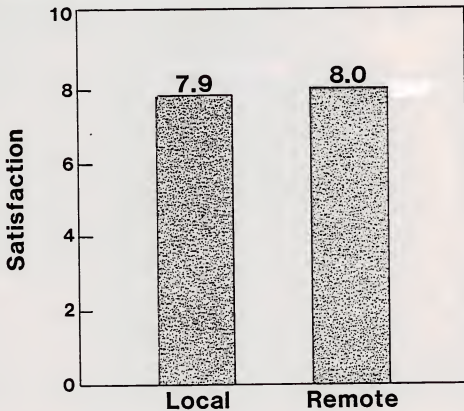


## SOFTWARE ANALYST SKILL LEVELS



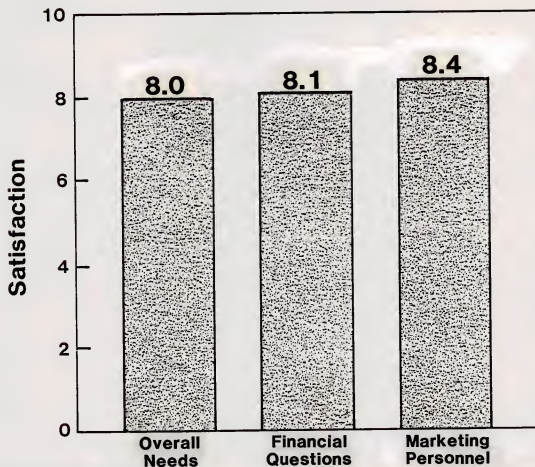
Q16: OS Skill Level Ratings

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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| All | LOCAL       | 7.9         | 4           | 10          | 1.6              | 28                     | Local On-site SW         |
|     | REMOTE      | 8           | 5           | 10          | 1.4              | 21                     | Remote (Dist., Reg., HQ) |

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## CRI RESPONSIVENESS



Q21A,B,C: CRI Responsiveness

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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| All | ALL         | 8           | 3           | 10          | 1.8              | 44                     | To Overall Needs                |
|     | FIN         | 8.1         | 3           | 10          | 2                | 41                     | To Financial Quest.             |
|     | MKTG        | 8.4         | 5           | 10          | 1.5              | 41                     | Marketing Personnel Helpfulness |



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**CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
REPORT OF FINDINGS**

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## **SUMMARY**

- **User Expectations are Changing and Increasing**
- **Customers Are Loyal, Want CRI to Prosper**
- **Government/Commercial Distinctions Becoming Apparent**
- **Customers Concerned CRI Is Underestimating Importance of Total Computing Solution Strategy**
- **Result: Loyalty to CRI Will Diminish as Competition Grows**
- **Opportunity: Demonstrate CRI Can Respond to these Changing Customer Needs**

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INTRODUCTION

Cray Research has commissioned INPUT to conduct a national customer satisfaction survey of all Cray computer users. The purpose of the survey is to help Cray identify opportunities to best serve you and others in the future.

INPUT is an independent international market research and consulting firm that specializes in the computer industry.

Cray has specifically asked us to interview you. Your opinions and suggestions are very important to Cray. We would like to get your candid responses at this time. If you wish any of your answers to be treated anonymously, please let us know.

SYSTEM PROFILE

1. To begin with we would like a quick profile of your current Cray computer system(s).

|   | System #1  | System #2  | System #3  |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| a. Model Type   | _____      | _____      | _____      |
| b. Date of Installation   | _____      | _____      | _____      |
| c. Operating System   | _____      | _____      | _____      |
| d. Maint. Contract Type   | _____      | _____      | _____      |
| e. Maint. Service Since<br>(Month/Year)                           | _____      | _____      | _____      |
| f. Type of processing for<br>majority of work:<br>(Circle answer) | PRODUCTION | PRODUCTION | PRODUCTION |
|   | RESEARCH   | RESEARCH   | RESEARCH   |

Definition: "Production" processing directly serves the organization's primary operational mission and is characterized most often by repetitive tasks that are frequently time critical. In contrast, "Research" processing usually involves projects dealing with investigations of scientific-related phenomena, and is typically less time critical than production tasks.



DECISION CRITERIA

2. If your organization were to purchase a supercomputer today, how important would each of these factors be in the purchase decision process (scale of 1 to 10, with 1 = very low and 10 = very high importance).

Rating  
(1 to 10)

- a. Overall system performance \_\_\_\_\_
- b. System reliability \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Availability of systems software \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Availability of applications software \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Vendor reputation for maintenance \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Overall system price \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Maintenance price \_\_\_\_\_

PERFORMANCE

3. How many hours per week is your system currently scheduled to operate? \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

4. What is your percentage of utilization of the system during the past month, i.e. what portion of the time is the system actually being used, expressed as a percentage of the time the system is available for use. (Excluded from available time is downtime due to preventive maintenance and non-problem related software update time.) \_\_\_\_\_%

5. What percent utilization (on average over the past 6 months) are you currently experiencing with the entire system? \_\_\_\_\_%

6. How many hardware or software-caused system interruptions per system do you have monthly (on average over the past 6 months)? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. What percent are hardware related? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What percent are software related? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What percent are "other" (environment, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = 100%



HARDWARE

7. On the average how long does it take Cray to respond once you have placed a maintenance request:

- a. during regular maintenance availability time? \_\_\_\_\_minutes
- b. during off-hours? \_\_\_\_\_minutes

8. On the average how long does it take your Cray customer engineer to repair routine hardware problems once work has begun? \_\_\_\_\_hours

9. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with Cray's:

Rating  
(1 to 10)

- a. Mainframe availability/reliability \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Peripheral availability/reliability  
(e.g. disks, tapes, I/O subsystem) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Hardware maintenance response time \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Hardware maintenance repair time \_\_\_\_\_

10a. On a scale of 1 to 10, in your opinion what is the level of quality of the diagnostic procedures currently being used by Cray? \_\_\_\_\_

10b. What factors influenced your rating? \_\_\_\_\_

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PG. 4 CRAY CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY(ON-SITE/PHONE) #ZCRY\_\_\_

11. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10 your requirements for the following hardware goods and services, as well as your current level of satisfaction.

