I do not see anything happening, nor can think of anything economically, politically or socially acceptable, which is going to alleviate any of these factors. In fact, I believe the exact opposite is true: each and every one is going to exacerbate and drive us into an ever more dismal airline business travel future…

However, there is an alternative mode of transport which is becoming increasingly more attractive and certainly already for trips up to four or five hundred kilometres: the train. Although trains do not travel as fast, they travel on time, check in need only be 5 seconds before departure, there is no need to wait for luggage and they go to city centres, not outlying districts. Hence, door-to-door travel time for such trips by train is the same as for a flight which departs on time, but flights depart on time ever less frequently.

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We are very pleased to announce that beginning in January 2001, we will be featuring a new series of articles written by Bruce Taylor, that present a personal and international perspective of TPF's origins and past history.

You are cordially invited to join us in January as we introduce the first installment in a fascinating and unique look at "Little Lessons From History".

Announcing Tachyon 390 Cross Assembler 2.0

Denver, CO, September 29, 2000 — Tachyon Software today announced the availability of version 2.0 of the Tachyon 390 Cross Assembler. Also available is an interface for IBM's Visual Age TPF for Windows NT, allowing TPF programmers to assemble programs on their personal computers, independently of OS/390.

The Tachyon 390 Cross Assembler is a high-speed mainframe-compatible cross assembler, available for Windows, Linix/x86, AIX and Solaris. The input source and macro files can be read in ASCII, EBCDIC or UNICODE from the mainframe via NFS or from local directories or ZIP files. The assembler can produce the listing file in EBCDIC or ASCII. Object files are completely compatible and are ready to be linked and run on OS/390, TPF, VSE or CMS. The assembler can even produce the SYSADATA file.

Version 2.0 of the Tachyon 390 Cross Assembler adds support for the latest assembler features, including the new 64-bit instructions, GOFF object output, UNICODE, the CODEPAGE and THREAD options, enhancements to the AMODE, RMODE and DC statements and the new XATTR statement. Version 2.0 can be invoked from most editors and GUI development environments, including Visual Age TPF for Windows NT.

The Tachyon 390 Cross Assembler is available separately or as part of the Tachyon Assembler Workbench. The Tachyon Assembler Workbench provides a comprehensive set of tools, allowing OS/390 programs to be developed and tested on personal computers.

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