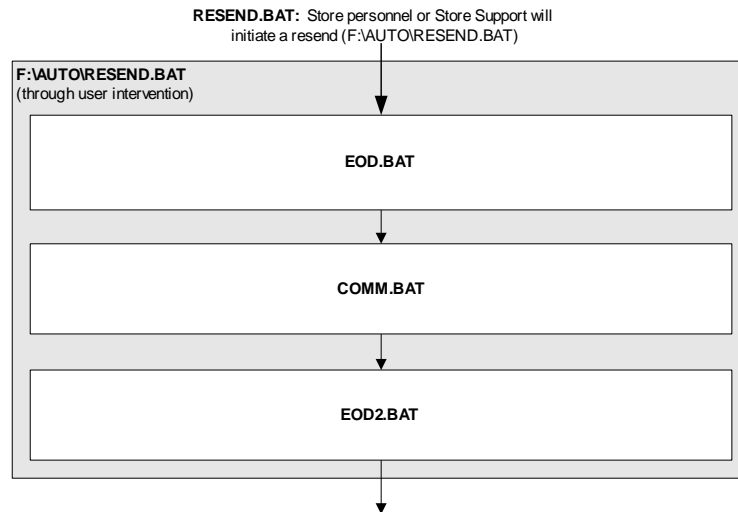


Figure 10. Store Process Summary: RESEND.BAT

If RESEND.BAT fails to send the file, it is left in the \OUT directory for manual transmission. When the file arrives at Corporate using a manual process, the file arrives as R3%storenum%.ZIP.

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Overview

Files are transmitted from the stores to Corporate every morning between 2am and 5am, Pacific Time, depending on the time zone of the store, and how many attempts were made to send the file:

- **R1%store_num%.ZIP** – Contains closeout files (1st transmission attempt)
- **R2%store_num%.ZIP** – Contains closeout files (received only if 1st transmission attempt does not work)
- **R3%store_num%.ZIP** – Contains closeout files (received only if 1st and 2nd transmission attempts do not work). R3 is send when the RESEND.BAT script is run.

All of the above files are transmitted from the store's file server directory F:\OUT\, and are received on the XCELLENET processor (see page 23) in the directory \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\NODE\%store_num%\IN\.

File fragments from partial transmissions are automatically deleted from the IN directory when a subsequent attempt is made to send the file.

An R1/R2/R3 file may not be present for one or more stores due to the following reasons:

- Server down
- Close-out process failure
- Transmission problems

If any of these problems occur, the tech support staff must restore the server and/or communications to proper operation, and manually upload the file to Corporate.

R1/R2/R3 Files

The files R1, R2 and R3 are nearly identical transmission files. The number designates what attempt resulted in the intact file arriving at corporate. Only one of the three will arrive at corporate per store. The normal size is between 400k and 800k, depending on the activity at the store.

The R1 and R3 file contains the RA file, which in turn contains the TR, XN, and PC files (shown in Figure 11. (Due to the communications logic at the store, the RA component will never appear in the R2 transmission file.) However, many other files are extracted from R1/R2/R3.

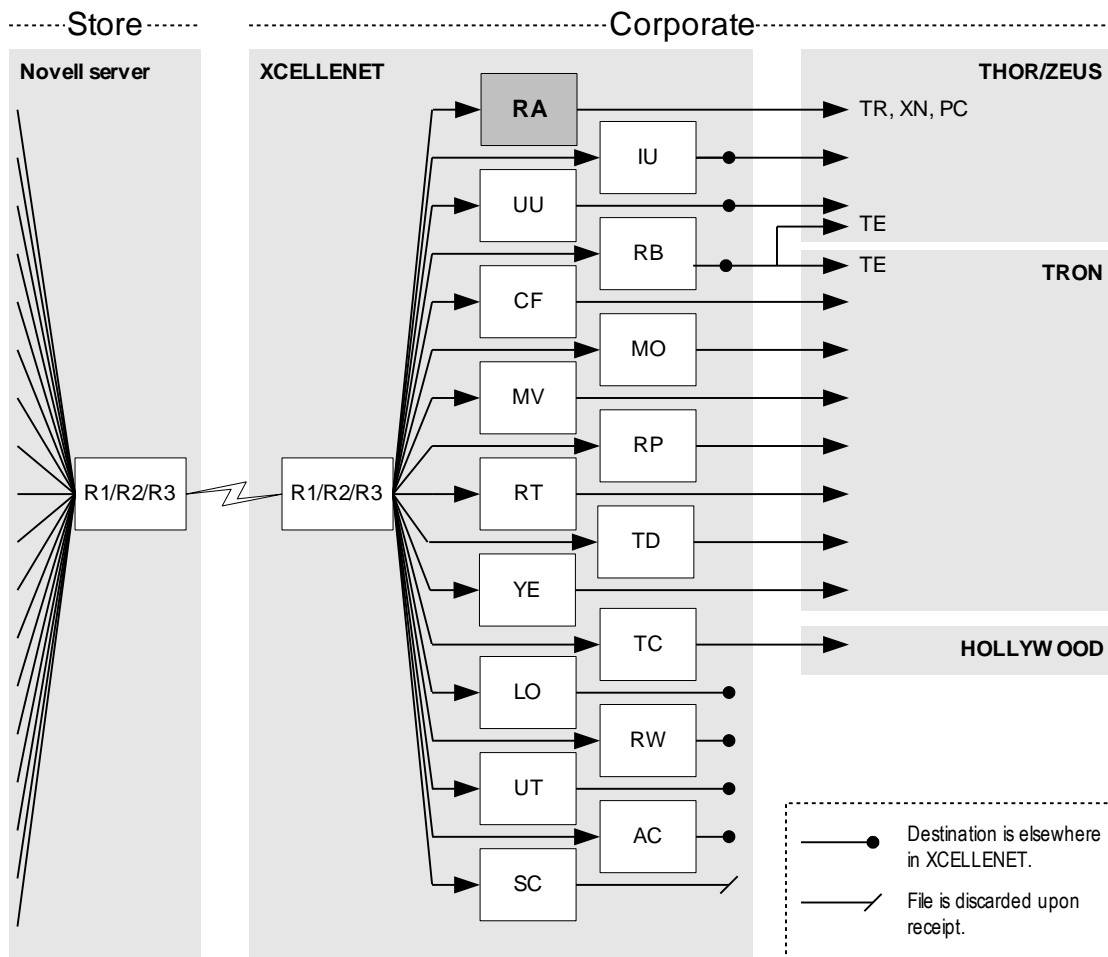


Figure 11. Data Flow via R1/R2/R3 transmission file

AC – List of active members

CF – Store configuration

IU – Item update

LO – Low disk space marker

MO – Movie inventory posting report

MV – Movie inventory data

RA – Contains TR, XN, PC files

RB – Contains TE file

RP – Closeout report

RT – double-scanned check-in rental items

RW – Remoteware communications log

SC – Employee schedule information

TC – TAS trace file

TD – Timecard edits

UT – Tax information

UU – UPC update

YE – Year-end financials

File	Content	Purpose	Destination	Notes	“Owner”
AC		List of active members	Deleted upon upload to \\XCELLENET	Store filename: ACTMEM.TXT renamed to AC%store_num%.TXT	??
CF		Store config file from \\VIDEOI\\	\\TRONIV1\\LP\\CONFIG\\	Store filename: CONFIG	Mike Lamotte
IA		Accessory Inventory file	\\TRONIV1\\ARCHIVE\\IA\\yyyyymmdd\\	Store filename: ACCRECO.GNT	Michael Nearman
IM		Movie Inventory file	\\TRONIV1\\ARCHIVE\\IM\\yyyyymmdd\\	Store filename: NEWINV.GNT	Michael Nearman
IU		Item update file	\\XCELLENET_PDC\\XNET_E\\IN\\IU, ZEUS:/u78/transact/updates/IU/	store filename: IU%store_num%.2CP	Travis Naganuma
LO		Low disk space marker file	??		Tom Naganuma
MK		Collections file	\\XCELLENET_PDC\\XNET_E\\IN\\NODE\\ %store_num%\\IN\\	Probably will go away	?
MO		Movie inventory posting report. Records status changes	\\TRONIV1\\LP\\MOVIEREC_P\\	Store filename: MOVREC- P.RPT	Mike Lamotte
MV		Movie inventory data file.	\\TRONIV1\\IN\\LP\\MV\\AUD\\	Store filename: MV\\IN\\AUD.DAT	Mike Lamotte
PB		Phone book file	Deleted on XCELLENET?		Casey Viecelli
RA	TR	Transaction info	THOR:/execlenet/ transact/ ZEUS:/u78/transact/ \\TRONIV1\\VIDEO2\\TRANS\\		
	PC	Customer info	THOR:/execlenet/ transact/ ZEUS:/u78/transact/		
	XN	Extra info	THOR:/execlenet/ transact/ ZEUS:/u78/transact/		
RB	TE	Payroll Edits (E.g., empl. address change, promotion)	THOR:/excelenet/ta ZEUS:/u78/ta \\XCELLENET_PDC\\XNET_E\\IN\\RB\\		Todd Silbernagel
RP		Closeout report	\\TRONIV1\\IN\\REPRINTS\\yyyyymm1\\	Store filename: TRNRPT.RPT	Mike Lamotte
RT		Contains a record of non-rented items that were scanned at the check-in, and marked as already checked-in	\\TRONIV1\\LP\\RTFILES\\		Mike Lamotte or Kurk Spendlove
RW%store_num%. LOG		Remoteware communications log file	\\XCELLENET_PDC\\XNET_DATA\\LOGS\\ RW%store_num%.LOG	Store filename: RWCOMM.LOG	Tom Naganuma
SC		Employee schedule information	Deleted upon upload to \\XCELLENET	Store filename: SCHED.TXT	Todd Silbernagel
TC		Used for troubleshooting the Tender Authorization Software (TAS) trace file	\\HOLLYWOOD\\VOL1\\HOME\\TAS\\ STORES\\%store_num%\\	Store filename: TAS.TRC	Tom Cahill
TD		Timecard Edits	\\TRONIV1\\TA\\TE\\	Punch file for hourly punches feeds to payroll.	Curtis Poach
TX		Transaction info	\\TRONIV1\\ARCHIVE\\TX\\yyyyymmdd		Michael Nearman

File	Content	Purpose	Destination	Notes	“Owner”
UT		Tax information	\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\UTILITY	Store filename: UTILITY.DAT	Michael Numan
UU		UPC update file	\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\IU, ZEUS:/u78/transact/updates/UU/		Product Management
WS		Workstation configuration	\\TRONIV1\HOST\CPU\		
YE		Year-end inventory report	\\TRONIV1\LP\YEAREND\	Store filename: YEAREND.RPT Manually uploaded after each year-end processing cycle.	Mike Lamotte or Tim Castagnola

Actual file names in the left-most column (except for RW) are appended with %store_num%.%julian%.
¹ yyyy = year,
mmm = 3-letter month abbreviation

Table 1. Files Extracted from R1/R2/R3 on XCELLENET

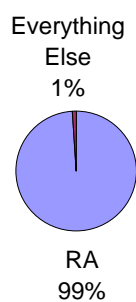


Figure 12. R1 Components Relative Size

Of all the files in R1/R2/R3, typically >98% of the space is occupied by RA.

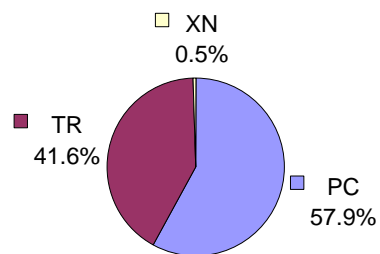


Figure 13. RA Components Relative Size

Within RA, >98% of the space is occupied by the TR and PC components.

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Overview

XCELLENET is the communications hub for data transmission to and from the stores. Toward the end of the closeout process, the store contacts XCELLENET to initiate the data upload.

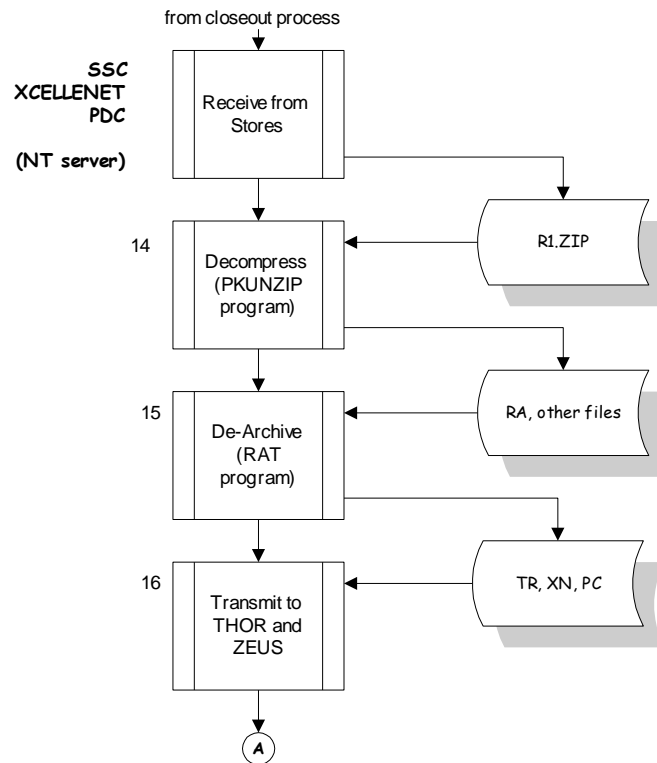


Figure 14. XCELLENET processing

XCELLENET consists of two clusters of processors that are responsible for communications to the network of retail stores. The configuration is shown in Figure 15.