|  | Requirement?<br>(YES/NO) | Satisfaction<br>(1 to 10) |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Hardware installation consulting  | _____                    | _____                     |
| b. Hardware documentation  | _____                    | _____                     |
| c. Parts availability  | _____                    | _____                     |
| d. Cray's escalation procedures  |                          | _____                     |
| e. Cray ON-SITE customer engineer skill level  |                          | _____                     |
| f. Cray FIELD hardware technical support personnel skill level (i.e. region or headquarters -based people) |                          | _____                     |

SOFTWARE

12. For which of the following types of systems software are you currently receiving support (check all that apply)?

COS\_\_\_\_\_ CTSS\_\_\_\_\_ UNICOS\_\_\_\_\_

FORTRAN\_\_\_\_\_ STATION\_\_\_\_\_

|  | Operating System | FORTRAN | STATION |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|
| 13. On average, how long does it take Cray to RESPOND to a systems software problem? (in hours)..... | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| 14. On average, how long does it take Cray to RESOLVE a systems software problem? (in hours).....    | _____            | _____   | _____   |



|   | Operating System | FORTRAN | STATION |
|---|------------------|---------|---------|
| 15. How satisfied are you (1 to 10, 10 = highest) with: |                  |         |         |
| a. Systems software availability/reliability..          | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| b. Systems software maintenance RESPONSE time..         | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| c. Systems software maintenance REPAIR time..           | _____            | _____   | _____   |

|   |       |       |       |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| 16. How satisfied are you with the different methods of software support, as provided by: |       |       |       |
| a. Cray's ON-SITE software analyst?   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b. Cray FIELD software technical support personnel (region or headquarter-based)?         | _____ | _____ | _____ |

17. Would you be willing to participate in systems software support maintenance by any of the following methods?

|   | Doing Now?<br>(YES/NO) | Would Consider Doing?<br>(YES/NO) | Expect Maintenance Discount?<br>(YES/NO) How Much? |
|---|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| a. Working with a support center to diagnose a problem.   | _____                  | _____                             | _____  |
| b. Installing patches or modifications developed by Cray. | _____                  | _____                             | _____  |
| c. Installing new releases received from Cray.            | _____                  | _____                             | _____  |



18. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10 your requirements for the following systems software goods and services, as well as your current level of satisfaction:

S A T I S F A C T I O N (1 TO 10)

|   | Operating System | FORTRAN | STATION |
|---|------------------|---------|---------|
| a. Systems software documentation                 | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| b. Systems software training at your site         | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| c. Systems software training at Cray headquarters | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| d. Systems software consulting                    | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| e. Systems software escalation                    | _____            | _____   | _____   |

GENERAL

19a. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied were you with the hardware installation service provided by Cray?\_\_\_\_\_

19b. What factors influenced your installation satisfaction rating above?\_\_\_\_\_

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20a. Would you like to see Cray become more active in the use of remote diagnostics?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

20b. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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21. The following questions relate to how well you like doing business with Cray. Please respond on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being not satisfied and 10 being extremely satisfied.

Satisfaction  
(1 to 10)

- a. Extent Cray is responsive to your organization's overall needs \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Cray's responses to your financial questions \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Helpfulness of Cray marketing personnel \_\_\_\_\_

In regards to your Cray marketing representative:

d. On the average, how frequently have you seen that person face to face during the past six months?

ABOUT ONCE PER WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

ABOUT 2 TO 3 TIMES PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

ABOUT ONCE PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify frequency) \_\_\_\_\_

e. How many working days has it been since you last received a visit from that person?

DAYS SINCE LAST VISIT \_\_\_\_\_





22. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = high) please rate Cray in the following categories:

- |   | Satisfaction<br>(1 to 10) |
|---|---------------------------|
| a. Overall satisfaction with Cray's maintenance service                         | _____                     |
| b. Price of maintenance service   | _____                     |
| c. Frequency of interaction with Cray executive and senior management personnel | _____                     |

23. What suggestions do you have concerning how interaction could be improved between Cray executives and Cray customers?

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24. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well is your Cray system living up to your expectations:

- |                                | Expectation<br>Level<br>(1 to 10) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. When you first acquired it? | _____                             |
| b. Currently?                  | _____                             |



25. In addition to what has been discussed above, is there anything Cray could do to further improve your satisfaction with them?

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26a. All things considered, if tomorrow morning you were to suddenly receive funding approval for acquiring additional supercomputer capability, would you buy from Cray?

YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

26b. Why or why not?\_\_\_\_\_

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27. Do you have any other suggestions or comments that you would like to pass along to Cray concerning any aspect of their business? If YES, what are they?\_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME



## **CRI OBJECTIVE**

- **Maintain CRI as the Standard of Value**
- **Further Strengthen CRI by:  
Using Customer Satisfaction as a  
Primary Competitive Edge**
- **Method:  
Conduct Customer Satisfaction Survey  
to Understand Attitudes/Concerns**
- **Outcome:  
Identify Steps to Enhance Customer  
Satisfaction**

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## METHODOLOGY

- U.S.A. Customer's Only
- 42 Sites
- 45 Interviews
- 18 On-Site Interviews
- 27 Telephone Interviews
- Respondents: Person(s) Most Likely to:
  - Influence Next Supercomputer Acquisition
  - Be Most Knowledgeable of CRI Performance
- Standard Questionnaire
- Comments Actively Encouraged

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## **RATING SCALES**

- **Respondents Often Asked to Rate Their Attitudes on a Scale of 1 to 10**

**1 - Low**

**10 - High**

- **Respondents Given No Further Description of Rating Values**

- **Generally Consider Evaluating Responses as Follows:**

**9 - 10    Excellent**

**7 - 8      Good**

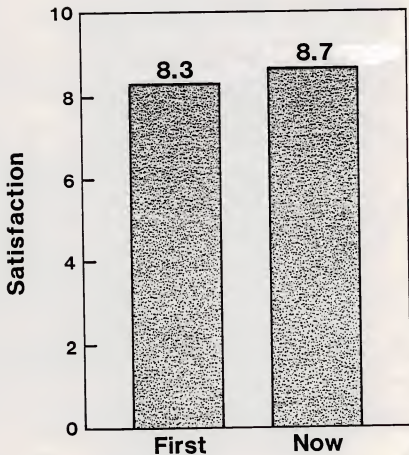
**5 - 6      Fair**

**1 - 4      Poor**

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## CRAY SYSTEM MEETING EXPECTATIONS

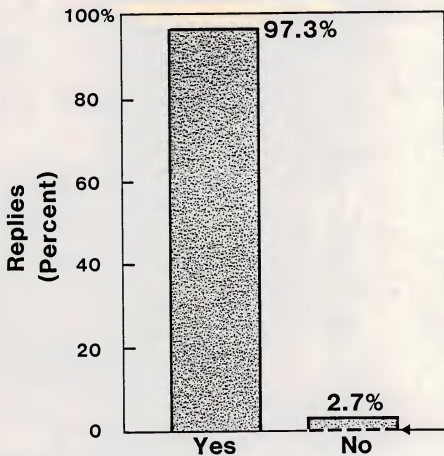


Q24: Extent Living up to Expectations

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Cases</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| All | First       | 8.3         | 1           | 10          | 2                | 45           |
|     | Now         | 8.7         | 5           | 10          | 1.3              | 45           |



## BUY CRAY TOMORROW?



Q26: Buy Cray Tomorrow?

