

MAINFRAME LIMERICKS

With apologies to Oscar Wilde, mainframes are too important to be taken seriously. After all, laughter is one of our most profound signs of intelligence, understanding, and ability to adapt. For that matter, so is the mainframe – so they go together naturally! With that in mind, I've put together a few mainframe-themed limericks. Enjoy! – T-Reg

An IDMS DBA,
When pondering life, once did say,
"With this great database
I now know I can face
Any job: it ain't going away!"

Two mainframers, out on a date,
Discussing their mutual fate,
Having tried to connect
With a happy effect,
Soon agreed, "It's time we automate."

A thirty-two-seventy screen,
Accused of being a has-been,
Said, "I may well be text,
But I'm not feeling vexed,
After all, I'm most certainly 'green'!"

An eagle and penguin and bear,
On a mainframe, once met to compare
All their features and strengths,
As they went to great lengths
To ensure each had lots of mind-SHARE.

A courier, once, in a rush,
While departing the glass house, did push
The wrong button to leave
And became a main peeve
Of the folks on whom halon did flush.

A poor Sysprog, once, who used kicks,
Found talking about it a mix.
What caused his distress:
Some said "See eye see ess"
But pronounced as it's spelled it was "six".

A mainframer, aged 64,
Having passed through retirement's door,
Took the time to give voice
To the life of her choice:

“As contractor, I’m back for more!”

A mainframe with OPS/MVS,
Invisibly, lacking distress,
Was sure no squeaky wheel,
But still had great appeal:
After all, it enabled success!

An Easytrieve programmer said,
With puzzlement, scratching her head,
“Why bother at all
Writing stuff in COBOL,
When I can sleep soundly in bed?”

A CIO said, with a laugh,
“My non-mainframe stuff is a gaffe!
It costs too much money;
But what’s really funny:
The mainframe does more with less staff!”