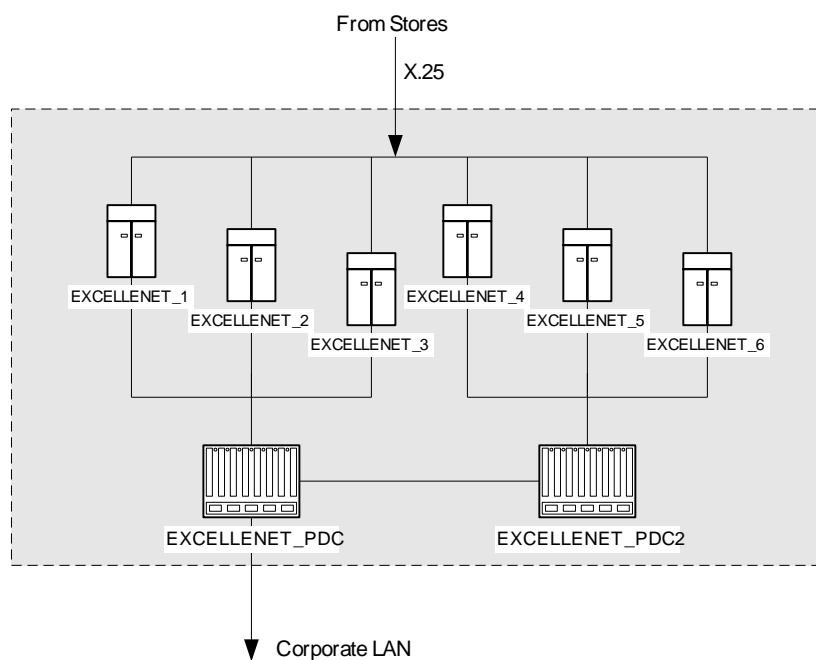


Figure 15. XCELLENET Overview

1. A store contacts XCELLENET at Corporate. XCELLENET takes over the data transmission process and uploads the R1 file. The transmitted file sent from each store is a ZIP archive or a “file package.”
2. When the file transmission is completed, XCELLENET splits R1 into its component files.
3. RA is split into component files on THOR and ZEUS.
4. Additional R1 component files are delivered from XCELLENET to THOR, ZEUS, TRON, HOLLYWOOD and RETAIL.
5. A backup copy of R1 is stored on XCELLENET for 7 days.
6. UNIX Cron processes that run on THOR and ZEUS parse the incoming files and build SQL load files.
7. Data from the previous day’s store transactions are available on Guardian and Athena databases at 10am the following day.

XCELLENET Processing

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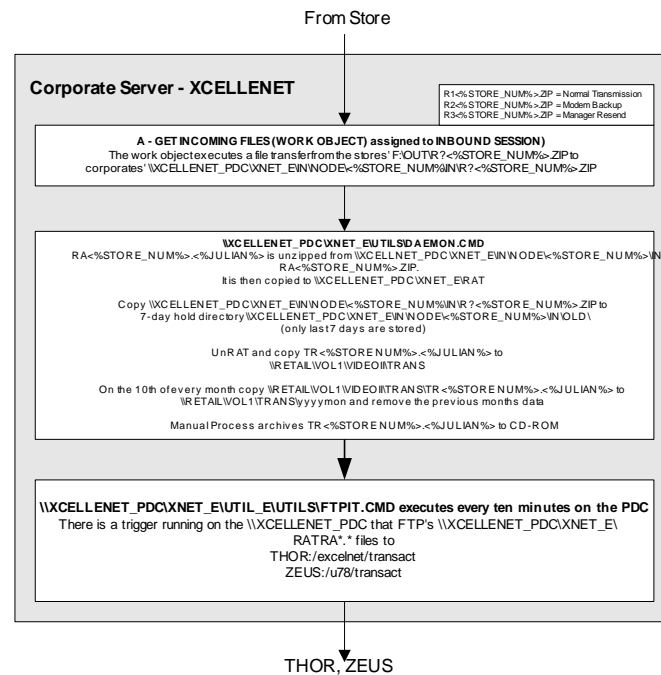


Figure 16. XCELLENET Processing Flow

XCELLENET Processes

Process Name/Location: “A - GET INCOMING FILES” (XCELLENET work object)

Process: Pull files from the store.

Inputs: R1/R2/R3

Outputs: \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\NODE\%store_num%\IN

Dependencies:

Subordinate Processes: DAEMON.CMD

Trigger: Store signals that files are ready to be uploaded

Process Name/Location: \XNET_E\UTILS\DAEMON.CMD

Process:

Unzip the RA file.

Move component files to the RAT directory and to a temp directory.

Delete any file in the archive directory that is more than 7 days old.

Move MV file to \\TRON\V1\LP\MVINVAUD\

Move RP file to \\TRON\V1\IN\REPRINTS\YYMM\

Move RT file to \\TRON\V1\LP\RTFILES\

Move RWNCOMM.LOG file to

\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_DATA\LOGS\RW%store_num%.LOG

Move T file to \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\NODE\%store_num%\IN\

Move TC file to \\HOLLYWOOD\VOL1\HOME\TAS\STORES\%store_num%\

Move TD file to \\TRON\V1\TA\TD\

Move TE file to \\TRON\V1\TA\TE\

Move UT file to \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\UTILITY\

Move WS file to \\TRON\V1\HOST\CPU\

Move YE file to \\TRON\V1\LP\YEAREND\

Inputs: RA%store_num%.%julian% file in directory

\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\NODE\%store_num%\IN\

Outputs: RA%store_num%.%julian% is copied to archive directory

\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\NODE\%store_num%\IN\OLD, and to temp

directory \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\RAT

Dependencies:

Subordinate Processes:

Trigger: Called from “A – GET INCOMING FILES”

Process Name/Location: \XNET_E\UTILS\FTPIT.CMD

Process: Copy RA file to THOR and ZEUS

Inputs: \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\RAT\RA%store_num%.%julian%

Outputs: THOR:/excelenet/transact/RA%store_num%.%julian%,

ZEUS:/u78/transact/RA%store_num%.%julian%

Dependencies:

Subordinate Processes:

Trigger: cron; runs every 10 minutes.

Process Name/Location: “P - ARCHIVE RAT FILES”

Process: Copy RA files to archive directory. Copy RA file to RETAIL

Inputs: RA file

Outputs: RA file moved to:

\\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\RAT\%ymmdd%\RA%store_num%.%julian%. TR file moved to \\RETAIL\VOL1\VIDEO2\TRANS\ directory.

Dependencies:

Subordinate Processes:

Trigger: Cron job, scheduled to run at: 5am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm.

Process Name/Location: “P - FTP RB AND UL FILES”

Process: copy the RB file to THOR and ZEUS

Inputs: \\XCELLENET_PDC\XNET_E\IN\RB\RB%store_num%.%julian%

Outputs: THOR: /excelenet/ta/RB%store_num%.%julian%

ZEUS: /u78/ta/RB%store_num%.%julian%

Dependencies:

Subordinate Processes:

Trigger: Cron job, scheduled to run at: 5am, 7am, 8am, 9am, 11am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm, 7pm. Program looks for the existence of RB files in this directory.

Other Related Activities on XCELLENET

The TR files are archived from XCELLENET onto a CD-ROM each month. The purpose is to provide a quick access method to historical information that is needed from time to time. The process is manual, and performed monthly. Responsible area is Computer Operations, Joan Klein.

The MV file is archived from XCELLENET to

[\\TRON\V1\IN\REPRINTS\yyyymm](#)

HOLLYWOOD

The following file arrives at HOLLYWOOD from XCELLENET:

- TC – Tender Authorization Software (TAS) trace file. This file comes from \tas\tas.trc at the store's file server.

TRON

The following files arrive at TRON from XCELLENET:

- CF – Store configuration file (CONFIG). It is manually reviewed by Loss Prevention. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the presence or content of this file. This file currently comes in every day, but is only needed once or twice a month.
- MO – Movie inventory posting report. It is manually reviewed by Loss Prevention. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the presence or content of this file.
- MV – Movie inventory data file. It is manually reviewed by Loss Prevention. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the presence or content of this file.
- RT – This file contains a record of non-rented items that were scanned at the check-in, and marked as already checked-in. It is manually reviewed by Loss Prevention. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the presence or content of this file. This particular file has no use, but it is created directly from the MAINTRAN software at the stores on a daily basis. When an employee scans into the return screen, a movie that is already checked in, a record is spit out the F:\OUT\RT%store_num%.%julian% file. The record contains the movie ID of the scanned in movie.
- TD – Timecard punch file.
- TE – Payroll edits.
- TR – transaction file. When RA is extracted from the R1/R2/R3 file, a copy of the TR “transaction information” file (from RA) is copied to the \VOL1\VIDEO2\TRANS\ directory on RETAIL from XCELLENET.
- WS – Workstation configuration.
- YE – Year-end inventory report. This file is received twice per year and is manually reviewed by Loss Prevention. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the presence or content of this file.

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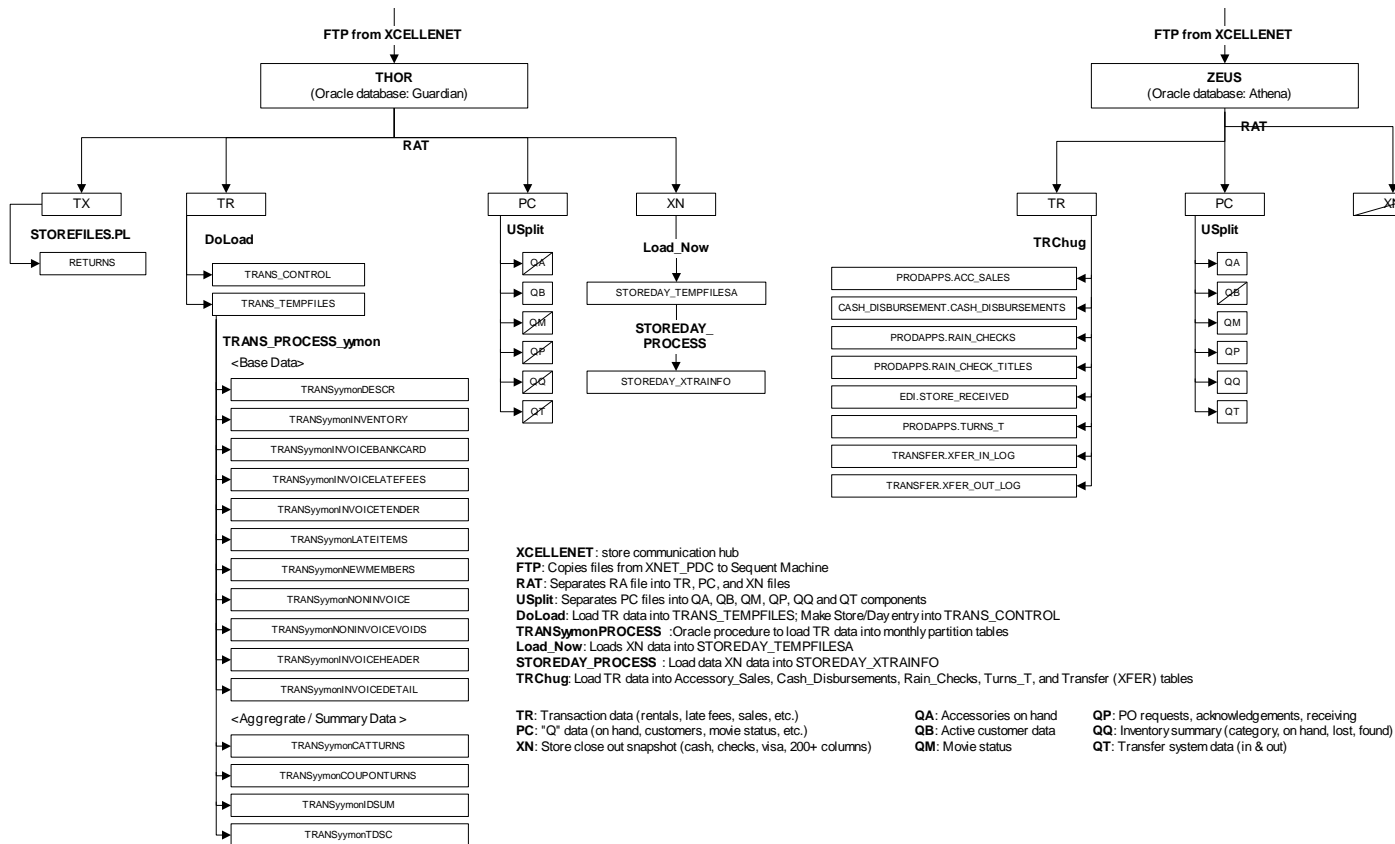


Figure 17. THOR/ZEUS Data Flow, high level

Transaction records are passed to Oracle database platforms THOR and ZEUS once they arrive at Corporate. These systems simultaneously receive an identical copy of RA from each store. Both processors then use RAT to extract TR, TX,

PC, and XN files from RA. From that point, their processes diverge in order to extract different sets of data for differing reports and other purposes.