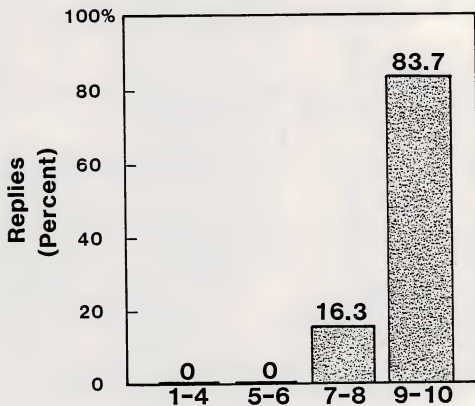
|     | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|-----|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| All | Yes           | 97.3                 | 36                     |
|     | No            | 2.7                  | 1                      |
|     | Total         | 100                  | 37                     |

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## HARDWARE INSTALLATION

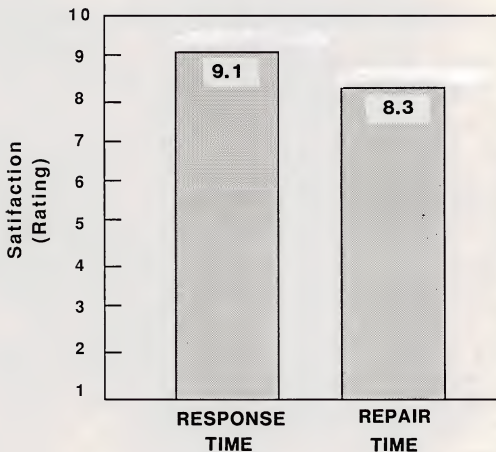


Q19: Hardware Installation

|     | Rating | Percent<br>Total | Number of<br>Cases | Mean | Min. | Max. | Std.<br>Dev. |
|-----|--------|------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|--------------|
|     | 1-4    | 0                | 0                  |      |      |      |              |
|     | 5-6    | 0                | 0                  |      |      |      |              |
|     | 7-8    | 16.3             | 7                  |      |      |      |              |
|     | 9-10   | 83.7             | 36                 |      |      |      |              |
| All | Total  | 100.0            | 43                 | 9.4  | 7    | 10   | .9           |



## HARDWARE MAINTENANCE SATISFACTION

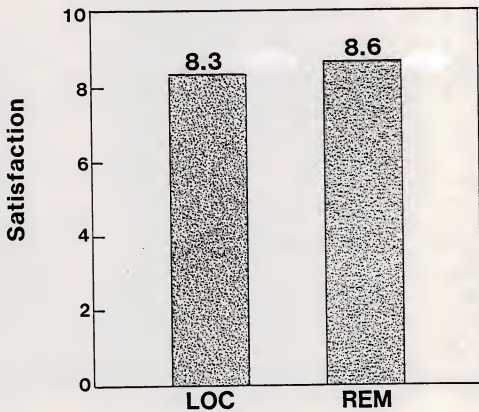


Q9C.D: Hardware Maintenance Response/Repair Time

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| All | RESPONSE    | 9.1         | 5           | 10          | 1.1              | 38                     |
|     | REPAIR      | 8.3         | 2           | 10          | 1.7              | 37                     |



## CE SKILL LEVEL



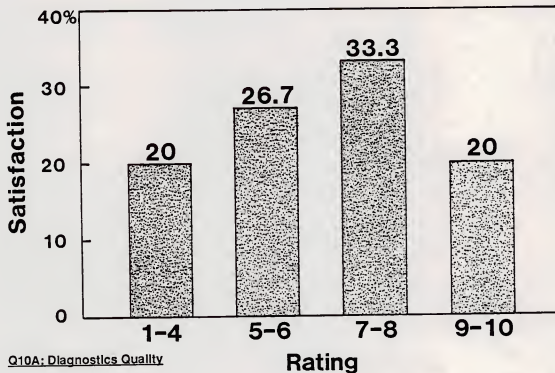
Q11E.F: Customer Engineer Skill Level Ratings

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| All | LOC         | 8.3         | 5           | 10          | 1.1              | 37                     |
|     | REM         | 8.6         | 7           | 10          | .9               | 23                     |

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## DIAGNOSTICS



Q10A: Diagnostics Quality

| Rating    | Percent Total | Number of Cases | Mean | Min. | Max. | Std. Dev. |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| 1-4       | 20            | 6               |      |      |      |           |
| 5-6       | 26.7          | 8               |      |      |      |           |
| 7-8       | 33.3          | 10              |      |      |      |           |
| 9-10      | 20            | 6               |      |      |      |           |
| All Total | 100.0         | 30              | 6.5  | 2    | 10   | 2.3       |

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## **CRI'S MARKET POSITION**

- **To Date: Only Game in Town**
- **Very Soon: Significant Competition That Has Less Fast Hardware, But:**
  - **More Reliable Hardware**
  - **Better Systems Software**
  - **More Flexible Business Policies**
  - **Better End User Empathy, Support**

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## **SUMMARY: CUSTOMER ATTITUDES**

- **CRI Is a Very Impressive Company**
- **But Competitive Threat Is Greater Than CRI Realizes**
- **Customers Are Very Worried CRI is Insensitive to Need for a Total Computing Solution Strategy**
- **CRI Is Changing Too Slowly Regarding:**
  - **Role of Software**
  - **Reasonable Policies**
  - **Support After the Sale**
  - **Respect for the Customer**
- **Customers Like CRI and Want to Win**

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# **SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE**

