

Solution to Previous Issue's Puzzle—Stop! And Go Play in the Park!

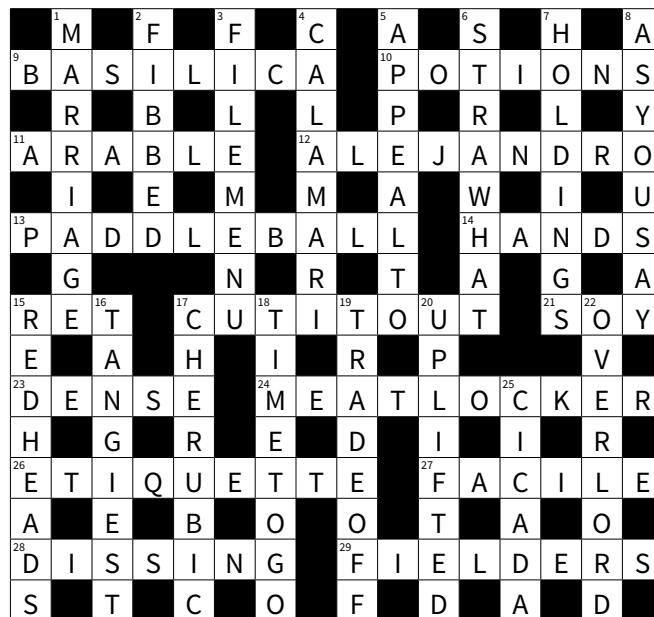
The three consecutive letters that needed to be excised from each of the eight too-long-to-fit theme answers each represent a common IT initialism (ROM, LTE, USB, GIF, URL, ISP, SIM, GUI). This was hinted at by the alternative enumeration in the clue for 17-Across, rendering “cut IT out.” Also, you’d be correct in assuming that the names of the family members were not random—they are subtle tributes to past generations of IT innovators: Charles Babbage and Ada Lovelace of the 19th century, and Alan Turing and Claude Shannon of the 20th. Each of their stories is fascinating.

ACROSS

- 9 BASILICA—BA + SILICA—Simple Charade
 10 P(ROM)OTIONS—“PRO MOTIONS” pun—Double Definition/Pun
 11 A(LTE)RABLE—(w)ALTER + (c)ABLE—Comb. Construction/Deletion
 12 ALEJANDRO—ALE(x) + J + AND + R + O—Construction
 13 PADDLEBALL—PA + DD + LABEL(rev.) + L—Comb. Construction/Reversal
 14 H(USB)ANDS—H + US + BANDS—Simple Charade
 15 RE(GIF)T—(el)F inside TIGER rev.—Comb. Insertion/Reversal
 17 CUT IT OUT—Given by Down Entries
 21 SO(URL)Y—S(O)URLY—Insertion
 23 D(ISP)ENSE—“dips seen” anag.
 24 MEAT LOCKER—“mackerel to” anag.
 26 ETIQUETTE—“Quiet” Letter Bank
 27 FAC(SIM)ILE—FA + CSI + MILE—Simple Charade
 28 DIS(GUI)SING—“Dig is using” anag.
 29 FIELDSERS—Sufi elder statesmen—Hidden

DOWN

- 1 MARRIAGE—CARRIAGE -> MARRIAGE—Letter Replacement
 2 FIBBED—F(ancy) + I + B + BED—Construction
 3 FILE MENU—FRILLIER MAE IN FUR—Hidden in Odd Letters
 4 CALAMARI—CA + LA + MA + RI—Construction
 5 APPEAL TO—(d)APPE(r) + ALTO—Construction
 6 STRAW HAT—“what tars” anag.
 7 HOLDINGS—HOGS around (L + DIN)—Container
 8 AS YOU SAY—A + S + Y + O + U + S + A + Y—Hidden Last Letters
 15 REDHEADS—“he dreads” anag.



- 16 TANGIEST—TEST around ANGI—Container
 17 CHERUBIC—ache: Rub ice—Hidden
 18 TIME TO GO—EMIT(rev.) + TOGO—Comb. Construction/Reversal
 19 TRADE-OFF—“draft foe” anag.
 20 UPLIFTED—U + P + L + I + F + T + E + D—Hidden in Initial Letters
 22 OVERLORD—“old rover” anag.
 25 CICADA—CIA around CAD—Container

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