TR Processing

- TR records are lumped together with all other records transmitted nightly from the stores including, TDs, TEs, TRs, etc. These are input through a flat file (referred to as a “RAT file”).
- Input into the table `TRANS_TEMPFILES` (A and B) which is an image of what is received from the stores.
- Contents include every line item representing activities at each store. There is a line item for each individual action during a customer transaction; i.e., rental of one or more movies, cash tendered, coupon surrender. Each of these creates a TR record. Note that a header record is created for each invoice with as many detail records as needed to describe the entire transaction.
- Various columns in the `TRANS_TEMPFILES` table include codes that mean different things depending on the content of other columns. In addition, there is an “expansion” column that gets overwritten depending on the kind of transaction (as well as getting overwritten more than once during the processing of a given transaction). Therefore, the contents of this expansion field represents the *last* overwrite which occurred at the store.
- Content of the flat file is loaded into the `TRANS_TEMPFILES` (A or B) and from there, data is extracted into the various database tables (normalization) shown in the accompanying data model.
- The volume of data is something on the order of 500,000 transactions per day. Therefore, the data is broken out by month (as shown by the table names in the data model, Figure 29). The data is also broken out this way in anticipation of moving to Oracle, and the use of partitioned tables available in that database model.
- Everything hinges on the concept of a “store-day key.” The store-day key is a sequential number that uniquely identifies this file from others of different days and of different stores. It is used to represent a store and a particular day. The store-day key is used to tie all the other tables together.
- Transaction code is used to identify such things as, rental, sell-through, late fees, coupons, etc. There is a cross-reference table called `TRANS_CODETYPES` where codes are described. New codes come from stores without notification to the Financials Group. See the early TR data model for notes regarding these codes (NOTE: This data model should be used for reference only for it is only valid from a conceptual point of view.)
 - An invoice is defined as any individual customer transaction at a store. This information is recorded in the following tables:
 - `TRANSyymon_INVOICEHEADER`
 - `TRANSyymon_DESCR`
 - `TRANSyymon_INVOICETENDER`

- TRANSyymon_INVOICELATEFEES
- TRANSyymon_INVOICEBANKCARD
- TRANSyymon_INVOICEDetail
- The TRANSyymon_TDSC table is defined as: Type, Department, Sub-Department, and Category.
- A TIKEY applies to every “title.” There are many “copies” of every title. A unique “ID” identifies copies.
- The TRANSyymon_DESCR table contains one non-key attribute, DESCRIPTION which contains a store-entered description of the transaction which identifies what was sold (or rented). Often stores sell (or maybe rent?) items that the Store Support Center does not recognize. Such items are described in this description column to aid in reconciliation.
- There are numerous types of invoice transactions brought in from the stores among which are:
 - Customer transactions (discussed above)
 - Non-invoice voids (such as late fees)
 - Inventory count
 - Other information not relevant to the Financials Group
- Categories are described as adventure, drama, comedy, etc.
- Inventory number (how many on shelf or on-hand) is also returned from the stores. This information is not consistently returned.
- New members are tracked for promotion purposes.

The following diagram provides an overall view of the TR processes just described along with the reporting processed described in the following section.

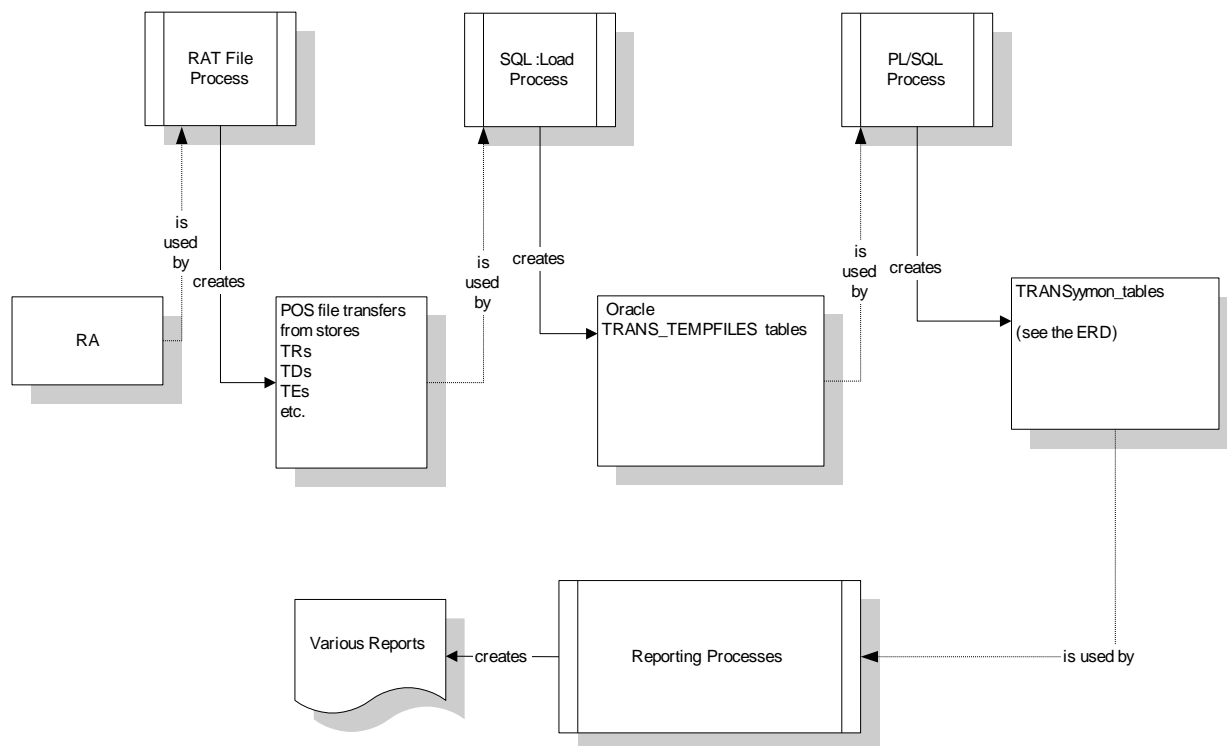


Figure 18. TR Process

Reporting Processes includes:

- Current Daily Flash Report
- Weekly Flash Report for (day)
- Under 9000 Report
- Key Performance Indicator
- Weekly Labor Report
- Weekly Labor Report: Week to date
- Product Flash Report: Week to date
- Product Flash by Store
- Weekly Flash Drill Report
- Weekly MP Report
- Weekly Games Report
- Weekly Game Report by Store
- Weekly Game Report by Schedule by Store
- Weekly Customer Exception Report by Store
- Weekly Game Bottom

- Quarterly Inventory Results
- Quarterly Inventory by Store

Data Model

Table Heading

TR View	Start	Description
TR_Files	[96Sep]	Old TR Format
TR_Invoices	[96Sep]	Invoice Header Records, one record per invoice.
TR_Detail	[96Sep]	Invoice line items, lowest level of revenue.
TR_Fast_Detail	[98Jan]	Invoice line items, lowest level of revenue, optimized, no header info.
TR_Tikey_Detail	[98Jan]	Invoice line items, optimized by tikey, no header info.
TR_Voids	[96Sep]	Voided late charges.
TR_Noninvoice	[96Sep]	Notes, coupons issued,
TR_Coupons	[96Sep]	Store/day/coupon qty, dollars
TR_Acc_Sales	[96Sep]	Store/day/item qty, dollars
TR_CatTurns	[96Sep]	Store/day/cat qty, dollars
TR_Turns	[98Jan]	Store/day/tikey qty, dollars
TR_Inventory	[96Sep]	Store/day/tikey on_hand, on_shelf
TR_Turns_Inv	[98Jan]	Turns and Inventory combined.
TR_ByHour	[96Sep]	Store/day/halfhour invoices, amount.
TR_Tdsc	[96Sep]	Store/day/product_key type, dept, cat, pricing_cat,.... amount, qty.
TR_GL	[96Sep]	Store/day/GL_code amount, qty
TR_Revenue	[96Sep]	Store/day xtrinfo_like revenue.

TR Table Descriptions

Table Name	Description	Owner
TR_FILES	Transaction invoice files,	
CUSTOMERS		
CUSTOMER_TURNS		
TRANSyymon_NEWMEMBERS		
STORE_DAYS		
TRANSyymon_INVOICEHEADER		
TRANSyymon_INVOICEDetail		
TRANSyymon_INVOICEBANKCARD		
TRANSyymon_INVOICELATEFEES		
TRANSyymon_INVOICETENDER		
TRANSyymon_DESCR		
TRANSyymon_CATURNS		
TRANSyymon_COUPONTURNS		
TRANSyymon_NONINVOICE		
TRANSyymon_NONINVOICEVOIDS		
TRANSyymon_INVENTORY		

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Overview

THOR is a UNIX-based server, which is host to the Guardian database. The purpose of THOR is to take the COBOL flat files, sort the records and place them into SQL load files, then load the SQL files into the relational database. Other processes that run on THOR produce daily reports.

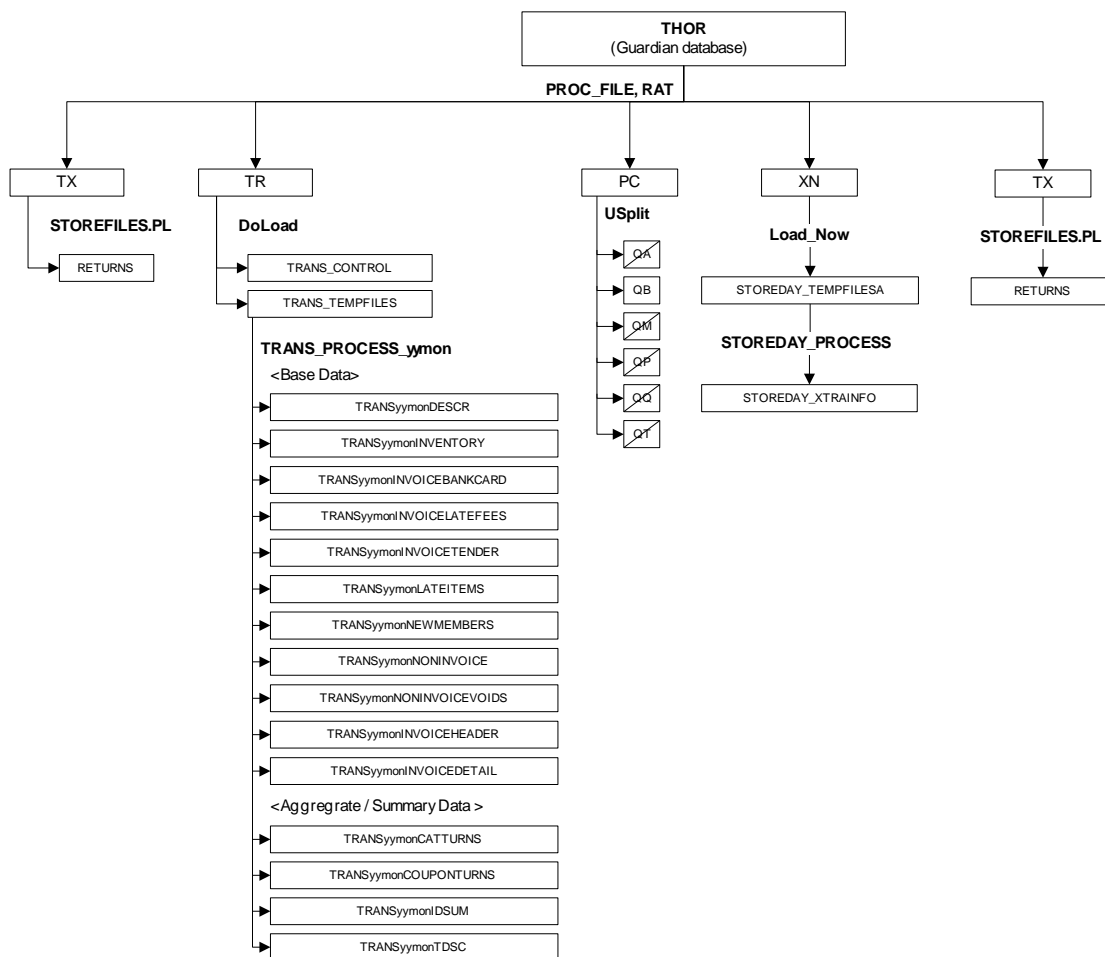


Figure 19. THOR –Data Flow, high level

RAT, PROC_FILES

The RAT process is responsible for splitting out the TR, TX, XN, and PC components from the incoming RA file.

Proc_Files

Proc_Files is a Cron-activated UNIX script that runs at 3 and 33 minutes past the hour. The purpose of Proc_Files is to extract the component data objects from TR that will subsequently load into the Guardian database. It separates the various files within RA, and creates SQL load files for subsequent updating into the Guardian database.

Proc_Files relies on the following UNIX programs to perform the dirty work:

- clean_ra – Removes old RA files.
- log_files – Creates the SQL load files from incoming RA files.
- extract_files – Control program for RAT.

- `verify_files` – Lists the files within the PC file. Also a control file for `mv_files`.
- `RAT` – a UNIX archive program similar to UNIX `TAR`. `RAT` runs on both machines independently, and breaks out the TR, TX, XN and PC files from RA for further processing.
- `split_file` – Control file for `USplit` and `mv_files`. Used to split the PC files into the “Q” files, and moving them to the required directory.
- `USplit` – similar to `RAT`, in that it splits a file into component parts.
- `clean_rb` – Removes old RB files from the SQL load files.
- `mv_files` – Moves files into the required directories.
- `load_files` – Loads the SQL load file for employee data.

While `Proc_files` is running, the `RECHECK` process examines the `TRANS_CONTROL` table for instances of “Bad Data” flags.