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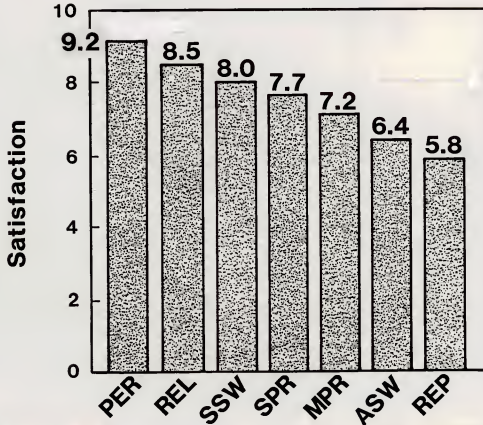
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## DECISION CRITERIA TODAY

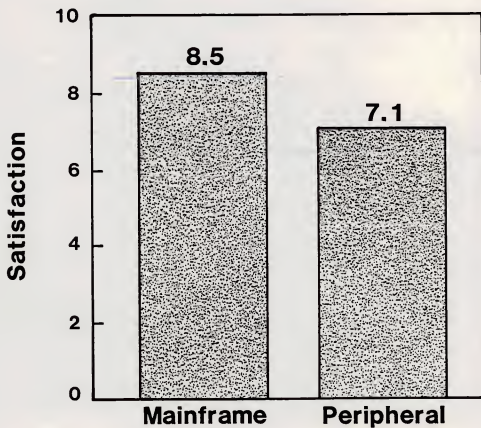


Q2: Decision Criteria

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Description</u>      |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| All | PER         | 9.2         | 6.0         | 10.0        | 1.1              | Overall System Perform. |
|     | REL         | 8.5         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.6              | System Reliability      |
|     | SSW         | 8.0         | 1.0         | 10.0        | 2.0              | Avallability of Sys. SW |
|     | REP         | 5.8         | 1.0         | 10.0        | 3.0              | Vendor Maint. Rep.      |
|     | SPR         | 7.7         | 4.0         | 10.0        | 1.6              | Overall System Price    |
|     | MPR         | 7.2         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.8              | Maintenance Price       |
|     | ASW         | 6.4         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.8              | Avall. of Appl. SW      |



## HARDWARE SATISFACTION



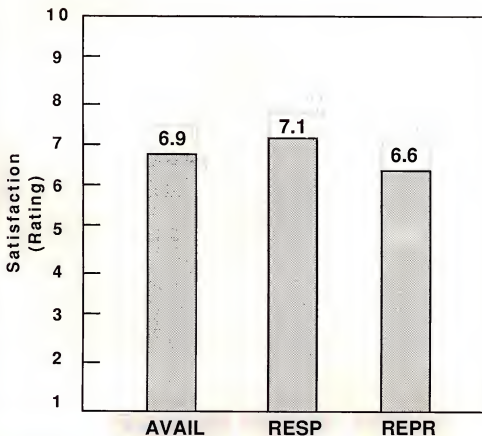
Q9: Mainframe Availability/Reliability

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Cases</u> | <u>Description</u>            |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| All | MF          | 8.5         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              | 44           | Mainframe Avail./Reliability  |
|     | PER         | 7.1         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              | 42           | Peripheral Avail./Reliability |

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## FORTRAN RATINGS

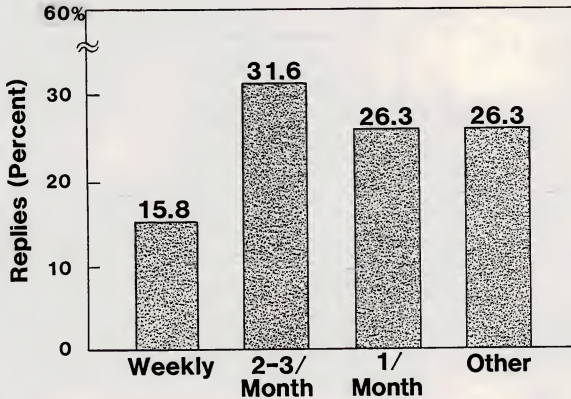


Q15. Fortran Ratings (Q15)

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Description</u>         |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| All | AVAIL       | 6.9         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              |                        | Fortran Avail./Rel.        |
|     | RESP        | 7.1         | 2           | 10          | 2                |                        | Fortran Maint. Resp. Time  |
|     | REPR        | 6.6         | 2           | 9           | 1.8              |                        | Fortran Maint. Repair Time |



## FREQUENCY OF SALES VISITS



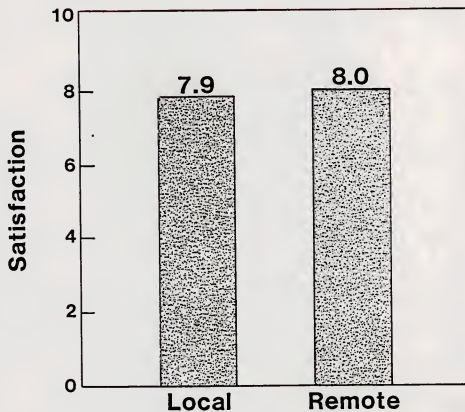
**Q21D: Frequency of CRI Marketing Rep. Visits**

|     | <u>Class</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Description</u>     |
|-----|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| All | Weekly       | 15.8                 | 6                      | Once per Week          |
|     | 2-3/Mo.      | 31.6                 | 12                     | 2 to 3 Times per Month |
|     | 1/Mo.        | 26.3                 | 10                     | About once per Month   |
|     | Other        | 26.3                 | 10                     | Other                  |
|     | <b>Total</b> | <b>100</b>           | <b>38</b>              |                        |





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Q16: OS Skill Level Ratings

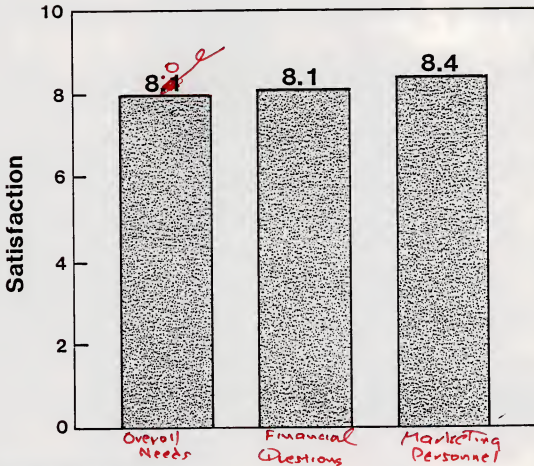
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## CRI RESPONSIVENESS



Q21A,B,C: CRI Responsiveness

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- Recommendations/Summary
- Sample Questionnaire

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## SUMMARY

- User Expectations Are Changing and Increasing
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- Opportunity: Demonstrate CRI Can Respond to these **Changing Customer Needs**

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INTRODUCTION

Cray Research has commissioned INPUT to conduct a national customer satisfaction survey of all Cray computer users. The purpose of the survey is to help Cray identify opportunities to best serve you and others in the future.

