

Vernon M. Allison

SUMMARY

Over 27 years experience in Information Services with Fortune 500 Companies. Expertise is broad in scope, including Project Management, Storage Management, Data Management, large-scale Operating Systems and Storage Software Design and Implementation. Exceptional analytic skills in combining technology and human resources to implement business solutions.

EXPERIENCE

Washington Systems Consulting, Inc.

1993 - Present

Storage Management Consultant

Provides a full range of storage management consulting services, from management consulting, through project planning, education and implementation.

Including:

- ▼ Setting objectives for storage management
- ▼ Building implementation plans
- ▼ Providing technical expertise
- ▼ Implementation performance and assistance
- ▼ Education for technicians and users
- ▼ Assisting in data recovery

IBM Corporation

1966 - 1993

Consulting Market Support Representative

Vern was a member of the Storage Systems Unit in IBM's Washington Systems Center where he specialized in MVS Data Management and Storage Management software. This includes VSAM and Catalog Management as well as DFP, DFSMS/MVS and System-Managed Storage (SMS). Vern provided technical support for these products to the IBM US marketing organization, as well as world wide IBM support through the International Technical Support Center and country Installation Support Centers. The technical support he provided to the Marketing organization included:

- ▼ Leadership of product introduction programs such as the Early Support Program (ESP) for System-Managed Storage
- ▼ Technical marketing support of data management and storage management software in customer environments
- ▼ Installation support in migration, implementation and exploitation
- ▼ Performance management support
- ▼ Specific application usage support
- ▼ Availability management and data recovery support

In addition to these duties, Vern also worked with IBM's Storage Systems Division (ISSD) to develop:

- ▼ Product requirements for data management and storage management software, especially for SMS software products
- ▼ Software designs to integrate product functions and extend existing functions for better performance and availability characteristics
- ▼ Software products with easy-to-use external interfaces
- ▼ Introduction programs to gain early experience with these products

Vern is an internationally recognized authority on VSAM, Catalog Management and System-Managed Storage.

Vern is a frequent speaker at SHARE and GUIDE on Data Management and Storage Management topics, including function, performance, performance management, installation, migration, and use. He also has taught these topics to IBM systems engineers and customers internationally. Vern has been the author, co-author and technical reviewer of many IBM Technical Bulletins. Some of the more recent publications are:

- ▼ *Performance Management in a DFSMS Environment*
- ▼ *3390 and DFSMS*
- ▼ *DFSMS ESP Experiences*
- ▼ *Managing Availability in an Integrated Catalog Facility Environment*
- ▼ *VSAM Performance Guidelines*

U. S. Navy

1967 - 1968

- ▼ Naval Tactical Data System (NTDS) Officer aboard the carrier *U.S.S. Oriskany*
- ▼ Division Officer for Operations Information Division
- ▼ Final rank of Lieutenant

EDUCATION

BA, (Phi Beta Kappa), Physics, Vanderbilt University, 1964

Graduate studies in mathematics, University at Muenster, Germany, 1965

MS, Mathematics, Ohio State University, 1966