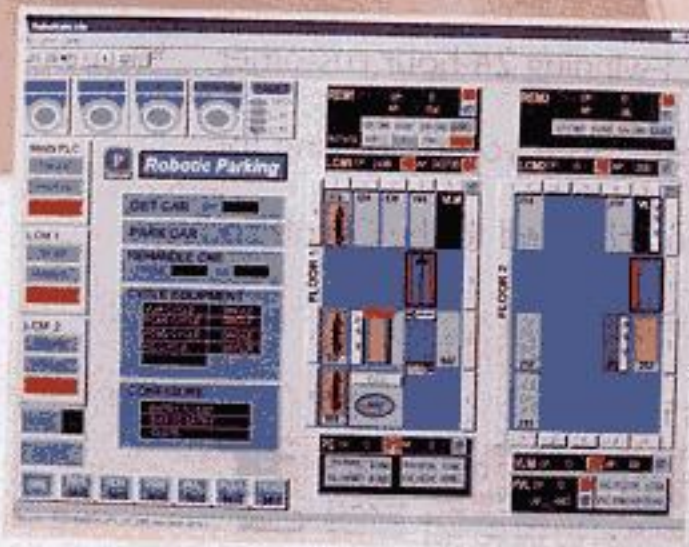


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Robotic valet parking



Ready to have your car parked by fuzzy logic? Robotic Parking, Inc. in Tampa, Fla., has developed an automated system that can quickly park and retrieve multiple cars at the same time — without ramps, squealing wheels or dented doors.

The automated garage works this way: Drive the car into a bay, leave it on a platform and get a ticket. The advanced transport technology used on assembly lines will carry and lift the platform to an open cubbyhole. The driver uses the ticket to

retrieve the car to the original bay, where it arrives in a forward-drive position.

A fuzzy logic application choreographs the platform movements. A Windows NT-based PC monitors the system for problems.