INPUT is an independent international market research and consulting firm that specializes in the computer industry.

Cray has specifically asked us to interview you. Your opinions and suggestions are very important to Cray. We would like to get your candid responses at this time. If you wish any of your answers to be treated anonymously, please let us know.

SYSTEM PROFILE

1. To begin with we would like a quick profile of your current Cray computer system(s).

|   | System #1                  | System #2                  | System #3                  |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| a. Model Type   | _____                      | _____                      | _____                      |
| b. Date of Installation   | _____                      | _____                      | _____                      |
| c. Operating System   | _____                      | _____                      | _____                      |
| d. Maint. Contract Type   | _____                      | _____                      | _____                      |
| e. Maint. Service Since<br>(Month/Year)                           | _____                      | _____                      | _____                      |
| f. Type of processing for<br>majority of work:<br>(Circle answer) | PRODUCTION<br><br>RESEARCH | PRODUCTION<br><br>RESEARCH | PRODUCTION<br><br>RESEARCH |

Definition: "Production" processing directly serves the organization's primary operational mission and is characterized most often by repetitive tasks that are frequently time critical. In contrast, "Research" processing usually involves projects dealing with investigations of scientific-related phenomena, and is typically less time critical than production tasks.

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DECISION CRITERIA

2. If your organization were to purchase a supercomputer today, how important would each of these factors be in the purchase decision process (scale of 1 to 10, with 1 = very low and 10 = very high importance).

Rating  
(1 to 10)

- a. Overall system performance \_\_\_\_\_
- b. System reliability \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Availability of systems software \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Availability of applications software \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Vendor reputation for maintenance \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Overall system price \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Maintenance price \_\_\_\_\_

PERFORMANCE

3. How many hours per week is your system currently scheduled to operate? \_\_\_\_\_ HOURS

4. What is your percentage of utilization of the system during the past month, i.e. what portion of the time is the system actually being used, expressed as a percentage of the time the system is available for use. (Excluded from available time is downtime due to preventive maintenance and non-problem related software update time.) \_\_\_\_\_%

5. What percent utilization (on average over the past 6 months) are you currently experiencing with the entire system?  
\_\_\_\_\_%

6. How many hardware or software-caused system interruptions per system do you have monthly (on average over the past 6 months)? \_\_\_\_\_

- a. What percent are hardware related? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. What percent are software related? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What percent are "other" (environment, etc.)? \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = 100%

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HARDWARE

7. On the average how long does it take Cray to respond once you have placed a maintenance request:

- a. during regular maintenance availability time? \_\_\_\_\_minutes
- b. during off-hours? \_\_\_\_\_minutes

8. On the average how long does it take your Cray customer engineer to repair routine hardware problems once work has begun? \_\_\_\_\_hours

9. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied are you with Cray's:

Rating  
(1 to 10)

- a. Mainframe availability/reliability \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Peripheral availability/reliability  
(e.g. disks, tapes, I/O subsystem) \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Hardware maintenance response time \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Hardware maintenance repair time \_\_\_\_\_

10a. On a scale of 1 to 10, in your opinion what is the level of quality of the diagnostic procedures currently being used by Cray? \_\_\_\_\_

10b. What factors influenced your rating? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10 your requirements for the following hardware goods and services, as well as your current level of satisfaction.

|   | Requirement?<br>(YES/NO) | Satisfaction<br>(1 to 10) |
|---|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. Hardware installation consulting   | _____                    | _____                     |
| b. Hardware documentation   | _____                    | _____                     |
| c. Parts availability   | _____                    | _____                     |
| d. Cray's escalation procedures   |                          | _____                     |
| e. Cray ON-SITE customer engineer skill level   |                          | _____                     |
| f. Cray FIELD hardware technical support personnel skill level (i.e. region or headquarters-based people) |                          | _____                     |

SOFTWARE

12. For which of the following types of systems software are you currently receiving support (check all that apply)?

COS\_\_\_\_\_ CTSS\_\_\_\_\_ UNICOS\_\_\_\_\_

FORTRAN\_\_\_\_\_ STATION\_\_\_\_\_

|  | Operating System | FORTRAN | STATION |
|--|------------------|---------|---------|
| 13. On average, how long does it take Cray to RESPOND to a systems software problem? (in hours)..... | _____            | _____   | _____   |
| 14. On average, how long does it take Cray to RESOLVE a systems software problem? (in hours).....    | _____            | _____   | _____   |

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|  | Operating<br>System | FORTRAN | STATION |
|--|---------------------|---------|---------|
| 15. How satisfied are you<br>(1 to 10, 10 = highest) with: |                     |         |         |
| a. Systems software<br>availability/reliability..          | _____               | _____   | _____   |
| b. Systems software<br>maintenance RESPONSE time..         | _____               | _____   | _____   |
| c. Systems software<br>maintenance REPAIR time..           | _____               | _____   | _____   |

|  |       |       |       |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| 16. How satisfied are you<br>with the different methods<br>of software support,<br>as provided by: |       |       |       |
| a. Cray's ON-SITE software<br>analyst?   | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| b. Cray FIELD software<br>technical support<br>personnel (region or<br>headquarter-based)?         | _____ | _____ | _____ |

17. Would you be willing to participate in systems software support maintenance by any of the following methods?

|   | Doing<br>Now?<br>(YES/NO) | Would<br>Consider<br>Doing?<br>(YES/NO) | Expect<br>Maintenance<br>Discount?<br>(YES/NO) | How Much? |
|---|---------------------------|---|--|-----------|
| a. Working with a support<br>center to diagnose a<br>problem.   | _____                     | _____                                   | _____  | _____     |
| b. Installing patches<br>or modifications<br>developed by Cray. | _____                     | _____                                   | _____  | _____     |
| c. Installing new<br>releases received<br>from Cray.            | _____                     | _____                                   | _____  | _____     |