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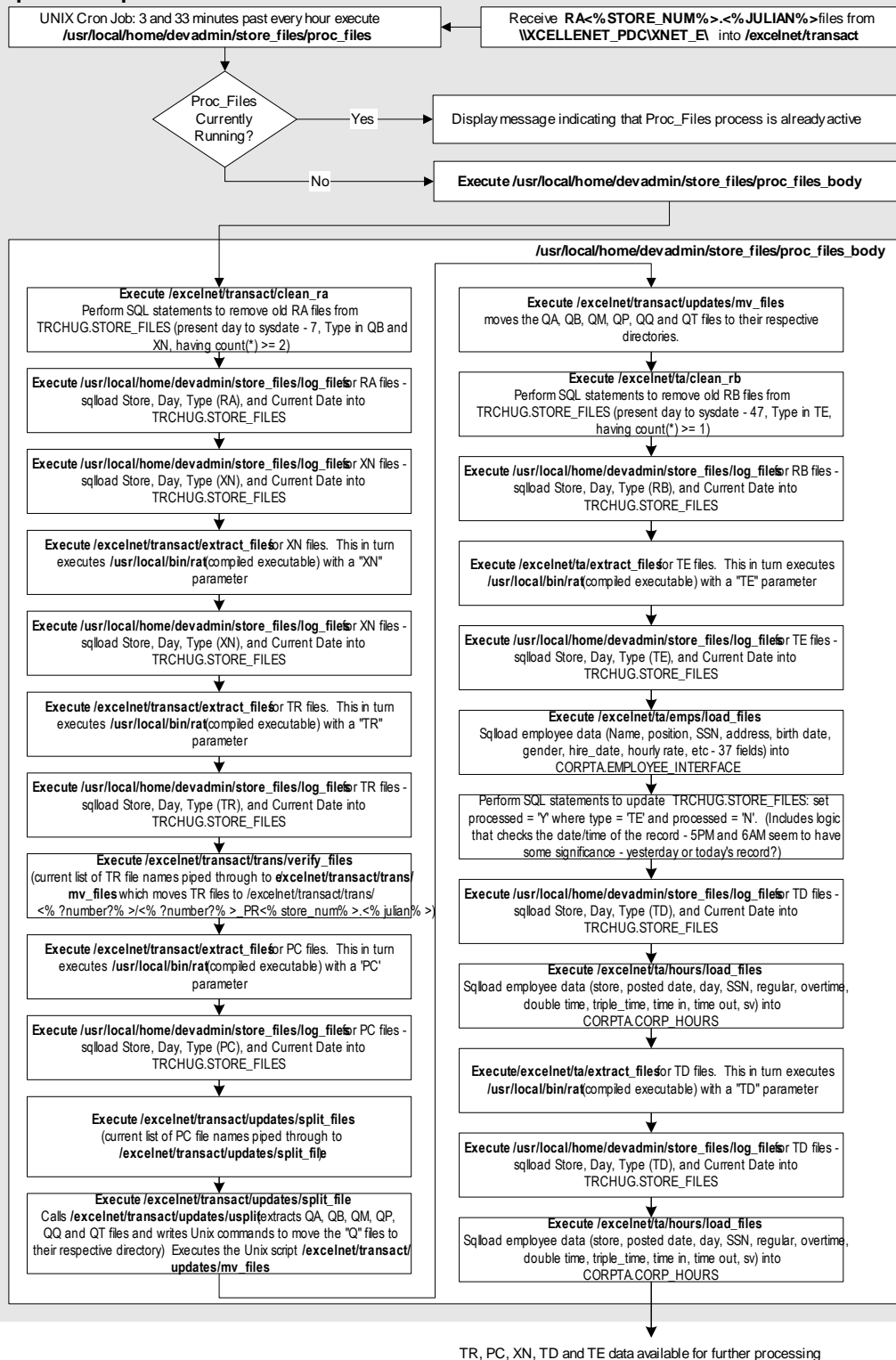


Figure 20. Proc_Files Process

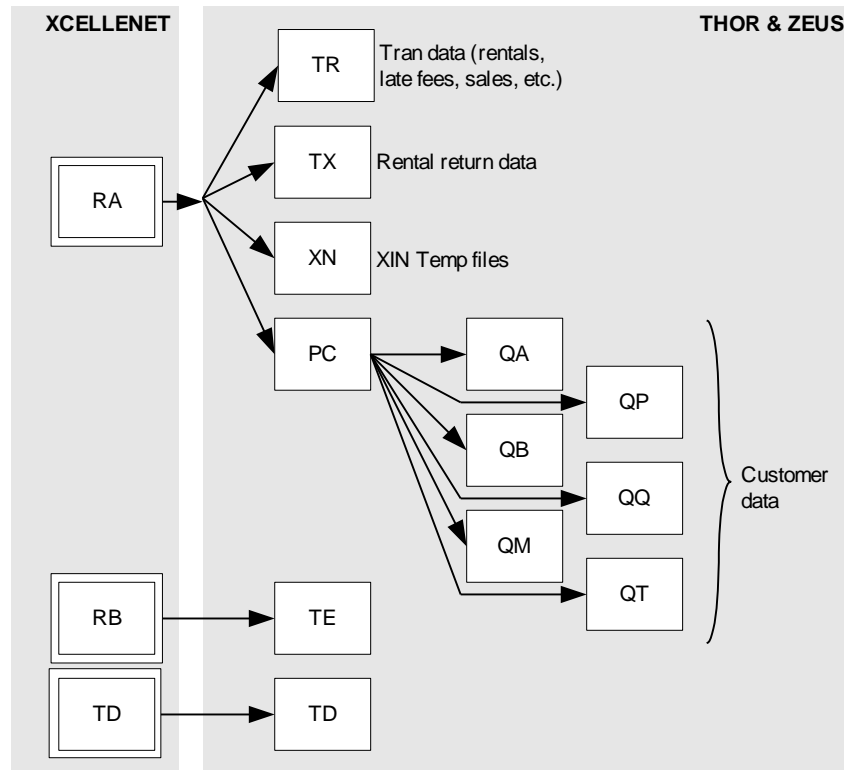


Figure 21. Proc_Files creates this data flow

Proc_files performs the following data manipulation as shown in Figure 21:

- Splits the RA file into TR, TX, XN and PC.
- Extracts the “Q” files from the PC file.
- Extracts TE from the RB file.
- Extracts the TD data file from the TD archive file.

All of the files created by Proc_files are used for subsequent processing by DoLoad.

DoLoad

DoLoad is a cron-activated UNIX script. Its purpose is to load the temporary SQL load files created by Proc_Files into the Guardian database.

- log_cron – Updates TRCHUG.CRON_PROCESS.
- log_files – Creates the SQL load files from incoming RA files.
- trfilter – Control file for cleantr.
- cleantr – Sets status flag in TRANS_CONTROL records.
- fireload – Control file for makectls.
- makectls – Control file for tr00001.ctl and load_trs.

- tr00001.ctl – An SQLLOAD control file.
- load_trs – Load raw TR files into temporary load files.