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18. Please rate on a scale of 1 to 10 your requirements for the following systems software goods and services, as well as your current level of satisfaction:

S A T I S F A C T I O N (1 TO 10)

|   | Operating System | FORTTRAN | STATION |
|---|------------------|----------|---------|
| a. Systems software documentation                 | _____            | _____    | _____   |
| b. Systems software training at your site         | _____            | _____    | _____   |
| c. Systems software training at Cray headquarters | _____            | _____    | _____   |
| d. Systems software consulting                    | _____            | _____    | _____   |
| e. Systems software escalation                    | _____            | _____    | _____   |

GENERAL

19a. On a scale of 1 to 10, how satisfied were you with the hardware installation service provided by Cray? \_\_\_\_\_

19b. What factors influenced your installation satisfaction rating above? \_\_\_\_\_

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20a. Would you like to see Cray become more active in the use of remote diagnostics?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

20b. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_

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21. The following questions relate to how well you like doing business with Cray. Please respond on a scale of 1 to 10 with 1 being not satisfied and 10 being extremely satisfied.

Satisfaction  
(1 to 10)

- a. Extent Cray is responsive to your organization's overall needs \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Cray's responses to your financial questions \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Helpfulness of Cray marketing personnel \_\_\_\_\_

In regards to your Cray marketing representative:

d. On the average, how frequently have you seen that person face to face during the past six months?

ABOUT ONCE PER WEEK \_\_\_\_\_

ABOUT 2 TO 3 TIMES PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

ABOUT ONCE PER MONTH \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

(Specify frequency) \_\_\_\_\_

e. How many working days has it been since you last you last received a visit from that person?

DAYS SINCE LAST VISIT \_\_\_\_\_

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22. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 = high) please rate Cray in the following categories:

- |   | Satisfaction<br>(1 to 10) |
|---|---------------------------|
| a. Overall satisfaction with Cray's maintenance service                         | _____                     |
| b. Price of maintenance service   | _____                     |
| c. Frequency of interaction with Cray executive and senior management personnel | _____                     |

23. What suggestions do you have concerning how interaction could be improved between Cray executives and Cray customers?

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24. On a scale of 1 to 10, how well is your Cray system living up to your expectations:

- |                                | Expectation<br>Level<br>(1 to 10) |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| a. When you first acquired it? | _____                             |
| b. Currently?                  | _____                             |

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25. In addition to what has been discussed above, is there anything Cray could do to further improve your satisfaction with them?

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26a. All things considered, if tomorrow morning you were to suddenly receive funding approval for acquiring additional supercomputer capability, would you buy from Cray?

YES\_\_

NO\_\_

26b. Why or why not?\_\_\_\_\_

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27. Do you have any other suggestions or comments that you would like to pass along to Cray concerning any aspect of their business? If YES, what are they?\_\_\_\_\_

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ADDITIONAL NOTES

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THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR TIME

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## **CRI OBJECTIVE**

- **Maintain CRI as the Standard of Value**
- **Further Strengthen CRI by:  
Using Customer Satisfaction as a  
Primary Competitive Edge**
- **Method:  
Conduct Customer Satisfaction Survey  
to Understand Attitudes/Concerns**
- **Outcome:  
Identify Steps to Enhance Customer  
Satisfaction**

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## METHODOLOGY

- U.S.A. Customer's Only
- 42 Sites
- 45 Interviews
- 18 On-Site Interviews
- 27 Telephone Interviews
- Respondents: Person(s) Most Likely to:
  - Influence Next Supercomputer Acquisition
  - Be Most Knowledgeable of CRI Performance
- Standard Questionnaire
- Comments Actively Encouraged

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## RATING SCALES

- Respondents Often Asked to Rate Their Attitudes on a Scale of 1 to 10

1 - Low

10 - High

- Respondents Given No Further Description of Rating Values

- Generally Consider Evaluating Responses as Follows:

9 - 10    Excellent

7 - 8     Good

5 - 6     Fair

1 - 4     Poor

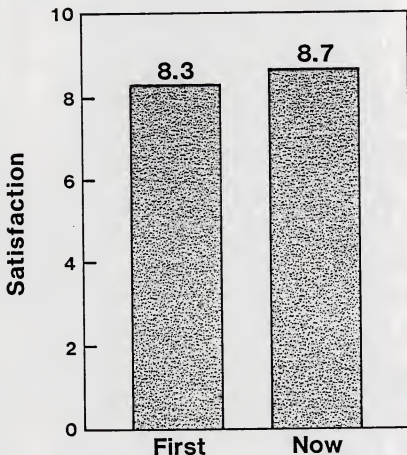
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## CRAY SYSTEM MEETING EXPECTATIONS



Q24: Extent Living up to Expectations

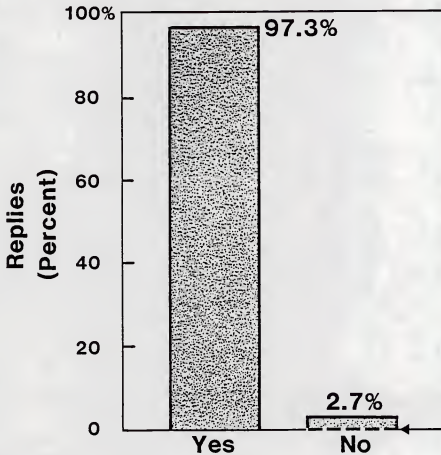
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| All | First       | 8.3         | 1           | 10          | 2                | 45           |
|     | Now         | 8.7         | 5           | 10          | 1.3              | 45           |

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## BUY CRAY TOMORROW?