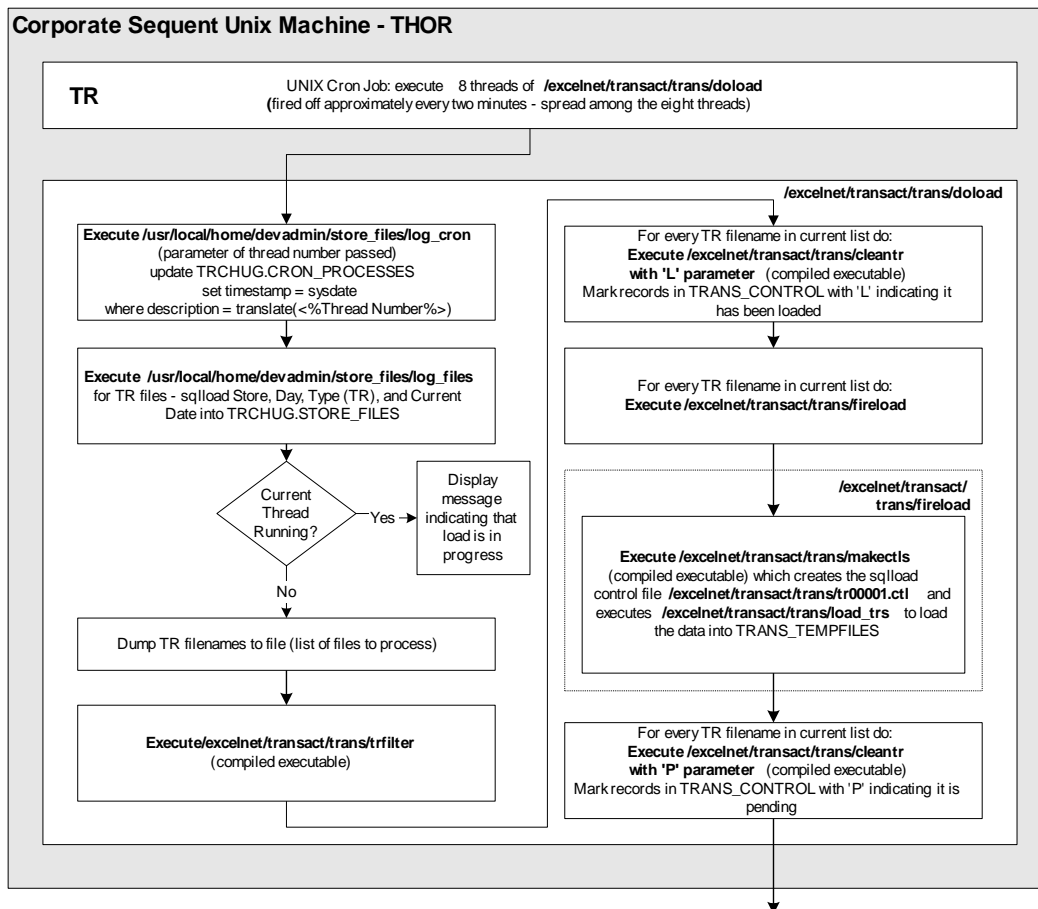


Figure 22. DoLoad Process

TRANSSUM_UPDATECONTROL and STOREDAY_UPDATECONTROL

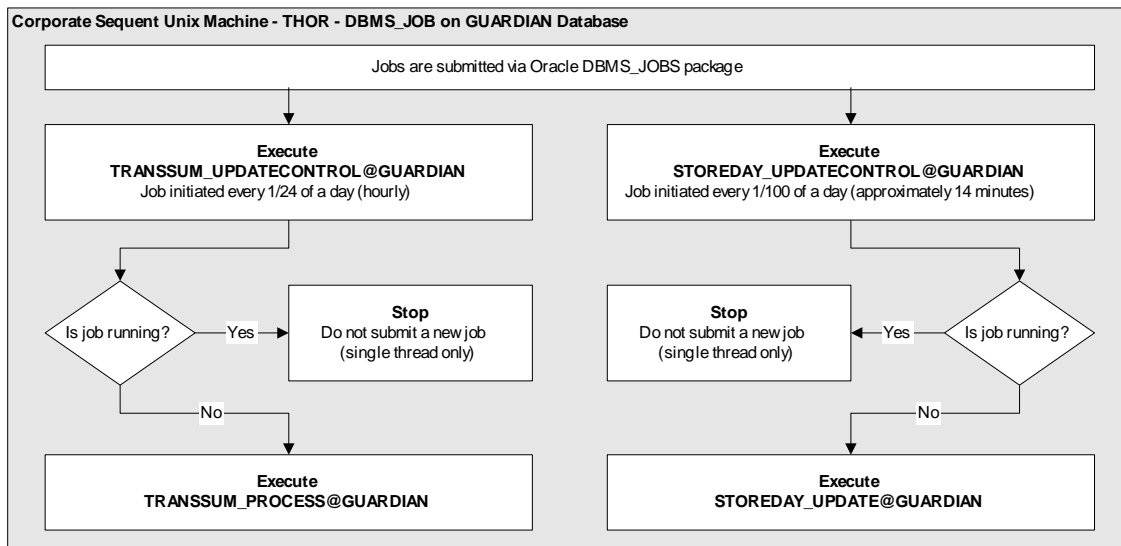


Figure 23. DBMS_Job process

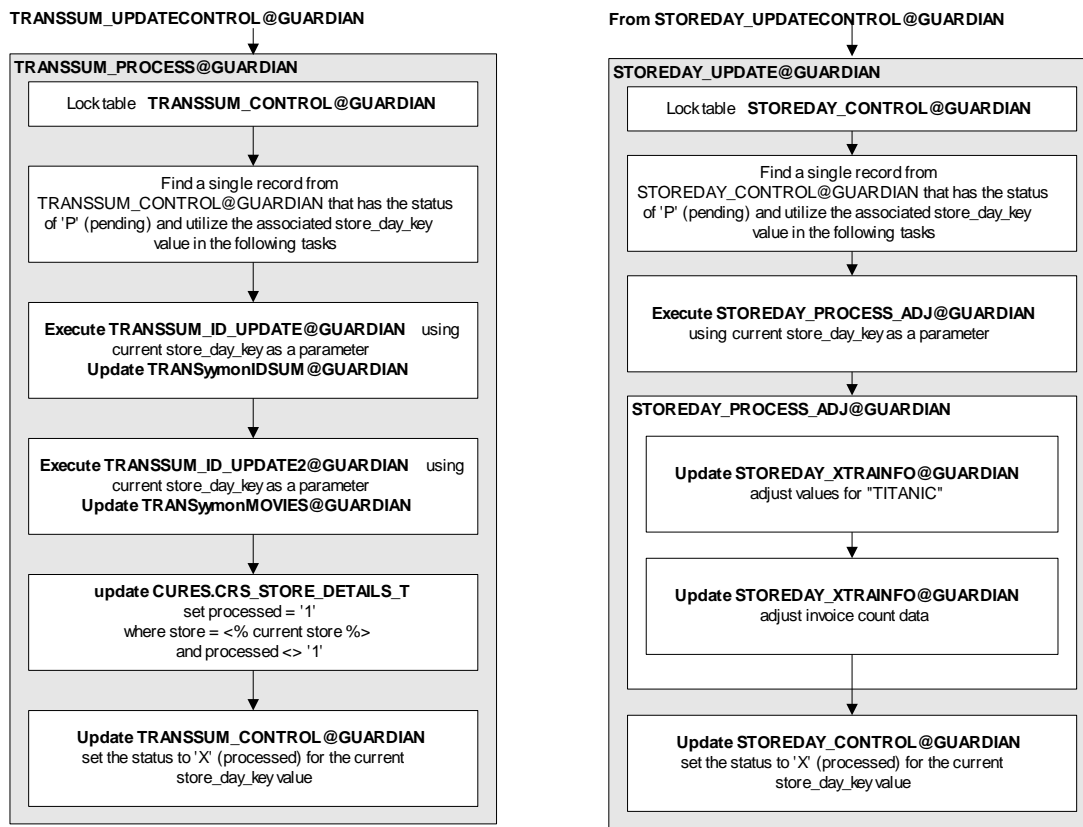


Figure 24. TRANSSUM_PROCESS, STOREDAY_UPDATECONTROL

Trans_Process_All

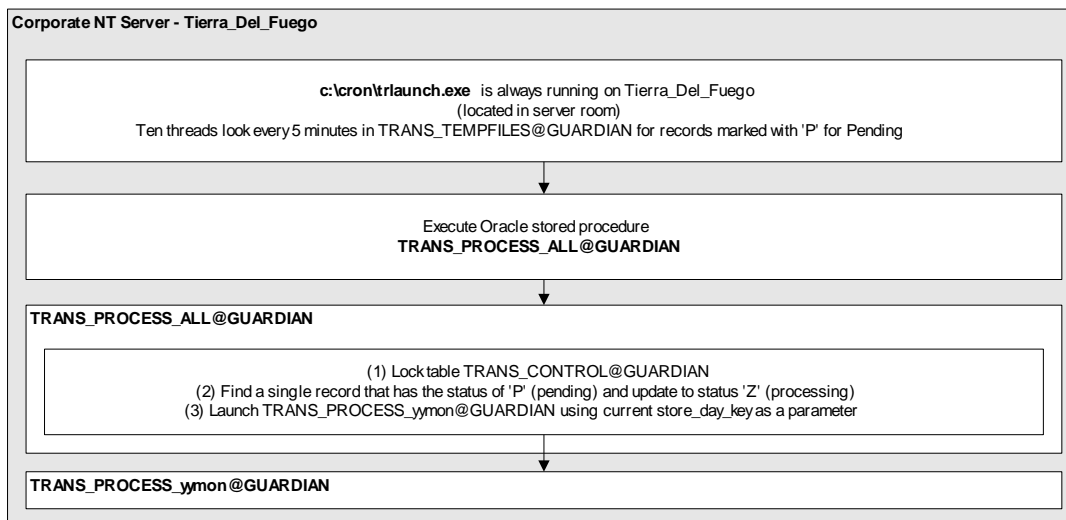


Figure 25. TR Processing in Guardian – TRANS_PROCESS_ALL

Trans_Process

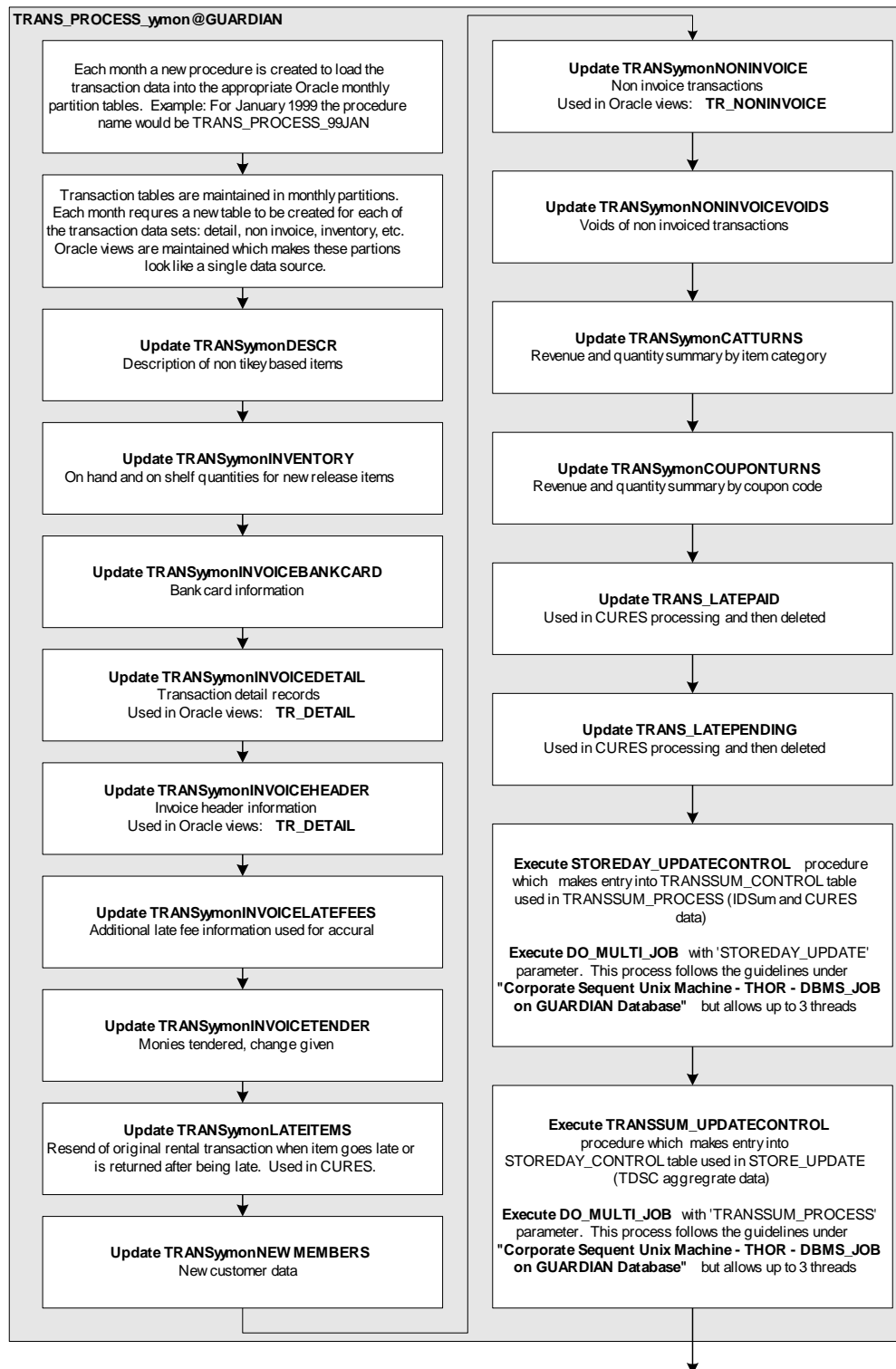


Figure 26. TR Processing in Guardian – TRANS_PROCESS

USplit

USplit is run on both THOR and ZEUS, but with different parameters, which alter its behavior:

- The USplit program on THOR extracts QB records from the PC file, and discards the remainder.
 - The USplit program on ZEUS (see page 50) extracts all the other Q records from the PC file, and discards QB.
1. QB is moved to /u78/transact/updates/B
 2. Run do_bupd on QB, which loads the customer data into Oracle tables.

Load_Now

The Load_Now process on THOR creates and loads XN data into the STOREDAY_TEMPFILESA table. A second table, STOREDAY_TEMPFILESB, contains the XN data, in the pre-1997 table format, but is no longer used.

STOREDAY_PROCESS

This SQL process takes the STOREDAY_TEMPFILESA temporary data created by Load_Now, and loads it into STOREDAY_XTRAINFO.

RECHECK

Once an hour, this process reviews the TRANS_CONTROL table for instances of records marked as “BAD DATA”.

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Overview

Zeus is a UNIX-based server, which is host to the Athena database.

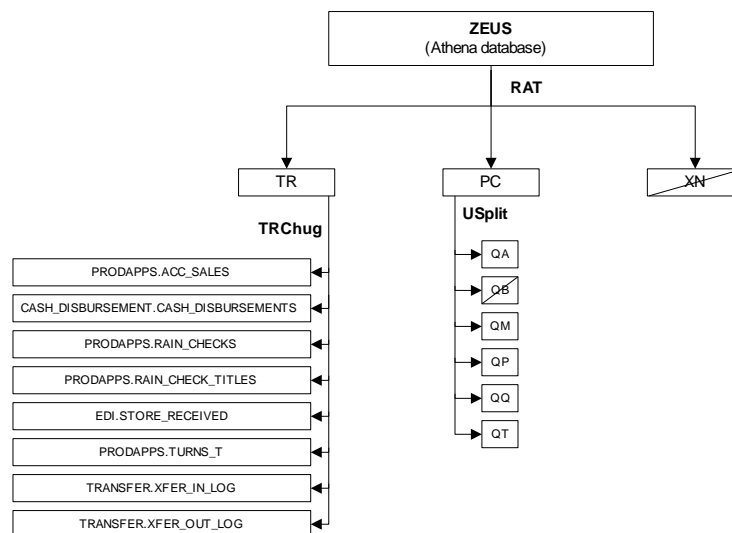


Figure 27. ZEUS - High level process view

1. Raw files are received into the /u78/transact/ directory
2. The RAT program separates RA into three files: TR, PC, XN.
 - TR files are moved into the /u78/transact/trans/ directory.
 - PC files are moved into the /u78/transact/updates/ directory.
 - XN files are deleted (they are processed only on THOR).
3. TR Chug is run against the TR files.
4. USplit is run against the PC files.

Do_Chug (a.k.a., TR_Chug)

For every TR file, Do_Chug performs the following:

- Process Accessory Sales: PRODAPPS.ACC_SALES@ATHENA
- Process Cash Disbursements:
CASH_DISBURSEMENT.CASH_DISBURSEMENTS@ATHENA (*Outdated table? Unable to find*)
- Process Rain Checks: PRODAPPS.RAIN_CHECKS@ATHENA,
PRODAPPS.RAIN_CHECK_TITLES@ATHENA
- Process Store Receipts: EDI.STORE_RECEIVED@ATHENA
- Process Turns: PRODAPPS.TURNS_T@ATHENA,
PRODAPPS.WEEKLY_TURNS_T@ATHENA (separate process)
- Process Transfers: TRANSFER.XFER_IN_LOG@ATHENA,
TRANSFER.XFER_OUT_LOG@ATHENA

USplit

Similar to RAT, in that it splits a file into QA, QB, QC, QM, QP, QQ, QT component parts.

- QA holds accessory inventory data
- QB holds customer inventory data
- QC holds machine inventory data
- QM holds movie inventory data
- QQ holds inventory summary data
- QP holds purchase order inventory data
- QT holds inventory transfer data

It moves the separated files into appropriate locations:

1. QA is moved to /u78/transact/updates/A
2. QC is moved to /u78/transact/updates/C
3. QM is moved to /u78/transact/updates/M
4. QP is moved to /u78/transact/updates/P
5. QQ is moved to /u78/transact/updates/Q
6. QT is moved to /u78/transact/updates/T
7. Run do_aupd on QA, which loads the accessory inventory data into Oracle tables.
8. QB files are deleted (they are processed on THOR).

9. Run `do_cupd` on QC, which loads the machine inventory data into the movie Oracle tables.
10. Run `do_mupd` on QM, which loads movie inventory data into the movie Oracle tables.
11. Run `do_pupd` on QP, which loads the PO requests/acks/receiving inventory data into Oracle tables.
12. Run `do_qupd` on QQ, which loads the inventory summary data into Oracle tables.
13. Run `do_tupd` on QT, which loads the inventory transfers data into Oracle tables.

SQLLOAD

Creates the temporary SQL file `ACCESSORIES_UPD`.

Performs various data integrity checks, such as tikeys, store numbers, etc.

accessoriesupd

Loads the file `ACCESSORIES_UPD` and uses it to load the `ACCESSORIES` data table in the production DB.

QA Processing

File name: `QA_ .J`

Processed by `MAKEACTL`

Processed by `SQLLOAD`

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Overview

Two NT processors comprise Tierra Del Fuego:

- TDF1 monitors TR processing on THOR.
- TDF2 launches TR processes on THOR.




The purpose of Tierra Del Fuego is to monitor and control TR processing on THOR.

TDF1

TR File Monitor

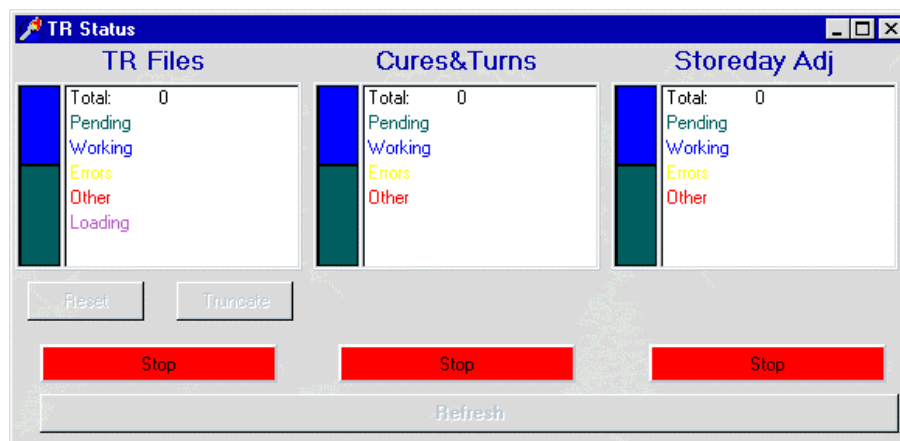
This relays TR process status in the form of a web page. It monitors nightly TR processing, used to access transaction statistics. This web page is located at:
<http://172.16.10.154/trfiles/trfiles.html>.