Q26: Buy Cray Tomorrow?

|     | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> |
|-----|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| All | Yes           | 97.3                 | 36                     |
|     | No            | 2.7                  | 1                      |
|     | Total         | 100                  | 37                     |

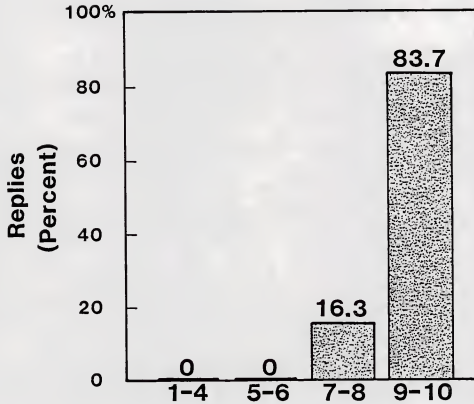
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## HARDWARE INSTALLATION



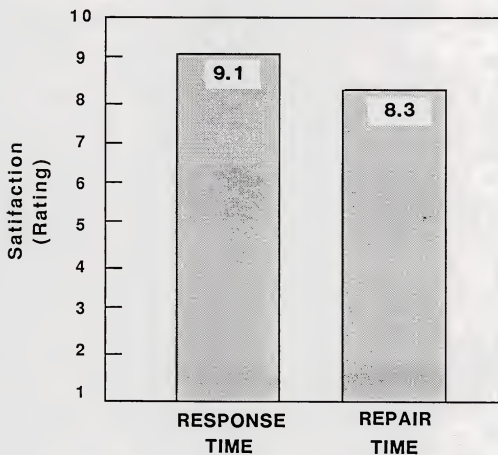
Q19: Hardware Installation

| <u>Rating</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> |
|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| 1-4           | 0                    | 0                      |             |             |             |                  |
| 5-6           | 0                    | 0                      |             |             |             |                  |
| 7-8           | 16.3                 | 7                      |             |             |             |                  |
| 9-10          | 83.7                 | 36                     |             |             |             |                  |
| All Total     | 100.0                | 43                     | 9.4         | 7           | 10          | .9               |

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## HARDWARE MAINTENANCE SATISFACTION



Q9C.D: Hardware Maintenance Response/Repair Time

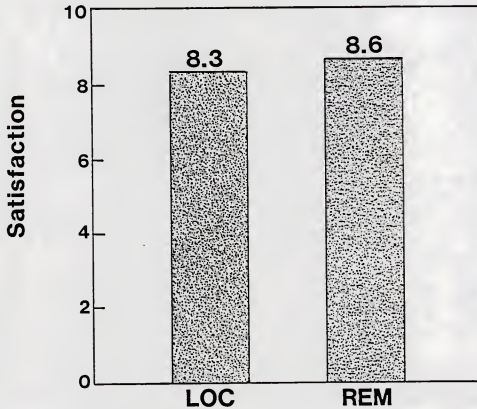
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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|
| All | RESPONSE    | 9.1         | 5           | 10          | 1.1              | 38                     |
|     | REPAIR      | 8.3         | 2           | 10          | 1.7              | 37                     |

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### CE SKILL LEVEL



Q11E.F: Customer Engineer Skill Level Ratings

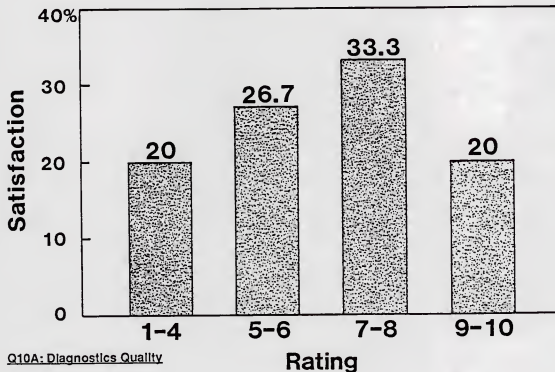
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| All | LOC         | 8.3         | 5           | 10          | 1.1              | 37                     |
|     | REM         | 8.6         | 7           | 10          | .9               | 23                     |

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## DIAGNOSTICS



Q10A: Diagnostics Quality

|     | <u>Rating</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> |
|-----|---------------|----------------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
|     | 1-4           | 20                   | 6                      |             |             |             |                  |
|     | 5-6           | 26.7                 | 8                      |             |             |             |                  |
|     | 7-8           | 33.3                 | 10                     |             |             |             |                  |
|     | 9-10          | 20                   | 6                      |             |             |             |                  |
| All | Total         | 100.0                | 30                     | (6.5)       | 2           | 10          | 2.3              |

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## **CRI'S MARKET POSITION**

- **To Date: Only Game in Town**
- **Very Soon: Significant Competition That Has Less Fast Hardware, But:**
  - **More Reliable Hardware**
  - **Better Systems Software**
  - **More Flexible Business Policies**
  - **Better End User Empathy, Support**

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## SUMMARY: CUSTOMER ATTITUDES

- CRI Is a Very Impressive Company
- But Competitive Threat Is Greater Than CRI Realizes
- Customers Are Very Worried CRI is Insensitive to Need for a Total Computing Solution Strategy
- CRI Is Changing Too Slowly Regarding:
  - Role of Software
  - Reasonable Policies
  - Support After the Sale
  - Respect for the Customer
- Customers Like CRI and Want to Win

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# SAMPLE QUESTIONNAIRE

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# CUSTOMER SUGGESTIONS

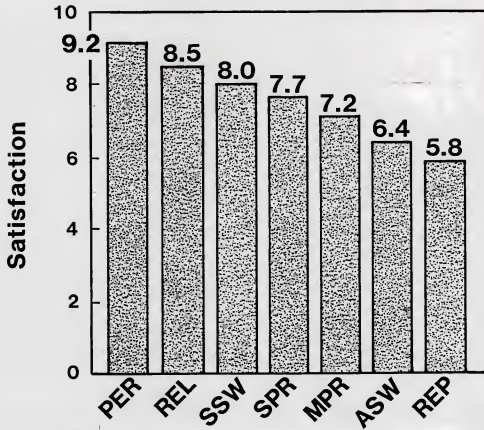
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## DECISION CRITERIA TODAY



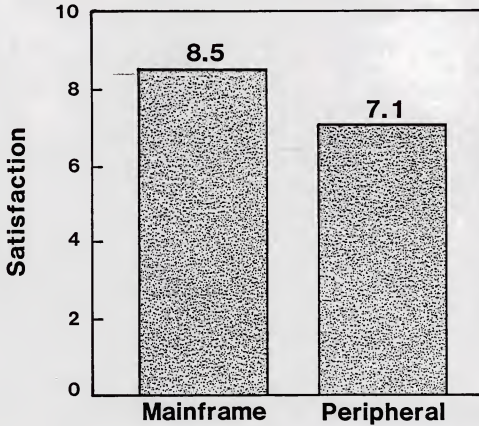
Q2: Decision Criteria

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Description</u>      |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| All | PER         | 9.2         | 6.0         | 10.0        | 1.1              | Overall System Perform. |
|     | REL         | 8.5         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.6              | System Reliability      |
|     | SSW         | 8.0         | 1.0         | 10.0        | 2.0              | Availability of Sys. SW |
|     | REP         | 5.8         | 1.0         | 10.0        | 3.0              | Vendor Maint. Rep.      |
|     | SPR         | 7.7         | 4.0         | 10.0        | 1.6              | Overall System Price    |
|     | MPR         | 7.2         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.8              | Maintenance Price       |
|     | ASW         | 6.4         | 3.0         | 10.0        | 1.8              | Avall. of Appl. SW      |