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TR File Processing Info Updated: Mar. 29, 1999 07:49pm			
Raw TR Files		Turns & ID Summary	Closeout Adjustments
Processed  98		Processed  98	Processed  98
Pending 0		Pending 0	Pending 0
Working 0		Working 0	Working 0
Errors 0		Errors 0	Errors 0
Loading 0			
No Data Found 0			
[TRANS]		[TRANSSUM]	[STOREDAY]
Process ON		Process ON	Process ON
Active Processes 0		Active Processes 0	Active Processes 0
Idle Processes 11		Idle Processes 1	Idle Processes 1
Average process time: 0:3:40		Average process time: 0:1:29	
Average lag time: 1:58:35			
Record Count 2443672			
Temp space free 81%			
Status Stores		Status Stores	Status Stores
Bad Data 1		Processed 1318	Error 2
Processed 1318			Processed 1317
Bad Data			
Store	day	TR	XN
018489	3/27/99	1528.74	2788.5
005687	3/28/99	1379.34	1787.08

TR Status

This is a real-time status screen and process control program.



WIDELOAD

This process checks the data in the view/table to determine if all Store flat files have been accounted for. WIDELOAD runs hourly, and sleeps between 8pm and 6am to allow regular nightly processing to complete.

The Oracle view, TR_FILES_MISSING compares the information currently in TRANS_CONTROL to Athena database VALID table. The VALID table is a combination of the NSTORES table and the CALLISTO table, used by Tech Support. The TR_FILES_MISSING view is used to determine which stores should be reporting data on a given business day.

WIDELOAD uses the table TR_FILES_MISSING to check for missing data files and, if found, copies them from a cache directory for store flat files (\\RETAIL\\Vol1\\Video2\\Trans\\).

TRANS_PROCESS_ALL

This process manages the TRANS_CONTROL table, which keeps track of every store flat file received. For each file, there are three fields: Store, Day and Status. Status takes one of the following values:

- L – Loaded
- P – Pending
- Z – Processing
- X – Processed
- B – Bad
- E – Error

TDF2

Appendix A. File Formats at the Store

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Overview

Several files are maintained at the store's file server which hold transaction and other financial data, customer, inventory, transfers and purchase order information. More information on the processing of these files is in Store Processing, on page 9.

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Overview

This section provides the file record structure within each file received in the R1 transmission file at Corporate. Unless otherwise noted, all files are ASCII. All records within are delimited by <CRLF>. Many files are ASCII versions of reports that have been pre-formatted for printing. Of these types of files, no automated processing is performed on their content.

AC – List of active members

This file is generated by ACTMEM.GNT on the server. As there are no automated processes that move or process this file, it is eventually deleted on XCELLENET.

Example file structure:

```
Store: 957  
Date: 990412  
Processed: 009811  
Active0-30: 001942  
Active30-60: 000728  
Active60-90: 000604  
Active90-180: 001502  
Active180+: 005035  
Ending Status: 10
```

CF – Store config file from \VIDEO\

Example file structure: (shown in two columns; actual file is one column):

Field	Data		
CLOSE_XMAS	32300	MERCH CAT	3Y
CLOSE_XEVE	32200	MERCH_CAT	3Y
CLOSE_MON	32300	GAME_INST	3Y
CLOSE_TUE	32300	TIKEYREADY	3Y
CLOSE_WED	32200	RCHECK01	3CR01.TXT3EVER AFTER
CLOSE_THR	32300	RCHECK02	3CR02.TXT3SOLDIER (1998) (KURT RUSSELL)
CLOSE_FRI	32300	RCHECK03	3CR03.TXT3WHAT DREAMS MAY COME
CLOSE_SAT	32300	RCHECK04	3CR04.TXT3WATERBOY, THE
CLOSE_SUN	32300	RCHECK05	3CR05.TXT3MULAN (DISNEY)
LASER_PORT	3lpt1:	RCHECK06	3CR06.TXT3ONE TRUE THING
LABEL_HEAD	3HOLLYWOOD VIDEO	RCHECK07	3CR07.TXT3PLEASANTVILLE
LABEL_PV	3HOLLYWOOD VIDEO PREVIOUSLY VIEWED	RCHECK08	3CR08.TXT3SATISFACTION GUARANTEE
LABELS	35160	RCHECK09	3CR09.TXT3RUGRATS-MOVIE, THE
C_#LTR	3002	RCHECK10	3CR10.TXT3
C_#CLS/LT1	3002	RCHECK11	3CR11.TXT3ANTZ
C_#CLS/LT2	3002	RCHECK12	3CR12.TXT3ROUNDERS
C_#CLS/CRP	3002	RCHECK13	3CR13.TXT3VAMPIRES (JOHN CARPENTER)
C_#DYS/LT1	3007	RCHECK14	3CR14.TXT3PRACTICAL MAGIC
C_#DYS/LT2	3014	RCHECK15	3CR15.TXT3RONIN
C_#DYS/CRP	3022	RCHECK16	3CR16.TXT3N64-CRUISIN WORLD
C_#DYS/BTL	3005	RCHECK17	3CR17.TXT3N64-ZELDA-OCARINA OF TIME
SUPPORT_NO	38006729974	RCHECK18	3CR18.TXT3URBAN LEGEND
MANAGER	3JEANETTE PRESLEY	RCHECK20	3CR20.TXT3
STORE_NUM	3001504	DEF_A_VEND	30000002632
MAX_MANUAL	30001000	DEF_M_VEND	30000002632
VOID_MIN	30001000	EARLY_CATS	3N2N3N4G1S1G4S4DV
DEAD_PASS	3060	GIFT_CERT	3YYYYYYY 800101 991231
CODE_GREEN	30200	MACD#9	30020000
MEM_VERIFY	3180	MEMTYPE_FT	3000000000 09 04 01
MACD#1	30005000	MEMTYPE_NW	3000030000 09 04 01
MACD#2	30002500	MEMTYPE_MT	3999999999 09 04 01
MACD#3	30005000	RWATCH15	3010
MACD#4	30002500	RWATCH19	3010
MACD#5	30005000	SENIOR_DCT	360 10 10 10
MACD#6	30005000	BDAY_FREE	3Y
MACD#7	30005000	FRIENDSFAM	3YYYYYYY 981202 981202
NEWINVOICE	3Y	AUTO_AUTH	3Y
		BOX_GRACE	3001

IA – Accessory inventory

This file contains the accessory inventory scan information. INV_SEQ is the inventory sequence number, which is used to distinguish between multiple inventories (i.e., multiple inventories done in one day).

IM – Movie inventory

This file contains the movie inventory scan information. `INV_SEQ` is the inventory sequence number, which is used to distinguish between multiple inventories (i.e., multiple inventories done in one day).

IU – Item update file

This file contains changes to the store items database.

Example file structure:

990122	IUDATA.MAN	Total: 000002	Inserts: 000001	Updates: 000001	Deletes: 000000	Bad: 000000	End: 00
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LO – Low disk space marker file

Example file structure:

```
STORE # 020812'S LOCAL HD IS LOW ON DISK SPACE!!
THIS PREVENTED THE EMERGENCY BACKUP FROM BEING DONE
```

```
Volume in drive F is SYS
Volume Serial Number is 300B-7CD9
Directory of F:\
```

LOGIN	<DIR>	09-30-98	1:16a
SYSTEM	<DIR>	09-30-98	1:16a
PUBLIC	<DIR>	09-30-98	1:16a
MAIL	<DIR>	09-30-98	1:16a
ETC	<DIR>	09-30-98	1:34a
MARS	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
FED	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
VIDEOII	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
AUTO	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
AW	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
DOS	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
ROOT	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
TA	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
SCHED	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
NODESYS	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
IN	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
OUT	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
CPA	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
TAS	<DIR>	09-30-98	4:42p
32ENH	<DIR>	11-12-98	11:58a
LPDSIM	<DIR>	03-16-99	9:42a
PORCDEMO	<DIR>	03-16-99	9:42a
PHOENIX	<DIR>	03-16-99	3:42p
LABOR	<DIR>	03-16-99	3:42p
MEMO	<DIR>	03-16-99	4:36p
NEOWARE	<DIR>	03-16-99	4:39p
CURES	<DIR>	03-16-99	5:01p
27 file(s)		0 bytes	
		478216192 bytes free	

MV – Movie inventory data file

Example file format (no records):

0	99030308415060	>			1	1		*Y
---	----------------	---	--	--	---	---	--	----

Example file format (non-empty file):

[illegible]

PB – Phone Book

Example file structure:

5032531234	1	03745814143
5032541068	1	AG06612
5032526623	1	03745814142
5032849456	1	03719306158
5032535483	1	15537560
5032537022	1	03745814141
5032534604	1	03745814140
5032541640	1	03745814139
5032510475	1	03745814137
5034088352	1	03745814136
5037747291	1	03715554282
5037620644	1	03745814135
503262999<	25032629983	03719320809
5032629983	1	03719320809
5032567910	1	03745814134
5037759866	1	E545391114
5037714203	1	03745814145
5032329619	1	03745814130
5035408724	1	03745814133
5037609180	1	03745814132
5032618548	1	03745814127
5036632131	1	03745814128
5032575023	1	03745814126
5036614368	1	03745814125
5037605242	1	03745814124
5032529940	1	03745814123

PC – Customer Info

Extracted from RA file. Compressed using RAT, but is uncompressed when moved to THOR and ZEUS.

When uncompressed, the PC file has the following format:

Typical header record format:

116693990122 1150HOLLYWOOD VIDEO #150 HOLLYWOOD VIDEO 11875 SW BVTN. HILLSDALE HWY BEAVERTON
OR503641160897005

Typical record format:

[illegible]

RA –Container for TR/XN/PC

The RA file is RAT-compressed. When expanded, it becomes the TR, XN, and PC files.

RA.TXT

Example file structure:

```
03715099012510245060YENGA0001541829
03715099012510245626YENGAS3715018674
03715099012510252075YENGAS3715019629
03715099012510342007YENGA24583736
03715099012510360915YENGA24583592
03715099012510364919YENGAS3715013827
03715099012510365205YENGAS3715013827
03715099012510371171YENGAS3715018567
03715099012510381152YENGAS3715010127
03715099012510383245YENGAS3715010127
03715099012513192006YENGAS3715025189
03715099012515152406YENGAS3715025984
03715099012515152977YENGAS3715025254
[...]
```

RB – Container for TE

The `RB` file is RAT-compressed. When expanded, it becomes the `TE` file.

RP – Closeout Report

This is an ASCII version of a report that has been pre-formatted for printing.

The RP file is in several parts, printed as a batch process, separated by page breaks:

- Daily Revenue Deposit Report
- Cash Drawer Balance Report
- Coupon Redemption Report
- Sales Report
- Exemptions Report
- Employee Payment Type Report
- Adjustments Report

Example file format (condensed):

Daily Revenue Deposit Report

037452 11.5 2/01/99	HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452 DAILY REVENUE/DEPOSIT REPORT FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99	Page: 1 10:31 pm

REVENUE		
RENTALS		
MOVIE RENTALS	84 88% \$223.35 87%	
MACHINE RENTALS	1 1% \$9.99 3%	
LATE CHARGES	14 14% \$26.96 10%	
RENTAL COUPONS	4 4%< \$4.00> 1%	
TOTAL RENTALS	95 89% ----->	\$256.30 84%
ACCESSORY SALES		
SELL THROUGH	0 0% \$0.00 0%	
PREVIOUSLY VIEWED	5 45% \$41.95 87%	
GROCERIES	6 54% \$5.99 12%	
GIFT CERTIFICATES	0 0% \$0.00 0%	
ACCESSORIES	0 0% \$0.00 0%	
MACHINE SALES	0 0% \$0.00 0%	
TOTAL SALES	11 10% ----->	\$47.94 15%
TOTAL REVENUE	106 =====>	\$304.24
REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS		
GIFT CERTIFI	1 < \$5.00>	
AR PAYMENTS	0 \$0.00	
CASH REFUNDS	0 \$0.00	
TOTAL REVENUE ADJU	1 0% -----><	\$5.00> 0%
NET REVENUE	105 =====>	\$299.24
ADJUSTMENTS		
SALES TAXES	0 \$0.00	
DEPOSIT REFUNDS	0 \$0.00	
DEPOSITS	0 \$0.00	
CASH PAYOUTS	0 \$0.00	
ON ACCOUNT	0 \$0.00	
TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	=====>	\$0.00

TENDERS

CASH	47	94%	\$286.79	95%
CHECK	2	4%	\$8.96	2%
BANKCARD	1	2%	\$3.49	1%

TOTAL TENDERS 50 =====> \$299.24

BANK DEPOSIT

CASH/CHECKS	\$295.80
VISA/MASTERCARD	\$3.49
AMERICAN EXPRESS	\$0.00
DISCOVER CARD	\$0.00

TOTAL BANK DEPOSIT =====> \$299.29

CASH <SHORT>/OVER =====> \$0.05

AUTH ONLY CREDIT C 1 \$50.00

LABOR HOURS: 10.21 LABOR DOLLARS: \$66.34 LABOR PERCENT: 21.87%
 TEMPERATURE: 60 SKY: CLOUDY PRECIPITATION: RAIN
 NEW MEMBERS: 3
 EXPLANATION OF -
 CASH SHORT/OVER -

Closer's Signature: _____

*** PLEASE ATTACH TO DAILY CASH AUDIT SHEET ***

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Cash Drawer Balance Report

037452 11.5 HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452 Page: 2
 2/01/99 CASH DRAWER BALANCE REPORT 10:31 pm
 FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99

Stn Drw Emp CASH CHECK BANKCAR ON ACCO

2 2 MEGAN 114.98
 TOTAL 114.98

Open Closed
 Date: 02/01/99 02/01/99
 Time: 12:04 16:07
 Count: \$0.00 \$114.98
 Authorized Employee: MEGAN

Stn Drw Emp CASH CHECK BANKCAR ON ACCO

3 1 JOY 1.99
 SMGR 63.09 1.98 3.49
 TOTAL 65.08 1.98 3.49

Open Closed
 Date: 02/01/99 02/01/99
 Time: 10:01 19:05
 Count: \$0.00 \$70.55
 Authorized Employee: SMGR

Stn Drw Emp CASH CHECK BANKCAR ON ACCO

4 1 JOY 94.03 6.98
 SMGR 12.70
 TOTAL 106.73 6.98

Open Closed
 Date: 02/01/99 02/01/99
 Time: 16:55 22:08
 Count: \$0.00 \$113.71
 Authorized Employee: JOY

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Coupon Redemption Report

037452 11.5 HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452 Page: 3
 2/01/99 COUPON REDEMPTION REPORT 10:31 pm
 FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99

Id Number	Description	Qty	\$ Value	Cnt	+/-
DOL	\$1.00 OFF RENTAL	4	4.00	4	0
TOTAL		4	4.00	4	0

CLOSING MANAGER SIGNATURE: _____

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037452 11.5 HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452 Page: 4
 2/01/99 COUPON REDEMPTION REPORT 10:31 pm
 FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99

Id Number	Description	Qty	\$ Value	Cnt	+/-
DOL	\$1.00 OFF RENTAL	4	4.00	4	0
TOTAL		4	4.00	4	0

CLOSING MANAGER SIGNATURE: _____

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Sales Report

037452 11.5 HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452 Page: 5
 2/01/99 SALES REPORT 10:31 pm
 FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99

Part Number	Description	Quantity	Unit \$	\$ Amount
0999913637	CA-BLACK FOREST GUMMY WO (5 OZ	1	\$1.25	\$1.25
0999918460	CA-DOTS TROPICAL (7 OZ.)	1	\$0.75	\$0.75
0999917746	CA-NERDS (7 OZ)	1	\$0.99	\$0.99
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	GR	6		\$5.99

0020526893	PV-DR. DOLITTLE (1998)	1	\$7.99	\$7.99
0020447595	PV-FIERCE CREATURES	1	\$9.99	\$9.99
0020525621	PV-GODZILLA (1998)	1	\$7.99	\$7.99
DEPARTMENT TOTAL	PV	5		\$41.95

TOTAL SALES	11	\$47.94
VOIDED LATE CHARGES:		
Id number Description	Cat Member	Employee St Time Dys Amount
S374522783	WAG THE DOG	03745208870 SMGR 3 1 08pm 1 VD \$3.49
S374522488	LOCUSTS, THE	03745209275 SMGR 4 7 19pm 1 VD \$3.49
TOTAL VOIDED LATE CHARGES		\$6.98
TOTAL FOUND ON SHELF		0 FS \$0.00
TOTAL DROP BOX		0 BX N/A
TOTAL SPECIAL VOIDS		2 VD \$6.98
TOTAL LATE GRACE		0 OR \$0.00
TOTAL NET EDITED		\$0.00
TOTAL VOIDED TRANSACTIONS		\$0.00
TOTAL VOIDED LATE CHARGES		\$6.98
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Employee Payment Type Report

037452 11.5	HOLLYWOOD VIDEO - EUGENE #452				Page: 6	
2/01/99	EMPLOYEE PAYMENT TYPE				10:31 pm	
	FOR BUSINESS DAY: 2/01/99					

	Manual		Free		Void	
Emp	Num	Dol	Num	Dol	Num	Dol

JOY	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
MEGAN	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
SMGR	2	6.98	0	0.00	0	0.00

RT – Already checked-in items

%store_num%%check_in_date%%check_in_time%%employee_ID%%rental_ID%

Example:

03577399020510113105JEN S357739836

[See Tom Naganuma]

RW.LOG – Remoteware communications log file

[See Tom Naganuma]

SC – Employee schedule information

This file will be obsolete when the Labor Management System is implemented: Apr1999.

STATCAP

This file is received every Wednesday. It averages one megabyte per store. The file is manually put on a ZIP disk and sent to vendors for product data collection.

TC – TAS trace file Troubleshooting

Example file structure:

acquirer_bin	449280
visa_merchant_number	347900015046
amex_merchant_number	347900015046
bankcard_phone	9500990
bankcard_phone_backup	18005334488
check_merchant_number	20101504
check_phone	18002811311
disc_merchant_number	347900015046
merchant_cat_code	7841
store_number	001504
tcpip_address	192.168.150.15
tcpip_port	8060
tcpip_timeout	35
timezone_code	706
trace_filename	\tas\tas.trc
trace_level	1
zip_code	35603

TD – Timecard Edits

ASCII file. One record per row. Fields are comma-delimited. Content is enclosed in quotes. No spaces.

Content format:

```
"%store_num%", "%report_date% %report_time%", "%transaction_date%", "%employee_number%", "%rate%",  
"0.00", "0.00", "0.00", "%time_in%", "%time_out%", "N", "N"
```

Example file structure:

```
"003989", "02/06/1999 00:40:56", "02/01/1999", "526893638", "8.38", "0.00", "0.00", "0.00", "16:35", "01:30", "N", "N"
```

TE – Payroll Edits

ASCII file. One record per row. Fields are comma-delimited. Content is enclosed in quotes. No spaces.

Non-empty content example – version 2.0:

```
V2.0"009661","10/09/1998 14:33:52","I","040789643","MUNOZ","FABIAN","","7980 NW 50TH ST #5-
204","","LAUDERHILL","FL","333510000","9547484285","M","06011968","EE","3","D","2","N","10021996","S00040","10021996","2",
"00.00","","","A","10021996","M","0","","",""
```

marker

Non-empty content example – version 3.0: (NOTE: Each record starts on a new line, with “V3.0”)

```
V3.0"035791","03/01/1999 08:19:00","U","274746260","BELL","CRYSTAL","M","1801 TRINITY PL. APT 19",""
","CANTON","OH","447093355","3305809235","F","04121966","","","",""
","05191997","S00010","01011999","H","6","DEM","01011999","01011999","Z","01011999","S","2","I","ATT","N"
V3.0"035791","03/01/1999 08:20:00","U","274882275","BIANCHI","ASHLEY","A","1519 32ND ST NE",""
","CANTON","OH","447140000","3304541287","F","07131981","","","",""
","04191998","S00010","10161998","H","5.9","MME","11011998","10161998","Z","02111999","S","0","V","PER","N"
V3.0"035791","03/01/1999 08:21:00","U","268689032","BOLTON","WILLIAM","L","2335 BROOKDALE DR. NW",""
","CANTON","OH","447090000","3304920386","M","10271961","AD","2","A","1","N","11101998","S00010","11161998","H","5.15","OTH","","",
"Z","01011999","M","0","V","FAM","N"
V3.0"035791","03/01/1999 08:21:00","U","302666185","CARMAN","DANN","M","708 PROSPECT AVE SW",""
","CANTON","OH","447061246","3304533774","F","11251974","AD","5","A","1","N","01171999","S00010","01171999","H","5.15",""
","","Z","01011999","S","1","V","RET","N"
V3.0"035791","03/01/1999 08:22:00","U","235922065","DANISKA","CATHY","L","2112 ESTER AVE SW",""
","CANTON","OH","447060000","3304771639","F","10081971","AD","1","A","1","N","09221998","S00010","12161998","H","5.4","MME","010119
99","01011999","Z","01011999","M","0","V","PER","N"
```

Empty TE file content (version 2.0):

V2.0 marker

Empty TE file content (version 3.0):

V3.0 marker

TR – Transaction Info

TR files contain transaction records. This includes such information as rentals, sales, late fees.

TR records are categorized into three areas:

- Invoices
- Non-invoice information – Inventory, voids, and system info
- Roll-ups – summaries of common information

The structure is shown in Figure 28.

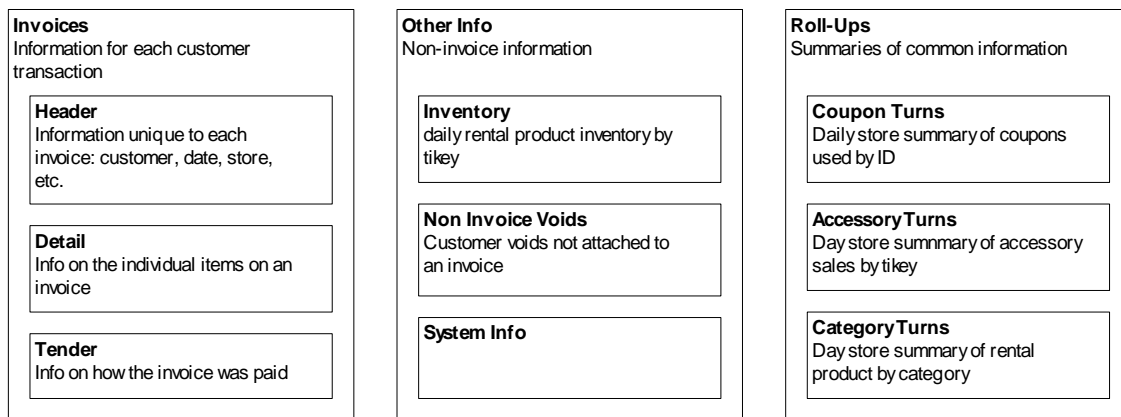


Figure 28. Contents of TR files

Transaction Codes:

CODE	Description
#	New member
1	Movie rotated in
2	Movie rotated out
3	Machine rotated in
4	Machine rotated out
5	Accessory rotated in
6	Accessory rotated out
A	Mov rental
B	Mach rental
c	Category change
C	Movie sale
D	Sell machine
E	Sell accessory
F	Late charge
G	Refund deposit
H	AR payment
I	Deposit

J	Cash refund
K	Cash pay-out
k	Rain check issued
L	Mv accessory sale
M	Mh accessory sale
n	Notes, memos & misc.
O	Mv usage SA.
p	Accessory purchase
P	Mh usage SA.
Q	Coupon
r	Pull rent sell\Poll report run
T	Tender
Z	Voided transaction
z	Zero rental new release
S	Rental credit on account

TX – Transaction info

This file contains similar transaction information to the TR file, and will eventually be modified to contain and replace all info in the TR file.

Example file structure:

```
#0003:0001:0001:19990414:013858
0125902652 0020525212008352199902241612199904131847
0124685192 2761601423014302199903131524199904130944
0117033733 1000084861014302199903131524199904130944
0124686254 0000009736014302199903131524199904130944
0121987379 0000000883014302199903131524199904130937
0124832054 0999910089014735199903140002199904132024
[...]
01S433527537 0020519901021793199904132204199904141014
#0003:0001:0001:19990414:013858:000403
```

UT – Tax information

Example file structure:

	TAX	1

UU – UPC update file

Example file structure:

990122 UPCDATA.J1L Total: 000041 Inserts: 000025 Updates: 000012 Deletes: 000004 Bad: 000000 End: 00
--

WS – Workstation Configuration

This ASCII file is generated and sent to Corporate on a daily basis, and is routed to TRON. It will eventually be shut off.

Example file structure:

```
WhichCPU V0.50 (c) by Michael Holin    //    Public Domain
WhichCPU ? for info

Looking for: 8088,8086,V20,V30,80188,80186,80286,80386sx,-dx,RapidCAD
            80486sx,-dx,-slc,-dlc,Pentium
CPU found  : Pentium
NPU found  : build in
Conventional Memory :
```

Name	Size in Decimal	Size in Hex
MSDOS	18992 (18.5K)	4A30
HIMEM	1120 (1.1K)	460
COMMAND	2768 (2.7K)	AD0
COMTOKEY	17232 (16.8K)	4350
IPX	25392 (24.8K)	6330
NETX	48624 (47.5K)	BDF0
TIMECLK	11248 (11.0K)	2BF0
FREE	64 (0.1K)	40
FREE	80 (0.1K)	50
FREE	64 (0.1K)	40
FREE	528384 (516.0K)	81000

```
Total  FREE :      528592      (516.2K)

Total bytes available to programs :                528592 (516.2K)
Largest executable program size :                528240 (515.9K)

14680064 bytes total contiguous extended memory
0 bytes available contiguous extended memory
14614528 bytes available XMS memory
MS-DOS resident in High Memory Area
```


XN – Extra info

PC files contain XN contains closeout financial summaries and inventory “Q” data, such as accessories on-hand, customer records, and movie status. PC records are compartmentalized into these sub-files within the PC file:

- QA – Accessories on-hand
- QB – Active customer data
- QM – Movie inventory status
- QP – PO requests, acknowledgements, receiving
- QQ – Inventory summary (category, on-hand, lost, found)
- QT – Inventory transfers - system, data (in/out)

There are over 200 possible columns of info, however to save space, this is delivered as a flat file.