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## HARDWARE SATISFACTION



Q9: Mainframe Availability/Reliability

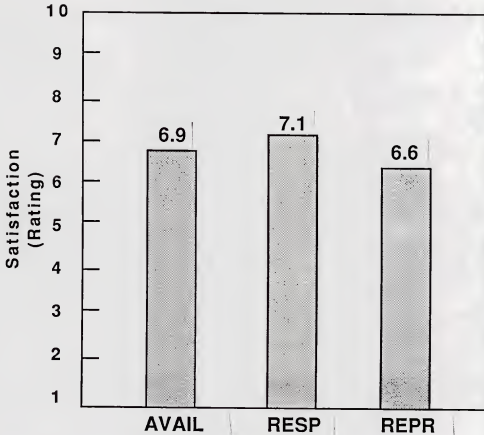
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|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| All | MF          | 8.5         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              | 44           | Mainframe Avail./Reliability  |
|     | PER         | 7.1         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              | 42           | Peripheral Avail./Reliability |

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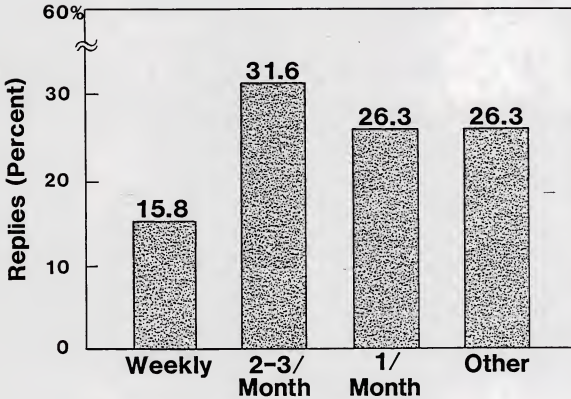
### Q15. Fortran Ratings (Q15)

|     | <u>Code</u> | <u>Mean</u> | <u>Min.</u> | <u>Max.</u> | <u>Std. Dev.</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Description</u>         |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| All | AVAIL       | 6.9         | 2           | 10          | 1.8              |                        | Fortran Avail./Rel.        |
|     | RESP        | 7.1         | 2           | 10          | 2                |                        | Fortran Maint. Resp. Time  |
|     | REPR        | 6.6         | 2           | 9           | 1.8              |                        | Fortran Maint. Repair Time |

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## FREQUENCY OF SALES VISITS



Q21D: Frequency of CRI Marketing Rep. Visits

|     | <u>Class</u> | <u>Percent Total</u> | <u>Number of Cases</u> | <u>Description</u>     |
|-----|--------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| All | Weekly       | 15.8                 | 6                      | Once per Week          |
|     | 2-3/Mo.      | 31.6                 | 12                     | 2 to 3 Times per Month |
|     | 1/Mo.        | 26.3                 | 10                     | About once per Month   |
|     | Other        | 26.3                 | 10                     | Other                  |
|     | Total        | 100                  | 38                     |                        |

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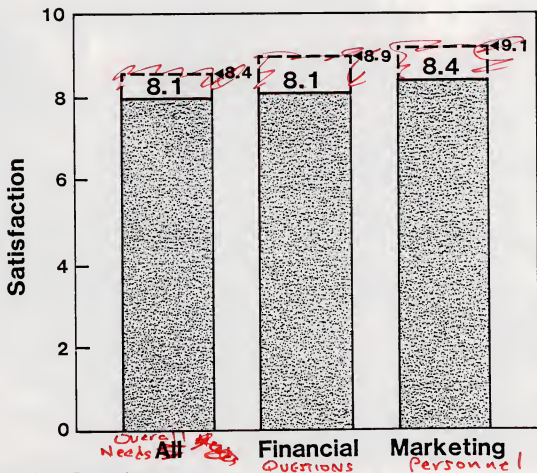
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## CRI RESPONSIVENESS



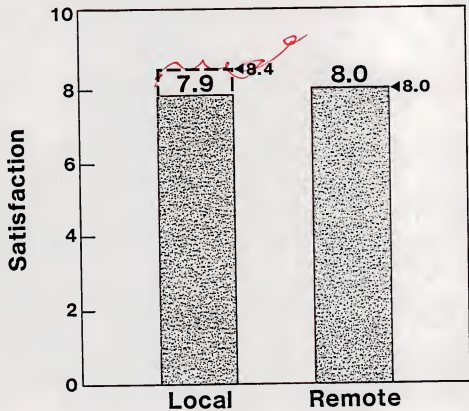
Q21A,B,C: CRI Responsiveness

|      | Code | Mean | Min. | Max. | Std. Dev. | Number of Cases | Description                     |
|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| All  | ALL  | 8    | 3    | 10   | 1.8       | 44              | To Overall Needs                |
|      | FIN  | 8.1  | 3    | 10   | 2         | 41              | To Financial Quest.             |
|      | MKTG | 8.4  | 5    | 10   | 1.5       | 41              | Marketing Personnel Helpfulness |
| West | ALL  | 8.4  | 6    | 10   | 1.4       | 14              |                                 |
|      | FIN  | 8.9  | 6    | 10   | 1.2       | 14              |                                 |
|      | MKTG | 9.1  | 7    | 10   | 1.1       | 13              |                                 |





SOFTWARE ANALYST  
OS SKILL LEVELS



Q16: OS Skill Level Ratings

|      | Code   | Mean | Min. | Max. | Std. Dev. | Number of Cases | Description              |
|------|--------|------|------|------|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| All  | LOCAL  | 7.9  | 4    | 10   | 1.6       | 28              | Local On-site SW         |
|      | REMOTE | 8    | 5    | 10   | 1.4       | 21              | Remote (Dist., Reg., HQ) |
| West | LOCAL  | 8.4  | 8    | 10   | 0.8       | 7               |                          |
|      | REMOTE | 8.0  | 7    | 9    | 1.0       | 5               |                          |

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