Example file structure: (shown in three columns; actual file is one column):

"STORE","037150"	"MANAGERS","1"	"INV_MOVIES_5","38"
"XDATE","01/22/1999"	"OVER_SHORT","-5.83"	"INV_MOVIES_6","14"
"XTIME","3:09 am"	"LATE_CHARGES_NO","125"	"INV_MOVIES_7","1"
"VERSION","11.5"	"DEPOSIT_NO","1"	"INV_MOVIES_8","0"
"RENTALS","5667.49"	"DEPOSIT_DOL","10.00"	"INV_MOVIES_9","0"
"ACCESSORY_SALES","872.12"	"SALE_REFUND","-9.99"	"INV_MOVIES_10","0"
"LATE_CHARGES","406.98"	"SALE_REFUND_NO","1"	"TAX_RENT","6173.39"
"SALES_TAXES","0.00"	"DEPOSIT_REFUND_DOL","-30.00"	"TAX_EXEMPT","0.00"
"NET_OF_DEPOSITS_REFUNDS","-29.99"	"DEPOSIT_REFUND_NO","3"	"TAX_ACC_1","860.15"
"ON_ACCOUNT","0.00"	"CASH_PAYOUT_DOL","0.00"	"TAX_ACC_2","0.00"
"CASH_AND_CHECKS","5467.07"	"CASH_PAYOUT_NO","0"	"TAX_ACC_3","0.00"
"VISA_AND_MASTERCARD","1251.36"	"TOTAL_DISK_SPACE","256259584"	"TAX_ACC_4","0.00"
"AMERICAN_EXPRESS","70.87"	"AVAIL_DISK_SPACE","372965376"	"TAX_ACC_5","0.00"
"DISCOVER_CARD","32.46"	"AVAIL_MGR_DISK_SPACE","169279488"	"TAX_ACC_6","0.00"
"LABOR_HOURS","43.16"	"TOTAL_MGR_DISK_SPACE","87733760"	"TAX_ACC_7","0.00"
"LABOR_DOLLARS","293.49"	"RENT_NO_LESS_90","1169"	"TAX_ACC_8","0.00"
"REGULAR_COUPONS","107"	"RENT_NO_90_365","30"	"TAX_ACC_9","0.00"
"OTHER_COUPONS","0"	"RENT_NO_CATALOG","587"	"TAX_ACC_10","0.00"
"MAILER_COUPONS","0"	"RENT_NO_GENESIS","5"	"AUDIT_DEBIT_CREDIT","-13.96"
"NUMBER_OF_NEW_MEMBERS","49"	"RENT_NO_NIN_8","1"	"AUDIT_RENT","-19.98"
"TEMPERATURE","40"	"RENT_NO_NIN_16","9"	"AUDIT_SALE","0.00"
"SKY","I"	"RENT_NO_AUDIO","5"	"AVG_DAYS_OUT_1","3.00"
"PRECIPITATION","R"	"RENT_NO_LASER","0"	"AVG_DAYS_OUT_2","0.00"
"COMMENT_LINE_1",""	"RENT_NO_MACHINES","2"	"AVG_DAYS_OUT_3","0.00"
"COMMENT_LINE_2",""	"RENT_NO_NIN_64","51"	"AVG_DAYS_OUT_4","0.00"
"RENT_LESS_90","3885.85"	"RENT_NIN_64","239.52"	"AVG_DAYS_OUT_5","5.06"
"RENT_90_365","90.83"	"RENT_NO_SONY_PS","64"	"AVG_RET_TIME_1","1919"
"RENT_CATALOG","1092.29"	"RENT_SONY_PS","304.39"	"AVG_RET_TIME_2","0000"
"RENT_GENESIS","15.44"	"SALE_NO_NEW_MOVIES","19"	"AVG_RET_TIME_3","0000"
"RENT_NIN_8","-2.01"	"SALE_NO_PV","35"	"AVG_RET_TIME_4","0000"
"RENT_NIN_16","24.02"	"SALE_NO_RENTRAK","0"	"AVG_RET_TIME_5","1723"
"RENT_AUDIO","17.16"	"SALE_NO_GAMES","0"	"MAN_PRICE_DOL","57.80"
"RENT_LASER","0.00"	"SALE_NO_AUDIO","0"	"MAN_PRICE_NO","20"
"RENT_MACHINES","19.98"	"SALE_NO_MUSIC","0"	"AUDIT_DIFF","0"
"SALE_NEW_MOVIES","275.83"	"SALE_NO_MACHINES","0"	"SIGNUP_4_STARS","0"
"SALE_PV","380.65"	"SALE_NO_BLANK","0"	"SIGNUP_3_STARS","0"
"SALE_RENTRAK","0.00"	"SALE_NO_CONCESSION","106"	"SIGNUP_2_STARS","0"
"SALE_GAMES","0.00"	"SALE_NO_OTHER","3"	"SIGNUP_1_STAR","0"
"SALE_AUDIO","0.00"	"GIFT_NO_SOLD","0"	"PHONE_MEMBERS","0"
"SALE_MUSIC","0.00"	"GIFT_NO_REDEEMED","21"	"TOTAL_MEM_SRCH","240"
"SALE_MACHINES","0.00"	"INVOICE_COUNT","980"	"INVOICES_PRINTED","241"
"SALE_BLANK","0.00"	"INVOICE_RENT_ONLY","789"	"EMPLOYEE_ID","SMGR"
"SALE_CONCESSION","135.67"	"INVOICE_ACC_ONLY","27"	"REFUND_EXCHANGE","9.99"
"SALE_OTHER","79.97"	"INV_MOVIES_0","105"	"AUTH_ONLY_DOL","130.00"
"GIFT_REDEEMED","102.97"	"INV_MOVIES_1","285"	"AUTH_ONLY_NUM","4"
"GIFT_SOLD","0.00"	"INV_MOVIES_2","314"	"ITEM_LRC","080e"
"RENT_COUPON","107"	"INV_MOVIES_3","165"	"UPC_LRC","e189"
"RENT_COUPON_DOL","96.94"	"INV_MOVIES_4","58"	

YE – Year-end inventory report

This file is received twice per year. There are no automated processes that are dependent on the content of this file.

Example file structure: (*shown in two columns; actual file is one column*):

00136754032	DR SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT	N	EX 000048
0037019011	DI JUNGLE BOOK, THE (1994)	Y	FA 000267
0093420002	MC JUDDS, THE-FAREWELL TOUR	Y	FO 000175
0102587002	DR CRY FREEDOM	Y	FY 000045
01029576001	DI TALES FROM AVONLEA VOL 4	Y	G1 000385
01032423003	CO MR. WRONG	Y	G4 000046
[...]			HO 000454
#1 000005			IN 000044
#5 000005			KI 000619
#6 000005			MA 000094
#9 000005			MC 000097
AA 000189			MU 000090
AD 000959			MY 000297
AN 000086			N2 001822
BB 000001			N3 001076
BC 000003			N5 000003
BF 000183			RE 000044
BK 000002			S1 000647
BN 000002			SC 000306
BS 000016			SP 000094
CC 000046			TR 000048
CL 000394			WE 000198
CO 001216			TOTAL BOOKS: 000207
CU 000090			TOTAL GAMES: 001078
DI 000166			TOTAL NEW RELEASE: 002901
DO 000159			TOTAL MACHINES: 000020
DR 001066			TOTAL CATALOG: 007510
DV 000219			

Appendix C. TR Data Model

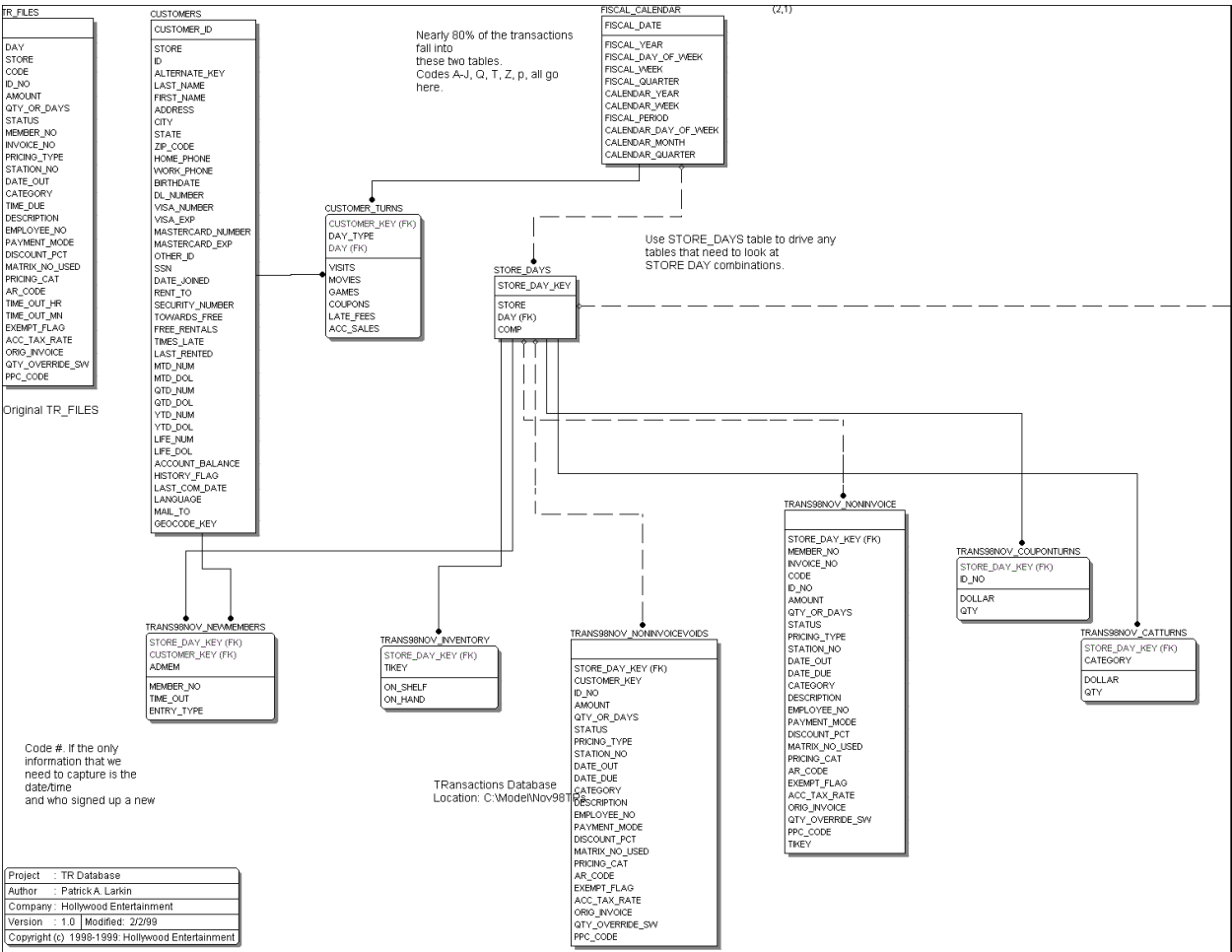


Figure 29. TR Data Model in Guardian (1 of 2)

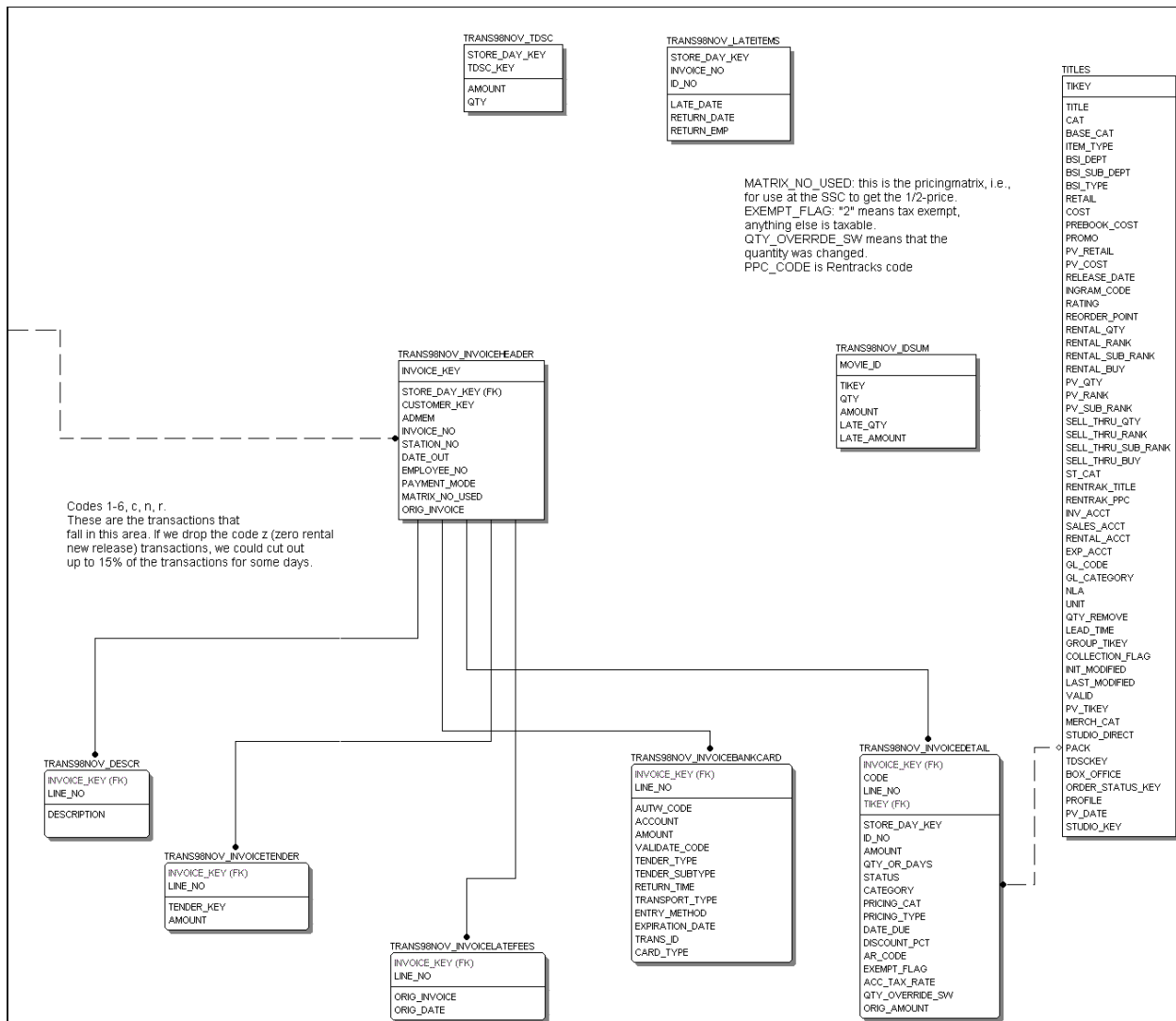


Figure 30. TR Data Model in Guardian (2 of 2)